

## OFFICIAL MINUTES:

## THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT WORK

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1953

The Supreme President, bro. V. I. Mandich, opened the session with the season's greetings. All members of the Board and Officials were present.

The Minutes of the December 9 session were approved as read.

The Supreme Secretary, bro. Bella, presented the following cases:

**Lodge 14** — Frank Celizic named his wife beneficiary, who predeceased the member. The Board approved payment of the death claim to their 3 surviving sons.

**Lodge 18** — Ivan Mitak exhausted the reserve value on his certificate and through the Lodge requested assistance from the National Fund. The Board approved the issuance of a \$400.00 certificate for funeral expenses as per decision of the Convention and the Supreme Board.

**Lodge 34** — Martin Berdik named his wife beneficiary, who predeceased the member. The Board approved payment of the death claim to their 5 surviving children.

**Lodge 94** — Paul Gusic exhausted the reserve value on his certificate and through the Lodge requested assistance from the National Fund. The Board approved the issuance of a \$400.00 certificate for funeral expenses as per decision of the Convention and the Supreme Board. The member is to be placed on reserve.

**Lodge 192** — Juraj Grenc exhausted the reserve value on his certificate and through the Lodge requested assistance from the National Fund. The Board approved the issuance of a \$400.00 certificate for funeral expenses as per decision of the Convention and the Supreme Board. The member is to be placed on reserve.

**Lodge 588** — Petar Kutlesa gave his year of birth as 1894 at the time of enrollment, but his correct year of birth was 1891. This means that the member was a few months past 50 years of age when he applied for membership. The Board agreed to scale down the certificate by 3 years and pay the balance of the claim to the beneficiaries.

**Lodge 663** — Paul Bukovac and Ann Troha are both insured for \$2000.00 each. Their requests for an additional \$2000.00 of insurance were approved by the Board.

**Lodge 345** — The request of Jerolim Tuskan and the Lodge for assistance was approved by the Board. The printing bill, for the letters and envelopes to be mailed to the Lodges for donations, is to be paid from the National Fund.

Supreme Board Member bro. Belanic submitted his report on the proceedings of the New England Fraternal Congress, which is to be published in our Official Organ. His expenses were approved for payment.

The request of Lodge 692 of Kenosha, Wis., for a speaker from the Home Office for their 25th Anniversary at the expense of the Home Office could not be granted, as per decision of the Supreme Board.

The Board approved a donation of \$100.00 to 5 Canadian Nests toward their Christmas Party to be distributed among the Nests according to their membership.

A payment of \$128.00 was approved to radio station KOWL of Los Angeles for 8 short Campaign broadcasts during October and November.

Bro. Bella submitted the final tabulation of the 1953 Referendum Vote held in October and November, 1953, as follows:

Proposal No. 1 — To increase the salaries of all Officers: For the proposal, 3,817; Against the proposal, 6,297. Proposal No. 2 — To adopt the new Sick Benefit Plan: For the proposal, 7,271; Against the proposal, 2,464.

The Supreme Secretary informed the Board that bro. Peter Reskovic, an employee at the Home Office, is to be retired on pension effective January 1, 1954, as per the By-Laws of the Pension Plan.

On the recommendation of bro. Bella, the Board approved the allocation of expenses of the Sickness and Disability Funds to the Administrative Fund proportionately to each fund based on the balance in these funds as of December 31, 1953.

The Supreme President offered the suggestion that the meeting and selection of a new committee for the 1954 CFU Campaign be disposed of at the next session of the Executive Board on January 13, 1954, which the Board Members and Officials accepted unanimously.

Bro. Ovarich, Secretary of the Sick Benefit Department, presented the following cases to the Board:

**Lodge 187** — Sister Veronica Vidmar, cert. C-33649, has been mentally ill and was placed in a private institution in 1949. Later she was transferred to a public institution. Being that she was not reported on sick benefits until January, 1953, the Board cannot consider paying sick benefits prior to the above stated date. Having the evidence and proof that this member is continuously ill, the Board approves the payment of sick benefits to her mother for a period of one year.

