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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY OF THE SSCU

WHAT A SECRETARY OF A LOCAL LODGE SHOULD KNOW
 The Secretary of 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 187 subordinate lodges, and approximately 23 thousand members in both branches.
 That the assets of our Union aggregate two and one-half million dollars, that it has paid over five million dollars in various benefits, and that it is actually 124 1/2% 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 to 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 15.
 That in the adult branch our Union issues three different kinds of certificates, namely: A Whole Life Certificate which is known as certificate of Plan D, and on which assessments are payable during the lifetime of the member; 20-Payment Life Certificates which are known as certificates of Plan E, and on which the assessments are payable for 20 years, whereupon the certificate is paid in full and the proceeds thereof payable upon the 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 entire face value of the certificate in cash. (It is understood that if a member insured in Plan F should die before the maturity of his certificate, his beneficiaries would receive the full face value of his policy.)
 That in the juvenile branch the Union issues three different certificates, namely: a certificate with a maximum insurance of \$450.00 which is known as a certificate of Plan JA, and on which the monthly assessment is 15 cents; this certificate expires at age 18 with the member having the privilege to transfer to the adult branch at age 16; a certificate with a maximum insurance of \$1000 which is known as a certificate of Plan JB, and on which the assessment is \$1.00 per month; this certificate expires at age 18 and gives the member the option of transferring to the adult department at age 16; a certificate with the maximum insurance of \$1000 and \$500 which is known as a certificate of Plan JC, and on which the assessments are payable for 20 years, whereupon the policy is paid in full and the proceeds thereof payable on the member's death. For \$1000 insurance, the monthly assessment is \$1.60 and for \$500, the monthly assessment is \$.85. (More detailed information concerning these certificates may be found in the by-laws of the juvenile department.)
 That the certificates of Plans D, E and F of the adult department contain approximately the same non-forfeiture values as certificates of Plans AA, B and C, for which the non-forfeiture values may be found in the "Table of assessments for non-forfeiture values of certificates" which the supreme secretary issued in 1934. (If the local secretaries do not have these tables on hand, they should write to the home office immediately and we shall be pleased to forward a supply.)
 That we have discontinued the issuance of certificates of Plan A effective January 1, 1939.
 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 certificates.
 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 must be made on Form 1 and applications for membership in the juvenile branch on Form 2.
 That all applicants for membership in the adult branch are required to submit to a medical examination, exempt from this requirement are only those members of the juvenile department who, when transferring to the adult branch, insure for \$500 or less.
 That a medical examination is also required of those members who desire to increase their death benefit insurance, that in all such cases Form 1 is to be used.
 That a medical examination of applicants in the juvenile department is required only in the states of New York, Ohio and Idaho; in all other states, such a medical examination is not required.
 That all applications for membership in the adult branch must be signed by the applicants themselves.
 That applications for membership in the juvenile branch must be signed by the father, mother, or the person upon whom the child is dependent for support.
 That the maximum amount the Union allows for medical examination for applicants for membership in the adult branch is \$2.00 and for applicants for membership in the juvenile branch, \$1.50.
 That medical examination fees are paid after at least one assessment 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 three assessments have been received by the supreme treasurer.
 That the Union will not pay the medical examination fees unless the local secretary forwards to the home office Form 6 for adult members and Form 7 for juvenile members.
 That the Union allows the local secretary the sum of \$1.00 for each member who converts his certificate of Plan A into a

Lodge 84

TRINIDAD, Colo.—A nice attendance greeted the annual meeting of lodge "St. Andreja", No. 84, SSCU, an indication that our membership takes an interest in its lodge and the Union. The following officers were elected for the year 1939: Matt Karcich, president; Henry Valencic, vice president; Jacob Prunk secretary; Frank Tomazin, treasurer; Louise Pavlovic, recording secretary; Charles Sole, Jacob Tomsich and Elmer Tatar, trustees. Dr. Freudenthal, lodge examiner.

The undersigned takes this means to thank the members for re-electing him to office, and also promises that for the future he shall continue to work to the best of his ability for the benefit and progress of our lodge. Other members of the board too will work towards this goal. A number of new members were sworn in at the annual meeting—a pleasure to president Karcic who swore them in, and also to the entire lodge will continue to add new enrollments, there need be no fear for the future. Entertainment followed the meeting.

At the next meeting, which will be the first during the new year, will be held Sunday, January 8, and let us hope that the members will turn out in full numbers. Lodge officers for the year 1939 will be installed, and the trustees will submit their report on the lodges' finances. Other important matters also are on the order of business.

Jacob Prunk, Sec'y

Coll. Boosters

Cleveland, O. — The annual meeting of Collinwood Boosters, No. 188, SSCU was well attended. The following officers for 1939 were elected: Joe Struna, president; Mrs. Frances Zagar, vice president; Anton Laurich, Jr., 15702 Saranac Rd., secretary and treasurer; Miss Mary Laurich, recording secretary; Miss Alice Struna, Mrs. Mary Lavrich and Mrs. Alice Laurich, trustees. Dr. L. J. Perme, lodge physician.

