

NEW ERA SUPPLEMENT

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Current Thought.

WHY NOT TAKE A CHANCE?

On Nov. 16, last, the Young American Boosters Lodge, No. 1, SSSU, of Walsenburg, Colo., held a very successful dance, the first one ever promoted, as the lodge has been organized a few months. Prior to the dance the members got busy and put their shoulders to the task in the way of preparations, of importance of which was the publicity. The result was a profit of something like two hundred dollars, after deducting expenses that amounted to approximately one hundred and fifty dollars. At the dance the members induced outsiders to their rank and become part of our South Slavonic Catholic Union. According to the secretary, Bro. Just, ten candidates have been enlisted to be initiated at the December meeting. Here is a concrete illustration of what a lodge of our Union is capable of accomplishing, and should serve as an example to other lodges.

Confidence Should Always Be Present

Among a number of the English-conducted lodges there is a lack of confidence to sponsor activities beneficial to their group. Fear of failure has discouraged many from participating in many things, and as a result the lodge has gained no experience with which to base future experiments.

But when a group decides to stage a dance, drama, or perhaps a picnic, the membership assumes a different air, and they become interested in their lodge that would ordinarily pay monthly dues. That factor of promoting a scheme whereby members work hand in hand to unite their efforts works wonders with the personnel. Co-operation is the direct result, and hence the task seems very much simplified. Such stimulants are necessary to the progress and success of any organized group, for it unconsciously forms a bond of loyalty and support. As was in the case of the Young American Boosters, the co-operation of the membership was very much present, and induced the parent lodge, St. Felix, No. 101, to assist the offspring in its first effort.

Our Union Stands for Fraternalism

Our South Slavonic Catholic Union was founded on the principle of benevolence, to render assistance—fraternize. The majority of the members are aware of this and practice it wholeheartedly. Perhaps this explains the reason why the parent lodges have had such success in all their dealings in the past. For they realized the necessity of practicing fraternalism. Our youth of today is steadily becoming conscious of the fact that our South Slavonic Catholic Union is the best friend to turn to in time of sickness and death. By paying the regular monthly dues members have a right to ask for compensation in the way of sick benefits; in case of death the dependents have a tangible fund to provide them in such bereavements. To summarize, the members of the English conducted lodges should not feel timid in their undertakings. When proper means are made and all the members of that vicinity are informed properly then it should prove no difficult task to carry through successfully a certain activity. Our official organ, the New Era, serves the membership in this respect and offers an excellent means to advertise the lodges.

HAVE WE MADE GOOD?

When approaching a prospective candidate for our order, quite often are told that fraternal organizations are a thing of the past; that they have outgrown their usefulness and that they no longer fit into this modern age of safe and sound business calculations. We are further informed that these organizations were probably the thing years ago, but that they are the man who seeks protection will turn to one of the old insurance companies, where he is assured of a safe return on his investment and ample protection for his loved ones.

When we remember the history of so many of our old fraternal and beneficial societies which have been at one time in a flourishing condition, and who have disappeared in a maze of modern developments, we, too, feel that their judgment is good. But if, on the other hand, we consider the progress and rapid development of this, our Union; when we realize that the S. S. C. U. has adjusted itself to all conditions and requirements of these modern times, then we can safely state that we have safely passed through this maelstrom of modern requirements, and have placed our Union in line with the general demand for a safe and sound business organization.

If we take all these facts into consideration, and if we bear in mind that our Union has gone through a trial period of 32 years of existence; that it has weathered the storms and trials of two generations, and that it is today considered one of the foremost Slovenian organizations of today, then we can justly and proudly say that our order has indeed survived, and has made good.

F. J. Kress, Chairman,
S. S. C. U. Athletic Board.

Notice Jubileers

Chisholm, Minn.—The first annual meeting of Jubileers Lodge, No. 215, SSSU, will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 15, instead of Dec. 15. Every one is to be present at this important meeting, according to the By-Laws of our S. S. C. U. Very important business is to be transacted, including the election of officers for the year 1931. These officers will serve the lodge for the coming year and hence it is up to the mem-

bership to elect the most capable executive board.

This will not be a dry meeting, as the entertainment committee promises us some fun following the order of business. Tell your brother members about the necessity of being on hand, and watch for further details in next week's issue. See you there.

