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Current Thought

GIVE THEM ALL A BREAK

It seems to be the aim of administrative officers to promote such lodge activities as will embrace the largest number of member-participants. They feel, and rightfully so, that once they create interest among a sufficient number, the rest will follow, if not as players on a team then as enthusiastic followers of the lodge's teams.

A broad-minded president always will strive to encourage comments from all those in attendance at the lodge meetings. The writer cannot think of another situation as boring as that enacted by would-be speakers, say two or three, who monopolize the floor during the entire evening. The sum and substance of such a situation is listlessness by the remaining members whose patience is taxed to the limit, and small wonder that they look forward to an early adjournment.

Sports in our SSCU lodges have been given singular encouragement. The proponents behind the athletic movement concluded that the English-speaking members would be in a better position to carry out their ideas in connection with the lodge if they were extended some financial assistance. Hence, since the inception of the sports fund we have had strong contending teams in basketball, bowling, baseball, etc.

Yet, in spite of the grants extended to our lodges from the sports fund, the ambitious plan and a happy goal never quite materialized. Something was lacking. From experience it has been noted that only a certain number of members could participate in athletic events, and in some lodges, the same members played year after year. While the players unquestionably played the game for the further advancement of the lodge, the fact remained that too many healthy and otherwise willing members were left out of the picture.

And worse! In some instances, fortunately not very many, athletes joined a lodge with only the express purpose of playing on the team. And after the local unit had incurred considerable expense in outfitting the team, the new member-players were not even interested enough to attend the lodge meetings. So, of course, the finger of scorn pointed to the evils. Some of our seniors could not be blamed for expressing their sentiments to the effect that the English-speaking element is interested only in spending the money, and not in the fraternal principle underlying the SSCU.

Therefore, from lessons learned only through experience, our lodges gradually began to arrange athletic programs where an unlimited number of members may participate.

Bowling as a sport permits any number of members to play the game, provided there are sufficient alleys available in the settlement. Our national SSCU tournaments, both tenpin and duckpin, accommodate all members who care to compete.

To the writer's knowledge, St. Rochus lodge, No. 94 SSCU, of Waukegan, Ill., is the first branch to follow a tournament of its own. Held on Sunday, March 7, over fifty members knocked the maples for a new St. Rochus high in sport activities.

Here then is an idea to be incorporated in the promotion of SSCU lodge activities. When over fifty members take a working interest in an idea—it must be good.

Pathfinders, No. 222, SSCU of Gowanda, N. Y., in conjunction with their senior branch, St. Joseph, No. 89, SSCU, hold a SSCU field day once a year, and arrange events in which juveniles and seniors can participate. There are other instances of this kind where a lodge provides a program of entertainment to include practically every member of the local unit.

Such programs are bound to bring the much looked for results in arousing members' interest and inciting them to become lodge conscious.

With the Pathfinders

Lodge No. 5

Gowanda, N. Y. — I'm sure that we will have lots of luck finding a new athletic supervisor. I have heard of a few prospects. One of the news reporters said to wait and write it up in one "athletic supervisor" article. Watch for next week's issue and meet our new athletic supervisor.

What would I do without my news reporters. Another dropped in yesterday and told me that the bowling teams were journeying to Cleveland the 25th of this month. I've sent an order in for good weather for the trip, and then all I want is to see Pathfinders on top. It's much easier to write an article than to bowl championship games. But it's good luck and may the best team win. It usually does.

Doris E. Sternisha

Soudan, Minn. — Members of St. Barbara lodge, No. 5, SSCU are hereby notified of the following change in date of our next regular monthly meeting. Inasmuch as this month's regular assembly falls on Easter Sunday, March 28, the officers have seen fit to move the date to Good Friday, or two days earlier, at 11:00 a. m.

A large attendance is anticipated. The English-speaking members no longer need complain that they do not understand the proceedings of each meeting, inasmuch as the minutes and discussions are held in the English language.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend Easter Greetings to you all.

