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Current Thought

Our Supreme Board

Commencing with this month, the new Supreme Board, elected at the 14th quadrennial convention of our Union, took office. With the exception of adding the editor-manager, second vice president and assistant secretary, very few changes were noticed in the roster of the Executive Board.

Two meetings are held each year, the annual and semi-annual. Heretofore, the Supreme Judiciary Committee occasionally attended the two meetings, but the convention decreed that only the Supreme Administrative Board shall convene regularly.

The first of such meetings is to be held the week of Jan. 23, when the Supreme Trustees shall audit the books at the Home Office at Ely, after which the general order of business commences. Reports of individual Supreme Officers will be read, and all matter relating to our Union that must be handled by the Administrative Committee will be disposed of.

These are the general routine duties of the Supreme Board at the two assemblies each year.

Our members expect much of their highest governing body of officers, who must assume leadership in all undertakings beneficial to the SSCU. By-laws must be interpreted correctly in accord with each specific case presented, and which ordinarily is confusing to the member. When the by-laws do not provide the correct procedure that arises unexpectedly—as they have in the past—the Supreme Officers must interpret the hidden or implied meanings.

And woe be to him, should he make an incorrect interpretation, even though such an error be within the realm of popular judgment. When such has been the case the following remarks have been heard: "And he's supposed to be a Supreme Officer, and still doesn't understand the principles underlying organization," and "We are supposed to be guided by these men, who cannot even interpret the by-laws," etc.

Members of the Supreme Board, like any other individuals, are susceptible to human errors. They are not omniscient creatures—all-wise, all-knowing, and errorless.

HARMONY BETWEEN MEMBERS AND SUPREME BOARD

Any organization, be it fraternal or commercial, will succeed best when the component members work in harmony with the leaders. A suggestion made in time to the proper authority is worth more than a thousand destructive criticisms. Words of advice given in the proper spirit are heeded, and if members adhere to constructive criticisms, the results obtained will be most satisfactory to all.

One important factor should be kept constantly in mind. The individual who has his organization at heart will experiment with ideas, some of which will not always be pleasing to the members 100 per cent. A set of ideas usually has its group of supporters and its group of dissenters. Sometimes a compromise is made between the two groups and the particular organization is bound to benefit from injection of part of the new ideas.

In other instances a set of ideas may have more opposition than support. And in this day and age, when the majority rules, these advanced opinions are then discarded. However, an individual expressing such ideas should not be subjected to ridicule, unless they be of such character as to be entirely absurd, and in complete discord with the accepted doctrines.

It is well to remember that "the person who has never made a mistake is the one who has never tried to do anything."

St. Barbara, No. 4

Springdale, Pa.—At the regular meeting of St. Barbara's Lodge, No. 4, SSCU, held in December, important notice was called to the attention of the members to the effect that the lodge will celebrate its 35th anniversary on July 4, 1933. It is requested that members of subordinate lodges around this district will meet that date open and join in the celebration of one of the proudest Slovene organizations of the tri-state district. Further notice concerning this event will appear in future issues of the New Era.

John Demsher, Secretary, No. 4, SSCU.

His Father's Son

"Tell me truly, does the baby really take after his father?" asked Mrs. Jones.
"Yes, indeed—why, when I took the darling's bottle away, he tried to creep down the cellar stairs."

No Interference

"You say that you have driven a car for ten years and never had a back seat driver?" quipped the weak-chinned gentleman.
"Yeah," asserted the sad-faced man. "I drive a hearse."

St. Michael, No. 88

Roundup, Mont.—Officers of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 88, SSCU, elected for 1933 at the December meeting are as follows: Max Polsak Jr., 224 6th St. W., Roundup, president; Joseph Penica, Box 168, Klein, secretary and organizer; Matt Penica, Box 168, Klein, treasurer; Dr. M. Vornholt and Dr. Pigot, both of Roundup, medical examiners. Lodge meets every third Sunday of the month at 2 p. m. in Gibbtown Union Hall.

