

Hustle In New Members In Closing Weeks Of Campaign

S. S. P. Z. FORUM

Your Lodge's Annual Meeting Needs Your Presence

CONVENTION NOTATIONS

OUR MEDIUM OF EXPRESSION

For the past number of conventions the subject of having our own publication has been a controversy that won favor of delegates but resulted as usual when financial matters came aboard.

All indications lead me to believe that we will continue to use the same process of membership expression we have in the past.

We have gained ground by leaps and bounds the last four years. This is particularly true about the English-speaking movement of ours.

FIRST IN NEW PROJECTS

As a Slovene fraternal organization we have been first to realize the importance of juvenile activity. Our Vrtec lodges have progressed nicely.

National Athletic Meets as an annual affair was looked upon by other organizations with envy. We have accomplished more with the small sum of \$250 per year than most other organizations who have or were ready to spend a great deal more.

Nothing could have done more to create a fraternal attitude resulted from our Meets. Membership of the various lodges who participated and attended our national gatherings of the past three years became more closely related to all other organization activity.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO LODGE SECRETARIES, TREASURERS AND VRTEC ADMINISTRATORS

The fiscal year of the Society will close on the 31st day of December, it is therefore necessary that the monthly assessment be remitted to the Supreme Treasurer in due time as provided in the By-Laws.

To All the Members of the SSPZ a Very Merry Christmas!

MIRKO G. KUHEL, Supreme Treasurer

PIRATE HIGHLIGHTS ----- By Lone Star

The Pirate Juniors' first dance, which was held on Wednesday, November 27, turned out very successfully. With the help of the Challengers and Progressors, anything could be a success.

Flash: The Pirates' banquet will take place this Sunday, Dec. 15 at the Slovene Hall, Burgettstown. I know the first question anyone asks is: what will they serve? Well, we will serve spaghetti, the Italian style.

BLACK DIAMOND

On New Year's Eve, December 31st, lodge number 4 of SSPZ in conjunction with lodge number 57 of SNPJ and lodge number 32 of SSCU will hold a dance at the Slovenian Home at Morganville.

We held a dance November 30th in the same hall. A large crowd attended, all of whom had a grand time. Music was furnished by the Reichmuth Family of Tacoma, Washington.

A. F. Jazbec, Sec'y

knew it would give you an appetite.

What kind of entertainment will we have? Oh, boy! We're gonna put off a real show, and almost for nothing. The Amateur program will take place while everyone is enjoying their meal.

Will we have dance music? Yes, we will have music that will furnish dance tunes that will make everyone feel like dancing.

Will there be souvenir books? Yes, we will have a booklet printed. In it will be a cast of the characters in the "Woman-less Wedding" and other programs taking part.

Now all of you SSPZ lodges are invited. In fact, everyone is welcome. I have an idea the Cleveland Utopians and Spartans will attend. Come on, then the Pirates won't be able to say you never attend any of their affairs.

Until I shine at the Banquet, I remain

The Lone Star

Record Total of \$67,000.00 Established In November

MANY LODGES MAKE IMPRESSIVE GAINS

By MICHAEL VRHOVNIK

Well, folks, here we are with a short snappy review of November's drive for new members around the S. S. P. Z., America's finest and most fraternal benefit societies.



And from the looks of last month's results, I have an idea that you think just as I do... that we're going places and mighty quick, too.

WHO WILL BE THE "CHAMP"

When the Million Dollar Campaign got under way last February, most of us started out at a walking pace. Later on it turned into something like a canter... And still later, the canter subsided into a slow trot and it wasn't long before nearly everyone began to give up hope thinking the race was lost; but now, "By-jingo," we've commenced to gallop along like the "Man-O-War" of the good old days...

The big question will soon be settled... Which lodge will win the right to be crowned "The Champ" of the Million Dollar Campaign? ... Will it

be the Challengers, or will it be the Pirates? ... Or, will some other "Dark Horse" lodge come rushing down the home stretch and sweep both of them out of the lead? ... Or, are you one of those members who doesn't give a hang what lodge gets credit for having gained the most members during the current membership drive? ... Your attitude, of course, depends largely upon where you have been sitting all through this race.

LODGES IN LOWER BRACKET GAIN

Among the more prominent climbers last month were... LODGE 28 of Madison, Ill., with a \$6,000 increase... LODGE 22 of Indianapolis, Ind., with a gain of \$5,500... LODGE 146 of Slovan, Penna., with a jump of \$4,000... LODGE 183 of Auburn, Ill., advancing with \$4,500... and LODGE 226 of Windsor Heights, W. V., spurting ahead with \$3,500... Other noteworthy gainers not listed in the standings given below include LODGES NO. 9, 14, 29, 41, 65, 67, 89, 117, 126, 158, 178, 189 and 230. These lodges registered gains from \$1,000 up to \$3,000. I might add that much of November's new business comprised of juvenile members

who will add more strength to the Vrtecs affiliated with the above lodges.

BATTLE IN CLEVELAND

Note what a battle is being waged for third place between the two Cleveland units, Vrtec No. 5 and Lodge No. 26 and its Vrtec... Each has a total of \$14,000. Not far behind are the Spartans and Lunder Adamic, two more Cleveland lodges with \$10,000 apiece... And tied-up for fourth place are four lodges with \$12,000 each... In fact, there is so little difference between tenth and third places that a stronger than average finish would put any one of them right up there at the top with the Pirates and Challengers. Well, I guess about all we can do, now, is guess who will be where when it's time to give you the next report... and since that isn't enough, we'll stop guessing.

