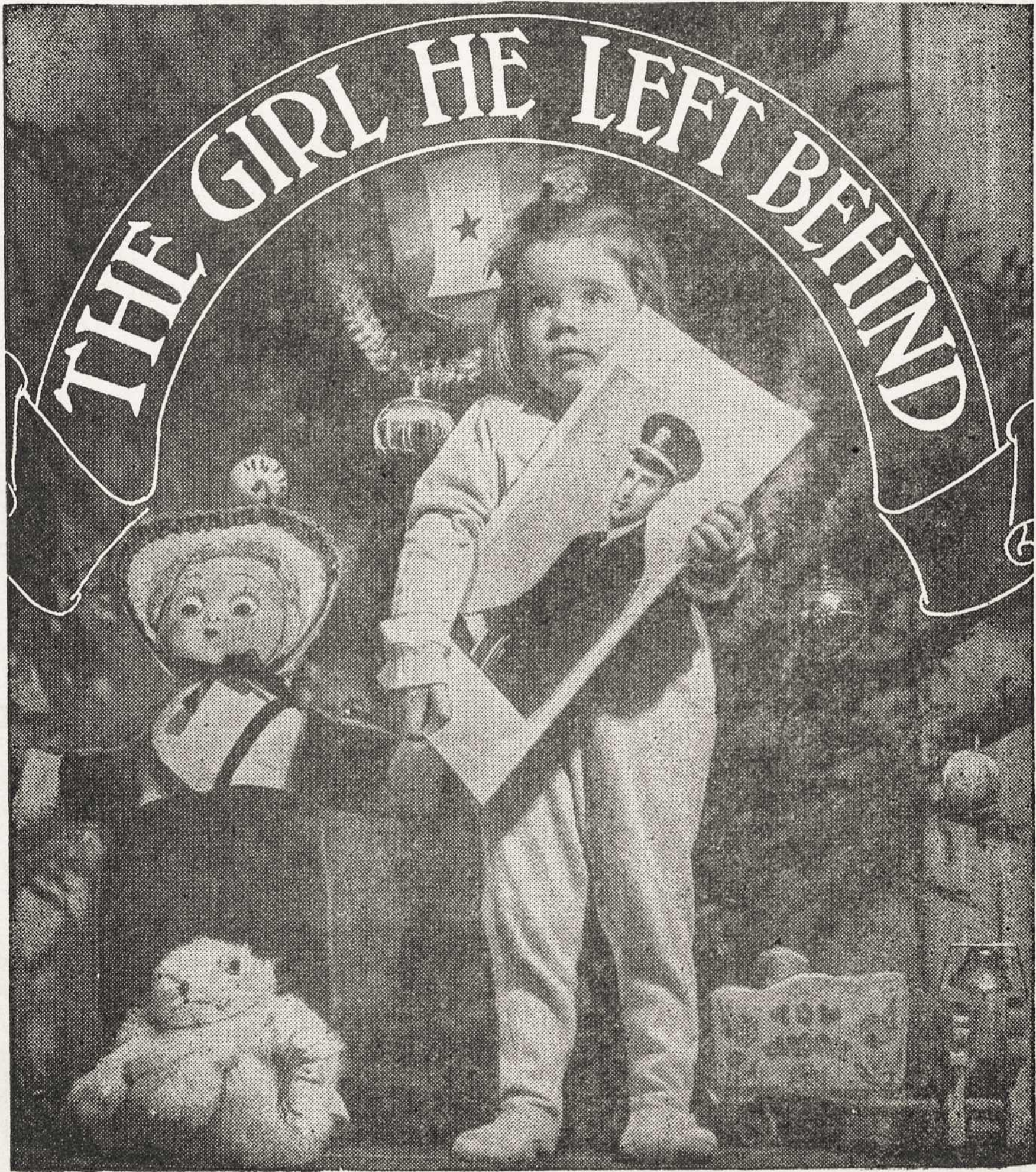


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REDAKCIJA ir CENTRO VALDYBA.



The Spirit of Christmas

— Smiles and Christmas seem to go together. — You might say, — yes, it is. — But what is wrong. —

Rev. A. Jansonis

Christmas is coming. Christmas is near. Walk through any city's shopping centre and you will soon be convinced of this fact. Stores are gaily donned in the winter holiday's robes. A truck, loaded with Christmas trees, can be seen laboring down the streets. Postal authorities are already urging to "Mail early for Christmas". In homes, mothers and daughters are happily making lists for Christmas cards, and dad and son are getting the wrappings for the presents.