M. L. Stepan, Sec'y

Strikes?

Cleveland, O. — Once again strikes are to make the headlines. Not sit-down strikes by automobile workers, or strikes heaved across a baseball diamond by the school boy wonder of the Cleveland Indians, Bob Feller, but strikes to be rolled in bowling alleys in Pittsburgh on April 11 for the crown of duckpin champs of our SSCU, and two weeks later again here in Cleveland on April 25 for the ten-pin honors.

To all members of George Washington lodge, No. 180, SSCU who are interested in taking a part in either tournament, notice is given that they should attend the March meeting of the lodge, to be held next Tuesday, March 23. Entry blanks will be filled out at that time. Those who cannot attend the meeting and wish to bowl in either tournament should see me at my home at 1117 E. 64th St., any evening before the meeting or at Dan's bowling alleys, 118th and Superior, Sunday afternoon.

The prize lists and entry fees for both tournaments are listed in other columns of this page.

Attention keglars of the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League: An entry of at least two teams, men's and women's, in the national SSCU duckpin tournament April 11, in Pittsburgh, would reflect sportsmanship and fraternal spirit on the part of the local league and Cleveland SSCU members. Let's make plans to enter the duckpin tournament.

Frank Drobnic

Athl. Supvr., No. 180, SSCU

Wauke-Waugans

Waukegan, Ill. — Ho-hum. Will it never end. The Wauke-Waugans lost another bowling match series, 2496 to 2404. It's getting to be a habit. No so good, when one thinks of the SSCU national tournament only a few weeks away; this is, April 25th.

Christine Kobal is to be married on April 10th. This is the same night on which we shall hold a benefit program. Too bad that these dates coincide. Perhaps we can persuade her to change her wedding plans?

The next meeting will be held on March 21st. Let's have a 100 per cent attendance. There will be plenty of interesting items up for discussion. Be present.

WAUKEE-WAUGANS

Mollie	170	169	148
Podobnic	198	139	165
Belec	152	159	160
Rode	164	152	170
Zupac	168	155	135
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ST. JOES

Opeka	142	210	171
S. Drassler	145	179	150
G. Drassler	127	118	159
H. Drassler	223	150	201
T. Krizey	167	188	166

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Frank Belec
No. 193, SSCU.

Visitor—Is your daughter happily married, Saphira?

Saphira—Yassum; she's got a husband that's skinned to death of her.

Barber Snipp—Haven't I shaved you before, sir?

Customer Snapp—Sorry, but you are mistaken. I got that scar in the great war.

BRIEFS

Roster of all SSCU lodges is published in this issue. Included are the names of each president, secretary, treasurer and medical examiners together with their addresses. Also, the time and place of the regular monthly meetings. Members and particularly the secretaries, are requested to retain this issue of Nova Doba in their files as a source for future reference. The roster is published only four times each year.

Regular monthly meeting of the Cleveland George Washington lodge, No. 180, SSCU will be held Tuesday, March 23, in Room No. 2 of the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave. Plans to enter lodge teams in the national SSCU tenpin tournament will be outlined at this meeting along with other lodge business. Meeting will open promptly at 8:00 p. m. in order to permit sufficient time in which to transact all the necessary business.

Ellwood H. Fisher, vice-president of Fisher Brothers Company, will serve as chairman of the 1937 Cleveland Community Fund campaign. This announcement was made at a reunion of the 1936 Community Fund campaign committee.

Officers and athletic supervisors of the three Cleveland English-conducted lodges will meet Thursday, March 18, in the Director's room of the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave. John P. Lunka, fourth supreme vice-president, is calling the meeting together to work out details for the banquet which is tentatively scheduled for April 25th, the day of the national SSCU bowling tournament. Meeting will start promptly at 7:30 p. m.

