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# Nova Doba

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## Western Sisters Lodge of Butte, Montana, Qualify Dorothy Predovich as First Juvenile Delegate; January Records Smashed

By Little Stan



Little Stan

Ely, Minn. — Chaotic excitement ran rampant in the home office of our South Slavonic Catholic Union last week end. For the news that had been forthcoming, announced in Supreme Secretary Anton Zbasnik's special bulletin in the last issue, narrowly escaped the waste basket. But for a second look — almost unbelievable — there wouldn't have been the news and excitement.

Opening up a large stack of mail in the office, Bro. Zbasnik ran through it swiftly. Many times during the course of his duties he receives bulky advertising matter, which he promptly disposes of via the waste paper basket. Facing him was one of these envelopes, big and bulky. Without much dispatch, it was halfway into the basket before he noticed the address. There in the upper corner read: From Western Sisters lodge, Butte, Montana. What could it be??

With a deft twist of the letter opener, he tore open the mail. His perplexed look changed into one of uncanny surprise! Several minutes passed before he got over the shock. He thumbed his way through a score of juvenile applications. And when he finished there were NINETY-FOUR WHICH QUALIFIED AS THE FIRST JUVENILE DELEGATE TO THE THIRD BIENNIAL JUVENILE CONVENTION, A YOUNG LADY WHOSE NAME IS MISS DOROTHY PREDOVICH!

So genuine was the surprise, so remarkable the sudden transformation, that the entire office force just stopped dead in their tracks! Then action! Quickly a wire was dispatched to the lodge; and another to our official organ. Certainly here was

news — news deserving of headlines, and it places WESTERN SISTERS LODGE OF BUTTE, MONTANA ON A REAL HIGH PEDESTAL! WE'RE PROUD OF IT AND ITS FINE PROGRESS!

Meanwhile, throughout the country, the campaign is reaching a fever of intensity. To date, there are 76 candidates for delegates to the third juvenile convention; and 57 for the athletic conference!

Remember two years ago? Lodge Ilirska Vila of Cleveland qualified the first delegate in Anthony Prime, jr. And thus far, the campaign is way ahead of schedule in comparison to the first month of the 1937 campaign. Total amount of insurance written is \$166,150. Of this \$97,650 is written in the juvenile department; \$68,500 in the adult department. Through the end of January 217 new juveniles were enrolled, and 126 adults — a total of 343 new members!

Doesn't this just grip you. Why some organizations would not be able to do that in six months. Here our membership leads the way again, does it in only ONE MONTH! Keep plugging right along, candidates. Let's go over the top with brand new records. Because in the end you'll find the reward much greater than you imagine. Leave it to Little Stan to tell you all about it; to help that great dream come true when you get here. Remember, our supreme secretary and the clerical staff at the home office enjoy big heavy envelopes, filled with new member applications. Little Stan, as publicity director, could use material like that for his weekly stories. Let's make headlines! No one enjoys writing them more than your correspondent, especially when they concern you! NOW WHO IS GOING TO BE THE NEXT TO QUALIFY! WHO??

## Appeals to Youth of Lodge 71

Cleveland, O. — Spring will soon be here to brighten the hearts of young and old who will find pleasure in roaming the fields of nature. Young fellows talk about athletics at this time, for sports offer them an opportunity for exercise.

However, sports cost money, and young fellows, particularly between the ages of 16 and 20, have a noticeable lack of funds. These boys would like to participate in sports, but they go to school, and if they drop out, they have neither work nor money. And money is nowhere to be got. Here is where our SSCU steps in to help its younger members. In order to interest youth in its work and to retain that interest, our Union is prepared to help financially in the promotion of sports. This money is taken from the sports fund, into which each member pays an equal part. Many a lodge has blossomed into a series of sport activities through this arrangement, a factor which prompted many young members to join.

At the last meeting of the Ohio Federation of SSCU lodges, representatives reported about their lodge sport activities, while I had nothing to report on this account. Yet, our lodge, No. 71, SSCU is a large unit with many members who would like to participate in sports, if they had an opportunity; our branch also has many elder members who would acquiesce to such an arrangement. Therefore, members of lodge 71, don't you think that it would be proper to organize and maintain some branch of athletics in our lodge? Isn't it a great deal better for youth to engage in sports conducive to health, than sit for them to hang around streets? And don't you think sports would invite more young men to our lodge?

