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Call for the 17th Regular Convention of AFU and Election of Delegates and Alternates Thereto

Pursuant to the provisions of Article VI of the Articles of Incorporation of the American Fraternal Union and in accordance with Section 8, 12 and 36 of its Constitution and By-laws, notice is hereby given by the undersigned Supreme President and Supreme Secretary, that the 17th Regular Convention of the American Fraternal Union will meet in the City of Rock Springs, State of Wyoming, on the 17th day of August, 1944, at 9:30 A. M., local time, at a place to be designated and announced later.

RIGHTS OF REPRESENTATION

Section 33. Each Subordinate Lodge having from seventy-five to one hundred and fifty members in the adult department shall be entitled to one delegate. Lodges having a membership of one hundred and fifty-one or more members in the adult department shall be entitled to two delegates and no lodge shall be entitled to more than two delegates. Lodges having less than seventy-five members shall merge with other lodges for the purpose of electing a delegate. The Executive Committee of this Union shall determine which lodges shall be merged for that purpose. In connection therewith the lodges closest to each other shall be united.

Section 34. The number of members in good standing as of the 1st day of April of the Convention year shall be indicative of the number of delegates such lodge may send.

Section 36. The election of delegates for a regular Convention shall be held in the months of May and June of the Convention year. In case the election of delegates is held at the regular meeting, held in the month of May, no notice thereof is required to be given to the members. If, however, the lodge, at its regular monthly meeting in May decides to hold the election of delegates the following month, then the Secretary of such lodge shall publish such decision in the official organ, or notify each member by mail. Only such members may be candidates for delegate as are personally present at the meeting; exceptions may be made only for members who are physicians and who were urgently called to attend a patient.

Section 37. In case the lodge decides to elect delegates at a special meeting the Secretary of the lodge shall mail such announcement to all the members thereof and in addition thereto shall publish the same in the official organ.

Section 38. Delegates shall be elected by public nomination and secret ballot. Each delegate shall be voted upon separately and the absolute majority of the votes cast is necessary to elect. In case there are three or more candidates and none of them receives on the first ballot a majority of the votes cast, then the two receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot shall again be voted upon. The candidate who on second ballot receives a majority of the votes cast shall be regarded elected. When at such repeated ballot the two candidates receive an equal number of votes then, the balloting shall be continued until one candidate receives the required majority of the votes cast. The substitutes to the delegates shall be elected in like manner.

Section 39. Each member of the adult department and in good standing, including the candidates and President of the lodge, shall have the right to vote for delegates.

Section 40. The Recording Secretary of the lodge shall present in the minutes of the meeting the number of members present at the meeting, the names of the properly nominated candidates for delegates and their substitutes as well as the result of the election.

Section 41. At the same meeting at which the delegate has been properly elected he shall be issued credentials bearing official seal and signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the lodge. A copy of such credentials executed in like manner shall be forthwith mailed to the Supreme Office.

Section 42. All complaints concerning the election of delegates and their substitutes shall be adjudicated by the Supreme Judiciary Committee and all such complaints must be mailed to the President of the Supreme Judiciary Committee not later than fourteen days after the elections. From the decision of the Supreme Judiciary Committee an appeal may be made to the Convention. However, in case the Convention approves the action of the Supreme Judiciary Committee the complainant shall bear all transportation costs to and from the Convention.

Section 43. To qualify for the office of delegate to a regular or special convention, a candidate must be a member in good standing, insured in the death benefit fund, sickness and indemnity fund and the welfare fund, who is a citizen of the United States, is at least 21 years old, able to read and write, who has been a member of the Union at least one year and a member of a subordinate lodge at least six months and who has attended six meetings of the lodge immediately preceding the election of the delegate, except if he shall have been prevented to attend such meeting or meetings by reason of work or sickness in his family. A member who, within five years prior to the election of a delegate, was convicted of a felony by the supreme judiciary committee, a state court or a federal court cannot qualify for the office of delegate.

Section 44. All such lodges as shall have been merged for the purpose of electing a joint delegate, must first choose their delegates. Candidates shall be elected at the meeting in the month of May. The member receiving a majority of the votes shall be considered elected as candidate. In the event that there are two candidates only, and that both have received the same number of votes, the balloting shall continue until one of them shall have received a majority of the votes cast. In case there are three or more candidates, and that on the first ballot

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News of Lodge No. 170, AFU

Chicago, Ill. — Winter is saying its farewell although very begrudgingly. However, the winter out our way wasn't too cold but we are all awaiting its departure and the arrival of spring. Among the first signs of spring are dandelions. Although they are still very little, the people are already starting to gather them. A good thing about this is that when you go out for dandelions you don't have to carry a ration book along. Nature knows nothing about ration points. In this way we have, without points, the sun, air, rain, water and now dandelions.

