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## From the Office of the Supreme Secretary of the SSCU

WHAT A SECRETARY OF A LOCAL LODGE SHOULD KNOW

The Local Lodge should know:

That our Union was founded July 18, 1898.

That our Union is transacting business in 22 states, that it has 156 subordinate lodges, and approximately 24 thousand members in both branches.

That the assets of our Union are over 2½ million dollars, and it has paid over 5 million dollars in various benefits, and is over 100% solvent.

That our Union has two branches, an adult branch and a juvenile branch.

That there may be admitted into our adult branch applicants of the white race between the ages of 16 and 55 notwithstanding their nationality, religious or political belief. This

means that our Union admits Catholics as well as non-Catholics. The principle condition being that they are of good moral character and mentally and physically sound.

That there may be admitted into our juvenile branch children of the white race from the date of birth to age 16.

That in the adult branch our Union issues three different types of certificates, namely: a Whole Life Certificate which is

a certificate of Plan D, and on which assessments are

paid during the lifetime of the member; 20 Payment Life

Certificates which are known as certificates of Plan E, and on which assessments are payable for 20 years, whereupon the

certificate is paid in full and the proceeds thereof payable upon death of the member; and 20 Year Endowment Certificates

which are known as certificates of Plan F, on which assessments are payable for 20 years whereupon the member receives the face value of the certificate in cash. (It is understood that

member insured in Plan F should die before the maturity of

the certificate, his beneficiaries would receive the full face value

of the policy.)

That in the juvenile branch the Union issues three different types of certificates, namely: a certificate with a maximum insurance

of \$1000 which is known as a certificate of Plan JA, and on which the monthly assessment is 15 cents; this certificate ex-

changes the member having the privilege to transfer to the adult branch at age 16; a certificate with a maximum in-

surance of \$1000 which is known as a certificate of Plan JB and on which the assessment is \$1.00 per month; this certificate ex-

changes the member at age 18 and gives the member the option of transferring to the adult department at age 16; a certificate with the maxi-

mum insurance of \$1000 and \$500 which is known as a certifi-

cate of Plan JC, and on which the assessments are payable for

the juvenile branch the policy is paid in full and the proceeds

are payable on the member's death. For \$1000 insurance,

the monthly assessment is \$1.60 and for \$500, the monthly as-

sessment is \$.85. (More detailed information concerning these

certificates may be found in the by-laws of the juvenile de-

partment.)

That the certificates of Plan D, E and F of the adult de-

partment contain approximately the same non-forfeiture values

as certificates of Plan AA, B and C, for which the non-forfeiture

values may be found in the "Table of assessments for non-for-

feiture of certificates" which the supreme secretary

in 1934. (If the local secretaries do not have these tables

available, they should write to the Home Office immediately and

they will be pleased to forward a supply.)

That we have discontinued the issuance of certificates of

Plan A effective January 1, 1933, that certificates of Plans AA,

B and C are issued only to such members who may desire to

convert their Plan A certificates into Plans AA, B or C certifi-

cates.

That new members may insure only in Plans D, E and F.

That insurance may be increased only in Plans D, E and F.

That all applications for membership in the adult branch

will be made on Form 1 and applications for membership in the

adult branch on Form 2.

That all applicants for membership in the adult branch are

subject to a medical examination, exempt from this

requirement are only those members of the juvenile department

transferring to the adult branch, insure for \$500 or

more.

That a medical examination is also required of those mem-

bers who desire to increase their death benefit insurance, that in

such cases Form 1 is to be used.

That a medical examination of applicants in the juvenile

branch is required only in the states of Ohio and Idaho, in

such states, such a medical examination is not required.

That all applications for membership in the adult branch

are signed by the applicants themselves.

That applications for membership in the juvenile branch

are signed by the father, mother, or the person upon whom

the application is dependent for support.

That the maximum amount the Union allows for medical

examination fees are paid after at least one

time the Union has been paid to the Union.

That our Union pays certain awards for enrollment of new

members which are published weekly in the official organ, Nova

Doba.

That awards for new members are not payable until at least

one year after the Union has received the application.

That the Union will not pay the medical examination fees

unless the local secretary forwards to the home office Form 6 for

juvenile members.

That the Union allows the local secretary a certain sum for

conversion of Plan A into a Plan

AA, B or C certificate, and that these awards will not be paid unless the secretary forwards to the home office Form 9.

That the assessment of each and every member is payable on the first of the month, and must be paid by the first of the following month, otherwise the member is subject to suspension.

That the statement of monthly assessments must be in the hands of the supreme secretary not later than the 5th following the month for which the assessment has been paid.

That all changes in the standing of membership must be reported on the back of the monthly statement.

That immediate notice must be given to the home office when a suspended member has paid up his back dues, otherwise such member may be inconvenienced in case of accident or sickness.

That transfer cards must be given to the members transferring from one lodge to another, and that the secretary of the lodge to which a member has transferred, must send the transfer card to the home office immediately.

That in case a member decides to revoke his former designation of beneficiaries and make a new designation, form 116 is to be used, and should be signed by the member in the presence of two witnesses.

That no member may designate for funeral expenses more than \$250.00.

That female members who by virtue of marriage have assumed a new name should request a change to the new name on Form 135.

That Form 136 is to be used in case a member loses his certificate and desires to petition for a duplicate certificate.

That Form 120 is to be used for members who desire to withdraw their insurance for disability benefits.

That Form 118 is to be used when a member desires to withdraw his insurance for sick, indemnity and disability benefits.

That Form 117 is to be used when a member desires to decrease his death benefit insurance.

