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Freedom and Fraternalism

Freedom and fraternalism, largely synonymous words, play an important part in our American way of life. Freedom implies brotherhood, good will, toleration, and sacrifice. Fraternalism, something imperishable, signifies the unity of persons and nations for a common good. It represents freedom. Friendship, a strong influence in the world, is perpetuated through fraternalism. A true democracy must be built upon fraternalism and upon true friendship among the peoples of a country. To have freedom, we must have fraternalism and friendship.

Dictator nations, realizing the peaceful abode present in nations where fraternal societies exist, fear them; fearing the power involved in fraternal societies, they hate them, hating them they try to destroy them. They threaten freedom and fraternalism with their ideas of absolutism. Being aware of the strength and unity in these societies, dictators try to abolish them. Axis powers filled with greed, intolerance, and envy of the other nations as to lands and goods, aim to crush the fraternalism and freedom existing in the nations.

Fraternal societies, pledged to the flag of this country with a deep and reverential patriotism, a love of the fatherland and what it represents, speak for human privileges, for rights under the constitution and for freedom. They strongly uphold free press, basic rights of common law, the right of freedom in the homes and public places, the right to prosperity, the right of privacy, the right to bear arms, right of assembly, the right of suffrage and representation, the right of trial by jury and many other rights known to the Americans.

The real needs of the American people are fulfilled through Fraternal societies, which have the esteem of the public who have joined in such large numbers. Fraternal societies form naturally and spontaneously. They are not something new. These institutions, of which America can be proud, have been known all through the centuries—they never grow old. Early American fraternal societies were founded in the United States in the first half of the nineteenth century. They have flourished and increased in number and size through the years, until today there are hundreds of these organizations with millions of members. Your American Fraternal Union, dating back to 1898, is one of them.

Great insurance benefit systems have been set up by these Fraternal organizations to assist the ailing and unfortunate, the widowed and bereaved. They operate upon proper insurance lines offering their members the best security and protection available. These organizations encourage a wholesome social life, uplifting recreation, and clean sports. Their activities include contributions for the relief of suffering in national calamities, and local charitable work. During the present war, they are proving themselves truly American institutions by purchasing War Bonds and Stamps.

Despite the trying years through which we have come, our Fraternal societies are sound. This shows that the management was supervised adequately. The funds were invested safely, the official staffs have shown the integrity and ability required for the handling of the great trust committed to them. The executive heads and official associates, constituting the supreme boards, have been chosen through representatives of the people. During the depression, the fraternal societies were not in financial difficulties, they pulled through in spite of the hardships they faced.

Now more than ever before, we should support our Fraternal societies. They are institutions of which America can be proud. We must keep our Fraternal organizations flourishing through years to come. They have an important part to play in the freedom of our nation. Human brotherhood must be kept alive; it must not be dissolved by the hands of the Axis powers who tend to disrupt our ideals of liberty and the freedom in America, not enjoyed anywhere else in the entire universe. Freedom is something that pervades the atmosphere of human beings who are living in a world of true fraternalism. Fraternalism is a cure for war.

Members of the American Fraternal Union, your organization, too, is doing outstanding work for its members. It offers you policies whereby you receive the most benefits possible in case of sickness, accident, or death. Its standards are high; its capable leaders are always ready to give you aid in time of necessity. The organization, having more than 25,000 members in 186 branches throughout these United States, is offering you the best insurance and protection money can buy.

Remember that the American Fraternal Union is a great institution. Its very name, its activities, and its members are truly American. They believe in fraternalism so necessary for freedom. They are doing all in their power to help America emerge victorious from this war. Hundreds of its members are in the armed forces, thousands of dollars have been invested in War Bonds and Stamps, members everywhere are contributing to Relief Funds to help those poor victims of the war. No one can say that the American Fraternal Union is not all American. You should be proud to belong to such an organization; you should also do all in your power to get others interested in joining.

Three Lodges Hold Picnic August 2

Rock Springs, Wyo. — The three AFU lodges of Rock Springs, Wyo., No. 18, 134, and 202, are going to have a picnic Sunday, August 2, at the Green River Picnic grounds.

The committee working on this picnic have planned a full day of entertainment that is sure to please everyone. There will be horse-shoe pitching, races and everything else that goes with a day's outing. There will also be plenty of refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend this picnic.