Anton Vessel, Pres.

Activity is contagious. Apply yourself in the interest of the SSSU.

Lindy Is Individual High in League

Boosters Take Three More
Cleveland, O. — Collinwood Boosters, SSSU, continue their climb to the top in the Inter-Lodge Bowling League. Sunday, Dec. 7, they trounced the Utopians for three games. T. Laurich was high with 213, while J. Kozlevcar was not far behind with 203, followed by J. Elliott with 201. M. Krall, president, was compelled to be idle, injury to his thumb preventing him from participating. But as the scores below indicate, the Boosters were never in danger last Sunday, and enabled them to save Krall for future encounters.

COLLINWOOD BOOSTERS

J. Laurich	191	190	182
T. Laurich	177	177	213
J. Kozlevcar	151	142	203
J. Elliott	201	185	160
Oberstar	169	179	169

Totals

889	873	926
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UTOPIANS

Ed Bajce	172	146	172
J. Zorman	130	136	180
Jelercic	133	124	130
Tekavec	160	172	183
Sitter	183	131	180

Totals

798	709	845
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George Washington, SSSU, took two games from the Clairwoods. After the first game was lost, the cherry Tree Choppers got down to business, exposed their teeth, and began to do plenty of damage. As a result the two victories were taken by comfortable margins. During the second game the entire quintet made strikes in the sixth frame, with a number of turkeys made in the third game. Lindy Kotnik was the luminary with 248, making him individual high in the league for the month of December thus far. Lindy also gathered 611 pins for the three games. George Washington's are still in second place. Drobic, manager of the team somehow managed to hit 167 in each of the games.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

F. Opalek	188	196	166
F. Drobic	167	167	167
E. Kromar	144	173	158
L. Kotnik	161	202	248
J. Kramer	187	207	186

Totals

847	945	925
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CLAIRWOODS

J. Stepic	187	152	180
Kraic	166	170	170
J. Bokar	169	178	153
Mihelcic	207	185	192
F. Stepic	197	179	171

Totals

926	864	866
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Betsy Ross, SSSU, bowled some nice games, but their opponents, Grdina's KSKJ, managed to get more pins and thus they lost three. Skufca, as usual, turned in some good scores of 181, 234, 237, for a total of 652. G. Kovitch, manager and president of the lodge gathered 542 pins for his efforts. The team turned in scores of 812, 902 and 881 to their opponents 852, 869 and 1004.

Join the S. S. C. U.

ANNUAL MEETING

Dawson, New Mexico—Lodge "Bratska Sloga," No. 199, S. S. C. U., will hold its annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 14, at 1 p. m., in its usual quarters. All members should make it a special effort to be present, as the election of officers for the year 1931 will take place.

Frank Lipold, Secretary.

ATHLETIC BOARD OF S. S. C. U.

Chairman: F. J. Kress, 204 — 57th St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Vice chairman: J. L. Zortz, 1657 E. 31st St., Lorain, O.
Joseph Kopler, R. D. 2, Johnstown, Pa.
J. L. Jevitz Jr., 1316 Elizabeth St., Joliet, Ill.
Anton Vessel, 2103 Doswell Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

BRIEFS

Lubradovich, playing tackle for the Wisconsin football team, has been named on the All-American team by several authorities, foremost of whom is Knute Rockne of Notre Dame.

Inter-Frat Basketball League for girls, of Cleveland, O., opened its second season Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the St. Clair Bathhouse. Eight teams entered the loop, including our George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSSU.

Comrades Lodge, No. 193, SSSU, of Waukegan, Ill., has two bowling teams organized within the group, as has SS. Peter and Paul Society, No. 66, SSSU, of Joliet, Ill.

Plans for a SSSU baseball league of Pennsylvania are under way, with Joseph Kopler of our National Athletic Board at its head. National Star, Jefferson Collegians and Export Majesties, three of our lodges, have designated a willingness to participate. The first two maintained teams during the 1930 season.

Pittsburgher Lodge, No. 196, SSSU, wants all members of Pittsburgh and vicinity to attend the next basketball game to be held in the Slovenian Hall Friday, Dec. 12. Last week this quintet took the long count of 39 to 38 from the De Sales Lyceum.

