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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

His many friends among the K. of L's will be glad to hear that Sergeant Bronnie Skrickus, of Council 17, is home again, but will be sorry to hear that it was by way of a medical discharge. Nothing serious, however. Skrickus was deeply disappointed, but says he is glad that he can continue to serve his country on an assembly line in a defense plant. Anyway, welcome back home, Bronnie! Your country's cause will not lose you now, just as the K. of L's did not lose you when you enlisted.

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The condemned man ate a hearty breakfast... your editor has just finished smaking his lips over his last imaginary meal before the National Convention convenes.

Perhaps this may not be quite the time or place for it, but we feel that our soul will weigh us down less heavily, if we make an advance confession of guilt to the entire membership. We deeply regret to inform the K. of L's that

we had the misfortune to lose part of the minutes and all of the resolutions of last year's National Convention, which were entrusted to our care. Don't let our apparent levity give you the impression that we don't realize the seriousness of this lapse on our part. We mean it when we say we're genuinely sorry! And we are ready to humbly accept any official reprimand the Convention delegates may choose to send us.

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It seems that your editor was not alone in thinking it would not only be very decorative, but in general a good idea to put Miss Sophie Gimbut's (Member, Supreme Ritual Committee) picture on the cover of the June issue. One enthusiastic young man wrote in and commented: "Allow me to congratulate you on your excellent choice for the June cover. I believe this is one of the best issues you ever put out. In fact, it is THE best-because I'n framing the cover!" And a report reaches us that another Knight in the East wanted to buy up all the extra copies of that issue, so captivated was he by the front cover!

Your venerable editor chuckled in deep appreciation of this very understandable result of his last month's cover choice. So help him, if his editorial blithering can't elicit either orchards or bricks, he can always get an enthusiastic O. K. for an issue by putting a pretty girl's picture on the cover!

Speaking from a purely practical editor's viewpoint, and in the interests of boosting Vytis' circulation, we're almost tempted to hope that all the new Supreme Council officers for 1942-1943 will be girls!

Anyway, Sophie Gimbut, take a bow!

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We warn all correspondents again that Vytis will not permit its columns to be used as a clearing house for barbed, or otherwise catty, personal remarks, directed at some other member the correspondent dislikes for reasons that do not concern the organization.

Don't misunderstand us, — we love a good scrap. We'd like to have the members get fighting mad over K. of L. policies, and far from being an appeaser, your editor eagerly offers to hold anybody's coat and offers the use of Vytis as a battleground to settle, or at least air out, differences of opinion about policies that concern all of us. But there is something not quite cricket (to say the least) about a member taking personal pot-shots at somebody else behind the protecting screen of a pen-name.

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## 30th NATIONAL K. of L. CONVENTION

**30th NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
(Just around the corner)

**Hosts:** Knights of Lithuania Council 17, So. Boston, Mass.

**Time:** August 11 - 12 - 13, 1942.

**Place:** St. Peter's Lithuanian Church Hall, 492 East Seventh Street, South Boston, Mass.

**Registration:** Headquarters: Our clubrooms, 137 Emerson Street, South Boston, Mass. Registration of delegates and guests to start Sunday, August 9th, 4:00 P. M.

**Credentials:** Council and District delegates must present their mandate to the Convention, duly executed by the spiritual adviser, officers, and sealed. Council delegates participating in the Convention will have but one vote for every ten fully — paid up members at the Center. Districts may delegate only two representatives to the Convention.

**Purpose:** One of the purposes of a National Convention, aside from being a tradition and anniversary, is to give members from all over the States an opportunity to think and act together on the many problems confronting us. This group action is most important if we are to make greatest contribution. We also need this Convention for inspiration and stimulation. We shall be dependent on this year's Convention to help us accomplish our part in this Fight for Freedom. The South Boston Council, having a membership of nearly 200, is prepared to entertain each and every delegate and guest. Registration fee is \$8.00 per person, which will include lodging, luncheons and evening entertainments during the Convention Day. Please send in registration fees by the 7th of August to the Registration Committee. Starting Monday evening, August 10th, with an informal get-acquainted party for the delegates and guests, we Bostonians (Bean Town as known to many), will try to keep you entertained until you leave for your respective homes and with pleasant memories of the 30th National Convention. Dress for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening entertainments will be optional. We are looking forward to greeting you all, and in having a good representation from Districts and Councils.

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### Let's Go, Chicago!

The Chicago delegation at every National Convention in past years has always been outstanding for its size and for its active participation in and discussion of convention business. We would like to see Chicago continue its reputation for worthy representation.

While the war has undoubtedly affected working and travelling conditions considerably, since the plans for this Convention were first made, conditions are still favorable for an almost equal showing in attendance this year.

Vacations are still being given to workers. If you have a vacation coming up, try to make arrangements to take it so that you may attend the National K. of L. Convention in South Boston on August 11, 12 and 13.

We need not remind you that the problems facing the organization are greater and more critical than ever before, and that the attendance of every member possible is very important. We also need not remind you that the interests of the Chicago K. of L's will be protected at the Convention only in so far as the mid-western area is represented at South Boston.

"Vytis" has learned that a considerable number of Chicago delegates are already making plans to be present. We urge that as many as possible attend and make the Chicago district delegation large enough to be worthy of its position and activity in the organization.

Let's go, Chicago!

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY  
TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF  
CHARLES "CAP"  
MITCHELL  
MEMBER OF COUNCIL 90 HARRISON-  
KEARNY, N. J., WHO GAVE HIS LIFE  
IN DEFENSE OF HIS COUNTRY  
" V Y T I S "

# KVIEČIU SEIMAN

Sunki jūs vyčiai užduotis  
Pakrikusioj mūs išėivioj, —  
Bet kam priklausu ateitis,  
Tas sunkenybių nesibijo.

J. K.

Rugpiučio 11 — 13 dd. įvyksta Lietuvos Vyčių 30-tasis Seimas. Trisdešimtą kartą susirinę rinktiniausi vyčiai — delegatai mūsų organizacijos gyvųjų reikalų svarstyti. O tų reikalų daug. Vidurinis organizacijos stiprinimas, priemonių tikslui siekti tobulinimas ir, pagaliaus, ateinantiems metams darbų nustatymas — tai neišsemiamas šaltinis svarstytinų klausimų.

Kadangi dabar esame karo stovyje ir aplinkybės šiek tiek pasikeitę, todėl, kad šis seimas būtų sėkmingas ir vertas visų įdėtų pastangų, dar štai kas yra reikalinga.

— Pirmia, kad suvažiavę atstovai į Seimą sudarytų savo tarpe artimą draugiškumą — seimo veikimo pamatą. Suvažiavę delegatai iš keturių Amerikos šalių, aišku, kad turės įvairių minčių, kiekvienas turi savo pažiūras į gyvenimo problemas — taigi ir į Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos reikalus ir veikimą. Todėl labai svarbu, kad delegatai savo gerąsias mintis panaudotų organizacijos labui. Suprantama visos mintys ir sumanymai turi būti apvainikuoti rezoliucijomis. Rezoliucijos tai sėklos iš kurių galime tikėtis gerų vaisių.

Siaučiant žiauriajam karui, visų gerąsias ūpas paliestas — sužalotas, tame būry ir vyčiai, bet vyčio dvasia galinga, todėl turi ir mumyse ji gyvuoti. Kaip žinome, tą dvasią Lietuvos jaunimas parodė 1918 — 1920 metais. Tos vyčių dvasios pasekmes jūs gerai žinote: drąsiais žygiais iškovota Lietuvos Nepriklausomybė.

Dabar vėl istorija pasikartojo, vėl visas pasaulis liepsnoje. Tam sukuryje yra mums brangiausios šalys, Amerika ir Lietuva! Ar mes vyčiai parodysime savo vytišką dvasią vieningai? Aišku, kad parodysime susirinę į 30-tąjį Seimą. Ką Seime turėtume svarstyti? Pirmiausia turime apkalbėti kokiu būdu geriausiai galėtume prisidėti prie šio karo laimėjimo. Mano manymu, kiekvienoje vyčių kuopoje turėtume įsteigti komitetus, kurių tikslas būtų nuoširdžiai ir skubiai platinti apsigynimo bonus, karo ženklelius, prisidėti prie Raudonojo Kryžiaus veiklos ir, visais kitais būdais. Aišku mūsų narių bus daug pašaukti į kariuomenę, bet to negana, mes turime ir namuose dirbti — home defense. Vieninai dirbdami, iškovosime laisvę Lietuvai, visoms pavergtoms tautoms ir apginsime Amerikos laisvę ir garbę.

Kitas vėl svarbus dalykas. Kadangi, šis Seimas gal bus paskutinis iki baigsis karas, todėl turėsime save gerai apsidrausti, tam laikotarpiui. Turėsime apkalbėti "Vyties" leidimą, spaustuvės palaikymą ir visus kitus reikalus, kurie yra labai svarbūs organizacijos gyvavimui.

Kad viską gerai atlikti turėsime išrinkti pastovią ir gabią Centro Valdybą, kurie sugebėtų šiam momente organizaciją palaikyti gerame stovyje.

Turėdami tai omeny, kad reikalų labai daug ir, turėsime nutiesti gaires ateičiai visi skaitlingai turėtume dalyvauti šiame seime. Reiškiu vilties, kad kuopos skaitlingai atsiųs atstovus į seimą, o aš drįstu savo ir visų bostoniečių vardu, visus nuoširdžiausiai kviesti! Ypatingai kreipiu dėmesį į mūsų didžiai gerb. kunigus, kurie tiek daug nuoširdumo parodė vyčiams, tikiu, kad mūsų maloni dvasiški ja skaitlingai dalyvaus ir savo gerais patarimais pagelbės vyčiams savo reikalus išspręsti.

Teisingai pasakyti viršui J. K. žodžiai. Mums

priklausu ateitis, tad į ją drąsiai žiūrėkime ir eikime! Tą savo drąsą ir susidomėjimą ateitimi parodysime tik skaitlingai susirinę į Seimą.

Tad iki malonaus pasimatymo Seime!

Pranas Razvadauskas,

Liet. Vyčių Centro Pirmininkas

## Vyčių Istorijos Reikalu

Jau antri metai baigiasi, kaip renkama Vyčių Istorijai medžiaga. Tuo reikalu teko labai daug laišku parašyti. Vieni užduoda daug klausimų, nors visi reikalingi klausimai buvo atspausdinti laiškuose. Nuo daug kuopų raštininkų gavau medžiagą puikiai su tvarkyta; kiti prižadais dar gaivina viltį. Vienok, nors antri metai jau baigiasi ir daugybė laišku buvo pasiųsta, visgi yra daug tokių, kurie per tą visą laiką nei vienu žodžiu neatsiliepė. Nemetu kaltę kuopoms, nes tai raštininkų reikalas. O dėl susidariusių aplinkybių, negalima taip pat visą kaltę suversti ant raštininkų. Daugelis iš jų ir abelnai narių tarnauja Dėdei Samui. Todėl, jaučiu pareigą atsisaukti šiuo reikalu per Organą.

Turiu gana daug medžiagos net ir iš tokių kuopų, kurios jau negyvuoja. Abelnai iš visų kuopų veiklos pasirodo, kad Vyčių nuveiktas milžiniškas darbas. Vargiai yra kitos lietuviškos organizacijos prilygti.


