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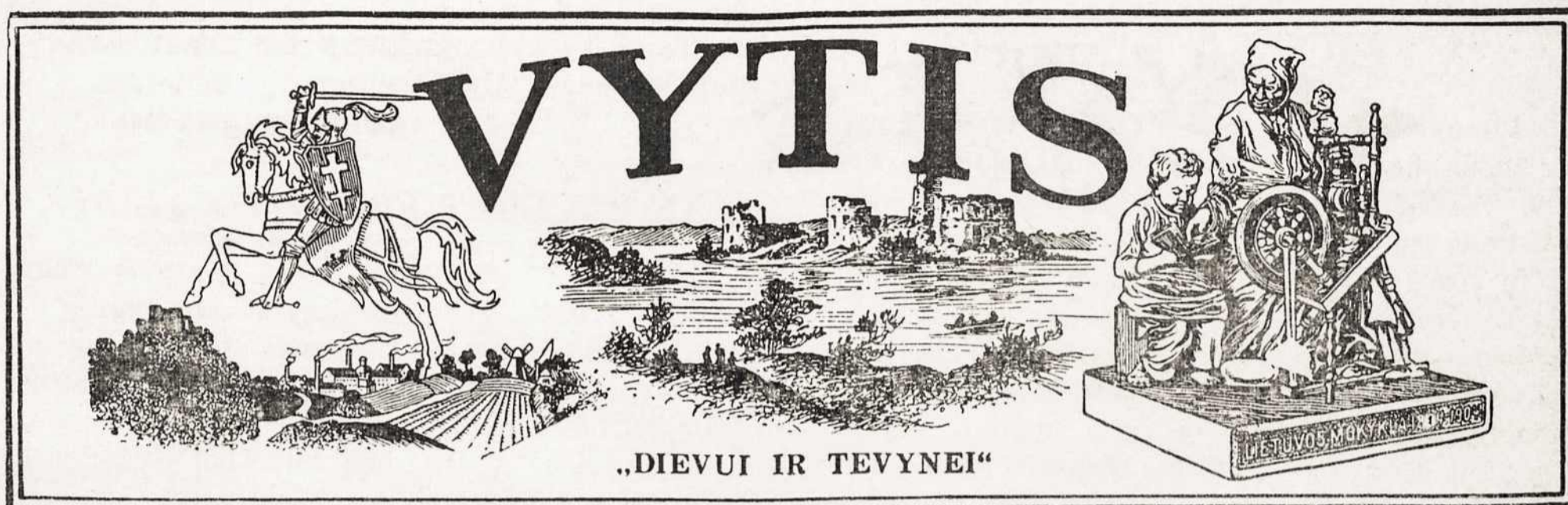
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## 25 METAI IDEALŲ SARGYBOJ

### TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF SAFEGUARDING OUR IDEALS

This is not just the regular monthly edition of the VYTIS, but this issue is dedicated to the Silver Anniversary of the VYTIS; therefore it mostly contains items relevant to the commemoration. Also included in this issue will be the columns, both Lithuanian and English, from the monthly contributors of the magazine, K of L poetry, the various council and district activity, and articles submitted by the center officers.

The first edition of the VYTIS was published November 15, 1915, already passing the quarter of a century mark. In this edition we will try to show the value of the VYTIS to the K of L organization; acquainting all our members with the editors of the publication, past and present, more important workers literary contributors, boosters, and future plans for the VYTIS.

The VYTIS, in celebrating its twenty five years of safeguarding the Knights of Lithuania ideals, have resolved with all its power to try and instill a stronger fervor to perpetuate the K of L motto, "For God and Country." We have resolved to work in new and broader fields; we shall endeavor to increase the organization's activity, always trying to enlighten our members in national, religious, and organization matters, so we all can proceed with more confidence to continue safeguarding our cherished ideals.

J. J. S.

1940 metų pabaigoj "Vyčiai" sukako 25 metai. Tai sidabrinis jubiliejus. Ir nepaprastas jubiliejus: nes "Vytis" gimė Didžiojo Karo audros siaučiant, antraisiais pasaulinio karo metais ir dabar švenčiame jubiliejų šio žiauraus pasaulinio karo antraisiais metais.

Šiandien "Vyčiai" tenka spręsti tos pačios problemos, kaip ir prieš 25 metus. Jai tenka rūpintis Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės atstatymu, jai tenka nagrinėti Amerikos lietuvių ir iš viso lietuvių tautos likimo klausimą. Tik šiandien darbo sąlygos žymiai pasikeitusios. Šiandien susiduriama su kita liūdna problema — lietuvių nutautėjimo problema, kuri pasunkina Lietuvos Vyčių veikimą ir "Vyčio" redagavimą.

Toji nutautėjimo problema jaunuosius lietuvius suskirstė į kelias grupes; 1) į grynus lietuvius, turėjusius ambicijos išmokti skaityti ir rašyti lietuviškai; 2) į lietuvius, kalbančius tik angliškai, bet norinčius būti lietuviais ir veikti su lietuviais; 3) į lietuvius, atsitolinusius nuo bet kokio lietuviško veikimo, bet dar prisipažįstančius esant lietuvių kilmės ir 4) į lietuvius, kurie net nedrįsta prisipažinti esant lietuvių kilmės.

"Vytis" buvo leidžiama, redaguojama ir skaitoma pirmos kategorijos lietuvių, bet kasmet vis didėjo antrosios grupės prenumeratorių. "Vytis" stengėsi ir stengiasi paveikti, priartinti prie lietuviškojo veikimo trečiosios grupės Amerikos lietuvius. Per pastaruosius 25 metus "Vytis" ugdė jaunosios Amerikos lietuvių generacijos religinį, tautinį ir organizacinį sąmoningumą, ugdė meilę katalikybei, lietuvybei ir mūsų organizacijai, kuri teikia visas priemones pilnutiniam jaunuolio auklėjimui.

Kam skiriamas šis "Vyčio" jubiliejinis numeris? Gal tik pasigirti ir pasididžiuoti nenuveiktais darbais? Ne! Jis skiriamas kritiškai peržvelgti visą "Vyčio" egzistavimo periodą, supažindinti jaunuosius vyčius su "Vyčio" ir kartu su mūsų organizacijos pionieriais, kurie dar mums daugumai nesant šiame pasaulyje, jau tiesė pamatus Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai, jai nustatė ideologiją. Taip pat čia stengiamės supažindinti su visais buvusiais "Vyčio" redaktorais bei svarbiausiais bendradarbiais, kurie stengėsi savo kūrybos dalį pateikti "Vyčiai," o per ją ir visiems skaitytojams. Kartu mėginame paliesti ir "Vyčio" svarbiausiuosius uždavinius, ateities planus.

"Vytis," švėsdama 25 metų sukaktį, pasižada: budriai stovėti garbingosios Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos idealų sargyboje, auklėti Amerikos lietuvių jaunimą katalikiškoje, lietuviškoje ir vytiškoje dvasioje, padėti jaunimui pasiekti savo užsibrėžtų kilniųjų siekių.

## “VYČIO” JUBILIEJUS

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija apvaikščioja dar vieną nepaprastai svarbią sukaktį, savo organo “Vyčio” 25-ių metų jubiliejų. Tas įvykis yra netik nepaprastai svarbus mums, vyčiams, bet ir visai Amerikos lietuvių visuomenei.

Visiems aišku, ką reiškia spauda visuomenei. Bet Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai šis žurnalas yra niekuo nepamainomas. “Vytis” nuo pat jo įsteigimo tapo organizacijos veikimo širdimi. Iš to ir galima suprasti “Vyčio” reikšmę tais laikais, kada ėjo žūt-būtinė kova už Lietuvos Nepriklausomybę. O tuomet po vyčių vėliava buvo susispietę amerikiečių lietuvių katalikų visi žymieji veikėjai. Ir “Vytis” buvo redaguojamas Dr. Račkaus, L. Simučio, M. Zujaus, Ig. Saka-lo ir k.

Lietuvai atgavus savo nepriklausomybę visos pajėgos buvo atsukta kita kryptimi, būtent: palaikyti lietuviybę Amerikos lietuvių jaunimo tarpe. Ir kad galėjus prie viso jaunimo pri-eiti, “Vytis” pradėta leisti pusiau, lietuvių ir anglų kalbose.

Bet nekurie iš mūsų veikėjų bei vadų to užsimojimo gal gerai nusuprato, ir daugelis organizaciją apleido, nustojo vyčius rėmę ir tai ge-rokai į organizaciją bei organą “Vytį” paveikė. Vienok organizacija ir “Vytis” visa tai laimingai pergyveno ir dabar visu smarkumu žengia pir-myn. Gi “Vyčio” nuopelnai visiems gerai su-prantama.

Be to, mums reikia atsiminti, jog jaunoji Amerikos lietuvių karta viršina senąją ir ateit-ies šios šalies lietuvių veikla priklausys nuo to, ant kiek šis jaunimas bus įsamonintas mūsų tau-tos meile. Bet taipgi mums reik'a atsiminti, jog labai ir labai mažas šios šalies jaunimo nuošimt'is užtektinai žino savo tėvų kalbos ir dar mažesnis nuošimtis gali jo skaityti.

Taigi geriausias būdas prie jaunimo pri-eiti yra visiems prieinama kalba. To “Vytis” ir siekia.

Ištikrųjų dabar, kada mūsų tėvų šalis tapo iš naujo paverpta dar nuožmesnių, dar žiauresnių priešų kaip praeityje, mums turėtų rūpėti kad sustiprinus visais galimais būdais savo pajėgas, organizacijas ir ypač spaudą, vietoj, kad galvo-jus apie steigimą naujų draugijų bei *naujų žur-nalų*.

Jei L. Vyčių organizacija, jei “Vytis” susi-lauktų bent dalį galimos paramos, ši organiza-cija ir organas “Vytis” tikrai taps Amerikos lie-tuvių jaunosios kartos tvirtove bei pažiba ir ga-lės dar labiau tarnauti savo tautos ir bažnyčios labui.

Taigi, lai gyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčiai. Lai gy-vuoja organas “Vytis!”

A. J. Mažeika, Centro Pirm.

### AN EXCERPT FROM THE FIRST ISSUE OF VYTIS

The first issue of “Vytis” was published 25 years ago. Dr. A. Rackus, the editor at that time, wrote an editorial in which he plotted a course for the “Vytis” to follow. It is our belief that the “Vytis” has followed his sugges-tions closely. Since copies of the first issue are extremely rare, and since we believe that the editorial will be not only of interest to our readers, but it also has historical value we quote several excerpts below.

“Brangusai Amerikos Jaunime!

Aukščiausiojo Apveizdos lemta, kad Amerikos lietuvių laikraštijos darželyje pražydėtų ir “Vytis”.”

The following text is a translation:

“The Knights of Lithuania, an organization of Lithuanian youth in America having felt their ability and knowing the power of the printed word decided to publish, not for business reasons but for an ideal, now our dream is realized.”

“The “Vytis” will be published with the motto of the organization in mind, namely — For God and Country.”

“A patriotic, educated, sober, healthy and moral youth holds great promise for Lithuania and on this youth we place our hopes. Youth cannot be patriotic if it is not educated; it cannot be fully educated if it is not sober; it cannot be sober and healthy in body and mind if it has no morals; it cannot be without faith and belief in the words of Christ. So, “Vytis” will strive to educate youth mentally and morally. It will strive to make the youth, Knights of Vytaitas and true soldiers of Christ.”

“Because the “Vytis” is published for and by the youth, it will, in main, concern itself with the affairs of youth.”

“Vytis” will not concern itself with empty argument against those who do not believe in the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania, for these argu-ments are of no value to the public. However “Vytis” will defend the honor of the Knights of Lith-uania; it will fight enemies of their country; it will fight immorality. All this will be done not sarcast-ically or by lies, but with serious criticism.”

Fantasy has no place in “Vytis” for it will not trample on the ideals of others nor will it strive to create class hatred.”

“It is our fervent hope that if people whose opinions differ from our will not support us will do nothing to interfere with our newly begun endeavor.”

“Placing our trust in God we begin our task. We plead with the youth to harden to the motto of the Knights of Lithuania — For God and Country; to fol-low the path of righteousness which will lead to true knowledge, morality and success!

The editorial is signed —

Al M. Račkus, editor.

## MŪSŲ VAJUS

Jau du mėnesiai prabėgo, kaip pradėjome naujų narių vaju. Iki šiol pasekmės neatrodo tokios, kaip galėtų būti.

Vajus bus tik tuomet sėkmingas, jei visi nuoširdžiai jam pasidarbuosim. Jei kiekvienas narys nusistatysim gauti nors po vieną naują narį. Tokiu būdu labai lengvai galėsime dvigubai padidinti savo organizaciją.

Taipgi turėtume dėti visas pastangas sutverti bei atgaivinti vyčių kuopas ten, kur jų dabar nesiranda. Tuo turėtų rūpintis ne vien tik centras ir apskričiai, bet kuopos ir kiekvienas pavienis narys.

Taigi visi į darbą! Stiprinkim ir auginkim savo organizaciją ir remkim savo žurnalą "Vyti" straipsneliais bei korespondencijomis.

A. J. Mažeika

### THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Began January 1, 1941

Ends June 30, 1941

Dear Members:

The Knights of Lithuania organization began its 29th Annual Membership Drive January 1, 1941. No doubt, you already have decided to take an active part in this year's drive. Each issue of the coming "VYTIS" will show what you and your council are doing in the New Membership Drive.

January 1st, 1921 was the starting point. Did you start with it? The dead-line is June 30th, 1941. Where will you and your council be? We hope amongst the leaders or will you be a council with all its members . . . just another council?

Please remember that you and your council will obtain some returns . . . the council, larger dues income and possible a gift that will make each and every member who aids to obtain it realize that they belong to a "grand" organization and that their council is "THE BEST." Each member who attains ONE HUNDRED POINTS will receive the beautiful emblematic pin of the organization. We know you'll always treasure it.

Come on, let's start and see who makes their HUNDRED first!

### HERE ARE THE RULES THAT WILL PREVAIL:

1. Each member, enrolling a new member and forwarding one year's dues with the blue application card of a new member receives TEN POINTS.

2. Each member enrolling a new member and forwarding six months dues with a blue application card of the new member receives FIVE POINTS.

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ŠIRDINGIAUSIŲ LINKĖJIMŲ "VYČIO" REDAKTORIAMS, BENDRADARBIAMS IR SKAITYTOJAMS SIDABRINIO JUBILIEJAUS PROGA.



KUN. J. A. PAŠKAUSKAS

VISŲ ŠVENTŲ PARAPIJOS KLEBONAS,  
KURIS ŠIAIS METAIS ŠVENČIA 25 METŲ KUNIGAVIMO SUKAKTĮ

3. No points will be given, if the new member's application is forwarded with dues for less than six-months.

4. Past members whose dues are in arrears for more than ONE YEAR are considered as having been dropped from the membership and will be regarded as new members. The person signing up such member will receive credit as outlined above.

5. A blue application card must accompany the dues of every new member and member rejoining must be specified on the pink dues sheet. On the left margin the blue application card must be countersigned by the member who gets the points. The financial secretaries the points. The financial secretaries of every council are urged to keep a record of all new members and members who have brought in new members and check same upon publication. This will enable the Supreme Secretary to make a speedy double check up in case of necessity.

6. Members enrolling new members to accumulate a total of 100 points or more will receive an official K of L Gold Pin.

7. Councils having the highest amount of points will also receive a gift.

**Helen Cherry**

Supreme Council Fin. secretary.  
Correction! page 3, in Membership Drive 11th line should read: January 1, 1941.

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**M. A. NORKŪNO PADĖKA**

Baigiant 71 gyvenimo lapą, pradėdant 72-ą gruodžio 1, 1940, per ištisą mėnesį geraširdžiai Vyčiai nesigailėjo išreikšti linkėjimus ir troškimus, kuriais mane apkrovė, Centras, Apskričiai, kuopos ir pavieniai asmenys. Centras, Apskričiai ir keletas kuopų net suteikė gražias dovanas. Vėliausios dovanos gautos iš kuopų: 26 — Worcester, Mass., 110 — Mespeth, N. Y., 113 — Linden, N. J.

Bejėgis esu surasti tinkamus žodžius padėkoti už jūsų vytiškas geradariškas ir artimą mylinčias širdes. Tat troškimus, kurie liepsnoja mano nors pasenusios širdies gelmėse jungiu su kiekvienos dienos maldomis, kad Tas Visagalis Dievulis lydėtų jūsų užsibrėžtus takus — Tautai Bažnyčiai, Dievui ir Tėvynei ir laimintų jus visus jūsų reikaluose.

Su vytiška meile ir troškimais.

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Brangus jaunime, jūs turite sunku darbą ateityje lietuviybės ir katalikybės išlaikyme. Visas pasaulis sukuryje karo ir neramumo. Mes senesnieji vieni pavargome, kiti pasenome. Taigi tas sunkus darbas krinta ant jaunuolių pečių. Gyvuokite ilgiausius metus ir dirbkite Tautai ir Bažnyčiai.



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# “VYČIO” KRIKŠTYNŲ PRISIMINIMAI

Rašo PROF. KAZYS PAKŠTAS

In this article prof. K. Pakštas recounts his experiences at the Fourth National K of L Conventions in Chicago. He tells of how he came to be elected co-editor of “Vytis” and of the first home of “Vytis” — a one and one-half room apartment at 731 W. 18th St. which was not only the business and editorial office of “Vytis” but also was shared by four students, namely Al. Rackus, K. Pakstas, L. Šimutis and I. Ilekis. This article is very interesting and is recommended to all our readers. — Ed.

Karštas buvo 1915 m. birželis. Karštas jis atrodė bent man, pirmą kartą gyvenime ariančiam stambaus farmerio Bartlet'o juodžemius centraliniame Illinoiuj. Staliaus ir miesčionies vaikas — iš mažens negavau progos Lietuvos laukų ar dirvonų plėsti, nebent kartais pavasarį paakėti savo tėvo daržą. Bet buvau dirbęs kitų dar sunkesnių darbų miškuose ir prie medžių plukdymo Šventąja. Tad artojaus darbas man nebuvo didelė sunkenybė, tik reikėjo savotiško įgudymo visai naujose aplinkybėse, prie kurių ir Valparaiso mokykla per keletą mėnesių dar nebuvo manęs pripratinsi.

Saulė kepindavo padūkusiai. Plati šiaudinė **sombrero** (skrybėlė) gerai saugojo nuo kankinančios saulės mano galvą ir sprandą, bet nuo atraitytų rankų studentiška oda gana greit atsiskyrė ir visai nusilupo. Dvyliką valandų per dieną laikančios kukurūzams arti plūgą, rankos taip kietai sustingo, kad pirštų nebebuvo galima nei visai ištiesti nei pilnai sugniaužti. Veidas pasidarė rusvai pilkas, visiškai prsiderinęs prie pradžiūsusio juodžemio spalvų. Žodžiu, iš miesčionies skubiai virtau tipingu farmeriu, kaimiečiu savo savo prakaitu užsidirbančiu savo duoną kasdieninę sotų valgi, patogų kambariuką ir dar \$25 per mėnesį grynais pinigais. Vienintelis pasi- linksminimas šitose monotoniškose lygumose buvo miegas. Sekmadienio vakarais atsirėmęs prie skurdaus sodnelio tvoros kartais užtraukdavau “Lakštingalėlę” ar kitą panašią dainų krašto dainelę, kuri čia nuaidėdavo nesuprasta ar paskaityta bažnytine giesme. Jautrūs jos tonai nesiderino prie produktingos, riebios žemės, prie turtingų sausos širdies farmerių... Kokia čia gali būti lakštingalėlė be Lietuvos?...

