

JUVENILE CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING

The KSKJ is in the midst of a campaign to swell the membership of the Juvenile Department. According to reports, senior members are aware of the advantages offered by the Juvenile Department and are fast enrolling their children.

Children up to the age of 16, if physically fit, are eligible to join. The Union offers two attractive policies, one exacting an assessment of 15 cents per month, the other 30 cents per month.

Aside from the direct benefit derived by insuring the youngsters, parents, members of the KSKJ, can do no better turn for the Union than if they enroll their children in its fold.

It has been repeatedly asserted that the future of the Union lies in the enrollment of youth. The children of today are the men of tomorrow, and the men of the morrow are the leaders of the organization. The solidity of the Union does not only depend on its principles and finances, it also is dependent on numbers embodying a large and healthy membership, for there in lies the secret of insurance.

Children who are enrolled in the Juvenile Department will, when they attain the age of 16, be prospective members of the KSKJ. With numerous fraternal organizations, all catering to our youth, a juvenile member of the KSKJ when he is ripe for senior membership will consider his parents' choice first and join the KSKJ.

From a standpoint of building up a firm Union it is far better to enroll one juvenile than to enroll five middle-aged members.

The officials of the Union who launched this Juvenile Membership Campaign are to be commended highly for their move. However, the campaign means nothing unless it receives the support and co-operation of each and every member.

Are your children enrolled in the KSKJ? Are your brothers and sisters also members of our Union? If the KSKJ is good enough for you and you are benefiting by it, don't you think that it is good enough for your children, brothers and sisters, and that they would be afforded the same privileges and benefits as are accorded you?

Contributors, Please Note**EDITOR'S NOTE**

In reply to the numerous queries relative to the discontinuance of columns, we are obliged to inform our readers and contributors that we have no room to accommodate all the contributors who feel it their privilege to conduct columns.

Time after time it has been stated that Our Page is Your Page, and it will be just what you make it. To alleviate the talk of partiality and favoritism shown to columnists the new form of page was substituted.

Under the present conditions we will continue with the new policy. We hope that our generous contributors will continue to favor us with material and discard the advice of some individuals who think it a beneficial move to discontinue writing for Your Page.

Contributors who sever their relations with the Page either do it because of lack of time, disinterestedness, because they have no interest in the progress of the Union, or perhaps, as in some cases, because of selfish motives to satisfy personal whims.

If you think that your community is alive, that it is following activities that merit publication, then it is your duty to notify Our Page. All articles will be credited to the contributors, save small items that may be included in the personal column.

We have the bearings on the contributor case and inform you that the Page will be what you make it. If the columns of Our Page do not include items from your town, that is your fault and you alone are to blame. You can't accomplish any work by just looking at the tools. You must use them. It all depends on your initiative and co-operation.

Notice, Members St. Aloysius Lodge No. 47**LA SALLE SLOVENE EXPIRES**

The next regular meeting of our lodge will be held Saturday, June 13, at 8 p. m. in St. Stephen's Church Hall. All members are invited to attend this meeting in a good number and bring a friendly suggestion, a word of encouragement that might serve to improve our lodge doings.

To remind you here again of a kindly invitation that has been received and accepted by the members at our last meeting, the members will attend the 40th anniversary celebration of St. Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Ill., Sunday, June 14. All members are sincerely invited to participate in this great event.

Kindly note that the 40th anniversary celebration will begin in Joliet at 9 a. m. standard time and not daylight saving time.

The members of our lodge also render a good will to the group of KSKJ members who are going on an important pilgrimage to Europe next week. We wish them every success in their undertaking in Ljubljana for the beatification of our self-denial martyr bishop, Frederick Baraga.

