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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This is hurting us more than it is you, but we are forced to crack down.... Much as we disliked to do it (because some of the material was probably important) we had to omit the following Council Notes from this issue: C-62, Pittsburgh ("Ducky"); C-62, Pittsburgh ("The Shadow"); C-130, Bronx (Quadromaniacs); C-26, Worcester ("Wysniak"); C-116, Worcester ("Keep 'Em Flying Kids"); C-124, Jersey City ("Dumbos"); C-124, Jersey City, ("Ooie Gooie"); C-52, Elizabeth, (Steven Potts); and the N. Y.-N.J. Bowling League standings, sent in by John Wilkie.... Reason? — Sent in too late again. We must positively insist that, to insure your material getting in, you must get it to the office by the 10th of the month.... There is absolutely no other alternative.... Sorry!

We received the following letter from the officialy elected correspondents of Council 12 New York: "We have found out that someone else is writing in for our council, who has no right to do so. From now on please do not accept any written matter for VYTIS from Council 12 unless it is accompanied by the two signatures which you will find below. We have been chosen as the correspondents for the following year and we would appreciate it if you would only accept our notes which we will send in each month. We think that in this manner we will be able to put a stop to whoever is doing the unnecessary writing.".... Let him (or her) who is guilty, take heed!.... We stated our position on this matter in the November issue of VYTIS.... It is almost impossible for the Editor, without a definite official ruling on this matter by the Convention delegates or the Supreme Council to be able to determine whether material sent in to the office is "official" or not.... Personally, we rather admire the excellent spirit of a Council whose members are so active that they must be restrained!....

Incidentally, we would like to call your attention to a delightful bit of imaginative whimsy by "Green Grass" on page 14 of this issue (in Council 110's correspondence). Anybody who can wield a pen so effectively, should not confine her writing only to correspondence notes....

## THE GIRL ON THE COVER

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## The Free Lithuania Committee

Perhaps one of the most painful results of the perpetual Lithuanian tendency to refuse to work together for a common cause, regardless of party lines, was Lithuania's absence from the list of 26 nations that recently signed a joint anti-Axis declaration.

We were caught napping — after having had months and months to organize a powerful, united Lithuanian Citizen's group that could speak in the name of Nazi-shackled Lithuania. It is true that Committees and Funds were organized, some made up of members of every faction — but at best their efforts were pitifully weak, disorganized, and their accomplishments few.

After the issuance of the Joint Declaration, the Lithuanian Minister made a similiar statement, allying Lithuania with the democratic anti-Axis nations. This did help to fill the uncomfortable silence on our part, even though it was painfully suggestive of an after-thought.

To the credit of a group of Lithuanian citizens in this country, on the day of the declaration they were in the process of forming such a Committee to speak for their fellow-citizens in Lithuania whose lips were sealed. They were frankly willing to admit their shortcomings and that they had wasted too much precious time already, they agreed to forget personal differences and party lines, and were ready to work together harmoniously for a Free Lithuania. They had the complete endorsement of the leading Catholic, Socialist and Nationalist newspapers in America.

Several weeks have gone by, and the "Free Lithuania Committee" is still being hindered in its organizational work.

We do not profess to know who is responsible for this short-sighted sabotaging of an absolutely indispensable group.

All we know is that the possibility of Lithuania having a seat on the victorious Allies' side of the table when the war is over is being endangered by such tactics, and it saddens us to think that the restoration of Lithuanian independence is being forced to play second fiddle to politics and petty personal grievances.

## One New Member

We have become accustomed to taking membership, subscription and other drives too much as a matter of routine. Every year we expect to read about the same organization having the same "Vajus" for the same reason in the same way. We good-naturedly acquiesce in the excellence of the organization, of the necessity for its drive.... and proceed to do nothing about it or for it.

Perhaps the K. of L. Membership Drive going on at present smacks a bit of the got-to-be-done yearly routine. Perhaps you can't see any earthly reason to get excited about it. Perhaps even if you sincerely have the growth and strength of your organization at heart, you feel that you can't find the time — and "anyway, the other members are working in the drive, so I won't be missed much."

There are no "other members" in our organization. Every member is an important, indispensable unit. Your organization does not ask much from you. It does not expect you to work night and day grabbing at the coat lapels of prospects. All it asks is that you — each and every one of you, get only ONE new member during this drive. It will be ecstatic with delight if you get five, or ten, or even fifty new members, but it will more serenely happy and more certain of its future existence and growth if each and every one of you got only ONE new member.

ONE new member.... take a pencil and sheet of paper, sit down and try and figure out how ridiculously easy you could get your boyfriend, that cute little brunette you've been going with, or your brother or sister, to join the Knights of Lithuania. Bring him or her down to the meeting, but if there is no meeting soon, get him or her to fill out the application card (your secretary will supply you with them) or if neither of these are possible, at least wheedle out a subscription to VYTIS (Challenge their imagination: Suggest that they read VYTIS for a while, and see if THEY can figure out how the organization can stand for the blithering drivel written by the editor?).

Will YOU get your ONE new member?



## Great Britain And Lithuania

The Chicago Tribune, in a copyrighted story by Larry Rue on January 11, carried a story from London in which it was reported that the British people are beginning to demand a clarification of England's relations and commitments to Soviet Russia, and "What of Russia After The War?"

The Tribune writes: "The Weekly Review asserts that Anthony Eden, foreign minister, in relating his talks with Dictator Josef Stalin, omitted the most important issue of all. What the public wants to know, it writes, "is how the soviet union proposed that Germany should be handcuffed after the defeat, and what nature of lasting peace it looks forward to? Also, what of Poland and her boundaries and what of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, when the power of the reich is broken?" Many listening to Eden must have thought of the communist onslaught upon Spain, of the rape of the Baltic states, of the unprovoked war with Finland, and most of all, of the stab delivered to Poland in her distress, and must have recalled, if they had ever forgotten, that the Comintern's policy is international, and not Russian.... It is ridiculous for Eden to say that the contrast in the forms of government need not divide us when it comes to consolidating a just peace.... Communism is diametrically opposed to any idea of peace acceptable to Europe..."

In this connection, it is interesting to quote, in further giving evidence that Lithuania has and always has had a firm ally in Great Britain and her people, a statement issued recently by the Lithuanian Legation in Washington: "It should be remembered that Great Britain in her negotiations with the Soviet Government in 1939 stood firmly against the enslavement of the Baltic States and even after the Soviet occupation of these countries, she, as well as the United States, were opposed to this grab and refused to recognize it, whereas Germany not only consented, but was indirectly responsible for the Soviet invasion of the Baltic States. Germany was the first to recognize this latest Soviet grab which bolshevik propaganda described as an act of self-determination on the part of the Baltic peoples to join the U.S.S.R. To this the British press retorted: "The unhappy Baltic States made no such decision, they wanted to go on being independent. They were annexed by Moscow, just as wickedly as Berlin has annexed its neighbors. (The Tablet, London, June 14, 1941) "..... In 1940 Germany concluded a commercial agreement with the Soviets in direct violation of her commercial treaty with Lithuania. She forced the closing of the Lithuanian Legations in Berlin and Paris and turned these premises over to the Soviets. When Lithuanian insurgents released their two capitals, Vilnius and Kaunas, from the Soviet grip and proclaimed the restoration of Lithuanian independence, it was Germany and not Great Britain that repressed Lithuanian aspirations."

## Annual Membership Drive

January 1, 1942 to March 31, 1942

With the beginning of this Membership Drive, we also mark our THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY!

The Knights of Lithuania membership drive is open to both sexes who are Catholics, and of Lithuanian descent.

Each council is cordially invited to do its utmost in making this drive for membership, a success.

Our goal for new members is what we wish to make it.

LET'S MAKE 1942 A BANNER YEAR!

### Rules Of The Drive

1. Member, enrolling a new member( who pays dues for 12 months in advance) will be credited with ..... 15 points.

2. Member, enrolling a new member (who pays dues for 6 months in advance) will be credited with ..... 5 points.

3. A member, whose dues are in arrears for more than one year, may be considered as a new member.

4. A suspended member, rejoining, will not be considered as a new member.

a) No credit will be given if new member pays dues for less than 6 months.

b) Blue application card, **duly filled out**, must accompany the dues of each new member.

c) Financial secretaries are kindly asked to keep record of new members joining and name of sponsors, so that the same may be checked with each month's publication.

d) All dues and application cards must be forwarded and postmarked not later than March 31, 1942 in order to be accepted for the Membership Drive Standing.

### Prizes

Council having obtained the highest points will be presented with a beautiful **Loving Cup** (donated by the Mayor of the City of Boston).

Council having obtained second highest points will be given a beautiful gavel.

Two members, having obtained the highest points, will receive an official Knights of Lithuania gold pin.

**ON WITH THE DRIVE!**

**Phyllis Grendal,**

Supreme Council Financial Secretary.

## AID YOUR COUNTRY AT HOME

YOU CAN HELP BY —

- Buying Defense Bonds and Stamps
- Joining Or Supporting The Red Cross
- Eliminating Waste Of Materials
- Keeping Up Your Spirits
- Disregarding Rumors
- Cooperating
- Praying



# OUR FAITH

## THREE WISE MEN

On January 6, the Church celebrates the feast of Epiphany, or the calling of the Gentiles, the non-Jews, to the following and the service of Christ. The story of their search and their visit to Christ is known to all, yet our interest is excited by their name — the wise men or Magi. A magus was a student of the stars, an astrologer, and as such was much honored by the superstitious pagans. These three men were truly wise men. Many men saw the Star of Bethlehem. Some looked at it, and then forgot all about it. Some saw and wondered what it meant, but they were too lazy to discover its meaning. Others were too busy even to look up and see it. These three saw, searched, and found.

We do not need a Star of Bethlehem. In that beautiful church around the corner Jesus is always expecting a call and a visit from us. And yet, just like then, some were foolish and some were wise; some were lazy and others were not; so nowadays there are some who rarely if ever drop in to visit the King of the World. Some are too lazy and indifferent and just don't care. Others are so busy and preoccupied in getting all the fun in life to visit Him Who made them and gave them the good things in life. If they only knew, what they were missing — yes, it really is too bad.

The next time you call on Jesus, thank Him for having given you the grace to follow Him. Offer Him your gifts, that of undying fervent love of your heart and the faithful service of your being. Too, because He misses all those who for one or another reason neglect to visit Him, promise Him that you will try to bring others to Him. The K of L, as a Catholic Youth group, is a unit of Catholic Action — the army of Christ. What have been your efforts in bringing your friends closer to Christ? What kind of a recruiting officer will you be?

Remember the K. of L. Drive.

Father Julian.

## Question Box

**Q. A fellow employee in our office asserts that there can never be a just war. Can war be just?**

A. No one loves war. War means suffering, sorrow and death. If people were faithful to God's commandments of love of God and love of neighbor because he is a brother in Christ, there would be no war. But pagan nationalisms set at naught the Christian principles of justice and charity and preach the gospel of war for power and revenge. While recognizing that war is one of the greatest evils that can confront a nation, the Catholic Church has always insisted that a just war is licit and moral.

A country goes to war in self-defense. For a war to be just, the Catholic moralists insist upon the following conditions: A state can rightly declare war when it is morally certain that its rights are being

actually invaded or are in certain or imminent danger; when the cause of war v.g. invasion, attack, etc. are in proportion to the evils incident to war v. g. death and destruction; when every peaceful method of settlement has proven to be inadequate; when there is a well-grounded hope of bettering the conditions by the conflict.