Joe Struna was also elected athletic supervisor as well as representative to the Ohio SSCU Federation. Rudolph Agnich, organizer and sergeant-at-arms. Meetings are to be held every third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the home of our recording secretary, Miss Mary Laurich, 15717 Saranac Rd. Assessments for December will be collected by Alice Struna, at her home, 14719 Saranac Rd.

Assessments for January will be collected at the home of the new secretary, and at the meeting on January 16th. To all members of the SSCU: A very happy and prosperous new year.

Alice Struna

BRIEFS

In Joliet, Ill. the tri-state SSCU federation of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana will hold its meeting on Sunday, Jan. 8, in Slovenia Hall, starting at 10 a. m. In the afternoon, at 2 p. m., a program of entertainment will begin, including a play, singing and other features.

Better late than never! Santa Claus will make his visit in Strabane, Pa., on Sunday, January 8, to give gifts to the juvenile members of lodge 149, SSCU. A play, dramatized by the children, will be presented before Santa Claus' appearance. The entire program will be held in lodge hall of "Postonjskajama", commencing upon adjournment of lodge 149 regular meeting scheduled for the same day.

Cardinals lodge, No. 229, SSCU of Struthers, O., will sponsor a dance on Saturday, January 14, in the Croatian hall on Lowellville Rd., with music to be furnished by Joe Umack and his Rhythm Kings.

Center Ramblers lodge, No. 221, SSCU of Center, Pa., will hold its eighth anniversary dance on Saturday, January 28, in Schmidt's Hall. Jim Sebula and his orchestra will provide music for the occasion.

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Lodge 182

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Another year has gone into history, and again time to make New Year's resolutions. Perhaps before this gets into print some of us shall have started to break the one already made. At our last lodge meeting, with the help of our members of course, I resolved to write at least once, and try to have something printed in the Nova Doba, whether anybody reads it or not.

Also, at the last meeting, the following board was elected: Magdalena Widina, president; Mary Svetac, vice president; Mary L. Bodack, 4920 Hatfield St., secretary and treasurer. Barbara Bubash, Mary Gorup and Mary Veselich, trustees. Mary Hotujac, sick visiting committee. Dr. Fabian, lodge examiner. Meetings will be held as usual the second Wednesday of the month at the home of the secretary, situated at 4920 Hatfield St., starting at 7:30 or 8 p.m.

It was with deep regret that we accepted the resignation of our former secretary Kate Canjar, who so ably and efficiently performed her duties. Circumstances beyond her control forced her to resign.

Mary L. Bodack, Sec'y and Treas.

Office of the Supreme Secretary of SSCU

MERGER OF LODGES NOS. 70 AND 104, CHICAGO, ILL.

Official notice has been received by the Home Office of the merger of lodges Nos. 70 and 104, Chicago, Ill. The consolidation has been carried out in accordance with Section 448 and 449 of the By-laws. The new lodge will be known as lodge "Jugoslanski zvon" No. 70.

The merger of the aforesaid lodges has been approved by the Home Office effective January 1, 1939. The secretary of the lodge is Bro. Andrew Bavelz, 3144 South Ridgeway Ave., Chicago, Ill., to whom all members of the consolidated lodges are referred for payment of their assessments and to the transaction of any other business.

ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.

After Forty-One Years

East Palestine, O. — A few days ago the SSCU completed forty-one years of service. More than four decades of continued success. Such is the story of the organization, in brief, until the present time. The reason for the outstanding success of this fraternal is that the policy of the fraternal has justified itself in every respect. Men and women have kept faith in it through the darkest of moments, and in return have reaped a golden harvest.

The SSCU is no longer a minor institution but one that has spread its fame far and wide to all parts of the nation. No fraternal organization in America can offer more in return for a similar investment. And none is more secure. Ever expanding, the SSCU is always alert to increase its membership. The year 1939 will see a huge membership drive come to a successful close.

Joe Golitic

Lodge No. 41, SSCU

My Trip Across

By Vida Kumsee, No. 6, SSCU, Lorain, O.

Then for a most wonderful and beautiful drive along the Amalfi Drive to Sorrento. This drive took us high into and around the mountains with the Bay of Naples at our left, and beautiful views of orange and lemon trees growing on the hillside. The streets were narrow and at every curve the driver blew the horn so with all the curves, blowing of horns and a guide who fell asleep on me, we finally reached Cappuccini where an elevator took us to a restaurant for a meal consisting of a delicious omelet for an appetizer followed by sliced pork, potatoes and a vegetable and fruit for dessert (in Europe, you learn to eat any kind of fruit with a fork and knife). Here I made the acquaintance of honeymooners from Bruges, Belgium who spoke only French. We had a nice talk before we continued to Sorrento. I guess the curves got the best of me so I went straight to bed and awakened at 8 o'clock. It was dark and the streets were very, very narrow. I walked to town, looked around a little and returned. I had no desire to give anyone a chance to kidnap me.