Think it over, decide, and then come to the regular monthly meeting Sunday, February 19, at 9 a. m. Come to this meeting, the seniors as well as the juniors, boys and girls from age 10 and up. Parents, remind your boys and girls to come to this meeting; and those boys and girls who are interested in sports, come to this Sunday's meeting, if you are members of lodge 71, SSCU. If you don't know what lodge you belong to, ask your parents. Our lodge is strong enough and has a sufficient number of young members to enter into some branch of athletics. Why shouldn't we try our hand at it. Let us show that we, too, are alive, that we can develop some kind of sport in our lodge and that we, too, can invite more youth to our midst. All we need at present is courage. And certainly there is no one in our lodge who will claim that we lack courage?

Come to our next meeting, Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Slovene Home on Holmes Ave., at 9 a. m. Here we shall select also a candidate for delegate to the athletic conference, which will be held in Ely next August. Also, we shall discuss plans for softball and bowling.

Tony Drenik  
No. 71, SSCU

Heyton — Is a chicken big enough to eat when it's two weeks old?

Vanda — Certainly not.

Heyton — Then how does it live?

## Auspicious Start

The first month of our present membership campaign has been very fruitful. During January our lodges enrolled 217 children in the juvenile department, while 128 members were accepted in the adult department, for a total of 343 members. Maximum insurance covering the children accepted in the juvenile department totals \$97,650.00, while the total new insurance written in the adult department amounts to \$68,500.00, making a grand total of \$166,150.00 of new insurance written during the month of January. Inasmuch as assessments are not computed on new members for the month of entry, the bulk of new insurance written up during January will be included during the month of February.

A few days ago we were pleasantly surprised to receive 94 filled out juvenile applications for membership from lodge Western Sisters, No. 190, of Butte, Montana, and to learn that Dorothy Predovich, as a result, was the first juvenile to qualify as delegate to the third biennial juvenile convention. In a few days we also expect to hear that Irene Spehar and Anna Gornick, of the same lodge, have qualified as delegates.

Thus far 74 candidates have entered the race to become delegates to the third biennial juvenile convention, and 57 candidates for delegates to the second athletic conference.

Attention, all members who wish to take the free rail trip to Ely next August and see the beautiful sights in this section! You have until March 31 to enter as candidates for delegates. However, those who really are interested will not wait until the last day to make up their minds — rather, they will enter the campaign immediately, for he who begins his work early also shall reach his objective sooner.

ANTON ZBASNIK,  
Supreme Secretary SSCU

P. S. A telegram was received from the home office just as the Nova Doba was ready to go to press. In it the supreme secretary wired that lodge 190, SSCU had forwarded 36 additional juvenile applications, bringing the total to 130 new juveniles enrolled in this campaign, and that Irene Spehar and Anna Gornick, juvenile candidates from lodge 190, had qualified as juvenile delegates.

Congratulations, Western Sisters lodge, and congratulations to Irene Spehar and Anna Gornick for being elected second and third juvenile delegates.

## BRIEFS

Will you be in Ely, Minn., on August 4, 5 and 6? Or will you be among those who wished they had entered their names as can-

## Lodge 70

Chicago, Ill. — All members of lodge "Jugoslavanski zvon," No. 70, SSCU are cordially invited to attend the next meeting, which will be held in the usual quarters on Saturday, February 18, starting at 7 p. m. Those who still have dance tickets in their possession are requested to return them to the secretary at the next meeting. The entertainment committee cannot complete its report until all the tickets have been accounted for.

Members who are in arrears with assessments are requested to be sure and straighten out their obligations by the 25th of this month. Hereafter assessments no longer will be advanced for any member, new or old. Members who for one reason or another cannot pay their assessments should come to the meeting and tell their story; or inform the secretary by mail why they cannot meet their assessments. The secretary will read these letters at the meeting and the members will decide as they see fit. The secretary himself cannot be responsible for any member. If a member is suspended because of non-payment of assessments, let him not be offended at the secretary, rather let him blame himself. Each member who will not meet his assessments certainly will meet suspension. Those who do not concur with this procedure should come to the meeting and propose other steps, for lodge decisions can be changed only by the lodge, and not by a secretary or an individual member.

It is the intention of the board to hold a dance or a picnic once or twice a year. And it is up to the membership to pass upon this idea. Therefore, let the members attend the meeting and express their opinions.

Members are also notified that they may pay their assessments before the meetings. On Saturday, February 18, I shall be at the lodge meeting hall at 6 p. m., that is one hour before the meeting begins. Thus all members who wish to pay their assessments at that time may do so. Collecting assessments during a meeting is a disturbance for all, and the secretary, too, likes to participate in the discussions.