In these days when our country is at war, we should recognize the fact that we are bound even in justice to be patriotic, to support our country as we can. Our support should not be in word only, but should also be put in practice. The boys can show their patriotism by being the best soldiers when called into service; the girls — by taking an active interest in Red Cross work (have you a Red Cross unit in your parish? — start now); the entire council — by buying defense bonds and stamps. All of us should have a special place in our prayers for the country that has been so good to our fathers and to us.

**Q. A Lutheran friend asked me why we receive Communion under one species. Why not under both, like they do?**

A. We must first of all realize that the non-Catholics who have communion services do not share our doctrine in regard to Our Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist and in regard to Transubstantiation. We believe that at the moment of consecration the substance of bread is changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus, so that Jesus is present there as God and Man with His soul and body. The non-Catholics believe that the bread and wine are only signs of our Lord's Body and Blood and so they receive under both species.

The present law of receiving Communion under one species dates from the Council of Constance in 1414, which condemned the Hussites of Bohemia for teaching that the cup was absolutely necessary. This law was confirmed by the Council of Trent, which condemned the false teaching of the Protestants on this point. Long before the law was passed, the custom of receiving Holy Communion under one species had become widespread for practical reasons. These "grave and just reasons" mentioned by the Council of Trent were: The risk of spilling the Precious Blood; the difficulty of reserving the Communion under the species of wine; the fear of drinking from a chalice touched by infected lips; the cost of obtaining wine for thousands of communicants.

So you notice that this is not a question of doctrine, it is a question of discipline, of administration of the Sacraments. The Church has adopted her laws for their administration to the changing conditions of the times. Her doctrines, however, have always remained the same and will do so until the end of time.

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# DETOUR TO GLORY

THE STORY OF THE LITHUANIAN NAVY AND ITS CHIEF, LT. COMMANDER PAUL LABANAUSKAS



**Lt. Commander Paul Labanauskas**

Last week we met Paul Labanauskas, Commander-in-Chief of the Lithuanian Navy up to the time of the Russian occupation. We were so deeply impressed by the human interest of the story of this amazing, congenial, handsome young Lithuanian, that we have to share that story with the readers of VYTIS.

It is a story of Lithuanian youth and adventure, of struggling for a goal against overwhelming odds, of aspirations that were based on love of, and solicitude for His Fatherland. It is an Odyssey so full of drama that it even aroused the interest of scenario writers in Hollywood.

In a short article, it is possible to give only the briefest resume of the story of the Lithuanian Navy, and its youthful founders, Lt. Commanders Paul Labanauskas and his life-long friend and collaborator Vytautas Kuizinas. (The latter is now studying for his Master's Degree in Naval Architecture at the University of Michigan.)

The Lithuanian people are by instinct lovers of the sea, and centuries of oppression and encirclement, blocking their path to the sea, could not eradicate that love of the sea from their national consciousness. One of the ancient pagan Lithuanian deities was Juratė, the Goddess of the Sea. Lithuanian mythology, legends, and

poetry are steeped in the lore of the sea.

So it was only natural that the Lithuanian people, as soon as they regained their independence, should begin to strive and plan for an outlet to the Baltic and the development of their marine and naval powers.

The first opportunity offered was the regaining of the harbor of Klaipeda in 1923.

Then, for twelve years — until 1935 — there followed a series of trials and experiments to develop her sea facilities. Ship after ship was purchased — merchant-marine, coast guard, etc. — but ill fortune and the incompetence of the foreign-born officers in charge of the vessels (there were no trained Lithuanian officers to fill the posts at the time) brought a series of disasters that cost a fortune to the government and began to dim all hopes of her ever being able to develop her sea power.

But the nucleus of a new movement, that was to take competent charge of the situation, was already forming in Lithuania. It was the combined unit of the Sea Scouts — a branch of the Boy Scouts — the Navy League, and the Women's Navy Auxiliary. At the head of the Sea Scouts in 1927 was a quietly energetic young university student named Paul Labanauskas. He realized that Lithuania's future on the sea rested with her ability to develop and train her own marine and naval officers.

By a series of unbelievable diplomatic maneuvers and contacts with the right officials, Paul Labanauskas and his friend, Vytautas Kuizinas, within one year after their decision to do something about it, had received the permission of the U. S. Congress in Washington to begin their naval officers training at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis! It was only the technical point of their finally being found one year too old for entrance that prevented their training at Annapolis. Instead they were sent to the Royal Italian Naval Academy at Leghorn and later to the Ecole des Officiers Torpilleurs of the French Naval Academy at Toulon.

From 1928 to 1934 Labanauskas applied himself diligently to training for his future career. He served in the capacities of Artillery Officer, Navigation Officer, Artillery

and Torpedo Officer, aboard the French and Italian battleships, cruisers and destroyers, "Condorcet," "Tigre," "Trente," "Pisa," and "Cristoforo Colombo." He spent one year as officer aboard French Submarines, studying under-sea war tactics.

In 1934 Lt. Commander Labanauskas returned to Lithuania, fully competent and with the best training European Naval Academies had to offer.

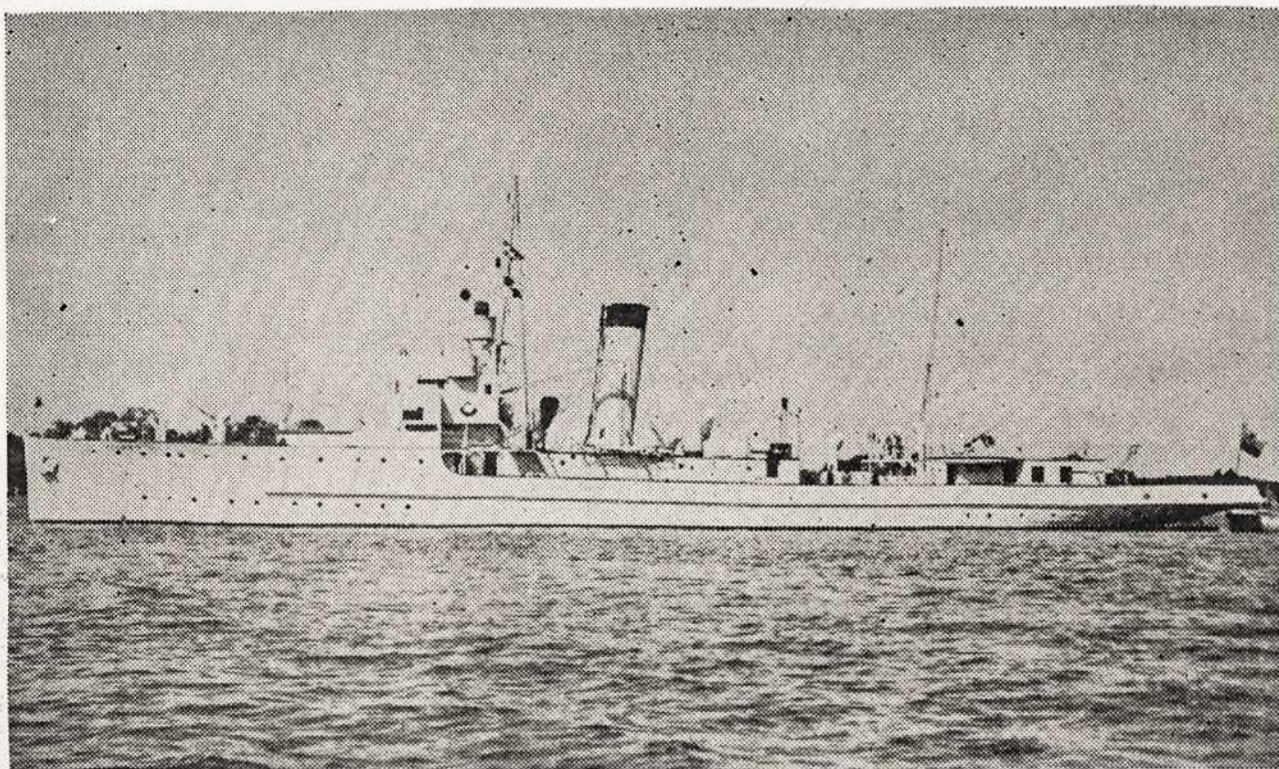
The six years — from his return in 1934 until the Russian occupation of Lithuania in 1942 — are the most amazing record of rapid growth and progress in marine and naval development for a small country the world has ever seen.

Commander Labanauskas is, in person, one of the quietest and most modest personalities we have ever met. Every detail of his life and his career must be dragged from him almost against his will. We mention this fact here, because the establishment of Lithuania's Navy, and the accompanying growth of her merchant-marine personell in the short period of six years is mainly due to the energy and initiative of this 33 yr. old Lithuanian, aided and encouraged by his ever-present friend Kuizi-



**Comm. Labanauskas (right), in full dress uniform, accompanied by a French naval officer, at the time of his presentation to the Admiralty.**





The "Prezidentas Antanas Smetona," Lithuania's warship. It was manned by six officers and a crew of 60 sailors.

nas, who later also reached the rank of Lt. Commander.

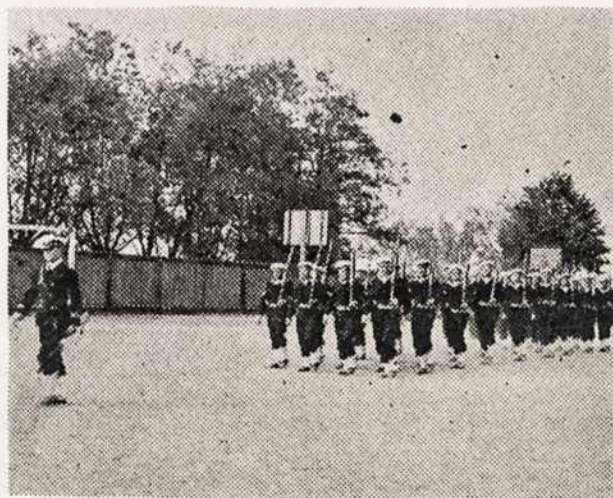
Starting from nothing more than an idea, and one warship that had been lying idle since 1926, up to the time of the Soviet occupation, Lithuania had, under Commander Labanauskas' able leadership, been able to boast of a small but efficient naval unit, a half-dozen Coast-Guard ships, ice-breakers, tenders, dredgers, and a fleet of sixteen yachts — and to man all these vessels a corps of efficient, trained naval and marine officers, engineers, and scores of naval and marine sailors. In the same period, the Lithuanian Merchant Marine had grown from a few decrepit ships to a dozen efficient mercant vessels, comprising 20,000 tons.

This all began from the return to Lithuania in 1934 of these two naval officers, then only 25 years of age, and of twelve merchant marine officers, all of whom had received their training in Finland, Holland, and other countries. It was in particular the establishment of a marine journal "Jūra," by Commander Labanauskas and the journalist Vaišnora, and the organization of a nation-wide Sea Festival (Jūros Diena) in 1934, which gave the needed impetus to the movement for a naval and marine force.

Lithuania's warship, the "Prezidentas Antanas Smetona" (later named the "Pirmunas"), of which Lt. Commander Paul Labanauskas was the Commander-in-Chief, was purchased from Germany, and was of the mine-layer type. It was about 200 ft. in length, and carried six officers and a crew of 60 men.

It was armed with two 3 in. guns, six anti-aircraft guns, and mine-laying equipment, with facilities for carrying 40 mines. Sailors for Lithuania's developing navy were recruited from volunteers from the Army. The volunteers, it must be noted, had to be "gimnazija" graduates. The more eligible were sent to European Naval Academies for officers training. An idea of the appeal of the Lithuanian Navy for the young men may be gleaned from the fact that there were always several hundred volunteers on the waiting list.