**Lodge 189** — Bro. Nikola Hudjber, cert. 82196, submitted a claim for a back injury, which claim was postponed for 90 days. After that time, he submitted a second claim in which his attending physician stated that he was totally and permanently disabled. Despite the fact that there were no broken or fractured bones, but in view of the fact that the member is permanently disabled, our Legal Counsellor is of the opinion that this claim should be paid. On this opinion and the recommendation of the Medical Examiner, the Board approved the payment in full.

**Lodge 582** — Sister Dora Bačura, cert. 88283, submitted a claim for her operation. However, since this type of operation is not listed in the By-Laws, our Medical Examiner could not approve this claim for payment. Being that her operation was serious, the Board approved the payment as per Section 296 of the By-Laws, on the recommendation of the Sick Benefit Secretary and the Medical Examiner.

There being no further business to transact, and this being the last official meeting of the Board for 1953, the Supreme President, bro. V. I. Mandich, extends Season's Greetings to the Officers and Employees at the Home Office and to the entire membership of the Union.

Joseph Bella, Supreme Secretary

## Here's Hotel Info For Detroit Tenpin Tourney

**Detroit, Mich.** — One of our first concerns when making plans for any tournament is hotel reservations.

When you come to Detroit this May for the CFU's 20th Annual Tenpin Tournament, headquarters will be the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, one of the Motor City's finest.

It is located in Downtown Detroit, less than a 5-minute walk from Detroit Recreation, which houses all tournament bowling lanes, and is near direct transportation to the United Dairy Workers Hall, where all social functions will be held. Also, it is within close walking distance to this city's

leading department stores and specialty shops. Whether you're traveling to Detroit via train, bus, car or plane, the Sheraton-Cadillac is conveniently situated.

This hotel boasts 1200 rooms and five restaurants which are, in their own words, "designed to suit your dining pleasure, whether it be for a simple late snack or a filet mignon with baked Alaska flambe for dessert." Their service leaves nothing to be wanted.

So, be early and be sure, and write to Helen Perplech, 16876 Santa Rosa, Detroit 21, Michigan, for reservations.

Helen Perplech, Scribe

The only place to learn to sell CFU insurance is in the presence of prospects.

## Detroit Onyx Topplers Command Circuit Chase

**Detroit, Mich.** — The first session in the New Year found the Onyx Topplers strengthening their grip on first place in the Detroit Men's League. Meanwhile the Stimac Hardware and the Slavulj keggers were giving the runnerup Hamm's Beer and Croatian Home squads a costly jolt.

Milan Milakovich made the difficult 4-7-9-10 split. Drey's Beer shot a neat 2733, in which they were led by Nick Hecimovich's 575. John Bowlick, Jr., hauled in both sessional honors with 236-582.

Other topnotch scores of the day were Hank Colombo, 202-575; Tony Vurich, 213-565; Fred Gregorich, 212-561; Rudy Pavkovich, 210-561; Ray Filipiak, 222-555; Tony Decovich, 554; Tony Ruzich, 551; Andy Kovach, 540; John Magiera, 204; and Phil Hodak, 199.

Fred Gregorich, Pres.

## Harbor Lodge Meetings Rate Steady Patronage

**Indiana Harbor, Ind.** — The members of "Harborites" ES Lodge 856 have voted to hold all meetings during the current year on the third Tuesday of every month, at the Croatian Home, 4033 Main Street.

Prior to this we held our sessions on the second Wednesday of every month, but for the convenience of our members, we changed the date.

We'd like to stress the importance of your attendance at our February 16 meeting inasmuch as we have many vital issues to discuss at that time. Our newly appointed officers would like to see a full house at this session.

Madge, Rec. Sec'y.

## Detroit Croatian Home Will Elect Leadership

**Detroit, Mich.** — The annual meeting of the National Croatian Home Corporation will be held on Sunday, January 31, 1954, promptly at 2:30 P.M. directly at the Home, 1735 E. McNichols Rd. Inasmuch as this is the important session at which we discuss our course for the new year, investigate our financial standings, and elect a new slate of officers, we urge each and every member to be in attendance.