Andrew Bavetz, Sec'y

didates for the athletic conference, or the juvenile convention. Now is the time to act. Members of the adult department between the ages of 16 and 35 are eligible to run for delegates to the athletic conference, while juvenile members between 12 and 18, in Minnesota between 10 and 18, are eligible for delegates to the juvenile convention. March 31 is deadline to enter your name as candidate. The national SSCU juvenile convention-athletic conference campaign drive is gaining momentum every day, spreading like wild fire. Cash in on the nationwide publicity accorded this drive by talking to your friends and relatives about our splendid Union, its liberal benefits, mutual ownership, sound investments; in short, a fraternal Union for the working class. No high salaries for do-nothing executives. Every official in our Union "earns his salt" and then some.

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## Supreme Officers Are Gopher Guests

By Little Stan

Ely, Minn. — Over 50 members of Gophers lodge No. 2, junior group of "Srca Jezusa," braved one of the severest snow storms and cold spells in the history of the city last Thursday night to attend their regular monthly meeting in the Jugoslav National Home. Distinguished guests were Bro. Anton Zbasnik, supreme secretary; Bro. Louis Champa, sr., supreme treasurer and Bro. Frank Tomsich, jr., assistant supreme secretary.

Business was transacted in jig-time as members were eager to hear what our guests had to say to them. Reports on the successfully sponsored dance were read, the Gophers showing a profit at every event. Bro. Bernard Kovall reported on the activities of the basketball squad. Said he: "We haven't won a game yet, but we're having lots of fun."

Sister Christine Kuzma, recording secretary, urged more girls and boys to turn out for volleyball every Tuesday and Thursday evening in the Memorial high school gymnasium. "We have loads of fun," she enthusiastically declared. Miss Kuzma bowled a 175 against opponents recently. Marie Kuzma, her cousin, got a 179 in a practice game, and is maintaining a beautiful average. "You can't beat fun!"

Presiding as chairman in the absence of President John Perko, Little Stan introduced first Bro. Zbasnik who pleased his listeners with his frank, easy style of delivery which resembled a real heart-to-heart talk.

In effect he said: "Yours is one of the biggest and most active lodges in our fine organization. Right now you have approximately 495 members in both adult and juvenile departments. You have always been very fortunate in having fine leaders, active workers, and excellent members. Yours is a lodge to be proud of."

Injecting some humor, and holding keen attention of his audience, Bro. Zbasnik went on, gave facts and figures showing that our organization has assets over the 2½ million mark, that there were now 189 lodges located in 22 states of the Union. "Ours is no small time organization. I recall when our assets were less than \$500,000,—now look at them. Ten years from now, our assets will be over \$10,000,000, and you will be at the helm."

"We should be proud to know that our organization, born in our city, has reached such large proportions. Tourists who look over our city gaze in rapture at our fine building and most all ways drop in to visit. They are amazed to learn that the building houses an organization which has subsidiaries in 22 states, a membership of over 23,000, and 2½ million dollars in assets. They just can't understand how the organization ever came to have its national headquarters in a small city. The explanation is simple. It was born here, started by hard working men and women, your fathers and mothers, who looked towards future posterity."

Bro. Zbasnik pointed out that the active young leaders of today would be the leaders of tomorrow. Only by hard diligent work, patience, and unselfish thought towards fellow men and women could make this possible, he said. After all, fraternalism

means to associate with each other in a cooperative friendly light.

He credited Bro. Joseph L. Champa, president of lodge No. 2 for 14 years, as being one of the organizers of the first local English-conducted lodge in Ely—the Arrowheads of No. 184. Bro. Champa on the first of January was promoted to the police department by Mayor Bern Lambert, and now looks quite natty in his new uniform and badge. Other officers of Lodge No. 2 who have gained much distinction through their work are: Louis Perushek, secretary; Joseph Pechaver, treasurer; John Mehle, recording secretary; Dan Bohince, chairman, Anton Pirsh, and Anton Knapp, members of the auditing committee. Little Stan is vice chairman.

Much applause followed Bro. Zbasnik's fine address. Next on the program was the introduction of Gophers and lodge No. 2 candidates for athletic conference. Sister Frances Seme, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Seme, and Louis Pechek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pechek. They both promised they would work very hard to qualify as delegates. Louis Rebol, Jr., is our juvenile candidate.

Bro. Louis Champa, supreme treasurer, gave an early history of Lodge No. 2, stated the office of recording secretary did not exist until he suggested. Forthwith he was elected to the office. Later he served as president for over three years. He reiterated the financial soundness of the Union, and urged all to work hard so that they will become future leaders.

