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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Current Thought.

YOUTH IN OUR UNION

Center of interest among Yugoslav fraternal organizations has centered around the American-born descendants, many parents of whom established and advanced our Union, the SSCU. Especially has this been noticed in the past few years. Paternal feeling from the senior members toward youth has increased each year, and at the present time no program or plans formed for the future is complete without including boy and girl members. It is realized that they form an integral part of the fraternal system.

Ten years ago English-conducted members in Yugoslav fraternal Unions were a curiosity, and unless such people could speak fluently both English and Slovene, opportunities for self-expression seldom presented themselves at the lodge meetings. Many young men and women at that time were at a disadvantage because they possessed only a scanty knowledge of Slovene, and were lost in the maze of discussions; consequently, what few attended the regular monthly gatherings were discouraged and refrained from further attendance.

Within the last five years the ever growing number of English-speaking members literally demanded a place of self-expression in the work of our SSCU. English-speaking lodges were formed and many senior branches arranged subordinate clubs, created primarily for its youth.

At this time sentiment began to find its way for executives who were well versed in both English and Slovene, and as a result supreme officers who could meet such qualifications were selected to office in preference to candidates of limited experience and skill. Our SSCU was among the leaders to take the initial step, and today finds supreme officers excellently equipped to deal with both English and Slovene speaking members. Both the American-born and those whose birth took place across the ocean can well be proud of such leaders who carried us across during the transitional period.

YOUTHFUL LEADERS AN ASSET

And now we have come to the point where English-speaking members are well organized upon a firm foundation of fraternal principles backed by a strong reserve fund, and what is most important, years of experience. Capable executives from this later rank will bob to the surface who will take initial steps to mold plans for future activities involving our young men and women. Leaders from the younger ranks should be plentiful since only thorough knowledge of English shall be required, and not English and Slovene, as has been the practise heretofore.

Ten years hence will find the strong army of elders now taking charge of senior branch lodges diminished through death of some of its members. Such gaps in the front ranks will have to be replaced by English-speaking members. Our fraternal Union like a fighting army must have reinforcements of strong youthful and intelligent bodies to carry on. Plenty of reserve troops are always an asset.

But let us start training our boys and girls from early childhood, and not wait until they have reached the age of sixteen. Let us impress their young minds with the work of our Union, while they are still playing "London bridge is falling down," "It," "Follow the leader," etc.

And how shall this be put into practice?

By providing juvenile programs at the regular monthly meeting of the senior lodge, or organizing teams between separate juvenile groups. Introduce the fraternal spirit of our SSCU in their play, and need for repeated emphasis for the many benefits received by being a member of good standing will not be necessary, when the little girl and boy grows up to think for himself and herself.

Slovenec, No. 114

Ely, Minn.—Members of Lodge Slovenec, No. 114, SSCU, are urgently requested to attend the next meeting to be held Sunday, Dec. 18, and which will begin promptly at 7 p. m. It is the duty of all members to be present at the annual meeting, as it is the most important one held in the entire year. Those who fail to be on hand will suffer the penalty as provided in our By-Laws, excepting those members who are on the sick list, and others whose work conflicts with the meeting night. Election of lodge officers for the year 1933 will take place. It is to the members' benefit to elect such officers as who take an active interest in the lodge and our Union.

Matt Baldine Jr.,
Secretary, No. 114, SSCU.

Old Lady: I've been expecting a package of medicine for a week back and it hasn't come yet.

Postmaster: Just fill out this form and state the nature of your complaint.

Old Lady: Well, if you really must know, it's gas on the stomach.

An Off Day for No. 66

Joliet, Ill.—Sunday, Nov. 27, was an off day for our boys at the Rivals Club alleys, as they lost the match by 65 pins. The JSKJ No. 66 champs just did not get a break, and as a result fell victims to the Lemont traveling team, a fine combination of bowlers. But looking on the bright side, games such as these are just the thing that our champs of many leagues are looking for Sunday afternoons, for it makes good practice, keeping them in condition for the league games.