Better late than never for this news item. Joseph Grahek of Ely, Minn., won the state high school boys' fancy diving title for the second consecutive year when he was awarded the championship in the state meet held at Virginia, Minn., on February 27th. In this state meet Grahek successfully defended the title honors which he won at Minneapolis last year by scoring a

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Bowling Tournament

East Palestine, O.—The National SSCU Tenpin Tournament is to be held in Cleveland in the latter part of April. This event is of immense advertising value to the organization. It is such an affair that brings an institution to the notice of the public. By means of a program such as this the story of fraternalism becomes more widespread. Interest from within the organization infects those on the outside. Thus a lodge affair becomes a topic in general conversation among non-members. And any organization, to move forward, must catch the eye and ear of the outside public. May the SSCU continue to sponsor programs of the type of the bowling tournament.

Joseph J. Golice,
No. 41, SSCU

Pathfinders News

Gowanda, N. Y. — Now that all the excitement is over, we can call our souls our own again. That certainly was a hectic week-end. The Cleveland bunch was very sociable, and it didn't take much effort to entertain them. They simply took their cue graciously and joined in the merry making. We enjoyed their company and here's hoping we meet again.

The Saturday party was a wow. And so much noise you couldn't hear yourself think. Who made all the noise? An accordion, for one. But it certainly was sweet music, especially "Moonlight and Shadows." The gang couldn't keep quiet for even a minute, what with an exchange of gossip, introductions and community singing. Refreshments were plentiful. The bar was fairly swamped at all times, while the refreshment table was stripped of its goodies in short order. How everybody tore themselves away was more than I can imagine. But sleeping accommodations were not to be taken too lightly, although several stayed up all night serenading the moon (or should I say, the girls).

Sunday was a repetition of Saturday night's confusion. Dinner at 12 with a charming bevy of girls as cooks, and very efficient at that, thank you. Mary Zuzek seemed to be the head cook, ordering her helpers around so that everything moved along in fine shape.

And do you remember that dream of a coconut sponge cake that adorned the table? It certainly was in great demand. Mrs. Anthony Sternisha baked the delicious cake. If Olga receives dozens of proposals as a result of her baking prowess, she should consider it as a small tribute to a mighty baker. Strange to see so many girls turning out such grand meals. (There was only one married woman present.) That's proof to the young men who contend that women are so frivolous and useless. Women haven't changed as far as home instincts are concerned.

Then followed a display of excellent bowling. Amid all the din you could hear cheers and encouragements to individual bowlers. Hurray for Gowanda. Even if we did lose, it was a good loss.

After bowling everybody everybody made a pilgrimage to the hall again. More music and song. Finally it was time to leave, although everyone was reluctant about it.

Jenny Anderson,
President, No. 222, SSCU

Duckpin SSCU lodge teams! be sure and get your entry blanks, properly filled out, together with fees forwarded at once to L. P. Boberg, chairman, 5421 Carnegie Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Deadline is April 1.

Joe—Dearest, I want you to marry me.

Dots—But have you seen father?

Joe—Many times, but I love you just the same.

Tessie—There is no truth in men; they're like musical instruments which sound a variety of tunes.

Helen—In other words, you mean you believe all men are lyres.

Almost Ready

By Little Stan

Ely, Minn. — With plans for the big campaign drive for new members almost complete, Little Stan pauses for a moment to make ready for the big article in which the word "GO" will be flashed throughout the 22 states of the Union, and the big campaign drive which will culminate in the Second Biennial Juvenile Convention will be underway. The history making announcement will appear in the Nova Doba, and as soon as you read it—get ready to begin.

Embodied in the plans for the drive will be contest rules and other information which will enable you to start immediately. Besides that you will find MYSTERY, humorous adventure, and excitement. Be prepared and watch for the announcement which will make you tingle.

Now

It is a beautiful day, sun shining, birds twittering, and snow melting. Palm Sunday is just around the corner, with Easter due the following week. Remember last year? Little Stan was sitting near his window watching the colorful Easter parade of style and beauty. But we'll wait for that, and Little Stan will tell you about the annual fashion show.