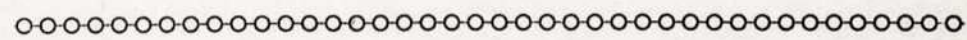
Ir pačiam dainininkui čia buvo nejauku tose klai- kiose lygumose. Jis vis sekė per laikraštį už šimto mylių kunkuliuojantį lietuvių gyvenimą didžiausiame lietuviu mieste Čikagoje. Ogi trečias Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas ten jau garsinosi su prideramu uolumu. Nuo savųjų atskirtam artojui irgi labai parūpo į tą seimą pakliūti. Sunkiai išsiderėjęs iš ūkininko trijų dienų atostogas, sprukau traukiniu į Čikagą, nieko dar nejausdamas, kad ši kelionė ūmai galės pakeisti tuometinę mano “profesiją” koku nauju užsiėmimu. Tik labai jau rūpėjo pamatyti daugiau lietuviško jaunimo ir užgirsti kokių ypatingų naujienų ar sumanymų apie Senąją Tėvynę, kuri tuo metu buvo tapusi dide- liu mūsų centru.

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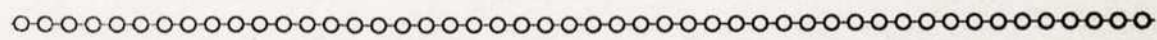
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daugiau atsilankė į Seimo posėdžius ar pramogas. Įvairių profesijų delegatai visi miestiškai atrodė. Aš gal tik vienas tuo tarpu buvau ten tikras "kaimo atstovas": pilkas kaip žemė, bent kiek sustingęs, atsiduodąs didžiųjų prerijų žolėmis ir kasdien mano šukuojamų arklių prakaitu. Net nedrašu ir nejauku buvo vienam tarp poniškų miestiečių. Na, kai jau įsiklausiau, ką maždaug kalba kiti, ypač studenčiokai arba besiruošią tokiais būti, tai ir aš pabandžiau prisiiderinti ir savo žodelį šen ar ten prijungti. Seimo svarbiausiu nutarimu buvo leisti savo organą, laikraštį. O šis juk negali eiti be redaktorių ir administratorių. Delegatams krito į akį trys jauni vyriokai: studentai Al. Račkus, L. Šimutis ir aš, vos keletą menkučių straipsnelių parašęs ir išvertęs porą brošiūrų iš rusų ir vokiečių kalbų. Kai jau rimtai renka, tai reikia ir apsiimti. Ir taip staiga artojas ir kandidatas į universiteto studentus patenka net į redaktorius. Kiek atsimenu, mes jauni literatai, netikėtai paaukštinti, labai vertinomi redaktorių tilulą, nors mūsų pareigos mums atrodė net labai miglotos. Bet Amerikoje juk jau buvom matę redaktorių pareigose net žymiai mokesnio mokslo žmones, tad kitų mizerijų mus lyg ir padrasino. Susirasim kelius ir priemones . . .

1915 m. Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija buvo jauna, maža ir neturtinga. Laikraščio kasoje nieko nebuvo. Redaktoriai irgi buvo biedni, kaip bažnyčios žiurkės, kurios minta nuo žvakių nuvarvarčiu vašku. Metų ir patyrimo maža dar turėjame, bet drąsos ir pasiryžimų nestigo. Studentas A. Račkus ir aš buvo rinkti redaktoriais, ogi L. Šimutis, nors jau reiškėsi kaip gabus poetas, liko administratorium. Bet iš esmės, tai mūsų pareigos dažnai susimaišydavo: L. Šimutis eilėraščių patiekdavo, o mes kiti pagelbėdavom jam piniginiuose rūpesčiuose.

Patekęs į aukštą redaktoriaus postą, pasistengiau savo farmeriui surasti kitą lietuvių bėrną-artoją, o pats nesulaukęs rudens atbildėjau į Čikagą. Farmeris išlydėdamas mane stoty pranašavo, būk aš tapsias kuomet nors gubernatorium, bet tuom tarpu redaktoriaus "stonas" man labiau imponavo, nors pinigais tai reiškė tik \$25 į mėn.

Visi trys jauni berniokai, susirinkę Čikagon, tuo jau sudarėm sutartinę talką; kas jieskojo laikraščiu patalpų, kas rinko raštus, kas pinigų iš svetimų kišenių kaulijo, o visi kartu sudarinėjom išlaidų ir pajamų sąmatą.

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visokiems interesantams! Tai kaipgi čia sutilpti? Šią klausimą rodos sprendė ir geriausi projektą patiekė mūsų tarpe stipriausias techniškai protas: stud. A. Račkus. Jis pasiūlė pirktis keturias visai vienodas sudedamas geležines loveles. Nakties metu mes jose miegosime, ogi dieną jas paversime aukštu geležiniu stalu ar platforma, ant kurios bus galima šis tas ir pasidėti. Kaip nutarta, taip ir padaryta. Su mažais pinigėliais jauni studentai rengė savo pirmą nepriklausomą butą. Mažame prieškambarį pastatėm vieną kuklų rašomą stalą, sugabenom. lovas, neva matrasus ir antklodes bei pagalvines. Nuperkame pusę tuzino paprasčiausių kėdžių ir vieną apvalų staliuką. Ir mūsų didesnis kambarys dienos metu tampa saliono pamėgdžiojimu. Bet nakčia jis virsdavo dormitorium, kurios visą erdvę užimdavo trys ištiestos geležinės loveles.

Stud. A. Račkus ir aš gal būt buvo kiek didesni individualistai: jis savo lovele ištiesdavo mažajame kambarėly (prieškambarį), kurs nakties metu jam vienam ir priklausydavo. Aš savo lovele priglaudavau prie pat sienos į kertę, toliau nuo "didesniųjų kelių." Bet L. Šimutis ir Iz. Ilekis buvo jau tuomet priversti sueiti į glaudesnę komuną (ar kolchozą), suglaudami savo loveles kuoarčiau, nes jiedu kaž kur sugriebė ne po atskirą mažą antklodę, bet tik vieną platesnę, kuri žiemos metu juos abu turėjo šildyti. L. Šimutis, kaip ilgesnis ir nakties metu dinamiškesnis, tą antklodę dažniau savo vieno interesams pavesdavo, nes gal jis ir daugiau į ją teisių turėjo, nes jo pastangomis ji buvo kaž kur gauta. Nabagas Ilekis kartais kentėdavo nuo šalčio ir vidurnakty pareikšdavo respublikai protestą. Bet ir skriaudėjas nakties metu sąmonės netekdavo, todėl už savo veiksmus buvo neatsakingas. Supratęs su miegaliais negalėsiąs rimtai kovoti, Ilekis kaž kur gavo nuostabaus storumo jungtinius marškinius ir įlisdavo į juos kaip į dramblio odą su gera dalimi savo drabužių. Šitaip jam pavyko dar gyvam sulaukti 1916 m. pavasario šiltesnių nakčių. Be to, Iz. Ilekis nei už butą jokios nuomos nemokėdavo: už tai jis rytais lovas sustumdavo, kiek pašluodavo ir bandydavo prižiūrėti nuolat iširstančią kambarių tvarką. Jis ir už savo valgį tik darbu mokėdavo: už indų plovimą gaudavo pietus restorane. Maitindavomės, kaip kam kada pavykdavo. Pastabesni lankytojai (muzikas Aleksis) pastebėdavo pas mus eilę storų, baltų, trumpų bonkų su pienu. Kai jos spėdavo tik surūgti, tai ir atsidurdavo bent kurio redaktoriaus griežtai privatiname sandėly. Dėl to pieno vartojimo retkarčiais kildavo mažučią diplomatiškų konfliktų, jeigu būdavo žymių, kad tas pienas ne į tą gerklę pakliūdavo.

Bet gyventi būdavo nogniai linksma ir net drąsu. Mus keturis labai dažnai aplankydavo puikus kompanijonas muzikas A. Aleksis. Kartą jam pavyko užtikti nuo pašalinių akių slepiamą mūsų gyvenimo epizodą. Buvo taip. Vieną rytmetį (rodos sekma-dienį) muzikas Aleksis praveria mūsų redakcijos duris ir akimirkoje krinta ant žemės, nespėjęs susirasti kėdės ir prapliumpa juokais. Mat jį baisiai sujaudino nepaprasta giesmė ir neregėtas vaizdas. Iš sustumtų lovų sudaryta visai lygi platforma, gana aukšta, vyrui iki smakro. Ant platformos patiesta keletas kelnų, supurkšta jos vandeniui ir prislėgta didele menininko lenta, ant kurios jis ištempdavo drobę, kai piešdavo paveikslus. Bet lentos svorio kelnėms prosinti juk neužtenka. Tad ant jos platformos aukšty-

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"The third K of L Convention meeting in Chicago on July 1 and 2, in 1915 elected to publish an official K of L journal. By the year 1917 the "Vytis" had 3700 subscribers and correspondents in both the United States and Europe. Most notable of the European contributors were: Putinas, J. Augustaitytė, Genys etc. Mr. Zujus, goes on to tell of this return from Lithuania in 1923 to find many changes in "Vytis." He tells of how there were some people who wanted to issue the "Vytis" in English..

Neturėdamas po ranka pirmųjų ir mano redaguotų "Vyčio" numerių (jų komplektus palikau Lietuvoje), negaliu patenkinti dabartinio redaktoriaus p. A. Skiriaus reikalavimą — parašyti išsamesnį raštą apie ano laikotarpio "Vyčio" gyvavimą.

Rašysiu iš atminties, nesileisdamas į smulkmenas.

Leisti nuosavą organą nutarė trečiasis organizacijos seimas, įvykęs liepos 1 ir 2 dienomis, 1915 metais, Chicagoje. Redaktoriais išrinkti studentai Al. M. Račkus (dabar daktaras) ir Kazys Pakštas (dabar profesorius), administratorium — dabartinis "Draugo" redaktorius L. Šimutis. Organui parinktas vardas "Vytis."

"Vytis" pasirodė tuoj po seimo. Pradžioje ėjo nedidelio formato, vienos kolumnos šriftu, 16-kos puslapių. Nors ir nedidelis spaudos organas, vis dėlto "Vytis" buvo naujas katalikų spaudos plusas, tikras Vyčių pasaulėžiūros ir principų reiškėjas ir darbuotės vaizduotojas.

Vyčiai ir jų organas, galima sakyti, niekuomet neturėjo patogių patalpų, o pradžioje buvo dar aršiau. Atmenu, kai po 4-jo seimo įvykusio 1916 metais Wilkes-Barre, Pa., centro valdyba pakvietė mane užimti redaktoriaus ir administratoriaus vietą, visą organizacijos inventorių buvo galima dviem rankom ir vienu žygiu perkraustyti iš vieno privataus kambario į kitą. Deja, beveik kiekvienas seimas svarstydavo ir persvarstydavo nuosavų patalpų reikalą, kur galėtų sutilpti centro raštinė, organo redakcija ir administracija, bet viskas svarstymais ir rezoliucijoms ir užsibaigdavo. Pavyzdžiui, 1916 metų seimas buvo nutaręs "Vytį" leisti savaitraščiu ir įsikurti nuosavą spaustuvę Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Vienok nei vienas nei kitas nutarimas neįvykdytas. Priežasčių buvo įvairių. Vieni ginčus kėlė dėl vietos, reikalaudami pastovų centrą ir spaustuvę kurti ne Wilkes-Barre, bet Pittsburghe, kiti — Brooklyne, dar kiti Chicagoje ir t. p. Buvo ir tokių nuomonių, kad vyčiams pastovaus centro Amerikoje nereikia. Ešą, reikia

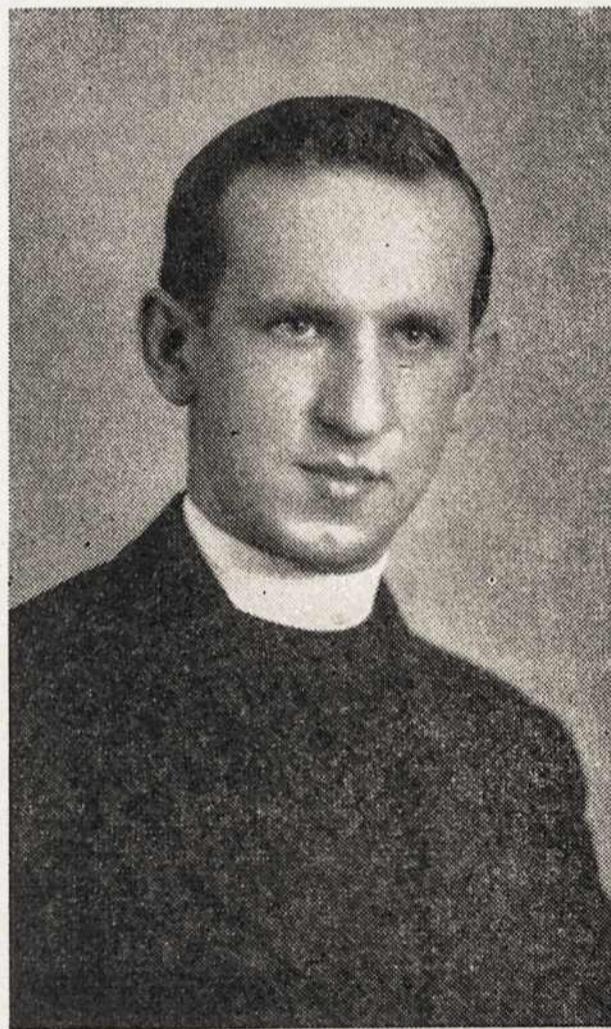
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Anais laikais centro raštinė būdavo ten, kur gyvendavo seimo išrinktas sekretorius, o redakcija ir administracija Chicagoje. Kai sekretorium buvo J. B. Šalūnas — centro raštinė buvo Waterbury, kai sekretorium buvo J. Aleksa — centro raštinė buvo Worcester; užėmus sekretoriaus vietą moksleiviui V. Rūkštaliui, raštinė buvo Valparaiso, Ind.

Vis dėlto, nežiūrint tokių nepatogumų, reikalai ėjo gan sklandžiai. Po 1917 metais Brooklynne įvykusio penkto jubiliejinio seimo "Vytiš" žymiai padidintas. Jo praplėstas formatas pasiliko pastovus, jis ir po šiai dienai tokiu yra. Netrukus tiražas pasiekė 3700 egzempliorių. Nors karo metu popiera ir darbininkai smarkiai pa-brango, vis dėlto sudurdavome "galus su galais." Jei narių duoklės, pašalinės prenumeratos ir skelbimai nepadengdavo visų išlaidų, tai kuopos mielai paremdavo savo aukomis ar tam reikalui surengtų pramogų pelnu. Jungtinėms Amerikos Valstybėms įstojus karan, nemažas procentas Vyčių atsidurė Dėdės Samo stovyklose. Apie 200 "Vyčio" egzempliorių siuntinėta Vyčių nariams į stovyklas. "Vyčio" bendradarbių armija nuolat augo. Šalia geresniųjų amerikiečių pajėgų, prisidėjo žymiosios pajėgos iš anapus, daugumoje studentų studijuojančių Šveicarijos, Paryžiaus ir Romos universitetuose. Gausiai rašinėjo ir garsusis poetas beletristas Putinas. Pasibaigus pasauliniam karui ir prasidėjus susisiekimui su Lietuva, atsirado eilė naujų bendradarbių. Ypattingai ilgai ir gausiai "Vytiš" rėmė savo raštais įžymūs poetai literatai J. Augustaitytė — Vaičiūnienė ir Pr. Genys.

Pirmiausia savo gyvavimo metais "Vytiš" buvo "visas" lietuviškas. Tik grįžęs iš Lietuvos 1923 metų rudenį ir vėl pakviestas "Vytiš" redaguoti, padėti radau šiek tiek pasikeitusią. Jau buvo asmenų, kurie karštai agitavo ir įrodinėjo, kad jei "Vytyje" įvesime anglų kalbą, tai tūkstančiai jaunimo dės prie organizacijos. Įvesdami anglų kalbą pradžioje nusistatėme spausdinti tik tokius raštus, kurie liečia lietuvių, aiškina lietuvių tautos problemas, jos įdomią trągingą praeitį ir dabarties problemas. Tada ir dabar esu nuomonės, kad tik toki raštai pateisina jų buvimą mūsų laikraščiuose. Jug angliškos literatūros yra tiesiog neapimamos gausybės (tiesiog kalnai), tad nėra prasmės sunkiai surinkamus centus dėti prie jos didinimo (dažniausia kopijavimo), o savuosius laikraščius dar daugiau nuskurdinti. Apie šį reikalą vertėtų ir dabar vyčiams gerai pagalovti.

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Vyčiai, savo organo žadinami ir raginami, tikrai yra daug nuveikę Dievui ir Tėvynei. Prieš vyčių atsiradimą Amerikos lietuviai, neišskiriant ir gausingos anų laikų jaunuomenės, daugumoje atvykusios iš Lietuvos — iš jos žaliųjų kaimų — buvo stipriai apsvaiginta laisvamaniškos ir ciciliškiškos akcijos. Katalikų darbuotojų buvo mažai, jų spauda menkutė. Tvirkinimo darbą varė gausi laisvamanių ir socialistų spauda su armija jų agitatorių, kurie buvo apnikę visas kolonijas. Lietuvius, taigi ir jaunuomenę “švietė” šliupai, mockai, šeštakai, karaliai ir kiti panašūs tipai. Jie plūdo Dievą, Bažnyčią, tikėjimą ir neretai patį lietuvišką patriotizmą. Laisvamaniams ir cicilikams anais laikais, iš tikrųjų, sekėsi ir išrodė, kad plačioji visuomenė ir gausinga jaunuomenė žus laisvamanybės ir socialistų kosmopolitiškuose rūkuose. Bet užstojo nauja gadynė. Atsiradus vyčiams padvelkė jaunimui nauja dvasia. Vyčiai į savo vėliavą ir obalsius padėjo Kryžių ir tautines emblemas. Ten rasite ir kardą. Vyčiai pasiryžo būti Vytauto aimiais. Savo darbais jie parodė, kad verti to gražaus garbingo vardo. Pirmiausia jie lietuvių dvasios purvintojams pasakė: šalin tautos slopintojai. Išeivijos istorijoje vyčių darbuotė bus atžymėta gražiausiomis spalvomis. Kiek gražių vakarų, vaidinimų, koncertų surengta, kiek vakarinių kursų įsteigta, kuriuose nevienas anų laikų jaunuolis, jaunuolė, atvykę iš carų slopintos Lietuvos, pramoko rašyti ir skaityti. Kiek aukų surinkta dėl karo nukentėjusiems Lietuvoje ir tautos laisvės ir nepriklausomybės reikalams! Vyčiai buvo tas katalikų visuomenės avangardas, kurs savo entuziazmu, užsidegimu vedė ir kitus į kovą, į darbą dėl savo tautos ir senovės tėvynės Lietuvos gerovės.

