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NOT A LUXURY

Recently, a comparatively young man passed into the great beyond. Apparently in good health and enjoying the best years of his life, his ailing heart without previous warning to himself stopped beating. Cause of death was a weak heart.

This man was the father of four children, three daughters and a son, the oldest not yet ready to graduate from high school. His job was the only source of income. The family owned their home, somewhat mortgaged, a family car with several payments still due, and other small miscellaneous bills such as the regular grocery and meat bill, charge accounts, milk, and the like.

Unfortunately, this happy family never did manage to save much, and their bank savings account would show a balance of fifty dollars at times, and then again at other times the bank would send them a letter indicating that the account was overdrawn by some five dollars. Of course, the mother would run to the bank and deposit the necessary five dollars promptly upon receipt of the letter.

An average American family was this happy group. Never quarrelsome, but genial and friendly with their neighbors and friends. They lived within their means and even managed to carry life insurance for the entire family — not a great deal of protection, but sufficient in their estimation to take care of any emergency.

But — the head of the family never even gave the slightest thought that the emergency might possibly affect him directly. Always thinking of his family, he took out life insurance on all members of his family more on the strength of the reserve value the certificate would command after so many years of payment. Then, when the policy or certificate matured, the boy and the girls would have a nice nest egg which they could call their own. Even his wife would have extra pin money on this assumption.

Fortunately, the deceased did carry two thousand dollars worth of protection. Enough to take care of immediate needs, such as funeral expenses, a few payments on the car, not so very many payments on the home as they became due since interest on the mortgage, taxes also must be paid. The balance left little — mighty little for his family to live on until proper adjustments had been made.

The grief stricken mother realized that the sensible thing to do was to spend as little as possible on the non-essentials. The car was the first to go. It was sold to a relative who became responsible for the unpaid notes and gave two hundred dollars additional on the car to the family.

The oldest girl wanted to quit high school immediately and go to work. But relatives and friends of the family advised her to finish her high school since work was scarce. The mother was of the same opinion.

What is their next move? Should they sell their home? And if they do, it means taking a heavy loss. Yet, to meet the payments will tax the family to the utmost.

The foregoing is not an isolated case. Every year hundreds of such cases occur and the pity of it all is that people refuse to learn by such experiences. They extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved, without realizing that the same may happen to them. And worse, do not take the necessary precautions to eliminate such possibilities.

Life insurance in our SSCU never should be considered as a luxury. The head of the family, that is the earning power, should carry sufficient insurance to protect his savings, such as his home, so that a good portion of the existing mortgage can be paid in the event unexpected death overtakes him. He must continue to provide shelter after he is gone. It is cruel to subject his family to unnecessary hardships. Without intending to do so, the deceased mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs was forcing his once happy family on charity, for his savings were not sufficiently protected for the unexpected.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To All members of South Slavonic Catholic Union, I wish a Merry Christmas, and Happy and prosperous New Year.

Paul Bartel, Supreme President.

To all the members of the SSCU: I wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year for 1941.

Dr. F. J. Arch, Supreme Medical Examiner.

Best Wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and Most Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year are hereby warmly extended to the Supreme Officers, Regular and Honorary Delegates of the recent General Convention, Lodge Officers and all Adult and Juvenile Members of our Union.

Frank E. Vranichar, 2nd Supreme Trustee.

Lodge 44

Barberton, O. — Members of lodge St. Martin, 44, SSCU are cordially invited to attend the last meeting and most important of the year, which will take place on Sunday, December 22, 1940, at the usual quarters. The meeting will start at 1 o'clock instead of at 2 o'clock. All members who haven't attended any meetings during this year should at least complete the year by at least attending our last meeting of the year, and also members that come to every meeting should come. Officers for the year 1941 including athletic supervisor will be elected at the meeting.

Members please be advised that by a majority vote of the members present at a recent meeting a special assessment was imposed on all members in the Adult Branch to be paid during the month of December; that is, all members insured for all indemnities are required to pay \$1.00 into the treasury, and all members insured for death benefit only are required to pay 50c towards the treasury. Why? In order to pay the current expenses, it was necessary to impose a special assessment. If members would do their part in attending all the affairs of the lodge; such as, picnics and dances, and if all members paid their assessments on time, the treasury would be in such a condition that it would not be necessary to impose special assessments, and the members would also become better acquainted with each other.

All members are asked to pay their assessments on time as there isn't much of a treasury at the present time so that suspensions will not be necessary. Let's all pay up so that we can start the new year with a clean slate.

On November 18th, Brother Joseph Ausetis, Sr. passed into the great beyond after an illness of only a few days. Funeral services were held on November 21.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the Supreme Officers and members of the SSCU.

Alice Zalar, Sec'y

Lodge 25

Eveleth, Minn. — I take this opportunity to urge members of lodge "Sv. Ime Jezus," 25, SSCU to attend in full numbers the coming meeting to take place in the usual quarters on Sunday, December 22, starting at 1:30 p. m. This is the yearly meeting where will be submitted the secretary's report for 11 months and the lodge's progress for the past year. Further, rules and regulations governing the lodge will be revised for the coming year, and a lodge board for the year 1941 will be elected.