All members are urgently requested to attend the coming meeting, Sunday, Jan. 15, and especially those who wish to transfer their certificates from Class "A" to "AA."

Joseph Penica.

In Later Years

"Have any of your childhood hopes been realized?"
"Yes. When mother used to comb my hair I wished that I didn't have any."

Welcome to It

He boldly asked her father for his daughter's hand.
"Certainly, my boy," replied Pa, promptly. "Take the one that is always in my pocket."

Cleveland Public Libraries in Sad Plight

Public library funds now come from the so-called tax on intangibles. Last year the Cleveland Public Library did not receive its first installment from this tax until the very end of September. It had to operate for nine months, on a greatly curtailed basis, by using up its branch building fund and its insurance fund, and by borrowing from the banks (obtaining the loans only with the greatest difficulty).

Salaries, always comparatively low, were all cut Jan. 1. Many employees were dismissed or laid off indefinitely, and less than half of those remaining are now working full time. Branch libraries were closed mornings, school library hours were greatly shortened, six school libraries and many stationaries closed entirely. Main Library closed on Sundays and holidays and parts of its closed evenings. Book buying has almost stopped. Circulation has been much larger than ever before, and books are being rapidly worn out, but not replaced. Funds have not been sufficient even to keep up the rebinding, and deterioration of the book collections is becoming very serious.

The library has always lived within its income, and careful, constructive planning has built up an institution which is often cited as one of the outstanding library organizations of the entire world.

Both income and expenditures have been reduced nearly 40 per cent this year, and it seems practically certain that returns from the taxes on intangibles will be very much less next year than they were this year. This will mean still further curtailment of library services which are needed more than ever before.

L. A. Eastman, Librarian.

Betsy Ross Notice

Cleveland, O.—Members of the Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU, are requested to attend the regular monthly meeting to be held Friday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p. m., at Turk's Hall, 16011 Waterloo Rd.

The meeting is very important, as the installation of officers for the year is to take place. At the same time the members will hear the report of its financial standing, given by the trustees.

As your financial secretary for 1933, I am asking all members of the lodge to work in cooperation with me, as well as you have done in the past with your former secretary, Sister Vidmar. I sincerely hope that the members will have all of their assessments paid regularly and avoid being suspended from the lodge and Union.

Members not being able to attend the meetings to pay their assessments can make the payments at my residence, 15413 Lucknow Ave. For other communications members can call me on the telephone, KEnmore 1229-M.

John P. Lunka, Sec'y, No. 186, SSCU.

Call the Nurse

"Why did you name your baby Capone?"
"Because he has no regard for the dry law."

BRIEFS

Tony Prelesnik, playing forward position for the Cleveland Indians hockey team, scored the lone point for his teammates in a game played last week at Cleveland against the Detroit Olympics in the International Hockey League. Detroit won, 3 to 1. The point was made unassisted. Prelesnik, a Slovene, hails from Eveleth, Minn., where he acquired the finer points of hockey.

Two Slovenes, Tony Palcich and John Klune, were elected recently to Chisholm (Minn.) 4-H Club Hall of Fame for 1932. John Klune was elected to this honorable position for the second time, and some of his achievements are as follows (as reported by the Mesaba Miner): Member of the county dairy judging team for 1932, won a trip to the state fair, placed first with demonstration at county fair, forestry champion for county, enrolled in the calf, poultry, dairy judging, leadership and forestry projects in 1932. Klune's achievements for 1931 are: Enrolled in calf, forestry and home beautification projects, reserve champion forester, placed fifth on county judging team. To be elected to the Hall of Fame is the greatest honor that can be given to a member by the local club, as the qualifications are very high. Some of the qualifications include: Those nominated must have been members for three years, have completed a satisfactory record for each of the three years, of an age from 16 to 21, and elected to the honor by a rigid scale of points, and such points are registered on their achievement lists. Only four were elected for the year 1932.