Commander Labanauskas smilingly recalls that in the first years of the establishment of the Navy, he and Kuizinas were the only two acting officers. In spite of this, the Lithuanian Navy was as fully recognized on the sea as the greatest naval power, with full authority and position. (To this very day, the signal systems and books on every ship in the world still contain a full record of all the recognized Lithuanian



A group of Lithuanian sailors, garbed in their distinctive Lithuanian uniforms, drilling in the navy yard.

flags.) In the first or second year of existence, the Lithuanian Navy received an invitation from the International Naval Officers Regatta Committee to send two Lithuanian Naval Officers to represent Lithuania at the Regatta. All expenses for travelling and luxurious accommodations were to be defrayed by the Committee. The Lithuanian Navy had to decline the invitation because at that time there were only two available Naval Officers in Lithuania — and one of them happened to be in France at the time. If the invitation had been accepted, the Lithuanian Navy would have been left without any officers!

Suddenly, in the midst of this heartening progress and development, war clouds began gathering ominously on the European horizon. The storm hit Lithuania, even while the rest of Europe slumbered complacently, cock sure of its safety and inviolability.

Hitler seized Klaipėda, and Lithuania's Naval Force became unique in the annals of the world — it became a Navy Without a Country. With Klaipėda — Lithuania's only harbor — in German hands, there was no Lithuanian port that her warship could enter without being seized. Commander Labanauskas, with dogged, unthinking, perhaps even hopeless determination, chose the hard way. Before the German seizure of Klaipėda, he steamed out of the harbor, and for four months the "Prezidentas Smetona" was a homeless vagabond. It could only stop at friendly Baltic ports for provisions, then head out to sea again in its hopeless wandering — a wandering that was doomed to end in tragedy, the impending tragedy that Commander Labanauskas must have felt in his heart, but refused to recognize.

But even at this point, the grimness of the prospects was relieved by an ironically humorous touch. Certain government officials in Kaunas began to take a realistic view of the situation and began considering liquidation of the naval vessels. They reasoned that there was no use in continuing to strain the country's budget in the maintenance of a Navy that did not even have a harbor of its own to come home to. Upon hearing of this, Commander Labanauskas hurried to Kaunas and immediately exerted all his youthful energy and determination to dissuade the Lithuanian government from its decision.

It is perhaps unnecessary to re-

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## COUNCIL 13 REVIVED

CHICAGO, ILL.  
Council 13

port that he succeeded. "Give me ten days, and I will have the harbor of Šventoji dredged out enough to admit my ship," the youthful officer offered. He told them of his plan and in his lengthy pleading, fired the experienced, fact-minded, sober-miened officials so effectively with his own optimism and dogged determination that he walked out of the conference with their official permission to proceed with his plan.

Work was begun immediately. Labanauskas, later assisted by Kuizinas, who had returned from France, where he was studying, immediately organized an army of several hundred volunteer workers. The men, working night and day, began the huge task of trying to finish — in ten days — the job of dredging out the harbor, and bringing in a railroad to the sea. Commander Labanauskas smiles slightly when he reminisces that the harbor was not ready in ten days — nor was it ready in one month. It actually took almost two months to complete the herculean task of dredging thousands of tons of silt and mud and sand out of the mouth of the Šventoji to permit Lithuania's war ship to enter and cast anchor.

The work once begun — the time element did not matter. They were getting somewhere. Lithuania again had a harbor for her warship. The huge project completed, the "Prezidentas Smetona" majestically steamed into the Šventoji Harbor — home again!

But Fate is sometimes cruel in her tricks. That happy return of Lithuania's naval vessel to her bosom was to have a tragic aftermath. The very forces of nature — the Nature that has for centuries smiled so benignly on Lithuania — betrayed her small but proud Navy into the hands of the new ruthless occupants of Lithuania. When the "Prezidentas Smetona" finally left the quickly built, but modern, harbor of Šventoji, the captain on the bridge was no longer a Lithuanian, and the flag at her mast was not the familiar Lithuanian tri-color — it was red, with the hammer and sickle emblazoned on it.

(To be continued)

(In our next issue: Why the "Prezidentas Smetona" was unable to escape.... Locked in a concentration camp.... A daring escape during a storm.... Brazil, Trinidad and then to the U. S. A. aboard a tramp steamer.... Commander Labanauskas' impressions and experiences in this country.... His plans for the future....)

The return of Council 13, Town of Lake, Chicago, to activity in the organization was a pleasant bit of news to K. of L's. It was only fitting that the youth of Town of Lake, which is rich in the traditions of American-Lithuanian history, should again be represented in our organization.

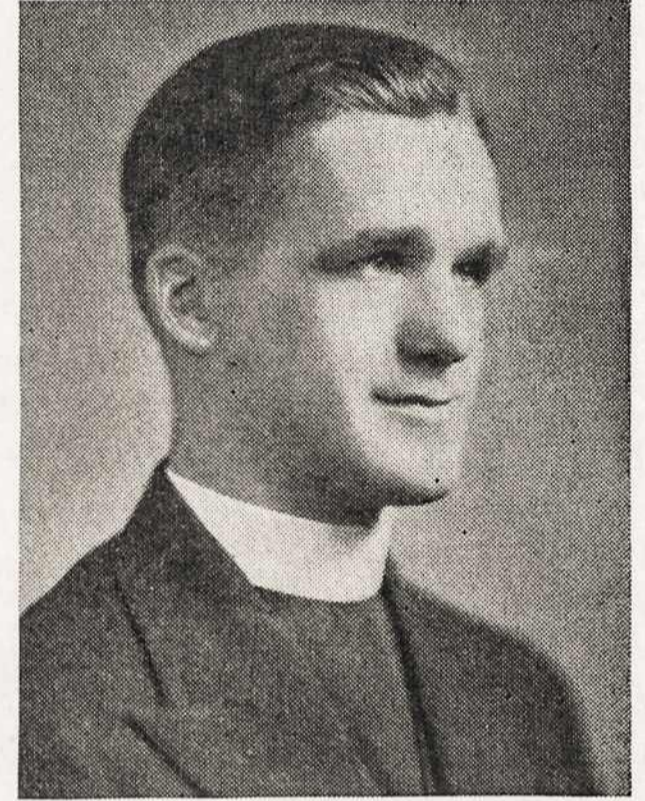
The three individuals who effected this revival are pictured here. To them goes a hearty vote of thanks and congratulations!

Council 13 did not waste much time in going places as soon as it reorganized. The bowling units — both men's and girl's — immediately took the lead in both Bowling Leagues at the start of the season, and no other team has been able to dislodge them from first place.

Election of officers for 1942 is taking place at the very moment this form is going to press, so that we are unable to give you the names of the new officers. However, we can give you the names of officers selected upon reorganization: Al Sudeikis — President; John Stegwell — Vice President;

Gabriel Stakauskas — Treasurer and Emilie Kawal — Secretary.

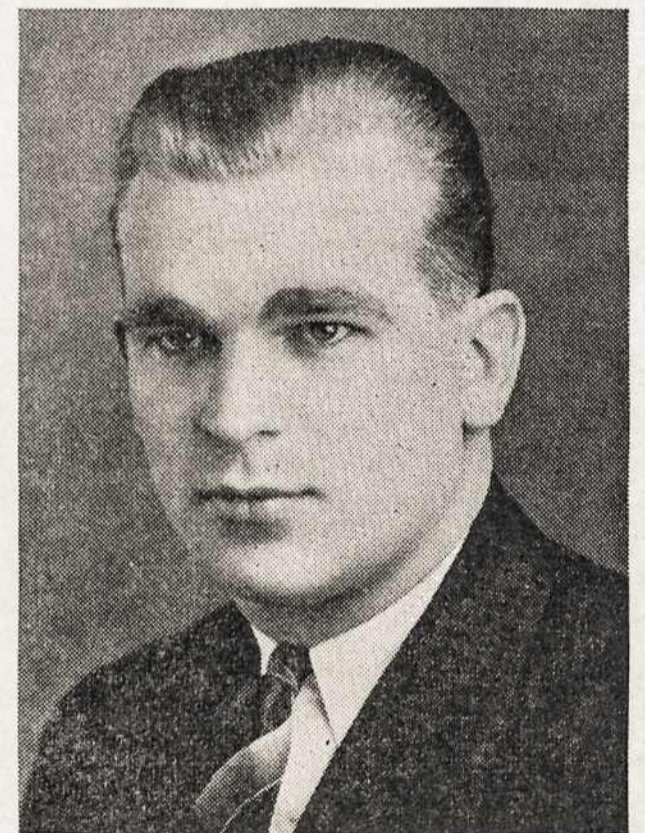
To Council 13 we extend our most sincere wishes for an active and fruitful participation in the Knights of Lithuania!



Father Stanley Valuckas, at present assistant at Immaculate Conception Parish, Brighton Park, who last summer initiated the movement to revive Town of Lake's Council 13.



Sally Jesulaitis, for many years an active K. of L. member, and holder of various offices, contributed much of her time and energy to the resumption of Council 13's activities in the organization.



Al Sudeikis, who is leaving for the Army at about the time this issue goes to press, was one of the reorganizers and the first President of revived Council 13.



# THE CATHOLIC ALLIANCE AND THE K. OF L'S

(The following article was submitted in answer to the editorial "A Disturbingly Practical Suggestion" in the December issue..... Editor)

Having been a member of the Knights of Lithuania for over 15 years, and having served in the capacity of President of Council 14, Cicero, Illinois, for a period of three years, I believe I can speak with a considerable amount of experience on matters that affect our organization. I wish, therefore, to go on record as being in full agreement with the statement of the Supreme Secretary of the Lithuanian R. C. Alliance in the last issue of VYTIS.

Mr. Kvietkas observes that the K. of L's cannot expect to increase their membership to the nationwide proportions that they deserve, and they also cannot expect to continue to exist very long — as long as the greatest appeal of the organization is a purely social one.

My own Council 14 may be taken as an example. I have seen it grow from a membership of only twelve to well over 300 members, and then just as suddenly drop off to practically nothing. If at present our membership is particularly strong and growing with each meeting, it is almost entirely due to the untiring efforts of its very capable leaders who sacrifice their time and energy for the council. And we must admit that it is the excellent program of Sports and Social activities that these leaders keep up, that is the foundation of Council 14's strength. If it were not for this program of athletic and social events, it is doubtful whether my council or any other active council could continue to exist very long.

Therefore, I fully agree with Supreme Secretary Kvietkas that it will be to the advantage of the Knights of Lithuania to come into the Lithuanian R. C. Alliance as a group, and become a Benefit Organization, paying a death and a weekly sick benefit. Our organization will continue as before, keeping Center, District and Council officers; it will continue to publish its monthly VYTIS, if it sees fit; our individuality as the Knights of Lithuania will remain intact. And yet, at the same time, we will have gained much more power, strength and appeal.

The advantages of a Benefit Organization are countless. For example, we will be able to hold our members for a much longer period of time, regardless of how well our social or athletic program is developed. All can continue as loyal and active members even though they get married. Finally, it will be possible to attract ex-members (of whom there are thousands) back to the organization.

I do not approve of, nor recommend, having two distinct — social and insurance — groups in

such an organization, as, for example, the Knights of Columbus have. This plan will create no advantage to the organization, as experience from the past has proven it to be impractical and unpopular. Likewise, I do not approve of having different groups of benefit payments. The best solution would be to have, for example, a set death benefit payment of \$500.00 and sick benefit of \$5.00 per week.