Steve Bernardic of Cleveland, O., plays forward position on the Western Reserve University's basketball team, this being his first year on the college quintet. He was a star on the Collinwood High School team.

St. George's Lodge Meeting

Reading, Pa.—Members of St. George's lodge, No. 61 S. S. C. U., are asked to attend the annual meeting held Saturday, Dec. 13, when the election of officers for the year 1931 will take place. The time and place will be the same as that of the regular monthly meetings.

At the last meeting a member mentioned having a dance; this matter was postponed to the December meeting for it was felt that more members would be present. The date of the dance may be sometime during April, 1931, when the 25th anniversary of our lodge will be celebrated.

Lodge dues may be turned over to me from now on until Dec. 24. All members should attend the annual meeting, and those failing to be present will be fined \$1 or suspended from the lodge one month. Exceptions are those that are sick or those that have to work.

Anton Jaklich, Secretary.

Todd: My wife went through all my pockets last night.
Modd: What did she find?
Todd: What all explorers find—enough material for a lecture.

Inter-Frat League Opens

G. W.'s Showed Improved Form

Who said the girls were the weaker sex? If there is any doubt about the ability of the girl basketball players of the Inter-Frat league of Cleveland, O., to handle a situation, a visit to the St. Clair Bathhouse will dispose all doubts in this respect. The girls can handle the basketball situation as good as the boys, for the same tactics were employed last Wednesday, Dec. 3, when the league pried the lid.

Eight lodges belonging to different fraternal denominations were on hand to battle for supremacy. Our S. S. C. U. was represented by the George Washington lodge team who wore red and blue uniforms. On the front are the words, G. W., and on the back S. S. C. U. No. 180.

After a few minutes of playing Anna Jaklich, playing guard for the G. W., sunk in the first basket, a beautiful field goal in the game against St. Ann's, SDZ. Immediately afterwards their opponents tied the score, but Anna came back and duplicated her feat again with another long shot. After this the opponents got busy and at the end the score was 23 to 10 in their favor.

Silver Masks quintet newcomers to the league, forged ahead of the Flashes by a 12 to 9 score; Spartans took the long count of 24 to 6 from the Comrades and the Sokols, last year's champions won from the Progressives 33 to 10.

The George Washington girls showed an improved form over last year. Julia Bouha, captain, certainly sunk some nice shots during practice before the game. Angela Hlabse put up a good fight against some tough players and did not permit her stature to discourage her.

Lodge No. 1 Team Has Many Stars

Want to Book Games

Ely, Minn.—SS. Cyril and Method lodge, No. 1, SSSU, basketball team has been practicing for the past few weeks. Manager of our quintet is Matt Kobe and games can be arranged by writing to him. John Somrach is coach, and under his splendid work the team will become one of the best in the state.

Practice is held two nights a week from 6:30 to 9 p. m. Every other week the team has scrimmaged with the Arrowhead lodge, No. 184, SSSU.

Players on the team are all former high school stars. Louis "Cap" Gerzin, center, played on the champion high school team of 1929. Fred "Fritz" Banks and Louis "Doc" Zgonc, two fast and furious forwards played six years together. During four years of competition in the Junior League of Ely, the team of which they were members, won four championships. John "Sammy" Somrach and Frank "Fitzger" Glorin, two stellar guards, played on high school teams of 1923 and 1925. Matt Ballas, crack guard of the Detroit All-Star, completes the roster. He is a 200-pound guard and will keep the opponents guessing by wearing his size 13 shoes.

More will appear in subsequent issues of the New Era.
Louis Zgonc,
826 E. Sheridan St.

SPORTING BITS

STATE CHAMPIONS MUST BE DECIDED

Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Minnesota Must Have State Champions Decided by Feb. 1, 1931

The national champion lodge basketball team of our Union will be decided during the month of February, 1931, in which the champion of the Eastern League, including Ohio and Pennsylvania, will play the champion of the Northwestern League, embracing Illinois and Minnesota.

It was further decided at the Athletic Conference held in Cleveland, O., on Sept. 12 and 13, that the individual state champions of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Minnesota shall be determined prior to Feb. 1, 1931. Lodges with basketball teams in these four state must schedule contests to determine the state champion. Before a lodge can claim a state championship it must have defeated all SSSU lodge opponents within that state and played at least three contests with each group.