He stated that both he and Bro. Zbasnik sought offices back in 1920, but were both defeated the first time. Patience, diligence, and hard work came out on top, and by the end of 1923 both men were elected to their offices which they hold today. The thought meant was to keep on working, and even after heart-breaking reverses one should keep on working hard to attain his end, to do the best possible for the members. "Be active in lodge work, and work hard in the campaign!" he concluded.

Bro. Zbasnik spoke at length, arousing the enthusiasm of the members in the campaign. He stated: "Just last Monday I received a heavy envelope from Western Sisters Lodge in Butte, Montana. I almost mistook it for mere advertising and the like, and it almost hit the waste basket. But luckily, I looked at the address first. There were 94 JUVENILE APPLICATIONS! JUST THINK IF I HAD THROWN IT AWAY!"

He expressed uncontrolled confidence that our campaign would be the biggest success in history, and urged every member to get behind their candidates to qualify them as delegates.

Adjournment followed soon after. The floors were cleared, and Frances Perushek, chairman of the lunch committee had her girl friends hustling to prepare delicious cake, hotdogs and coffee. Frank Kromar, our fine Gopher accordionist, took the helm after the lunch and there was music in the air. Speaking of jitterbugs, you should have seen some of the best talent at the meeting! Bro. Frank Tomsich, jr., our assistant supreme secretary arrived just in time

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## Western Sisters Celebrate Feb. 19

Butte, Mont. — At the last meeting of Western Sisters lodge, No. 190, SSCU it was decided to hold a play and dance, commemorating the lodge's eleventh anniversary. Sunday, February 19th is the date selected, starting at 7:30 p. m. at "Narodni Dom" on Cherry St. Admission will be 35 cents. Good music will be provided. Final arrangements for the play have been completed and the committees in charge assure every guest in attendance a grand evening of entertainment.

The program will consist of a Slovene play "V jeci." Juvenile girls will sing "good night." "Fun in a photograph gallery" is the name of the English play to be enacted by the young ladies and men. "The Umbrella Man" will be sung by twenty young ladies. Another song in Slovene will be rendered by three juvenile girls. String music and Spanish entertainment. Banjo music by a young man, tap dancing and acrobatic stunts.

A cordial invitation is extended to lodge St. Aloysius, No. 43, SSCU of East Helena; to lodge "Slovinci," No. 142, SSCU of

## Lodge 198

Central City, Pa. — Lodge "Veseli Slovenci," No. 198, SSCU will commemorate its tenth anniversary with a dance on Saturday evening, February 18, at the Polish Hall on Main St. in Central City.

The supreme board has authorized Janko N. Rogelj, of Cleveland, who is first supreme trustee, to attend our program as a representative of our Union. Members of our lodge are requested to bring along their friends. Invited to this dance are members of other lodges, as well as our own, and their friends of this and nearby communities. The hour between 7 and 8 p. m. has been set aside for the speech to be given by the Union's representative.

Vincent Maljevac, Sec'y

"Mama, what does the word 'gentleman' mean?"

"That, my darling, is a word we ladies generally apply to a man we don't know very well."

Anaconda and to lodge "Sv. Martin," No. 105 of Butte. Every member is expected to buy a ticket. Bring your friends along. A good time is assured to all guests.

Mary Predovich, Sec'y

## Center Athletic Club To Hold Dance

Center, Pa. — On Saturday, February 18th, the Center Ramblers Sport club will hold a dance at Smitty's Hall in Center, Pa. Many of the bowlers are looking forward to a big turnout at this dance due to the fact that this dance is being held to help secure funds to finance our bowling teams for the two bowling tournaments; the duck-pin and the ten-pin. The duck-pin tournament is going to be held in Pittsburgh on Sunday, April 2d at Lawrence Recreation Alleys, and the ten-pin tournament will be held in Cleveland on Sunday, April 23d. One must keep in mind these tournaments as they are one of the many good items sponsored by our SSCU. Yes the SSCU is always ahead. Back to our dance—the music will be furnished by the Center City Four and the boys are raring to do their share so that everyone will have a good time. Juke said plenty of klobase will be on hand and plenty of refreshments, so what do you say Claridge, White Valley, Export, Universal, Pittsburgh, Springdale and all the neighboring lodges. Make your date, Saturday, February 18, at Center. Everybody welcome. Come one, come all to Smitty's Hall.

