



New Era

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Nova Doba



AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

PREPARING FOR BETTER DAYS AHEAD

Whether the war with Germany ends, as we expect, or a year hence, one thing is certain — fraternal benefit societies will have many new problems to face. We believe that it is none too soon to consider them. Some of the postwar problems that the fraternalists will be expected to take an active part in solving are as follows:

Restoration of the family strength as a social unit, to compensate for or to overcome the inroads that have been made upon it by the depression, the war and its expected aftermath, and conditions of modern living.

Aiding in providing more young people with activities and responsibilities that will tend to fit them for a normal, useful adult life as citizens. Fraternalists have been helping in this work to an increasing degree during the past five or more years.

Aiding the community to best serve and protect its children.

Working with officials of the local community in developing a mental hygiene program, the need for which was evident in the prewar period and is likely to increase during and after the war.

Cooperating with local services in the rehabilitation of those handicapped during the war.

Aiding in making a community asset out of leisure time, increased from reduced working hours.

Aiding in plans that should be made now to meet the various religious needs of the postwar community.

These are but a few of the postwar problems which require now the mobilizing and co-ordination of the social and economic forces of every community in the United States and Canada. It is essential that these things should be given serious, organized consideration to the end that every town and city — every community of any size — make the most efficient use of its resources in the maintenance after the war of a stable and enduring prosperity.

If fraternalists desire to live up to their name and heritage, here is a civic opportunity and duty.

—Fraternal Monitor

Thought For The Day

"If naught but CONFIDENCE dwells within thee when thou dost extinguish thy candle at nightfall, then the tomorrow thou shalt arise from thy cot vibrant and glow with the sheer joy of waking from thy dreams to discover that life is REAL — AND THINE TO ENJOY!"

—Deciphered from an early scroll.

March of Dimes Campaign

The March of Dimes, the "common man" to help relieve human suffering, is making its 1944 appeal. From now until January 31, the birthday of President Roosevelt, himself a former victim of infantile paralysis, the March of Dimes insures that this progress will be continued. The March of Dimes is your chance to relieve human suffering. Give now! Give generously! Give all you can! Join the March of Dimes!

rich and poor, alike, leaving its mark on the helpless victim. Yet, through the research and the educational work of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the menace of this enemy on the home front gradually is being reduced. The March of Dimes insures that this progress will be continued. The March of Dimes is your chance to relieve human suffering. Give now! Give generously! Give all you can! Join the March of Dimes!

News of Lodge 44, AFU, Barberton, O.

Barberton, Ohio — The St. Martin's Lodge No. 44, AFU will hold its regular monthly meeting this Sunday, Jan. 23, 1944 at the Domovina Hall at 2 p. m. All members are hereby invited to attend.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected: John Yentz, president; John Klancar, vice-president; Alice Zalar, secretary; Anna Novak, treasurer; Joseph Krizaj, recording secretary, and John Opeka, Frank Poje and John Klancar, auditors.

At our November meeting a motion was passed levying a special assessment of one dollar (\$1) for every member insured for sick and death benefits and 50 cents for every member insured for death benefit only. There are still a few members who have not paid this special assessment and they are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Brother Anton Gerbic is on the sick list and I would appreciate it very much if some of our lodge members living nearby would visit him occasionally. Sister Jennie Usnik recently underwent an operation and is now convalescing at home. Although she is still under doctor's care she has reported herself well.

Brother John Misich recovered from the flu and is back to work. Brother Jacob Novak Sr. is recuperating from a goitre operation and is also on the sick list. All members living close to Brother Novak please pay him a visit.

With gas rationing and working overtime it is rather difficult to visit members but with every member's cooperation we can accomplish same.

In conclusion I wish all AFU members a happy New Year. Fraternal regards.

Alice Zalar, Sec'y
Lodge No. 44, AFU
Barberton, Ohio

Napredek Notes

The Napredek Lodge No. 132, AFU of Euclid, Ohio held its lodge meeting Jan. 14, 1944 at the Slovene Society Home on Recher Ave. The installation of officers took place, Bro. Jacob Gruden Sr. presided at the installation ceremonies. The new officers are Ludwig Prosen, president; John Tanko, vice-president; Adalyne Cecelic, treasurer; Mrs. Ann Prosen, recording secretary; John Cecelic, secretary and A. Slopko, president of the auditing committee. Following the meeting a social was held.