Each lodge must present a certified list of players to the athletic commissioner not less than ten days before any championship game. This rule will be strictly enforced.

The month of December marks the opening of basketball playing. A number of lodges have reported organizing teams and have already engaged themselves in contests, while a number have merely designated a willingness to do so. Now is the time for action, as it will give ample time to decide state champions prior to Feb. 1, 1931, and avoid any last-minute confusion.

Attractive prizes will be given the individuals winning the Eastern and Northwestern league titles in the form of watch charms after the pattern of a basketball with the Union insignia. The winner of these two leagues will be known as the national champion basketball lodge team and will receive a beautiful bronze statue to remain in their possession once they have become national champions three times. Until then, the lodge winning the national championship for the first time will have but temporary possession of the bronze statue.

It might also be added here that the transportation expense incurred by visiting teams in deciding the Eastern and Northwestern league titles and ultimately the national title will be reimbursed by our Union, the money to be taken from the Sport Fund.

With all these attractive features and inducements offered the lodges should find it an easy task to stimulate enough interest within their group to organize basketball teams. So get busy and let us see some action.

Athletic Commissioner.

JSKJ's Maintain Lead in League

Attended by Many Followers

Joliet, Ill.—Our popular No. 66 JSKJ continued to lead the West Side Bowling League by winning all three games from the Oriole A. C.'s, Wednesday, Dec. 3, on the Rival's Alleys. Bro. Henry Bluth was the star of the series with scores of 222, 176 and 165 for an average of 188. Our SS. Peter and Paul Society bowlers were hitting their stride as "Mix" Gregorash hit 201 and Frankie Ramutta 209. As indicated by the scores, both Jack Kubinski and Mecca Kobe turned in some nice averages.

With such bowling no one can deny that our lodge keepers are well qualified contenders for the S. S. C. U. national bowling title. Crowds are attracted to the West Side Bowling League contests each Wednesday, to watch their favorites. All entries represent very popular organizations. The keepers are some of the best and treat the fans to some real bowling. Below is the league's standing to date:

Joliet West Side League
Team W. L.
JSKJ No. 66 20 4
Hinz Bakery 12 12
Wayside A. C. 9 15
Oriole A. C. 7 17
Glance at the scores below for convincing proof of our team's caliber.

J. S. K. J. NO. 66			
Gregorash	168	149	201
Ramutta	209	145	163
Kobe	165	171	191
Bluth	176	165	222
Kubinski	157	181	190
Totals	875	813	976
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Podnar	148	181	153
Jos. Nosse	145	123	149
Meador	208	176	177
Ducke	112		
Madzek	180	171	
Riley	166	128	162

B Team Has Tough Breaks

President Treats Bowlers

Joliet, Ill.—On Dec. 29, the SS. Peter and Paul Society, No. 66, SSSU, will hold its regular meeting. Election of officers will take place for the year 1931. It is hoped that all the members will be present at this important gathering, for sports will also be discussed.

Brother John L. Jevitz Jr., has been playing indoor for the Speed Boys Club, starring in the last three games participated. He is working hard to get an indoor league started in our Union.

Our second bowling team, Class B, has hit a lot of tough luck lately, losing games by mere 8 or 12 pins. We are hoping to shake the jinx, and believe me once we get started it will be hard to stop us. Just glance at the scores below.

JSKJ NO. 66 B TEAM

Ramutta	142	171	144
Sega	145	190	157
Lunka	144	141	157
Skul	160	166	150
Juricic	171	160	146
Totals	762	828	754

CUTSIT SOAP CO.

Zullo	142	191	201
Ronchettis	141	148	160
Hoenig	162	153	165
Plisich	187	151	155
Kearns	154	205	176
Totals	786	848	757

Bowlers and myself wish to express our thanks to Brother

J. L. Jevitz Sr., president of our society, for inviting us to his home recently. We certainly enjoyed ourselves and had a splendid time. The Jolly Boys will hold their regular meeting next Sunday, Dec. 14, at 212 Vine St. All should attend.

John P. Lunka.

Totals 779 788 812
John L. Jevitz Jr.

