

Chicagoan Fourth To Claim Trip To Yugoslavia



... Math Kovacevich ...
Top Business Writer



... Joseph Stanovich ...
He Would Be No. 1

Math Kovacevich, Joseph Stanovich Staging Pitched Battle To Emerge As Campaign's Leading Insurance Writer

Canadian Recruiters Show No Signs Of Easing Pressure On Stateside Brethren As Two-Year Drive Starts Eleventh Lap

By Michael Grasha, Chairman, Campaign Comm.

PITTSBURGH — Ten months of our two year membership drive have elapsed! They were ten gratifying, record breaking, memorable months during which our dedicated army of volunteer recruiters did themselves proud and enriched their Society by 4,824 new members.

Here is the month by month statistical recapitulation of the new membership count and the insurance written:

Month	New Members	New Insurance
January	461	\$376,000
February	538	453,600
March	514	437,200
April	423	391,900
May	375	350,300
June	447	394,400
July	454	395,000
August	486	454,800
September	627	547,200
October	499	457,500
Grand Totals	4,824	\$4,257,900

Of these new members 3,993 were enrolled in the U. S. and 831 into Canadian lodges or nests. The adult department received 1,749 while 3,075 went into the Junior Order.

Insurance-wise our U.S. affiliates accounted for \$3,454,800 in new coverage while Canada issued \$803,600. The Junior Order took \$2,169,900 of the total while the senior department received \$2,088,000.

The number of proposers grows ever larger and now stands at 1146. That is a self-appointed recruiting army that any organization would be proud to have and we certainly must be the envy of the fraternal world.

We print elsewhere on these pages the names of those who have earned 100 or more points. This list too grows ever larger and now numbers 94 campaigners.

As is our custom, we cite here the names of our Big Ten—the standout activists in a circle of outstanding performers:

Lodge	Name	City	Ins.	Points
177	Math Kovacevich,	Los Angeles, Cal.		1035
895	Danica Markusic,	Schumacher, Ont.	32	882
2	John Baron,	Benwood, W. Va.	50	752
32	Franjo Rudar,	Chicago, Ill.	50	706
930	August Herceg,	Schumacher, Ont.	37	672
975	Michael Mijatovich,	Toronto, Ont.	18	574
644	Joseph Stanovich,	Hamilton, Ont.	168	534
288	George Balich,	Indiana Harbor, Ind.	45	404
5	Michael Baich,	Johnstown, Pa.	2	354
70	Mary Julian,	Chicago, Ill.	27	352

This listing too is most revealing and interesting. It embraces 4 Canadians and 6 Americans—a most surprising fact when we compare the Canadian-U.S. membership ratio which is about 1:10. Our Canadians have again earned for themselves the plaudits of the entire CFU membership.

This list shows us also that bro. Joseph Stanovich with his 168 points for the month was the top producer. In fact his total of insurance written thus far—\$69,600 is second only to that of the top man, bro. Math Kovacevich, who has written up \$88,500 to this point. From another standpoint—that of the number of members enrolled bro. Stanovich's 93 at the end of October is TOPS.

Keeping in mind that the cost of the projected trip to Europe in 1960 will be 700 points we see that 4 of our campaigners have already earned the trip and that bro. August Herceg with his 672 is very close to the goal. We are pleased to see that no one is relaxing however and that even those already well over the goal continue to work.

We've checked also the state and provincial breakdown and find that the 184 campaigners with 50 or more points are grouped as follows:

Pa.	54	Minn.	5	Wash.	2	Wyo.	1
Ill.	23	W. Va.	3	Wis.	2	Canada	
Ohio	19	Colo.	2	Conn.	1	Ont.	27
Cal.	12	Mont.	2	Mo.	1	Que.	5
Ind.	9	Neb.	2	N. Mex.	1	B. C.	2
Mich.	8	Utah	2	N. Y.	1		

Going back to the month by month recruiting results, we must admit the obvious—the fact that there was some backsliding in October after that record high in September. In membership comparison the month was outclassed also by February and March. In the amount of new coverage sales however only the spectacular performance of September eclipsed October's production.