That Form 150 is to be used when a member desires to exchange his certificate of Plan A into Plns AA, B or C, and that his old certificate must accompany the application for such exchange.

That any member insured under Plans AA, B, C, D, E and F has the right to apply for loans on his certificate for the payment of assessments or for a larger amount provided of course that the certificate has a sufficient loan value to permit such loans.

That there are no special forms on which to make applications for loans, but that a letter from the local secretary will serve the purpose.

That all loan agreements must be signed by the applicant with his own hand and in presence of a witness.

That the rate of interest on certificate loans is 4% per annum.

That members over 50 years of age cannot insure for sick, indemnity or disability benefits.

That a member is not entitled to sick benefits unless he has been a member of the Union and insured in the sick and indemnity fund for at least three months. (See Sections 319 to 355.)

That operation indemnities are not payable unless the member has been a member of the Union and insured in the sick and indemnity fund for at least six months. (See Sections 299 to 318.)

That for one and the same sickness, a member is entitled to full sick benefits for six months and to half sick benefits for the next six months.

That benefits from the disability fund are not payable for more than two years. (See Sections 356 to 360.)

That Form 100 is to be used for members who apply for sick benefits.

That Form 101 is to be used for members who apply for operation benefits.

That Form 102 is to be used for members who apply for indemnities.

That Form 103 is to be used for members who apply for disability benefits.

That each member is required to report his disability to the local secretary immediately upon its commencement.

That Form 100-A must be given to each and every sick member in order that he may have the same filled out by his physician and forwarded to the supreme medical examiner.

That each sick member should be visited twice a week, except those who are in hospitals or residents of districts outside the jurisdiction of the oldage.

**AND FINALLY; THAT IN ORDER TO BE A GOOD AND EFFICIENT SECRETARY, ONE SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE BY-LAWS AND CAREFULLY FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FROM TIME TO TIME ISSUED BY THE SUPREME SECRETARY AND PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL ORGAN.**

ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary, SSCU.

### Coll. Boosters

Cleveland, O. — At the last monthly meeting of Collinwood Boosters lodge, 188, SSCU three new members were initiated: Alex Knittel, Chas. Frisic and Frank Valencic. Plans were discussed for a summer barn dance. Softball also was brought and the question arose whether or not there would be another SSCU league.

The Boosters broom dancers consist of Eddie Marincic and Frank Valencic. Why is it that Prexy Struna reads the comics

bers for honorary delegate to Waukegan, Ill. also was discussed thoroughly. After adjournment, the lodge celebrated the birthdays of Alice Laurich and Ed. Marincic. Plenty of "kranjske klobase and vino" were on hand, and after these were consumed the gang went to a nearby tavern.

while everyone is dancing. Saw Joe "Boley" Ivancic day dreaming. Alex Knittel was setting them up for all the members, then disappeared mysteriously.

### BRIEFS

**Brigadiers Lodge, 234, SSCU** of Detroit, Mich., will sponsor a benefit entertainment on March 8, at the Slovene National Home on John R. Program will open at 8 p. m. Admission is free.

**Walsenburg, Colo.**, is the site of the next meeting of the Colorado Federation of SSCU lodges. Scheduled for Sunday morning, March 31, in Kapusin's Hall, the meeting will be preceded by a dance on the Saturday before; that is on March 30, at Walsenburg's Pavilion.

**In Barberville, O.**, the auxiliary athletic club of lodge St. Martin, 44, SSCU will hold a dance on April 6, at Domovina hall on 14th St.

**Ohio Federation of SSCU** lodges will hold its next meeting in Cleveland, O., on Sunday, April 7, in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave.

**Illinois and Wisconsin Federation** of SSCU lodges will meet on Sunday, April 7, in La Salle, Ill.

**With The Electrons**  
Cheswick, Pa. — With the New Year well on its way, a good deal of progress has been shown by the members. The new officers for the coming year are: William Stavor, president; Christy Mento, vice-president; Joseph Yohman, financial secretary; Rudolph Progar, recording secretary.

The articles written by Misses Anna Prosen and Elsie Desmond, Messrs. Little Stan and Big Stan have been thrilling and complete in every detail. We sat back and enjoyed reading the articles. A vote of thanks to Miss Anne Prosen for the boost she has been giving a certain Electron.

A few new members have joined the Electrons. Mr. Emil Jerich has placed his handsome young son in our group. Mrs. Frances Jerich gave birth to a beautiful 7-pound baby boy. And as a loyal Electron she enrolled her son into the lodge. Mrs. Louis Jerich, also a member, has signed up her two sons.

Can you imagine how long the Jerich name will be carried. Even their daughter has a son who belongs to the Electron lodge. It appears as if the future of the Electrons rests in the hands of the Jerich's, and if their son will be like their parents, it shall rest in good hands.

A promise has been fulfilled. The lodge purchased new Spring jackets for its members. The bowling team has been practising diligently thus far and will display them at their next bowling game. Every effort will be made to make the annual Spring Bowling Tournament a success.

William Stavor, Pres.

"When I meet a man whose name I cannot remember," Disraeli said, "I give myself two minutes; then if it is a hopeless case, I always say, 'And how is the old complaint?'"

John Urbancic.

### CAMPAIGN OF THE CENTURY STARTS FRIDAY

Free All-Expense Trip to 16th Regular Convention of SSCU in Waukegan Is Reward!