Dabar vėl pergyvename naują skaudžią mūsų tautos tragediją. Lietuva vėl Maskvos pavergta. Anapus mūsų broliai ir seserys sukauštyti žiauriausios vergijos pančiais. Liūdi Lietuvos žemė, liūdi tauta ir vėl raudoja pranašo Jeremijo raudomis:

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## “VYČIO” UŽDAVINIAI

According to the author of this article the duties of the “Vytis” are: 1) give an opportunity for all K of L members to exercise any talent they may have in the field of journalism; 2) to inform members of the various activities going on in K of L circles; and 3) Thoroughly acquaint them in religious, national, and organization matters.

The author shows how the “Vytis” fulfils these above mentioned duties. He notes that during the 25 years the “Vytis” has been in existence more than 2000 people have been contributors and that during the year 1940 about 100 people have contributed written articles. In his conclusion, the author urges more people to become contributors.

“Vyčio” paskirtis yra trejopa: 1) duoti progos L. V. organizacijos nariams lavintis žurnalistikos srityje, 2) tiekti informacinių žinių nariams ir skaitytojams, 3) straipsniais tautiniai, religiniai ir organizaciniai sąmoninti narius. Tai begalo svarbūs uždaviniai, kurių ne visi nariai nori pripažinti. Bet jie turi būti apimami “Vytyje,” nes kitu atveju jis nustotų savo tikrosios ir pačios svarbiosios paskirties. Klystų tie, kurie “Vytį” norėtų padaryti vien organizacijos biuleteniu, skelbiančiu tik oficialius pranešimus ir kuopų korespondencijas. Tokio turinio laikraštis teatiktų tik vieną mažą savo uždavinių dalelę — teiktų informacijas. Klystų ir tie, kurie “Vytį” norėtų matyti teoretiniu mokslu, ar literatūros, ar auklėjimo žurnalu. Netokia “Vyčio” paskirtis, netokie jo uždaviniai.

*Kaip “Vytis” siekia savo uždavinių?*

“Vytyje” beveik išimtinai bendradarbiauja L. V. organizacijos nariai. Per 25 m. “Vytis” per savo praktišką mokyklą yra praleidusi kelis šimtus jaunuolių, iš kurių kai kurie šiandien užima gana atsakomingas lietuvių visuomenėje pareigas, kaip tai: Leonardas Šimutis — “Draugo” vyr. red. ALRKSA. pirm. ir Federacijos sekretorius, Ignas Sakalas — “Draugo” antrasis red., Matas Zujus — “Garso” red., daktaras A. Račkus, prof. K. Pakštas, advokatas Lapinskas, Savickas, J. Petraitis ir k.

Daugelio kuopų išrinktų korespondentų, kai pradeda rašyti, tai jų korespondencijos labiau panašios į protokolą, o ne į korespondenciją. Po kiek laiko jie išmoksta, kaip turi būti rašomos korespondencijos. Tuo tikslu duodamos geriausiems korespondentams premijos. Įdomi būtų statistika, kiek “Vytis” per 25 m. turėjo korespondentų ir bendradarbių. Jei tie daviniai būtų surinkti skaitytos nusteptų. Apytikriai skaičiuojant gaunama, kad “Vytis” yra turėjusi virš 2000 korespondentų ir bendradarbių.

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tų ir apie 40 bendradarbių, kurie patiekdavo straipsnių ir eilėraščių. Iš šių skaičių matome, kiek "Vytytis" davė jaunimui progos lavintis savo pamėgtoje žurnalistikos srityje.

Antrasis "Vyčio" uždavinys yra bendras visiems laikraščiams — teikti žinių ir informacijų. Tačiau ir tas žinių teikimas yra skirtingas nuo kitų laikraščių žinių. "Vytytis" duoda žinias tik specifines, vien iš Lietuvos Vyčių ir lietuvių katalikų kultūrinio veikimo. "Vytytyje" nerasime karo, pasaulio politikos ir kitų Amerikos žinių. Čia telpa tik žinios ir informacijos, liečiančios tik vieną lietuvių visuomenės narvelį — Lietuvos Vyčius. Šios žinios patiekiamos kuopų veikimo, apskričių veikimo ir sporto skyriuose. Kiek plačiau paliečiama Amerikos lietuvių katalikų veikimas vedamosiuose straipsniuose ir Amerikos lietuvių kultūrinio gyvenimo apžvalgoje.

Vienas svarbiausių "Vyčio" uždavinių yra per savo straipsnius Amerikos jaunąją kartą tautiniai, religiniai ir organizaciniai auklėti bei sąmoninti. Nepaprastai silpnas yra Amerikos lietuvių jaunosios kartos tautinis sąmoningumas. Tai sunkiausias "Vyčio" uždavinys, kurio siekia duodamas anglų ir lietuvių kalboje tautinių straipsnių ir eilėraščių, patiekdamas lietuvių kalbos pamokas.

Iki šiol "Vytytyje" dar mažai tetilpo religinio turinio straipsnių, buvo rašoma daugiausia apie Šv. Kazimierą, Vyčių organizacijos patroną, būtų pravartu ir daugiau talpinti reiliginio turinio straipsnių, teikiančių jaunimui gilesnį religinį sąmoningumą. Mažiausia pas jaunimą tėra organizacinio sąmoningumo. Tas reikalas beveik pamirštas ir "Vyčio" bendradarbių ir L. V. kuopų. Tai didžiausia L. Vyčių klaida, kuri iki šiol buvo daryta ir dar dabar tebekartojama. Tiesa įvestas ritualas turėjo šiek tiek tą dalyką pataisyti, bet gaila, į tą ritualą kuopos žiūri per pirštus, nes nėra kontroliuojami į aukštesnius laipsnius egzaminai, nes nėra išleisto vadovėlio ritualo reikalavimus išmokti. Bet ritualas visko nepaima. Kiekvienas organizacijos narys turėtų gerai suprasti, kodėl jis įstojo tik į šią organizaciją, kokios yra jo pareigos ir teisės, ką jis gali organizacijai duoti ir ką iš jos gauti, kokie organizacijos siekiai, idealai ir kokie tų idealų siekimo keliai. Tai vis dar plati "Vyčio" bendradarbiams dirva. Kiekviename "Vyčio" numeryje reiktų talpinti po vieną straipsnį organizacinio sąmoninimo klausimu.

Tai tik bendrais bruožais paliečiau svarbesnius "Vyčio" uždavinius, į kuriuos tiek "Vyčio" bendradarbiai, tiek skaitytojai turėtų atkreipti daugiau dėmesio.

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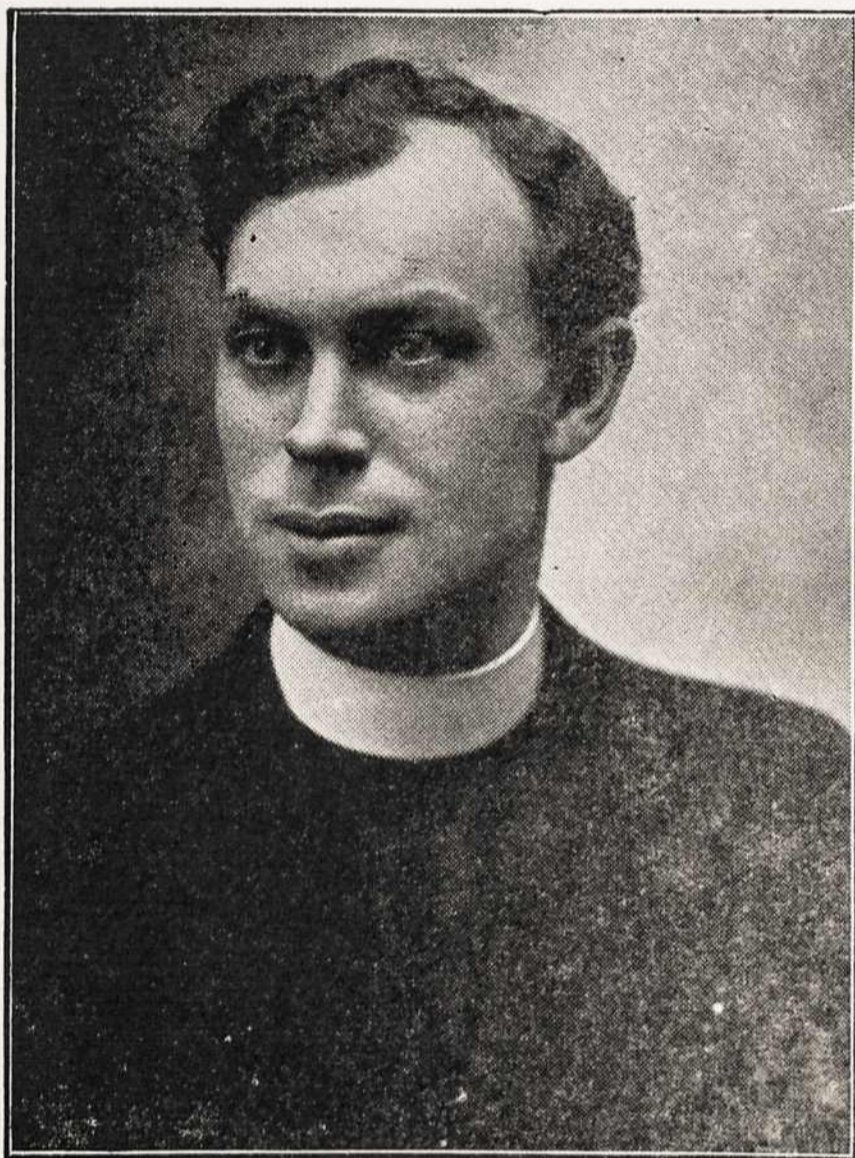
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Kun. Albavičius savo nenuilstančia darbuote nepajuto kaip, praslinko 25 metai kunigystės. Jubiliejaus Sukaktuvės buvo 1935 m., lapkričio mėn. Ši sukaktis buvo iškilmingai minima Chicagos visuomenės. Jose dalyvavo ir J. E. Vysk. W. O'Brien ir daugelis žymesnių žmonių.

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“Vyčio” uždaviniai yra tiek platūs, kad jokiū būdu ji išsamiai negali visų apimti, būdama kaip dabar mėnesiniu žurnaliuku. Reikėtų grįžti prie pirmesnių jo žingsnių — leisti savaitiniu ar bent dvisavaitiniu žurnalu.

Savaitiniui laikraščiui yra daug lengviau gauti skelbimų, apmokamų pranešimų ir prenumeratos. Jame būtų galima be Vyčių veikimo žinių pateikti ir lietuvių kolonijų įvykius, sporto žinias, jaunimo veikimą. Tokiu būdu būtų suįdomintas didesnis lietuvių skaičius, pakiltų skaitytojų kiekis, o tada dar daugiau būtų galima gauti skelbimų.

Savaitinis “Vytis” galėtų daugiau paliesti jaunųjų reikalus, labiau sudomintų mokyklinio amžiaus jaunimą, jį suartintų su vyčių veikimu ir mūsų organizacija gautų naujų narių.

“Vytis”, būdamas savaitiniu žurnalu, galėtų daugiau pateikti kultūrinių straipsnių anglų kalba apie lietuvių tautą, galėtų plačiau panagrinėti religinius ir socialinius klausimus, galėtų paliesti ir nutautėjimo problemą, kuri yra taip svarbu suprasti Amerikos jaunimui.

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A. Skirius.

# LIETUVIŲ KALBA

## § 28. DISSYLLABIC NOUNS BELONGING TO I. A.

bēris, io (bay-horse)  
brīedis, džio (elk)  
brólis, io (brother)  
dēsnis, io (norm, rule)  
glúosnis, io (willow)  
grúodis, džio (December)  
gùrkšnis, io (mouthful, draught)  
jáutis, čio (ox)  
júodis, džio (a black animal)  
káilis, io (pelt, skin)  
kásnis, io (bite, morsel)  
kálvis, io (blacksmith)  
kéršis, io (a spotted animal)  
kíetis, čio (wormwood)  
kúgis, io (sledge; rick)  
kùmštis, čio (fist)  
kùrmis, io (mole)  
láipsnis, io (degree)  
márgis, io (a partly-colored animal)  
mìrksnis, io (wink)  
mólis, io (clay, loam)  
mùlkis, io (idiot, fool)  
pálšis, io (a pale-yellow or pale-red animal)  
pántis, čio (fetter, chackle)  
príekis, io (front)  
sámtis, čio (ladle)  
síeksnis, io (fathom; cord of wood)  
síelis, io (raft)  
slúoksnis, io (stratum)  
sprīndis, džio (span)  
stráipsnis, io (article, item)  
stūngis, io (blunt knife)  
súomis, io (a Finn)  
súris, io (cheese)  
sváinis, io (brother-in-law)  
šúolis, io (leap, bound, stride)  
tvártis, čio (bandage)  
úkis, io (farm)  
úosis, io (ash-tree)  
úošvis, io (father-in-law)  
várpis, io (couch-grass)  
vīngis, io (bend, curve)  
vīržis, io (rope)  
žvīrblis, io (sparrow)

## § 29. DISSYLLABIC NOUNS BELONGING TO I. B.

arklỹs, árklío (horse)  
brũklỹs, grũklío (sling, halter, gag)  
grēblỹs, grēblió (rake)  
gurklỹs, gũrklío (maw)  
lokỹs, lókío (bear)  
lopšỹs, lópšío (cradle)  
lovỹs, lóvio (trough)  
nỹkštis, nỹkšćio (thumb)  
snarglỹs, snárglio (snot)  
vēžys, vēžio (crab)  
žaltỹs, žálćio (viper)

## § 30. DISSYLLABIC NOUNS BELONGING TO II. A.

āklis, io (a blind person; gad-fly)  
ākis, io (hunger)  
āksnis, io (alder-tree)  
aňkštis, čio (strait)  
ařtis, čio (nearness)  
aũkštis, čio (height, altitude)  
bałtis, čio (whiteness)  
bařnis, io (quarrel)  
bařščiai, ių (beet)  
bēgis, io (race, run)  
bliũvis, io (bleating, bleat)  
brēžis, io (stroke, line)  
bũvis, io (existence)  
čėkis, io (check)  
dałgis, io (scythe)  
daňgtis, io (lid, cover)  
daũgis, io (multitude)  
dėnis, io (deck)  
dỹdis, džio (size, bulk)  
drĩskis, io (a ragged person)  
drũtis, čio (strength)  
dũris, io (thrust, stab)  
gėris, io (a drink)  
gỹlis, io (depth)  
gỹvis, io (vitality, life)  
gnỹbis, io (pinch, pinching)  
greĩtis, čio (speed)  
gróbis, io (booty, prey)  
gróžis, io (beauty)  
guólis, io (couch)  
iłgis, io (length)  
juódis, džio (blackness)  
kaňštis, čio (cork, stopper)  
kaňdis, džio (bite, biting)  
kařtis, čio (bitterness)

kiēkis, io (quantity)  
 kiētis, čio (hardness)  
 kiŗtis, čio (accent)  
 kiŗvis, io (axe)  
 kŗŗsis, io (bribe, by-profit)  
 kiŗkis, io (hare)  
 kraŗtis, čio (dowery, trousseau)  
 kuŗpis, io (ham)  
 lŗtvis, io (a Latvian)  
 lŗŗgis io (plain)  
 liŗksnis, io (case — gram.)  
 lŗbis, io (wealth, riches)  
 lŗŗzis, io (break, crack)  
 mēdis, dŗio (tree)  
 miēŗis, io (barley)  
 mŗjis, jo (beckoning)  
 mŗŗsis, io (battle)  
 niēkis, oi (nothing, trifle)  
 nŗlis, io (zero)  
 peŗlis, io (knife)  
 pjŗvis, io (cut, incision)  
 plaŗtis, čio (lung)  
 plŗkŗtis, čio (plane)  
 plŗtis, čio (width)  
 puŗlis, io (fall)  
 raŗstis, čio (prop. support)  
 rēŗis, io (notch, cut)  
 saŗsis, io (January)  
 sēnis, io (an old man)  
 sŗkis, io (time, bout)  
 skētis, čio (umbrella)  
 skiŗvis, io (stomach)  
 skliŗdis, dŗio (pancake)  
 skŗnis, io (flavor, savor)  
 sleŗkstis, čio (threshold)  
 smŗgis, io (blow)  
 snŗkis, io (snout)  
 spŗlis, io (October)  
 spŗŗis, io (kick)  
 sŗris, io (saltness)  
 svŗris, io (weight)  
 ŗŗltis, čio (cold, frost)  
 ŗŗlŗbis, io (a cripple)  
 ŗŗkis, io (dance)  
 ŗŗkis, io (slogan)  
 ŗŗŗvis, io (shot, discharge)  
 tētis, čio (papa)  
 tŗlis, io (distance)  
 trŗkis, io (rupture, rent)  
 tŗris, io (contents)  
 ŗŗgis, io (growth, height)  
 vaŗgis, io (meal)  
 vaŗzdis, dŗio (pipe)  
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Netraukia ir gobšio akies.

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Nekaltas, kaip aukštas dangus;  
Ir žydi per ištisą vasarą jis,  
Ir linksmina žmones visus.

Tiek duota žiedeliams gražių pravardžių  
Iš viso žolių sutvėrimo;  
Bet vis-gi, man rodos, meiliausis iš jų —  
Jo vardas gražus: "atminimo."

☆

## A SWEET HEART DEAD

Still deep in prayer, I raised my eyes,  
To hear more clear, the choir's chant;  
When there I saw an angel knelt,  
Before the altar, draped in white.

My prayer so soft, an echo sent,  
A glowing light, o'er head that bent,  
Before the altar, where she knelt.

I tried to rise, "Oh, help me God!  
My tear filled eyes, their joy, cried out,  
But 'ere I brushed the tears aside,  
She was no more, my promised bride.

I lit a candle for my love,  
I felt a soft touch from above,  
It lingered gently on my brow,  
In Life, in Death, still our vow.

"Wally Worcester".

☆

## I AM A KNIGHT —

(Dedicated to Ginger and Stephanie:)  
Do you recall once long ago,  
When on your mothers' knee,  
She told you how blow after blow,  
Daring knights fell for the  
love of their country?  
Then in my childish dreams, I could see,  
Myself upon a fiery steed,  
Rushing forward to my countrys' need,  
While the enemy beneath my charge,  
would turn back and flee.

## FORGET-ME-NOT

(English version from the Lithuanian  
by Frank Mast)

That flower delights  
Which so modestly grows  
And blooms by the stream in the dale;  
Not being bedecked like the delicate rose,  
It fears not — late autumn's chill gale.

Bright wreathes of red roses  
And garlands of peonies  
Though gorgeous, stir not the breast.  
Glowing marigolds like old copper pieces,  
Cause not even the miser unrest.