Light refreshments will be served following the conclusion of business, in accordance with our usual custom.

Andrew Matujec, Sec'y.

## Greensburg Lodge Will Undertake Two Socials

**Greensburg, Pa.** — The SNPJ Hall in Carbon Hill has been booked for the staging of two dances, on Saturday, January 23 and Saturday, January 30, by the members of "Zora" CFU Lodge 345.

Music on the first of these occasions will be in the capable hands of the well known Tammie Serenaders of McKeesport, while the Gay Lads ensemble has been contracted to furnish shuffling tunes for the January 30th event.

You're cordially invited to drop in on either or both of the above mentioned dates at the SNPJ Hall, and have yourself a high time.

Mike Bacan, Vice Pres.

## Farrell Civic Club Up With News For Dancers

**Farrell, Pa.** — Continuing with their mid-winter series of socials, the members of the Croatian American Civic Club will sponsor a Dance on Saturday, January 23, in the Croatian Home, Staunton St. Your musical host on the occasion will be Dave Zupkovich's Balkan Tamburitza Orchestra, so get your family and friends together Saturday evening and enjoy these artists. Suffice it to say that refreshments will also be served throughout the affair.

John Mikulin, Recorder

## Verona Narodni Dom To Map Course For Future

**Verona, Pa.** — All members of CFU Lodge 770 are requested to attend the General Meeting of the Narodni Dom on Sunday, January 24.

The session will start at 2:00 P.M. and be devoted to the reading of reports by officers and planning a future course for the Dom. If every member of the Dom will cooperate by attending on Sunday, January 24, we feel certain much can be done for the good of ourselves and the community of Verona.

Joseph Stefancic, Sec'y.

## Southern Ontario Loop In Spotlight Saturday

**Hamilton, Ont.** — The Mixed Bowling Leagues under the sponsorship of C. F. U. Lodges 644 and 975 are preparing to stage a Bowling Exhibition at the Beach Road Bowling Club, on Saturday, January 23, 1954.

A gay and festive Dance will follow the kegling matches at the Croatian National Home, at which time we all plan to get together and mull over various excuses for our

## Stories To Remember

## The Sands Of Time

By Lawrence James Babin

Malena fanned herself with jerking movements, knowing that when she stopped she would be warmer than when she had started. Almost frantically, she tugged at her sari, wishing that she could be anywhere from the stifling humidity.

Her father lay in his bed watching. "Malena," he called, in a rasping voice, "there is no need for you to sit here in this miserable room waiting for an old man to die."

She looked at him, her eyes heavy with pity. "Please do not say things like that. What if it came true?"

The old man's face wrinkled into a smile. "Soon, it will be true, Malena. I can feel that it is so." He turned his head toward the window. "One day you will rule Rampuro, after I am gone."

"I am going for a ride," Malena declared, suddenly rising to her feet.

"That is good," agreed her father. "Have Simla take you in my open carriage."

Malena clutched her fan tightly in her hands. "I did not know Simla had returned from the war," she declared, in a tone devised to conceal her interest.

"Yes," announced her father, "your childhood friend is home again. He arrived in Rampuro last evening. I did not tell you immediately in

bad forms or brag about the simplicity of obtaining strikes, whichever the case might be.

We are inviting all the Croatian people to join us in this, our first social attempt of the new year, for the Committee is striving to make arrangements which will suit all who care to partake of our hospitality.

John Bratina, Sec'y.

## Rochester Lodge 85 Is Pining For Summertime

**Rochester, Pa.** — Ever anxious to do things up right and get an early start on our activities, the members of "Abraham Lincoln" C. F. U. Lodge 85 announce their plans to sponsor two picnics next summer.

The dates of these events are July 4th and August 15th, both to be staged at Crows Run, located between Freedom and Conway, on Route 88.

We ask that our members and other Beaver County organizations keep these two dates open, and plan right now to enjoy themselves in our midst on both these occasions.