Meantime, Little Stan was so busy that he was unable to meet the deadline for the juvenile page, and as a result failed to give you other information about the new game, "Writing with Little Stan,"—but you will be able to get all the information in the coming issues of the Nova Doba. Time is short, and Little Stan must prepare for the big ANNOUNCEMENT! WATCH FOR IT!

Stan Pechaver

No. 2, SSCU

P. S.—Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vranichar!—From all Minnesota SSCU'ers! Two new juvenile members are assured! Heh! Heh!

Seventeen Members Share Cash

Prizes in St. Rochus Tournament

Consolation Prize Source of Much Mirth

Waukegan, Ill. — Members of St. Rochus lodge, No. 94, SSCU held their much publicized lodge bowling tournament on March 7th. All caution was thrown to the winds by the majority of bowlers in an effort to gain the coveted first prize and bowling supremacy of the lodge.

Our hats off to Mrs. M. Stanonik who bowled the most pins over for the ladies and Mr. John Treven Jr. for the men. The ladies' champion collected a 479 series while the male lead garnered 579.

Next in order for the ladies were Mrs. A. Ilc, second prize, and Mrs. M. Gosar, third prize. Mrs. U. Tercek with a 168 game captured the high event for outside winner for the fair sex. The rest of the ladies garnered nice scores, but unfortunately not quite high enough to be included in the winning column. All in all the ladies seemed to enjoy the tournament very much and certainly cooperated to make the event a success. I hope St. Rochus lodge will see its way clear to sponsor many more such events.

Now, for our crack male bowlers. Next in order were V. Divjak, (muscle man) with a 568 series and second prize; J. Namnich took third prize with 550 sticks. He greeted the spectators with a big smile from ear to ear every time he connected for a strike. Following him was Paul Bartel, supreme president of SSCU, who knocked the maples for 544 in the three-game series. And he told us that he didn't bowl for the last 18 or 28 years, we forget which it was. A. Nagode won first prize for high game outside winner. This fellow started with a 227 game, but for some reason the ball would not behave in the next two games, for it either crossed over too far or hit the pins in the nose. And how they did get hit. J. Tercek with 207 came second in the outside winner event. This looks like Mr. and Mrs. talked things over at home for high game prizes, as Mrs. won the ladies' high game while

the Mr. secured the men's second high game.

As announced before the tournament, prizes were awarded to those placing tenth, fifteenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth and thirtieth also. The following were awarded prizes respectively: J. Petrovic and F. Zorc tied with 527 each; F. Rode was next with 507, followed by F. Belec with 496, J. Treven Sr. (father of our champion) with 472 and F. Bartel with 434.

Just to make things interesting we included also a booby or last man's prize, which was in the form of a great big sausage (mesena klobasa) about twenty inches long, packed in a nice box two times the size of the sausage. No one knew the nature of the last prize until it was disclosed at the meeting. And what a fight there was to gain the coveted last prize between A. Kobal, our lodge president, M. Jereb, our recording secretary and L. Tercek, our door marshal. They certainly enacted many humorous stunts which kept the crowd in continuous hilarity. As one person remarked: "If I don't go out for a while, I will split my sides from laughing."

St. Rochus lodge takes the cake for its quota of fun makers. Space does not permit to include the many comics enacted at the assembly.

It is my sincere hope that in the future we have many more similar get-togethers for lodge members. Any idea or suggestion which will help to keep our members active, and help our lodge and Union, is welcome.

Martin Zupac Jr.
Athletic Supervisor
No. 94, SSCU

April 11 is the deadline for entries in the national SSCU tenpin bowling tournament which will be held April 25th at Cleveland. Athletic supervisors are requested to line up their teams at once and forward the filled out blanks and entries to Louis M. Kolar, 6233 St. Clair Ave.