Fraternally yours,
Fannie Jenko, Sec'y,
Lodge 202, AFU.

Lodge 225 Reports

Milwaukee, Wis. — Much time has passed since I have last written to the Nova Doba. Sickness visited me and I had to spend sixteen days in bed. As soon as I got back on my feet again, I was faced with a lot of my own work and with lodge duties.

Members of Lodge No. 225, AFU, are invited to attend the picnic which Lodge No. 94, AFU, Waukegan, Ill., is holding Sunday, August 2. The picnic will be held in the afternoon at Twin City Park. In the morning, the federation of AFU lodges for Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin will hold a meeting at the Slovenian National Home. Members are also invited to attend the meeting.

Those who do not have automobiles can reach Waukegan by riding one hour down North Shore Line. Trains, which leave every hour, can be gotten in Milwaukee on National Ave. and So. 6th St. As the secretary of the Lodge, I will pin a special tag on each member of our lodge who goes to Waukegan, so that everyone will know how many of us came from Milwaukee to the picnic of our neighboring lodge. I'll be seeing you Sunday, August 2 in Waukegan, Ill.

The next meeting of our lodge, No. 225, AFU, will be held August 19. Members are invited to attend in large numbers. Among other things, we will talk about our lodge affair to take place in the afternoon and evening of November 15, 1942.

Members who owe anything on their assessments are asked to take care of it at once. Some only promise they will pay, then they forget. Members know that we are not allowed to pay them from the lodge treasury, and I cannot pay them either, because I don't have a bank. It is easier for each member to pay his assessments for one month than for two, three, or six months.

If some can pay their assessments on time, why can't you all pay them on time? This is my last warning. If the members concerned will not repay what they owe on their assessments, I will publish their names in the Nova Doba. If some one is suspended at the time of accident, let him not blame the secretary but himself.

Sisterly greetings!
Pauline Vogrich, Sec'y,
Lodge 225, AFU.

Ernie—My uncle can play the piano by ear.

Mike—That's nothing. My uncle fiddles with his whiskers.

BRIEFS

Lodges No. 18, 134, and 202, AFU, in Rock Springs, Wyo., will hold a joint picnic, August 2, at the Green River Picnic Grounds.

On Sunday, August 2, three Slovene lodges: No. 13, AFU, No. 318, SNPJ; and No. 158, KSKJ, will hold a joint dance in the Slovenian Home in Pipe-town, Pa. Proceeds of the dance are for the fund to help the poor people in Europe.

The Slovenian Home in Sharon, Pa., will hold a picnic, Sunday, August 2 at Valentin-cic's Farm.

Visitor to the Nova Doba office last week was Brother Anthony V. Rovanssek of Conemaugh, Pa., in soldier's uniform. He spent his furlough visiting friends in Cleveland and Detroit. Now that Anthony is in uniform there are four boys from this family in the service. Bro. Anthony Rovanssek is stationed at Cumberland, Pa. All the members of the Rovanssek family are members of Lodge No. 36, AFU. Brother Michael Rovanssek was vice president of the Sixteenth Regular Convention of the American Fraternal Union.

Lodge No. 81, AFU, of Aurora, Ill., will hold its annual picnic Sunday, August 2, on Jim Mezan's picnic grounds.

John Prakh, Sr., aged 58, died July 15 in New Derry, Pa. He was the founder and many times an officer of Lodge No. 126, AFU. He leaves a wife, four sons, four daughters and six grandchildren. Two sons are in the service.

Death came to three members of the Mervar family in Cleveland, Ohio, last week. On July 21, Mr. Anton Mervar and his wife were killed when their automobile skidded into a creek in Miltonvale, Kansas. Their son Anthony, aged 31, who was sick for a number of years, was so shocked when he heard the bad news that he died the following day in a hospital in Cleveland. A daughter, Justine, survives. Mr. Mervar is well known in Cleveland and other places for his accordians, and his music store where he sold music and records.

Frank and Frances Kern, members of Lodge No. 116, AFU, in Delmont, Pa., have air

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What You Buy With WAR BONDS

The 50-caliber Browning machine gun is one of the most efficient short range weapons used by U. S. Fighting forces. It is effective at ranges up to 2,000 yards and fires about 600 forty-five caliber bullets per minute.