Paul J. Oblock,  
Athl. Supr. No. 221, SSCU

## Rambling Along

By Stan Progar  
Campaign Dance

Will you be in attendance at the JSKJ CAMPAIGN DANCE? Please do because this dance will enable many to learn just what the SSCU stands for in line with protection in time of need. EVERY ADMISSION TICKET WILL MEAN ANOTHER NEW PROSPECT ENLIGHTENED. Help us to tell those around us about the SSCU by your help at our dance. Show your loyalty to the SSCU by attending the dance and by help us on our advertising campaign. You will NOT be disappointed. Remember, Strabane is a very friendly town and will meet you more than half way in forming friendship. Remember, you will be here for the BIG VICTORY PICNIC so form your acquaintances NOW.

The Dance will take place in the Strabane Slovene home, just recently remodeled. It was the honor of being the smartest and the neatest club for miles around so make this your tour of inspection trip coupled with the thought of spending many happy hours at a dance held in Strabane. Remember the date is Saturday at eight, February the 18th.

Last call for dancing for about two months. But with this final warning to you, we have a correction to make. Due to circumstances over which we have no control, Phil Lewis will not play at the Campaign Dance as was advertised. BUT, in his stead, we were indeed fortunate to secure the services of Frankie Watt and his band. In doing this, we had to go completely over our heads as far as expenses are concerned, but we felt that in no way would we disappoint the many that planned to make the trip to Strabane. We are indeed sorry that we cannot give you Phil Lewis but will make it up by presenting for your dancing pleasure, Washington County's favorite dance band, FRANKIE WATT AND HIS ORCHESTRA. Since we have advertised the admission at twenty-five cents, we will let it remain as such. But what we lose, you gain, so remember, you can dance to and hear the music of the idol of many for the "first time in history" price of twenty-

## Colorado Sunshine

Denver, Colo. — The Colorado Sunshine lodge will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 1939 at the home of Millie Erickson to make final plans for our Tenth Anniversary Dance, which we are giving on Sat., February 18, starting at 7:30 p. m. to ? We have secured a very fine accordion player who will play all those polkas, etc., which makes the feet itchy. This accordion player is none other than Joe Meznar, who I think you all know. For the jitterbugs and such we will have Miss Eileen Butler give some late snappy dance tunes on the accordion. We can promise a good time to all, young or old. Now the admission is only 50 cents per person. This includes dancing and lunch. We are renting the bar so all drinks will be the usual price. Tickets are on sale by all members so be sure and get yours. Remember, Saturday, February 18, 1939 is Colorado Sunshine Lodge's Anniversary Dance from 7:30 to ? Bring your friends and come for a gala time to the Slovene Hall, 4464 Washington St. I'll be seeing you there February 18, 1939.

Chas H. Chitwood, Sec'y

## Cleveland Bowling

Cleveland, O. — Collinwood Bakers topped the Euclid Dairy for two games last Sunday. Joe Kuhar with a 565 series, including a high of 223, was tops for the winners, while Joe Tolar scintillated for the losers with a series of 580, including a single high of 211.

Perme Tailors won two at the expense of Dolgan Hardware, who dropped the last game by a margin of one pin. A heart-breaker for anyone. High for the winners was none other than good old Chas. Wohlgemuth with a 565, including a 214 game. Charles was an absentee for the last three weeks due to illness caused by teeth extraction, and a cold to boot. We are all glad to see you back Charley, and tickled to see you back in stride. Frank Sluga was high for the losers with a 544 for three games.

Stein Cafe came through with two victories, by beating the Poklar Service team. By the way, the Stein Cafe quintet, has been climbing steadily right along, having won 7 out of the last 9 games played. The top teams better keep a weather eye on the Stein Cafe. "Ham" Laurich has been bragging lately that part of this team's success is due to a certain brand of beer carried by Stein Cafe, located near five points. Al Zagar, J. Koren and M. Krall concur with this opinion. Mike Krall with a nice 558 series was high for the winners, and his game of 214 certainly helped matters. Joe Vljan was high for the losers with a 498 score.

George Kovitch, Sec'y  
Cleveland SSCU League

## BRIGADIERS, NOTICE!

Detroit, Mich. — A special meeting of Brigadiers lodge, No. 234, SSCU will take place this Friday evening, February 17, at the Slovene National Home on John R.

Frances Skoryanc, Pres.  
five cents. We made a mistake and give you the opportunity to capitalize on it. And so, till we meet at the Strabane home, we again remind you that Saturday, February 18, at the Slovene Home in Strabane, you have the pleasure and the privilege to dance to the music of Washington County's favorite dance band at the low price of twenty-five cents. But here's a warning you MUST heed. Get here early or you will be lost in the crowd. Remember, dancing starts at eight to the melodies of FRANKIE WATT and his band.