John Mikan, Sec'y.

order that you might allow him at least one day of rest."

Her gaze quickly turned from him. She did not want her father to see the brightness of hope that flashed in her eyes. "I must see him right away," said Malena, walking quickly toward the door.

"Malena," called the old man, "remember you are of the highest caste. Do not make a fool of yourself."

His daughter turned and glared angrily across the room, her dark eyes flashing. "I do not believe in caste. I am in love with Simla. Someday we will be married."

Malena's father shielded his eyes with the palm of his hand, as if to close his mind to the words she had spoken. "You are of the blood of royalty. Never has one of the house of the maharajah of Rampuro married one of another caste."

"These are modern times," shouted Malena.

The old man withdrew his palm from his eyes and folded his hands. "But this is Rampuro. This is India. The sands of time have fallen slowly here. Such a marriage as you propose can never be."

"I will never marry anyone but Simla," sobbed Malena, as she hurried from the room.

When she was outdoors, Malena breathed a sigh of relief, for she was free of prison-like walls of the palace. Even the air seemed lighter, and the heat did not feel as enveloping as it had inside.

Malena walked to the gardens that she knew so well. The gardens had always made her feel pleasant for they were a reminder of the blissful days of the childhood she had spent with Simla. Malena suddenly wished that she was a child again. She wished that Simla was by her side to comfort her as he had always done.

"Malena. Malena," called a deep, familiar voice.

The girl whirled about, startled by the call. Then, she smiled. It was Simla.

He stretched out his arms toward her, laughing loudly as he always did.

She ran to him, and carressed his body with her arms. "Simla. Simla," she sobbed. "It is so good to see you again. I thought you would never come back. You promised you would come to see me as soon as you arrived back in Rampuro. Why did you not come last evening?"

Simla picked her up in his strong arms, and gently kissed her cheek. "It is good to see you, Malena. Having seen you here in the gardens, I know that I am really home in Rampuro."

Malena smiled briefly, and raised her hand to touch his fair lips. "You did not answer my question, Simla. Why did you not come to see me as soon as you arrived here?"

He stood before her—tall, handsome, strong. "Your father, the maharajah, told me to remain in my quarters after I had spoken with him last evening."

She tossed back her head laughing aloud. "Why? No do not tell me! I know! He knew I would plague you, after I knew you had come back. He knew that I would tire you, until I had proven my love to you—until you had promised to marry me."

Malena paused. She had noticed the smile fade from Simla's lips. She had noticed the tightening of his limbs.

"No. No, Malena," declared Simla, placing her on the ground, and straightening his uniform. "There is another reason." He removed his arms from her waist. "I am going to marry another."

Malena gasped. "You are only fooling. You are trying

to make me jealous. Tell me the truth."

Simla turned away, ashamed to look into her eyes. "It is the truth, Malena. I have never lied to you."

She felt tears trickle down her cheeks. "No," she sobbed, "you have never lied to me." "I must leave now, Malena. I promised the maharajah I would after I had told you." He turned to face her, but his eyes could not meet hers. He kissed her quickly, and disappeared behind a screen of shrubbery.

Malena walked back slowly into the house of the maharajah, her face stained with tears. She made her way to the room of her father, as if drawn by an irresistible force.

Her father still lay in his bed, his gaze fixed toward the window overlooking Rampuro. He turned as Malena came into the room. "Simla has told you?" he asked.

"Yes," declared Malena. "Simla told me." She tightened her sari about her. "He told me a lie. You told him what to say. Did you not? Tell me it is not so."

The old man sighed deeply. "It is true. I told him what he must say. He has no other to marry. He loved no other but you. But you are of royal blood and he is of low caste." Malena sobbed loudly. "But I loved him. I will never be happy without him. Is it so sinful to marry one of another caste?"

"One day you will rule Rampuro. Your sons and daughters will follow you. You must not allow yourself to be degraded by mingling with a lower caste."

Malena sank to her knees beside the old man's bed. "Please," she cried, "please allow me to marry Simla."

"I forbid it. Your love was but an infatuation. It will die as time passes."