One of our auditors, who is also the armed forces reporter, was rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation. He is Bro. Frank Chukayne. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

I also wish like to have the members who pay their assessments by check to take special notice of this item. Enclose 10 cents more with your dues, as the bank charges me for cashing the checks, money orders or bank drafts.

We sent Christmas cards to all our members serving in the armed forces, those of course, whose addresses we received. When one of our members in the service changes his address, please let us know so they can receive the Nova Doba without missing any edition.

There are a few calendars left and anyone wanting one

News of AFU Yanks



Pvt. Joseph Drenik writes to us notifying us of his change of address. He writes: "Since I've been on the Isthmus of Panama I have been regularly receiving the Nova Doba. I hope it will also follow me to my new address. It's a great paper and I hope it will be bigger in the year of 1944." His new address is as follows:

Pvt. Joseph G. Drenik,
33255112
Bty. I 4th C. A.
APO 826 c/o Postmaster
New Orleans, La.

Victor Slavec's sister Ann Slavec of Lafayette, Colo., sends us his new address. She adds: "Victor is serving in the U. S. Navy somewhere in the South Pacific and he hopes to get the Nova Doba at his new address. Two of my brothers met in the South Pacific on New Year's eve. They were Vic, who was just transferred to this island and Frank, who had been stationed there for a year. Frank is in the Army Air Corps."

"After their first meeting on New Year's eve they met again and then Frank got his orders to come back to the states. Now that he is back in the states he hopes to be home on furlough soon."

"We all hope that someday Vic will meet another brother, Joe, who is in the Navy and also somewhere in the South Pacific."

Thank you for the interesting letter, Miss Slavec. Friends are asked to note Vic's new address:

Victor Slavec F 2C, 876634
Staff Commander, 3rd Amphibious Force
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Last week we published a letter sent by Mrs. Henry Bokal which told us of how her husband, Henry, met his buddy, Tony Malovasic, in England after 13 months. Tony, as many Clevelanders know, was the leader of the Blue Jackets Orchestra. Henry wrote his wife another letter dated Dec. 26th in which he told that he had an eight-day furlough and spent it with Tony who played for the Red Cross every evening. Henry helped him out by playing the drum while on furlough in England. They played and sang Slovenian songs and had one swell time. Henry writes that Tony plays as well as ever and that he is as well liked in England as he was back home.

Mrs. Bokal continues, "Yesterday I was informed that Mrs. Malovasic received the sad news that her son, Tony, was reported as missing. Somehow I feel that he is still alive and well and that soon we shall hear that he is all right. In the meantime we'll keep on hoping and praying that this may be true. I wish I didn't have to add this last paragraph as it is a great blow to all of Tony's friends. We'll keep on hoping that God will be merciful and that Tony will get through O.K."

I know that all AFU members hope, as Mrs. Bokal does, that Tony will be all right.

can have it for the asking. Fraternally yours,
John Cecelic, Sec'y
Lodge No. 132, AFU
Euclid, Ohio

News of Collinwood Boosters

When the New Year was but an hour and 10 minutes young, a stalwart soldier stepped off the train at a Cleveland depot. It sure was a surprise to see Staff Sgt. Joe "Chub" Champa home on a furlough. (Joe kept this leave a secret.) The happiest part of it was that he came home from a battle-torn section. The two plus years Joe has been in service have not changed his appearance outside of a few lost pounds. Before volunteering his services, Sgt. Champa was well known in the Collinwood Boosters Lodge, mainly in baseball and bowling. You'll recall he was the guy who used to burn up the Collinwood streets with his motorcycle. When making the rounds, Joe paid us a visit and it certainly was interesting to listen to his experiences. The Sergeant's greatest wish is to see his brother, Bill, who is a Corporal somewhere in Italy. Bill is also a member of our lodge.

John "Trosky" Urbancic was seen home on furlough. Trosky was very active in the Boosters' social activities and also roamed the center field for our baseball team. Lud Laurich, who is stationed in California, sends holiday greetings to all. These fellows and other members of the AFU threaten to open up the town when they come home together.

Other AFU members in service from our community are Rudy "Farmer" Agnich, Stan Barba, Henry, Tony and Armin Bokal, Bill Struna, Frank and Gus Fortuna, Minnie Nachtigal, "Curly" Baraga, John Grubisic, Tony Baraga, Patsy and Frank Krall, J. P. Jevnikar, Morris Debenak and others I can't just recall offhand. So we say: You fellows just come home in a bunch and we'll help you paint the town red. Until next time, good luck and more and happier furloughs!