By Uncle Stan

Ely, Minn.—Covering the events of the day throughout the world are thousands of reporters, photographers. — They live in crisp, exciting adventure; in every word they transcribe to their newspaper or news agency. Their time is not their own, and frequently lives are in danger. They work to bring you the news so that you can sit by your breakfast or dinner table

## Sixth SSCU Duckpin Tournament

Pittsburgh, Pa. — At last we are ready to make the long awaited announcements concerning the Annual DUCKPIN tournament. It will be held in Pittsburgh, Sunday April 7, 1940 at Lawrence Recreation Alleys. As is natural team events, doubles, and singles will be engaged in. Entry Fees will be for men 85c a man in each event and for the ladies it will be 75c in each event.

The following cash prizes will be awarded:

For men		For women	
1st prize	2nd prize	1st prize	2nd prize
\$30.00	\$15.00	Team Champs	\$20.00
15.00	10.00	Doubles	10.00
7.50	5.00	Singles	5.00
10.00		All Events	7.50

Medals will also be awarded to the first prize winners.

In addition the winning teams will be awarded for one year the plaques now held by Lodge No. 40 (men), and Lodge No. 182 (ladies). Any lodge winning these plaques three times will have permanent possession thereof.

Above and beyond the above mentioned, any money left over after tourney expenses are all paid will be used to make up additional cash prizes.

Instructions and entry blanks have been sent out; should any interested lodge not receive theirs kindly write the chairman and they will be sent by return mail. Also any lodges needing additional entry blanks, a penny postcard to the chairman will be promptly honored.

Plan now to be on hand and do not wait till the last day to send in your entries.

All lodges are earnestly asked to give their full cooperation to the chairman in the matter of sending in entry blanks and FEES. When the money is not sent in till the day of the tournament it causes much mixup and many unnecessary delays in getting the events rolled off.

We hope to see some lodges who have never yet participated in a duckpin tourney, and we would again like to meet all who attended in the past to make this a real reunion day. Any out-of-towners who would like to come on Saturday, kindly let me know by March 20th. So I may be able to make the necessary accommodation reservations.

More information next week keep posted.

L. P. Boberg, Chairman

Sixth Annual Duckpin Tourney.

P. S. — Mary L. Bodak will again be the chairlady of the Tournament Banquet. All who were present last year know that she does a swell job of dinner supervising.

## Rambling Chatter

By Big Stan

Strabane, Pa. — Little Stan Jr. had just returned from peaceful slumberland. Laying in his crib he couldn't see much for the blinds were drawn and everything in the room was just a shadow. He let go a yell to announce his awakening but as no one appeared, he looked about for some sort of amusement. As his crib is next to daddy's dresser, there Jimmy decided to explore. A picture of Uncle Rudy occupied his attention for a few minutes but then Jimmy spied Daddy's glasses. With Tarzan's ability minus the yells, Jimmy scampered upon daddy's dresser and got hold of the glasses. He slipped quietly back into his crib and started to see just what the glasses were made of. He turned them this way then the other way and by the time he was through with them, they resembled a pair of specs as much as a base ball mask. And luckily enough for daddy, mamma's interruption saved the day. Just a little longer and all daddy would have left would have been a bit of gold wire and some broken bits of glass.

Of course, daddy received this bit of cheerful news upon his return home. Did he punish Jimmy? No, no, a thousand times no. You see, as mamma was telling daddy the blow by blow account of Jimmy's fight with the "cheaters," Jimmy held his hands over his face and said, "no more daddy." He then climbed upon daddy's lap and greeted him with a big hug and kiss. But this wasn't the main reason why Jimmy wasn't punished for his act. In the first place, had daddy placed the glasses in the proper place, Jimmy would not have reached them. Then too, we can still remember the not so long ago when we ourselves got into mischief of the same type. And we know that more reasoning and less punishment will go a great deal farther in father and son companionship. Maybe we're wrong but that is our plan of battle.

Speaking of children your Rambler felt just like a kid in Indianopolis. So, as brother scribe to brother scribe, well all his glory this past week,

## Federation Dance

Walsenburg, Colo. — On Jan. 21, 1940, the Walsenburg Committee of the Colorado Federation of SSCU lodges held a meeting at Kapusin's Hall, where it was decided to hold a dance on Saturday evening, March 30, at the Walsenburg Pavilion. This is the Saturday evening before the meeting of the Colorado federation, which is scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 31 at Walsenburg.

Coming back to the dance, the services of Barney Jerman and his orchestra from Pueblo were secured. Dancing will begin at 9 p. m. and continue until ??? The committee in charge are: Louis Zutman, Frank Fink, Frank Tomsican, Edward Tomsic. They all assure the guests of a splendid evening of entertainment with plenty of good eats and refreshments. All members of lodges who belong to the federation are cordially invited to attend the federation dance on Saturday, and the meeting on the following Sunday morning, which is scheduled to begin at 10 a. m.

George Oswerk, Sr., Vice pres.  
Colorado SSCU Federation.

## Penna Federation

Export, Pa. — At the last meeting of the Western SSCU Pennsylvania Federation, there was elected a committee on by-laws. This committee will hold its first meeting on March 10, at 10 a. m. at the home of Bro. Anton Erzen, in Center, Pa. Any suggestions to improve the by-laws should be submitted to the foregoing board or at the next federation meeting; or to the undersigned.

Such a committee is very useful, as was evidenced at the last convention where a number of suggestions adopted by the convention were the result of the work of the federations.

All representatives who at the last meeting were given tickets to sell are requested to bring along the remittances and the unsold tickets to the next federation meeting; or forward them by mail to my address.

Our next federation meeting will take place on Sunday, March 31, in the Slovene Home on 57th St. in Pittsburgh. Meeting will begin at 10 a. m. Discussions will be held in both the Slovene and English languages, so that all may understand the proceedings. All lodges who wish to have representation at the meeting must pay their dues, which can be made before or during the federation meeting.

Jurij Previc, Sec'y  
R. D. 2, Export, Pa.

