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From the Office of Supreme Secretary

PREJEMKI IN IZDATKI MESECA NOVEMBRA 1944.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1944.

Odrasli Oddelek.—Adult Dept.

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BOLNIŠKA PODPORA IZ PLACANA MESECA NOVEMBRA 1944.

SICK BENEFITS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944.

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Posojila na članske certifikate za mesec november 1944

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PRISPEVKI ZA POMOŽNO AKCIJO WRFASSD:

Table with columns: Podruž. št., Name, Amount. Lists contributions for the WRFASSD auxiliary action.

DOBRODELNA PODPORA IZ PLACANA MESECA NOVEMBRA 1944.

WELFARE BENEFITS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944.

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New Era English Section of Nova Doba

Official Organ of the American Fraternal Union

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS



CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

The Christmas season is here again. This year finds country still at war and many of our boys and girls, from home. Many people feel that they can't enjoy Christmas as they should because their loved ones are away. It's true that we would all be much happier and more content if they could share our Christmas with us, in the traditional American way, right here at home. However, we must do the best we can for those servicemen and women carrying on our way of celebrating Christmas. Let's get things back home to go on as they did when they were home.

As one G. I. Joe wrote: "On Christmas morn I shall be thinking of all of you back home. I can just see the Christmas tree in the corner by the window. I can smell the 'potica' baking and hear my little sister's cry of delight when she opens her gifts. Although I won't be with you in person, I shall be with you in spirit. I shall know you are carrying on our way of celebrating Christmas. That's what I want you to do; that's what I'm fighting for."

So let's not let the boys down but let's do things in the same old way and be able to write to him, after the holidays, that Christmas was celebrated as usual and when he gets home things will be just the same as were when he left.

Some of our boys won't be returning, but I feel that they would want it that way. Only they would add: "That's what I died for." So let's carry on and celebrate Christmas the way they would want us to until the day when they shall return and we shall be able to celebrate the merriest and most of all Christmases.

To all AFU members everywhere, to our Supreme Officers and lodge officials, and especially to our service men and women, we wish a very merry Christmas with hope that next year, our families will be all together to make the saying, "Peace on earth; good will to men," become a realization.

Center Ramblers

Center, Pa. — After quite a number of months of absence, we decided to let it be known that we will be around.

Walking into Uncle Sam's office we find that one of our members has become a great hero. He is S/Sgt. Joseph Chiera belongs to the P-47 Fighter Squadron. The commendation reads: Major John L. Hussy, Jr., Cliff, Long Island, squadron commanding officer states:

Commend Sgt. Chiera for outstanding job he did during the early days of the Siapan campaign when, as a member of the squadron's assault detachment, he was among the first to enter the newly-captured Aslito Province. Despite enemy bombing, strafing and both aerial and infiltration raids by Japanese armed forces, he worked day and night, untiringly and uncomplainingly, to pave the way for the arrival of our Thunderbolt Fighters and insure efficient operations during the days of combat to follow.

Sgt. Chiera is an assistant chief on the 7th AAF, P-47 Squadron and has been in the area since March, 1942.

Paul Yearm is now spending a 15-day furlough at his home.

Albert Sobr, son of Mr. Frank Sobr of Chicago, Ill., and brother of our lodge president, Joseph Sobr, is spending several days visiting friends in Center, Pa. Center was at one time his home town. He served several years overseas prior to his return here.

During the past month we also had Edward and Frank Subic return from the Navy, while other Carl who is in England, is promoted to the rating of Lieutenant.

We are proud of all the above-mentioned members and wish them all the best of luck. A speedy recovery is wished for all

New Officers of Lodge No. 1, AFU

Ely, Minn. — Lodge No. 1, AFU held its annual election Dec. 10, 1944 and the following were elected for the 1945 term: Charles Merhar, Sr., president; Joseph Shikonija, Sr., vice-president; Frank Tomsich, Jr., secretary; Frank Kotzian, Sr., treasurer; Joseph J. Peshel, recorder; Joseph Shikonija, Jr., Chairman of trustees, with Joseph Mishmash and Marko Duschich also named trustees. Only a very small number of members were present, however, various questions were discussed by those present, and after the meeting refreshments were served.