At the November meeting, our lodge decided to hold a Christmas party for members of the juvenile department. This Christmas will take place in the lower hall of the city auditorium on Sunday, December 22, starting at 7:30 p. m. Santa Claus will make his appearance and distribute gifts to the children. Movies also will be shown that evening. Parents are asked to accompany their children. For the speaker of the evening we have invited supreme secretary Anton Zbasnik of Ely.

John Laurich, Sec'y

BRIEFS

Christmas parties for juvenile members of our SSCU are the order of the day. Several lodges are holding these delightful forms of entertainment for our junior members. The youngsters will long remember the Christmas parties sponsored by their senior friends.

In Export, Pa., lodge 138, SSCU will treat the juvenile members to a Christmas party on Saturday, December 21st, at the Polish Hall.

A joint Christmas party, sponsored by lodges 155, SSCU, and 333, SNPJ, Blaine, O., will take place on December 25th. The feature of the day shall be the appearance of Santa Claus who shall distribute gifts to the juvenile members.

Chisholm, Minn., lodge 30, SSCU will sponsor a Christmas party for the juvenile members on Saturday, December 21st, at 2 p. m., at Mahne hall.

In Uniontown, Pa., lodge 55, SSCU will hold a Christmas party on Sunday, December 22, at the home of the lodge president Urban Rupar, 59 Alma Ave.

In Pittsburgh, Pa., lodge 26, SSCU will hold a dance on Thursday, December 26th, at the Slovene Home on Butler and 57th Sts.

Contributors, please note! All articles submitted for publication in the Nova Doba are inserted with the full signature of the contributor, and requests to omit names after the articles cannot be honored. Our by-laws provide that the full name of each contributor appear along with the article published in the Nova Doba.

Dancing in a whirl!—to three men and a girl, featuring Frank's Trio and "Teeny." This dance will take place on January 4th, in the Slovene Hall in Lloydell, Pa., and is sponsored by lodge 35, SSCU softball team.

Lodge 50

Brooklyn, N. Y. — Members of lodge St. Peter, 50, SSCU, are cordially invited to attend the yearly meeting which will be held on Saturday evening, December 21, 1940 at the American Slovenian Auditorium, 253 Irving Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. The meeting will start at 8:00 o'clock. As this meeting is very important, each and every member should make it his business to be present. Election of officers for 1941 will take place at this meeting. Your duty is to be present, so that you can elect officers in whom you will have confidence. Report will be made on the progress made during the year of 1940.

Members who owe on assessments must make arrangements to meet their obligations before the year is up, so that the books may be closed in good order. As a matter of fact, the majority of members pay their assessments on time; only a few are in arrears, depending upon the lodge to advance the funds.

Fraternally yours,

Valentine Orehek, Sec'y
No. 50, SSCU

Coll. Boosters

Cleveland, O. — All members of the Collinwood Boosters' Lodge, No. 188, SSCU, are hereby notified to attend their annual meeting which will be held this coming Friday, December 20 at 7:30 o'clock at the usual place, 15717 Saranac Rd. This is the most important meeting of the year as the election of lodge officials, reports of the past year and plans for the coming year will take place. Therefore it is the duty of each and every member of the lodge to be present at this meeting so that they can elect capable officers for the coming year.

Members are asked to please pay their assessments as soon as possible. As for those who are in arrears they are requested to please pay up what they are behind so as to make it possible for me to bring the books up to date when the new secretary takes over.

All members who have not as yet made their ticket returns from our last dance are kindly asked to return either the tickets or the money to Frank Berzin before the meeting so that he can make out his report and turn it in at the meeting.

I also take this opportunity to wish all you members and friends of the SSCU a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

Mary Laurich, Sec'y

With the Cardinals

Struthers, O. — Once again we are with the Cardinals. The meeting came out to be fair. It could have been improved a little more; a very nice time was had by all who attended. The officers for the year of 1941 are: President, Albert Slabe; vice-president, Steve Millison; secretary, Mary Penich; recording secretary, Amelia Slabe. Auditing committee: chairman, Edward Glavic, Stan Pogacnik and Bill Kinkella; treasurer, Mrs. Glavic; athletic supervisor, Stan Pogacnik.

Stop, look and listen! Remember Cardinals' dance, January 25th. The music will be furnished by none other than the ever-popular Frankie Yankovich. Come one, come all, from far and near. I am sure a very good time will be had by all.

Mary Penich, treas.

Lloydell "Mushers" Sponsor Dances

Beaverdale, Pa. — The Lloydell SSCU No. 35 softball team will sponsor a dance on January 4th, Saturday evening, in the Slovene Hall. Music will be furnished by the ever-popular "Frank's Trio" and "Teeny." Their popular and Slovene melodies may be heard over Radio Station WHTB, Greensburg, Pa., on Saturday at 11:45 a. m.