"The American Yugoslav," quarterly, formerly "The Serbian News," made its first appearance this month. It is published in Pittsburgh. An interesting article appeared in the January issue, headed: "Slav All-American Football Team," which included some 22 Yugoslavs who played on the leading college elevens. This article will be reprinted in the New Era in the near future.

Village of Petrinje, in the Savska banovina, Jugoslavia, has been left without dogs or cats, following an outbreak of rabies. The official district veterinary ordered the destruction of all dogs and cats in the neighborhood in order to stamp out the epidemic, which was spreading to human beings. (South Slav Herald.)

Ask Mama

An old man went to a rejuvenation specialist and asked how much it would cost to rejuvenate him.

"To make you feel like 30 again, it will cost you \$1,000," said the surgeon, "but to make you like 25 again, it will cost you \$2,500, and anything below that age, \$5,000."

"I don't care about the cost; just make me 18 again," said the oldest.

The operation was a success. But when the surgeon sent in his bill, the rejuvenated one sent it back with this notation: "You can't collect from a minor!"

MEETINGS.

Cleveland, O.—With the starting of a new year, practically all members should have courage in themselves to attend the regular monthly meetings oftener than in the past.

As members of the Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 188, SSCU, we should keep in our minds the duties and activities for the progress of the lodge and Union.

This year's progress will depend upon the entire membership to work strenuously, show more good-will and spirit. Doing so harmoniously, we can be assured of best results.

There is no reason why only the officers should be the ones attending the meetings. It is the duty of every member to take more interest in all the business and social affairs transacted by the lodge. By attending our monthly meetings regularly, whether you are an officer or not, will bring us all closer to a friendly spirit and activities.

Enter all discussions without hesitation or fear, for all its fraternal debates and suggestions in regard to the betterment of the lodge and Union. The work of every member is as vital as that of the lodge officers, the growth and progress of the organization depends on your intelligence and activities.

Try and remember the sacrifices our forefathers and organizers of the lodge and Union have done, in order that we may enjoy that fraternal spirit.

Our duties are to show the appreciation for all they have done for us, by being more active and to participate in all the lodge activities and its affairs.

There is no greater boost for any lodge than the sponsoring educational, social and fraternal activities in a combined form of friendship and fraternalism.

John P. Lunka, No. 186, SSCU.

Illini Stars

Chicago, Ill.—The outcome of the Illini Stars' election was as follows: Charles Jezek, president; William Macac, vice president; John Zvezich Jr., secretary; Joseph Tabor Jr., treasurer; Mary Rojek, recording secretary.

The day of the meeting is to be the same as it has been the previous year, namely, the third Tuesday of every month, although the time has been changed from 8 p. m. to 7:30 p. m.

It also has been agreed that each member should pay the small sum of 5 cents a month to help meet minor expenses of the lodge.

A grand time was had by all that attended the last meeting. We all hope to make the coming year one of our best, and also to have more members present at each meeting. The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1933, commencing at 7:30 p. m., at the home of Bro. John Zvezich Jr., 4051 W. 31st St. Come on, brothers and sisters, let's all attend.

Charles Jezek, President, No. 211, SSCU.

In Lieu of Cash

Mrs. Jones: I understand you've got your divorce, Mandy. Did you get any alimony from your husband?

Laundrywoman: No, Mrs. Jones, but he done give me a first-class reference.

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY OF S. S. C. U.

VERY IMPORTANT

Officers of subordinate lodges are hereby requested to make all remittances hereafter to the Supreme Treasurer of the Union.

Envelopes bearing the address of the Supreme Treasurer, together with remittance blanks, will be forwarded to the subordinate lodges within the next few days. All statements of monthly assessments, as well as all other official communications are to be sent to the Office of the Supreme Secretary as had been the case heretofore.