Šiuomi kreipiuos į visus buvusius Centro Valdybos narius, redaktorius, kuopų valdybų narius, ir kitus, kad ir neturėjusius paskirtų pareigų, bet savo uolumu kuom galėję bendradarbiavusius ir rėmusius Vyčių Organizaciją. Visų labai prašau atmenant tuos malonius laikus, trumpai surašyti ir prisiųsti. Prašau taipgi padaryti dvi kopijas, kadangi saugumo dėlei taip pat dviejuose rinkiniuose.

Rinkimas medžiagos yra begalo sunkus. Pervėlai užsilikusios kuopos gali likti nepaminėtos, kadangi niekas negali užtvirtinti rytojų. Surinkę pilną Istorijos medžiagą, galėsime kada nors džiaugtis savo organizacijos nuveiktų darbų prisiminimais, ir mūsų visuomenė galės taip pat džiaugtis mūsų veikimu. Gerai suprantate ir žinote ką reiškia Istorija.

Lauksiu, brangūs Vyčiai, Jūsų malonaus kooperavimo.

M. A. Norkūnas,

Box 371, Lawrence, Mass.



"We cannot have all we want if our soldiers and sailors are to have all they need."  
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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## Concerning Council 52 and the Convention

We believe that the matter of Council 52's "cancellation" of the 1942 Convention has picked up so much dead wood and has become so choked with rumor, unjust accusations and wild speculation, that in all justice to our Elizabeth Council, it is time for a considerable amount of pruning and trimming of the subject.

We want to stress that the conclusions we have arrived at have been the result of privately gleaned, but thoroughly reliable information. No official word has come to us from the officers of Council 52. Nevertheless, we have taken the liberty to attempt to remove some of the unjust stigma from Council 52, which it has been, for some strange reason, SILENTLY bearing.

To begin with, we would like to print a typical statement, received from a member of Council 52, concerning the Convention, which is a striking example of the spirit of poor sportmanship, and contradiction of the true fraternal spirit of the K. of L's on the part of an individual, which is to blame for the misunderstanding. We happen to know that this statement does NOT reflect the spirit and attitude of Council 52, which it implies that it does.

It reads as follows:

"I know that it must seem rather out of place for someone from the Elizabeth Council to write about the Convention, but here goes anyway.

Now that the "Dangerous Precedent" no longer exists. I'm sure the Supreme Council can feel very proud. Most Conventions are held for business purposes, but the main object of those attending seems to be fun. It is nice to have a lot of fun right now. Of course, no one will use their cars and burn precious gas, or wear out their tires — no, not much! Workers will go on working as usual, but might miss a day or two. So what? The Convention is more important. Vacation? I've heard of the word, but right now most of us have scrapped our plans for a good time.

Council 52 is certainly disappointed — to the extent of some of our girl members shedding hidden tears of disappointment — and why not? The Convention was planned with expenditure of much work, time, and money. But now that we have looked at it from the viewpoint of some of our members in the service, it seems to have been the best thing to do. I'm sure we don't have to apologize for not holding the Convention. — THE RAJAH".

This statement is so glaring in its inconsistencies, its attempted misrepresentation of the motives of the Supreme Council, its accusations of lack of patriotism and lack of consideration (?) for our members in the armed services on the part of those who are planning the Convention in its suggestion of disappointment and pique because the Convention is, nevertheless, going to be held — that we would be wasting our time and that of our readers in attempting to answer each point.

The entire purpose of this article is to point out, as we stated above, that views like the above do NOT represent the attitude of our Elizabeth Council. We are merely showing that the statements of an individual, or a small group of members, can sometimes irreparably compromise an entire organization.

We have been informed, by a very reliable source, that Council 52 did NOT cancel this year's Convention, as we were led to believe by the correspondence sent in for the May issue. The difficul-

ties of the situation were discussed, it is true, but no DEFINITE decision had been made. The correspondent's thunderbolt, however, let the grossly exaggerated cat out of the bag. By then, it was too late to undo the harm done by one unauthorized correspondent's opinions. Council 52 yielded to a situation that had gotten out of control, and silently gave way to the arrangements for the Convention in another city. Council 52 WANTED the Convention, and would NOW be preparing for it, if its plans had not been completely ruined by several over — zealous and over - officious individuals. We can only presume that the reason this Council has been silent and did not choose to protect its name and reputation as one of our most loyal and most active councils is because it did not want to hinder and divide opinion at a time when arrangements had already begun for holding the Convention in another city.

### MIRACLES

Mr. Sterling North, the book-review critic of the Daily News (Chicago) began his review of the Song of Bernadette by Franz Werfel (which you must read) with the following remarks.

"Franz Werfel does not believe in miracles, faith healing, astrology, phrenology or the planting of seeds in the various phases of the moon. He is a well educated modern who knows that the laws of course and effect are immutable and that a miracle is an unexplained natural phenomenon." (May 13, 1942).

Mr. North did Werfel a grave injustice. True he is a well educated modern who knows that the usual effects follow their causes but he is not so blinded by prejudice to commit himself to be called silly. Only such a person will laugh off lightly the sudden healing of a cancerous growth or of a broken bone and simply name it "unexplainable". Unexplained, why can't it be explained?

Men and women are curious about miracles. They like to discuss the unusual, wondrous effect like a sudden healing of an organic disease or the restoring of sight to a person born blind and they wish to know — how did it happen, who performed it? No matter how learned or illiterate they are, be that these sudden effects are not freaks of chance, that they are unusual to the natural laws of cause and effects. If they are not prejudiced, if they believe in God — a Person who made the natural laws, they can easily understand how God in certain cases, because of special reasons of his own will perform something above and greater than the laws of nature. That is why naturally they are unexplainable — because a supernatural Hand extended its power and influence.

The Catholic Church is very cautious in naming this or the other effect miraculous. There must be evidence, affidavits of what was wrong before and then what happened later. She knows that self hypnosis can do many strange things but there are certain cases and cures that cannot be attributed to hypnotism, that cannot be explained by the natural laws and these she attributes to the power of God.

Every miracle should be a solace and a comfort to us. We all share a belief in a very great miracle — that we common ordinary mortals, whose epitaph will be our names and the days of our birth and death on a tombstone — will live on forever in the Home of the King of Kings. But some say that this is not natural — miracles don't happen — but then, we don't care, do we?

## THE TECHNIQUE OF "PATRIOTISM" ...

The Communistic fringe of our Lithuanian life is a paradox, in that it has the unpleasant ability to make an enormous amount of noise entirely out of proportion to its numerical size. This ability is further enhanced by the fact that the Communists' complete lack of logic, truthfulness, and sincerity is more than made up by their peculiar talent for vulgarity, uncouthness, misrepresentation, and a complete disregard of the rules of common decency.

Recent international events have made the gallant Red Army and the Russian people allies of the United Nations in their combined effort to free the world of the scourge of Hitlerism. This fact has somehow been interpreted by our Communists as a signal to go ahead and tell the rest of the world that "you MUST do this, and you CANNOT do that, exactly as we say, or else you are pro-Nazi and we will have you investigated, prosecuted, and liquidated." The Communists, in case you dear readers, were not awake, have for the past year been the self-constituted guardians and protectors of the American system of government.

Our "Lithuanian" Communists, sitting back in the safe confines of Halsted and Ten Eyck Sts., are riding the crest of a self-proclaimed self-righteousness on the heroic sacrifices of the Russian Army and population. They have somehow lost sight of the fact that it is not the Communistic blithering of the Pruseikas and Bimbass and Sacals that is holding out against Hitler's hordes, but the toil and blood sweat and tears of the people of Russia. Russians are not fighting for Communism, as our Red brethren would have you believe, — they are fighting for their land and their homes against the invasion of a ruthless enemy.

It keeps our head whirling to keep up with the latest interpretations of "anti-Americanism" emanating from the Red fountains of knowledge. Every American-Lithuanian editor and writer, whose sense of decency would not permit him to stomach the hypocrisy of Communism, has already been given the honor of being tagged a pro-Nazi by the Red newspapers. (One Commie columnist even suggested to the FBI — which is too busy ferreting out the REAL enemies of our country to bother much with comic strips — that it would be wise to keep an eye on the editor of an anti-Communist Lithuanian newspaper, who recently enlisted in the defense of his country.) The U. S. Department of Justice has been pointed out by these untiring "watchdogs" of our system of government as probably being a hot-bed of Naziism, and Attorney General Biddle has been practically proven to be on Hitler's payroll since he issued his order to deport the Communist Bridges. We are even being informed by our Communist newspapers — expressing great anguish of heart at such a flagrant disregard for their tender feelings — that the State Department is now being investigated by them, since it has been recognizing the representative of the government of Finland.

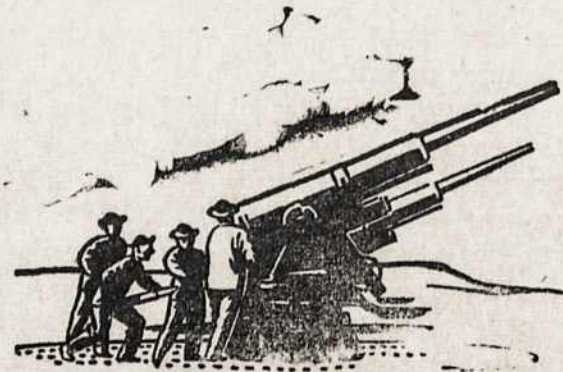
All of this seems to point to the fact that the Communists are simply not accustomed to the strange, new feeling of SUPPORTING our government for a change, even if only nominally. It has gone to their heads and given them illusions of being the only true American patriots. True Americans take pride and interest in their country as a constant, simple, inalienable part of their daily lives. Not being accustomed to flip-flopping, and changing

their views toward the United States overnight, true Americans have a deep, pervading sense of confidence and belief in their government, which not even the Communistic boogey-men can dispel.

A recent incident in Chicago is merely another in a long list of Communist chicanery and violence, with which the American - Lithuanian public is rapidly becoming fed up. A delegation of Red-minded thugs invaded a meeting of the Keistutis Club and attempted to strong-arm the members and officers into making a contribution to a foreign relief fund. The appeal had been received from the fund committee, was read by the officer, and was put aside for further consideration. Being a worthy cause, it had a chance of being given favorable consideration. However, the Communists present were not satisfied with this usual procedure of parliamentary rule, demanded IMMEDIATE results, began to abuse the officers and created a scene of violence and disturbance that has hit a new low, even for Communists. One of the participants, the wife of a local Communist editor, exhibited an excellent example of Communistic "refinement and "good breeding" when her screaming tirade against the officers culminated in a bodily attack against Miss Lucille Dagus, the secretary of the club.

This, then, is another vivid example of the principles, or lack of them, which our Red brethren display whenever they come into contact with decent, democratic, freedom loving people. If they would expend only a fraction of the energy which they spend in creating disturbances and bothering people in a much more constructive and patriotic manner, helping their country in a material way, the burden on the rest of our people would be considerably lightened. In returning to this particular incident, we doubt whether the Fund, whose appeal was the bone of contention, will be flattered to hear of the type of people who attempted to represent them that day, and of the manner in which they represented them. A few more groups of ardent Fund supporters like the above, and it will be lost. The Communists who invaded the meeting, in handling the matter of getting a contribution for this cause, give us a fair idea of the finesse used by the G. P. U. in Lithuania in eliciting the "99% vote of approval."

Mr. N. Klimas and Miss Lucille Dagus, president and secretary of Keistutis club, who bore the brunt of this disgusting Communistic display of ill-breeding, have the heartfelt sympathy of the American - Lithuanian public for the experience which they went through, and are to be commended for their courageous stand in defense of the democratic principles of fraternity and equality upon which the club is founded.