I would suggest that dues be paid every quarter in advance. For example, if the dues amount to \$12.00 per year, then the payments will be \$3.00 every three months. The financial secretary would forward the dues to the Center, which, in turn, would appropriate the money to meet the various payments. This procedure has been proven very practical and successful with the Knights of Columbus.

About three years ago, at the National Convention, the subject of becoming a Benefit Organization was introduced, and approved by the delegates, a Committee was selected to work out a plan. However, after some discussion, it was decided to table the subject for the time being. The main drawback was that an enormous amount of money would have to be deposited at the outset in every beneficiary State, and a separate license would have to be procured in each state. Naturally, this was out of the question for the K of L's.

However, if we, as a group, enter the Catholic Alliance, all these objections will have been overcome, since these requirements are met already by the Alliance. We could become a benefit organization without any red tape, delay, or outlay of money, outside of individual dues, which would immediately begin to bring or assure returns.

We, the Knights of Lithuania, are a very popular organization, known to thousands of young Catholic people. If we become a Benefit Organization, we will automatically increase in strength and influence, and be able to play a far more important role in the field of Catholic Action, since we will attract so many more young Lithuanian Catholic people.

I earnestly request all Center, District, Council and all Lithuanian Catholic Leaders to get in touch with me immediately on this subject. A golden opportunity is in our reach. Let us start — now — to prepare a complete working plan on becoming a Benefit Organization, so that we can present these plans at our next National Convention in Elizabeth. Think it over — now! But act at once!

**John G. Kasulaitis**, Council 14,  
1411 So. 50th Court,  
Cicero, Illinois.



# Lietuvos Vyčių 29-to Seimo Protokolas

(Tęsinys)

Board of Governors:

Chicagos Apskritis Pirmininko Antano Stankaus raportas buvo priimtas su pagyrimu.

Gerbiami Vyčiai:

Kaipo Chicagos Apskričio Pirmininkas lankiau aštuonis Centro Valdybos susirinkimus.

Dirbau kiek galėjau sutverti Kankakee kuopą.

Laikau už garbę kad turėjau progą dirbti su Centru ir prižadu ir toliau dirbti su Vyčiais, "Dievui ir Tėvynei."

**Anthony Stankus.**

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Pranas Gudelis, pirmininkas W. Pa. — Ohio — Michigan Apskritis, išdavė raportą, kuris buvo priimtas su pagyrimu.

Apskritis suorganizuotas Rugp. 25, 1940. Dabartiniu laiku susideda iš 25 kp., Cleveland, Ohio., 62 kp., Pittsburgh, Pa., 96 kp., Dayton, Ohio ir 102 kp., Detroit, Mich.

Keliavau į Cleveland, Ohio ir pagelbėjau vietiniams veikėjams atgaivinti 25-tą kp.

Prisiūčiau raportus į 11 Centro valdybos susirinkimų.

Darbavasi dėl Vyčių organizacijos kiek ir kur galėjau.

**Frank A. Gudelis.**

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New York — New Jersey Apskritis pirmininkas neprisiuntė raportą.

Buvusio Vyties Redaktoriaus Antano Skiriaus sveikinimas buvo priištus laišku.

Kun. Mykolas Kemežis sveikino Seimą žodžiu.

Sesija baigėsi 12:50 p. p. su malda.

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## Ketvirta Sesija

Sesija atidaryta 2:25 p. p. su malda.

Dvasios Vado Jono Kripo raportas priimtas su pagyrimu.

Raportas trumpas. Labai malonu buvo būti šios garbingos organizacijos dvasios vadu. Organizacijos dvasios stovis kiek man teko patirti, yra labai geram stovy. Per visą metą negirdėjau ir neteko

man patirti jokių neigiamų raportų apie šios Organizacijos pavienius narius, arba kuopas.

Centro Valdyba su dvasios vadu veikė kuogražiausiai. Kiek galėjau tai pats susirašinėju su Centro Valdybos raštininke gerovei mūsų Organizacijos.

Linkiu kad Vyčių Organ. toliau tęstų savo pavyzdinę dvasinę stovį ir kad sekantiems gerb. dvasios vadams panašus raportas būtų galima taip lengvai ir sąžiningai išduoti.

Dėkoju už suteiktą man garbę būti šios garbingos Organ. dvasios vadu ir linkiu Lietuvos Vyčių Organ. augti dvasioje ir visiokieropai.

**Kun. J. J. Kripas.**

Revizijos komisijos raportas:

1. Centro Valdybos Iždininko raportas pertikrintas ir priimtās.

2. Spaustuvės raportas nebuvo pilnas. Nepriimtās.

Report of the Auditing Committee: From the Journal and Ledger Entries of the Treasurer we find that the figures tally with the financial report.

Regarding the Press we find that there is a check account in the amount of \$126.10.

Accounts Receivable of \$184.36 as given in the official Press Report are not entered in the Ledgers.

Accounts Payable of \$169.09 are also not entered in the Ledgers.

Leaving a balance of \$15.27.

Signed:—

**Helen Pinkin.**

**Genovaitė Klevickaitė.**

**Adam Barauskas.**

Revizijos komisijos raportas priimtās.

Ritualo Komisija, John Juozaitis, James Cherry, Sophie Gimbut, išdavė raportą. Raportas priimtās. Seimo Vedėjas, Dvasiškijs, Delegatai ir Svečiai:

Nuo pereito Seimo iki dabar Komisija laikė penkius tikrus susirinkimus ir turėjo apie 20 pasitarimų. Buvo išsiūsta virš 100 knygelių, klausimų ir aplikacijų. Atsakyta virš 100 laiškų ir buvo išsiūsta 352 kortelės dėl Laipsnuotų narių. Daug daugiau rašyta į "Vyti" negu praeityje. Visi Komisijos

nariai dalyvavo susirinkimose ir pasitarimuose, ne vienas niekad nėra apleidęs susirinkimą arba pasitarimą.

Metų bėgyje Juozapas Bulevičius — Boley daug prisidėjo prie geresnės tvarkos įvykdinimo laipsnių ir savo lėšomis yra prisiuntęs lapelius dėl Trečio Laipsnio, kurios Komisija priėmė ir teikė vykdinimui. Visi Komisijos nariai taria jam širdingiausiai Ačiū.

L. V. Centro Finansų Raštininkė Helen Cherry niekad neatsisakė patikrinti narystės aplikantų organizacijoje. Už šį darbą komisija yra labai dėkinga jai.

Komisija mėgino visus reikalavimus išpildyti bet pasirodo trūkumas dirbančio fondo iš kurio būtų galima padaryti pagerinimus. Dabartiniu laiku šis nėra galima. Kaip visi žino ši Komisija pradėjo Laipsnių darbą be cento ir kaip randasi pinigai tada įvyksta pagerinimai sulig nutarimo. Dabar yra reikalas atspausdinti knygutes Ritualo ir Laipsnių ir įtaisyti medalus dėl Trečio Laipsnio ir daug daugiau kas kitas, bet negalima prieiti, nes mažai pinigų randasi prie Centro Ritualo Komisijos. Bet laikui bėgant pasitikima šis išsidirbs savaime ir viskas bus įvykdinta pilnai ir sulig daugumos reikalavimo.

Vienas blogas dalykas buvo kad daugelis kuopų pereitą metą prieš Seimą prisiuntė laiškus kad tuojaus po Seimo prisiūstas aplikacijas narių, kurie apturėję yra savo laipsnius, ir šie buvo priskaityti prie raporto, bet dar iki šiai dienai yra laukiama 62 narių aplikacijos, kurios nebuvo prisiūstos kaip žadėta.

Šį metą daug prisiūsta paskutinę savaitę prieš Seimą aplikacijų, bet visos nėra priimtās ir daugumas neatsakyta arba kortelės nebuvo prisiūstos aplikantams ir nėra įtraukta į šį raportą. Iš šių aplikacijų daugelis randasi kad laipsniai buvo suteikti net 1940 metais, ir tik dabar prisiūnta dėl registravimo narių aplikacijas.

Patartina būtų kad ateityje kaip tik Laipsniai yra įteikti, kad į ketletą savaičių aplikacijos pasiektų Centro Ritualo Komisijos raštinin-



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ka, o ne metai vėliau ir paskutinę savaitę prieš Seimą arba visai neprisiūsti nuskraudžiant narius kurie turėjo pasitikėjimą į Kuopų Ritualo Komisijas ir šie asmenys neatliko savo darbą kaip buvo reikalas įvykdinti.

Rytinių Valstijų Kuopos ir Apskričiai turi labai gerą surėdymą įteikimui Laipsnių kurios Komisija priėmė ir laikui bėgant reikalaus kad visur taip būtų vykdoma.

Yra daug, ypač Chicagoje, kur veikėjams priklauso Ketvirtas Laipsnis, bet dėl kokių aplinkybių nebuvo suteikta. Centro Ritualo Komisija yra nutarus jeigu pavieniai, kuopos arba Apskritys atsikreips, tai suteiks prailginimą laiko, dėl visų kitų Laipsnių prašo Seimo kad laikas ilgiau nebūtų prailgintas, bet visi tie nariai, kurie nėra apturėję savo Laipsnius, kad pradėtų su Pirmu Laipsniu išlauktų devynius mėnesius, tada apturėtų Antrą Laipsnį ir t. t. paeilyje su lig reikalavimų laiko dėl kiekvieno Laipsnio.

Ne viena kuopa nei Apskritys neatsikreipė į Centro Ritualo Komisiją įdant katrie iš Ketvirto Laipsnio narių būtų pakelti į Garbės Narystę.

Baigdami norime pažymėti, kad dabar yra matoma nauda ir pastovumas organizacijos narių. Dauguma kuopų suteikė pilną kooperaciją ir visiems, kurie kaip nors prisidėta prie šio darbo, tariame Ačiū. Linkime kad visos kuopos iki kito Seimo būtų visiems savo nariams įteikę jų Laipsnius.

Dabar randasi 27 kuopos kurios turi 816 laipsnuotų narių. Reiškia kad dar 17 kuopų neprisidėjo prie šio darbo ir tik 484 nariai nėra apturėję savo laipsnius iki Rugpjūčio 1, 1941 m.

**Jack L. Juozaitis**, Chairman,  
**James R. Cherry**, Secretary,  
**Sophie Gimbut**, Treasurer.

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Legal Adviser Joseph J. Grish.  
Raportas priimtas.

Mr. Anthony J. Mazeika, Pres.  
Knights of Lithuania,  
c-o Miss Carcella Cimelis,  
221 Sagamore St., (4)  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Mazeika and Delegates  
of the 29th Annual Convention:

As it is customary for the writer  
to make a report of his services as

Coun. - City - State	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot.
4 — Chicago, Ill.				1	1
5 — Chicago, Ill.				1	1
6 — Hartford, Conn.	11	15			26
7 — Waterbury, Conn.	12	9	2		23
10 — Athol, Mass.	7	19			26
12 — New York, N. Y.	23	4	4		31
14 — Cicero, Ill.			9		9
17 — So. Boston, Mass.	99		12	3	114
24 — Chicago, Ill.	2	8	2	3	15
26 — Worcester, Mass.	5	12	9		26
27 — Norwood, Mass.			10	2	12
29 — Newark, N. J.	26	19	15	1	61
36 — Chicago, Ill.	10	15	5	5	35
41 — Brooklyn, N. Y.	7	1		2	10
52 — Elizabeth, N. J.	15	27	9		51
61 — Paterson, N. J.			1		1
62 — Pittsburgh, Pa.	29	2	2	1	34
67 — Bayonne, N. J.	14	15	1		30
90 — Harrison-Kearny,	10	10	15	10	45
96 — Dayton, Ohio		52	8	2	62
109 — Great Neck, L. I.			2		2
110 — Maspeth, L. I.,	3	4	7		14
112 — Chicago, Ill.	11	3	3	1	18
113 — Linden, N. J.	18	9	5	1	33
116 — Worcester, Mass.	69	6	3		78
124 — Jersey City, N. J.	2	8	6	2	18
130 — Bronx, N. Y.	38				38
<b>TOTAL 27 COUNCILS</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>816</b>
1939 .....	23	31	8	10	74
1940 .....	249	153	33	12	447
1941 .....	139	54	89	13	295
<b>TOTAL 3 YEARS .....</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>816</b>

Two of above 4th Degree members found worthy  
to receive Honorary Membership and same tendered  
to **KASTAS ZAROMSKIS** of Council 36 and **STASYS  
ŠIMULIS** of Council 4, during Harrison-Kearny N. J.  
Convention.