J. S. K. J., No. 66

Papesh	168	173	180
Ramututa	152	180	178
McBrude	188	192	178
Kubinski	203	195	174
Horwath	157	168	189
Totals	868	908	899
LEMONT, ILL.			
Wert	176	209	188
Arndt	199	202	177
Lundeen	146	189	208
Klein	161	217	155
Craigmile	149	173	200
Totals	821	990	928

John L. Jevitz,
No. 66, SSCU.

Nutt: How did Blum get a job with the government?

Butt: His congressman either had to get him a job or pay his railroad fare back home.

Majestics to Celebrate Second Anniversary

Export, Pa.—At our last monthly meeting we decided to hold a play and dance to commemorate the second anniversary of our lodge. The date on which this will take place will be announced in the near future. For the present it may be reported that several members on the committee are doing their utmost to make this event a successful one.

From the very beginning our lodge has made wonderful advancement, and as we are going to celebrate our second anniversary, we reflect with pride on our continual fraternal co-operation and social success.

We have, as yet, attempted nothing that we were unable to complete.

Two years is a short time to determine the success or failure of any organization, but we can proudly say that we are very much on our feet in spite of the depression. We justly reflect on the past two years, knowing that we did all in our power to maintain the standards of the SSCU lodges as a whole. And we sincerely hope that we will be able to continue to do so. Happy Birthday to our two-year-old Majestics and may we all live to be a hundred.

Julia U. Nagoda,
Recording Sec'y, No. 218, SSCU.

Champs Drop Series

Joliet, Ill.—Well, we kind of took it on the chin Tuesday, Nov. 29, when the Joliet Home Laundry team took us into camp for the series of three games. Thus we go into second place in the Joliet Merchants' League.

Although it was a bad night, our Florists rolled some fancy scores, keeping their present high averages, so there really wasn't much lost. Three of the bowlers on the laundry team were members of the 1929 world champion Hub Recreation team that won distinction in the A. B. C.'s at Chicago that year. But our boys are champions, too, and gave them a real battle.

TEZAK FLORALS			
Papesh	217	191	203
Ramututa	165	168	177
McBrude	212	185	200
Kubinski	191	200	190
Horwath	177	162	211
Totals	962	906	981

JOLIET HOME LAUNDRY CO.			
Gnadiner	236	189	255
Sorg	175	171	179
Barclay	181	180	206
Pauly	167	202	196
Andrews	204	185	222
Totals	963	927	1052

John L. Jevitz Jr.,
No. 66, SSCU.

SS. Cyril and Methodius, No. 1

Ely, Minn.—Members of SS. Cyril and Methodius Lodge, No. 1, SSCU, must keep in mind the coming monthly meeting to be held Sunday, Dec. 11, and which will begin at 1:30 p. m. Meeting will be held in the Community Center Building. On the program will be election of lodge officers for the year 1933, and important discussions. All members should attend without exception.

All members with assessments in arrears are kindly requested to meet their obligations as best as they can, so that unnecessary ill-feelings may be avoided.

Joseph A. Mertel,
Secretary, No. 1, SSCU.

ATHLETIC BOARD OF S. S. C. U

Chairman: F. J. Kress, 294 — 57th St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
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Anton Vessel, 819 W. Birch, Chisholm, Minn.
Louis M. Kolar, Athletic Commissioner and Editor of English Section, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

BRIEFS

Thomas "K. O." Sternisha, member of Pathfinders Lodge, No. 222, SSCU, Gowanda, N. Y., scored a decisive victory over John "Kid" Green in a three-round bout in Golden Gloves charity amateur boxing show held at the Broadway Auditorium, Buffalo. Sternisha entered in the 135-pound class.

During the annual meeting of St. Louis County school boards held at Chisholm, Minn., recently, Miss Anne Govednik of Olympic fame put on a swimming exhibition.

Many Yugoslavs will take part in the benefit concert program to be held in the Old-Timers Building Dec. 9 for the purpose of raising funds to provide Christmas cheer for the children of Rock Springs, Wyo. Louis Melogovich, John Santich, Tony Rakovina, John Kovach, Steve Oreste, Frank Plemel, Thomas Turchan and others are included in the list.

When the Chisholm (Minn.) High School varsity basketball team played the school's alumni Friday, Dec. 2, in the first game of the season, it faced many SSCU members of Jubileers Lodge, No. 215, SSCU, who had played on the 1930-31 national SSCU champion team. They are as follows: Mike Enrico, Frank Gornick, Mello Lagather, Mike Lagather, William Kochevar and Paul Perkovich.