## Press Manager Seriously Injured



MICHAEL PAVILONIS manager of the K. of L. Press, was seriously injured in an accident which happened in the Press stock room on Tuesday, June 23.

A chair upon which he was standing to reach some stock collapsed, and he was impaled upon a sharp chair arm in falling. He was immediately taken to Southtown Hospital by his assistants, Walter Fronczak and Casey Malek, where an emergency operation was performed. He was found to be critically injured, since his body had been pierced.

At the time of preparing this issue Pavilonis is still in the hospital. His many friends were deeply shocked to hear of his misfortune, and wish him God-speed in recovering from his painful accident.

His duties as manager of the Press have been taken over by Joseph Gudaitis, of Brighton Park, who was associated with the K of L Press about six years ago.

## LITH. CONSUL IS GIVEN DEGREE AT JOHN MARSHALL

Peter P. Dauzvardis, 6400 So. Sacramento Avenue, Lithuanian consul to Chicago, was awarded the degree of doctor of jurisprudence at the graduation exercises recently of the John Marshall Law School. The consul received his bachelor of law degree from Georgetown university, Washington. He's been Lithuania's representative in Chicago since 1937, and has

been in the consular service since 1925. The presentation was witnessed by his wife and two sons, Peter, 14, and Fabian, 11. It climaxed several years of study.

Other southwest sidlers graduated from the school were Phillip C. Barach, 4143 Grenshaw street; Paul M. Smith, Jr., 4457 South Talman avenue; James C. Wills, 6019 So. Maplewood avenue; Thomas J. Kelly, 6552 S. Peoria street; Merlo Fredsenese, 6801 So. Wood street; Walter H. Knoebel, Lemont.

## "Cap" Mitchell Given Last Honors



Full military and civil honors, befitting a war hero, were accorded CHARLES "CAP" MITCHELL, member of Council 90, Harrison-Kearny, in funeral services held on July 8th.

A member of the U. S. Naval Reserve less than a month, "Cap" was aboard an unidentified ship sunk by a Nazi submarine in the Atlantic on May 20th. His body was washed ashore at Ocean on June 25th. The Navy Department forwarded the remains to Kearny July 6th. The Navy Department offered burial in a national cemetery but the family requested permission for burial in the family lot at Holy Cross Cemetery.

The funeral services, with full military honors, were to be held in Kearny. Rev. Voiciekauskas was the celebrant at the Solemn Requiem Mass held in Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Harrison. Six sailors from the Brooklyn Navy Yard acted as pall-bearers. The Brooklyn Navy Command also sent an officer, a bugler and a Color Guard. The Navy Command at the Federal Shipyard in Kearny sent an Honor Guard of ten sailors. Present, and representing the town, were the mayor, members of the Council, town clerk, commissioners, engineers and other officers. The entire ceremonies were handled by Councilmen Healy and Vincent. Also present at the services were V. F. W. Post color guards, and members of the American Women's Volunteer Service and the Women's Motor Corps.

Burial took place at Holy Cross Cemetery, North-Arlington, after sounding of taps and firing of a salute.

A wonderful tribute was paid "Cap" by the town of Kearny when the new Schuyler Avenue playground adjoining the street where he had lived all his life, was named and dedicated Mitchell Field, in honor of Kearny's first war hero.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Anna Mitchell and two brothers, Joseph and Bernard.



## MŪSŲ SEIMAS

(The following article examines the usual convention plans and procedure and suggests a few changes for economy of time and greater benefits to the organization.)

Metinis Vyčių seimas yra daromas su tikslu padaryti apžvalgą iš praėjusių metų darbuotės ir nustatyti liniją sekančių metų veikimui. Antrasis ir mažiau prisimenamas šio suvažiavimo tikslas yra mūsų pačių ūpo pakėlimas. Ūpas yra toks dalykas kurio užprotokoluoti retai tegalima, bet kuris yra lygiai svarbus, kaip ir svarbiausieji seimo nutarimai. Jeigu neturėtume šios metinės progos padaryti reikalingų nutarimų ir įgauti ūpo tuos nutarimus įvykdyti, galime numatyti kokia liūdna ateitis lauktų mūsų organizacijos. Dėlto seimas nėra koks beprasmis dalykas, kurio mes galime laikyti ar nelaikyti. Jis yra būtinas dalykas, kurio svarbą turi suprasti ypač kuopa, kuri praėjusio seimo delegatų nutarimu yra gavusi garbę tą seimą suruošti. Kadangi šeiminkė — kuopa prirengia visas reikalingas sąlygas seimą laikyti, ant jos pečių krinta didelė dalis atsakomybės. Šią svarbią ir garbingą užduotį privalo pilnai suprasti kviečiantieji seimą pasave.

Kita gi dalis atsakomybės tenka ir centrui ir kuopoms ir dalyvaujantiems seime atstovams ir svečiams. Jei visi kreips užtektinai dėmesio į savo pareigas, seimas tikrai atneš organizacijai naudos. Dėlto čia trumpai pagvildenkime kaip geriau atsiekti seimo tikslą, t. y. kaip prie seimo geriau prisitruošti, kaip geriau įnešimus aptarti ir kaip ūpą geriau palaikyti.

Kuopa rengianti seimą paprastai daug sielojasi kad patenkinti savo svečius, parodant didelio vaišingumo. Ji netik kad parūpina tinkamą svetainę posėdžiams ir nakvynę atvažiuojantiems dalyviams, bet pasamdo ypač vakarieniems, pramogoms kiek galint gražias sales, gerą orkestrą ir visokius liuksusinius pridėklus. Šitie parengimai tikrai prisideda sudarymui geros seiminės nuotaikos.

Bet, deja, būna kartais tokių parengimų, kurie savaime yra malonūs ir gerai sutvarkyti, bet kurie nieko neprideda prie seimo arba net kartais, ne tyčiomis, seimui padaro blėdies. Pavyzdžiui, išvežama delegatai kur toli už miesto vien tik pasišokti. Iš ten, žinoma, prieš vidurnaktį negalima nei pamanyt apie grįžimą, nekaltant jau apie pačią kelionę. O visgi ant rytojaus posėdis šaukiamas 9-tą valandą ryto, nes darbo yra daug. Bet rytas randa visus suvargusius, vėluojančius, be ūpo.

Svarbiausias iš visų vakarų būna bankietas su šokiais. Čia paprastai būna pats išpūdingiausias seiminis vakaras, kur girdima daug kalbėtojų, kur skamba lietuviška daina ir švelni muzika kur puikiai pasipuošęs jaunimas ir senesnieji yra šventadieniškai nusiteikę ir užbaigus vakarienei isisiūbuojama į šokius. Keisti šio vakaro pobūdį nėra visai reikalo, bet kadangi šis yra visų laukiamas ir skaitomas svarbiausių, ir kadangi jis taip kupinai pripildytas visokiomis įvairenybėmis, kurios tesiasi iki gaidžių, gal palengvintų seimo eigą, jei šis parengimas būtų nukeltas iš antro seimo vakaro į trečią. Tada visi dar laisviau galėtų žaisti ir dainuoti, nerupėtų jiems keltis anksti eit į sesijas. Tada šis bankietas būtų lyg apvainikavimas visų triju dienu darbo, o trečios dienos posėdžiai be abejonės būtų daug vaisingesni ir gal net rimtesni ir ramesni.

Tuomet pasilikty užpildyti antros dienos vakarą. Vietoje rengti paprastus šokius, čia būtų proga vietinei kuopai pasirodyt lietuviškame mene. Kodėl neparuošt kokį koncertą ar vaidinimą su geriausio-

mis lietuviškomis jėgomis? Juk tuomete visose dalyse Amerikos gerų artistų — dainininkų, puikių chorų. Galima būtų net ir iš toliau partraukti. Vyčių seimas turėtų būti nepaprasta tautiška šventė, kurią minėtume taip šauniai, kad ir visuomenė jaja domėtūsi ir seimo pramogose dalyvautų. Prie meninių jėgų būtų galima pridėti ir vieną — kitą sporto asmenybę. Jų rasime visose sporto šakose, bet niekad negauname progų su jais susipažinti. Kodėl neužkviesti Vyčiams palankius sportininkus į šią antrą seimine pramogą? Nors tas reikalautų nemažai darbo ir originalaus planavimo ir padarytų daugiau iškaščių, tokia programa pridutų Vyčiams presyžo. Visuomenėje ir jaunime ir visuose delegatuose dvasių toks vakaras nemažai pakylėtų, žymiai daugiau negu tie paprasti, kasdieniniai šokiai.

Šokiai yra labai naturalus pasilinksminimo būdas, juos palyginamai lengva suruošti ir niekas neužginčys jų reikalingumo. Bet turime prisiminti kad Vyčiams suvažiuojantiems seimauti svarbu yra įgauti daugiau lietuviškos — vytiškos dvasios, daugiau naujų minčių parvežti savo kuopoms, ir šitoks tautiškai nukreiptas vakaras paliktų dalyviuose neužmirštiną išpūdį. Užbaigus perstatymą ar koncertą, kuris, atsižvelgiant į vasaros karščius, neturi būti ilgas, galima pašvęsti valandą ar dvi grynai lietuviškiems šokiais. Šokti tada ne tik klumpakojį ir suktnį ir polkas, bet tokius liaudies šokius, kaip Ievužę, Žilvytį ir vieną — kitą moderninį šokį, kaip Blezdingelę, Kepurinę ir kitus, dėl kurių pasistengus, būtų galima kur nors surasti prieinamą mokytoją. Vietinei kuopai vadovaujant šiuose visiškai neformališkuose šokuose galima spėti, kad įsijudins visa publika ir su pamėgimu juose dalyvaus. Tokį vakarą surengti imtų ne vieną mėnesį laiko, bet juk ne kas met ten seimas rengiama, o turint gerus tokią programai vadus, būtų visiems ko pasižiūrėti ir kitiems parvažiuavus papasakoti.

Prie pačių seimo sesijų būtų galima uoliau prisirengti. Čia turi iniciatyvos parodyti Centras ir nuoširdaus ir rūpestingo pritarimo reikalinga iš visų delegatų. Dar mėnuo prieš seimą, manantieji vykti į seimą turėtų pradėti gvildent ir tartis organizacijos reikalais. Pergreit tos trys dienos praeina ir, be stropaus prisiruošimo, dažnai permažai yra nuveikiama. Kuopos siųsdamos savo atstovus į seimą siunčia juos ne atostogoms, bet darbui iš kurio ji turi priežasties tikėtis teigiamų rezultatų. Kuopa, žinoma, nepavydi savo atstovams seimo proga gražiai pasisvečiuoti ir pasilinksmininti, bet kuopa ypač tikisi kad jos atstovai nesivėlins sesijose, kad prisidės prie ten vedamų diskusijų ir vėliau parveš į namus konkrečių minčių, kaip organizacijos veiklą pagyvinti, kaip jos obalsis ir tikslą plačiau paskleisti. Garbė yra kuopai kuri taip supranta seimo svarbą, kad ji įgalioja save atstovauti vien tik pasitikimus, atsakomingus narius, kurie asmeniškumams ir lokalizmams nepritaria, bet savo žodį taria ir balsą duoda pasiremiant vien tik visos organizacijos labo siekiais.