One of these guns costs about \$1,500, while a thirty-caliber machine gun costs approximately \$600. Our fighting forces need thousands of these rapid-fire guns. Even a small town or community can buy many of them by uniting in the purchase of War Bonds. At least ten percent of your income in War Bonds every pay day will do the trick.

U. S. Treasury Department

Lodge 81 to Hold Picnic August 2

Aurora, Ill. — St. Jerry's Lodge, No. 81, AFU, is to have their annual picnic on Sunday, August 2, 1942 at Jim Mezan's Farm located in Big Woods. The picnic will start at approximately 2:00 o'clock.

Mr. Mezan, a member of our lodge, was kind enough to let us have our annual picnic at his place. All members and their families are invited to attend this picnic.

At our regular meeting last July 9, 1942, the following members were appointed to act as a committee: Joseph Kocjan, Anton Verbic, and yours truly. The committee was given full authority to act as they saw best.

Refreshments will be served during the picnic. There will also be a few games for the kiddies. Fun will be had by all.

Since last year's picnic was a great success, there is no reason why we cannot repeat it again this year. Any member who does not know the location of the picnic grounds please contact one of the members of the committee.

Hoping to see you at the picnic, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Joseph Fayfar, Jr., Sec'y
Lodge 81, AFU.

AFU Day In East Helena a Success

Lodge No. 43, East Helena, Montana sponsored an affair that attracted many guests, celebrating "AFU Day" and the presentation of their new lodge flag, June 21, 1942.

A few other guests from Butte and I attended this affair which was most successful.

The celebration was held in the evening at John Smith's Hall. The master of ceremonies was Louis Smith, secretary of the lodge. The program opened with the entire audience singing "The Star Spangled Banner." There were a number of vocal selections and music.

Rev. Gilmore, of East Helena (formerly of Butte), was also a guest that evening.

At this occasion Brother Frank Russ, Sr., also received a veteran's pin, which I presented to him. He told us how he had joined Lodge No. 1 in 1902, and a few years later came to East Helena, Montana, where he has resided ever since.

Brother Nick Maronich also should have been presented with a veteran's pin that day, but he took ill suddenly that afternoon and was taken to a hospital.

The program ended with the singing of "God Bless America." Supper was then served and dancing followed.

I am very sorry to hear that Brother Nick Maronich passed away last week. He was the oldest member of Lodge No. 43. My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Maronich and family.

Congratulations to Lodge 43 for their work so far in the Juvenile Campaign.

Mary Predovich,
Sixth Vice-Pres.

"Here comes the parade, and your aunt Helen will miss it. Where is she?"

"She's upstairs waving her hair."

"Mercy, can't we afford a flag?"

With Pvt. Little Stan at Camp Callan

By Private Little Stan



Camp Callan, San Diego, Calif. — Entering the third week of basic training with the U. S. Army Forces at Camp Callan, the men are being faced with a more intensified course of instruction with each passing day. But there is plenty of diversion and entertainment as Pvt. Little Stan will tell you in no time flat.

First of all, a lot of you may be interested to know that Pvt. Little Stan has been named C Battery's reporter for the Camp Callan weekly newspaper, "The Range Finder." The name of the paper reflects a great deal on our own and famous Minnesota Iron Range. It's a newsy sheet, and resembles a great deal of the easy-going style of our own fraternal newspapers. This work is in addition to undertaking the regular training with the other men, but it does help Little Stan keep "in the groove," so to speak.

Appointment to this job came just before "inspection" on Friday. All extra equipment, clothing, and other articles must be ducked out so that your lockers contain only "G-I"—or government issue material. Everything must be spick and span. If it isn't, you might get "gigged." This term is used in place of penalty. If you're "gigged," you might lose several privileges in addition to getting KP, or kitchen police. This proves especially tough should one want a week end or overnight pass to visit San Diego or La Jola — pronounced "La Hoya."

Well, anyway, Sgt. Bohn of our 3rd platoon was asked where Pvt. Little Stan should put his typewriter during inspection. The sergeant's eyes opened up interestedly — and before several hours had passed, Pvt. Little Stan had both the reporter's job and a home for his typewriter during inspection!