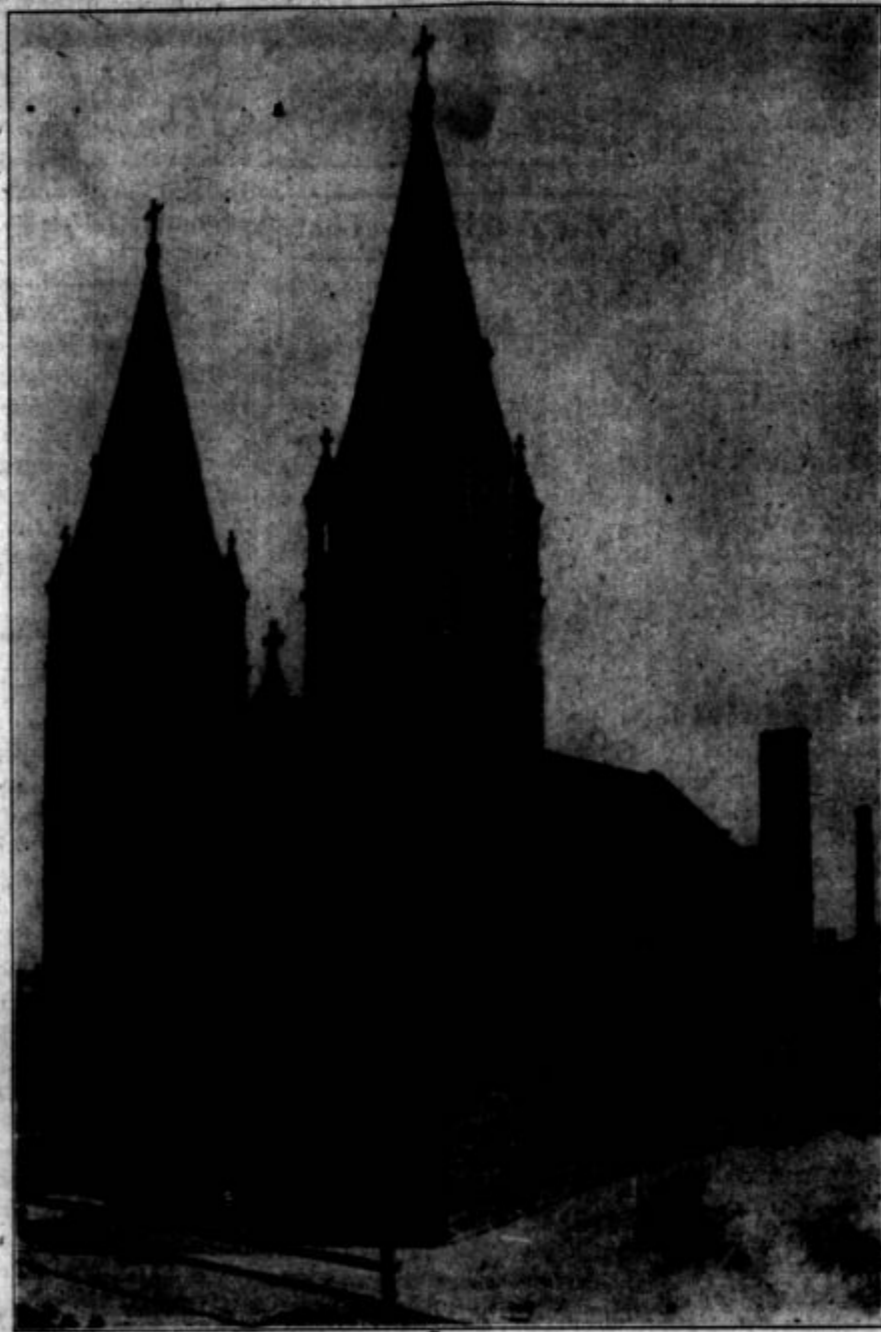
Fraternally yours,

Joseph Kremesec, Sec'y.

ATTEND YOUR LODGE MEETING

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ST. JOSEPH'S SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, JOLIET, ILL.**PARISH CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

Parade, Church Services and Banquet Will Mark Memorable Date of Joliet Parish

Elaborate preparations are under way to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of St. Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Ill., of which the Rev. John Plevnik, spiritual director of the KSKJ, is pastor.

The festal date, June 14, will be marked with festivities commencing with a parade at 9 a. m., standard time. Local lodges and groups, as well as organizations of nearby cities will participate.

Following the parade the groups will attend the 10 o'clock Solemn High Mass. The Rt. Rev. B. J. Sheil, bishop of Chicago, will officiate, while the Rev. Dr. John Seliskar, professor at St. Paul Seminary, will deliver the sermon.

The evening program includes a banquet to be held at Slovenia Hall on N. Chicago St. Dinner will be served at 7 p. m. An elaborate program has been scheduled for the evening.

The committee in charge of preparations expects a host of out-of-town visitors to Joliet on this memorable date.

CELEBRATE 37TH ANNIVERSARY

Preparations are complete for the 37th anniversary celebration of St. Roch's Lodge No. 15, Pittsburgh, Pa. June 13 is the festal date, to be commemorated with an elaborate program, including a banquet, at the Slovenian Auditorium on 57th and Butler Streets.