Tentative plans for another Interlodge Day are being made by the Interlodge League of Cleveland, O. Feb. 5, 1933, is the date set, and the place will be the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave. Officers of lodges belonging to the league will meet soon and discuss details incident to the undertaking. It is anticipated that each lodge will contribute its talent in the form of stage entertainment. English-conducted SSCU units of Cleveland are expected to contribute heavily toward the success of the I. L. L.'s latest venture. Admission price will be very reasonable.

Center Ramblers, No. 221

Center, Pa.—All members of Center Ramblers Lodge, No. 221, SSCU, are urgently requested to attend the meeting to be held next Sunday, Dec. 11, commencing at 1 p. m. in the Slovene Hall. Antoinette Mozina, Sec'y.

The grandmother who was a whiz with the old spinning wheel now has a granddaughter who isn't so slow at a spinning wheel either.

Salesman: An anniversary present for your wife, you say? How about these bronze book ends?

Henpeck: No! She might throw them at me.

Betsy Ross Notice

Cleveland, O.—Members of the Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU, are urged to make it their duty to attend the next regular monthly meeting, to be held on Friday, Dec. 9, at the home of Bro. Jasbec's, 18003 Neff Rd.

There will be many interesting discussions and debates at this meeting, concerning the betterment of the lodge and Union for the coming year.

The election of officers for the coming year will take place after the meeting. So it is up to you, members, to make it your duty to attend this meeting and elect officers who are honest, capable and courageous leaders, and who are loyal to the entire membership.

Knowing that you cannot pick your officers from about ten members that attend meetings, it depends on all of you members to be present at this meeting; any member not attending the meeting will be fined 50 cents. Meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p. m. Be sure and make it your duty to attend meeting early.

John P. Lunka,
No. 186, SSCU.

Thanksgiving Party

Conemaugh, Pa.—After a month's idleness from rehearsals the Slovene singing society Bled arranged a special meeting, which was held on Thanksgiving Day in St. Alois Lodge hall of Conemaugh. Our president, Mr. Pike, opened the meeting asking members the question: "How many of you want rehearsals to start?" The majority were in favor for starting rehearsals. A few other important factors were discussed about singing. Soon we came to the conclusion that we should start rehearsals on the first Tuesday of December.

A fine party was held following the meeting. Luncheon was prepared by Mr. Pike and Mrs. Kukovitz, recording secretary of Bled. Table was set by the committee. An excellent luncheon was fully enjoyed by all as well as the jokes and singing.

We thank Mr. Pike and Mrs. Kukovitz very much for their trouble they undertook. We would like to have some new faces at the coming rehearsal. Don't be afraid to try out your voice?

Mr. John Potokar will again direct the singers.

The St. Alois lodge, No. 36, SSCU, will hold its annual meeting on Dec. 18, where election of officers for the coming year will be held. So let's all attend and be there on time at 9 a. m. See you all at the meeting.

Max Fink, No. 36, SSCU.

Collinwood Boosters! Take Notice

Cleveland, O.—The final meeting of the year for Collinwood Boosters Lodge, No. 188, SSCU, will be held Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p. m. At this meeting the usual election of officers will take place, besides the discussion of other matters. Hence, members, be present and voice your opinions. Remember that two or three individuals cannot make a success of a lodge. Many members have not attended any of our meetings for several months, so don't forget this one.

Mrs. Mary Lavrich, Sec'y.

Colorado Sunshine Will Stage Play

Annual Meeting Dec. 21

Denver, Colo.—Well, well, here we are again, bringing you a little news of what is going on way out here in the West.

Our lodge, the Colorado Sunshine, is going to give a Slovene play sometime in the latter part of January or early in February. It is going to be a worthy play, just chuck full of good jokes and laughs. I'll bet you a nickel to a hole in a doughnut that if you come to see it you will hold your sides and wipe away the tears from your eyes, after you see the performance; you may even have to sew some new buttons on your husband's, brother's and dad's vest—that is if they wear them when they come to see the play, because, as I said before, it sure is a "humdinger." And if you doubt my word, just hop in that ol' bus of yours, wrap the kids up good, put them in the back seat along with your mother and dad, and see for yourself, if the play isn't all I said it to be.