The meetings during the coming year will be held the second Sunday of each month in the hall located in the basement of the Yugoslav National Home, at 7 p. m. so every member should come, who can possibly do so, to the next meeting in January, 1945. To date I have not received the calendars for 1945, however, you can obtain them at a later date at my home.

Fraternally yours,

Frank Tomsich, Jr., Sec'y, Lodge No. 1, AFU, Ely, Minn.

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Collinwood Boosters First War Casualty



Cleveland, Ohio. — "It really never hurts so much until it hits home." This phrase has been heard so often and it certainly showed its strength when it struck the Laurich family.

It was a terrific shock when Mrs. Frances Laurich received a telegram stating, "We regret to inform you that your husband, Pfc. Lud Laurich was killed in action." Lud had been overseas for the past ten months. He was a member of the Collinwood Booster Lodge No. 188, AFU since he was old enough to belong. Lud died for his country on a battlefield in France. Our sympathy to all mothers, fathers, wives and relatives who have received such telegrams.

Lud can well be remembered in the field of sports throughout Cleveland, Euclid, Barberton, Struthers and other cities. He was noted for his pitching prowess and bowling ability. In 1939 he pitched our lodge team to a city AFU championship. For three years he was high average bowler for the Collinwood Boosters.

Two weeks ago we read in "News of AFU Yanks" how much he enjoyed reading the articles in the Nova Doba. Pfc. Lud Laurich is survived by his wife, Frances, nee Slossar; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laurich of 15717 Saranac Rd.; three sisters, Mrs. Anna Kovach, recording secretary of Lodge No. 103, AFU; Mary, and Mrs. St. James; brothers, Tony and John and five nieces and nephews.

In closing we hope that Pfc. Lud, a loyal AFU supporter, shall find peace in the foreign country where he is resting; peace for which he fought so the rest of us might enjoy it. We shall ever remember him!

Tony Strazisar, Member, Lodge No. 188, AFU.

Review of Annual Meeting of Lodge 2

Ely, Minn. — At the regular meeting of Lodge No. 2, AFU which was held Dec. 10, 1944, the officers of the lodge were very pleased with the large attendance. It made it better for our lodge president, Joseph Champa, to conduct this meeting at which much business had to be transacted. The lodge bought a twenty-five dollar War Bond and donated five dollars to the Christmas seal drive.

The officers elected for 1945 are as follows: Joseph L. Champa, president. (This makes 20 years for Joe, keep it up! President Roosevelt has nothing on you); Matt Stariha, vice-president; Anton Knapp, secretary; Frank Bachar, treasurer; John Mehle, recording secretary. (Giving competition to Mr. Champa, with a record of 15 years to his credit); Dan Bohince president of the board of trustees; Anton Pirsh and Anton Kozar, trustees; Frank Koschak, sick committee member, and representatives to the Yugoslav National Home are Louis Champa and Frank Bachar. Frank L. Dejak is the athletic advisor and Dr. Jack Grahek is the lodge medical director.

Our regular monthly meetings for the coming year will be held every second Sunday of the month at the J. N. Home at 7 p. m.

A this time I wish to announce that our lodge lost a member, Brother Frank Urbas, Sr., who passed away Dec. 3, 1944. He was 77 years old and a member of Lodge No. 2, AFU for over 30 years. The deceased was the father of our former treasurer, Stanley Urbas, Lodge No. 2, AFU expresses its sincere sympathy to his wife, Ann Urbas, and his family.

The new officers ask the cooperation of every member this coming year and are asking them to attend the lodge meetings. They wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fraternally yours,

Anton Knapp, Sec'y, Lodge No. 2, AFU, Ely, Minn.

BRIEFS

Lodge 101, AFU of Walsenburg, Colo. will hold a social on Dec. 24th at the Pavilion Hall. The net proceeds will be used for the servicemen's homecoming fund. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Office of War Censorship Washington, D. C., does not permit newspapers to carry the complete address of servicemen serving overseas when accompanied by an article as to their whereabouts. Therefore, anyone wishing to write to any of our AFU Yanks should contact the servicemen's families for their addresses.