Seimo rengime turėtų prisidėti daug žymiau negu iki šioliai Centro Valdyba, nes ji gal artimiaus negu paprasti nariai pažįsta organizacijos tuometinę padėtį ir eigą. Vyčiai turi gana rimtų klausimų begalo reikalingoms diskusijoms. Diskusijos duotų visiems progos geriau pažinti mūsų užsimojimus ir geriau išigilinti į mūsų trūkumus ir reikalingas pataisas. Bet toms diskusijoms, po visų raportų, sveikinimų ir paprastų eilinių darbų, nebelineka laiko. Čia galima pasimokinti iš amerikoniškų seimų,



kuriuose suvažiavę pramonininkai suvartoja savo įstaigų naudai kiekvieną minutą. Kodėl, pavyzdžiui, neišnaudoti pusryčių laiko kuriam nors klausimui draugiškai aptarti? Šiuose pusryčiuose dalyvautų, žinoma, tik tie kuriems tai diena parinktas klausimas ypatingai rūpi.

Štai, paimkim klausimą apie mūsų organą "Vytį", link kurio mažai yra narių, kurie neturėtų vienos ar kitos ir tai stiprios) nuomonės. Kodėl nepaskirti pusryčių valandos konferencijai apie "Vytį". Jei tik dešimts asmenų šioj konferencijoj dalyvautų, naudos gali būti visai organizacijai, nes tai duotų progos pasidalinti mintimis visiems redaktoriams, korespondentams ir paprastiesiems skaitytojams.

Yra ir kitų klausimų, kurie reikalingi aptarimo, nors formalėmis rezoliucijomis šiais klausimais nevisuomet galima juos apimti. Vienas iš jų yra Rituolo vykdinimo klausimas, kurs tam tikram būreliui narių yra begalo svarbus ir pasitarimas šioje temoje, būtų labai sveikas dalykas. Lietuviška daina, lietuvių kalba, vyčių reklama, santykiai su kitomis draugijomis ir chorais, naujų kuopų steigimas, kaip padaryti kuopų susirinkimus įdomiais yra tik dalis temų, kurias uolūs vyčiai galėtų pastudijuoti. Valanda laiko bile kuriam iš šių klausimų pašvesti yra nedaug, bet tai yra daugiau negu pačiose sesijose tegalima rasti. O šie klausimai yra mums svarbūs ir nuo seniai svarstyti. Centro pirmininkui geriausiai tiktų šiuo seimo punktu iš kalno pasirūpinti, paskiriant diskusijoms pirmininkus, temas ir taip toliaus.

Sveikinimais kartais nusiskundžiama, kad jie užima daug laiko, bet jie ne tik kad malonu yra išgirsti, bet dažnai priduoda dalyviams įkvėpimo. Galima gal ne kuriuos iš svečių — nenarių pakviesti dalyvauti bendruose pietuose ir ten vieną kitą pristatyti. Tuomet pietūs būtų pajvairinti, seimuojuojantieji išgirstų iš savo svečių — draugų po trumpą kalbėlę ir koks ketvirtis valandos būtų sutaupyta sesijoms.

Kitas taisytnas rodosi dalykas yra seimo dalyvių registracija. Vietoje laukti kol bus atidaryta seimas ir išrinkta mandatų komisija, mandatai galėtų būti patikrinti ir sutvarkyti Centro Valdybos paskirtos komisijos prieš seimo atidarymą. Tada seimui nereikėtų atidėlioti rinkimą komisijų ir kitus darbus, o seimo paskirtai mandatų komisijai tektų tik patvirtinti mandatus ir išspręsti nereguliariškumus. Gi nereguliariškumų su mandatais važiuojantieji seiman gali lengvai išvengti.

Centro Valdybos nariai turėtų iš kalno paruošti savo raportus pagal dabar reikalaujamą tvarką, t. y. raštu, ir tai pačiai pirmajai seimo dienai. Užvilkinimas raportų į trečią dieną, kaip dažnai atsitinka, prisideda prie brangaus laiko eikvojimo. Dažnai seimo nutarimai ir diskusijos remiasi ant išduotų raportų. Jeigu per valdybos nario apsileidimą jo raportas negalima išgirsti iki antrai pusei seimo, tas netik erzina seimo dalyvius, bet neduoda jiems eiti prie reikalingų išvadų ir naujų raporte liečiančių minčių. Begalo nusibosta seimui klausti kožnam posėdyj ar toks ir toks raportas jau paruoštas ir gauti atsakymą kad dar baigiamas.

Ant galo, kad suįdomint visą organizaciją Vyčių seimui, poseiminis "Vyties" numeris turėtų būti pašvestas beveik išimtinai seimui su pilniausiais aprašymais. Seime paprastai įvyksta gražių ir įvairių dalykų, kurie retai būna paminimi. Ar seimas ar pernykštis redaktorius turėtų iškalno paskirti kelis seimui aprašyti korespondentus, kurie pasistengtų iš visų atžvilgių tą seimą nupiešti. Ir tai ne tik žodžiais bet ir fotografijomis! Seime dalyvauja ne vienas fotografas — mėgėjas, kurio nuotraukų neten-

ka matyti. Kodėl nepašvesti poros puslapių vien tik seiminėms fotografijoms ir tuomi suįdominti ir tuos narius, kurie dar niekad nedalyvavę seime. Kodėl neleisti seimo atstovams padengti šio "Vyties" numerio išleidimą? Vienas doleris nuo kožno delegato registracijos mokesties būtų neperdaug. Centras, kuriam taip pat atsiranda seiminių išlaidų iki šioliai nefiguruoja jokiose įeigose. Palengvinkim jam nors poseiminį "Vyties" numerį išleisti. Šiam "Vytį" reiktų idėti pilną seimo protokolą. Dabartinė tvarka, patys svarbiausieji nutarimai netenka vertės kai reikia laukti pusę metų kol tie numeriai būna paskelbti organe.

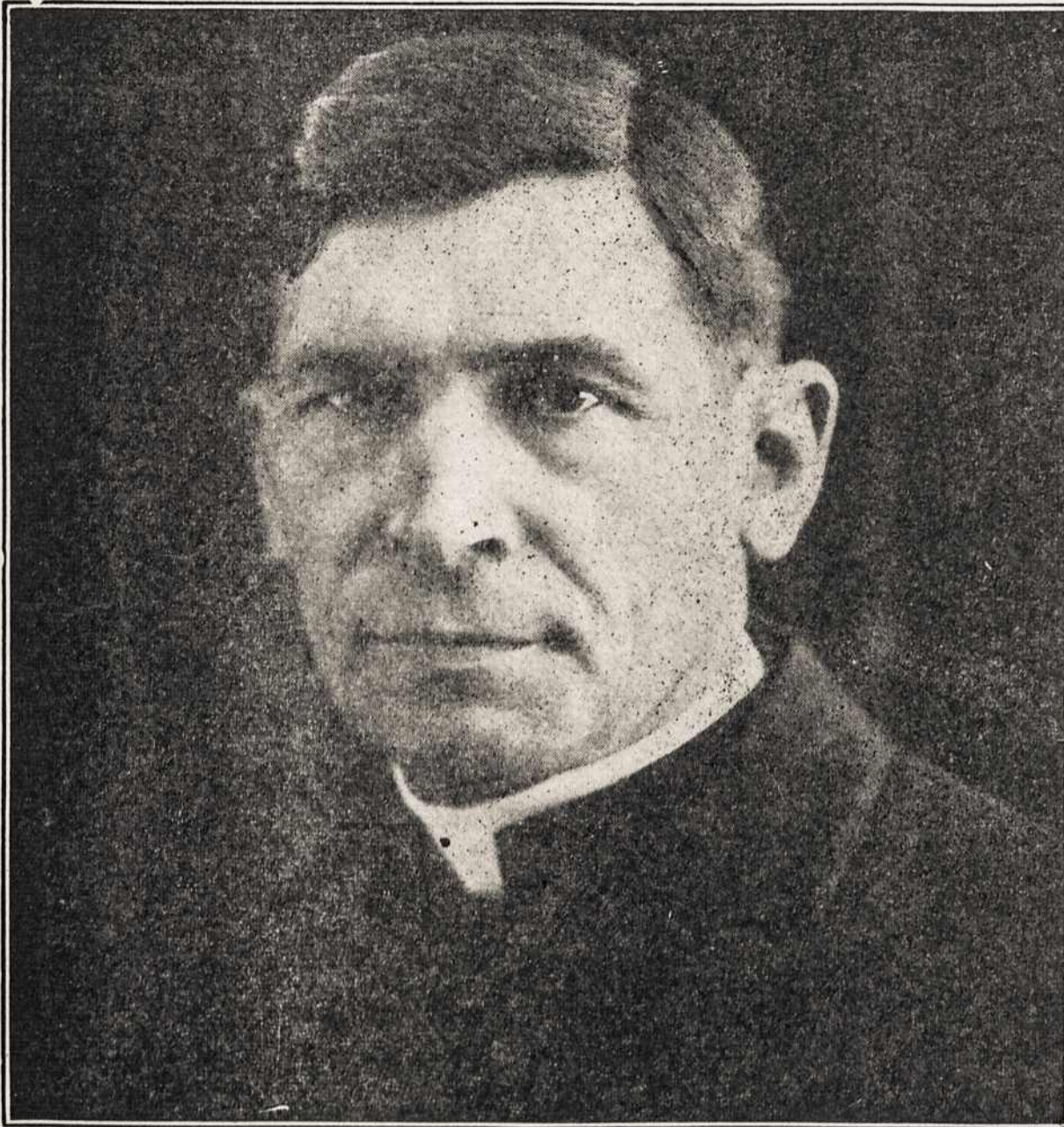
Trumpai sutraukus, mūsų seimas yra svarbus mūsų organizacijos gyvybei ir kol sąlygos yra pakenčiamos ir kol nėra nustatyta kaip ir kokiomis įmonėmis tą seimą galima būtų pavaduoti, jis yra būtinas ir neatšaukiamas. Ir kadangi seimo laikas yra brangus, kiekviena valanda privalo būti pilnai sunaudota ir kiekvienas atstovas turi aktyviai prisidėti kad sesijos būtų našios sveikais nutarimais, kilniu ūpu ir gera valia. Seimas privalo priduoti visai organizacijai extra energijos, extra lietuviško veikimo vitaminų.

— Joseph Boley

## Suggestions for Convention Discussion

Vytis suggests that the following questions, which affect it closely, be given consideration at the National Convention:

1. An official, clear-cut decision as to the policy of Vytis toward the use of the Lithuanian and English languages in its columns;
2. The question of "official" and "un-official" council correspondences (to prevent the premature greying of hair of Vytis editors);
3. Checking of the mailing list to determine whether the hundreds of copies which are now being sent free to various individuals and institutions might not be sent to more appreciative individuals and institutions;
4. Vytis earnestly recommends that every K. of L. member serving in the armed forces be not only kept in full membership. BUT ALSO RECEIVE V Y T I S FREE EVERY MONTH;
5. That the Supreme Council be given permission to make up a free mailing list to VARIOUS IMPORTANT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, OFFICIALS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS, who are not now receiving Vytis (e. g., the ONLY Lithuanian publication in English now being sent to the Royal Institute of Foreign Affairs Library in London is the English section of a local Communist daily!);
6. That the Supreme Council or a specially appointed publicity committee from time to time have several hundred, or even a thousand, extra copies of Vytis printed for "sample" mailing to potential new members and subscribers;
7. To improve the content and variety of Vytis that \$5.00 be appropriated every month from the Supreme Council Treasury as a prize for the best original contribution, other than Council correspondence, written for and printed in Vytis;
8. The serious problem of the future of the K. of L. Press.



**KUN, PRANČIŠKUS VIRMAUSKIS**, Švento Petro lietuvių parapijos klebonas, Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos garbės narys ir labai nuostabus jaunimo draugas.