We've personally set our sights on a year-end goal of

Rochester 85 In Huge Celebration Of 60th Milestone

Charter Member And 50-Year Vets Hailed By Throng

By Stephen F. Brkich
— English Editor —

PITTSBURGH — During his nearly two decades of service on the CFU Home Office scene — first as a Clerk, later as a Sports Director, and since 1948 as the English Editor of The Zajednicar — the writer attended numerous major functions sponsored by various Lodges, Nests, and Central Committees of the Society.

On occasions, we were cast in the role of the "speaker of the day."

On a great many others we were called on to serve as either the Master of Ceremonies or Toastmaster — assignments we take a particular liking to.

But never have we presided over a CFU gathering to match the one which came to pass Saturday, Nov. 1, 1958, in East Rochester, Pa., under the aegis of the Society's "Abraham Lincoln" Lodge 85.

Looked Good On Paper

Some time has elapsed since the officials and members of Lodge 85 decided to mark the 60th Anniversary this year of their Lodge.

Once that decision was reached, it followed that the Lodge should also pay tribute to its sole surviving Charter Member and to all in its ranks with 50 or more years of membership in the Croatian Fraternal Union.

Later it was decreed 1) that a Banquet be held Nov. 1 at the East Rochester Firemen's Hall; 2) that the English Editor of the Zajednicar be invited to act as the Toastmaster; and 3) that a CFU Home Office official and high Beaver County political leader be asked to address the celebrants.

All of which looked good on paper. But many things have looked good on the pages of the Official Organ, only to "die at the gate" when the show played to a half-empty house.

Happily, this was not to be the fate of the Lodge 85 fete of Nov. 1.

A Surprising Turnout

On the contrary, the largest banquet crowd in the history of the sponsoring membership turned out that night for the 60th Anniversary celebration of "Abraham Lincoln" Lodge 85.

There were no empty seats around the tables in East Rochester's spacious Firemen's Hall as the ladies of Lodge 85 set out to serve a home-cooked meal.

Nor were the patrons "home grown." No, they

6000 new members. With but 2 months of that period left we still need 1176. Admittedly, that is an ambitious goal. It means that we will have to average 588 new members each of the two months left. It can be done if we all put our shoulders to the wheel.

We appeal to each and every campaigner, those of you on our roll of honor, those who have not yet earned 50 points but are doing their best to get there and, yes, to every single CFU member, to get out and make a determined effort to find at least one new member.

Our secretaries and nest managers have a special interest in the drive for in addition to the very generous proposer awards your Society gives you for the new member, you have the Membership Conservation and Per Capita awards to "shoot" for. The bigger your membership the bigger will be that extra award.

Campaigners, your work thus far has been exemplary — a credit to you and your organization. Let's all now give that assignment just a little extra push and finish the year, and this first phase of the two-year campaign, in a blaze of glory.



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South Omaha Members In Elections Dec. 7th

SO. OMAHA, Neb. — Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 101 will hold its annual election of officers on Sunday, December 7.

All members are urged to attend so that they may vote for the persons whom they think will best serve their lodge.

The elections will be held after the regular monthly meeting and refreshments will follow.

George W. Furlich, Pres.
Steve Galovich, Rec.
George M. Kocsis, Sec'y.

came from as far away as Rural Ridge, Pa., Baltimore, Md., Pittsburgh, Rankin, Pa., Ellwood City, Pa., Midland, Pa., and other CFU centers miles from East Rochester.

Present also were delegations from nearby Conway and Aliquippa, as well as representatives from New Brighton, Beaver Falls, Rochester, and other local communities.

Cynosure of All Eyes

The Anniversary Banquet opened with an Invocation by Rev. Armand Yeagin, Pastor of St. Cecilia's R. C. Church, Rochester.

President Margaret Zupic of Lodge 85 then made the guests feel at home with a brief address of welcome.

Dinner over, the writer as Toastmaster opened the program with the introduction of the Lodge's sole surviving Charter Member, George Borkovich, and 6 of its 10 Fifty-Year-Plus Members who were able to turn out for the occasion, Mara Rotari, Janko Zupic, Juro Matesic, Ivan Banic, Franjo Hacko, and Peter Carevic.

Unable to attend due to failing health were Theodore Jackson, Juro Kasunic, Josip Modrusan, and David Korak.

It was pointed out as these 11 veterans were being given a rousing, standing ovation that their membership in the Croatian Fraternal Union totaled 589 years!