Legal Adviser of the Knights of Lithuania, I wish to state that I have one matter pending, namely, the question of personal property taxes on the K of L Press.

I expect that this will be adjusted to the satisfaction of our Organization. Outside of this I take it that the Organization is running very smooth.

I am very sorry that I could not attend your Convention, but one thought I would like to leave and that is that leadership of Lithuanian Americans should be now vested in the younger generation and by that I mean the Knights of Lithuania. As most of our members are native born Americans,

it strikes me that at this time any aid is needed by our brethren Lithuanians, that the Knights of Lithuania should take the initiative and sit in all the counsels with those who appear to act in the name of Lithuanian Americans.

Wishing success to your endeavors and if the Supreme Board sees fit to re-appoint me I will undertake to handle the job for another year.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Fraternally yours,

**Joseph J. Grish**

(Bus Daugiau)



# ACTIVITIES

## SO. BOSTON, MASS. Council 17

Hello Brother & Sister Knights:—

This is Council 17, So. Boston, reporting again. Our monthly meeting was held on December 21, 1941. It was very important because of elections. Larry Švelnis, a popular and active member, was elected president. Phyllis Grendal, also very active in K of L affairs, was re-elected vice-president. Al Kleponis succeeds Al Jakštas as treasurer. Peter Kupritis was elected as recording secretary, Regina Glineckas as Board of Director's secretary, and Ann Razvad was re-elected as financial secretary. Our trustees are still John Grigalus and John Petrauskas. The marshal for the coming year is Walter Brazauskas. The new Board of Directors are the following: Anthony Young, Frank Razvadauskas, Joan Lengvinas, Ann Chaplik, Marian Mason, Lenore Glineckas and Joe Brazauskas.

Congratulations and success in your new positions. I know you will all work hard and I trust the members will cooperate with you and help to make your work easier.

### Gossip: —

Who is that tall, handsome fellow who plans to join the Coast Guard? Could it possibly be John T. of Seventh Street? All the girls will miss you John, especially the one's in the pictures you showed at the meeting.

Still on the subject — Why does a certain girl weep at the mention of the coast guards? It couldn't be Barney, Reg, or could it???

I have heard that most of the boys starve themselves, at least for a few hours) before K. of L. meetings. I wonder if it could be the refreshments served after the meetings. So many of the boys stayed downstairs to watch the making of the sandwiches, we almost had to have our meeting there. I wonder if the charming

hostesses, Ann Chaplik, Regina and Lenore Glineckas, had anything to do with it?

In answer to someone's question about yours truly — maybe I do live at the "Point" and maybe I don't — maybe I'm a "he" and not a "she." Your guess is just as good as anyone else's.

Well, I think I have had my say, so I'll sign off with a mystery for you to solve. — What happened to our K of L Secretary when she left the meeting to fetch her beau and forgot to come back??? Maybe Frank G. can answer that one.

Šešėlis.

## ATHOL, MASS. Council 10

Greetings and salutations, dear members. At our last meeting we elected the officers for the coming year:

Spiritual Adviser — Father Pius Juraitis; President — Fred Moshure; Vice Pres. — Stephanie Baltren; Rec. Secretary — Matilda Bagdonas; Treasurer — Malvina Paliulis; Fin. Secretary — Milda Stasiunas; Sergeant-at-arms Bernard Tatautis; Correspondent — Yours truly.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the former officers for what they have done during the past year.

I was really more than gratified to be elected correspondent, and for that reason I will try to give you the most efficient dirt — pardon me, I mean gossip column that I possibly can. So here I go.

Don't you think B. G. ought to trade in that "38 Chevie" of his before it runs into anymore ditches? It must be that little buggy has a jinx on it, or could it be just Tina Vat?

I hear that Stanley Watkevich, "Kid Casanova," is romantically inclined. "Aren't we all?" At least he goes to see her every Tuesday night.

There's nothing like taking precautions during an air-raid. Paul Morkunas bought himself some black-out tan shoes.

Tina Stasiunas and Nellie Jaconis disappeared very mysteriously from Stephanie's party. I don't blame you girls. Those two state troopers are oh, so, nice.

We wonder — was anyone more surprised than Laddie Baltren when he received twenty-five Christmas cards, all from feminine admirers?

Well, bye, bye. I've a date with a shovel that has some new tips about you members. So be careful in the near future, for "the shovel'll get you if you don't watch out!"

Shovel, Shovel

## SO. WORCESTER, MASS. Council 116

(We have taken the liberty of inserting this correspondence, which was received too late for the December issue, because it is still timely. — Ed.)

The time has come when our Council will have to elect or re-elect new officers. The officers now in charge have been faithful, trustworthy and sincere during their terms. Pres. A. T. and Vice-Pres. F. R. did a splendid job in making 1941 a success. To other persons holding office seats, who get less credit than they deserve, I take my hat off to you! So, fellow members of C-116, let's see what we can do to get these officers re-elected for another term. Personally, I think the group we have now is the "winning combination." However, regardless of who gets into office, I know that each and every Knight and Lady in C-116 will put their shoulder to the wheel and make 1942 an even more prosperous year.

"I would like to become a member of Council 116, if you don't mind," said a clean-cut young



man at our last meeting. This young man, Peter Carrol, a member of the undertaking profession, is well-liked by everybody, young and old, and we welcome him to our Council, assuring him that he has not made a mistake.

Our basket-ball team has finally begun to roll into action. The boys really worked out to make their dance a success. Tony L. and Charles T. both deserve most of the credit. Poor Tony, running around selling tickets! He promised the first dance to every girl to whom he sold a ticket. Actually, however, Tony was so busy he didn't get the chance to have more than three dances all night.

Wait till you see the boys in their new suits! Talk about class and color! Maroon and white. A very good combination for a very good team. I know it's a good team because I have seen them practise a few times. The team is entered in the "Olympic Sporting Goods League."

I hear talk about a certain young couple. If true, I wish Adam Kadarauskas and Lil Rackeskas the best of luck.

Tony Godek, as I understand, is pretty good at speaking in German. No need to make love in German to a certain young lady, is there, Tony?

A Happy New Year to all members of our organization, and may God bless our country and help us to a quick victory! Keep 'em flying!  
"Snooks."

#### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Council 36

Our new officers for 1941-42: President — James Cherry; 1st & 2nd Vice-Presidents — John Brazauskas and Sophie Gimbut; Recording Secretary — Violet Spirauskas; Financial Secretary — Helen Cherry; Treasurer — Kastus Zaromskis; Trustees — John Paulius, Jr. and — well, frankly, your correspondent slipped up on the remaining new officers. But there you have the new set-up for what we expect to be a banner year — if our plans and enthusiasm are any standard to judge by.

The K. of L. Juniors of Council 36 have caught up with us and left us far behind — which not only pleases us no end but also

touches upon our pride. Incidentally, this Junior Council is the sole fruit of the sponsorship of John Brazauskas, assisted by his fellow-godfathers Bernard Kvietkus, Kastus Zaromskis and Anthony Skirius.

Council 36 is starting a movement for remembering Chicago K. of L. members serving in the Army. Some Eastern councils have already set the example for us in this regard. We are also starting a drive among the members for the purchase of Defense Stamps; AND, we've already started the machinery for a huge **Užgavėnių Balius**, with particular emphasis on being hosts that night to the older generation. Watch for further announcements.

P. S. Who swiped the rear license plate from my car while I was at the meeting? An old, dented plate at that!

— Gigadib

#### WATERBURY, CONN. Council 7

Greetings and Salutations to all the members from the officers of the K. of L. for the coming year.

Great was the **surprise** of last year's officers when election night rolled around. All were re-elected, and a new Vice-President was installed. They are as follows:

President — Frank Saldukas; Vice-President — Vincent Lukminas; Treasurer — Al Puzas; Recording Secretary — Ann Mendle; Financial Secretary — Adele Stadalins; Chaplain — Father Cabitor.

The Board of Directors elected were: Frank Saldukas, Vincent Lukminas, Al Puzas, Al Ambrose, John Dambrauskas, Ann Mendle, Adele Stadalins.

With the holiday seasons, cards were received from all the boys who are with Uncle Sam. With conditions as they are, we are sorry that many could not be with us to celebrate, though "Yankee" and "P. J. Alexander" dropped in to wish us a Bright New Year. Next year, with the grace of God, we expect to see them all at our elections.

#### Cupid's Corner —

Rings and Wedding Bells are in season this year.

"Tony" and "Kyke" are all set

to middle-aisle it January 10, 1942.

Flo Yuskas has set her date for January 24, 1942.

Eve Mikulainis has said yes but as yet has set no date.

To one and all Congratulations and Best Wishes in your new careers. See that we don't lose you as members of the K. of L.

New Years came along and as usual, resolutions were made and broken the next day. Ours are few but we are going to do everything we possibly can to keep them up.

1. Resolved to do our utmost for the club and its members.

2. Resolved to do our best as to ATTENDANCE! (Not only at meetings, but at socials as well.)

3. Resolved to do our part for our country. Even if it is just by keeping up our good spirits. If one and all do these few things, I am sure that we can look forward to a better year than ever.

It is true that one cannot do enough to help the boys away, but by doing our share at home, we can do a great deal on the whole.

So 'till Ground-Hog-Day rolls along, TA-TA.

#### The Little Girl Who Is Always There.

#### CICERO, ILL. Council 14

A Victorious, Happy New Year and the best of everything to one and all. 'Twill be a year of much doing, indeed, especially for Council 14, what with such a Board of Officers as we have to lead us for '42:

Rev. Julian Grinius — Spiritual Adviser; Ray Eisin — President; Stanley Kishkunas — Vice President; Marianne Daunis — Recording Sec'y; Anne Radomski — Financial Sec'y; Florence Arbir — Dorothy Faiza, Johnny Kasul and Aldona Sleinis — Correspondents.

Social Committee: Emily Waitekus, Jerry Kasul, Jo Rimkus, Roy Bociunas, Flo Deveikis, Iggy Mack.

We shall aim to do nothing less than our best to aid you, dear officers, in making Council 14 the top of the cream in '42.

However, before the new year came in we certainly escorted the old year out with grandeur. Our Xmas Party was one huge, but good and huge, success — **Mistletoe, jingle bells, mistletoe, gifts for**



all, and, oh, yes, mistletoe in plentiful amounts!

Father Julius now will have his own pipe and tobacco; Father Eddie shall be able to write out his Sunday sermons and possibly compose a few tunes to play on his harmonica; our beloved Pastor will have an aromatic Havana-blend smoke-screen about him.

**And from the grab-bag gifts received I can see that:**

Prez. Eisin will have enough pickled herrings to satisfy his "other" self. Jimmy's art with babies should be greatly improved since he received little blue bonnetted Elmer. Katie Sykes ability as an equestrienne will be better than fair by Spring after practising all winter on her "hobby horse." And I wonder if Dot Faiza finds the El Dorados as tasty as Pastor does. I've recently noted, also, that Chuck Misger's complexion is the glowing peaches and cream kind — I guess that complexion cream and powder is good.