Like the eye of a dove  
It is bashful and coy —  
Innocent as the heaven's blue;  
It fills the beholder  
With rapture and joy  
And blossoms the long summer through.

In nature's great garden  
Every flower and tree  
By some pretty title we call;  
But of all those nice names  
It seems always to me  
For-get-me-not's sweetest of all.

☆

## LORD, KEEP OUR SOULS HIGH

1

We're Dwelling, now, my fellow Knights,  
On the question of man's inalienable rights;  
To have and to hold to what we know is dear—  
That, at least, we have known is near.

2

In this untrampled land of forty-eight states,  
We know, beyond doubt, that everyone still rates  
While across the waters, the sounds of strife,  
Ring out like a tocsin, the shrill of the fife.

3.

War is inevitable — so some incline  
And still do nothing but sit and whine;  
But no such talk from Liths such as we —  
Instead, by Perkun — we'll fight to stay free.

4

So up with our courage, and forward our flag,  
Lord! keep our souls high if our bodies Do lag,  
Make us Lithuanians our neighbors will admire,  
Keep us Americans under the Hottest of fire.

*Caravan.*

Such dreams were not just childish fancies,  
As you can now plainly see,  
For to-day I am a Knight of Lithuania  
And am working for God  
and America — my loved country.

**Margie of Athol.**

## NATIVE SON

Come to your home land,  
Hear our voice cry;  
Come to your home land  
To live and to die.

Blue hills are calling  
Echoes in their cries;  
Heaven's tears are falling  
From dark and mournful skies

Where art thou our son?  
Where art thou gone?  
Where art thou wandered?  
Native son, we mourn.

Back to your country  
We yearn your return,  
Back to the green field,  
The pine and the fern.

Come to your home land,  
Hear our hearts call  
Come to your home land,  
To live and to fall.

"Wally Worcester."

## PAS DARŽELĮ

(Daina)

Pas darželį trys mergelės  
Rodavojos tarp savęs:  
Katra yr iš mus gražesnė  
Katra gražumu skirias  
Viena tardama žodelį  
Mes visos esam gražios  
Kaip daržely to kvietkelės  
\*Ir lelijos žydingios. (2 kart)

Ein vaikas pro darželį  
Labai gražiai dainuodam's  
Ant rankelių ant baltųjų  
Aukso žiedelį nešdam's  
Labas rytas jums mergelės  
Ko stovit prie darželio  
Ar geritės toms kvietkėlems  
\*Arba laukiat svetelio (2 kart)

Berneli mūs sūdžia būsi,  
Ale tiktai nemeluok;  
Katra yr iš mūs' gražesnė  
Tad tai žiedą atiduok  
Mergelės mano jaunosios  
Aš negaliu sūdžia būt  
Aukso žiedą nuo pirštelio  
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Mrs. M. Colney.

## Ancient Lithuania

(Read in "Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia" Vol. V, P. 2030).

"Lithuania is founded as part of the territories of the crusading Knights of the Teutonic Order, there was a time when Lithuania was the largest state in Europe, for at the beginning of 15th century its boundaries extended from the Black Sea to the Baltic. But it was then united with Poland, and became a dependency of Russia through the colossal crime of Poland's partition, and in the 19th century an imperial edict abolished the very name of Lithuania. Through all the vicissitudes of their history, however, the Lithuanians have kept their identity as a people and now since the World War they have once more become a nation.

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## Silent Passing

Quiet night, so cold, so still,  
Darkness reigns o'er vale and hill  
Moon hangs low with frozen stare,  
Bringing child to cold night air.

Twinkling stars, so shining bright;  
Do your best to pierce the night;  
With your warmth why not erase  
Lines of pain from your aged face.

See him sway with every breath,  
Every moment fraught with death.  
Now he's gone! 'thout word or cry,  
Gone the way of gentle high.

Silence rules, and as before  
Moon still stares at earthen floor.  
Stars, however, breathe a sigh —  
Watching 1940 die.

"Remember Me"

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Nuo 1914 m. iki šiam laikui Vyčių kuopos teiravos, kokios turi būti vyčių vėliavos. Kai kurios kuopos įsitaisė vėliavas pagal savo sumanymą. Per keletą seimų buvo išrinktos komisijos paruošti vėliavos projektus, bet tos komisijos savo išrinkimu ir bangėsi. Bet tas reikalas apskričiuose ir kuopose yra gyvas, tik gaila, jog yra užmiršta, kad tas reikalas jau senai išspręstas.

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buvo įsitaisę vėliavas pagal savo nuožiūrą, buvo padaryta pastabos, bet jie atsakė: "Tur taip būti, kaip mes norime;"

Ketvirtame ar penktame Vyčių seime ilgiausiai buvo diskutuojama vėliavos klausimu.

Nuodugnai svarstyta Lietuvos valstybės sudėtinės spalvos, kurios turėtų būti taikomos prie Vyčių vėliavos. Šiuo klausimu kalbėjo kun. F. Kemėšis, gerai nusimanęs spalvų ir vėliavos reikalais. Jis tada gražiai akcentavo vėliavos reikšmę organizacijoms ir tautomis.

Tuo laiku dar nebuvo nustatytos ir priimtos Lietuvos spalvos, o be to ir prie valstybinės vėliavos spalvų pridėti kokius kitus ženklus atrodytų lyg būtų tos vėliavos įžeidimas. Todėl kun. F. Kemėšis davė tokį paaiškinimą ir gal pasiūlymą.

— Prūsų Lietuvoje yra vartojamos spalvos: *žalia, balta ir raudona*, kurios kaip tik tiktų vėliavai, nors jos nėra Lietuvos spalvos, betgi reikšmingos ir apdainuotos lietuvių liaudies dainose; gi be to, sudaro kontrastus — vidujinė balta spalva skiria kraštutines tamsesnes spalvas. Ant baltosios turėtų būti paveikslai (ženklai): vienoj pusėj Vytis, kitoje — Šv. Kazimieras. Tada nuspręsta, kad nesvarbu, kokios bebūtų Lietuvos spalvos, šios paliktų Vyčių spalvomis. Šis sprendimas nė viename seime nebuvo pertaisytas, bet užmirštas.

Labai keistas yra įprotis kombinuoti valstybinės spalvos ar herbas prie kokių kitų sudėčių, o dar mažiau svarbu vėliavose prikišti visokių dar priedų. Organizacijos vėliava turi būti pritaikoma jos pavadinimui ir jokių būdu negali atstovauti kitas vėliavas, sakysim Amerikos ar Lietuvos vėliavų spalvas. Lietuvos ir Amerikos tautinės vėliavos gali būti atskirai tik priedai prie organizacinės vėliavos, tik panaudojimas dekoracijai iškilmių metu.

Šis aiškinimas liečia tik standartinę vėliavos formą (4 1/3 and 6 pėdų dydžio). Gi bažnytinės formos vėliava, ant skersmedžio, turėtų būti kitokios sudėties.

Kad panašios vėliavos reikšmę suprastume, galime imti pavyzdį iš kariuomenės. Pulkai ir divizijos turi savo atskirų spalvų vėliavas, nors rodos jiems tiktų ir tos šalies spalvos. Tačiau taip nėra, kiekviena kariuomenės dalis turi savo spalvų kombinacijų vėliavą, o šalies vėliava neliečiama nė kokiais priedais.

Manau, kad panaši vėliava daug nekainuotų žinoma pagal šilko rūšį, kurių yra labai daug.

Man būtų labai malonu gauti užsakymą ir padaryt nors vieną Vyčių vėliavą pagal šį priimtą seimo nutarimą.

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Čia noriu pabrėžti, kad minimos spalvos: žalia, balta, raudona buvo laisvo Klaipėdos krašto vėliavos spalvos. Tas nieko nesako, kad jos netiktų Vyčių vėliavai, anaiptol, dar labiau mums reikšmingos ir simboliškos.

*Redaktorius.*

## KAS GI KALTAS?

*Rašo J. V. GABRYS*

### “Who is Responsible?”

J. V. Gabrys, the writer of this article gives us his views on the present government in Lithuania.

According to the article, it is true that the former government of Lithuania did not listen to advice and safeguard the wealth of Lithuania; and it did not worry about its refugees; nor did it worry about setting up a government in some neighboring country in anticipation of the invasion of Lithuania.

Though we agree in general with most of the points in the article, there are some points on which our opinions differ. Ed—

Neapsakoma nelaimė ištiko mūsų tėvynę; nustojome neprigulmybės, sunkiai iškovotos dėka mūsų tautos pasišventimui ir Jūsų, Broliai Amerikiečiai, aukom.

Patamsių galybė vėl užgulė Lietuvą. Raudonasis slibinas vėl drasko mus tėvynės kūną, žudydamas geriausias jos sūnus, naikindamas mus tautos didelių vargų sukurtas įstaigas, engdamas mūsų kraštą.

Bet argi privalome pasiduoti nusiminimui ir laukti, sudėję rankas, kol ateis kiti, geresni laikai. Ne, laisvė ir nauja tėvynė mums iš dangaus neišskris. Turime vėl stoti į kovą prieš slibiną, turime telktis į kovos būrius, organizacijas, kad vėl paliuosavus tėvynę nuo barbarų jungo. Kas negali aktingai stoti į kovą, turi aukoti visą, ką gali tėvynės išlaisvinimui.

*Kas visko nepaaukojo, nieko nepaaukojo!*

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## THE WREATH OF EDITORS OF THE VYTIS

During the twenty five years that the Vytis has been published, there have been thirteen editors. Many of us were not born, and many may not have been K of L members while they organized Councils and districts and strived to publish our organ, the Vytis. To those who were members and know of their valiant efforts and grand untiring work, the memories we bring back should be most pleasant. So we shall try to introduce to you all the editors of the Vytis. — Each an important link in the wreath that is responsible for its success and livelihood.



**DR. ALEXANDRAS M. RAČKUS**

Dr. Račkus was born in 1893 in Cekiskes, Lithuania. His parents were one of the many who helped to preserve Lithuanian literature and language by secretly translating and writing Lithuanian even under Russian oppression.

He arrived in America in 1910. At the Knights of Lithuania II Convention held in Brockton, Mass., in 1914, Dr. Rackus was elected the Center secretary. He was an ardent worker, and did much for the Center. In 1915, Dr. Rackus was one of the instigators and founders of our official magazine, the VYTIS. That year he also served as editor, the first of the magazine.

From 1915 until 1921 he attended Loyola University, studying socio-

logy, and later medicine. In 1922 he finished his medicine course and since that time has been a practicing physician with great success.

Dr. Rackus is a well known historian and the only known Lithuanian Numismatic authority. He is the author of countless well known articles on the subject of Numismatics, which have appeared in various American and European newspapers, journals, and magazines. His works are so sound and well known, that his writings and ideas are often quoted. Dr. Rackus' most famous historical writings about the Lithuanian people is compiled in his book, "Guthones, (The Goths) Kinsmen of the Lithuanian People." The book was published in 1922, containing 432 pages.

In recognition of his valiant, and untiring work among the Lithuanians, the Lithuanian government in 1935 honored Dr. Rackus by presenting him with the "Third Order of the Vytautas the Great" medal. In addition he has received the "Šaulių Žvaigždė" award in 1939.

Upon the request of the Lithuanian government to teach History at the "Vytautas the Great" Museum, Dr. Rackus and his wife returned to Lithuania in 1935. They remained there until 1940, leaving after living about three months under the present Russian rule. Dr. Rackus is now practicing medicine in Chicago, and is an active worker in fostering culture among the American Lithuanians.



**PROF. K. PAKŠTAS**

Born in Lithuania and educated there, Professor Pakstas completed

his graduate studies in Switzerland, taking his doctor's degree in geography at the University of Friburg in 1923.

During 1918-19 he was in the diplomatic service of his country in Switzerland as secretary of the Lithuanian mission. Since 1919 he has participated in several international conferences as a Lithuanian delegate; Interparliamentary Commercial Congress at Rio de Janeiro in 1927; International Geographic Congresses at Paris in 1931 and Amsterdam in 1938; Baltic Hydrological Conferences in Leningrad in 1933 and Helsingfors in 1936; as well as several conferences of the Baltic States.

Since 1914 he has been active in the Lithuanian press as editor and author of numerous articles on political, social, economic, and geographical question in Lithuanian, French, English, Latvian and Estonian. Since 1926 he has contributed numerous research articles to Lithuanian and Latvian scientific magazines. He has travelled extensively in nearly all the countries of Western Europe and Asia Minor, in Soviet Russia, North and South America, and nearly all parts of Africa. He devoted the summers of 1937 and 1938 to intensive study of problems of political geography in Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Poland.

Since 1925 he has been professor of geography at the Vytautas-the-Great University at Kaunas, Lithuania, giving courses in physical, regional, economic, political, and human geography.

From 1928 through 1931, on invitation of the University of Latvia, he also taught regional and political geography at Riga.

In 1930 he lectured in universities of South Africa (Pretoria, Johannesburg, Stellenbosch, and Cape Town). In 1934 he was invited to deliver a series of lectures at the Scandinavian universities and geographical societies.

Between 1933 and 1940 he was President of the Lithuanian Geographical Society; in 1934 he was awarded the Andree Medal by the Swedish Geographical and Anthropological Society; in 1935 he was made an honorary member of the Latvian Geographical Society. In 1939, he was bestowed with the title of Knight of the Order of Vasa by H. M. the King of Sweden.

In 1915-16 editor of "Vytis," in 1923-24 editor of "Darbininkas," 1924-25 editor of "Draugas," 1930-40



**REV. A. VALANČIUS**

Rev. A. Valančius was born in Chicago on October 2nd, 1904. Graduating from St. Anthony parochial school he attended St. Ignatius High School and De Paul Academy, then St. Bede's College. Finishing his courses at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, he was ordained on April 27th, 1930, A. Valančius was editor of "Vytis" from 1935 to 1936.



**ANTANAS LAPINSKAS**

Antanas Lapinskas, was born in Chicago. He has attended St. George's parochial school and has an L. L. B. degree from De Paul University.

Mr. Lapinskas was the editor of "Vytis" from the year 1930 to 1933, and again from 1936 to 1937.

At present A. Lapinskas is a practicing attorney and legal advisor to the Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association of Chicago.

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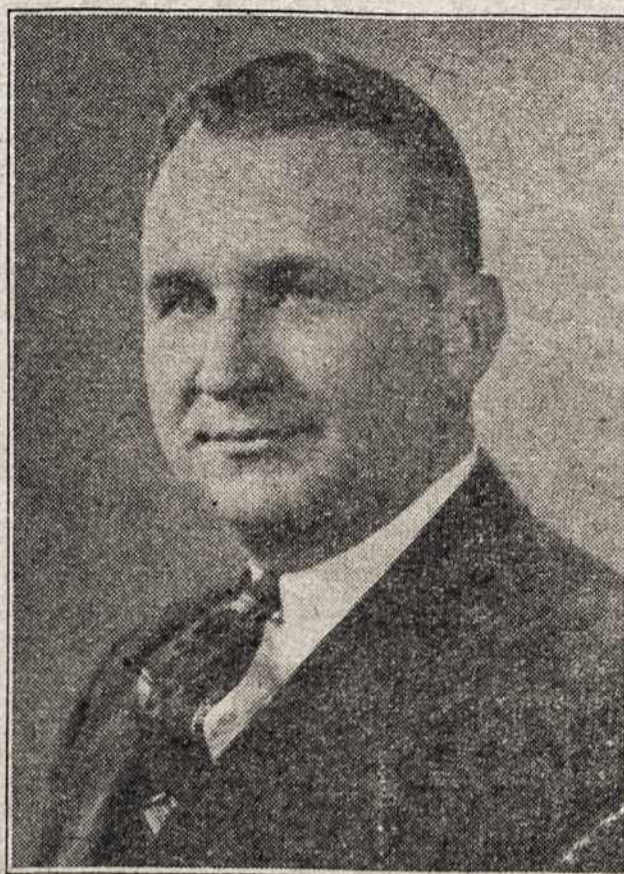
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**JOSEPH C. PETERS**

Joseph C. Peters was born within the boundaries of Our Lady of Vilnius parish on Chicago's great West Side on May 11, 1910. He has continually resided within this parish up to the present time. His early years were spent in the Our Lady of Vilnius Parochial school which he entered in 1916 and graduated in 1922.

In the Fall of 1922 he began attending St. Ignatius High School. Here his record as a scholar was augmented by the receipt of first honors as a freshman and second honors as a sophomore. As for sports, he took a active part in intramural basketball and track. His free time after class sessions was devoted to employment in a loop department store. In June of 1926 St. Ignatius awarded him a diploma for the Classical High School Course.

In September of the same year he matriculated at Loyola University. His freshman year was spent on the North Shore Campus. Beset by financial reverses he was forced to abandon his daytime studies and to secure full time employment. Three years later, in 1929, he resumed his studies at Loyola University's Downtown College, which he attended evenings till June 1933 when the University conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy (Ph. B.). His major for the degree was in philosophy and his minor was in mathematics. In the fall of 1931, he found sufficient time to attend Lewis Institute where he took four courses in higher mathematics, ranking among the first ten members of his class.

Filled with an insatiable desire to enter the legal profession, Mr. Peters entered Loyola University's School of Law, in the Fall of 1936. In June 1940, the University conferred the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence upon him. He took the August 1940 Illinois Bar examination, passed, and was admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counsellor at Law by the Illinois Supreme Court on December 12th of last year.

On February First of this year, Mr. Peters became associated with the law firm of Peters, Maguire and Fegan, with offices at 105 West Monroe Street in the City of Chicago.

Since 1927 Attorney Peters has been an active Knights of Lithuania member. His organizational activity connected in Council 24. Some time later he served two terms as Council President. Among his other landmarks in our organization are his two terms as Chicago District President, one term as First Vice President of the Supreme Council and two terms as Editor of Vytis. At the present time he has again assumed the duties of the Presidency of Council 24. He is a Fourth Degree member.

Besides this organizational activity, Attorney Peters has constantly been a member of the Our Lady of Vilnius Parish Choir. At the present time he is also serving a third term as a member of the Parish Committee.

**ANTANAS P. SKIRIUS**

From Sept. 3, 1940, the K of L Supreme Council requested Antanas P. Skirius to assume the duties as Editor of the Vytis.

**PHILIP J. KLIKUNAS**

Philip Klikunas was born in Chicago on September 19, 1917. He attended the Our Lady of Vilnius parish grammar school, and St. Ignatius and Harrison Technical High Schools. Upon graduation, Philip worked in the office of the Lithuanian daily "Draugas." While working there he attended evening classes at Loyola University and at present is a full time student at the same university. Finishing his three years of pre-medical work Philip intends to enroll at the Loyola Medical School and on graduation hopes to join the ranks of Lithuanian professional men. For a number of years Philip has been a member of K of L Council 24. Since last September he has been an associate editor of "Vytis."

## BEST CORRESPONDENCE IN THE VYTIS DURING 1940

Here are the winners of the prizes awarded by the Editorial Staff of the Vytis:

- 1) OMAR IAM — JOHN J. SHIMKUS — Council 112.
- 2) LEO — LAVERNE VAICEKAUSKAS Council 36.
- 3) A. E. L.—PHYLIS GRENDALE Council 1.
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- 5) DUCKY — M. L. VINA DUDENAS — Council 62.