Inspection in the army is one thing that isn't looked forward to by the men. It means rifles have to be absolutely, spotlessly clean. It means the men stay in Friday night and clean until their fingers manipulate every little speck of dust out of every nook and corner in the building. Saturday morning at 8:30-11:30 in Cleveland — the officers tour the barracks, or sleeping quarters, and if things aren't clean, or not in the right

place — the "gigging" begins. There's a big sigh of relief when it's all over!

By the way the men of the 3rd platoon in Battery C of the 56th Battalion took high honors in this clean-up, and played a big part in copping high honors in three parades during the week. With Privates Parkhurst and Stark doing the carpentry contracting; Corporals Shepherd, Raines and Lund assisting the dynamic Sergeant Bohn, and all the men pitching in, it's no wonder that the platoon is establishing a high rank in this battalion. Even the mess hall personnel has taken first in inspection during the last three weeks. So you see, Battery C is really something at that!

In the 3rd Platoon where Pvt. Little Stan also has his living quarters, several outstanding characters have been revealed. One of these is Pvt. Bill Partlow, a grizzled veteran of World War I, who saw five battles, and after the war served with the U. S. Forest Service for seven years. He is a Marion, O., gentleman, and the men have already nicknamed him "Pop." The other day Sgt. Thorpe was conducting a class of instruction on the 50-calibre machine gun. The men circled him, and one of them carelessly flipped away a cigarette butt. "Pop" wears pants that are much too long for him. He rolls them up at the cuffs to balance things out. It so happened that this butt dropped square into those enlarged cuffs.

In no time at all, everyone smelled burning cloth. They sniffed about and Pop discovered he was the victim. Irate, he sought out the careless culprit with no success. It seemed like Pop was going to initiate another war on the instruction grounds.

Another quiet character is Pvt. Marshall of Honolulu, Hawaii. He was at Midway Island operating a barber concession for a contracting firm when the Japs attacked, and was among the large number of civilians who made their way back to Hawaii and this country when the war broke out. He declared he really had a look at the action. He returned to San Francisco with his wife. His draft board transferred him, and upon seeing he was to be drafted he volunteered. Scores of other characters thrive in the Army and you'll be hearing

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Cash Awards to be Given for 1942 AFU Juvenile Campaign

OPENED JAN. 1st, 1942 — CLOSES DEC. 31st, 1942

Due to probable war restrictions, a Juvenile Convention will not be held this year. Instead, the Supreme Board mapped out a campaign for Juvenile members which officially started Jan. 1st, 1942, and will conclude Dec. 31st, 1942. CASH AWARDS WILL BE PAID TO ALL THOSE SOLICITING NEW JUVENILE MEMBERS:

Note: — Cash awards for new Juvenile members are the same as previously allowed. Only change made, effective only during the 1942 Juvenile Campaign is that the Supreme Board has allowed 50-cents additional for every new juvenile enrolled during this time. Under the present campaign schedule the prizes are as follows:

For those new juvenile members insured in
Plan JA, the award will be \$1.00;
Plan JB, the award will be \$2.50;
Plans JC for \$500, the award will be \$2.50;
Plans JD for \$250, the award will be \$1.50;
Plan JE for \$500, the award will be \$2.50;
Plan JF for \$1,000, the award will be \$3.50.

GRAND AWARDS IN ADDITION WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LODGES HAVING THE LARGEST ENROLLMENT OF NEW JUVENILE MEMBERS DURING THE ENTIRE YEAR 1942. First prize is \$100; Second, \$75.00; Third, \$50.00; Fourth, \$25.00; and Fifth, \$10.00.

All awards will be paid immediately upon conclusion of the campaign, Dec. 31st, 1942.

Here's your chance to earn extra money this year! Join the AFU Juvenile Campaign Drive today!

Ured glavnega tajnika A. B. Z. ... from the Office of Supreme Secretary

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PREMEMBE V ČLANSTVU MESECA JUNIJA 1942

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 1942. Lists new members, withdrawn members, and reinstated members for June 1942.

PREMEMBE V ČLANSTVU MESECA JUNIJA 1942

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 1942. Continuation of the list of membership changes for June 1942.