Canalas. Welcome to the pages of the Nova Doba and may your stay be for a long, long time. Keep the interest moving out in Indiana and show all just what the young ones can do once they get bit by the initiative bug. Remember that you have a grand organization behind you, an organization that will not take a backseat to any of them, so let's go. Keep on the move, keep the SSCU spirit alive now that you have started and above all, keep the St. Joseph lodge of Indiana IN PRINT. Let's hear from you each and every week.

Sentinels laid definite plans to attend ten-pin tourney in Cleveland . . . Watch the scores of Eddie Mikec, John Tershel and Rudy Krulce . . . Sentinels planning surprises for First Anniversary . . . June 15th set aside in Strabane for Sentinels Day in Drenik's Park . . . Snow kinda made it hot for some Sentinels . . . Where's the man in the leather jacket? See you next week if we find him . . .

The February 14th issue of the Nova Doba will long be remembered for not only did it announce a new campaign whereby SSCUers may receive the opportunity to take in the SSCU regular convention in Waukegan but it brought us the news of a grand awakening out in Indianapolis. So, as brother scribe to brother scribe, well come Louis Louiscek and Bruno

## From Chicago

Chicago, Ill. — As already reported in the Slovene section of Nova Doba, our SSCU Federation which functions in Illinois and Wisconsin, will hold its next regular meeting on April 7, in La Salle, Ill. Our preparations for that occasion are in the making. To date it is known that Chicago shall be well represented not only at the meeting itself, but also on our rich program which the spectators will enjoy during the afternoon festival. The Chicago delegation will present Preseren's quartet, and duets by Krapenc and Fajfar, and a one act play "Vedez." Our members in La Salle and vicinity are very active with their own preparations. Hence we can expect great doings on the stage.

The committee selected to take charge of arrangements is very active having made plans for accommodations. Round trip transportation by bus to La Salle shall be two dollars a person. Considering the distance separating the two cities (about one hundred miles) the rates are very reasonable. I am urging our members and their friends to join us on this pleasant journey.

Our lodge "Jugoslovanski zvon," 70, SSCU, will hold its own informal entertainment on April 20, at Bro. Golenko's place, on S. Pauline and Blue Island Aves. Our regular monthly meeting for April will be held on the same day at the same place and NOT at the hall. Meeting will start at 6 p. m. Admission to the entertainment shall be \$1.50 a couple, \$1.00 for a single man and 75 cents for each single lady. Dinner and refreshments shall be served with Gomilar and Foys providing the music.

In behalf of this committee on entertainment, I heartily invite all members of our lodge, as well as members of other lodges and their friends, to join us in this momentous celebration.

At the last meeting our lodge decided to join the pre-convention campaign for new members. And we don't intend to get only a few, but enough new members to elect two regular delegates to the convention in Waukegan, and to qualify two honorary delegates.

Inasmuch as a number of our members do not speak Slovene fluently, I propose that discussions at our meetings be held in both languages. This will help to increase the attendance at our meeting, add momentum to our activities, and undoubtedly enhance the progress in both our lodge and Union.

Let's all be present at our April meeting, which will be followed by entertainment. Our March meeting also is important, so keep both in mind.

Joseph Oblak.

## LITTLE STAN'S ARTICLE

(Continued from page 3)

In it she carries a nice column. Keep up the fine work, Elsie!

The cold weather brings Uncle Stan back to the Canadian Ranger Station where Janiko Rogelj, your genial writer in Slovene, had so teased your scribe about that "Mystery Girl From Cleveland." But since then the turn of events, plus Uncle Stan thinks) Bro. Rogelj's own help from the sidelines, we have been able to find out who this young lady is, and it makes the story that much more interesting. She's Bertha Erste of Cleveland, lives at 6209 Schade Ave. Ah believes!

Stan Progar

What? Perhaps that bowling trip to Cleveland will uncover

## About This And That

By Elsie M. Desmond

Cleveland, O. — Greetings friends and members of the page. It certainly is glad to be out of that house again and with that fine, pure fresh air. Yours truly was ill at home with the grippe for about two weeks. I wish to thank all the members for their beautiful cards and for all my SSCU friends who came to visit me while I was ill.

Miss Nosee, you wonderful write-up about me encouraged me so that I just had to sit down at my typewriter and write my article for today. I didn't want to miss out on the Nova Doba by not having an article after your encouragement. Thanks, Albena. Yes, I'll be with the juvenile page again next month.

Read your article Mary Lau-rich too. It was grand. Was just thrilled with that certain one paragraph when you said that in order to have an affair all members must stick together. Yes, that's very true. Your thoughts, if all the members stick together, your affair is bound to be a success. Mary, if you lodge holds a dance or another affair you can count on me to help, if you need any. See you in the Nova Doba next week, Mary.

Read Max Fink's "Whether and Whether" in last week's Nova Doba. Max, I'm sure if you keep on with your writings and urge the other SSCU lodges around your town you will be able to see your thoughts of a great SSCU league come true. So come on, Max, more writings and urging and I'm sure your wish will be granted.

Congratulations to the officers and members of lodge St. Joseph, No. 45 of Indianapolis, Indiana for the "coming to life again" after being asleep or something for a while. By two reporters, namely: Bruno Canalias and Louis Louiscek, vice-president we're finally getting news of their lodge. Congrats to all your members of the bowling team. Hope to meet you all in Cleveland during April 27-28!

And our own Uncle Tanley writes all about the gigantic convention to be held in Waukegan, Illinois. Thanks for telling us all about it, Uncle Stan. We'll be looking forward to more news of the convention by you. And then our professor has another column in the paper in the juvenile page and he certainly takes the task of a professor well, right students?