Šiais metais įvyksta Lietuvos Vyčių 30-tasis Seimas jo parapijos ribose. Kun. Virmauskis maloniai Seimą priėmė ir visus nuoširdžiai kviečia dalyvauti.

**SOUTH WORCESTER, MASS.  
Council 116**

Well, folks, we finally decided to write after taking that short leave of absence. Did I say short well, it wasn't too short.

What happened to our members at the last meeting, did the rain frighten you? The pastor praised the wonderful work that was done at the carnival so let's not make him change his mind. Keep up the good work! Remember, promises were made to work at the Parish Picnic so lets do our part to keep the K. of L. "flag" flying high.

Come one, come all! Save your gasoline for the coming event! Dance to be held at the Lincoln Park Ballroom and the day July 29th, 1942. Uniforms admitted half price. Good time will be had by all so don't forget to come.

How is the South Boston convention coming along? Hope to see you all there. Probably we will have to hire a truck to get there.

**Dots and Dashes.**

Who won the debate after the meeting? Why not hold your debating for the meeting and not after?

Well, well, well, cupid "dood" it again. This time it's one of our girls, Isabel Balukonis and the lucky fellow, Anthony Stankus. Congratulations and best wishes!

Why is it that one K of L member who always seems to be getting the waven end of things is always trying to enlighten the situation?

— Freckles —

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**MINSTREL**

We from Elizabeth with cooperation from other councils and clubs from this city during our spare time will sponsor a minstrel. All proceeds will go to Army and Navy Relief Fund. This is to be an out-door affair in one of our biggest ball parks.

**SOFT BALL**

The girls team was composed of ToTny Yankin, first-base, and what a slugger; Leah Cugas, outfielder; no hits in the game but quite a few from the audience; Ann Richkus, outfielder, only girl to get a tripple; Betty Zemesky, Jenny Dapkus, Helen Kelly, Cameal, Ann Mitchell, Helen Locus, and Chas. Oskutis.

well the men's team just about made the girls forget about softball. The best hit the men's team made was when, John Gedman tried to catch the ball with his left eye. Talk about rainbow colors, John's eye certainly had them.

**PICNIC**

After the game ail went to the picnic grounds at Surprise Lake. Gedman trying to wear away his colored eye with a steak — and we so hungry. Bill Senkus relaxing with the new girl members. Ann Mitchell playing Lithuanian recordings and frying hot dogs. Tony Yankin sampling the Tom Collins and found herself at the edge of the lake feeding the fish. Shorty the typical boy scout. Helen Kelly ready to shampoo Charley's hair but gave it up to soothe John's eye. Al Vaich and Leah Cugas the cannonball jive... Hattie Yzakialo applauded and clamored for more. Camille with her thoughts of Slim. Ann Richkus camera fiend. Helen Vaich and Joe Zwingle holding hands and managed to use their hands for a drink or three. Drescher the out-door woods-man-fly swatting. Mrs. Drescher in a jovial mood and leading the singing. Jenny wishing that the ship containing her lover would appear over the horizon of the lake. Betty Zemesky the pathfinder — she had to find it quick too. Chas. Surplis tried to hit his pet note but the beer was too much. Irene Andrewski and Helen Locus helping. The Rajah with that heavy table — their new outfits were sort of messy when the job was over but it was all forgotten when Chas. Oskutis and his colleague gave forth in singing love songs under the Jersey Bounce.

— The Rajah

— Vytis

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

With the hot summer heat upon us, the Blazers followed a very short trail this month and, therefore, were unable to gather much news along the way.

Mary Kupraitis surprised us by attending the July meeting and then again by winning the Grand Prize of the evening — twenty two 25c. War Savings' stamps. Peter Stankus and Ann Klem were the winners of the single stamps.

A K. of L. Service Fund has been started in our lodge and we thank all those members who have contributed so generously to this worthy cause.

Congratulations to Charles Alicks on his engagement to Rose Harte.

We are glad to see Charles Dasker up and around, minus his tonsils after a two weeks stay in a hospital as a result of tonsil-operation complications and a touch of pneumonia.

Vito and Gene went to their uncle's farm for several days to pitch hay in order to develop their muscles. We wonder if they really pitched hay — or was it woo.

— The Blazers



**P-LĖ FELICIJA GRANDELYTĖ,**

Liet. Vyčių Centro finansų raštininkė ir be galo darbšti vytė. Renigiant Seimą ji yra registracijos komisijoje. Felicija labai daug laiko paaukoja vyčiams, ji parašius mašinėle šimtus laiškų vyčių organizacijos reikalais. Vyčiai jai bus amžinai dėkingi!

Vytis —

**SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.**  
Council 17.

Dear Fellow Knights:— ....

Did you know that the K of L National Convention is to be held in Boston? Well, we South Boston Knights do and we are already planning ways and means of entertaining the delegates to be sent by different councils. Our committees, made up entirely of volunteers, are working dilligently to make the affair a success.

The program, if nothing happens in the meantime to change it, is as follows:—

**MONDAY:** — Social at the K of L Clubroom — a sort of get acquainted night for all delegates and K of L members. Refreshments — Dancing.

**TUESDAY** — Mass at 9:00 A. M. in St. Peters Lithuanian Church, breakfast, and sessions immediately following at our 7th St. Hall. In the evening, a "wienie Roast" at Norumbega Park, where all amusements and boats for hire are to be half price for convention members. So boys and girls, bring your slacks and play clothes and be prepared for a lot of fun.

**WEDNESDAY** — Mass and sessions as usual. In the evening a catered banquet at the Municipal Bldg. with a dance following.

**THURSDAY** — Mass and sessions as usual. In the evening a semi-formal dance at the Hotel

Kenmore in Boston. Music is to be furnished by Mickey Habrick's orchestra who can play peppy polkas as well as modern music.

Doesn't that sound interesting? Although we know that many members will not be able to attend because they are helping their Uncle Sam lick the axis, either by being in the service or working on defense, we hope that all who can will come. We certainly will try to entertain you and show you a wonderful time between and after sessions.

**Gossip**

Johnny Truman had all the girls' hearts aflutter when he came to the meeting in his sailor suit. I wonder whom he is always visiting at City Point???

Ann Chaplik — Your sun tanned hose are very becoming. How you can get such an even tan is beyond me.

Wasn't Lucy M. surprised when she found out that instead of holding Aldona's hand, she held the hand of Steve Kontotas!!!! By the way Lucy, how are you and Charles G. getting along?

Patricia Zibutis — You should



**PRANAS RAZVADAUSKAS, L.**

Vyčių Centro pirmininkas. Pranas labai daug darbo ir energijos įdėjo Liet. Vyčių organizacijai. Jis dabar labai dirba, kad Seimas būtų sėkmingas ir visus vyčius iš visų Amerikos dalių nuoširdžiai kviečia vykti į Seimą. Patenkinkime Prano norus, skaitlingai vykime į 30-tąjį Seimą!

wear red more often. It becomes you.

Phyllis Grendal is up to her ears in work as chairman of the Registration Committee. But Phyllis, what would we do without you?

Why does Vic. Ančukaitis try to get Josie Grimas on the same committee that he is on? Is he sure it isn't because he has a soft spot in his heart for her?

Didn't Al. Marks look swell in his air corps uniform? I hear he got his wings so best of luck Al. and keep them flying.

Congratulations to all new members who volunteered to work on Convention Committees. With a swell group of members like you, I don't see how our K of L can help but be a success. Keep up the good start.

Well I guess I'll go into hibernation until the next issue of the Vytis. Maybe my spies will bring me more news of K of L activities and members. With a last reminder to come to our convention or at least to one or two of the evening affairs I remain,

— Šešelis

Nine

## Commendable House Cleaning

The American — Lithuanian public was happy to hear that the Lithuanian University Club in Chicago — the famous L. U. C. — has finally taken the initiative itself in breaking the stranglehold that a small Communist — minded group in the club had managed to get over their organization.

There is perhaps no other young Lithuanian intellectual group in our midst that is more organized, crammed with talent and ability, and more capable of getting things done than the L. U. C. Their one disappointing feature — one so important that it completely checkmated their organizational ability and potentialities, and at the same time completely alienated the sympathy and support of the great majority of our people — was the fact that they had permitted several Reds to gain control of the club. This small group used every known trick of political chicanery known to their group to maneuver themselves into several responsible positions and drive the group into the Communistic camp.

The writer has been interested in the L. U. C. for a number of years and is personally acquainted with many of the members. Several years ago, knowing that the great majority of members were opposed to the Red course with several of their officers had taken, we attempted to give these members a means to express their convictions and to explain their position to the public. But even this move was defeated by the Communist — minded leaders.

Unfortunately, the entire organization was forced to wear the Red stigma because of this peculiar situation. It was vehemently stated by the members who took their instructions from the Communist sheet on Halsted Street, that the L. U. C. is a COMPLETELY NON-PARTISAN organization, and that any move to boycott the Commie newspapers from receiving their publicity articles would be a violation of this non-partisan principle. However, these very same individuals belied their beautiful platform of political non-partisanship by their almost hysterical insistence that "Vilnis" print their articles, by attempting (and almost succeeding) to affiliate the L. U. C. with the American Youth Congress, a group so Communistic that even President Roosevelt was forced to condemn them to their faces, and by many other moves or attempted moves that smelle to the high heavens of 3116 South Halsted Street's influence.

Thus, to further the petty scheming and connivery of a few members, the entire organization was forced to wear the unwanted mantle of Communistic tendencies.

But the sane-minded young members of the L. U. C. have finally thrown off these shackles and have at last relegated the Red termites in their midst to a position where their former loud hosannahs to the Communists have become an almost inaudible squeak. Any further collaboration with the Communists or with their newspaper that may occur is contrary to the wishes of the L. U. C. members and is a miserable, spiteful attempt to over-ride the wishes of the majority.

The American-Lithuanian public is happy to have the opportunity to congratulate the L. U. C. on its fine bit of housecleaning and will undoubtedly reward the members for their courage and convictions by greatly increasing and intensifying its moral and financial support of the excellent program of L. U. C. activities.

## Our Friendly Competitor

We are happy to be able to greet our friendly competitor in the field of Lithuanian Catholic youth organization and activity, the American-Lithuanian R. C. Student and Professional Association, which is holding its annual convention in Chicago on August 1st and 2nd.

Unless we are mistaken, the Association is also observing the ten year anniversary of its organization this year.

The Student and Professional Association, while possessing a much more pretentious name, is fundamentally and ideologically the same type of organization as the Knights of Lithuania. While primarily intended to unite in one group all American-Lithuanian Catholic students and professionals, it has never been any too strict in its insistence upon these requirements for membership.

The Knights of Lithuania have always had, and still have, students and professionals of the highest intellectual caliber on their membership roster. They also have a none-the-bit-less intellectual and excellent minded representation of non-students and non-professionals. The briefest resume calls to mind K. of L. members among clergymen, doctors, lawyers, writers, executives, and business men as well as stenographers, clerks, factory workers, house-wives, and farmers.

If the K. of L's include the same type of membership within their organization, that the Students and Professionals nominally, specialize in, why this apparent discrepancy and disunity in having two Catholic youth organizations going after the same type of members? Thereby hangs an excuse for some interesting reminiscing.