ALL CHECKS, DRAFTS, EXPRESS OR POSTAL MONEY ORDERS should be made payable to the SOUTH SLAVONIC CATHOLIC UNION. No other name should be used. No responsibility will be assumed by the Union for moneys sent in cash either to the Supreme Treasurer or to the Supreme Secretary.

ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY OF S. S. C. U.

TO MEMBERS OF LODGE NO. 215, CHISHOLM, MINN.

Whereas it has been reported to the Supreme Office of the South Slavonic Catholic Union of America that the members of Lodge No. 215, at Chisholm, Minnesota, have, by mutual consent, agreed to dissolve their aforesaid lodge and join Lodge No. 30 of Chisholm, Minnesota.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that said dissolution has been approved by the Supreme Office of said South Slavonic Catholic Union of America and all members of said Lodge who have been members in good standing at the close of business December 31, 1932, and members who have been suspended in the months of November and December, 1932, and desire to be reinstated in the month of January, 1933, are required to present themselves at the meeting of Lodge No. 30, which meeting is to be held at Mahne's Hall in the Village of Chisholm, Minnesota, Sunday, January 15, 1933, at 2 p. m., and there pay to the secretary of said Lodge No. 30 their assessments for the current month and such other assessments as may be lawfully due to said South Slavonic Catholic Union of America.

SOUTH SLAVONIC CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA,
ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.

THE NEXT WAR

Springdale, Pa.—You may wonder at the significance of this article to the future of any fraternal organization, but if you recall the article in last week's edition of this medium, entitled "Lodge Influence Sought in Ending Wars for Profit," you have adequate proof of the predicament an organization may face.

At various times we are given an idea of the death-dealing weapons to be used in the future wars. One thing is certain; that the next war will not be won by brute strength, but by intelligence. The dominating curse will be the introduction of poison gases and deadly germs. This sounds plausible enough, when reviewing the results of the late world crisis. At the close of the war the United States was preparing to introduce a new discovery in the chemistry field, namely a poison three drops of which was sufficient to kill a human being. That was accomplished some 15 years ago. Considering the advance science has gained during these 15 years, one can only imagine the plight of future civilization, if put to the test of another great war. The ugliest evil is the possibility of injecting typhoid, bubonic plague or some other death-dealing germ into insects and rodents, then distributing these thickly over the war-stricken area. Thus no one is immune from the weapons to be used. The horror of this far surpasses that of the last war, and it is upon us that the responsibility lies to prevent a recurrence of the wholesale slaughter of innocent men.

The use of such ghastly weapons will not only bring to life such deadly diseases as we have been combating, but will spell ruin as far as the fertility of the soil is concerned. The gases will not only have a tendency to kill human life, but also to destroy the valuable soil our farmers are taking pains to develop. Eventually the winner of the strife will also be the loser.

Credit must be given to the N. F. C. of A. for taking an important step toward eradicating the dominating cause of wars. This great body wishes to annihilate the private manufacture of armaments. Until this is done we can have no world peace. The manufacturers employ jingoists who are the originators of the race for armaments. This mad race can only lead to war. If the state were to adopt such activities the practice of armament racing would thus be discontinued.

With the increase of France's imperialism and Japan's aggressiveness we cannot in defense of national or world peace advocate a disarmament policy; but we must as peace advocates discourage the fallacy of the private armament manufacture and bring about their complete annihilation. That is the first step. Other dangers such as the work of the chemist can be studied later.

Frank J. Progar, No. 203, SSCU.

Light on the Subject

"Which am the usefulest, Withers, de sun or de moon?"
"Why, de moon, of course."
"How come de moon?"
"Cause de moon he shine in de night when we need de light, and de sun he shine in de day when light am ob no consequence."

Betwixt

Visitor: And how old are you, Bobbie?
Bobbie: I'm just at the awkward age.
Visitor: Really? And what do you call the awkward age?
Bobbie (bitterly): I'm too old to try an' too young to swear.