ONE AESOP FORGOT

When you are digging a hole for another to fall into, be sure you are on solid ground or you may slip and take the fall yourself.

PASTOR HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY

Slovenian Community Joins in Honoring Rev. B. J. Ponikvar on 25th Anniversary of His Entrance into Priesthood

Parishioners of St. Vitus' Parish of Cleveland, members of various lodges and friends of Rev. B. J. Ponikvar did honor to him last Sunday and rejoiced with the pastor on his 25th anniversary of entrance into the priesthood.

Lodges, church organizations and parishioners paraded in the vicinity of the church and escorted the celebrant to the church, where he read his jubilee Mass. Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrems, D. D., bishop of Cleveland, was in attendance and tendered his felicitations and extended his gratitude to the celebrant for his zealous work as pastor of the church for the past 24 years. Rev. Francis Azbe of Joliet delivered the sermon. The visiting clergy numbered eleven.

Following the services a dinner was served the visiting clergy in the Slovenian National Home.

In the evening a banquet in the Slovenian National Home, with over 500 guests in attendance, completed the program. Rev. Ponikvar was the recipient of many gifts tendered him by the parishioners in appreciation of his toils and labors as shepherd of the flock.

WILL PICNIC JUNE 21

The annual picnic date of the St. Lawrence Lodge No. 63, Cleveland, O., has been set for June 21 at the church grove in Maple Heights. Each member will be obliged to purchase \$1 worth of tickets, whether or not he attends. Proceeds will go to the sick benefit fund.

PLAYERS EXTEND THANKS TO HOSTS

La Salle Group Tenders Thanks to Hospitable Chicagoans

The cast of the play, "The Dust of the Earth," wishes to thank all the good Chicagoans for the wonderful treatment accorded them while in Chicago on May 31. The play was presented before an appreciative audience of Chicago Slovenes at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. In the evening a social time and dance was enjoyed by all, the La Sallians leaving for home sweet home at midnight.

The young La Salle people wish to thank Mrs. Gottlieb and daughters for the wonderful hospitality accorded them at their home, not leaving out Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gregorich, who also entertained several guests at their home.

Those from La Salle who attended the presentation of the "Dust of the Earth" in Chicago were: Mr. and Mrs. Anton Horzen, Josephine Horzen, Mary Sever, Frances Jancer, Ann Pelko, Mary Bildhauer, Agnes Bildhauer, Matt Bildhauer, Angie Urbanch, Anthony Kastigar, Louis Bregach, Matt Kastello, Anthony Cvelbar, Rose Urbanch, Albina Bregach, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Newfield, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baznik, Agnes Baznik, Barbara Repsel, Fannie Dolanc, Gale Dolanc, Ann Piletic, Louis Hrovat, John Urbanch, Michael Urbanch, Ursula Kobal, Anna Jeruc, Mrs. Sophie Koskosky, Jerry Ptak, Elsie Henry, Viola Proehl and Frank Zabkar.

The Holy Name Juniors of St. Roch's Church in La Salle, Ill., wish to thank the Holy Name Juniors of Chicago for the wonderful time shown them during their recent trip up there. It was a disappointment to them that the rain had to

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JOLIET HAS OLDEST SLOVENIAN CHURCH IN CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESE

First Structure Built in 1891, Present Edifice Was Dedicated Oct. 15, 1905; Frame School House Built in 1895 Supplanted by Modern Structure in 1913

On Sunday, June 14, St. Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Ill., the first Slovenian parish in the archdiocese of Chicago, will celebrate its 40th anniversary.

As early as 1872 the Slovenes came to Joliet, and as they increased in number, the Most Rev. Archbishop Feehan appointed F. S. Šušteršič to establish a parish for the people in Joliet. In 1891 Father Šušteršič built a stone church 90 feet in length and 52 feet in width, which was completed in three months. The dedication of this church took place on Oct. 18, 1891. In the course of time the church became too small and could not accommodate the increased number of parishioners, so in 1904 the present church was erected under the direction of its founder. The magnificent building of Roman architecture is constructed of buff Bedford stone. Its length is 152 feet, width 62 feet and height 42 feet. The two towers are 156 feet in height. The floor is a beautiful piece of mosaic work. The stained glass windows add to the interior beauty of the church. The new church accommodates 1,000 people comfortably. It was dedicated Oct. 15, 1905, by the Most Rev. Archbishop James E. Quigley.