Yes, our old professor called his Flyer Class together for a First Conference and it certainly was well attended, right Stan? I'm honored, Stan to be called one of your first prize pupils and co-hostess. While the others are, none other is first than by my pal of Ely, Florence D. Startz and our friend, Irene Pavlich.

Yes 'em, Stan we'll all want to be with you on your Magic Carpet Streamline Flyer for next month so we'll have to have an article in the juvenile page. Sure can depend on me for having an article in Uncle Tanley. So—until then I remain your other scribe of the Nova Doba, Elsie M. Desmond.

Elsie M. Desmond

"Is that Peabody, Finchley, Longworth, and Fitzgerald?"

"Yes, this is Peabody, Finchley, Longworth, and Fitzgerald."

"I want to speak to Mr. Smith."

and solve the rest of the mystery!

Meanwhile, let's all — from 16 to 65 enter this impressive convention campaign. We all want to get together in Waukegan Sept. 26, don't we! Start right in and keep plugging!

## Pre-Convention Campaign Rules and Regulations Governing the Selection of Honorary Delegates to the 16th SCU Regular Quadrennial Convention

Pre-convention membership campaign opens on March 1st and ends June 30, 1940. All members of both departments, 16 years of age and over, are eligible to run as candidates for honorary delegates to the 16th quadrennial convention of the SSCU. Candidates must report their intentions to the lodge secretary who in turn will report them to the home office.

Transportation to and from Waukegan, Ill., the convention city, will be paid by our Union to honorary delegates, who will also be given \$100 in expense money.

Honorary delegates will come to the convention on September 26, the regular sessions will start on September 23.

For each new member enrolled, the candidate will be credited with a certain number of points, and in order to qualify as honorary delegate, the candidate must reach his quota of points, depending upon his residence, as follows:

From New York, Maryland, and West Virginia ..... 4,000 points  
From Pennsylvania, Ohio and Minnesota ..... 3,000 points  
From Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin ..... 2,500 points  
From Michigan ..... 2,500 points  
From Nebraska ..... 2,000 points  
From California, Oregon and Washington ..... 1,500 points  
From all other western states ..... 1,000 points

For each new member enrolled, the candidate will receive the number of points, depending upon the amount and type of death preferred by the new member:

### NEW INSURANCE IN THE ADULT DEPARTMENT

Plan "D" for \$250.00	300 points
Plan "D" for \$500.00	600 points
Plan "D" for \$1000.00	900 points
Plan "D" for \$1500.00	1200 points
Plan "D" for \$2000.00	1500 points
Plan "D" for \$3000.00	1800 points
Plans "E" or "F" for \$250.00	300 points
Plans "E" or "F" for \$500.00	600 points
Plans "E" or "F" for \$1000.00	1000 points
Plans "E" or "F" for \$1500.00	1500 points
Plans "E" or "F" for \$2000.00	2000 points
Plans "E" or "F" for \$3000.00	2500 points

### NEW INSURANCE IN THE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Plan JA (15 cents monthly)	100 points
Plan JB (\$1.00 monthly)	200 points
Plan JC for \$500.00 (85 cents monthly)	400 points

Transfers from the juvenile department to the adult department also will be credited.

The secretary must attach instructions to new applications for increase in death benefits, indicating the candidate receives credit.

Names of candidates must reach the home office not later than April 1st, excepted only are such lodges who shall work collectively, and who announce the names of their honorary delegates at the end of the month.

Each candidate must enroll new members in his own lodge. No credits for new members enrolled is permitted from one candidate to another.

If a qualified honorary delegate cannot attend the convention given the equivalent in cash for transportation and per diems.

After the June lodge meetings, and until June 30, the lodge secretary and lodge treasurer may accept new applicants for members.

Only the states of Ohio and Idaho require medical examination of juvenile members.

All applicants for new memberships, and increases for death benefits must reach the home office not later than July 5.

## Barberton News

### Lodge 84

Barberton, O. — On Saturday, February 10, 1940, the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church of Cleveland, Ohio were scheduled to bowl a match game with the St. Martin's Bombers of Barberton at the C and M Alleys. The Bombers came out on top with a total series



RADIVOJ REHAR:

# SEMISIRIS

ROMAN

Semisirskega brodovja ni bilo nikaj več. Izginilo je do zadnje galeje v globinah veletoka. Samo Azteki so še kljubovali, samo njih bogovi še niso hoteli pogubiti. Njihova galeja se je približala že čisto morju in vodovje jo je zaneslo tako blizu k desemu obrežju ustja, da je pribičnik na višinah valov mogel opazovati vse grozne prizore. Terasne hiše pristaniškega mesta so se rušile, kakor da bi bile otroške igračke, palme so se lomile in zemlja se je odpiral ter jih požirala. V nekaj minutah se je pogreznilo pod gladino morja, in sedaj z njim popolnoma združene reke, vse prej tako mogočno človeško selišče. Toda grozota se tudi za pogreznjenim mestom ni ustavila. Ploska nizka ravnina bregov se je krušila vedno dalje v notranjost in na njeno prejšnje mesto so udarjali ogromni, sedaj od blata in peska umazani valovi. Kopnina je izginjala v morju...

"Končano je, vse je končano," je mislil Savadagak. "Konec je sveta in življenja na njem, konec nas vseh in mene..."

V njem se je zlomilo vse in vdan v usodo je molil:

"Če si dovolil drugim smrt in jim prizanesel, da jim ni več treba gledati teh grozot, zakaj še mučiš mene in nas, o Inti, o veliki Inti? Prizanesi nam, reši nas groze počasnega umiranja, daj, da požro tudi nas valovi tvojih voda, Inti, o veliki Inti! Dokončaj to igro in naj se nad nami zgrne večni mrok in večni mir, ki vodi v združitev s Teboj. Inti, o veliki Inti..."