Grandfather: "When I was your age, my ambition was to have a gig and a girl."
Father: "When I was a boy I wanted a flivver and a flapper."
Son: "Well, Pop, I'll take a plane and a jane."

Remember Pearl Harbor! Buy U. S. War Savings Bonds!

Office of the Supreme Secretary of A. F. U.

\$30.00 AWARD FOR FIVE NEW JUVENILE MEMBERS???
Is it possible? Yes, entirely possible!
The special Christmas juvenile membership campaign drive called by the Supreme Board is nearly at a complete—STANDSTILL.

As of the date of the writing of this article, December 14, there has been so little response to our call that I shall not at all be surprised if the first, second or third award, \$30.00, \$20.00 or \$10.00, is captured by a lodge that shall not have enrolled more than five members into the juvenile department.

What an excellent opportunity for our local lodge secretaries! And not only for them; other individual members, too, are presented with it. Will you let it go by?

Ask yourself if it is really and actually impossible to enroll at least six new juvenile members in your community. Look around and about, to your neighbor, to your neighbor's neighbor, to your fellow-worker in the factory, in the mine, in the mill, in the foundry. Don't be ashamed to approach him. You can't offend him by offering him a proposition that is absolutely on the level; honest, fair and needful. The insurance agent doesn't hesitate to ask him every week, in many instances every day, you ask him at least twice. Suggest to your friend a new type of Christmas present for his youngster this year—a membership certificate in the juvenile branch of the American Fraternal Union. It will cost him only 15 cents a month and will insure the child up to \$450.00 in case of death.

Try your luck. Test your ability. Avail yourself of the opportunity which is present on the occasion of the Christmas holidays. Customarily beginners have better luck than old-timers. Try yours. Start at once!

ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.



In my behalf and in behalf of the Supreme Board of the American Fraternal Union, I wish to express sincere season's greetings to all members of our fraternal organization, combined with the wish for prosperity and good fortune to all in the year of 1945. We hope that a year hence, we shall be able to exchange greetings of this season in peace, health and contentment.

JANKO N. ROGLJ, Supreme President, AFU.

To all Supreme Officers, Supreme Judiciaries and to all members of the American Fraternal Union I wish a merry and contented Christmas holiday and a fortunate New Year.

FRANK TOMSICH, JR., Assistant Supreme Secretary AFU.

May health, prosperity, brotherhood, peace and contentment be enjoyed by all members of the American Fraternal Union, to the fullest extent. These are my season's greetings.

LOUIS CHAMPA, Supreme Treasurer AFU.

Members of the American Fraternal Union! May good health and good fortune abound in your homes in this season and may the New Year bring all of us the hoped for peace and renewed prosperity.

DR. F. J. ARCH, Supreme Medical Examiner AFU.

As we enter the Holiday Season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those whose friendship and confidence mean so much to us. I am thankful to all the Supreme Officers, Delegates attending the recent General Convention, Lodge Officers and adult and juvenile members of the American Fraternal Union for your friendship. May the spirit of Christmas renew our faith and hope, and the New Year bring Victory to our Nation and Peace on Earth.

FRANK E. VRANICAR, 1st Supreme Trustee AFU.

I wish a Merry Christmas holiday and a healthy and fortunate New Year to all delegates of the 17th regular convention and to all members of our American Fraternal Union. May the New Year bring us victory and peace and may all our members who are scattered on all continents and oceans of the world return among us healthy and happy!

MATT ANZELC, 2nd Supreme Trustee AFU.

May Victory, before another year rolls by, reunite us all with those we cherish, who cannot join us this Christmas because their task is not yet finished. Let our gift to them be an unremitting effort to do our share at home—for their gift to us is the ever brightening promise that when another Yuletide comes they will have won the world-wide battle for Peace on Earth.

F. J. KRESS, 4th Supreme Trustee AFU.