We will be forgiven if we point out that the Knights of Lithuania have been in existence in this country for 27 years. That interesting period has seen the membership rise to over 6,000, fall to 700, then rise again. It has been packed with activity and stagnation, it has seen the full force of American - Lithuanian leadership enthusiastically rally to its support and it has likewise experienced the depressing effect of having to struggle along with only a few loyal veterans still cheering it on while the rest of our public completely ignored it. It has contributed enormously, in money and in energy, to the support of its Church, its country, and its people. It has felt, to its very foundation, the ravages of time, and changing circumstances, but it is yet far from giving up the ghost.

It was at a time when the K. of L's were living through particularly dark days, back in 1931 — 1932, that the A. L. R. C. Student and Professional Association was organized.

We have maintained in the past, and, while professing our deep admiration for our sister organization, we repeat it now, that there never was any need for another organization to take the place of the "run-down, spiritless dying K. of L's". Mainly, because the K. of L's were neither run-down, lacking in spirit, or dying.

Some of our leaders, however, professed to see such a need, and organized a new youth Association. At the time, they were particularly spurred on by the K. of L's adoption of English in their organ, therefore the new organization and its monthly organ were established on a strictly 100% Lithuanian basis. It has had varying degrees of spontaneous activity, particularly in the far Eastern states. It was unsuccessful in establishing itself in the Chicago area

until a year or two ago, when a group of energetic young women took things into their own hands, and surprised even veterans by their successful organizing ability.

The Association undoubtedly was dealt a severe, staggering blow when Father John Navickas, its founder and guiding spirit, died. The loss of their energetic, idealistic leader is keenly felt by the members.

Perhaps the most outstanding contribution of the Association has been the publication of its official organ "Studentų Žodis". Whatever else it did or did not do, the organization's monthly organ greatly enriched the treasure - store of American - Lithuanian journalism. Attractively printed, seriously intellectual in its treatment of important questions, "Studentų Žodis" was the American counterpart of the priceless Lithuanian publications "Ateitis" and "Židinys", now liquidated. However, like all worthy, idealistic enterprises "Studentų Žodis" did not receive the wide-spread attention and support it merited.

And so back to the present. The Students and Professionals are meeting, for their Convention at the Morrison Hotel on August 1st and 2nd, with an elaborate banquet and dinner dance on the evening of the 2nd. The committee not only expects, but will undoubtedly get a large and worthy representation of the Chicago Lithuanian public at this affair.

The Knights of Lithuania express their sincere greetings to their sister organization. They would be the first to rejoice at a sudden growth in strength and influence on the part of the Association. We cannot have too many and too strong organizations working in the Lithuanian Catholic field. The K. of L's offer their hand in friendly cooperation, and know they will be forgiven for offering this bit of advice, gleaned from 27 years of ups-and-downs: It is very commendable to have your head up in the bright clouds of idealism, but it is advisable to keep your feet at the same time planted solidly on the ground of realistic facts.

## Chicago K. of L. Day Draws Throng

The Annual K. of L. Day Picnic, sponsored by the Chicago District at Vytutas Grove on July 4th, attracted a great throng of young and old Lithuanians, and has been marked down in the memory of Chicago K. of L's as a marvelous success, notwithstanding the fact that it is becoming increasingly difficult to hold picnics, due to war restrictions.

A profit of about \$300.00 was realized the District, in the face of these handicaps.

### Prizes

The great number of valuable prizes attracted much interest, and were won by the following:

1. \$25.00 War Bond, by Mrs. Anna Gubista, 4530 South California Ave.;

2. \$25.00 War Bond, by Mrs. U. Motiejūnas, 10532 South Indiana Ave.;

3. \$50.00 War Bond, is still unclaimed. The winner is No. 645 (no name and address)

4. Table Lamp, donated by Roosevelt Furniture Company, by Bernadetta Paukštis of Chicago;

5. Fountain Pen, by F. Jaukštis, 2137 West 23rd Street;

6. to 10 These five Prizes, donated by Anthony Skirius, were won by: J. Yecuzitis, 5362 S. Millard

V y t i s —

Ave.; N. Karlavich, 2200 West 21st Place; J. Vaišutis, 4421 So. Artesian Ave.; J. Pikiel, 1818 So. Halsted St.; and Mrs. M. Unz, 6233 So. Blackstone Ave.;

11. Box of Lithuanian candy, by Charles Stulgaitis, of Kenosha, Wis.

12. Fountain Pen, by J. Ziubo, 12022 South Halsted Street.

### Tireless Workers

We cannot go further without expressing our deepest admiration and giving a sound round of applause to Council 14, of Cicero, for their enormous contribution of time and energy and work to the success of this K. of L. Day. Practically every member of the Council, under the leadership of President Ray Eisin (who also presided at the bar) turned out and did more than their share of work in the many booths and concessions at the picnic. Many of the men of Council 14 worked all day at their defense positions and came to the grove after work to relieve the others. Almost as great an amount of work and cooperation was given by Council 112 of Marquette Park, led by President Florence Eisin. Council 36, of Brighton Park with President James Cherry at the head, had their own bar at the picnic and contributed a large share of the days profits. Northside's Council 5 gave Mr. and Mrs. Al. Manst and Antoinette Valaitis to the group of workers. K. Zaromskis of Council 36 scarcely left his concession throughout the day. As great an amount of tireless energy was expended by John Brazauskas, of Council 36, the ubiquitous Stanley Šimulis, of Council 4, Edward Misius, who worked throughout the day as cashier and bartender, tireless Vince Brozas of Cicero, and the entire corps of workers headed, of course, by Bill Klimas, Council 24, President of the Chicago District and Chairman of the K. of L. Day Committee. Phil Klikunas was special announcer throughout the day, managed the drawings, and introduced the speakers, the most outstanding of whom was the Lithuanian Consul, Hon. Peter Daužvardis. The entire restaurant was run by the good women of Cicero, headed by Mrs. Elizabeth Brozas.

### Committee in Charge

The excellent committee in charge of this year's K. of L. Day was made up of the following: Bill Klimas — chairman, Fr. Julian Grinius, Emily Vaitiekus, Stanley Šimulis, Al. Grėbliūnas, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Palubin, Jerry Kasulaitis, Aldona Sleinis, John Brazauskas, Kastas Zaromskis, Al. Manst, Joseph Brazaitis, Stella Brozas, Aldona Mockus, and Ray Eisin.

— E. J. K.



Eleven



**LONGINAS ŠVELNIS**, So. Bostono 17-tos kuopos pirmininkas ir labai sumanus narys. Longinas labai daug darbuojasi Seimo priren-gime, ir rūpinasi, kad jo vadovaujama kuopa puikiai priimtų atvykusius svečius!

#### HARTFORD, CONN. Council 6

##### Hi Knights:

Our big U. S. O. dance was a big success from both a social and monetary outlook. There was dancing, (as only Hartford can sing), and all around frolicing. The soldiers enjoyed the dancing as much as any other person attending.

Helene Bart, our new vice-president, who succeeded Mrs. M. Jacobs, is already making plans to have more stay at home parties, and all members will be notified when the events are to take place.

Al. Petraitis seems to be attracted to Torrington by way of a certain purty damsel. He's seen so often out there that that next census may record him as a resident there.

Who said it wasn't a woman's world? Our bunch has just gone and picked out two housewomen, Binnie Zaranka and Reggie Petraitis. The girls intend to put their foot down in order to keep the club on a social basis.

Valeria Kaunietis has at least a few soldiers addresses to show for the party. If I am not impudent I may add that a few soldiers have her address, also.

A round of applause is due for the group who worked so diligently to make this affair a success.

*Twelve*

Their names are well known and need no repeating.

Ed. Casman and Ed. Spelis were out night-clubbing with their one and only a while ago. It seems the boys thought their girl friends can't have enough of time here. So to make the most of every moment they didn't show them around the club. Pretty crafty. Eh?

All the friends of yardbird Pappy Manikas got together and held a farewell party for him. He was presented with a portable radio, camera identification band, medal ion, traveling bag, portable writing kit, ten packs of Camels and forty pennies. Good luck to you in the army.

I wonder what it was that made Eddie M., Petruvich, Pappy, John C., and Silent rave so much about the Hardy Club in Greenwich village. I'm no stool pigeon so why should I squeal?

It seems as if our meeting night is getting to be date night for a certain bunch of our members. Namely Helen B., Dotty Y., Binnie, Wandy, Joe J., and Felix M. Last month ice cream, this month dancing. Next month????? Who knows?

My ramblings have to close now because of limited copy plus the fact that most of us are more or less behaving. Next month I intend to go wandering in Memory Lane and bring back some of my past predictions, so till next months issue I remain,

— The Chatterbox

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

##### Bare Facts

Annie M. falling for all the bets that Eddie S. and George Y. play on her. Before you know it she will land up in the poor house.

Being that there is a shortage of razor blades you now see Santa S. walking around with a beard. Aren't you a little too young for that Santa?

Well! Well! It looks as though it is the real thing for Hank K. Well do we hear the wedding bells soon, Hank?

Speaking of Hank, please tell us what become of Stella?

While serving on tables at the last function we had, you could see Irene S. spilling a glass of beer over a certain young man. Mind you it was a glass of beer, not a pitcher. Better luck next time, Irene.

Who is that certain young man that kept asking for you, Johanna, at the dinner and dance? Please

tell us as all of us are very curious.

Stella K. seen dancing with a fellow at least 7" — 0" tall. Bring him around, Stella.

Santa S. being ribbed about the certain young lady he met recently. Can it be the real thing now?

You should have seen Stella K. and Irene S. smiling when a poem belonging to Anne M. was given them to read. Was it that interesting girls?

We missed Al. Y. at our dance. Now we will have to find someone who dances as graceful as he did. Well all of us will have to watch closely, and see if we can find him.

Speaking of Al, we all want to wish him the best of luck in the army. Please drop us a line and let us know how you are getting along?

It seems that Annie K. is interested in Tony S., our exbashful boy. He is a lady killer, isn't he Ann?

'Tis rumored that George Y. is singing "I just want to start a flame in your heart." Could it be, Ruth?

The summer heat has gotten into us so we say so long till the next time.

— The Tattle Tales



**ADV. ANTANAS J. YOUNG** (Jankauskas) Seimo rengimo komisijos pirmininkas ir labai darbštus vytiš. Antanas birželio 13-tą dieną gavo magistrato laipsnį iš Northeastern universiteto ir po sunkių kvotimų buvo labai nuvargęs, vistiek sutiko vyčiams dirbti.

Jei tik sunkus ir atsakomingas darbas, kviesk Antaną, o ne apsilvils!

— V y t i s

**MASPETH L. I. N. Y.  
Council 110**

The first line of a column is the hardest to write so I am going to omit it in this column.

Maspeth was well represented at the New York — New Jersey District Picnic. The only disappointment to some of our virile heroes was the fact that no Sports program had been planned. I know that I had a swelegant time and am looking forward to the next Picnic. The scenery in Jersey is worth looking at.

Hanky and Johnny Wezwick have just finished their vacation as has Steve Charneski. The tans that Hanky and Johnny have acquired attest to the fact that they enjoyed their rest. Stevie's only casualty is a bad cold. I wonder how he got it?

Our July meeting was held at the residence of Steve Charneski. The blackout that occurred during the meeting was a lot of fun. Although we sat quietly in the dark (with the exception of a mysterious stranger who tickled the girls' ankles), it was a pleasant way to pass the time during a blackout. Ideas and plans for swimming parties, etc., were exchanged and the net result was that we will attend a swimming party at a nearby swimming pool shortly. Maybe what our club needs is more "blackouts".