A great moment it was when the Council presented a gift for being the **Most Active Fellow** for the year to **Jerry K. su.** who earnestly merited it. The gift to the Most Active Girl for the year? Well, blushing and in a modest, modulated voice — I received it. Jerry and I never believed we could be so nervously excited and happy as we were at that moment. Again, thanks, and, sincerely we shall try to surpass our past accomplishments.

On **Christmas Eve** the vicinity of St. Anthony's Parish was resounding with harmonious (?) tones of the traditional Silent Night, Holy Night for our K of L Carolers were again doing their bit to spread Xmas cheer and joy. It was regretful, however, that we couldn't get to the homes of all members but, believe us, even though we missed your homes we thought of you all.

The turnout for December Communion Sunday was splendid and some of the speeches at the breakfast were the best we've had — all extemporaneous and only a minute long, — ah, for more and more like those in the future.

What the new year has in store for Council 14 and all the K of L's we don't any of us know yet. But we do know that whatever problems or perplexities it may pre-

sent to us we'll overcome all of them and our conquest shall be victorious **for we've got our God in our hearts and our Country in mind!!!**  
Ay. Ay. Ess.

**HARRISON-KEARNY, N. J.**  
**Council 90**

**Looking Back At 1941....**

It was at this time of the year that our bowling teams, the Juniors and the Seniors, were having their battles within the N. Y. — N. J. District Bowling League and the Council 90's Tuesday Nite Bowling League was also going in full swing.

Our council was greatly honored in April at a Testimonial Banquet held at Hotel Winfield - Scott in Elizabeth, N. J., when Fourth Degree medals were bestowed upon eleven members from our council.

It was in the month of May that we had our Annual Mothers' Day Communion Breakfast. The entertainment furnished by the children of the Parish instructed by the Sisters of St. Francis helped in making the Communion Breakfast a success.

We held a successful Spring Dance in May and it was in May that six of our members were inducted into the Third Degree in Linden.

In July many traveled to Kenilworth, where they enjoyed themselves at the district picnic.

Lithuanian (Bingle) Bingo was held in August. Surprising how many could really speak good Lithuanian when one has to pay a fine if caught speaking in any other language than Lithuanian.

"Belle Meade Picnic" came in August when we were guests of the Newark Council and from which happy memories still echo to us.

National Convention in Pittsburgh will always stand out as the outstanding event in August to those members who traveled to that famous city for the Convention.

In October we had our ride to Klem's farm for a real "Long Island Duck Dinner" and a "Weenie Roast."

October was a lucky month for the Juniors for they conquered the Seniors two out of three games in bowling.

November brought us the Tur-

key Trot and the Turkey Raffle.

On December 8, 1941, the last meeting of the past year, new officers for the coming year were elected. We are proud to announce that the office of President is filled by Rookie Barsauckas, while his associate as Vice-President is Sue Dasker. Helen Savalonis has retained the office of Recording Secretary for the second year, and so have Ann Klem as Financial Secretary and Mae Zigmant as the Treasurer.

Even though all our New Year's resolutions have already been made, let's make one more. — Give our new executive board every possible cooperation. We have the leaders, now let us all get in step and make this the best year ever. This is our Silver Anniversary year and so we have to prove ourselves worthy of the twenty-five years existence of our lodge.

Looking back over the past year — we can boast without a shade of doubt that it was really an outstanding year, socially and financially, under the competent leadership of President Peter Velevas with Vice-President Rookie Barsauckas as his assistant. The executive board gave their support and so did most of the members.

Reviewing briefly the events of the past year — It was in January that our monthly publication, Bright (Knight) Lites, made its initial appearance. It has succeeded in creating and maintaining an atmosphere of keen interest in our local K of L activities and also of the neighboring councils' activities. It has brought our family of members together in a spirit of more intimate understanding of mutual problems.

In January our annual dance was held under the guidance of an all-men committee which proved to be a great success.

It was in November that our famous "Gay Nineties Dance" held at "Jerry's" turned out to be a grand success in spite of the burning of the New Casino Hall two nights before the night of the dance.

Charles Paulauskas was elected Assemblyman to the New Jersey Senate from our county.

Also remember the Theater Parties to New York City and the after-the-meeting socials held during the year in the form of May Par-



ty — Quiz Contest — Movies — Xmas Party — etc.

So much for 1941 and looking ahead into 1942, we are already planning to attend the Testimonial Banquet for Father Kemėzis to be held at Hotel Winfield-Scott in Elizabeth on January 10. We are anxious to see the outcome of the Junior-Senior bowling match on January 11 and to attend the "Victory" social following the match. Plans for our annual Spring Dance are already under way. April 25 is the date of the dance.

Considering the leaders we have and the many plans that are being made, this year — Silver Anniversary Year — should prove to be a year that we will be proud of always.

**The Blazers.**

**NEWARK, N. J.  
Council 29**

Still limp from the holiday season, our council was host to the District Convention on January 4th. In spite of the bad weather, the District was well represented. Those who attended were fortunate to view the motion picture on the Mass, which I am sure everyone enjoyed. We would like to thank the District Forum Committee who honored us by showing it here.

The council's congratulations are extended to the former Ann Walukonis who has found wedded bliss with a Kearnyite.

Not far behind is Fran Bernot whose engagement to Joe Grimm was announced on Christmas Day. Boy, what a sparkler!

Al Butvidas, our flying member, has also taken the first step by placing an engagement ring on the finger of Violet Ludvinaitis of Linden.

Our hard working district spiritual adviser, Father Kemėzis, was given a well deserved testimonial dinner January 10th. In behalf of the council I extend congratulations, and may he continue to guide us through these stormy days.

**Among Ourselves —**

A sight: Superman Tony A. taking 10 steps at a time New Year's Eve.

Be careful Billy Bingle, or the government will requisition your "Stanley Steamer."

Where are Emily B., Hilda, and Iggy keeping themselves?

Bowling team standings first

round: Whites 3rd; Blues still in league.

Why did Tony A. give Petty girl calendars to some of the boys for Christmas — does he think they are wolves? He may be right.

L. G. N., please come home to our affairs.

I believe George M. and Jo D. will soon test whether 2 can live as cheaply as one — if Uncle Sam doesn't test George sooner.

If Eve P. develops her bowling as fast as she developed her line, she'll be a champ in 6 months.

Marge, how about spreading a little sunshine in our vicinity in these cloudy days?

Jo Demskis claims she rolled 180. Is that one game or a three game series?

Pale visitors turn red from embarrassment when they see the radiant look on Tessie.

In closing, the council and I wish to thank Eleanor Verba for her excellent effort as correspondent in the past year.

**Buy Bonds.**

**WILL YOU GET YOUR  
ONE NEW MEMBER  
DURING THIS MEMBER-  
SHIP DRIVE?**

**OMAHA, NEBR.  
Council 66**

At a recent meeting of Council 66, the following officers were elected: President — Edward Labanauskas; Vice President — Henry Shudinis; Recording Secretary — Virginia Bazar; Financial Secretary — Bernard Kinsella (reelected); Treasurer — Frances Pakenis (re-elected); Sergeant-at arms — Ann Kusleika; Publicity — Josephine Sabatis.

Here's for a successful year!

**Party Scenes —**

Drinks and eats were plentiful at the Holiday party held on Dec. 27 at the "Ole Fisher Store."

Our hats are all off to that swell person, Jenny Nepodal, one of our most helpful members. Boy! can that girl prepare the grub!

Speaking of helpful members, Hank Shudinis, shares in the glory, but then maybe he doesn't mind going after and taking the girls home. Huh, Hank?

Betcha there were no lingering good nites said when Ed L. took Agnes home. Phew! those onions!

Johnny Bazar should wear lipstick more often, its very becoming! Don't you think so, Frannie?

**Congrats to:**

Walter Urdevinis for furnishing such swell music.

Alice Kusleika for starting the Conga line.

Frank Pakenis for giving the girls a break with his polkas.

Ann Kusleika and Peter Balters for their lovely skating exhibition — Hi Ho, Sliver!

**Mystery Solved:**

Everyone was wondering why Vic, Johnnie and Eddie were saving Airy Bubble Soap wrappers. Now we know — they all presented their girls with Bulovas for Christmas! "Jo"

**CHICAGO, ILL.  
Council 112**

After careful deliberation on the ability, efficiency, and past records of all our members, there was no time wasted on agreeing that Florence Eisin was to be our newly elected President. The other officers elected are as follows: Vice President — Al Kress; Second Vice President — Wally Raginis; Secretary — Lucille Rauba; Treasurer — Mickey Brennan; Financial Secretary — Jack Juozaitis; Athletic Directors (for boys) Al Grebliunas; (for girls) Vicky Brennan; Trustees — Gloria Kliauga and Charles Rumsas; Correspondent — Eleanor Plenis; Sergeant At Arms — Richard Mikal.

Our X-mas party seemed to be a great success, seeing all those pleased faces after receiving their package out of the "Grab Bag." Especially Herman Pudge when he received that gorgeous rubber dolly with all the "trimmings." Take good care of her, Herman?

I wonder why Richard Mikal always suggests "Eisin's" when asked where to go. Would you really like to know what he and Boodie were drinking that night during the meeting? Well, it was MILK — Yes, I said MILK.

As I was digging into the activities of my fellow members, I find that our dear friend Edward Player is a very efficient chaperon. Are you open for hiring?

What were you doing at midnight on New Year's Eve? Can you imagine Johnny Simutis sitting in the corner all by himself and



sniffing while the others???? He's Got It Bad and That Ain't Good.

Tony Vaisnor didn't want to miss a thing on New Year's Eve. He celebrated 1942 to 1952 inclusive. After that why shouldn't it have been warm waiting for Ruthie?

From now on you can call Gloria Kliauga the "Coastguard Sweetheart." She certainly is doing her share. They were seen at the Aragon and later at Palm Grove Inn. Gosh! He looked contented. Do you blame him?

What happened to that lip of yours Al Grebliunas? Yep, New Year's Eve certainly can do a lot of damage, especially when you have to take time out to shave while a beautiful girl is waiting for you. Anything might happen.

#### Condolences:

The members of Council 112 wish to extend their deepest sympathies to Bernice Adams on the recent death of her beloved father.

Me

#### WESTFIELD, MASS. Council 30

The highlight of our last meeting was the election of officers. Tommy Walski will preside over our future meetings. Helen Samulevich has been elected as vice-president while Benny Atkocaitis will assume duties as treasurer. Anne Jegelewicz has been unanimously re-elected to serve as secretary. We all wish the officers the best of luck and pledge our cooperation during the coming year.

A buzz of activity is heard around the clubrooms as preparations get under-way to stage a new Lithuanian play. Gladys Jegelewicz and Joseph Miller are in charge of production. Dust off those neglected make-up kits, boys and lets go!

The play rooms are always occupied by members seeking diversion. Billiard and table tennis matches are very much in evidence, the later being more popular. Even our spiritual adviser Rev. Vincent Puidokas is no slouch with a paddle.

#### The Club Is Talking About:

The recent drubbing of the boys bowling combine at the hands of our girls. The boys were so sure of a dinner at the expense of the

femmes. Was it worth the effort, girls? The boys want a return match. Heh, heh!

The episode at the local bowling alleys where Twerp S. mourned the loss of a perfectly good pair of trousers at the hands of Joe J. and Tommy W. Ask him about it.