Na grebenu ogromnega vala se je ozrl po divji okolici. Kamorkoli je obrnil svoj pogled, povsod je bilo tedaj le še vodovje. Niti najmanjšega sledu nekdanjega mesta in nižine, na kateri je stal in ji vladal, ni bilo več mogoče opaziti. Vse tja do črnega, svinčeno težkega obzorja, je bilo samo morje. In tam v daljavi je opazil, kako sta se morje in nebo objela in združila. Nemir vodovje je razdvijal oblake v vihar, ki se je pridružil potresu in pogrezanju ter ustvaril še silnejše strahote. Vodovje je udarjalo od spodaj navzgor in iz oblakov navzdol.

"Kadar se morje in nebo objameta do nas, bo konec..." je pomisli.

Tedaj je pa nenadoma opazil, da se pričenja valovje odmikati od potopljene kopnine, kakor da bi bila voda nagnjena in nasproti stran. To odmikanje se je spremeno v groznoti veletok, ki je drvel z neznanico naglico nekam tja v staro odprto morje in vlekel s seboj tudi galejo.

"Rešeni?" je pomisli nenadoma in se okreplil v novem rahlem upanju. "Veliki sončni bog nas odmika od grozot Atlantide. Zahvaljen bodi, ki si iztegnil svojo vsemogočno roko nad nas in našo drobno lupino in nam dodelil svojo milost in svoje usmiljenje, Inti, o veliki Inti!"

Toda domolil ni. Vodovje se je zopet ustavilo in vzpel v nove ogromne valove, visoke kakor Gora prihoda v Semisirisu. Galeja se jeagnila z vrha in zdrknila po bregu navzdol, sprva po bokih, potem prekučeneno in naposled obstala spet pravilno na dnu vodne doline.

Savadagak je izpljunil zajeto slano vodo in lovil zrak. Koma je mogel še toliko misliti, da je doumel trenotke, ki jih je bil pravkar doživel, na najstrašnejše trenotke vsega svojega, bojev in vsakovrstnih nevarnosti polnega življenja. Toda za globlje razmišljanje tudi ni imel več časa. Galeja se je bliskovito dvignila na nove višine. Skoraj plezala je po pobočju vala navzgor na mogočni vrh, kakor da bi bila živa, bi imela roke in bi se oprijemala. In ko se je za kratki trenotek oddahnila na ostrom vrhu, je nastopila znova pot prekopavanja v temno globino. Vse to se je ponavljalo precej časa, ki se je zdel Savadagaku daljši ko večnost, dasi je vsak trenotek čakal samo konca. Potem se je zopet pričel divji dir na nepregledno, razdivjano morje.

Kako dolgo so tokovi valov gnali ubežnike v njihovi čudežni lupini proti večerni strani, Savadagak ni vedel in tudi ostali niso. Vedeli so samo eno, da so prestrašeni in izmučeni do skrajnosti in si ne morejo pomagati. Prepuščeni so bili igri hudomušne usode in njenih namenov, v katero so se popolnoma vdali. Bilo jim je vseeno, kaj se z njimi zgodi. Njihove duše so otopenje od smrtnih grozot. Niso več ne vzdihavale ne molile. Zanje je bilo takrat vse nepomembno, prav za prav tudi že končano. Predolgo je trajal smrtni boj in strah.

Bilo je sredi strašne črne noči, ko se je njihova galeja še enkrat naglo dvignila na ogromen val, padla potem silno naglo navzdol in obse dela napol razbita na nečem trdem. Potem so še nekaj časa butali vanjo valovi, a postajali so manjši in redkejši. Ko se je zbudilo mračno jutro, je stala vsa na kopnem. Savadagak, ki se je prvi prebudil iz nezavesti, v katero je bil padel, telesno in duševno popolnoma izčrpan, je začuden opazil, da jih je besneče morje vrglo na manjši otok, obrasel v notranjosti s tropičnim pragozdom.

Dvignil se je in pričel premikati razbolele ude. Zdelo se mu je, ko da bi bil pretepen. Noge so mu v kolenih klecale, v komolcih in zapestjih ga je skelelo, po glavi pa mu je šumelo, ko da bi se v njej bili drugi drugi podivani morski valovi. Le s težavo se je sponnili grozot, ki jih je preživel in svojih dragih, ki so bili z njim na galeji.

"Kje so, kaj se jem je zgodi?" je vzkliknil prestrašno, se ozrl naokoli in opazil poleg postrani nagnjene galeje na obrežnem pesku negibno, skoraj docela golo princovo telo. Z vsemi svojimi silami se je opotekel k njemu, ga stresel in skušal dvigniti.

"Mrtev je," se je prestrašil, položil uho na prinčeva prsa in prisluškal. Srce je bilo, a raho, pojemanje. Pričel ga je dvigati in naposled se mu je res posrečilo spraviti vanj nekaj več življenja, vendar se nezavestni Aftagad še vedno ni prebudil iz omedlevice.