## BRIEFS

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**Colorado Sunshine lodge, No. 201, SSCU of Denver, Colo.,** will commemorate its tenth anniversary on Saturday, February 18, with a dance and lunch, at the Slovene Hall, 4464 Washington St.

**Fifth annual national SSCU** tenpin bowling tournament will take place in Cleveland, O., on Sunday, April 23.

**Fifth annual national SSCU** duckpin tournament is scheduled for Sunday, April 2, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**In Central City, Pa. lodge 198** SSCU will observe its tenth anniversary with a program and dance on Saturday evening, Feb. 18, in the Polish Hall on Main St. First supreme trustee, Jan-ko N. Rogelj, will speak as a representative of the SSCU, authorized by the supreme board. Dancing is scheduled to begin at 8 p. m., while one hour earlier the commemorative exercises are scheduled to begin.

**In Davis, W. Va., lodge 106,** SSCU will hold a dance in Benedetto Hall, on Saturday, Feb. 18. Juvenile members will have a hand in preparing part of the entertainment. Prizes for best dancers. Dance begins at 7 p. m.

**In Claridge, Pa., lodge 40, SS-**CU will hold a dance on February 17, in the Slovene Home, starting at 8 p. m.

**JSKJ Jrs. of lodge 149, SSCU** of Strabane, Pa. will hold a dance on Saturday, February 18, at the Slovene Home on Strabane. Dance is held for the purpose of defraying advertising expenses incurred in connection with the local drive for new members, as part of the national juvenile convention and athletic conference campaigns.

**Center Ramblers Sports Club** of lodge 221, SSCU, of Center, Pa. is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, February 18, at Schmidt's Hall.

**A pre-Lenten dance will be** held by lodge 84, SSCU of Trinidad, Colo., on Saturday, February 18, at Chas. Defilipi's hall in Starkville.

**In Canon City, Colo., lodge** 147, SSCU is scheduled to hold a dance on Saturday, February 19.

**A Masquerade dance is the** entertainment offered by lodge 138, SSCU of Export, Pa., on Tuesday, February 21.

**Dr. Jean Pajus of the Cleve-**land branch of Foreign Affairs Council, who recently lectured under the auspices of the Slovene Language Club, is offering a course on world politics at the Cleveland College, on Thursdays, between 5:15 and 6:15 p. m. Registration for the course, which is called "Interpretation of our Times," will continue this week and next.

## LITTLE STAN'S ARTICLE

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for lunch. He's busy getting new members for lodge No. 1, and was a trifle late in getting to the meeting. But the committee was on the job, and Frank was not lonesome.

Outside, temperatures were warm, but an unmerciful wind roared its way through the avenues. It was near midnight when everybody left. Next meeting falls on the second Thursday of March—and the boys are in charge of the lunch... it should be good, what? Polish sausage and pork and beans??? Something easy anyway! Smart guys, too. They asked to have the gals help them with the dishes! Plans will also be made for further entertainment during the Lenten season. Be there.

## Minutes

### OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SSCU SUPREME BOARD, HELD FROM JAN. 30th TO FEB 1, 1939

Translated from the Slovene by Frank Tomsich, Jr., Assistant Supreme Secretary

#### First Session

Supreme president Paul Bartel opened the first meeting of the annual session Monday, January 30th at 9 a. m. with an appropriate address of welcome and remarked that all business on the program be given due consideration before decisions are rendered.

Construed that all supreme board members are present who in the light of the by-laws must attend the annual and semi-annual sessions. Present are the following: Paul Bartel, supreme president; Paul J. Oblock, second supreme vice-president; Anton Zbasnik, supreme secretary; Frank Tomsich, Jr., assistant supreme secretary; Louis Champa, supreme treasurer; Dr. F. J. Arch, supreme medical examiner; Anton J. Terbovec, editor-manager of Nova Doba; John Kumse, chairman of the supreme board of trustees; Janko N. Rogelj, first trustee; Frank E. Vranichar, second trustee; Matt Anzelc, third trustee; and Andrew Milavec, Jr., fourth trustee.

Adopted that sessions be held from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. Adopted that the rate of compensation of the recording secretary be the same as given per day to one convention recording secretary. Anton J. Terbovec was unanimously elected recording secretary. Read are the minutes of the last semi-annual session and approved as read.

Follow reports of supreme board members, English editor of Nova Doba, who is also athletic commissioner, and chairman of the national publicity committee of juvenile activities, which are read in the regular order.