It is encouraging to know that a great many of our members are doing voluntary defense work. It shows that even if we can't shoulder a gun, at least we can do our share to help win this war. How about the rest of you members — why not sacrifice some of your time to help bring this war to an end very soon?

The last line of a column is the hardest to write so I am going to omit it in this column.

— Athena.

**CENTRO FINANSU RAPORTAS**  
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**KUN. MYKOLAS J. KEMĖŽIS,**  
Lietuvos Vyčių Dvasios Vadas, nuširdus Vyčių ir viso jaunimo bičiulis, kurio nuolatinė moralinė ir materialinė parama jaunimo reikams yra brangus jiems akstinas. Tikimasi, kad brangusis Dvasios Vadas galės atvykti Seiman ir toliau palaikyti Vyčių ūpą ir dvasią.

**WORCESTER, MASS. Council 26**

Well the Annual Picnic held at Maironis Park on June 21 is over and so are the showers. But in spite of the weather everybody had a swell (?) time.

Incredently Sunday was Fathers Day and so we send our congratulations to a brand new father Mr. Charles Tagman who now has a little girl. Casey also celebrated by being Godfather to his nephew.  
**High Lights of the Picnic.**

E. J. took care of the Navy while A. B. took care of the Army. What no marines? Madame Keol setting everybody's hear aflutter with card readings of their deep and dark future.

The busy bees! — Julia B. Adele K., Caroline Z., Adele N. Mary U. attending all the U. S. O. dances and getting all the boys of Uncle Sam's forces. How about sharing a few of them girls?

Two of our members brother was ordained into priesthood May 30 and so to Fr. Bruno Mazukna we extend our sincere wishes and in the same breath extend our condolences on the illness of their mother.

Also Josephine Buvidas has roped Casey and put him out of circulation. When's the date Josie?

— Raspberry

**LINDEN, N. J. Council 113**

During the past month there has been very little activity in our council. It seems that the summer months keep our members occupied elsewhere instead of at our regular meetings, therefore the reason for so little activity.

Several of our members recently had an enjoyable bicycle outing. Bicycles seem to be the mode of the moment in our council, due to the gas rationing.

Another sport which most of the members participate in is roller skating. Roller-skating seems to be more popular now than during the winter months. I wonder why?

Everyone is looking forward to the "moonlite hayside" which is planned for sometime in August. We know it will be one of the grandest times of the year. So everyone be sure to be there.

Helen Karan one of our members, recently returned from a trip out to California. According to Helen it was the most delightful trip she has even taken. We are all waiting to hear the complete story.

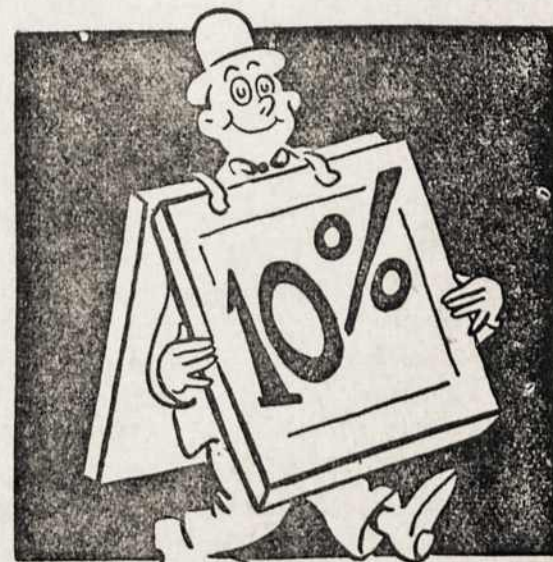
**Sly Glances:**

I noticed that Johnnie Tratulis and "Slim" from Maspeth were having a wonderful time at the District picnic with the special keg of Beer..... I noticed that Helen T. is taking up roller skating again. Could it be her slogan "off of men" is all washed up?

Anne Shaltis bicycling up to the picnic.... Joe Krotulis on a swing at the picnic.... Bill Kruze looking all over for workers at the picnic. All in all everyone had a good time.

— Peter Pen

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**Ten Per Cent  
OF YOUR INCOME  
should be going into  
U.S. War Bonds and Stamps**

**BAYONNE, N. J. — Council 67**

I'll start my column by first introducing you readers to our recent newly elected officers.

President — Joseph Zebleskas

V. President — Ann Griggs

Secretary — B. Kuizan

Fin. Secretary — Ed. Kalantis

Treasurer — A. Morkewick

Correspondent - John Nonitt and Thomas Long.

To be honestly frank with you readers, I could write oodles and oodles about everyone. Reason — well believe it or not — our council has been very active these past few months. Surprised? Who isn't, and everyone is having a good time.

A social was held after the installation of our newly elected officers.

What happened to the Weenies gang on the hike May 1, to Staten Island?

Seems our boys and girls like to go swimming at St. George's Hotel — wonder what the real attraction is? and why did Al Bernotas and Ann Griggs fall behind after the swimming party? Ann was the girl that told everyone to stay together. Well, anyway, it still remains a secret where these two ended up.

After one of our recent hikes the gang ended up at Victoria Grusky's house and had quite a time for themselves. Who were the girls that got a rugbeating???

What happened to the swimming party planned at Staten Island pool? Heard only four showed up. Was it too near the home town or too far?

We welcome to our Council 3 new members and an old member. Joe Ralis, Ann Morkewick, Ann Sanders, and Anny Rodusis now Mrs? sorry, I didn't get the name.

**Peeking with the ——— Peeper**

Why does R. S. stay home on Sunday waiting for someone to knock?

What happened at a certain house in Bayonne on a blackout night? J. C. and A. S. ought to know. Boy what fun, eh, J. C., should happen more often?

Who was that certain couple who enjoyed singing in the dark? Could it be C. C. and M. R.? It was.

Alice Marcine looking very good in her new feather hair comb.

Well, you girls can cheer up now. Uncle Sam has decided to leave Johnny Bray with you awhile yet.

Helen and Moe Wilkas drying their hair one Sunday P. M. in the country breeze. It was a lonely

day wasn't it girls????

Who's the handsome Romeo the Bayonne girls are raving about? Why don't you try to get him to join the club, eh girls?

If you like to rumba, take Ann Morkewick out for a dance boys, she sure can rumba. It seems she got all the blond fellows on the go.

Could it be that we'll be seeing more of Vickie Grusky now that she has a crush on a certain male member in our club? (Now don't let this little note stop your present attendance).

Why does Agnes R. admire Fritzes bedroom set???

Who's the mysterious fellow that Ann Griggs was caught necking with?

Heard Connie J. Jean R. and Charlotte C. had a better than good time at St. George's Hotel swimming. Who were the handsome chaps girls?

What is your favorite show Ed. Kalantis? What? It's in Union City, well, you must tell us more about it.

Bertha K. and Bill K. dancing cheek to cheek at the Blue Flame.

Ann Zemo and her army boyfriend painting the town red on his 10 day furlough. Nice chap Ann.

Al. Jackas a former member of our council now stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. was home on a furlough and a party was arranged at Mary Griggs home for him and everyone was mighty glad to see you Al.

At a moonlight sail planned for that certain Friday night, what happened to everyone? Seems like only Gil, Agnes, Bertha and Bill were the only ones with nerve enough to go for a boat ride.

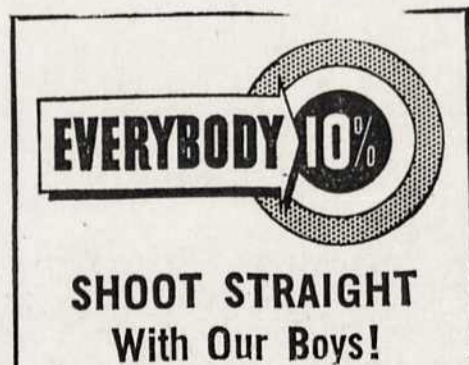
How about some of you people who haven't been around lately, dropping in to say hello.

— Black Fury.

**NAZIISM AND COMMUNISM**

"Fundamentally, in basic ideas and general views on life, there is little, if any, difference between the Communism of Joseph Stalin and the Naziism of Adolph Hitler. Both ideologies stand in opposition to the ideals of God."

— Boake Carter (July 14, 1942)

**Bill Klimas Inducted**

BILL KLIMAS, popular president of the Chicago District, is leaving for his induction into the U. S. Army as this issue is being prepared. The Chicago District, in appreciation of his untiring efforts as their leader during the past and previous years, tendered him a farewell banquet at the Little Bohemia Restaurant on Tuesday, July 14th. 1942.

Bill says that, while he does not know where he will be stationed at the time, he is going to pull every string available to be able to attend the National Convention in South Boston next month.

"Vytis", in the name of the entire organization, wishes Bill good luck and God-speed in his return to our midst.



ADV. JONAS GRIGALIUS, Bostono miesto legalio departamento narys ir labai nuoširdus vytis. Jonas Seimo rengime, yra kvietimo komisijoje jo darbas bus pakviesti visi lietuviams nuoširdūs miesto valdininkai bei kiti vyčių draugai. Nors Jonas labai užimtas darbu, vienok randa laiko ir vyčiams padirbėti.



— Vytis



## OUR 30th NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Convention of any organization brings its prime purpose to the front. It is where the reports of the Supreme Officers are read and studied, with a view toward the understanding of their accomplishments and an inkling to the future work of our order. The progress of our order is measured by the performance of our Supreme Council and our Supreme Officers. We, as individuals, and as councils have an opportunity, through our delegates to the National Convention, to take part in molding and shaping the future of our order. We cannot and should not allow this opportunity to slip by us at any time.

Our Country is undergoing severe changes. It has changed from peacetime activity to a strenuous war program. We are going through times that most of us have not experienced in our lives. We are urged to give our all to our country so that we may come through this war with Victory and thereby preserve the rights we cherish under our form of government.

Many of our members have already entered the armed forces of our nation, many more will follow. Many others are working long and hard hours in defense industries so that those who are in the armed forces may be properly equipped to defend and protect our heritage of freedom. Many of our councils have purchased War Savings Bonds with surplus council funds to show their loyalty to our government and all of our members are purchasing War Savings Bonds and Stamps to the fullest of their ability as true and loyal Americans. We are thankful to God that we can lend our support to our government in this hour of need.

The preservation of the principles of democracy and the ideals which we hold under this form of government is a task which the President of these United States of America is working hard and he has asked all the people for their complete support in this war effort. The preservation of the ideals of democracy leads me to the thought of preserving the ideals of our organization, the Knights (and Ladies) of Lithuania.

For thirty years the members of our order have worked and fought to maintain the ideals of our founders set up for the guidance of Lithuanian Catholic youth in America. For thirty years these members have had their National Convention, and through these conventions the order has grown to its present size. It is through these National Conventions that we have been able to accomplish those noteworthy activities that have, in a great measure, molded and shaped the moral character of Lithuanian Catholic youth in America. Through these conventions, and only through these conventions can we continue to carry out these ideals and to further progress, through the grace of God, in our work.

War brings fright, fear, worry and indecision to many. It brings courage and strength to others. It wakes up the strong, who have been slumbering, to the realization that they must fight, as they have never fought before, and to work as they have never worked before to preserve those things that are dear to them and for which they have spent many years of hard effort to construct.

We have seen the fear and indecision amongst some of our councils, and we hope that that fear and indecision will quickly vanish in the face of the encouraging example of our stronger councils and the strong leadership of our Supreme Council

officers. We, who have slumbered, must awaken. We must fully realize that the time has come to forget petty differences to forget any and all personal animosities and to forget sectional politics and to work side by side, as true Christian brothers and sisters and fight for the preservation of the ideals of our great order, the Knights of Lithuania, so that those ideals shall not succumb during these trying difficult times.