Savadagak ga je prenesel na mah in nizko travo ter odhitel na galejo. Po napoi porušeni lestvi je splezal v podkrovje, kjer je našel v nekem kotu kopico teles: princevo Evalasto, Buramaka, Isto, Upo in dva vojščaka. Ležali so negibno drug poleg drugega ali drug na drugem. Samo eden obeh vojščakov je globoko hrpel in raho vzdihoval. Njega je pribičnik prvega stresel. Vojščak je odpri mrzlične oči in ga izgubljeno pogledal:

"Kaj se je zgodi?" je kriknil Savadagak, a vojščak mu ni odgovoril. Pričočnik ga je zavlekel proč, dvignil Isto in jo odnesel na prost. Predramila se mu je že na rokah, ga najprej začudeno pogledala, nato se pa privila k njemu in zahitela. Z velikim naporom je med intenjem zajecljala:

(Dalje prihodnj.)

Janko N. Rogelj:

## Mati pričoveduje



J. N. Rogelj

Zavezala je rutu pod brado, poravnala ruto nad celom, da ni zadržala vsega na gubanega in bolzni trpečega obrazu. Stopicala je po kuhinji kot otrok, ki je predpar dnevi pričel hoditi. Pred sedmimi leti je tako odhajala v bolnišnico na težko operacijo, nocoj zopet odhajala ter se poslavljala do svojih otrok. Od vseh se nekako lahko poslovili, le od male vnukinje se ne more odtrgati, kakor da sta dvoje src v enem srcu. Nato je vendar odšla za sinom, ki jo je edpeljal v bolnišnico.

Mati Karolina se bliža sedemdesetemu letu. Čudovito močno življenje ima v sebi, a še močnejša je zavest, da mora še živeti, da bo še nekaj let gledala življenje njenih desetih otrok in življenje njenih številnih vnukov in vnukinj. Spomladi ji je umrl najstarejši sin Tone, star osem in štirideset let. Takrat je čutila v vso prekipevajočo materino ljubezni nešnosno bolest tako hudo, da so bile njene misli zamotane in nejasne. Od takrat je pričela vidoma bolhati in pešati, žolčni kamni so jo mučili dan za dan, dokler se ni odločila, da gre na operacijo na večer njenega življenja.

Vsaka mati ljubi svoje otroke, toda mati Karolina kaže to ljubezen do otrok tako izrazito in mehko, da mora izraz te ljubezni začutiti še tako zakrnjeno človeško srce. Za vsako hčer, ki je odšla od hiše, se je bojevalo njeno srce. Vselej je potocila solzo, ko je branila in odgovarjala. Takrat je govorila o življenju, ki je zvezano s potekom zakonskega življenja. Tako je rekla hčeri: "Le poroči se, le vzemi ga, toda to ti povem, samo enkrat boš tepeva po zdravi koži..." Koliko modrosti je bilo v teh besedah!

Srečno je prestala operacijo. Ameriška zdravniška veda dela čudež, če ima bolnik trdno voljo do življenja. Leta ne stejajo, če uporni človeški duh s silo zahrepni po zdravju in obnovljennem življenju. Ta močna sila je bila v nji, ko je zahtevala, da ji skuhamo doma močno govorju juho ter isto prinesemo v bolnišnico. Vsak dan ji je sin nosil juho v bolniško sobo, vsak dan je postal mati bolj krepka in odločna, da se vrne domov, kjer jo čaka še vrsta let v krogu njenih otrok, vnukov in vnukinj.

Kdor dela načrte iz dneva in ta ne misli na konec življenja. Taka je mati Karolina. Za vse skrbi. Govori o njenem možu, očetu Antonu, ki zelo malo hrane zaužije, odkar je odšla ona v bolničko. Pa z resnostjo pripoveduje: "Saj je vedno dosledi jedel, ko sem bila doma. Sedaj pa pravite, da kuha samo suhe češaplje, trikrat na dan. Kaj mu je prav za prav?"

Pogledala je hčere, ki so stale poleg postelje, pogledala je v stop ter dostavila: "Zdravnik je rekel, da grem drugi teden že domov."

S temi besedami je hotela povediti, da bo z njenim prihodom prispel tudi boljši tek za očeta Anton.

Mati je prišla domov. Zopet je veselje v hiši. Malo nadležno se ji zdi, ker mora biti v postelji. Prepočasi se zdravi rana, in kar težko čaka dneva, ko bo popolnoma ozdravela. Ona ne poznava mehkužnosti. To je za veliko gospodo. Koliko pa je ležala, ko je rodila otroke? En dan, k večjem par dni, malo slabotna je bila, pa delo se je moralopraviti. Ni bilo časa, da bi se pomehkužila. Vzgojena je bila tako v samotni dolenjski vasici,

dela je bila vajena, dela, ki ga ni nikoli premalo na kmetih. Pred petdesetimi leti je prišla v Ameriko k bratu, poročila očeta Antonu, ki je bil doma iz sosedne vasi na Dolenjskem. Malo se je zaslužilo takrat, treba je bilo pomagati možu. Dobila sta fante na hrano, kuhalo je, prala, pomivala, čistila, nosila voda in premog, ki ga je na bilala ob železniški progi. Otroci so se rodili: Tone, Lina, Mary, Frances, Rose, Tonca, Vide, Joe, Mila, Bertha in Gertrude. Preveč jih je bilo, da bi bil mir v hiši, kjer so stanovali. Gospod je odpovedal stanovanje, oče Anton in mati Karolina sta kupila hišo za dobrih enajst sto dolarjev. Hiša je bila mala, toda imela je šest sob in kuhinjo.

In kaj je slovenska poroka brez slikanja? To so vedeli že pred petdesetimi leti. Mati Karolina in oče Anton imata še poročno sliko iz tistih davnih časov. Kako ponosno in odločno stoji ženin, velik in močan kot hrast, preko vseh drugih gleda na sliko. Pod nosom se košati močne brke, brada je gosto začršena gori do ušes. Desno roko je spustil, da je omahnila ob telesu, a levo je privzdignil, da se ga je oprijela njegova družica. Ženin ima široko, belo krvato, debelo zlato verižico; v gumbnici črnega telovnika je pripeta bela roža. Takih odločnih in močnih ženinov se vidi zelo malo na poročnih slikah.