Members of C. S. L! How about coming to our next meeting, which will be the last one this year? Election of officers will take place as well as discussion of some very interesting subjects.

I sincerely hope to see a larger attendance this month than was present at the last meeting. Our annual gathering will be held Dec. 21. So come on, all you members, show that you have some interest in the welfare of your lodge.

Margaret J. Erjavec,
President, No. 201, SSCU.

Export Majestics to Hold Annual Meeting

Export, Pa.—The annual meeting of Majestics Lodge, No. 218, SSCU, is going to be held Dec. 15, 1932, at 7:30 p. m. sharp. Remember, that this is the final meeting of the year. All members are urgently requested to attend, for at this meeting we make our most important decisions.

Our lodge, in order to prosper, must be guided by hard workers. So, please, be present and help choose capable officers.

Julia Nagoda, Rec. Sec'y.

St. Barbara, No. 5

Sartell, Minn.—On account of the Christmas holidays, the coming monthly lodge meeting, which is also the annual assembly of St. Barbara, No. 5, SSCU, will be held one day earlier than usual. Members should make a mental note of this change. Meeting will take place Friday, Dec. 23, commencing at 7 p. m. It is very important that all members attend. Those who fail to be present know what to expect.

John Dragovan,
Secretary, No. 5, SSCU.

RATS

There are several species of rats native to America, such as the cotton, the Florida and the Rocky Mountain rat, but the common brown and black house rats came to America from Europe with the early colonists. Both species are believed to be natives of China. The roof or white-bellied rat is a native of Egypt and Northern Africa and apparently found its way to America at an early date by way of Spain and Italy.

Pittsburgher Meets Dec. 8

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The annual meeting of the Pittsburgher Lodge, No. 196, SSCU, will take place Thursday, Dec. 8, 1932, at the Slovene Auditorium, at 57th and Butler Sts., Pittsburgh, Pa. Every member of the lodge should take an interest in this meeting as the election of officers will be in order. Also a complete review of the by-laws of the lodge and the laying down of a worthy program for the interest of the lodge during the coming year, 1933.

The members of the lodge should also feel a bit proud of their local organization. It has proven itself great in the eyes of the whole Union by sacrificing two of its sons into the Union's trustworthy offices. The lodge should be elated by the fact that Louis J. Kompare Jr., its former treasurer, is now residing at Ely, Minn., working in the main office as assistant secretary, elected almost unanimously during the last convention of the Union. Mr. F. J. Kress, although harassed on all sides by other pressing matters pertaining to fellow organizations, has proven himself very capable as president of the SSCU Athletic Board.

During the past year the lodge lacked the co-operation due from its members; mainly because it has been governed so aimlessly, without a specified program and without the needed punch of athletics. Let us renew the truly fraternal spirit we basked in other years by selecting a worthy committee, choosing a fit program and by displaying again that real Pittsburgher co-operation of 1928, '30 and '31.

Don't fail your obligations to your lodge Dec. 8, at 8 p. m. John Furar, Sec'y.

St. Michael, No. 88

Roundup, Mont.—Members of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 88, SSCU, are requested to attend the coming regular meeting that will take place Sunday, Dec. 18, in the Union Hall of Gibbtown. Meeting will begin promptly at 1:30 p. m. This is the principal or annual meeting, in which election of lodge officers for the coming year will take place, and other matters of importance disposed of.

At the November meeting it was decided to impose a fine of one dollar on all members who fail to attend the annual meeting. Excepted are sick members.

It is very important that all members, who are able to attend, to be present. Then there shall be no difference of opinion as to how this or that matter could better be handled. In fact, it is the duty of each member to attend the lodge meeting, as the officers themselves cannot make important decisions without the members.

Therefore, all be on hand Dec. 18.

For Lodge No. 88, SSCU:

Joseph Penica, Sec'y,
Box 168, Klein, Mont.

SMART KANGAROO

When the big kangaroo of Australia is being chased by dogs, it makes for water in which it stands to await the onrush. As the dogs come near enough the kangaroo forces them under the water with its paws and holds them there until they drown.