Our American Fraternal Union also started to use points. This shows that we have become very Americanized. The supreme officers and certain prospective delegates are already diligently at work for points which will assure them of an honor badge at the convention. I hope that the delegates will attend the convention well-armed with points.

The members of Lodge No. 170, AFU are hereby reminded that they too should look around for new members. The adult and the juvenile departments could use some new members and prospective delegates of our lodge will need these points. Above all everyone needs insurance protection. Therefore, brothers and sisters, let's go after those new members!

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19th at the home of Mary Golenko, 2246 Blue Island Ave. at 8 p. m. promptly. This year is AFU convention year and it is necessary that members attend in large numbers all the meetings preceding the convention so we can discuss any improvements needed in our by-laws. By doing so we will decrease the convention expenses. When our members in the service will return from the battle fronts, perhaps one or another will request some special help from our Union. We who are at home must see to it that there will be some money on hand when it will be needed.

In conclusion I again wish to remind our members that they should attend our next meeting on April 19th in as large a number as possible. The more members attending the meeting, the greater majority that will be satisfied with our work. Regards to all.

Agnes Jurecic, Sec'y
Lodge No. 170, AFU
Chicago, Ill.

Briefs

The Slovene National Benefit Society (SNPJ) this month celebrates its 40th year in the fraternal field. Another well-known Slovene fraternal benefit organization, the Grand Carniolian Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ), celebrates its golden jubilee, 50th birthday, also this month. The Nova Doba congratulates these organizations upon their long years of activity on the fraternal front.

Bill: Darling, I'm not rich like Vanderbilt, I haven't got a car and fine house and servants, but I love you.

Jill: And I love you too honey, but where is this Vanderbilt?

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AFU Member, Pvt. Robert Starc Killed In Action



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Starc, 1096 Norwood Rd., Cleveland, O., received word that their son, Pvt. Robert J. Starc, 20, was killed in action in Italy on Jan. 29, 1944. He was born in Elcor, Minn. Pvt. Starc entered the service on Mar. 17, 1943 and was sent overseas in August, 1943. He attended St. Vitus School, East Tech and John Hay high schools. Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, Pvt. Joseph, who is now on his way overseas.

Pvt. Starc was a member of Lodge No. 37, AFU. His mother, Mrs. Mary Starc, is the daughter of the well-known Karish family of Biwabik, Minn.

"Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory, nor engraved stone bear record of their deeds, yet will their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored!"

Lodge No. 112, AFU Changes Time of Lodge Meetings

Kitzville, Minn. — All members of Lodge No. 112, AFU are urged to attend the next meeting on April 16, 1944 at 7 p. m. and not at 10 a. m. in the morning as usual. Our meeting for the summer months will be held in the evening. We would like all members to be present at this meeting because there are many important matters to be discussed.

To all our brothers and sisters in the Army and Navy we say: May God bless them wherever they may be and may they be back with us as soon as possible. Fraternal regards to all.

Frank Tichar, Sec'y
Lodge No. 112, AFU
Kitzville, Minn.

Napredok Notes

Hello Folks: Sunday, April 2nd was a great day for the United Lodges of the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Ohio of which our Lodge No. 132, AFU is a member.

The occasion was an important one, considering that it was the official dedication and unveiling of the Servicemen's Honor Roll of the S. S. Home. The singing of the National Anthem by everyone present started off the program. Mr. Matt F. Intihar, who was Master of Ceremonies, spoke in Slovenian honoring our servicemen and women and their parents. Incidentally, Mr. Intihar is a candidate for the nomination to the office of State Representative for this district.

To go on with the subject at hand, the Slovan Singing Society sang two Slovenian songs, "Oj Doberdob" and "Slovan na dan." They sang under the able directorship of Vladimir Malečkar. Following the singing the honor roll was unveiled and as this was going on, one could just feel the silent reverence reverberating throughout the audience as they gazed with respect at the lasting tribute to their honored loved ones. It is truly a work of art and all credit for the beautiful work must go to Mr. Anton Pluth of Euclid, O.

Mayor Kenneth Sims of Euclid, Ohio was presented and he spoke on the principles of Americanism, the ideals for which our boys are fighting. Mr. Frank Podborsek then spoke and made the official dedication of the honor roll. The next speaker was Mr. James Rotter, secretary of the board of directors of the hall. His address was very touching and there wasn't one mother who didn't have tears of pride in her eyes.

Following Mr. Rotter, the curtain was raised again and on the stage stood eight ladies, four on each side. Behind each one hung a flag, one for each Slav nationality represented in the tableau. The ladies came forward individually and gave a short treatise on the people they represented. The speakers and the nationality they spoke for were: Marion Bachel, Czech; Frances Kosten, Slovak; Mollie Golic, Polish; Frances Klein, Slovenian; Mary Furlan, Croatian; Mary Gregory, Serbian; Gustie Zupancic, Russian; and Angie Zabsak-Kern, American.