Prothonotary At Best

The first of the two guest speakers was Anthony J. Kubik, Prothonotary of Beaver County and widely known member and former officer of Aliquippa Lodge 423.

Brief and to the point, bro. Kubik praised the evening's honorees for their many years of devotion to and faith in the Croatian Fraternal Union and thanked them for

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Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress To Stage 47th Convention In Pittsburgh

Duquesne University Tamburitza Will Perform During Annual Convention Fete

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gress, November 18-19, the delegates will be given a detailed report on our action in this respect, as well as on other important questions and matters which have come up, and which affect fraternal organizations in Penna.

Banquet November 18

At these annual sessions of state fraternal congresses, only the delegates representing the member-societies have the privilege of speaking and voting; however, any member may attend as a guest.

Particularly in the case of fraternal societies in the convention cities, it is customary for a number of lodge officers and members to attend as guests and spectators.

I think it would be nice, and certainly proper, as well as beneficial, particularly for our lodge officers, officials and rank-and-file members from the Pittsburgh area to attend the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress to be held later this month as guests.

Registration of delegates and guests will take place Tuesday morning, Nov. 18, from 8:00 to 10:00 o'clock. The Congress will be called to order at 10:00 a.m.

In the evening of the same day, Tuesday, at 7:00, a Convention Banquet will be held

in the same hotel, at which the guest speaker will be The Very Reverend Vernon F. Gallagher, President of the famous Duquesne University.

During the banquet, the well-known Duquesne University Tamburitza Orchestra will furnish the music and will entertain all present with a one-hour show.

Tickets Still Available

I have appointed our Supreme Secretary, Brother Joseph Bella, to be chairman of the Banquet Committee.

All lodge officers, officials, and individual members who can attend, if not the sessions of the Congress, then at least the banquet in the evening, may contact Brother Bella for admission tickets.

If a sufficient number of our members will attend and indicate their intentions in time, we will endeavor to reserve a special table for our members.

We would be pleased to see a nice number of our members from the Pittsburgh area at the banquet, as well as during the two-day session of the Congress, so that the members of our own Society can see what takes place at these meetings, and realize how important it is that the Croatian Fraternal Union be well represented in such State Congresses.

Sick Benefit Dep't Explains Clauses Of Importance To Members 65 Or Older

Dec. 31, 1947, and Jan. 1, 1948, Used In Ruling On Status Quo Of Aged Members

By John Ovcarich, Sec'y. Sick Benefit Dep't.

PITTSBURGH — Recent weeks have found the Society's Sick Benefit Dep't receiving a lot of mail from members who have already reached or are nearing the age of 65 years.

Insured, of course, for Sick Benefits, these members seem uncertain regarding their standing when they attain or surpass the age of 65 years.

Some feel that once they reach 65 they are no longer entitled to Sick Benefits; still others that they are entitled to only 50% of the present Sick Benefits when they reach this stage in life.

In both cases, the opinions of these particular members are incorrect. Here are the facts which should guide all concerned in such cases.

1) All who joined the Society on or before Dec. 31, 1947, and were insured for Sick Benefits from the date of their acceptance, are entitled to Sick Benefits AFTER they reach the age of 65 years.

2) All those who became affiliated with the Croatian Fraternal Union on or after Jan. 1, 1948, and signed for such additional protection, ARE NOT eligible to receive Sick Benefits after attaining age 65. Nor are they required to pay dues for same after reaching the age in question.

The latter case is very clearly stated in Section 266

of the By-Laws of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

We are glad to bring these explanations before our Lodge Secretaries in particular and our American and Canadian members in general.

Further, we trust that the explanations are clear and to the point.

However, we will gladly answer any correspondence you may have regarding the matter and cooperate in clarifying anything the reader may have in mind.

We are here to serve you.

Conway Clubrooms To Be Scene Of Fish Fry

CONWAY, Pa. — The Lodge, 540 Croatian Home Clubrooms will be the scene Friday, Nov. 14 of a Fish Fry.

Serving is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. and continue thereafter on an "all you can eat" basis. Frying the fish will be experts versed in the arts.

Take out orders will also be given prompt attention. Call the Club, tell the steward what you want, then come around and pick up your order.