Nevesta stoji poleg njega na levi strani, z rožami v laseh nad celom, a preko glave in na obeh straneh njeni obleki pada beli poročni pajčolan. Nevesta nosi bolj svetlo obleko, do vrata zapeto jopico, dolgo in težko kikljo, a za pasom ima večji šopek cvetov. Stoji sigurno, iz obrazu ji sije prava dolenjska domačnost in vedrost. To je njen najsvetjejši dan v življenju.

Na obeh straneh ženina in neveste stoji drug in družica.

Druža nosita visoke pokončene ovratnike z dolgo in široko črno kravato. Levji roki sta ponudila družicama, da se jih oprijemljeta, toda desna roka vsakega druga igra važno vlogo na sliki. Pokazati sta hotela poročne klobuke, "okrogle cilindre," zato jih z vsem ponosom držita pred seboj na prsih, da bodo vendar videli v starem kraju, da sta gospoda v Ameriki. Družici imata bolj temne obleke, križke pod vratom in molitvenike v rokah. Seveda, druga in družici imajo tudi rože na prsih, da izgledajo bolj svatovsko. Drugi, ki stoji poleg neveste, ima v zgornjem žepu črnega telovnika tudi beli žepni robec.

Pred poročno skupino so postavili celo gredo vsakovrstnih rož, da celotna slika izgleda bolj svečano. Fotograf, ki je napravil to sliko pred petdesetimi leti, je bil za tiste čase umetnik prve vrste.

Ob takih spominih živi danes mati Karolina. Na večer življenja, ko se v zarjah njenega dneva oblikujejo slike iz davne preteklosti, se večkrat prisrčno nasmejne, da ji trenutno izgledajo ovele gube na licih, ki so zasekale nekdanji sveži obraz.

Njeni srebrno-beli lasje venčajo od skrbni nagubano čelo ter od dela in bolezni nagubana lica. Za načniki pa svetlika dvoje očes, izraz njene močne volje do življenja. Tam je še vse življenje, trdoživo in neomajano, preizkušeno in sigurno, kakor je bilo v njenih mladostnih dneh.

Iz njenih koščenih prstov kristalizira pridnost in marljivost slovenske matere v tuji zemlji, ki se zoperstavila vsaki največji odpornosti izselniške žene ter premagala vse ovire in boje nepremagljive družice slovenskega delavca v Ameriki. V boju in težavah za svoj, možev in življenja, ko se v zarjah njenega dneva oblikujejo slike iz davne preteklosti, se večkrat prisrčno nasmejne, da ji trenutno izgledajo ovele gube na licih, ki so zasekale nekdanji sveži obraz.

Takrat je pričoveduje njene spomine. Kot dvajsetletno dekle je prišla v to delo. Nekaj mesencev po prihodu se je poročila, kajti takrat ni bilo dosta slovenskih dekle v Clevelandu. Če je prišlo slovensko dekle, imelo je takoj dosta snubcev. Slovenska naselbina je bila še majhna, še to so povečani trolji in fantje. Takrat je imela slovenska naselbina samo enega slovenskega trgovca, in še ta je moral zapreti trgovino, ker je bil predobrega srca. Bile so le tri družine, ki so imela fanete na stanovanju in hrani.

Seveda, najpomenljivejši dan za mater Karolinu je bil v Ameriki, ko je bila poročna. O tem rada pripoveduje. Z očetom Antonom sta se poročila v češki cerkvi na Broadway cesti. Od St. Clair ceste do Broadway ceste je dolga pot. Ženin je načrtil kočijo, da se odpeljejo še pred sedmo uro zjutraj, kajti poroča je bila napovedana po osmi uri. Kočijaža ni bila od nikoder. Ženin je bil vznemirljen, toda zavedal se je svojega važnega položaja. Poklicjal je drugega voznika, ki mu je računal pet dolarjev za prevoz. Potem je bilo ženitovanje. Ženin je naredil v gledal-plesati, da je postala del te velike ameriške zemlje, kateri je dala enajst otrok, da bodo njeni sinovi in hčere nadaljevali njen delo v boljšem razpoloženju in veselju, kot ga je mogla doživeti. Dala jim je vse, kar je bilo mogočega v njenem delu in njeni miselnosti, bila jim je mati z vso svojo srčno krvjo, mehko besedo in s svetlimi očmi. Bila je in je to, kar je mnogo naših slovenskih mater širom slovenskih naselbin v Ameriki, ki bi zaslužile, da se jim postavlja spomenike odkritega priznanja in spoštovanja.

vse skupaj—pet in štirideset doljarjev.

Sedemdesetletna mati Karolina vam pripoveduje to na bolniški postelji iz svojega doživetja in preizkušnje. Zdravje se ji vrača, kmalu bo zopet na nogah, ker ona hoče še živeti, da na večer njenega življenja uživa prisluzene počitnice z očetom Antonom, ki sedi pri kuhinskem oknu ter gleda na sosedov vrt.

## MEDNARODNA TRGOVINA

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

je pa business. Sicer je pa vse to tudi v soglasju z ameriško neutralnostno postavo, ki dovoljuje prodajo kakršnega kolblaga vsaki državi, ki ga more plačati ali odpremiti. To velja tudi z ozirom na države, ki so zapletene v vojno. Tudi Nemčija bi lahko kupovala v Ameriki, če bi mogla blago plačati in poslati svoje ladje ponj.

## ZIMSKO CVETJE

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