John Laurich
Lodge No. 188, AFU
Cleveland (Collinwood), O.

AFU Sailor-Student Wins Art Award At College

John Kapel of Cleveland, Ohio serving in the U. S. Navy, who is now a V-12 student at Ohio Wesleyan University won the highest award in a competition for drawing students. His original designed was used and the students from all the art classes cooperated in executing the design.

The design was used on the front windows at Lyon Art hall at the college, representing stained glass windows with the Christmas theme. On the first floor are two windows in which, Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child are depicted. Directly above on the second floor are two angels and on the third floor is the star.

Prof. Eugene McFarland, head of the art department, said that because of the success of this year's project, this will become an annual custom.

Johnny Kapel is the son of Brother John Kapel who is secretary of Lodge No. 71, AFU of Cleveland, Ohio.

Important Notice for AFU Yank, Rudy Members of Lodge No. 182, AFU

Pittsburgh, Pa. — At our last monthly meeting, Dec. 26, 1943 the elections of officers was postponed until the next meeting which will be held Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1944 at 8 p. m. at the home of the lodge secretary, 4917 Hatfield St. and unless you and the rest of the members attend this meeting, we cannot get any further ahead with our plans than we did at the December meeting. A lodge that has 57 members should have more than six or seven members electing its officers. It's all well and good to say you are satisfied with things as they are, but don't you think you could come to the meeting and see whether others are as satisfied as you. Maybe you could make up your mind better, if there were a group of members together.

Don't forget the next meeting date—Jan. 25, the time—8 p. m., the place—4917 Hatfield St. Members not attending this meeting will be dealt with according to the By-laws. Only members on the sick list are exempt from attending this meeting.

Mary L. Bodack, Sec'y
Lodge No. 182, AFU
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Cleveland Slovenes to Hold Fifth Annual Ball for Polio Benefit

The Cleveland Slovenes will again hold a "President's Birthday Ball" on January 30, 1944 at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. The proceeds will go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. This is the fifth year that the Cleveland Slovenes have sponsored this event.

The National Foundation has made great progress in research to curb this dreaded disease which strikes young and old alike. You can help by donating to the "March of Dimes" and by attending the "Birthday Ball" on January 30th. This fund should have your complete support and every community should do its share in helping to stamp out this dreaded disease.

Let's all plan to attend the dance on Jan. 30th at the Slovenian National Home. Let's dance so that others may walk!

F. J. E.

AFU Yank, Rudy Tisovich, Falls In Battle In Italy

Ely, Minn. — The members of Lodge No. 200, AFU who did not attend the annual meeting in December, are hereby notified that the following new officers were elected: John Otrin, president; George Peternel, vice-president; Joseph A. Mertel, secretary; Frank Golob, treasurer; Andrew Pirc, recording secretary; Mike Cerkovnik, president of the auditing committee, and Ignac Fink and Jacob Kunstelj, auditors. The lodge medical adviser is Dr. J. P. Grahek.

Since the AFU convention will be held this year in August, and since the by-laws will have to be changed in certain ways, our lodge elected five members who will meet to discuss these changes and recommend certain changes. If any member has any suggestions in this regard he should offer them at the meeting personally or write a letter about them. The by-laws committee will try to act upon all suggestions.

The results of war reach into every community. Our member, Charles Tisovich Sr. received word from the War Department that his son, Rudy Tisovich, fell in battle in Italy. It is understood that this sad news deeply grieved the father. The deceased Rudy Tisovich was a good lodge member as are all the rest of this family. He was a good worker and was well known for his good work as a lumber truck driver. For two years he was an Ely, Minn. city alderman. He was beloved by all who knew him. May his memory live on and to his survivors, we offer our sincere sympathy. Fraternal regards.
Joseph A. Mertel, Sec'y
Lodge No. 200, AFU
Ely, Minn.

Important Notice to Cardinals!

Struthers, Ohio — Members of Lodge No. 229, AFU are hereby notified that the meeting date for the Cardinal's Lodge has been changed to the SECOND Sunday of the month at 2 p. m. It was decided at the last meeting that this is more convenient to all.

Jennie Millosin, Sec'y
Lodge No. 229, AFU
Struthers, Ohio