The dance will be followed by another on Saturday evening, January 18th, Cleveland, Ohio's popular Frankie Yankovich and His Orchestra will be on hand to play the tunes you like.

Neighboring SSCU's and friends are invited to attend these dances. Funds will be used to pay off the expense of recent hall improvements. Music for these dances will continue from 8 to 12.

Leo Jereb,
No. 35, SSCU

Mixed Emotions Feature News Front



Little Stan

Ely, Minn. — Life of a news hawk seems so uncertain. Some weeks the newsrun is heavy; other weeks it is so light you just wrestle with your brain trying under pressure to turn out news copy.

But this week, the run is particularly heavy, covering events that are sad, others that are very joyous. And life goes on throughout the world, gay and happy, sad and forlorn.

From the Office of our Supreme Secretary Bro. Anton Zbasnik last week came a letter from Bro. Frank Vranichar our supreme trustee in Joliet, Ill. Official communications from the office are ripped open with interest. But the news that came from this letter caused a cloud of sadness to pass over the heart. For the headline from an enclosed newspaper clipping told the grim story of how our very good friend and sister lodge member, Miss Julia Marie Adamic had suddenly passed away in Joliet. The news report said Miss Adamic was found on a street corner by passing motorists in dying condition. Authorities believed her collapse and death came from a heart attack, an ailment she had been treated for only the Wednesday before her death.

Little Stan first came to know Miss Adamic in April of this year when the gang of Gopher Girls stopped in to visit with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Vranichar and to bowl with the Ladies of Lodge 66. Miss Adamic was a member of the team, and her

friendly and sportsmanlike manner did not go by unnoticed. Her part in the entertainment of the guests was exceptionally fine. It was there that Little Stan congratulated her upon qualifying as honorary delegate to the 16th convention scheduled the following September.

With her popular dad who is secretary of Lodge No. 66, and Henry or Hank one of her brothers, and Albert who is remembered as the juvenile delegate in 1939, the Adamic family has done wonderful work for our AFU (SSCU). In Waukegan last September where Hank and Julia were honorary delegates and their dad was regular delegate, acquaintances were renewed.

Then the hand of fate stepped in, and Julia Adamic, only 24 years old, was whisked away to the unknown to everlasting sleep. Where ever she may be, Little Stan hopes that she reads this and knows our true fraternal feeling for her. To her parents, brothers, and sisters, the entire AFU joins hands in expressing deepest sympathy and condolences.

Throughout the nation, AFU lodges are conducting annual elections. Here in Ely last Sunday, lodge No. 2 held another of its interesting annual sessions. One thing that made it a little newsworthy was that Little Stan, after serving eight years as vice president to the veteran Joseph L. Champa, was not re-elected to office. The reason: He wouldn't be here next year — he would be in Cleveland. And for him it was farewell — with a big, big lump in his throat.

Approximately 45 members turned out for the session which was interesting and kept moving along nicely by President Joseph L. Champa, who by the way, was re-elected as president for his 16th consecutive year! Joe was the organizer of English Speaking Arrowhead Lodge No. 184 here, and also of the Gophers, No. 2's junior group where Little Stan made his first public appearance some 11 years ago.

Succeeding Little Stan as vice president was Anton Golobich who held the position eight years ago. Re-elected secretary was Bro. Louis Perushek who next January begins his 13th year. Joseph Pechaver, Little Stan's dad was elected treasurer for his ninth consecutive year; and John Mehle was launched on his tenth year as recording secretary. Somewhat reluctant about taking the office again, Bro. Mehle was voted in by acclamation as were the other officers. On the board of trustees, the Veterans, Dan Bohinc, Anton Pirsh and Anton Knapp were re-elected for about their ninth or tenth year. Joseph Koschak, sr., was again elected to visit the ill, and Louis Pechek, president of the Gophers was elected to fill the term of athletic supervisor, formerly held by Little Stan.

There was jovial feeling. Grand prize was won by Anton Kuzma, Sr., and was he tickled! It meant his lodge dues for December would be paid up in full. After the business session, Joe Pruse, recently proud daddy of a baby girl, went downstairs

EXTRA! EXTRA!
Little Stan Gets Scoop!
Ely, Min. — A hot news flash just came in over the wire regarding our old Nova Doba friend, known throughout the nation by AFU (SSCU) readers. None other than good old Ernie Palcic, the dynamic personality from Lodge No. 222 Gowanda, New York!

The report, official, was that Bro. Ernie was TO BE MARRIED to Miss Ellen Marie King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick King of South Ozone Park, New York. The ceremony will take place Sunday, Dec. 28 at 10 a. m. in St. Clements Catholic Church, 123rd avenue and 141st street, South Ozone Park, New York!

The report came as an invitation on a beautiful card! And on that day, Little Stan will be nearing Cleveland. Wouldn't it be wonderful if he could make it? You never know, Ernie, here's hoping!

BUT SINCERE HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER! Say, Ernie, after the first few weeks, will ya drop this scribe a note and tell him who's going to be boss in the household?

Heh! Heh!

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