Brief biographies are given of each of the above mentioned.

### JOHN JOSEPH SHIMKUS

John Joseph Shimkus, alias Omar Iam, was born July 12, 1919, in the Providence of God Parish, Chicago, Illinois. At the age of four his dad took the family to the then sparsely settled district of Marquette Park to live. John received his grammar school education at the Nativity B. V. M. school. Upon graduating from there in 1933, he enrolled at St. Rita High School, finishing there in 1937. In the fall of the same year he enrolled at the De Paul U. Evening Commerce School, where he majored in accounting. At the present time John is not going to school, planning to return next fall if he isn't drafted for Selective Service in the army. He has filled his questionnaire and has received a 1A classification. He is employed



JOHN SHIMKUS

by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

John was first introduced into the K of L in 1933 when he joined the juniors of Marquette Park. He served as manager of the baseball and basketball teams until 1935 when he transferred to the seniors. He was still the manager of the athletic teams

until 1937 when he was elected president of the Marquette K of L. He was re-elected president in 1938. School duties prevented him from assuming any office in 1939. In 1940 he was elected 2nd vice-president of the Marquette council. This year besides being president of his council, he is a trustee of the Chicago District. John has also accepted the invitation rendered by the editor of the Vytis to assume the duties of an associate editor.

To John, the Knights of Lithuania organization is an integral part of his life. He feels that it tends to unite the Lithuanian-American youth in closer bond, creating good-fellowship, stimulating good will, and all that is necessary to perpetuate our slogan, "For God and Country."

### LAVERNE VAICEKAUSKAS

While the rumbling of the angry conflict in Europe during World War I continued, filling the hearts



LAVERNE VAICEKAUSKAS

of the many American Lithuanians here in safe and tranquil America with great sadness, and concern for their loved ones, a daughter war born to Mr. and Mrs. Vaicekauskas, in the Bridgeport colony of Chicago.

LaVerne acquired her high school education at the St. Casimir's Academy. Upon finishing her schooling there, and decisions of furthering her knowledge of the commercial world, she attended Bryant and Stratton Business College.

LaVerne is employed as a secretary by the General Electric Company. Despite the fact that she still attends night school. LaVerne's attendance at K of L meetings and affairs is regular and punctual. She is a member of the Brighton Park K of L Council 36.

Last year LaVerne was the Council's correspondent, and this year she is the recording secretary and a member of the Council's Publicity Committee. The K of L organization is close to her heart and she is constantly striving and working for its betterment.

### PHYLIS GRENDALE

Born in South Boston, Mass.; Graduate of Mt. St. Joseph Academy, 1930;

Attended Burdett College evenings.

Since 1931 has been working in



PHYLIS GRENDALE

the offices of Attorneys S. P. Shallna and Hon. Anthony O. Shallna, latter being Honorary Consul for Lithuania in Boston.

### Organizations:

1937-1940, Secretary of Knights of Lithuania, council No. 17, South Boston;

1940 and 1941, Vice President of council;

1939, Trustee of National K of L; Member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Boston (American);

Secretary, Lithuanian Women's Republican Club of Mass;

Member, Lithuanian R. C. Alliance of America;

Executive Committee member of Suffolk Republican Club of Mass. (American).

Has been Chairman on Invitation Committee of function held by "Darbininkas." Chairman several times on Dance Committees held by our council and New England District K of L.

(I might mention that Michael Grendale, brother, and member of our Council, is studying third-year medicine at Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia, Pa.).

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lithuanian American Historical Society held its regular meeting on February 24th, at which new officers were elected for the coming year and other business of the society was discussed. The society, the only one of its kind in this country, has laudable aims and objects for furthering accurate information about Lithuania and Lithuanians, and the preservation of historical records. Among the original members of the society we find: Mr. T. Thurston, J. P. Pentis, T. A. Shamis, Vincent Stulpinas, Victor Balanda and others.

T. Shamis is the newly elected president.

## LITHUANIAN YOUTH SOCIETY

On Saturday, February 1, 1941, The Lithuanian Youth Society presented the Mexican folk ballet, "The Fiesta to Our Lady of Guadalupe."

The Lithuanian consul, Peter Daužvardis, was among the notables present in the packed house. The most outstanding dancing was done by Birutė Kremauski.

The living cross was remarkably well presented, and will be long remembered by all. The colorful costumes and skillful dancing made the performance successful.

The Lithuanian Youth Society is not affiliated with any other organization, and they are co-operating with the Lithuanian Student and Professional Association in maintaining a room at the International House during the Carnival of Nations, February 14 and 15. This is the only European nation that is having a room to itself alone.

The Lithuanian Youth Society is presenting a group of folk dances at the Lithuanian Auditorium on Easter Sunday. Al Junievicz.

## AS LITHUANIANS APPEAR

(Excerpt from "Compton's Pictured Enciclopedia" Vol. V, Page 2030).

The Lithuanians are well-built, with fair hair, blue eyes, and delicate skin. They are simple, honest, and industrious in their habits, but their lot has for centuries been one of poverty and wretchedness. They still speak their ancient language, which resembles Sanskrit and the probable the oldest in Europe of the Indo-European languages, the family to which our own language belongs.

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## EI VYČIAI, GYVENAM TAUTAI IR BAŽNYČIAI!

*Rašo MYKOLAS A. NORKŪNAS*

### "For God and Country"

This issue contains a synopsis of the paper read by the founder of the K of L organization M. A. Norkunas, at the last Convention of the Knights of Lithuania. The author tells the meaning of the term "Knights of Lithuania" speaks of the past accomplishments of the members of the organization and urges the American-Lithuanian youth to follow in their footsteps. Mr. Norkunas shows what the Knights have done for Lithuania and for the Catholic Church, and what duties now await present members; how our beloved fatherland is now suffering at the hands of the communists.

Nuo 1939 m. L. R. K. Federacijos kongreso Brooklyne labai gyvai pradėta rūpintis jaunimu. tik gaila, kad nedaryta tyrinėjimų nei praktikoje neatsižvelgta į jaunimo skirtingas grupes. Mes čia norėsime paliesti vieną jaunimo dalį, kuri yra nuolat gaivi, nuolat gyva veikloje ir gana jau pribrendusi — tai Vyčiai.

Ei Vyčiai, gyvenam tautai ir bažnyčiai. Tai obalsis, kuris skamba kiekvieno gero lietuviu jaunuolio, jaunuolės širdyje. Jis jautrus, gailus ir nuolat jaunas.

Kas tie Lietuvos Vyčiai? Kokia Vyčio žodžio esmė? Ką mes galime vadinti vyčiu? Lietuvių tautos didvyriais laikome pirmaisiais Lietuvos Vyčiais.

Vyčiu galime vadinti tik tikrą, sąmoningą lietuvių tautos sūnų. Meskime žvilgsnį į garbinguosius lietuvių tautos istorijoje vyčius.

Slinko amžiai, keitėsi laikai. Kaimynų smurto sutartimis ir eilėmis unijų pavergė Lietuvos laisvę, užkraudama nepanešamus retežius; surakino lūpas kalbai ir maldai. Tūkstančiai Lietuvos Vyčių — knygnešių, kovotojų už lietuviškumą ir katalikybę žuvo Sibiro gilumoj. Savo gyvenime, nors dar buvau jaunas, turėjau progos išgirsti žodžius, sugrįžusio iš Sibiro tremtinio. Tarp kitų man įstrigo šie jo žodžiai: "Daugiausia mes kentėjome už neišpildymą jų reikalavimų, kuomet buvome grasomi su nagai-ka rankoje ir pažadais — išsižadėk savo to lietuviškumo, o ne tik tau bus dovanota bausmė, bet dar įgysi tikro Rusijos piliečio teises. Šis reikalavimas tankiausiai buvo anga tarp gyvybės ir mirties, kadangi žiaurūs barzdoti kalėjimo sargai ir žandarai kartais už nepalankų atsakymą drožė kardu ar šautuvo buože, užbaigdami alkio, sunkaus darbo ir baisaus skurdo dienas." Ūet iš tūkstančių lietuvių tautos didvyrių,

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Ei Vyčiai, gyvenam tautai ir bažnyčiai! Šalin nusiminimas! Lai šioji nelaimė būna liepsnojančiu laužu, ant kurio mūsų bočiai degino laonus ir aukas, lai toji laužo ugnis užkuria Vyčių širdis Tautos ir Tėvynės ir Lietuvių kalbos meilės liepsna. Turėkime viltį Dangaus Galybėse, jog Lietuvos Vyčių dvasia nemari. Maldaukime Šv. Kazimiero užtarymo ir pasigailėjimo prie Dangaus Galybių. Prisiminkime kunigaikščių Kęstučio ir Vytauto kančias, žygdarbius ir stiprinkime jais savo dvasią.

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Prisimindami taip šviesią lietuvių praeitį, jų išmintį ir dailią kalbą, už kurią daugiausia nukentėjo vyčiai, kad ją išlaikyti gyvą tautoje, tat gi ir jūs, vyčiai lietuvių išėivijoje, įkvėpti ta didvyriška vyčių dvasia, pasirinkote budėti jautriose sargyboje, ginti tą puikią lietuvių kalbą, kurią išsaugojo jūsų bočiai baisiausiose prispaudimuose per šimtmečius. Tad, vyčiai, garbingai pildykite savo užduotį.

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va šaukia, skęsdama naujoje skausmų jūroje ir tie-  
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tūkstančių vienminčių ateitininkų ir pavasarinin-  
kų balsą, jų krauju ir gyvybėmis Lietuva buvo  
atgauta, jie ir dabar žūsta už tautybę ir bažny-  
čią. Šiandien jų rankos surakintos, laisvė iš-  
plėsta, laisvė durtuvais užspausta. Ir tūkstan-  
čių šviesiausių vyčių dvasios veikėjų širdys jau  
perskrostos durtuvais ir kulipkomis žvėriškų  
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jo tą lietuvių tautą per šimtmečius.

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rie dar nesupratote Vyčių idėjos bei jų pasiauko-  
jimo, surask ir iškelk savo žemaitišką ar dzū-  
kišką širdyje tą Lietuvos meilės vėliavą, stok  
vyčių eilėms ginti žmonišką teisę ir tą numy-  
lėtą Motiną Lietuvą, kuri dabar kenčia baisius  
už Nerono ir caro persekiojimus. Dabar jau  
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slėpti, šiandien tūkstančiai tauriausių Lietuvos  
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Gydytojas ar slaugė, nors labai saugiai el-  
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dėl artumo užsikrečia ir miršta. Jūs, Vyčiai, sau-  
gokitės su bolševikais draugauti, saugokitės kaip  
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patarimo, be jų patarimo veiklonė žingsnio,  
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Šiais sunkiais mūsų tautos laikais naujos problemos iškilo. Vaikams nelaimi ištikus gailestinga motina visas jėgas padeda jiems gelbėti.



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Mūsų tautos sūnūs, dukters, kurie yra dabar pabėgę iš Lietuvos, labai sunkioje padėtyje atsiderė. Tad mūsų Dr-ja, kuri turi garbingą vardą "Motinėle," deda visas pastangas neturintiems studentams, trokšantiems mokslui, pagalbą teikti. Kilnios dvasios ir gabūs studentai pabėgę iš Lietuvos į Europos šalis ir kai kurie iš jų net pateko į Ameriką. Jie visi trokšta mokslui; jie visi nori apsišviesti grįžti į savo mylimą tėvynę, Lietuvą, ir ten dirbti savųjų naudai. Mes įsitikinę esame, kad Sovietų Rusijos kariška okupacija Lietuvos yra laikinis dalykas. Be to, mums yra labai svarbu išauklėti tuos studentus Amerikos demokratinėje dvasioje, kad jie grįžę į Lietuvą galėtų veikti demokratinėje pakraipėje tėvynės ir žmonių naudai. Tad nesigailėkim nei darbo nei aukų ir rengkimės prie Lietuvos atstatymo. Vienas iš svarbiausių dalykų yra išauklėti Lietuvai tinkamus mokslui žmones ir visuomenei vadus. Motinėle Dr-ja todėl teikia stipendijas ne tik Amerikos lietuviams, gabiems ir doriems studentams-ėms, bet lygiai taip pat iš Lietuvos pabėgusiems. Iš širdies prašome Amerikos lietuvių paremti savo aukomis Motinėle Dr-ją. Malonėkite įsirašyti į narius sumokant \$10 ar \$5 į metus. Garbės nariai suteikia auką \$100.00 ir jie lieka nariais visam gyvenimui. Darydami testamentus padarykite palikimus Motinėle Dr-jai. Nario mokesčius ir aukas siųskite:

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## BRIEF K OF L PRESS HISTORY

(Contemporary Writing)

Written By

THOMAS A. SHAMIS



At the fourth annual national convention of the Knights of Lithuania held on July 10, 11 and 12, 1916, in the city of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a resolution was passed by the convention to establish a printing plant to be located in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and to issue "Vytiis" the official organ, as a weekly publication. And at the convention several hundreds of dollars started the K of L Press Fund. The first donor was Mr. P. Molis.

The resolution did not become a reality immediately, because, at the time, of the many various and prevailing reasons: some did not wish to see the printing plant located in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., why not Pittsburgh, Chicago, Brooklyn or Cleveland? Then in the years following there were formed various location locality groups. And then some bravely stating that a printing plant need not be established at all. And then, some contending, that after the ending of the World War I the K of L activities could be transferred to Lithuania. And for this reason the funds raised here be used for the founding of a printing plant in Vilnius or Kaunas.

Because of the various differences of opinions a printing plant was not realized until some time later.

At the Pittsburgh, Pa. national convention held on July 23, 24 and 25, 1917, by a majority vote annulled the fourth convention's resolution and unanimously voted a new one to establish a printing plant in Pittsburgh, Pa., and at this convention several hundreds of dollars were added to the then existing K of L Press Fund.

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In 1921 the national convention which was held in Chicago had for its most important question: the establishing of a printing plant. And the discussion of the 1920 plan was debated for final decision and this convention appointed a committee to prepare a resolution for the purchase of a printing plant.

The resolution:

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### ATTENTION

The new deadline for articles in the Vytis is the 10th of each month. The K of L Supreme Council has decided that the Vytis shall be published at the end of each month, instead of the old policy being published a month in advance. **Ed.**

### NEW CONTEST FOR CORRESPONDENTS

With the January issue of the Vytis a new contest for the best correspondence has started. It will run until, including, the July issue.

The contest will be judged according to the points mentioned in the the article, "Hints to Correspondents."

The winners will be awarded with the following books:

- 1) "Įspūdžiai iš Kelionės į Pietų Ameriką."
- 2) "Sparnuoti Lietuviai."
- 3) "Lithuanians."

### HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Many new and aspiring correspondents have written to the editor inquiring about the procedure and some helpful hints in writing their columns. Here are a few suggestions for the novice writer as well as the older correspondents.

1. So as not to forget anything of importance, it is well to take notes of the important incidents, then rewrite them when making up your column.

2. Write as clearly, coherently, and concisely as possible.

3. Discuss only important matters, new or original ideas. Correspondence should not consist of the repetition of your council's minutes; therefore it is not necessary to write who opened the meeting, the motions passed, or private business discussed. It should be a brief synopsis of your council's more important activity and events.

4. Correspondents may use either their real name or a pseudonym in signing their articles. Once your choice is made, please

use it for each article you write. Do not use a different one for each article. It is a bit confusing, and it may hinder your chances in the ensuing contest for the best correspondence to appear in the future editions of the VYTIS.

5. Regardless whether you use a penname or your surname in signing your articles please inclose your address. In regard to the former, please sign your real name also.

6. In writing, use only one side of the paper whether typed or written in longhand. Doublespaced if typed, and if in longhand, please leave enough of room so in either case if corrections are necessary, room will be available. To minimize the misspelling of names in the finished article, if writing your copy in longhand, please print the name.

7. Segregate the council activity from the personal comment. Be fair and impartial, do not write about the same person too often. Everybody likes to see their own name in print, so give them all a chance. Try and reveal the true identity of the person as much as possible. There may be members, friends of the certain party, in different cities and councils who may be interested and looking for their friend's name in the VYTIS, and by using cognomens and only the first letter of their last name, the person's real identity is hidden.

8. Last but not least, be punctual. A notice is printed in each VYTIS stating the deadline for the correspondences to be published in the next issue of the magazine. It is unfair to ask the editor to break the set up of the magazine for a late text. Enough of time is given, and correspondences sent by air mail or special delivery if past the deadline will not strengthen their chances of appearing in the VYTIS that month. Do not write any letters asking the editor not to cut or change a text. In all assurance, the editor does not like to change any material, but if he is pressed for space there is no other alternative. **J. J. S.**

### COUNCIL 96 — DAYTON, OHIO

Now that elections are out of the way, it's time to dig in with our sleeves rolled up, so that when 1942 rolls around, we'll have many happy events to remember in our efforts to work for "God and Country."

With winter setting in, social dancing and refreshments will again follow meetings. If "Pot o Bucks" keeps drawing names of absentees, it will soon be overflowing. Come on your knights and ladies don't let those bucks take root.

Remember, there's a party in the wind for Feb. 15 and if the committee's past record is any indication, it will be a lalapalooza. The committee, Anne and Hubby Scott, V. Zink, H. Zilinskas, and M. Zakar, so grab the b. f. or g. f. and hustle on down.

We've finally decided to encase our basketball teams numerous trophies, so that we'll no longer have to brag. By the way, they are well on the way to another one, undefeated as yet.

We extend our most sincere sympathy to M. Usas who recently lost his mother and our deepest sympathy to Sally Rugenis whose father passed away.

**Just wondering?** If the road to Dayton from Springfield has been closed, long time no see those members.

Where all of you married members go on meeting nights, we sure do miss you.

Why Joe S. doesn't bring his pretty wife around, we'd love to have her as a member.

Which one of the Zakar girls well reach the altar first, there's only four of them and all with steadies.

If Martha G. has set the date?

What's become of Aldona Sluzas?

What V. Zink thinks of Dayton by now?

How we can direct Cupid in F. Gudelis direction?

So until I've unravelled all of these (you name them).

**Su Dievu, Fran.**

**COUNCIL 62—PITTSBURGH, PA.**

The monthly meeting of our council was held January 7. Quite a few matters of vital importance were discussed. The most important of all being the appointment of a Convention Committee. A committee of four has been chosen, they being, Norbert Onaitis, Mr. Mažeika, Anna Karus and Marcella Simelis. A move has been made and seconded that we hold the convention during the first week in August so preparations will be made to that effect.

Since Al Bernoth, the editor of our paper, Knight Views, has had to resign we are open for nominations for another capable person to fill his position. Kindly voice your opinions as to candidates at the next meeting.

As an encouragement to members to sell more tickets for our dinner dance a prize of a three pound box of candy has been offered. So get to work, Knights, as this is something worth working for.

St. Casimer's day has been set as the date for inducting members into the various degrees. Mr. Mažeika is to receive the fourth degree and Father the third. Norbert Onaitis and Mr. Sadauskas the second, and quite a few members will be inducted into the first.