MILDRED LAVRICH TAKES LEAD

Now for a word, or two, about our Vrtec campaigners. They're having a swell little membership contest all of their own, and just as important as the Million Dollar Campaign, too. Mildred Lavrich, who was forced into second place last month by Eddie Floriganic, is back in the lead again with 18 votes to her credit, a boost of 4 over her previous total. We, also, find that Eddie was not only shoved back into second place, but has to share it with our little friend, Andrew Laurich, with 16 votes apiece. Two newcomers have been added to the Vrtec contest. They are Daniella Homovec of Vrtec No. 5 of Cleveland, and Josephine Mauser of Vrtec No. 76 of Denver, Colorado.

STANDING OF CAMPAIGN LEADERS

Table with 4 columns: POS., LODGE NO. AND LOCALITY, PREVIOUS TOTAL, GAIN, PRESENT TOTAL. Lists 10 lodges and their respective totals and gains.

"MINNESOTA TRIP" CAMPAIGN STANDING

Table with 3 columns: CONTESTANT, VRTEC NO. AND LOCALITY, VOTES. Lists 7 individuals and their vote counts.

SPARTANS WIN NUMBER FIVE - 31 TO 24

Table with 4 columns: Spartans, F.G., F., T. and Challengers, F.G., F., T. Shows game statistics for the Spartans vs Challengers match.

ADDITIONAL FORUM NEWS ON PAGE FIVE

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

CHICAGO VRTEC YULETIDE PARTY

Ere long we shall all be engulfed in the spirit of Christmas. Chicago, we find is not to be left behind in celebrating the Yule Season. The Federation has arranged an elaborate Christmas party for the SSPZ members and their families, to be held on Sunday, December 15 at the Polish Turner Hall, 1921 W. 22 St., Chicago, Illinois, beginning at 2:00 p. m.

Be it understood that even though Santa Claus will be there to delight the children he is the same jolly old chap we grown-ups used to know in our carefree days of childhood. For this reason he should be as interesting to us as to the children hence the party is as much for us as for the children. Let us forget the trials and tribulations of our daily routine and join with the children in their frivolity on that occasion.

TRAIL BLAZERS ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, December 19th is the date of the final meeting of the year for the Trail Blazers lodge. In harmony with the spirit of Christmas we too are going to have a Christmas party. For this reason we ask that all members of the Trail Blazers be present at this meeting, to settle your accounts with the secretary so that you may start the new year with a clean slate, to be eligible for the raffle of a month's free dues and to participate in the Christmas party.

There will be a grab bag, wherein we ask each member coming to the meeting to bring a gift, anything from ten cents to twenty-five cents (wrapped up) and whether it's humorous, a joke or something nice does not matter. We will deposit all the gifts in the bag and after the meeting will draw them out one for each person. Remember to bring a gift or you won't be allowed to draw as it wouldn't be fair to those who do contribute in that there wouldn't be enough to go around. It's going to be lots of fun watching some fellows draw out a pair of women's panties and such.

In conjunction with the grab bag we shall have music to dance too and refreshments to quench our hunger and thirst. All this for just attending the meeting on December 19 at Stancik's Hall, 205 East 115 St., at 8:00 p. m. sharp.

DECEMBER IS "CHUCK" FULL OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Attend your annual meetings held this month. Rush your contribution of material for the Vrtec Page if you haven't done so. Give your opinion as to important questions that you think should be considered by the delegates at the 1936 convention. Make the last minute call to the home of that prospect you had in mind all along but failed to take action. You still have time to sign them up. Choose your lodge officers wisely and carefully.

CHALLENGER BITS ----- By Renee

Another year has rolled by and as the Challengers look back, their thoughts are drawn by very pleasant conclusions. The year 1935 holds many happy moments spent in the Challengers' social world, with the SSPZ members from the Western Part of Pennsylvania. On all occasions the true fraternal spirit prevailed as the Pirates, Progressors, and the Blue Eagles intermingled amongst us.

A vote of praise is given to the Challenger Board of 1935, headed by Matthew Turk, for steering the lodge with such splendid leadership throughout the past year. Members can look proudly back and be inspired by all that has been achieved.

As all SSPZ lodges will commence their New Year with a set of new officers and a clean record, so the Challengers will begin their's with the following officers for the year of 1936. Chairman, Peter Elish; vice-chairman, Marion Pellegrini; secretary, Evelyn Ambrose; treasurer, Anthony Rupnik; recording secretary, Anthony Sirca; auditors: Frances Horwat, Benjamin Christy and Michael Vrhovnik; sergeant-at-arms, Frank Sirca; entertainment committee; Nick Blandine, Peter Elish, and Marion Pellegrini; administratrix, Josephine Ambrose; administrator, Anthony Sirca. The newly-

Interviewed Josephine Ambrose, administratrix of Vrtec No. 10, concerning the Christmas Party. She stated that plans are in full swing and practices are being held regularly for the Christmas program. And that an invitation is extended by her to the Senior Challenger members to attend the Party that will be on Friday evening the 20th, at the SNPJ Hall. She also stated: But ssshhh I shouldn't tell--is great-----?????

Our Thanksgiving Dance that was held on November 23rd, proved to be a success. The hall was filled to capacity with music-lovers that danced to the rhythmic strains of Val Garvin's Band. The 20 pound Turkey that was given away was presented to sister Julia Ahac.

WHITE VALLEY

All members of lodge number 218 of SSPZ are hereby notified to attend the final meeting of the year, December 17 at my home.

New officers will be elected. Members not attending will be fined the sum of 25 cents. Let us have a one hundred per cent attendance.

Frances Lavrich, Sec'y