Better yet, plan to come to the Club on Friday, Nov. 14, for a delicious meal, some appropriate refreshments, and then stay with us for the Friday night fights on television.

Edward Kestova, Pres.

Milwaukee School Draws 65 Students

Amazing Turnout Stuns Instructors

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tend the 55th Anniversary celebration and banquet of Lodge 255 which was held in the Sacred Heart Church Hall on N. 49th Street in Milwaukee.

Here, too, the attendance was much more than the committee had anticipated with the result that the food ran out before everyone was fed.

It is estimated that almost 300 people jammed the hall to pay their respects to Lodge 255, which was quite a tribute to the host Lodge.

It was very pleasant to see an old custom still being observed by their membership, that is, each Lodge congregated at the entrance to the hall and marched to their respective tables in a body.

Following this ceremony, the program is then officially opened, after which all those members who wish to remain purchase their banquet tickets and receive their meal.

During the meal, the members were serenaded by the Elias Tamburitza Orchestra of Kenosha, who also provided the dance music after the banquet.

All in all, I had a wonderful week-end in Milwaukee in the company of many old friends and quite a few new acquaintances.

In conclusion, I wish to thank our Supreme Board Member, bro. Hinich and his family, and our old friend, bro. Mike Sostarich and his family, for the hospitality they extended to me during my stay in their fine city.

New Flint Home A Going Concern

Committee Ready For Nov. 16 Meet

FLINT, Mich. — The next regular meeting of Lodge 561 should prove to be one of the most interesting such gatherings in many months. The date, Sunday, Nov. 16.

Scheduled to start at 2 p.m., the regular meeting will be devoted to the discussion and disposal of routine business.

Following this we will call to order a General Membership Meeting, at which time your Controlling Committee will give you a complete report on the progress made to date on our new Home.

So many of you have shown such interest in your new Home that we feel a banner crowd will be on hand for this Sunday, Nov. 16, meeting.

Please be present and favor us with your suggestions and good counsel.

Charles J. Marold, Sec'y.

Trafford Nest Losing Manager As of Nov. 16

TRAFFORD, Pa. — All members of CFU Lodge 541 are requested to attend the regular monthly meeting on Sunday, November 16.

At that time it will be necessary to elect a new Nest Manager, due to the fact that bro. Joe Zegar has served notice that he will resign from this position, effective Sunday, November 16.

It is the duty of every member to attend.

Rudolph Mandich, Rec.

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Frank Rudar Is Fourth To Claim Award of Awards

Chicagoan Joins Growing List Of Campaign Winners

By Joseph Bella
— Campaign Secretary —

PITTSBURGH — One by one, slowly but surely, the months are passing by in our current membership campaign and before we know or realize it the campaign will be officially over.

It's true that there are 14 more months remaining, which seems like a long time, but when we stop and con-



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Yugoslavia Or Bust

der that 1959 is a convention year, one wonders just how much time and effort will be devoted to the campaign next year.

Therefore, the longer we delay our all-out efforts, the tougher will be the task of qualifying for a grand prize award as the deadline for the campaign starts creeping upon us.

Since our last monthly report to you, we had expected to add several more names to our list of 3 grand prize winners, but as it turned out the month of October produced only one such person.

He is none other than the hard working brother Franjo Rudar of Lodge 32 in Chicago, who has finally reached the top rung of the ladder with 706 points, which represents 73 new members.

We congratulate bro. Rudar on becoming the 4th member of our qualified group, and we are more than certain that the membership of his lodge are also very proud of his achievements.

In scanning over the figures, we note that bro. Geo. Balich of Lodge 288 in Indiana Harbor has now amassed 404 points to his credit, and he too should be among the winners in the States before too long.

Crossing the border to our Canadian neighbors, we find another perpetual hard campaigner who almost made the grade but did not have quite enough push to qualify as of this writing.

He is bro. August Herceg of Lodge 930 in Schumacher, Ontario, who has 672 points to his credit. He too should be among the winners before long.

We have two others who are well on their way to the persons of bro. Michael Mijatovich of Lodge 975 in Toronto with 574 points and bro. Joseph Stanovich of Lodge 644 in Hamilton, who raised his total from 366 to 534 during October.

There are many others who are inching their way to the top with each passing month, and we hope to single out as many individuals during the campaign as we possibly can, or as time and space will allow.