Why is Julie so interested in the army? Can it be that handsome soldier boy she was seen with constantly during Christmas week? It was a beautiful gift he gave her too.

Aggie is sporting a beautiful watch' coming, of course, from Lenny.

John G. why be so backward at our meetings? Speak up and let us know you're there.

Marcella, just how serious is it between you and S.?

S'long till next month.

**Ducky.**

**COUNCIL 112 — CHICAGO, ILL.**

Unlike my famous and widely known namesake, Omar Kiam, to whom fame only came after his death, as it does to all great men, I have received the honor of winning the best correspondence contest in the Vytis for the past months while still very much alive. Since this is a breach of precedent, I feel as though the honor will be brief and fast-fleeting, but that's all besides the point. I wish to personally thank the person or persons who judged the contestants, and acknowledge the receipt of the beautiful Lithuanian Grammar,

which was the prize. I shall put it to use and endeavor to write an article in Lithuanian in the near future.

A splash party was held Saturday, Feb. 15, 1941, at the Englewood "Y" under the auspices of our council.

The Committee consisted of Ruth Paull, Anthony Vaisnoras, Al Grebliunas, and John Petronis.

Our first January social held Jan. 14, went off quite well. Thanks to the efforts and donations of our Board of Directors. The next social which was held Jan. 28 had for its Committee, Lillian Cinskas, one of our newest and quite enthusiastic member, Alex Snorewicz, and John Shimkus. It turned out to be a grand success with many new novelties as features.

A novel Spring Dance is being planned for April 20, 1941, and with the splendid array of personel on the Committee, I'm sure of its success. Ruth Paull, Lillian Cinskas, Al Kress, Charles Urnezis, and Walter Gailius comprise the Committee.

To fill our quota on the Board of Directors, Ruth Paull, Al Grebliunas, and Stanley Valauskas were elected to the executive board. Good Luck, and I'm sure you'll be a valuable asset to the group.

Our baseball team is to be rewarded with jackets for winning the K of L Chicago District Softball Championship for 1939 and 1940.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Juozaitis! Its a eight and a half pound baby boy, John Robert, and if it were possible we'd make him the youngest member of the K of L, because both the Mother and Dad are staunch K of L members.

The stork also brought another bundle of joy tucked in pink blankets to Mr. and Mrs. William Raginis. I believe she will be named Ann Marie. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Raginis, (no, no, not in the least) are the proud possessors of four new pups. Terry, their thoroughbred, jet black Spaniel, is the proud mother.

Questionnaires for the Selective Service Draft of the U. S. Army have been received by Ray Kalin, and John Shimkus, and it won't be long before Al Kress will receive his.

Friends help make life beautiful and happy. In fact, friends have been said to be a person's most valuable asset. So in keeping with this theme, let me quote Michelet, "A way to gain a friend, is to be one."  
**Omar I Am.**

**COUNCIL-61—PATERSON, N. J.**

**Spiritual Advisor**  
**Rev. Kinta**

153 Montgomery Place

**Recording Secretary**  
**Marian Jackewicz**  
508 — 21st Ave.

President — **Anthony Skubus**  
V. Pres. — **Edward Lapinskas**  
Fin. Sec'y — **Dorothy Dutkus**  
Treasurer — **William Norken**  
Trustees — **Anthony Lakawicz**  
**James Novick.**

**COUNCIL-14 — CICERO, ILL.**

**Spiritual Advisor**  
**Rev. J. Grinius**  
1515 So. 50 Ave.

**Recording Secretary**  
**Miss Emily Waitiekus**  
1524 So. 49 Ave.

President — **Stanley Kishkunas**  
Vice President — **Ray Eisin**  
Treasurer — **Mrs. F. Arbir**  
Fin. Sec'y — **Mrs. F. Kishkunas**  
Trustees — **Miss Mariane Daunis**  
**Miss Bernice Rimkus**  
**Mr. J. Kasulaitis**  
Correspondent — **Miss A. Šleinis**  
**Mr. J. Kasulaitis**  
**Mr. V. Brozas**

**COUNCIL-96 — DAYTON, OHIO**

**Spiritual Advisor**  
**Rev. Leon J. Praspalius**  
1922 Leo St.

**Financial Secretary**  
**Helen Zilinskas**  
2205 Kensington Rd.

President — **Stanley Sluzas**  
V. President — **Martha Greene**  
Rec. Sec'y — **Frances Zilinskas**  
Sgt. at Arms—**Anthony Alexinas**  
Trustees — **Mary Sinkewitz**  
**Victor Zink**  
**Mary Zakar**  
**Frank Gudelis**

**COUNCIL 124—JERSEY CITY, N.J.**

Here we are again. About time don't you think? Since this is our first column this year, we take pleasure in introducing to you our newly elected executive board.

Charles Bason — President  
Joseph Sable — Vice President  
Mary Sidtis — Secretary  
Ann Bason — Treasurer  
John Sidtis — Financial Secretary  
Peter Levendoski — S'g't at arms  
V..... D..... — correspondent.

Many thanks to our retiring officers, Ann Ragauskas and Florence Teleisa whose untiring efforts as secretary and financial secretary for the past few years will not be forgotten.

The new Social Committee consists of Joseph Bazilus, May Maldakas, and Tony Vernickas. (P. S. How about a social after the next meeting?)

A hearty cheer for our basketball team, who without any practice and very little previous experience accepted a challenge from the popular Bronxites. The game was a wow! and what a wow! Our boys tried hard but . . . Bronx came forward with the winning colors.

**News and views:**

Vinnie and Leonora Stanis are the proud parents of a baby boy. Congratulations, and a toast to the future knight.

Hello, Nellie, very nice to see you coming to the meetings again. Now, how about, giving Charlie a talking to about his negligence.

Ann and Cassie, it certainly would be a pleasure to see your happy faces at our next meeting.

Louise K. what has happened to your K of L spirit?

Yes Sir, believe it or not V. D. we are starting a dramatic circle.

The course of true love never runs smooth is a phrase that could be applied to Elinor and Stanley from the Bronx.

Two of our girls were escorted home from recent dances by a certain fair-haired Newark lad. Do you know why? The lad knows and so does V. D.

Private Joe Smith is making a hit with all the young femmes. Could it be the uniform?

Until next time. **V. D.**

**COUNCIL 113 — LINDEN, N. J.**

The relinquishing of this column by Big John to me took place when the new officers were on the job for their first meeting. At that time Anna Shaltis was also appointed to serve on the Publicity Committee in the capacity of reporter to the local papers. Appointments to the other committees are: Membership: John Tratulis and

Katharine Tratulis, Ritual: John Tratulis and Adele Gecis, Parish Chapel: William Kruze and Anne Zurlis, Sick: Helen Karan, William Kruze, Anne Zurlis, Alexander Shukis and Adele Gecis, Glee Club: Stella Leraitis and Sally Shukis, Entertainment: Edward Krotulis, John Tratulis, Vera Sharkus,, and Anne Zurlis, Winter and Spring Social Schedule: Andrew Dambrauskas.

The attendance at the meeting was not what it could be. The number of members attending was comparatively small for the number in the organization, but the spirit they have and portrayed is large enough to embrace the whole club. They were willing and eager to share in all the tasks that need doing to make a fine club.

By now I'm quite sure that all of you who read these pages of council activities know that our council is endeavoring to put on an Lithuanian play but most of you do not know the date because it has not heretofore in these pages been disclosed. The date was Saturday, February 15, 1941. The play is a three act comedy entitled "Mirta Činčiberaitė," the time is 7:30 P. M. at Linden Hall, 16th St. and Wood Avenue in Linden, N. J. This disclosure is an invitation to be with us if you are disposed and we wish you all are. After the play there was dancing and refreshments.

**Personalities and Things**

Could it be that good old Cuba sun radiating from Helen Karan's countenance or is it a secret she brought back with her from Havana, Miami and points south?? It wasn't my intention to probe but my way of saying I'm glad to see that you enjoyed your little holiday and have discovered that cruises are everything the travel folders say they are. While I'm on the subject of travel I'll mention Frank Sawicki's trip to the Cotton Bowl Game in Dallas, Texas over the New Year holidays. Frank says it's not a bad place that west. I take over where your former correspondent left off on the subject of our aspiration girl, A. Shaltis, how she aspires to be a gasoline attendant. Boys and girls see me if you buy your gasoline over the weekends and I'll tell you where to get it. It is quite apparent that there is no let up in Stella L's, Helen K's and Sally S's loyalty to the army. You know what I mean gals. It was nice seeing Mildred Strazdas at the meeting.

Until the next time then, good-by to all of you. **A. M. G.**

**COUNCIL-41 — BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**

President — John Wezwick  
Vice President — Jules Kleizo  
Treasurer — Anthony Masulis  
Rec. Secretary — Pat Kersulis  
162 Diamond Str.  
Fin. Seretary — Nellie Ragelis  
Correspondent — Millie Stalkus  
Sgt. at Arms — Steve Charneski

**COUNCIL-6 — HARTFORD, CONN.**

Sp. Adv. — Monsignor J. Ambot  
53 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Conn.  
President — Edward Casman  
Vice President — Edward Spelis  
Rec. Secretary — Albie Stanulis  
99 Hungerford st., Hartford, Conn.  
Fin. Secretary — Adelē Manikas  
Treasurer — Sdward Mazotas

**COUNCIL-66 — OMAHA, NEBR.**

Sp Adv. — Rev. Jos. Jusevich,  
5412 S 32 St.,  
President — Henry Shudinis,  
3416 V St.,  
V. President — Victor Lawry,  
5415 S 33 Ave.,  
Rec. Sec'y — Dorothy Danowski,  
3908 W St.,  
Fin. Sec'y — Bernard Kinsella,  
5502 S 32 St.,  
Treasurer — Kathleen Danowski,  
3908 W St.,  
Reporter — Genevieve Jesonis,  
5034 S 36 St.,

### COUNCIL 127 — SHENANDOAH, PA.

This council had a party after the New Years and if you'll listen quietly I'll tell you some of the highlight of the party.

Well we had the club rooms decorated in green - red and yellow and in the center of the room was suspended a large crystal ball (borrowed for the occasion) emanating myriads of lights. It was breathtaking, and in each of the corners of the room we had spotlights each of a different color to suit the occasion, well for instance when Helen Smith sang a blues song we had the blue spotlight on, and as usual she received many encores amidst thunderous applause, and when S. Ruth was doing the Rhumba we had on a green spotlight and among the OH's and Ah's of admiration she had the girls green with envy, and when M. Tunkle song those sentimental ballads as only she can sing we had a white spotlight on, and Father Batutis our Spiritual Advisor gave a short but interesting talk on the significance of being a Knight of Lithuania.

F. Tragus who acted as M. C. called on ex-president A. Sata-vestky, who delivered an address of the club and asking for continued success and co-operation from all, he in turn called on president Guber and he announced it was time to receive our gifts.

Some of the gifts were nice some comical and some insulting such as the cuspidor presented to F. Trogus to which up to this day he very vehemently denies ownership, and Coconuts to Al. Three dogs and kennel for Wally Z. Red flannels to S. R. Uncle Sam chew to "Phill." Lemons to Gibas. Those were some of the gifts received but it was all in the spirit of the party.

After the receiving of gifts a buffet lunch was served by Isabel "Brenda" Lazausky and Eleanor "Cobina" Yanchulis and the truth was never more fully brought home by the old saying "The way to a man's" heart is through his stomach because after the affair the number of proposals literally knocked them over, then we had dancing and also our favorite the Broom Dance and Boy! Oh! Boy! did B. Gregas go to town. He sure is some rug-cutter, and after a wonderful time had by all we left for home tired but happy. Signed **Morpheus.**

*Thirty eight*

### COUNCIL 14 — CICERO, ILL.

The Holiday Season was a season most joyously and cheerfully spent by our council members. Things began with the council's Christmas Party held at our Parish Hall on December 21st and it was a Caroling success. Santa Claus (personified by the most capable Iggy Mockaitis( in his shiny, bright red suit and cap, and his silken, flowing white beard joined us in the games, fun, and eats; and he certainly did not let his beard interfere when utilizing the purpose of the mistletoe. The highlight of the party, however, was Father Edwards rhumba; and after seeing him do it don't try telling me that he hasn't taken lessons from Madame La-Zonga. And, say, Leo, ar tu dar hopina kad everybody turėjo good time? Well, believe me and all, the arrangements made by the entertainment committee were most satisfactory.

Since the Christmas party was enjoyed by members only, a group of our knights and knightesses felt that our parishoners also deserved a bit of Christmas cheer; so, on Christmas Eve the Knights Leo, Jerry, James, Joe, Iggy, and Casey and the Knightesses Cobina, Anne, Loretta, Eleanor, Emily, and Brenda spread the Christmas spirit by raising their tuneful voices and singing Christmas carols as they walked along the streets of Cicero. The whole town of Cicero was not honored by the singers beautiful carols but all those who did hear were full of complimentary phrases and words for the group. Good for you; and we shall look forward to more carols next Christmas.

And, finally, the effects of the New Year's Eve party have, I guess, worn off. No more of Pop's "Screwball" for Jerry and most certainly not even a whiff of a Crystal Lake special ( a la Brenda) for Loretta. Joe Kasul resolved that he's through drinking beer — nothing short of a highball from

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### COUNCIL-90—HARRISON, N. J.

Sp. Adv. — **Rev. L. Vaicekauskas**  
29 Davis St., Harrison, N. J.

Secretary—**Miss Helen Savalonis**  
24 Yale St., Nutley, N. Jersey

President — **Peter Velevis**

Vice Pres. — **Rookie Barcauskas**

Fin. Secretary — **Ann Klem.**

Treasurer — **Mae Zigmont**

### COUNCIL-129—SHENANDOAH, PA.

"To Your Continued Success  
from Council 129"

Sp. Adv. — **Rev. George Degutis**  
**Rev. Clarence Batutis**  
129 S. Jardin St.,  
Shenandoah, Pa.

President — **Charles Guber**

V. President — **Edward Remus**

Rec. Secretary — **Violet Ruth**

Fin. Secretary — **Jean Nojunas**

Treasurer — **Florence Lukzus**

### COUNCIL--124 — JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

Sp. Adv. — **Rev. M. Kemėžis**  
337 Woodward St.

President — **Charles E. Bason**

V. President — **Joseph Sable**

Rec. Secretary — **Mary Sidtis**

Treasurer — **Anne Bason**

Fin. Secretary — **Victoria Januzis**

Sgt at Arms — **Peter Levandoski**

Sports Dir. — **Peter Levandoski**

— *V y t i s*



now on for him. Mom and Pop Arbir were certainly the very gracious hosts. When everyone complained that the evening ran into the morning too soon, everybody was invited to come and finish the party the next nite — and don't think we didn't! Thanks over again and again, Mom and Pop, for a swell start of the new year.

It seems the next thing in order for the council is a swimming party but the date of such has not yet been decided but very soon it shall, and, I in turn shall let you know all the wheres and whys about it.

And so, with the hope that I haven't forgotten to remember something I should have remembered, I am,

Absent-mindedly,

Your correspondent,

**Ay. Ay. Es.**

**K OF L COUNCIL 14  
THIRD ANNUAL**

**Lazy Daisy Dance  
Saturday, April 26, 1941**

**ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH HALL  
15th St. and 49t Ct.  
Civero, Ill.**

**COUNCIL 52 — ELIZABETH, N. J**

All the gayety, hustling and busting of the holidays are over, we can relax once more and start on our activities where we had left off.

Being thankful to Almighty God for a successful past year and that we are still fortunate to have freedom to work for that beautiful motto, "For God and Country," where our brothers and sisters back in our fatherland are pressed down under the heavy hand of bolshevism and their beautiful ambitions have to be kept in their own secrecy. With the New Year here, leading us is new resolutions, eagerness and possibilities we hope to accomplish more than even before.

At last, we have the date set for the ritual first and second degree installation. It will take place on January 23. We are in hopes to have all the members there, who are in position to take those degrees. A social will follow the ceremony.

There is dance to be given on George Washington's birthday, Feb. 22 at the Lithuanian Liberty Hall. We expect to see you all there and with your cooperation you will help make it a grand and glorious affair, to keep all in high spirits through the coming seven weeks of Lent.

*V y t i s —*

**In Memory of Anthony G.  
Budrecki**

When something goes wrong with most any little part of our body, all the body feels it and feels miserable. That is just about the same in the life of an organization.

When something happens to one member of a group we all feel miserable and mourn over it. The first day of the year our Council met with great sorrow by the loss of Anthony G. Budrecki, whose life was taken by a fatal auto accident. Although he was a member but a short time he showed great enthusiasm and interest in the K of L. He also belonged to many other organizations and clubs, and through being friendly, active and understanding he was loved by all.

May his soul rest in heavenly peace.

**J. T. A.**

**COUNCIL 26 — WORCESTER,  
MASS.**

The election of officers for 1941, was held at our December meeting. The following were chosen: President — Bill Kereišis; Vice-President—Jos. Sakaitis; Treasurer — Tilia Aukštakalnis; Secretary — Mary Thompson; Financial Secretary — Anne Burdulis; Auditors — Adam Kacevich and Eve Jurgelionis; Sgt. at Arms — Julius Jurgelionis; Asst. — John Slaviskas. We wish to congratulate the new board of officers and hope that they will do as good if not better than the 1940 board.

The members of our council have formed a league which meets every Thursday at the Central Bowling Alleys. From last reports, the team captained by Frank Tagman is leading the league. Frank also boasts of the highest average, which is about 104.8. M. Thompson leads the girls with a 94.9. We have noticed of late that the original enthusiasm — has died and fewer members attend these matches. We hope that in the future, more members will attend. Still on the subject of bowling, Athol came to Worcester to engage our teams in battle. When the dust had cleared, the Worcester team, both girls and boys, were the conquerors. We hope to see the Athol bunch again as they are a bunch of good sports and are a lot of fun.

**Žiaurus Vėjas.**

**COUNCIL-27 — NORWOOD,  
MASS.**

Sp. Adv. — **Rev. S. P. Kneižys**  
36 St. George Ave.

Rec. Sec.—**Marijona F. Avižinytė**  
16 Tremont Street

President — **Pranas J. Civilikas**

V. President — **Bronius Kudirka**

Fin. Sec. — **Ona M. Gaidulytė**

Treasurer — **Pranas Nevinskas**

**COUNCIL-17 — SO. BOSTON,  
MASS.**

Sp. Adv. — **Rev. P. Virmauskas**  
50 W. 6th St.

President — **Pr. Razvadauskas**

Vice President — **F. Grendelytė**

Secretary — **J. Lengviniutė —  
M. Masoniutė**

Fin. Sec. — **A. Razvadauskaitė**

Treasurer — **B. Skrickus**

Trustees — **J. Grigalius —  
J. Petrauskas**

Sgt. at Arms — **P. Bukota**

Directors — **W. Brazauskas**

**F. Grigaliunas**

**V. Kleponis**

**N. Marksiutė**

**M. Matuzaitė**

**S. Mickevich**

**L. Švelnis**

**COUNCIL-133 — KANKAKEE,  
ILLINOIS**

President — **Frank Ticulka**  
522 N. 5th Ave.