Malena rose to her feet, and walked toward the door. "You have the right to command now. One day, I will rule Rampuro, and I will command."

The maharajah smiled cynically. "And by then you will have forgotten your childhood fancy."

"That may be true," declared Malena, "but, as you, yourself, said, this in India, and the sands of time have fallen slowly here."

She strode triumphantly to her quarters. The air no longer seemed heavy. The heat no longer seemed unbearable. Malena laid on her bed and fell asleep.

A knock on the door awakened her, the next morning.

"Come in," Malena called. A servant in a starched white-linen tunic bowed quickly before her. "Your father, the maharajah, is dead. You are the ruler of Rampuro, o great maharani." Malena felt ill. She must find Simla. He would comfort her. He would tell her what she must do. She bit her lip. "No," she thought, "I am of the house of the maharajah. I must not mingle with a lower caste. I must not degrade myself."

Turning to the servant, she spoke, "Make preparations for my father's funeral. Hurry. There are many things which must be done."

She lay back on the bed, and her gaze turned toward

## Cornhusker Quints Are Preparing For Tourney

**Omaha, Neb.** — The athletic teams here in Omaha want to make news of their activities.

We have two teams, one for boys 15 and under, which we call our Nest 28 team and the other, boys, 15 through 17, which we call our Lodge 101 team. It is from these boys that we hope to enter a Nest team in the forthcoming basketball tournament to be staged in Farrell, Pa.

Our Nest team opened their hardwood campaign with a 30-13 romp over the Social Settlement on their court. Ragged play, as expected in the opener, featured first half play with the C. F. U. lads holding a 13-6 lead.

With Jerry Malolepszy and Ray Rhye clearing the boards along with a pressing defense, the Nest routed their taller lads the last half. Malolepszy paced the win with 8 points while Rhye netted six. The floor work of John and Jim Kresnik stood out in the win.

The Lodge team, playing independent and as a unit, in the local Catholic Youth Organization League under the banner of Sts. Peter and Paul Crusaders, the Lodge name, has won three of the four contests to date.

The boys opened with a 31-23 win over Holy Cross; lambasted St. Margaret-Mary, 65-17; nipped Holy Family, 41-38 in an overtime fracas; and bowed to St. Wenceslaus, 40-36.

Stan Macaitas poured 24 points through the hoop to lead the scalping of St. Margaret-Mary cagers. Mickey Bizal and Ed Sterba contributed clutch baskets to trip Holy Family after Macaitas was ejected early for disputing the referee's decision. This ouster brought cries of protest from a partisan crowd that follows our cage teams.

The lads dipped their colors for the first time when they lost a 40-36 thriller to an unbeaten St. Wenceslaus team. The Crusaders held a 18-11 halftime lead but wilted under heavy firing of their opponents in the last half. Loss of Ed Sterba, out with a bad knee hurt our chances.

Joe Cupich, Reporter

## St. Louis Lodges Plan Gala Time Before Lent

**St. Louis, Mo.** — We are hereby notifying all friends and organizations in this locality that the Central Committee of C.F.U. Lodges and Junior Nests has set aside the date, February 28, 1954, for the staging of a gala Shrove Dance. The event will take place at the Croatian Church Hall, 12th and Russell Blvd. We request that the aforementioned organizations refrain from scheduling any conflicting affairs for this date. Instead, plan to join us in our festive gathering.

Michael Sestric, Sec'y.

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BENWOOD BOUND... Making with the music when the members of Benwood, West Virginia, ESL 745 stage their Annual Dance on Saturday, January 23, will be the Pozega Tamburitza Orchestra of Youngstown, Ohio, shown above. Scene of the festivities will be Benwood's Blue Ribbon Hall, Main Street.

Hope of the host Lodge is that the turnstiles will click enough on January 23 to enable it to send a team to the Croatian Fraternal Union's 20th Annual Tenpin Tournament, due for a May 6-9, 1954, running at Detroit, Michigan. Which is reason enough for you and yours to take in this Lodge 745 fete.