The hotel was located on a hill facing the Bay, with Naples in the foreground, Mt. Vesuvius on the right and Capri on the left. I stood there fully 30 minutes looking at the extreme beauty of all this, in the moonlight. You can't imagine or describe it—my suggestion—visit Sorrento.

The people of the town entertained us with Italian dances in costume and songs all very well done. When the basket was passed, we thought (I didn't know my friends were also in the same hotel until now) that it meant any amount but we soon learned the admission was a flat 5 lire (25c) and no less.

That night I pulled the strings of the netting around my bed and slept free from mosquitoes under my tent.

Tourist—Is it far to the next town?

Native—Well, it seems further than it is, but you'll find it ain't.

From the Supreme Office of SSCU

NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF SSCU

Notice is hereby given that the semi-annual audit of the books and accounts of the supreme secretary, the supreme treasurer and manager of the official organ "Nova Doba" will commence January 24, 1939, at 9:00 A. M. in the Home Office of the association, Ely, Minnesota. There shall be present at the audit the supreme president, supreme secretary, supreme treasurer and members of the board of trustees.

The annual meeting of the supreme board shall commence in the Home Office January 30, 1939, at 9:00 A. M. In addition to the foregoing officers the annual meeting of the supreme board shall also be attended by the second supreme vice-president, supreme medical examiner and editor-manager of the official organ.

Lodges or individual persons desiring to submit any business before the supreme board must submit the same to the supreme secretary of SSCU not later than January 25, 1939.

FOR THE SUPREME BOARD OF SSCU:

PAUL BARTEL, Supreme President
ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.

Biggest SSCU Campaign Drive in History Gains Momentum as New Year Is Inaugurated!

Interest High. Join the 1939 Parade of the SSCU!

By Little Stan



Ely, Minn.—Temperatures fell to new sub-zero marks in this happy-go-lucky city, but the citizens were warm—rather briskly warm—as they prepared to chase an old cobwebby year out, and welcome in the new with such zeal and fire that could ever brew.

Prospects for 1939 looked promising—and the year held many hopes. Another curve has been rounded; another niche carved into the generations of humanity. It's just like throwing away the old pair of shoes and putting new ones on. Feels good.

The Yuletide holidays had their effect upon your correspondent with the result that he missed his weekly article in the paper. But notwithstanding, he buckled right down this week to write this yarn before the old year gave way, and the Stork ushered in the new.

But here we are again. In a few hours, thousands of people throughout the nation will throw their cares to the winds. They will revel in excitement, jostle each other amidst the colorful background of society going berserk to dance, yell, caper about—in one grand hilarious evening. Next morning, big head or not—those cobwebs which swept them into the doldrums will be gone, and sleeves will be rolled up, and work carried on with the same freshness and zeal that the New Year brings.

Just visited with our Supreme Secretary, Bro. Anton Zbasnik, and the news regarding the third biennial juvenile convention and second athletic conference is thrilling to hear and see. The big drive which commences with the coming of 1939 is rapidly gaining momentum, and by the time Jan. 31st rolls around the slate of candidates promises to be larger than the record-breaking drive in 1937, when over 86 young juvenile delegates enrolled over 3,000 new members in three months, and afterwards reveled in the sunny Arrowhead country for the second juvenile convention.

Throughout the country the interest is high. The campaign, definitely is riding on the road to success—to another astounding SSCU record—the organiza-

tion which sets new records, only to surpass them in the years to come. SSCU'ers are putting their shoulders to the wheel, and the momentum is carrying on!

Scanning the list of candidates in the Home Office, Little Stan found it very interesting. It goes to show that this heart of the Arrowhead is one grand place—so grand in fact that people just want to come here to spend their vacations.

Let's first of all take the juveniles who have officially announced their candidacy for the great campaign. First of all from that grand old Pioneer city, Denver, Colorado, where Lodge No. 21, in district 25, has entered four. Striking the eye immediately is our own Sister Helen Okoren, who was a delegate in 1937. She's trying again, which reminds your Little Stanley that she had promised she would again work for another fine trip and series of convention sessions as she had enjoyed in 1937. Then there is William Mausar of the same lodge; his sister was a delegate in 1937; Joseph Brezinski; and Louis Shray of the same lodge and entered in the same district. The latter three are trying for the trip for the first time, and from the looks of things, Colorado is going to be right in there to cop the lead.

In the 11th district which includes lodges from Lorain, Euclid, Fairport Harbor, East Palestine, Blaine, Ohio; and Sharon, Pa., we find that Lodge No. 132 of Euclid has started the ball rolling. There we have John Levar, Joseph Seme, Frank Tanko, already entered and promising great things.

Going into the 27th district which includes lodges in Montana, we find Lodge No. 190 of Butte leading the way with three candidates in Anna Gornik, Dorothy Predovich, and Irene Spehar. Montana is going further than that, just wait and see. Such interest in unheralded, and you watch the 1939 juvenile convention campaign go over the top!

Sister Ann Leskovar, secretary of Lodge No. 190 in Butte in a letter to Secretary Zbasnik declared: "We are going back of this campaign with a 100 per cent effort!" And forthwith she asked for 100 application

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