V. President — **Bruno Stankus**  
450 N. 5th Ave.

Secretary — **Bernice Toluszis**  
471 W. Washington Ave.  
Bradley, Ill.

Treasurer — **Frank Rashinskas**  
730 — 8th Ave.

Sgt at Arms — **Bruno J. Stankus**  
782 N. Indiana Ave.

### COUNCIL 30 — WESTFIELD, MASS.

The first item of importance is the results of the elections of officers for the coming year. Council 30 will be headed this year by Chris Dvarecka; vice-president, Anthony Jonaitis; secretary, Ann Jegelewicz; treasurer, Thomas Walski.

Did you ask something regarding our plans for the coming year? Well, at the last meeting, the club decided to put on a play — in Lithuanian, of course. The director, in all probability, will be William Burdulis, our honorary member. The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Miss Gladys Jegelewicz, and Miss Sophie Griggs.

The second of our plans concerns our new clubrooms. Located in one of the adjacent chambers of the church parlors, our future resting place is already painted, and by the time this article reaches you people put there, we will have our furniture in also. Mrs. Frank Adomaitis, and Miss Kunigunda Danyla comprise the committee in charge of furnishing the clubrooms.

A fast gathering rumor has it that our council will stage a formal sometime in the near future. Details are, as yet, too vague to bear describing, but the Caravan promises all that news of the real things will be given out as soon as plans are really completed. This is just a bit of a nudge of what is yet to come to our council.

Basketball will not be too much in evidence this year, since our club has to start over with new material this year. We are endeavoring to build up new players from our younger members, and that, as all well know, cannot be accomplished in a day. But keep us in mind, and just watch us come up again.

The girls also, have become athletically inclined. Plans are sweeping ahead for a girls team, and all this, mark my words, is really something. Why? For the simple reason that it is the first time in at least ten that the girls have finally decided to get to work for themselves. With the material on hand, I am sure that the Lithuanian girls team will soon become as well known as was our senior men's team.

Bowling is another sport that is destined to be written down in Council 30's book of the year. The Lithuanian team, while not too impressive, has met some really worthwhile teams, and in most of the cases has returned victor.  
**Caravan Chris.**

### COUNCIL 6 — HARTFORD, CONN.

Greetings! Here we are with the start of the New Year back in circulation. After hibernating all these months, we shall awake and try to keep up with the rest of you.

Let's start with the line-up of our officers for this coming year which are all new except for our treasurer.

President — Edward Casmus.  
Vice-Pres. — Edward Spelis.  
Rec. Secretary — Albin Stanulis.  
Financial Secy. — Adele Manikas.  
Treasurer — Edward Mazotas.  
Sergeant-at-Arms — Albert Petraitis.

As an ice-breaker for the new entertainment committee, we started off our social season with a "Testimonial Dinner" an Sunday, January 19, 1941 in honor of Anthony E. "Red" Mazotas who is leaving for training shortly. He was one of our most prominent members in years gone by and is deserving of every honor bestowed upon him.

Our boys basketball team has gotten off to a late start this season so there isn't much to record of their wins and losses. After dropping the first two games, they got off on the right track by winning the third one. From now on watch the "games won" column increase. The girls team has played 5 games to date: score — won 3 — lost 2.

On Sunday afternoons the gang has been gathering at the Morgan Alleys for an informal bowling session. There have been some very hot matches bowled between chosen teams, especially the one where "Skippy" won the game for her side in the last box. She is getting to be pretty good these days.

Snoops:

Our new Financial Secretary, Adele Manikas got a nice big diamond from John (Smithe) Wolfe on Thanksgiving Day. The tying of the knot will take place sometime in May.

Also 'Bobbie' Vincent will become the bride of an out of town fellow this month.

No wonder they roped off a section of the pond at Colt Park last week. Seen skating there were Val. K. and Grace B. Ask Val. how her aches are getting along.

Doesn't our playboy "Pappy" look cute in his Santa Clause outfit?

A romance renewed — the two some being Mary D. and our perfect host' Willie M. **G. B.**

### COUNCIL-12 — NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Pres. — **Mr. Vincent Yatkauskas**  
539 E. 147 St.

V. President — **Miss Stella Kaulius**  
534 W. 50 St.

Sec'y — **Miss Johanna Macukas**  
20 Canal Street West

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### COUNCIL-67—BAYONNE, N. J.

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V. President — **John Churinskas**

Fin. Sec'y — **Anne Grigaliunas**

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President—**Christopher Dvarecka**

V. President — **Anthony Jonaitis**

Treasurer — **Thomas Walski**

Rep. — **Christopher Dvarecka**

**COUNCIL 55—INDIANA HARBOR.**

Guess who? No, it's not Yehuti, it's just council 55 taking the spotlight for 1941. Your old pal, Josie, after a year's absence, is back with you again. This time I'm only assisting Bert Bubliss, who happens to be from across the state line (you know where they have a variety of Neon signs).

For 1941, the following officers will preside:

Jerome Yocis — president, Walter Gramals — vice-president, Stephanie Gober — secretary, Kathryn Tomkutonis — financial secretary, Bernice Budris — treasurer, Bert Bubliss and Josephine Waitkus — correspondents.

At our last meeting we had the pleasure of signing up four new members who are: Bernice Mikalauskas, Casimiera Jusas, Richard Tomkutonis and Philip Gelborgis. Thanks for coming kids, I hope the others will take an example from you and come into our ranks.

January 31, a group of us Harbories attended the Brighton Park council dance at the Legion Ballroom. We all had a grand time didn't we girls. But we were wondering why Kate L. doesn't care to go to the Chicago dances anymore. Could it be because Dom V. is always there and she is still that way about him????

Dom, Kate and Jo are planning to attend the K of L District meeting in Cicero on February 9. We'll let you know later what happened to them when they visited this fair town. . . .

What happened to our Brenda and Cobina??? No more Brenda! What is it Cobina stuff around. Alice and Kate aren't angry at one another, are they? Or isn't it just like it used to be. O, come girls, kiss and make up but don't lose your false teeth and wings.

**COUNCIL 10 — ATHOL, MASS.**

Our yearly meeting began with the usual procedure of electing officers. In the presidency we have that allaround jolly good fellow — Ladsie Baltren. Filling the vacancy left by our even so reliable Paule Kvedaraitė—as vice-president, is Melvina Palulis, well know to all. Recording secretary is Matilda Bagdonas — a good worker always. Myla Stasiunas occupies the seat as financial secretary — for a little gal, you'd go a long ways. Our treasury is in the trusty hands of Eddie Piragis who did such a grand job last year, we decided to keep him another. Even so jolly Bernie Gatautis, has the office as sergeant-at-arms. We hake you'll bring a

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little more order to the meetings. Last but not the least — correspondent: that's Me.

A big hand for last years' officers for the fine work they did. May their good work continue on in our Council.

**Echoes from our Annual Winter Carnival**

We wonder why:

More didn't show up. Will we have to give up this annual affair?

Phil Carter is laying off the "clouts?" We think you're allright, regardless.

Joe S. of Providence wouldt eat any "kilbasi?" We hear you are taking the fatal step this June.

Frank Rainis has been hiding that handsome brother of his? We think its about time you brought him out of the closet.

Adams Kudrauskas has that "certain" look in his eyes. We dont blame you pal. She's "super-super-calossal."

We dont see more of the South Boston Franke at our affairs? We think your'e all right.

More klokle like "Curly" — "Jake" — Johnny K. of Providence werent barn? Then there wouldnt be any wars.

"Kip" of Norwood had that far-away look in his eyes? We think may be your thoughts were with Stikhane B. who was home ill.

Blonde Adam of Hartford told all the local girls he had a bad cold? Wos it a warning or just bashfulness on his part? It didnt do much good anyway.

Joe Sabeskis is so intent upon joining the army? We think well miss you.

Ladsie Baltren wanted to play Indiant out in the Tully pasture Sunday afternoon?

Ginger was going in and out the door Saturday night? We think youre hiding something from us!

No one compained that they didnt enjoy themselves. P. S. We all did!  
**Margie of Athol.**

**COUNCIL 26 — WORCESTER, MASS.**

1941 has arrived at last. Our council has been looking forward to this year for quite some time, as it marks the 25th milestone of our council's existence. Plans are being made to make this the biggest year in our history. A large committee headed by Charles Bobblis and Adam Kacevich have already planned a schedule of affairs to mark this grand occasion.

Our Annual Musical Revue will take place soon after Easter. Our members are rehearsing faithfully to help make this the best show we have ever put on. We will give more information concerning this affair in our next column.

Turning to the matter of Athletics. Although our council does not sponsor a basketball team, quite a few of our members are playing on the parish basketball team. I have been requested to ask managers of basketball teams in New England to get in touch with Al Mazukna at 49 Wavery St. for games. Also New York and New Jersey Councils attention:

The St. Casimir's basketball team would like to arrange a series of games in the New York — New Jersey district for the latter part of February or early in March. Please get in touch with us to see if this can be arranged. Our intra-council bowling league is no more. After so many years of existence, lack of interest has caused the league to be disbanded. It is a sad state of affairs when a council activity which had become an annual institution and which helped bring the members together has to be called off because the members are too lazy or uninterested in taking part.

The wedding bells have called another member of our council. Jo. Paulaitis was married early in February. Best wishes for her future happiness.

Our council has been growing steadily. The last to join is Vincent Luchasavake. We hope he will enjoy working with us.

We have been criticized for leaving out activities of the council.

**Žiaurus Vėjas.**

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**COUNCIL 29 — NEWARK, N. J.**

Howdy Chillun,

My greetings may be late but they are sincere. Council 28 wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

We all should be proud of our newly elected executive board for 1941, and should make a New Years pledge to be cooperative.

At the first Convention of the New Year there were thirty-five people present from Newark. We dont know what the main attraction was, but it must have been the basketball game. (Newark vs. Great Neck). Do to circumstances over which we had no control we lost, by the score of 58 to 21. The Great Necks, boys played strong, and we Newark boys smelled likewise. Jules Bieksha played outstanding ball for us losers.

**"Stuff"**

The "Cousins Bowling Team" have been bowling practically every Sunday and they don't bowl for Health, Exercise or Enjoyment, but for thirst quenching Amber Fluid.

Joe Beck has blazed a new trail to Egans, he took us there via Union City.

Thats almost as bad as Jack Rameika's 90 mile short cut route to Great Necks.

My, my, Eugene, we used to just kid you about your sister being the better bowler. But lately she has convinced us of this fact.

John Beck, who was that girl you were with New Year's Eve, or was she twins? Very affectionate wasn't she?

Gosh! Casy what happened to you at Great Neck? You were smoking cigars and reciting beautiful poetry.

"I shot an arrow thru the air,  
Where it went, I knew not where."

You were at it again in Kearny, from the rumors going about.

Simon, Torchy, and Teddy with their heartbeats, went out formal New Years Eve. I hear you all looked swell and did well.

Special warning. Everyone watch out for a short girl with a small black note book and pencil.

Mary Valentine said that Johnny D. (Butch) reminds her of Rudolph Valentino, the great lover. There may be more truth in those words than fiction.

Who is Pudgy, from Kearny who has been calling up Teddy B.?

We all offer congratulations to Vito Dauksys on his engagement New Year's Eve.

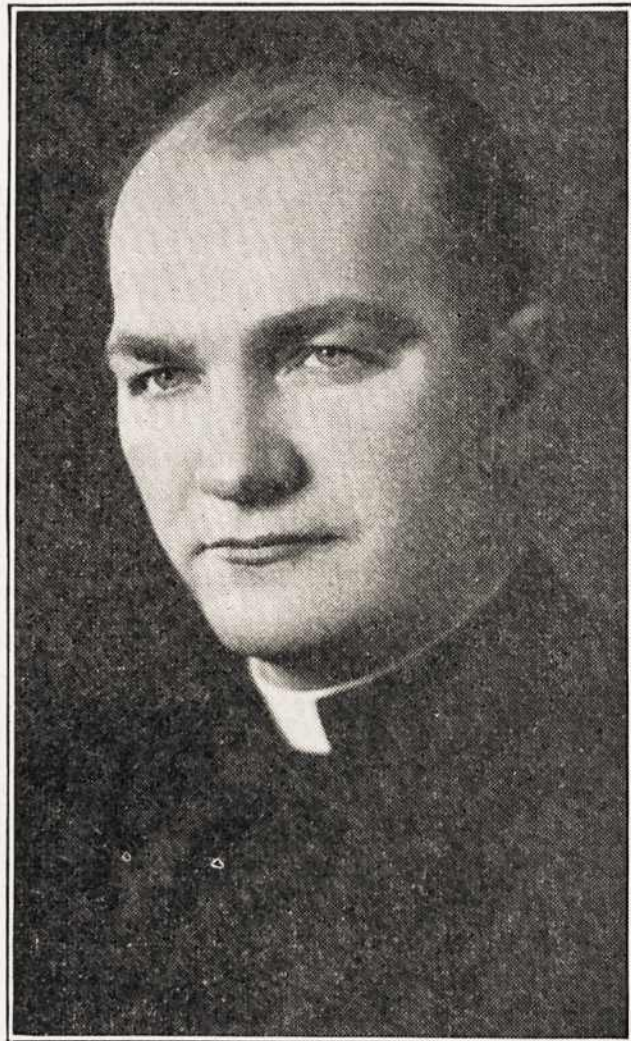
Its time to get off. **B. K.**

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Mielas Redaktoriau:

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### COUNCIL 109 — GREAT NECK, L. I.

Dear Loopie and Snoopie: 'Twas a long seige of waiting you let me enjoy. I've waited for another chance to do a column again — on, well, what's the use of wasting space, I may as well get on, eh what? Have you seen the boys' new basketball uniforms yet? Well, they're pretty snazzy — blue and white, and they sure are burning up the courts so far, playing games every Sunday nite in the Great Neck High School. Sure hope they have a successful season. Any offers of games, folks? They're ready, willing and able. Did you hear the gals have been talking about a team, also, but as yet nothing has been arranged. Maybe it's because they can't get together and they sure would have to do so in order to form a squad. And did you hear 109 is holding another of those semi-formal affairs at the Knickerbocker Yacht Club, January 18th. Don't forget the DATE — January 18th, THE PLACE — Knickerbocker Yacht Club, Port Washington, L. I. The new year will start off with the following members on the executive board:

All Wesley — Pres., Stan Sesaris — V.-Pres., Fin. Sec'y — Mary Wesley, Treas. — Charles Budris, Rec. Sec'y — Helen Blusonis, Sgt. at Arms — Stan Bukunt.

We wish them all the success in the coming year. We were all sorry to learn of the passing away of Mrs. Wesley, the mother of our pres. and fin. sec'y. and we extend to them our deepest sympathy. And now Loopie and Snoopie, here's a bit picked up here and there and what's to keep me from telling what I know, eh, what?

**Romantic — CUES.** — That gal Penny and a certain blonde from a neighboring council make a handsome and frequent two some lately. Methinks quiet gal Anne Karris oft times wonders what happened to that nice chap she met from Jersey at one of our softball games in GN. Frances Zorski footloose and fancy free again. Line up boys. Bring the stray one back to the fold. Also, we notice little Sue from Glen Cove is back with us again. Hope she stays, too. Tis' said, Al Kesey's heart is in Bayonne but then again he frequently visits the Bronx. Wonder if brass buttons still mean a lot to our quietest gal Bernice Skardas? Looks as though our little gal Helen hasn't changed her mind about uniforms yet. Is it the McCoy? Jonathan Zorski has us stumped as to which one it is. Albie Lazaunik with a "hello" girl from out this way making a

twosome quite often. Mary Garro and that certain "Mick" are now split — another footloose and fancy free gal. Wonder what's become of Anne Sosaris's romance with that Floridian? Her brother, Stan, sure is getting to be the man about town. WOW. Babs Blusonis is looking lonsomer than ever, but tis' said her heart has a soft spot for someone in Jersey. Golly, this place Jercey sure gets the femmes. And Mary Wesley and a certain Richy from Jersey are in that stage, too.

Your Girl Friday.

### COUNCIL 41 — BROOKLYN, N. Y.

The outcome of the hard fought game between Council 109 of Great Neck and Council 41 of Brooklyn was decided in a three minutes overtime period. By virtue of two goals Great Neck won the encounter with the score 36 to 32.

Brooklyn started rather slowly by the end of the first quarter they managed to the score at 8—8.

The second period showed signs of improved basketball, but however the Great Neck quintet pulled ahead, leaving the score 17 to 8 in their own favor.

After a spirited pep-talk by coach Wytenis the boys from Brooklyn began to show improvement. The team started to roll up score sinking them from all over the court thus accounting for the 24 to 20 score in their favor.

Both teams put on the pressure during the fourth period. Brooklyn scored 6 points to the Great Neckers' 10 leaving the game in a deadlock 30—30.

Amid shouts and howls of a crowd frenzeed with exsitement Gt. Neck moved ahead by a basket. Brooklyn came back with another basket causing the gym to virtually shake with shouts and cheers. With a few seconds to go, Gt. Neck dropped the ball thru for another two points thus winning the game by a 36 to 32 score.

Inspired by their moral victory over Great Neck, our boys went out determined to down all opposition. Their determination was displayed by the fact that on the following day they encountered the Brooklyn Lancers in a tilt which resulted in a 22 to 21 victory in the 41ers' favor.

The game opened rather slowly with G. Tumasonis and V. (Pewee) Kiselauskas at forwards, J. Kiselauskas sat center with H. (Hickey) Kendrick and Zemmie filling out the team at guards. The opponents scored first by sinking a foul shot, but in short time slipped two shots through the loop. Before

the period ran out the Lancers scored twice and thus ending the quarter at 7 to 4 the Lancers favor.

During the remainder of the game we saw better basketball except for a few wild passes. Scoring honors go to Zemmie who played a great game. Special praise should be given to Al Browning, C. Kazlauskis and C. Wytenis for the splendid work done in backing up the boys.

The old Timer and his Twin.

Concerning basketball, which is now in season, the boys of the team are very disappointed, in the New Jersey Councils. There seems to exist either a fear or some other factor that are responsible for the lack of co-operation that we have received from them. The Brooklyn council is most interested in engaging Jersey and other K of L vagers in games.

In order to arrange for games contact:

J. Michael  
421 South 5 St.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

While on the subject it is well to mention the fact that Brooklyn has met and defeated all opposition, except the Gt. Neck boys. The latest Brooklyn victory was that over the Britons of Williamsburg. The game was played at the Gaymor J. H. S. court and resulted with Council 41 at the long end of a 49 to 21 score.

### COUNCIL 27—NORWOOD, MASS.

Council 27 held its annual election, and I am beaming with smiles to announce the new officers for the coming year. The officers are:

President — Frank J. Civilikas,  
V.-President — Brownie Kudirka,  
Rec. Secretary — Mary Avizinis,  
Fin. Secretary — An Gaidulis,  
Treasurer — Francis Nevins,  
Sergeant-at-arms — John. W. Nawikas.

Delegate to the A.L.R.C. Federation are: Anthony Kneizis, and Frank J. Civilikas.

At our January meeting, we suddenly discovered that our treasury had reached an all time low, and I do mean low. The first in a series of money making schemes is a moving picture which is to be sponsored by the 27'ers.