Council No. 17 of Boston, Mass. is ready to give its all to preserve those cherished ideals. This council has assumed the tremendous burden of organizing the Thirtieth National Convention in Boston in the short time given it by request of the Supreme Council Officers. It is assuming this obligation so that our National Conventions shall not cease to exist. We do not condemn Elizabeth Council for their expressed inability to fulfill their obligation to organize the Thirtieth National Convention in Elizabeth. The Supreme Council has accepted the reasons given by the Elizabeth Council and we abide by their action.

I feel that it was the duty of Elizabeth Council to appeal to the Supreme Council for relief when, in their discretion, they realized that they could not successfully carry out the work of organizing the National Convention. That duty they carried out. It does not carry condemnation, rather it should carry an understanding to all the councils in this order that Elizabeth Council is loyal in the face of the severe conditions that that council is going through. We pray that they shall survive and keep their council alive until peaceful conditions in the world give them a better opportunity to fulfill their obligations.

I firmly believe that every council, no matter how they are suffering from an ever decreasing membership, no matter how low their financial condition may be at its moment, has the firm desire to maintain the principles for which our organization stands and to give their full support toward the guidance and welfare of our order.

I appeal to each and every council to fortify themselves morally, to strengthen their membership toward the duty of loyalty, and to bend every effort to bring to the 30th National Convention their honest suggestions how best to meet the increasing problems which confront our organization today. We must be prepared to come to this convention with these suggestions and be resolved that from these we may be able to determine the best road to pursue for our salvation. Let us come out from this convention with a better understanding of each other and what our united bondship can accomplish for the good of our order.

It is only through complete sacrifice, complete cooperation of each council and complete cooperation of each individual member showing their true Christian Charity that we can hope to live. It is the unmistakable duty of every true Catholic to make every effort to help one another, and it is our duty as true Knights of Lithuania to see that our efforts will increase our strength so that our order under God may long endure.

The eloquent phrase "For God and Country" calls for something more real in the way of performance than mere lip service. Our organization has never failed to demonstrate that fact. It stands ready today as always for whatever trials or burdens the future may hold. In the name of every member of the Knights of Lithuania let us accept the challenge of the hour and in the face of the catastrophic contest

crashing toward us proclaim our unalterable determination as free men, like the valiant crusading knights of old, regardless of any totalitarian decrees and in defiance of any tyrant's mandate, to render to Caesar only the things that are Caesar's and to keep for God the things that are God's.

The thirtieth National Convention Arrangement Committee, in behalf of Council No. 17 welcomes you to Boston on August 11, 12, and 13, 1942.

Respectfully,

**ANTHONY J. YOUNG,**  
Chairman, Thirtieth National  
Convention Arrangement Committee

## Faith — on the Humor Side

Legion of Decency's cable to Gandhi: "KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON."

A hero of the Johnston flood of 1889 died and went to Heaven. In being questioned by St. Peter he spoke at some length on his activities during the flood, relating how many lives he had saved, how devastating the damage caused by the flood. A group gathered around and listened respectfully, all except one little old man with a long white beard. He made contemptuous noises throughout the narrative, and when the Johnstown-flood hero ended his tale, the little old man gave a long raz-z-z-berry.

"Don't mind him", said St. Peter, observing the Pennsylvanian's startled look. "That's only Noah."

An Irish priest offered a quarter to the boy who could tell him who was the greatest man in history.

"Christopher Columbus", answered the Italian boy.

"George Washington", answered the American lad.

"St. Patrick," shouted the Jewish boy.

"The quarter is yours," said the priest, "but why did you say St. Patrick?"

"Right down in my heart I knew it was Moses," said the Jewish boy, "but business is business."

They tell a story about Calvin Coolidge returning home from church and his wife asked him what the sermon was about.

"Sin" said the President.

"What did he say about it?"

"He was against it."

St. Peter and St. Paul were out on the links for a game of golf.

On the first hole St. Peter teed off, and the ball completed its flight by plunking directly into the cup — a hole in one.

On the second hole St. Paul sent his ball flying through the air and over the trees for — a hole in one.

Walking together down the fairway, St. Peter turned to his companion and suggested: "Look, Paul, let's cut out this miracle stuff."

Asked to pray for warm weather so that her grandma's rheumatism might pass away, a five-year old girl knelt and said: "Oh Lord, please make it hot for grandma."

"Dear God," prayed little Willie, "please watch over my mamma." And then he added as an after-thought, "And I dunno as it would do any harm to keep an eye on dad, too."

The Mohammedan high priest called out: "There is but one God and Mohammed is his prophet."

Voice in crowd: "He is not."

The congregation turned around as one, and among the sea of brown faces could be distinguished one small yellow face.

The priest straightened up and smiled, "There seems to be a little Confucian here."

Young Sunday School Teacher (using flowery language, to impress his class):

"Did you ever stop to think of the marvelous power of the All-Wise Father? The same power that lifted the everlasting hills, fashioned the babbling rill; the same power that creates the cyclone, sends the fragrant zephyr; the same power that made me, made a daisy."

Little Girl: "Mamma, I never saw a picture of an angel with a beard or mustache. Do men ever go to heaven?"

Mother: "Oh yes, but it's always by a close shave."

The pastor was talking to the little girl and her brother and asked them how they said their prayers. The little girl answered: "Sometimes I say them on Mother's knee and sometimes by the side of the bed."

"And how about you, Jimmy?" asked the priest. "Oh, I don't need to pray. I sleep with daddy."

A Catholic Bishop in Germany was preaching about the influence of the Church on the education of youth.

A uniformed Nazi stood up and exclaimed: "How can anybody talk about youth if he himself has neither wife nor child?"

The Bishop answered, in a thundering voice: "In this house I will allow no offensive remarks against the 'Fuehrer'!"

Pastor (on Easter Sunday): "I am happy to see so many of you here today, and as many of you will not be here again till next Easter, I want to take this occasion to wish you a Merry Christmas."

The colored Methodist preacher exhorted his audience: "Come up and join the army of de Lord."

"I'se already joined", a voice answered.

"Where you joined, Brother?" asked the preacher.

"Wit' de Baptists."

"Chile, yo' ain't in de army, youh's in the navy."

Sunday School Teacher: "Now we'll try that hymn again — 'Little drops of water' — and put some spirit into it."

"What does the Chaplain of Congress do??"

"He takes his place at the rostrum, looks out upon the congressmen and then prays for the country."

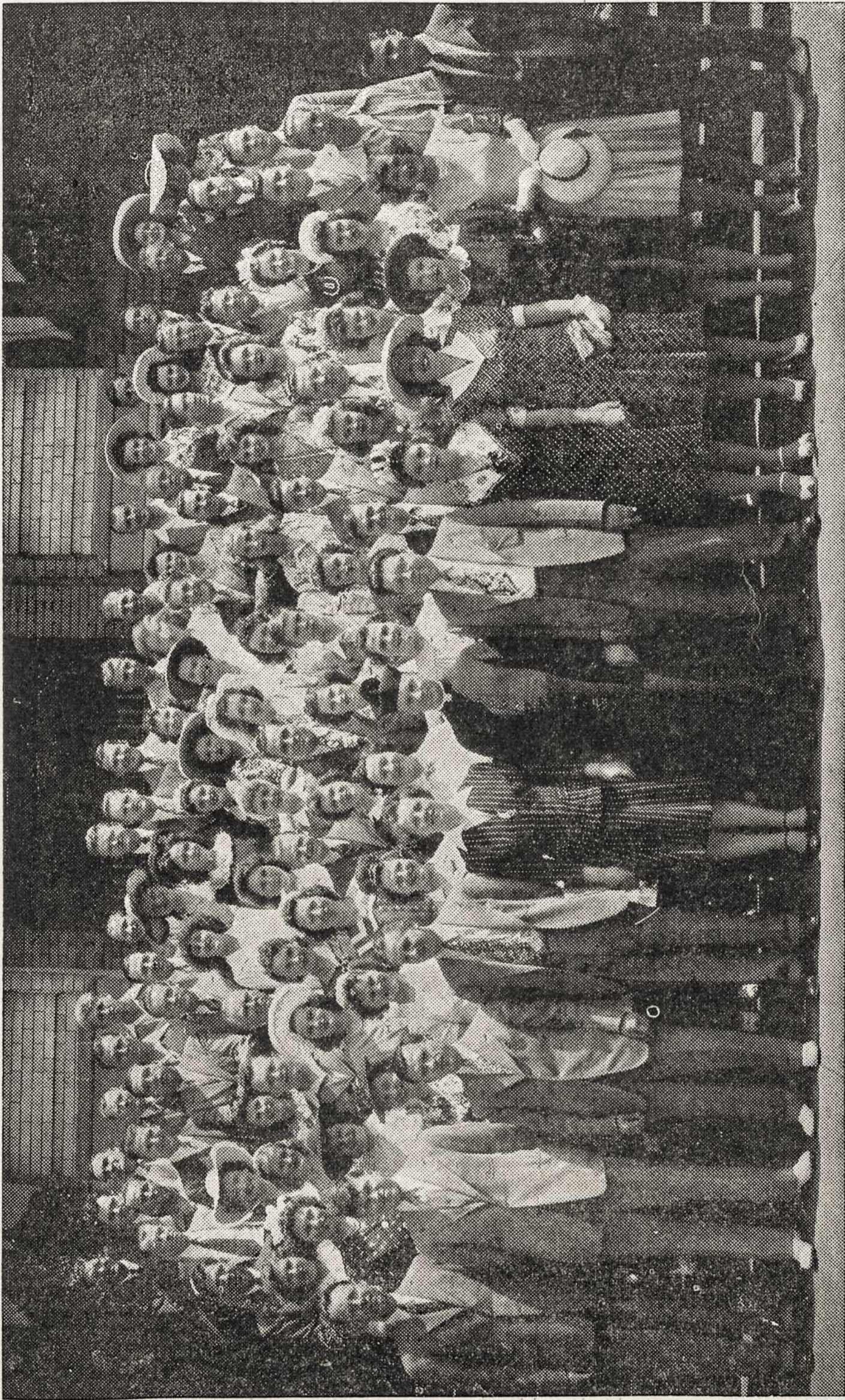
An Archbishop visited a small parish one day to administer Confirmation, and asked one nervous little girl what matrimony is.

"It is a state of terrible torment which those who enter are compelled to undergo for a time to prepare for a brighter and better world" she said.

"No, no", remonstrated her pastor, "that isn't matrimony: that's the definition of purgatory."

"Leave her alone," said the Archbishop "maybe she's right. What do you and I know about it?"

**YOUR HOSTS WELCOME YOU!**



**Council 17, South Boston, Mass.**

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# NATIONAL CONVENTION



## KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA

August 11, 12, 13, 1942

**SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th,**

Registration of delegates and guests starts at Council 17 Club Rooms, 137 Emerson St., South Boston, Mass., at 4:00 P. M.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10th,**

Social at Club Rooms. Refreshments, Dancing.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th,**

Holy Mass 9:00 A. M. at St. Peter's Parish Church. Breakfast. Sessions begin immediately after at St. Peter's Hall, 492 East Seventh Street.

In the evening, an Outing at Norumbega Park.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12th,**

Holy Mass and sessions as usual. In the evening, a Banquet and Dance at Municipal Hall.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th,**

Holy Mass and sessions as usual. In the evening a Semi-Formal Dance at Hotel Kenmore, Boston, Mass.

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