Under the direction of Rev. F. S. Šušteršič, a small frame school was erected in 1895. The school was opened Oct. 2, 1895, with 65 pupils in charge of two Ven. Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate, Joliet, Ill. In 1898 the school became too small to accommodate the annually increasing number of pupils, so two additional classrooms were added. But as the years rolled on and the number of pupils increased it was necessary to erect a larger school. The Rev. John Kranjec, successor of Rev. F. S. Šušteršič, undertook the difficult task in 1913. Under his direction the new school of brick, 112 feet long and 64 feet wide, was built. It consists of 12 large, well ventilated rooms. At present about 825 pupils are attending St. Joseph's School, under the direction of 19 Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, Joliet. The pupils are accommodated in both the old and the new school.

Some of our most successful business men and women have obtained their education at St. Joseph's. The graduates of St. Joseph's have always excelled in scholarship and character and are held as examples to other students. As athletes and good sports, the boys of St. Joseph's have excelled time and again. Trophies and pennants, symbolic of their many victories, decorate most of the classrooms. In the very near future a band is to be organized at St. Joseph's under the direction and supervision of the Rev. Brother Basil, director of the De La Salle High School, Joliet. Brother Basil has organized and conducted many championship bands, the most recent is the De La Salle Band of Joliet, in which several boys from St. Joseph's play, so we feel quite confident that a few more trophies will be added to St. Joseph's collection. The De La Salle championship band is to play at the jubilee celebration on June 14.

As any other well established parish, so also has St. Joseph's congregation many associations. The piety of the faithful is enkindled by six sodalities and confraternities for the old and young and 20 benefit societies. The most active

of these is the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality for the young ladies. The Sodalists are always ready to extend a helping hand in any of the activities of the parish.

In October, 1916, when the parish celebrated its silver jubilee, His Excellency George Cardinal Mundelein honored the congregation with his presence and encouraged the people to continue in the good works performed during the last 25 years.

The Rev. F. S. Šušteršič was born in Ljubljana Jan. 22, 1864. He received his education in his native country and on July 21, 1886, was ordained priest. Realizing the need of Slovenian priests in the United States of America, he left his native country to come to America and to work among the Slovenes. Arriving in Chicago, he was appointed pastor in 1891 of the Slovenian parish in Joliet, where he built the beautiful church, school, rectory, a residence for the Sisters, besides doing missionary work among the Slovenes in all parts of the United States. In 1910, to recuperate his failing health, he went to Europe, where a few weeks after his arrival he died on the 24th of March, 1911, deeply mourned by all who knew him and his work among the Slovenes.

The Rev. John Kranjec, who succeeded the first pastor, was born in Stari trg, Slovenia, Feb. 22, 1871. He came to America in 1892, completed his education in St. Francis Seminary, Wisconsin, and was ordained priest July 3, 1897. He was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church July, 1911, and worked faithfully until his death, which occurred Feb. 12, 1915. After his death the Rev. John Plevnik, the present pastor, was placed in charge of the parish by His Grace, the Most Rev. Archbishop Quigley of Chicago.

The Rev. John Plevnik was born Aug. 28, 1873, in Dobrova pri Ljubljani. Under his administration St. Joseph's Parish made many improvements. A new parish hall was bought, where the social activities of the congregation take place. The church was beautifully decorated, new Stations of the Cross purchased, a new fine organ purchased and Sisters' residence was enlarged. Seventeen acres of land were purchased on Raynor Ave. for the new cemetery, and many other improvements were made in church, school, rectory and convent.

The assistant Slovenian priests who labored zealously among the parishioners of St. Joseph's Church are as follows:

Rev. Anton Sojar, from June 26, to October, 1905. He died in 1923.

Rev. A. M. Kraschovits, from November, 1905, to July 7, 1910. The following year he substituted as pastor during the illness of Rev. F. S. Šušteršič. He died on March 4, 1919.

Rev. Joseph Stukel, from Sept. 4, 1910, to July, 1911.

Rev. Joseph Pollak, from July, 1911, to September, 1912.

Rev. Anton Berk, from September, 1912, to July 13, 1914. He died Jan. 22, 1920.

Rev. Joseph Skur, from Nov. 15, 1914, to Nov. 1, 1915.

Rev. John Plaznik, from Oct. 30, 1915, to March, 1919.

Rev. Matthias Butala, from May, 1921, to May, 1929.

Rev. Matthias Hiti, present assistant, came to Joliet on June 13, 1930.

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