A whist party and our annual dance, which if correctly understood is going to be quite a gala affair. Hope to see you? These without a doubt are keeping "Franny" Nevins and his lassies from getting rusty. We know that "Fanny" can handle these lassies like he handless those candlepins.

To Miss Sophie Aidukonis, we extend our sincerest wishes, for she happens to be our youngest and newest member. To you Sophie, follow your sisters footsteps.

**SOCIAL:** The bowling party that was held after the meeting was the best ever. The "J. A. B. of J's" team, which consisted of Ann Gaidulis, Bernard Karnila, Peter Rakauskas, and "I punch them out" Vin Kudirka, won the kittty prize, for the best and highest team total. Ann Gaidulis won the high single total for the girls, and "Vin" Kudirka won the high single total for the men. Since I received no results from the rest, I was wondering what had hapened to the best of the chaps, or chumps?

Danny Miles, our much traveled member, flew in from Lawton, Oklahoma, to spend a week with his friend before resuming his duties as an engineer at his new station at Richmond, Virginia.

Ask "Vin" Kudirka about his biggest Christmas item, and don't be content with his first answer. We no "Vin," you can't fool us because we are too ignorant.

We wish to thank and congratulate Athol's Council 10 for the wonderful time that was had at their "Winter Carnival," by those of us that attended. Even an epidemic of the Flu did not prevent them from making us happy. Where was "Pik" so early in the morning? Don't worry about it, I know all about it.

Now that one of our most popular members has a new "Olds," watch him burn up the roads to (?)

Yours truly,

"Morcoco."

#### COUNCIL 36 — CHICAGO, ILL.

Once again Council 36 is begging to be heard. So open your ears and eyes, and read what we have to disclose to you.

Our "Snowball Frolic" dance was a success. In the name of the Council I wish to extend our thanks to all those who participated, and to those who helped to make this affair a success. I'm sure that an enjoyable time was shared by all.

A membership drive is on. All Council 36 members are urged to show a little more enthusiasm by bringing one or two new members to enlarge our Council. How about it members? . . . Let us make our Council what it used to be. Prizes will be given to anyone bringing in most members. One of the new members is Walter Jomantas. Welcome Walter . . .

Our bowling teams are certainly bringing out the K of L name. Both teams: the boy's team consisting of Ed and Bruno Churas, Chuck

Yomantas, Dr. Manikas and James Cherry, and the girl's team comprised of Mrs. Liakas, Mrs. Vysnauskas, Adele Cherry, Helene Sadauskas, and Sophie Gimbutas are in the first place. The girls are praudly displaying their new blouses with K of L emblems. Both teams are entering the Herald and American Bowling Tournament. Good Luck! Were cheering for your success.

Congratulations to Miss Cecelia Kvietkus who is getting married to Charles Stulgaitis of Kenosha, Wis. January 23. A lovely bridal shower was held January 9.

A Bunco party to be given in the very near future. Date will be announced later. Prizes will be given at each table. Door prizes and refreshments included. So don't forget to ask mamas, papas, brothers, cousins, aunts and friends to attend.

Next District meeting will be held in Indiana Harbor, March 10. All welcome to attend.

A social in honor of the bowling team is planned. For date attend meeting. Cards will be sent to members of good standing.

A little surprise will be sprung on the members at each meeting. Curiosity will only be satisfied if attending.

Sleighting party will be on its way at the next first snowfall.

A raffle is held at each meeting, and beautiful gifts are given. **NO CHARGE.** Your name is placed on a slip of paper each time attending a meeting, the oftener you attend the better are your chances to win.

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#### COUNCIL 12 — NEW YORK, N. Y.

Our Tuesday of January the twenty-eighth was indeed an eventful one. You could ask anyone of Council 12 members, who were present at the social, what happened, and we'll bet two good, hard earned cents, that they could give a straight forward answer; for you see, folks, two of our nicest members are to be united in the bands of matrimony, soon and not later. This date was set for February the twenty-second. We also believe that a tradition may have been broken that Tuesday evening for, at the shower given for the bride to be, both young girls and boys were present, thus making the gathering all the merried. Entertainment, refreshments, and dancing were on the list; each one chose what he or she liked best to do. All this is only a mere factor compared with the one wish that the Council 12 members have in their hearts for the happy couple. Loads of luck and happiness to both Ida and Frank.

Perhaps it is never too late to speak up, but frankly speaking, what is happening to all of our young fellows? Surely they couldn't be sitting home twiddling their thumbs, worrying whether they are next on the list to do their bit for Uncle Sam; or, could it be that they haven't gotten over the fright of Leap Year and now they're afraid to speak for themselves.

We mist you fellows, so don't stay away,  
Gather your will power and come to see us some Tuesday;  
We don't think it would hurt you to come around,  
Perhaps we could help erase out those worried frowns.

We really don't think snow ever did any person much harm, but recalling one Tuesday not so very long ago, it didn't do a young man much good; for ice and snow at that certain moment were dreaded enemies but who stood there and laughed at the poor boy? Well anyway, happy landings Hank.

We'll be closing for now and until next month. Oh before we forget, we aren't the Gold Dust Twins.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo and Ann.

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KASTAS ZAROMSKIS

ANTHONY ŽILIS

**COUNCIL 103—PRIVIDENCE, R. I.**

We ended our year pleasantly by attending the concert by Anna Kaskas. It was a thrilling occasion. Now may I introduce our new staff officers.

President — **Flarino Taraska.**

A fine fellow of long standing who has accepted the helm for this year.

V. President — **Miss Ann Lucas.**

An asset in any language, a member of esteem.

Sec. — **Miss Josephine Matuza.**

Whose due honorable mention for her untiring devotion to our council has re-accepted her office.

Treasurer — **M. ss Mary Gudis.**

Who will put the bee in our ear when we need balance for our budget.

Meetings every second Sunday of the month. **A. B. S.**

**COUNCIL 110 — MASPETH, N. Y.**

Happy Birthday to us! On January 19th, at our club-room, we gaily enjoyed our 17th birthday. Refreshments were plentiful, and such games as "Did You Ever See a Lassie," "London Bridge," etc. were resurrected and indulged in till all were exhausted. A huge birthday cake with frosting and candles was presented by Ann Wezwick. And was it delicious!!! 'Sa fact — after consumption all the lads were envying Johnny Wezwick his good fortune in acquiring such a culinary treasure.

It was one of those Sunday afternoons. A small group were relaxing at the club-rooms. Came this thought . . . Do girls desire equality with boys? You know, I don't really believe they do, any more! I believe the time when our fair sex felt the urge to prove their equal worth to the incredulous opposite sex, is on the wane. Women and girls don't want anything that is easy to get, or, once they do get it, they tire of it rapidly. And they can have equality, if they but desire it — they have proved that, I think. The modern girl secretary feels not only equal to the modern boy, but even superior to him, quite often. So she, being crafty, does not subject the intense vanity of the boy to any unnecessary jolts. Is she being a good sport when she gracefully submits to the aggressive masculine lordliness, or is she doing it simply to save her feminine ideals of foolish cavemanship? I think it is the latter. Women will always remain hopelessly sentimental.

They say that one of the reasons why so many American girls go to Europe to get husbands is because you don't have to pay a customs duty on anything worth less than \$100 . . .

"Neither rain, nor hail, nor sleet" — stopped the Maspeth Knights on their way to the Baldwin Brauhaus to celebrate their second annual Special Honors Dinner on Sunday evening, January 26th. Special honor was accorded Julius Kleizo and Ann Wezwick for their efforts in the past year. As a token of their appreciation, the club presented Jules with a handsome fishing-rod, and Ann with a Miraculous Medal necklace. Honorable mention was also made of Mary Augustinas, Joseph Augustinas, Frances Yocis, and William Volutsky. John Wezwick and Tony Masiulis officiated, and we wish to thank them and Terry Wezwick for a very enjoyable evening. The atmosphere was congenial, the music merry, and the cuisine delectable. As to the floor show, well, ask Johnny Augustinas . . .

Put this down — April 19th — Transfiguration Hall — Maspeth — Fiesta Dance . . . We promise a swell-pleasant time.

Nither and thither —

Terry Wezwick, our "lady in red" and honorary member of the Bachelors Club, was seen at the Great Neck Dance with an entourage of six males. Bachelor, indeed!!!! And our Stephen Charneski, after an abstinence of four months, alit from the wagon and made merry at our recent Special Honors Dinner. We don't see as much of Nellie Ragelis as we used to since the Irish Invasion . . . Tony Masiulis, our dashing heart-breaker has been going around inviting the girls to pitch a little woo. But it seems that when one of them accepted, Tony took to flight . . . "Green Grass".

**COUNCIL 116 — WORCESTER, MASS.**

Our first K of L musical revue was a smashing success, exceeding all other through several shots in the arm. mainly: — Frank R., Anna L., and Father J. with bouquets to all members. Thanks to out-of-towners who were well represented. Officers who were elected were, A. Trumpaitis, Pres. Frank Rainis, Vice Pres., Louise Tortilas, Recording Sec., Lil Rakeskas, Financial Sec., Bill Montville, Treas., and A. Golembeski and P. Putis as Marshals. A stalwart group who intend to further K of L activities to heights never achieved before. They can do it too. Also intend to start with a great basketball club. We challenge all N. E. K or L Councils. So contact us and be prepared. So Worcester is on the march!!

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**COUNCIL 130 — BRONX, N. Y.**

Maybe I'm blighted but Satan can't be such a bad gent; after all, he did invent the cigarette. How else could I react after being slapped by that supersensitive creature, Many Ann, at the Great Neck affair just because my cigarette happened to be an accessory to the fact of a self-inflicted arson on her cape. I would have instantly turned the other cheek but my attention was rivetted to a charming display of comradeship between our own Emily and Fred Krauch of 109. And all that Lithuanian beauty in those long-flowing fowns and the remarkably youthful radiance of Mary S. from Maspeth. Oh, Copy! And the mumps (Ah yes, even at my age).

So, while I have been convalescing (and adolcescing), my roving spies have been effervescing with news which I shall coalesce for you. These cohorts sling back to my sickbed only with exclamations anent our annual dance: What multiplicity of congas Wally Martin played (As if I could dance anyway); How lucky, so lucky, our Pres. is (As if I'm Dame Fortune in person); How Eleanor is back in the ranks of active members again (Did she have erring ways?); And that gesture of good will from Elizabeth Knights who came out in grand style (Just to make me rue my dig against them in the last issue, you know); How the check-room atmosphere didn't suit Johnny M's brand new Stetson, which promptly up and left. (Does it fit snugly, bud? They have some nifty Stetsons at the Automat. Ugh!); And how perfectly the dance was managed (Honorable Mention to Ed Saldis who pours his heart and soul into these affairs). And, finally the coup de maitre, what a good time **you had!** Well, that's Bronx . . .

Top billing: To the basketball team which, bereft of its only two substitutes through sickness, broke its heart and wind in losing to Brooklyn, who, I'm sure, will concede us the moral victory, while all those great big, strong, eligible members shouted themselves hoarse on the sidelines with "We haven't a chance!" Reminds me of the fellow who died of thirst because he was too lazy to draw water from the well. (Come on, men, bet in there and fight!); To Charles Saldis, whose perseverance and sportsmanship have kept the bowling team intact in face of disruption and consistent defeat and whose efforts to see Al M. back in harness as Captain of the team sulminated in crowning glory when Al rolled

of the highest individual game score (218) of our league members; To Fr. Paulekas because, in simple words, passed with a wealth of menaing, he is our good angel; And, again to Fr. Paulekas and to his Committee of Six who tried so desperately to make a success of the Time Contest in such a limmitted time. That's the sort of spirit that will see any club through any crisis to the top. Good work and when will we have enough of it..

Quite a few of the lodge members got together for a roller skating party at the Fordham Rink. I got my invitation through the mails and the notice contained a little ditty which I feel I should pass on you, not only because it was wonderfully prophetic of events as they did evolve but also because it is concrete evidence of man's inhumanity to man and the existence of a suprasurrealistic poetess in our midst:

"A good time will be had by all  
Especially when they see you fall  
Then we'll hear you call  
'Hey! has anyone got a soft pillow?'"

That sounds suspiciously as emanating from the adyts of Mary Cynthia's fair mind but it's in Winnies's handwriting, and who am I to quibble? **Jac.**

**COUNCIL 116 — S. WORCESTER, MASS.**

When January rolled around, most 116-ers of So. Worcester, Mass., gave a thought of two as to what the new years was going to bring in the way of social, moral, and financial betterment for the council. At the beginning of a new year, we always have such bright visions of what we intend to accomplish, but somewhere along the wayside we tend to falter; but this year we have set out with high ideals in mind and will have our good Father Jutkevicius to bolster our courage and convictions.

At the January monthly meeting, the club was highly pleased to receive the good wishes for the coming year from the pastor, Rev. Constantine A. Vasys, who also thanked the council for contributing \$25.00 to the parish fund.

There was a note of sadness during the meeting when Joe Jurgelonis and Joe Matachinskis gave little farewell addresses incumbent upon their leaving for the National Guard encampment, Camp Edwards, on the Cape, for a year's military training. They promised to keep in touch with the council either through personal letters or through

the "Vytis," so that the "Vytis" will come to mean even more to us than it does now . . . and we all know how eagerly we wait for the "Vytis" every month. Billy Kasper and John "Red" Butkevich are also member of the National Guard, but they're not certain whether they're going to leave with the first detachment. Best of luck to them!

As you all know, the basketball season is in full swing now and since Joe J. is away, Tony Leketa has taken over the management of the squad. The team has shaped up very well this season and the financial end is something to gloat over, for we think we're going to be out of the red this year for a change. You know the rivalry between council 26 and 116 is so intense that those occasional hot flashes we have here are just repercussions of the sizzling efforts of our cagers. The dancing after those basketball games is always loads of fun, too, as we'll all testify.

Some of us had a lump in our throats when Father J. administered the oath of office to our officers for the coming year. The taking of an oath is always a solemn thing and to see our chosen representatives swear to do their best for us for the coming year made us square our shoulders and vow to work shoulder to shoulder with them to really make something of our organization.

After the oath of office, ceremonies were over. The officers passed out suggestion cards to all the members, so that everyone could have an opportunity to have his say about how he'd like to have the club run things. The officers are certainly going to pay a lot of attention to these little suggestions, for that way they hope to make everybody happy.

We, 116-ers, are going a la Hollywood, for Billy Montville, our new treasurer, has a movie camera and we're going to write, produce, direct. act . . . this cinema may run the theater circuit yet, so that all you other K of L councils may see us in the movies at your local theatre house. **Penny Pencil.**

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Ši "Vyčio" laida numatoma išleisti balandžio ar gegužės mėnesį ir šį darbą, tai yra suredaguoti "Vytį," apskrities veikimo komisija paskyrė man. Nuo šių, nors ir gan sunkių pareigų atsisakyti negalėjau.

Šiuo klausimu jau padariau atsišaukimus į kuopas, kad skubiai priuoštų istorijai medžiagą, bet kol kas tik nuo trijų kuopų gavau reikalingą medžiagą, būtent: 10 kp. Athol, Mass., 7 kp. Waterbury ir 17 kp. So. Bostone; gi kitos kuopos kol kas dar snaudžia? Kadangi prašiau, kad medžiaga būtų priuošta vasario mėnesį, todėl labai prašau visų kuopų, kad skubiai priuoštų veikimo apžvalgą, nes ims dar daug laiko, kol bus viskas sutvarkyta spaudai. Be to, dar teks parašyti vieną, kitą asmens biografiją.

Rašant kuopos istoriją, patarčiau paruošti rūpestingai, kad tikėtų ir į visos organizacijos istoriją spausdinant, kur dabar renka medžiagą p. M. A. Norkūnas ir kiti seimo išrinkti komisijos nariai.

Tad, dar kartoju, kad skubiai prisiūtumėte reikalingą medžiagą.  
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Kadangi šokiai įvyksta pavasari, todėl bus labai malonu prasti pavasario vakarą prie ežero.

Salė irgi labai graži, todėl prašau visų apskrities kuopų, tą dieną nieko nerengti, o skaitlingai atvykti į apskrities šokius.

**Pranas Razvadauskas,**  
Pirm.

## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

District bi-monthly meeting held at Great Neck, L. I. was opened with a prayer led by Father M. Kemezis. William Kruze, district president presided. Al Wesley, Great Neck president, spoke a few words of welcome. Short talks were given by Father Kemezis and Father Paulekas, C. S. S. R.

Mandate Committee reported a representation of 9 councils with 39 delegates and 13 registered guests.

The Forum Committee, with J. Augustinas as Chairman, gave a brief report that they were working on a program to be held at some future date. With many other District activities, this Committee will be in abeyance until a later date.

Among the coming events is the First Annual K of L Day Picnic to be held July 6th at Patrylow's Grove, Kenilworth, N. J. An early announcement of the date is a reminder for all other organizations to keep this date open in order that we may extend a hearty invitation not only to local K of L members but to all members in the United States plus their friends and relatives.

Silver Jubilee Dinner and Dance Committee were unable to contact all those in connection with this affair, therefore a more promising report will be given at the next meeting. However, the editing of the Silver Jubilee issue of the Vytis that this District will sponsor have chosen Louis Ketvirtas as editor.

The Maspeth Council 110 will act as hosts for the annual communion and breakfast to be held on March 2nd. All councils are asked to send as many members as possible to this affair and let's show Maspeth that being disappointed once, it will surely not repeat another time.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer led by Father Kemezis. After the regular business session, the local council served refreshments and later a basketball game with Great Neck and Newark was challenged with a score of 58 — 21 in favor of Great Neck.

### On The Personal Side

Aside to the Silver Jubilee Committee — Opportunity only knocks once so why not take advantage of that invitation to hold the next meeting out in Long Island. Or has Charles Vaskas also convinced you that, without a doubt, it's 90 mile one way. (Maybe not so, with another driver, Charlie).

It was recently reported Johnny Zorski has been out seeing numerous college football games. Whether the report stated "went to see a game with a dame" or "to see a dame instead of a game," we do not know. How about a little enlightening on this subject, Johnny?

Who is this "Great Pewkant" we hear so much about recently? Or do they call him "Tooky." Some guy, tis said.

Listen here Paterson, how about a little more co-operation with other councils, especially dances, and maybe that will help to solve your recent problems.

We also hear Bayonne council is putting things over in a big way. Dances at Sloppy Joes aren't their calibre anymore, but the strains of sweet music and soft lights at Hotel Penn in New York will be their next attraction. Why keep it a secret? Or is this limited to members only? However, the least things expected is an invitation.

Mr.

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES OF COUNCIL 131 AND 23

Another memorable date has passed namely December 28, at which council 23 was honored with a party at council 131 with the intention that the party may bring about closer co-operation between both councils. The party was well taken care of with Lucky Youtautas and Alice Burkauskas making sandwiches, relishes and tid-bits. Thanks of both councils go to the committee for arranging the party. Last minute substitutions for bartenders had to be used for the regular bartenders showed-up but not for work. Special thanks go to Father Bagdonas for his financial and social help in making the party for without him I'm sure the party would not have been a success. "Yehudi."

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