After the reading and adoption of all reports presented, a letter from John P. Lunka, fourth supreme vice-president, is read and recorded with the understanding that due consideration be given the subject matter by the athletic commissioner and the supreme board members who control the athletic activities of the SSCU.

Supreme secretary Anton Zbasnik, then presents miscellaneous matters which are acted upon as indicated below:

Barbara Skala, member of Lodge No. 1, is granted maternity benefits amounting to \$15.00 although the claim was presented rather late.

Read is a letter from the secretary of Lodge No. 9, relative to the enrollment of candidates for membership who are not residing in the vicinity of the lodge. The supreme secretary is given instructions to cope with this and similar situations.

Ludvig Centa, member of Lodge No. 15, underwent a dangerous operation for which no benefits are payable in our present by-laws. The member requests some special benefit in view of Section 307 as the cost of the operation was close to \$200.00. After information is given by the supreme medical examiner, Bro. Centa is awarded \$25.00.

In the matter of the death benefit of Joseph Deleja, member of Lodge No. 15, which has been postponed, the claim may now be paid.

Helen Marn, member of Lodge No. 20, is granted \$25.00 in special disability benefits in view of the information submitted. At this time it was 12 noon and the supreme president adjourned the first meeting of the annual session.

#### Second Session

The second session was opened by the supreme president Monday, January 30th at 1:30 p. m. Present are all board members that attended the first session. Continued is the miscellaneous business presented by the supreme secretary.

In the matter of Lodge No. 25, of Eveleth, Minnesota, regarding activities, a lengthy discussion ensues; finally the supreme secretary is authorized to personally go there in the near future and suggest the proper measures in order to create an active interest for our organization.

In the matter of Martin Turich, former member of Lodge No. 26, who was suspended for non-payment of assessments, in the month of May last year and later expelled, a lengthy discussion ensues during which the board members are given various miscellaneous information. After due consideration, it is decided he cannot be reinstated into the lodge and Union.

In the matter of Anton Panian, member of Lodge No. 30, who is confined in the hospital, it is agreed that sick benefits be paid on the condition that the sick benefit claim blank be properly filled out.

Lodge No. 31 has been charged \$3.45, due to a protest fee because the check of John Bayuk became lost and subsequently recovered and cashed. The secretary writes that it would be hard for him to pay the fee mentioned. As this situation was created because of limited knowledge of banking methods, it is adopted that the sum mentioned be returned to the secretary.

Ralph Jerman, member of Lodge No. 35, petitions for some special benefit in view of Section 307 to cover the cost of an operation which is not covered in our by-laws. He is awarded \$25.00 in special benefits.

William Bratkovich, member of Lodge No. 40, is awarded sick benefits previously held up in view of additional information presented.

John Mohar, member of Lodge No. 42, is awarded \$25.00 in special benefits from the Disability Fund.

In reference to a letter from the secretary of Lodge No. 61, a many sided discussion follows, after which the supreme secretary is instructed to notify the aforementioned secretary of the stand taken by the supreme board.

Ana Zugel, member of Lodge No. 66, had her disability benefit held up. After miscellaneous information is submitted, it is adopted that the deferred benefits be paid and also future disability benefits as long as the member is entitled to these benefits.

Johana Tomse, member of Lodge No. 70, had her claim for indemnity benefits of \$800.00 postponed due to certain reasons. After considering the submitted reports, it is adopted the postponed benefit be paid.

Lodge No. 84, has some members who, because of the establishment of the new Lodge No. 233, live closer to the new lodge, but said members wish because of various reasons, to retain their present lodge membership. After a many sided discussion, the supreme board takes the stand in this matter that the members of Lodge No. 84 may not have rights taken from them which they had prior to the establishment of the new lodge, so the members may retain their membership in the former lodge. This applies only to those members who were members of Lodge No. 84, prior

to the establishment of Lodge No. 233. New members must join Lodge No. 233, if the seat of this lodge is closer.

Matt Speck, member of Lodge No. 87, requests some operation benefit in view of Section 307 because the operation he sustained is not covered by sections of our by-laws relating to operations. The petition for benefits is not supported by any documentary evidence, stating the cost of the operation, therefore, the request cannot be granted.

Lodge No. 101, in Walsenburg, Colo., requests the Union to pay expenses of approximately \$60.00, incurred by the lodge when they sent four members as pall-bearers 250 miles to the distant city of Leadville, Colo., where their member Kelly Virant, expired. The request cannot be honored as the deceased lived in Leadville, where Lodge No. 111, has been in existence for a long time. Said lodge would no doubt have made all arrangements necessary incidental to the funeral had the member transferred there.