Richard Lauretich sang one of his good old Slovenian numbers.
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Meeting Notice of Lodge No. 186, AFU

Cleveland, O. — The meetings of the Betsy Ross Lodge No. 186, AFU are held every second Sunday of the month. Due to the fact that Easter fell on the second Sunday of the month, it was decided that the meeting will be held the following Sunday.

Members are urged to attend the meeting this Sunday, April 16, 1944 at 2:00 p. m. at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd.

It would be a great help to the secretary-treasurer if the members would be on time in paying their dues. So please be on time with your monthly dues and come to the meeting.

Dorothy Zele, Rec. Sec'y
Lodge No. 186, AFU
Cleveland, Ohio

CAMPAIGN BULLETIN

Reported by Anton Zbasnik, Supreme Secretary

In today's bulletin we must give first and foremost recognition to the president and secretary of Lodge No. 170, AFU of Chicago, Ill., who sent TEN adult applications and four juvenile applications making a total of 24 points. The president, Mary Golenko acquired 16 points and the secretary, Agnes Jurecic, 8 points. But this does not mean that the campaign is over for them, writes Sister Jurecic, for she and Sister Golenko decided to add more points before the campaign is concluded. Many thanks to both of these diligent officers for such a nice Easter present.

Among the Supreme Officers this week, our Sixth Supreme Vice-President, and secretary of Lodge No. 190, of Butte, Montana, Mary Predovich, qualified for the convention honor badge having ten points to her credit. She is therefore, the second of the Supreme Officers to attain this honor.

Among lodge secretaries and members, Brother Joseph Prah, agile secretary of Lodge No. 55, Uniontown, Pa., qualified for the convention honor badge. He has also been among the first in all previous campaigns. Thank you, Joseph, I hope your membership will reward you by sending you to the coming convention.

To date there are 11 Supreme Officers and 56 subordinate lodges actively participating in the present campaign.

Lodge 72 Loses Faithful Member

Renton, Wash. — We seldom report in the paper from our community and today I haven't very cheerful news to impart. Our Lodge No. 72, AFU lost a good and faithful member, Filipina Dragin (wife of our lodge president, Matt Dragin). The deceased was a long time member of our lodge and Union. She passed away March 22nd in the hospital at Seattle, Wash. where she was taken on March 19th. She had been ill for some time due to a weak heart and high blood pressure. During the latter part of February she contacted the flu and then pneumonia. When I visited her she said she felt better and that she already suffered much but never before as now. A few days later she grew better and was able to get out of bed to the great joy of her family and friends. This joy didn't last very long for on March 18th she suffered a stroke on her right side. She passed away on March 22nd and was laid to rest at Mt. Olivet cemetery with civil rites, as was her wish.

Our lodge attended the funeral services and bade her a last farewell with a floral wreath. May she rest in peace! Her memory and good works will long remain among us. She will be missed by all who knew her and especially by her husband and children. In the name of the lodge and my family, I offer her family our sincere sympathy.

The funeral director, Mr. Sokes, said he had not had such a large funeral since the war began. This shows that the deceased was respected and loved by all who knew her. She was born in 1897 in Jugoslavia; her maiden name was Blazina. She is survived by her husband, Matt; a son, Walter, now in the U. S. Navy; and three daughters, Mrs. Jack Farrington, Wilma and Shirley Joan. A brother of the deceased, Tony Blazina, lives in British Columbia.

At this time I would like to thank all the lodge members who attended the funeral. Special thanks to the pall bearers. Thanks also to Brother Sam Mikulich who saw to it that everyone who wanted to attend

Lodge 225 Members Invited to Attend Next Meeting

Milwaukee, Wis. — At this time I would like to inform the members of Lodge No. 225, AFU that we have **changed our meeting place**. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Sister Frances Magister, 737 W. National Ave., upstairs. The reason for this change is due to the fact that the place where we met formerly has been sold. Members are asked to remember this change and to attend our next meeting in as large a number as possible. The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19th at 7:30 p. m. at 737 W. National Ave. We will call the names of all members and someone who will be present will get their assessment paid.

At our last meeting we discussed our by-laws and my recommendation was that members should carefully read the by-laws and remember those sections which they think need to be improved. Then they should bring these recommendations up at our next meeting so the members could discuss them. The lodge representative could then present such suggestions at the next meeting of the AFU Federation of Lodges for Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana, which will meet sometime before our convention. According to my opinion, certain sections of our by-laws are insufficient in some respects and at our next convention this should be remedied. Members should also write to our official organ and recommend these changes which they think are necessary to be changed for the benefit of our organization. If there would not be enough space in our paper we could perhaps make more room by listing our roster of Supreme Officers only on the English
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the funeral was able to get there.

In conclusion I wish to appeal to our members to attend in large numbers our regular monthly meetings and pay their assessments on time. Fraternal regards to all.

Mary Gorjup, Sec'y
Lodge No. 72, AFU
Renton, Wash.