The frequent visits of Paul S. at Julia J's house. But we know better than to believe his story that he goes there to see Tony. Lucky guy!

The happy birthday to you, via the Western Union received by Charlie Jutkiewicz (Jutkiewicz). Some former flame in Worcester, I hear. Hope Birdie doesn't read this.

By the way, Hartford, do you know a beautiful blonde by the name of Jo Gramis? One of our boys recently went to one of your dances and met this lovely apparition. His ravings are slowly driving us bugs. Please, if you can help us in the matter, send any information to —

Elmer.

#### MASPETH, N. Y. Council 110

**(This correspondence received too late for the December issue, is inserted this month, because we believe it has not lost its timeliness. — Editor.)**

By the time this goes to press, the Maspeth Knights will have moved into their new club-rooms. The location is still Remsen Place, but our new residence will be across the street from our former quarters. We expect to be comfortably settled very shortly, and invite all our friends and fellow knights to pay us a visit when in the neighborhood.

Our thanks to you all for attending our Village Barn Dance. Such complete cooperation as was received at this affair, is very gratifying. To Stephen Charneski, the "capable parson," our most sincere appreciation for a job well-done. And to all the fellas and gals who lent their physical aid — thanks.

Did you know that Joe Augie, that capable President of the New York—New Jersey District is an expert baker? You should sample his ginger cookies. Yum, yum!!!! Joe is also the proud possessor of

the largest personal library these two eyes have ever feasted upon.

A year ago, Johnny Wezwick convinced Hanky Yocis that she was his future. And now, on January 10th, her sister Frances will marry Michael Wezwick. Nice going, you guys... To Frannie and Mike, our best wishes for a happy life together.

Last month, I mentioned that we would again follow our annual custom of writing to a fellow knight. But at our last meeting it was decided to forego this practise at this time. Still, as this is my last column, I would like to write to my favorite knight now....

Dearest Friend:

The night is so very cold that I look around instinctively for my pen, to write to you. When I write to you, you know, it is as if I were warming my hands at the flames of your delightful personality. For I conjure up a picture of you, to pretend I am actually speaking to you.

You are sitting here with me and the lights are low — as low as you like to have them — so low I can scarcely see this paper in the dimness.

I know you would like to stroke the cat. It is so sleepy and demure, and it yawns so distractingly. Ho hum!

But I mustn't become drowsy myself. I want to tell you of what I am thinking.

I am thinking of what I should like for Christmas.

I should like to see you hanging shining things on a thickly-green tree. I should like to watch you while you listened to small boys singing hymns. And I should so enjoy seeing the valiant look on your face when confronted with incongruous gifts from certain blundering persons.

I am thinking, too, how like the more interesting characters of novels you are. So different from the majority of those I come in contact with, and my own dear, prosaic family. People who go about determinedly conventional, determinedly casual, and shockingly commonplace!

But I have forgotten that you dislike stroking almost as much as my extraordinary cat does,

Good-night, my knight.

"Green Grass"



## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

District Convention held January 4, 1942, with Newark Council as hosts. Rev. Kemėžis and local president P. Podgalsky expressed a few appropriate words to delegates and guests.

Father Kemėžis reported a total of 40 K of L's in the U. S. Army. Each council is requested to send names and addresses of these boys to Rev. Kemėžis.

An early reminder — Reserve June 21st as a date at Patrylow's Grove, Kenilworth, at which time the K of L Day Picnic will be held.

Testimonial Dinner and Dance in honor of Father Kemėžis, the District's Spiritual Adviser, which was held January 10th, proved to be very successful. Charles Bason and Anne Augustis were the recipients of a gift awarded by the Special Honors Committee as the most active boy and girl of the District for the past several years.

The following resolution was drawn by the body and sent to Pres. Roosevelt with reference to the present war crisis:

"We, the K of L of the New York and New Jersey District, an organization composed of American Youth of Lithuanian descent, assembled at a convention in Newark, N. J., January 4, 1942, have resolved to go on record with principles and pronouncements of the Government of the United States, under the capable leadership of our beloved President, be it resolved that;

Furthermore, we are prepared to give unflinching aid both materially and morally in the prosecution of this war in defense of our beloved land.

Be it further known that there are 40 members of this District serving in the armed forces at the present time and many more are prepared to serve under the Stars and Stripes."

Convention closed with prayer, led by Rev. Kemėžis and refreshments served by the local Council. After the big "feed" the Forum Committee introduced Mr. Carl Munson, who exhibited a moving picture on the Mass. The picture was explained in detail and enjoyed very much by the audience. Mr. Munson is a member of the Speakers Bureau of the Centre

Club in New York City, a promoter of retreats for men and is active in promoting Catholic action. He has given lectures all over Metropolitan New York for the last five years.

Definite date for the next convention has not been decided. It will most likely be in Brooklyn, at which time the Communion Breakfast will also be held. However, Councils will be notified correctly.

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## GREAT NECK, L. I. Council 109

Dear Anne and Tony:

Things certainly have changed since my last letter, haven't they? The shores of our little town here pointing out into the waters of L. I. Sound directly across from several large fortifications are well protected these days with artillery units. It seems strange to see Army vehicles filled with Uncle Sam's boys riding thru the middle of the town to their respective encampments. And gee, so many familiar faces are missing from the various doings lately. "All out for Victory" is the answer. Charles Budris' special jobs for Uncle Sam keep him away from home so much of the time, that Millie has to think twice to realize she has a husband these days. Millie Kens Karazia and Starcey Wesey are experiencing the same — what with their hubbies working for the Defense Program and attending school after hours. Because of this fact Stan Sosaris has discontinued his basketball activities. Albie Lazaunik, first enlistee from our group, has joined Uncle Sam's forces. Incidentally, Frank Glatke and Charles Bukunt, former members are also in Uncle Sam's group — the Army and Navy respectively. Stan TT. has given up his business for the present and has joined the shipbuilding industry way out at the end of Long Island. Stanley Bukunt (heap big man) has received final instructions and is now a full fledged air raid warden ready to do right by the gals. Mary Lazaunik quite active with Red Cross and USO activities at Rockefeller Center. Janie Glatke wearing her heart on her sleeve for her "Bob," who now wears 3 stripes on his sleeve but still prefers to be called plain Bob by his newly acquired group of GN

friends. Tony Garro's beaming face these days is due to Jill's infatuation. The nursery in their new home is almost completed for the expected newcomer. Mary Garro's beaming face is due to frequent dating with a local gendarme. Helen Madalize who has been spending most of her time bowling is now the proud possessor of a "200" bowling pin. Don't ask her how she did it. But practice sure makes perfect. The 4 Bleurys who are here, there, and everywhere were in quite a stew over Xmas cards. Apparently the rum indulged during the holidays was a repetition of their Canadian summer jamboree. The next time you see Anne Karris take a look at the sparkler given to her by Ed Pelkot. It sure is a honey. Haven't seen Cot Yuska for days and days and days, so can't answer your questions. Ray Bart, between Roosevelt Field and his new heart-throb, has no time whatsoever left over for K of L activities. Me thinks Mary's frequent visits to Jersey will benefit her in more ways than one, don't you?

Frances Zorski's marital plans were disrupted when "Jerry" was called to U. S. Naval duties. Poor kid, she's so worried not knowing where he is etc. Haven't seen her brother around for quite some time now, neither Mary Wesey or Anne Sosaris who haven't attended one meeting of the Sewing Club. Helen Blusonis and Frannie Glatke have turned to the finer things of life it seems, frequenting the Opera, listening to radio operettas and classical recordings. By the way Frannie's collection of these records is worth listening to. Gee, Anne and Tony, we're sure looking forward to seeing you at our dance the 17th — hope this sub-zero weather doesn't continue and keep the crowd away. I really don't have any more to tell you right now — oh, yes, we had elections and I knew you'd be interested in knowing the results,

Pres. — Al Wesey (unanimously re-elected 4th time); Vice Pres. — Ed. Pelkot; Treas. — Anne Sosaris; Fin. Sec. — John Masulis (unanimously re-elected 2nd time after having served 2 years previously); Sgt.-at-Arms: Starcey Wesey and Mary Garro (one couldn't outbeat the other); Rec. Sec. — Helen Blusonis (unanimously re-elected 2nd time).

Snichee



### MASPETH Council 110

Flash!... here is the latest news and views presented for your edification and enjoyment by ye olde Maspeth Reporter.

Echoes of 1941 — Christmas has come and gone leaving everyone full of cheerful spirit and good will towards all with one or two exceptions such as Hitler, Muss, and Hirohito. Let's keep that smile on our face — it encourages others to smile.

Tis rumored that Jules Kleizo and Bill Volutsky were in town during the holidays. Also, 'tis rumored that the Army had indigestion until they returned to Camp. Both boys are now cooks for Uncle Sam. (Come up and see me sometime — teach me how to bake an apple pie).

In my wanderings, I heard some New Year's Resolutions being passed... such as, Mary Augie — not to be shy,

Tessie Wezwick — to have a darn good time in 1942,

Stephie Vasalka — Ditto,

Millie Stalkus — not to be caught napping so often,

Pat Kersulis — to succeed in establishing a Bachelor's Club (for women),

Slim Kober — to limit himself to three drinks,

Al Wezwick — to love all the girls — 'bless em!

Ann Wezwick — to be as good as she was last year,

Johnny Wezwick — to help Ann keep her resolution,

Charlie Bason — to keep last year's resolutions.

Further reports have been filtering in concerning New Year's activities. Seems that Millie Stalkus ushered in the New Year out in the wilds of Jersey. (Confidentially, she had a swell time due to the efforts of certain Elizabeth boys). All other Maspethites aided the New Year Baby to make his bow with proper ceremony in Maspeth. Shame on the Baby — he was very wet!

Two of our most popular members are to be joined in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony on January 10th. Congratulations and best wishes to Frances Yocis and Michael Wezwick. Mike was given a surprise bachelor party on January 3rd. It was a regular re-union between the Knights and those who had drifted away. (I wonder if

what I hear about bachelor parties is true?). Frankie was also given a surprise shower by the girls. Refreshments were exceptionally good and we had more fun without men. Ask us about what we did.

If the icy blasts of winter bother you — attend one of our meetings. I assure you that when the discussions wax hot and heavy, they are sufficient to dispel any stray shivers that might grip you.

A belated HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Maspeth Knights to all our friends.  
**Athena.**

### JERSEY CITY, N. J. Council 124

Hello again! — Since our council hasn't as yet held its election of officers for 1942, "Black Knight" has the privilege of bringing you this month's news from Jersey City.

First of all, we'd like Charles Bason to know his little group from Jersey City is very proud of him. He more than deserved the honors bestowed upon him at the testimonial dinner held in Elizabeth. Just how far Charlie would go towards helping the K of L's can be judged by the fact that he took off several hours from work in order to attend a recent K. of L. meeting.

Getting away from business we'd like to congratulate a recently engaged couple! — Margaret Bason and Casimir Rozger of Pittsburgh.

Victor surprised us by visiting his home town recently. It was good to see you again, Vic, and we hope the boys showed you a good time when they took you out.

Johnny S. is still talking about the swell time he had at the parish's New Year's Eve Party. The local boys overcame their shyness and most of them escorted Jersey City girls to the affair.

The Debs stopped over at St. George's, Newark, on New Year's Eve and then left for ???

Tony V. and Marian are enjoying each other's company very much, but don't "tell it to the marines."

Joe Sable's latest tune hit is "I'm a Little Teapot."

Latest pastime at Virginia Dare meetings is wrestling, with Jo Jo still the champ.

To the people who are already planning St. Valentine's Day pranks, our advice is — "Be good."