The second session adjourns at 5:30 p. m.

#### Third Session

The third session was opened by the supreme president Tuesday, Jan. 31st, at 9 a. m. Present are all supreme board members that attended the former sessions. Read are the minutes of the first session and later the second; both are approved as read.

The next business for consideration are various miscellaneous matters which were referred to this session.

Joseph Perhaj, member of Lodge No. 155, who has exhausted his entire sick and disability benefits some time ago, now petitions for some benefit. He is granted \$25.00 from the disability fund.

The complaint of Frank Meze, member of Lodge No. 159, regarding certain benefits cannot be acted upon as the request has been previously rejected and since then, no additional evidence has been submitted to support his contention.

Frank Skufca, member of Lodge No. 200, cannot be paid sick benefits in view of Section 323-C.

Helen Caro, member of Lodge No. 221, had her sick benefit rejected in view of section 322, because of an illness for which no benefits are paid during the first year of membership. The member is still sick and a claim for benefits was again presented after the expiration of one year from the date of her admission. The supreme board interprets Section 322, thus, that since the above mentioned has been a member one year, she is entitled to sick benefit, after the first year of membership, hence. This interpretation of Section 322, may be accepted in the future for similar instances, whenever it is not shown and proved that the member had such sickness prior to enrollment.

A letter from the Federation of SSCU Lodges, in Colorado, is recorded and approved are the instructions forwarded by the supreme secretary to the Federation.

The Federation of SSCU Lodges in Pennsylvania again requests that in states where no medical examination is requested for juvenile members, the 50 cents formerly paid for medical examinations, be paid to local secretaries. The request cannot be granted as it would be discriminating against lodge secretaries in states where medical examinations are imperative. The supreme board is of the opinion, that the secretaries in states where medical examinations are necessary, have more work and inconveniences than incurred by secretaries where examinations are not necessary. In other words, secretaries with less efforts would receive 50 cents in awards, other secretaries with more work would receive nothing. Awards for new juvenile members in force at present call for 50 cents per member, and if an additional 50 cents be awarded local secretaries, that would entail a cost of one dollar for each enrollment. The Union is already burdened with the payment of one dollar for enrollments in states that require a medical examination for juvenile members.

The suggestions of the Pennsylvania federation regarding the juvenile convention and athletic conference, are deferred until the subject matter be brought on the calander.

The supreme secretary submits a lengthy correspondence with the Minnesota and New York Insurance Commissioners with commendable results.

The Ely United Lodges of SSCU thank the Union for the financial assistance accorded during the 40th anniversary celebration at Ely. The supreme board in turn thanks the combined lodges for their splendid efforts during the celebration.

Various supreme board members report that Bro. Steve Banovetz, Sr., of Ely, sent letters to certain supreme board members and judiciary members, in which he contradicts the statement that a certain member of the present SSCU supreme board was also a member of the first supreme board, as stated in various articles submitted for publication in connection with the Union's history. That the member mentioned is wrong can be readily seen from the booklet at disposal in the Home Office and in which are the printed minutes of the second supreme board meeting; that is, the 2nd convention of the SSCU held in Ely, Minnesota, July 17 and 18th, 1899; that is, one year from the first supreme board session or organization convention in 1898. In this record of the minutes is mentioned as a member of the board of trustees, this supreme board member, which Bro. Banovetz contends was not a member of the first supreme board. If this member was mentioned at the second meeting as a supreme board member, he must certainly have attained that office at the first session of the supreme board. The minutes which are signed by supreme president Joseph Agnich, and by recorder of minutes Frank Sakser, and printed by the publication Glas Naroda, in New York, is a document for the Home Office upon which more credence can be given than to 40-year reminiscences of an individual member.

The supreme board is of the opinion, that it isn't important who was or who was not in the first supreme board; that it is more important to consider current facts and problems of our Union. In connection with these unnecessary arguments, the supreme trustees are instructed to personally explain to Bro. Steve Banovetz the stand and status of the supreme board.

Meeting adjourns at 12 noon.

(To be continued)

## A Reminder

Turtle Creek, Pa. — There will be a dance on Saturday, February 18 at Smitty's Hall at 8:00 p. m., sponsored by the Center Ramblers Sports Club. Purpose of this dance is to raise

money for all sports of this year. Everybody's welcome. We guarantee you all a good time as the Center City Four will furnish the music.

Frances P. Mozinga  
Sec'y, No. 221 SSCU