Just a word about the grand bowling socials going on. Everybody has a nice time and now and then we win a game.

Don't let the cold weather keep you from attending meetings. Remember, boys and girls we have a cozy kitchen back of the hall and there's room for each one of you around the furnace.

G'bye now

**"Black Knight"**

### NEW YORK, N. Y. Council 12

No year can start without questions of some sort roaming around in our members heads, like this: Why are Al Y and Hank K always so anxious to go to Brooklyn? Could there be a lassie involved? Is that stardust in Helen P's and Hank K's eyes? Johanna's eyes can hold no stardust for Hank like they once did, can they Jo? Those daggers in your eyes are sure enough things you use as substitutes. Can it be that Tony is turning out to be a lady killer? Watch out Tony, Frank S is also a bashful boy! Ann Lekis, why do you attach so much mystery to that furlough man of yours, why don't you bring him around sometime? Sylvester has been seen with a girl; who is she, Silver? To Stanley M of Newark: Kindly straighten this out; who was holding hands, Stella or Johanna? Say Irene, do you always talk your way into a ride home?

Two of our former members, Joe Kascenaitis and Vincent Zalis paid us a visit while on their furlough. Thanks for remembering us, boys.

You should see Steve, our photographic fiend, roam around trying very hard to get unposed pictures; by the way, did you see little Annie's pic, the one where she hugs the keg?

We'll have plenty of time to pry into your affairs, but never-the-less we have contrived the idea of having a Vytis collection box on the table on our platform. When a hot piece of gossip sizzles through your noodle, just drop it into the welcoming arm of this little box. And here's hoping that before the next deadline of Vytis, that little box on the table will have plenty to say.

So until the next time, just call us the :

**Cute Kids.**

— V y t i s



**PROVIDENCE, R. I.**  
Council 103

Greetings, my fellow knights! The Providence Council has returned to activity, and now you will see in writing the announcement of coming affairs.

Well, here are the officers for the new year:

Pres. — Florino Taraska; V. Pres. — Mary Gudas; Sec. — Josephine Matusa; Treas. — Helen Boris; Trustees — Mary Avizinis and Theresa Juska; Corres. — Julia Mecinas and Margaret Werbicki.

To show that our council has truly resolved to be more active during the coming year, we are planning to hold a dance the early part of Feb. Our plans for this gala affair are still incomplete but we hope that all you members of nearby councils will hop into your buggies and come out to make this affair a success. The time and place will be announced later.

Yow — Gee, did something bite me or is my imagination as great as that. Well, it must be someone telling me to close for I'm just a bit too talkative for the first time.

So until next month when you hear from me,

So long....

Daisy Mae & Shadow

**First Lieut. Alphonse Paulekas**

Father Paulekas, of New York, well-known to K. of L's, is now First Lietutenant Paulekas, Chaplain of the 94th Coast Artillery, Camp Davis, North Carolina.

Father Paulekas writes that he intends to resume writing for VYTIS as soon as he gets settled.

Father reminds us, incidentally, to tell the girls to note that a cross on the lapel of an army officers uniform denotes a Chaplain (Catholic or Protestant). Sometimes vivacious girls, unmindful of the cross or its meaning, but mindful of the fascination a uniform holds for them, get a bit flustered and red-cheeked when they find out that the smilingly amused officer listening to their gay chatter is a priest or minister.

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**1941 LITHUANIAN IMMIGRATION  
INTO THE U. S.**

A total of 121 Lithuanian immigrants were admitted to the United States during 1941. This number comprises those Lithuanians who came to this country for permanent residence, within the quota assigned for Lithuania. It does not include politic refugees or those who are here on temporary visiting, teaching, or students visas.

The total 1941 immigration figure — 51,776 — gives some interesting comparisons. Perhaps the most surprising figure is the number of Jewish immigrants — all evidently refugees from anti-Semitic persecution throughout Europe. Almost one half of the complete total — 23,737 — is comprised of Jews. The next highest is English, — 6,115. Other interesting figures: French — 3,283; Germans — 2,154; Irish and Scotch — 3,748; Russians — 940; Italians — 696; Polish — 686; Finns — 366; Negroes — 229.

**\$834,000 HOUSING PROJECT  
IN LITHUANIAN COLONY**

The Chicago Housing authority announces that the site has been purchased and plans completed for the immediate construction of a huge federal housing project in Bridgeport, Chicago, — "the Kaunas of America." The project, which will comprise 144 dwellings will be located in the site bounded by 31st St. — 32nd St., and Lituania Ave. — Halsted St.

**IT DEPENDS ON YOUR  
VIEWPOINT**

Booksellers who think their troubles are unique, should take heart from the plaint I heard the other evening from one of the town's prominent undertakers. His grumbling about the state of his business surprised me. "I can't see," I said, "what the war or anything else can have done to affect your line. After all, people go right on dying, don't they?" "That just shows how a layman can misunderstand!" he answered sourly. "Why, do you know there are ten thousand pneumonia patients walking the streets of New York this very minute, fully cured, who'd have been dead as doornails if it hadn't been for that damn sulphanilimide!"

— Bennett A. Cerf,

Pres. — Random House

**CENTRO FINANSU RAPORTAS**  
Gruodžio 1941

Priimta: Phyllis Grendal

C-6	Hartford, Conn. ....	3.80
C-7	Waterbury, Conn. ....	1.20
C-10	Athol, Mass. ....	1.79
C-14	Cicero, Illinois ....	8.00
C-17	So. Boston, Mass. ....	15.40
C-18	Cambridge, Mass. ....	.60
C-26	Worcester, Mass. ....	5.62
C-27	Norwood, Mass. ....	4.60
C-29	Newark, N. J. ....	8.50
C-52	Elizabeth, N. J. ....	5.50
C-61	Paterson, N. J. ....	1.00
C-62	Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	1.60
C-67	Bayonne, N. J. ....	18.60
C-90	Harrison-Kearny, N. J. ....	7.40
C-96	Dayton, Ohio ....	7.83
C-109	Great Neck, N. Y. ....	1.20
C-113	Linden, N. J. ....	5.50
C-116	So. Worcester, Mass. ....	2.84
C-129	Shenandoah, Pa. ....	2.00
		\$102.98

**ATTENTION TO ALL MEMBERS**

1. Pay your dues for 1942.

2. Easy is the task when many share the toil.

3. Won't you start the 1942 season right by getting at least one new member to join the K. of L.

4. Do your share of the toil and the task will be easy.

5. The Knights of Lithuania plan a year of action. It can accomplish its purposes only if all its members will work for the best interests of all the Knights of Lithuania.

6. To make the 30th Anniversary a banner year, we are calling your attention to check with your Council secretary, the date when you last paid dues. Reminders are being mailed to individuals who are in arrears. Article VI, par. 9 of the Constitution reads: "A member whose monthly dues are unpaid for three months is suspended. After six months he is discharged from the organization, and 'Vytis' is mailed only to fully-paid member."

7. If there are members who are entitled to "Vytis," and for some reason have not been receiving it, please notify your secretary.

Phyllis Grendal,

Supreme Council Fin. Secretary,  
366 West Broadway,  
So. Boston, Mass.



### 30th NATIONAL K. OF L. CONVENTION

Council 52, Elizabeth, N. J., which will be hosts to the National Convention this Summer, announces the selection of the following committee, which will be in charge of the Convention:

**Chairman:** Alphonse Vaiculevich.

**Secretaries:** Mrs. John Zalapukas, 229 Bond St., Elizabeth, N. J., and Josephine Adomaitis, 304 Highland Ave., Orange, N. J.

**Treasurer:** Miss Anne Mitchell.

**Social Chairman:** John Gedman.

**Arrangement Committee:** Xavier Josephs.

**Publicity:** Anne Mitchell and Steven Potts.

For information concerning the Convention, write to the Secretaries. They are ready to co-operate with all Councils and individuals.

Information concerning rates for ads in the Program Book may be secured from the Secretaries.

### BARN DANCE

sponsored by

**Council 124, Jersey City, N. J.**

**Saturday evening, January 31, 1942**

at

**St. Anne's Parish Hall**

**Grand & Manning Avenues**

**Jersey City, N. J.**

### PRE-LENTEN BALL

(UŽGAVĖNIŲ BALIUS)

sponsored by

**Council 36, Chicago, Illinois**

**Tuesday evening, February 17, 1942**

at

**Immaculate Conception Parish Hall**

**44th & California Aves.**

### CHICAGO DISTRICT CHORUS

REHEARSAL

Every Tuesday, 8:00 P.M. at the Lithuanian Auditorium, 3133 So. Halsted St.

You are cordially invited to join the Chorus and take part in its musical program.

### Knights of Lithuania Chicago District Ladies Bowling League Standing

(Including games of Jan. 8, 1942)

Team	W	L	HG	HS	HG	HS
1. Town of Lake	20	7	725	2035	865	2433
2. Bridgeport	15	12	748	1992	881	2447
3. Brighton "A"	15	12	720	1951	863	2380
4. North Side	12	15	618	1726	803	2299
5. Brighton "B"	12	15	631	1762	834	2301
6. Marquette	7	20	622	1628	838	2291

#### High Game without handicap —

Bridgeport — 748; Town of Lake — 725.

#### High Series without handicap —

Town of Lake — 2035; Bridgeport — 1992.

#### High Game with handicap —

Bridgeport — 881; Town of Lake — 865.

#### High Series with handicap —

Bridgeport — 2447; Town of Lake — 2433.

### INDIVIDUAL STANDING

(Including games of Jan. 8, 1942)

Name and Team	G	HG	HS	Aver.
A. Manst, N. S.	3	190	448	149.1
T. Daresh, Bri. "A."	27	190	446	141.2
S. Jesulaitis, T of L	27	171	448	139.5
A. Yucus, T of L.	27	175	436	135.3
J. Gaidis, Bridgeport	27	190	499	134.21
B. Watkins, Bridge.	27	168	445	132.23
V. Brennan, Marq.	27	183	429	126.17
M. Yudeik, No. Side	6	154	383	126.2
A. Ambrose, T of L.	27	166	410	125.15
H. Shimkus, T of L	27	159	430	125.11
H. Cherry, Bri. A.	24	167	457	124.9
H. Woicek, Bri. B.	24	157	429	122.20
E. Kawall, T of L.	27	157	443	120.23
A. Razbud, Bridge.	27	157	391	119.24
S. Gimbut, Bri. A	27	150	401	118.2
Adele Woicek, Bri. B.	27	159	386	116.14
S. Tenzie, Bridge.	27	162	396	116.5
A. Junes, Bridge.	27	163	396	115.15
A. Cherry, Bri. A.	24	163	398	114.9
M. Krakausky, Bri. A.	12	133	349	113.2
Ann Woicek, Bri. B.	12	152	359	108.9
S. Jucikas, Bri. B.	27	159	361	105.13
L. Rauba, Marq.	24	174	365	103.5
A. Kirstuk, No. Side	27	133	358	102.20
B. Adams, Marq.	9	125	315	102.5
C. Wesley, No. Side	27	131	351	98.18
A. Jatis, Marq.	27	168	336	98.11
H. Ruby, No. Side	8	116	299	97.3
V. Kraus, Bri. B.	27	131	334	90.9
B. Golbin, Marq.	15	114	293	81.9

#### High Game —

J. Gaidis, Bridgeport — 190; T. Daresh, Brighton "A." — 190; A. Manst, North Side — 190; V. Brennan, Marquette — 183.

#### High Series —

J. Gaidis, Bridgeport — 499; H. Cherry, Brighton "A." — 457.

Helen Cherry, Sec.