But there is something else that shows us that Christmas is night. It is a definite atmosphere, a definite spirit that hovers about us. It seems that everybody is enveloped in it and are being carried by it to do all sorts of extraordinary things, and happy about it. Doing it in a smiling, cheerful and kind manner.

For instance, shopping is usually considered and unpleasant duty. It is something that has to be done, and something that is done hurriedly. When a shopper returns home, she never fails to let the rest of the family know how unpleasant it has been: she had to stand in line for hours; couldn't get what she wanted; how impolite everybody is. In short, the household must know that she is too tired shopping for them. Ah, but at Christmas time what a change! She'd walk for hours, endure countless inconveniences. Line waiting is understandable to get a gift for a friend or a relation. Failing to find what she wants, she just smiles and says, "I suppose I'll have to take something else". At any other time she would give forth with a string of complaints. At Christmas time we don't mind standing in line

at the post office window, without even a sign of disgust or mumbling. The hustle and bustle, shoving and jostling is shrugged off with "Sorry" or "It didn't hurt, really."

Smiles and Christmas seem to go together. No icy stares in cocktails lounges over spilt wine; no guttural utterances over dropped packages. Kindness and forgiveness is predominant everywhere. Why? Christmas is here. Christmas always brings out the best that is in us, making us do things for others unhesitatingly. No doubt about it, a wonderful spirit is generated at Christmas time. Ah, but the pity of it all is — we do not retain this spirit for the rest of the year. If we did — wouldn't there be a tremendous difference in our lives and in the lives of others?

But Christmas is a special time of the year, you might say. Yes, it is. But what is wrong with the rest of the year? We live for other parts of the year as well as for Christmas time. We were not meant by the hand of God to be miserable to other people eleven months of the year. We were not made to cause other people to feel that they had no right to live. God did not intend us to live like dogs, always fighting for the bone.

Our Lord came to us at Christmas time to bring "peace to men of good will". Christ came to teach harmony amongst ourselves. We see it at Christmas time. Why can't we see it throughout the year? When we lend a helping hand to others, help others solve their difficulties; when we are sympathetic toward others, we are then approaching the ideal for which Christ came to earth. Only then are we happy, and others along with us. Kindness always produces kindness. It is contagious. None loses anything by giving it to others.

Yet Christmas is more than the exchanging of cards or presents. These are only the external manifestations of the spirit we feel toward others, charity toward fellow-men. A person without a nickel in his pocket can have this spirit, because it is a spirit of DESIRING to do good and be at peace with everyone, because it

Mary Immaculate



Mary Immaculate, Queen of Saints,
Lily most pure without any taints,
Hear us poor creatures praying to thee:
Lead us to God, o Star of the Sea!

Ark of the Covenant, cease not thy care
Over thy children, who are to share
Heavenly bliss beyond the blue sky,
Where the sweet hymns of Saints never die.

Refuge of sinners, pray for us all,
It is to thee we constantly call.
Help us, dear Mother, help us, we pray,
Always to follow Jesus, the Way!

Yearning with love for Jesus, thy Son,
Who over death great victory won,
Pray we to thee, our Mother and love:
Lead us to Him to heaven above.

*Rev. Michael J. Urbonas,
St. Joseph Church, DuBois, Pa.*

comes from the very fact that we all have a little bit of Christ in all of us.

Yet Christmas has hardly passed when we are at our old foolish way of living — thoughtlessness, unconcern for others. Life is again drudgery, doing things we do not like, ever dissatisfied with others and ourselves. This must seem foolish to us who think this over for a moment. We know from experience, repeated for us year

after year at Christmas time, that it's the spirit that makes happiness. Yet it slips through our fingers, and dies away with the sound of Christmas bells.

Why do we do it? I can think of only one answer. We have not fully appreciated what it is to live a Christian life. We don't know the meaning of Christ's coming upon earth to bring peace to men of good will — peace between God and man, and man and man. If we can but convince ourselves that Christ wants nothing more than an unbreakable union between ourselves by uniting ourselves to God and in God. If we realized this, then the spirit of Christmas would prevail throughout the year. There would be no petty quarrels, no jealousies.

We should start by looking for the Christ within us. And having found Him, refuse to let it go. Corresponding to the countless graces He gives us daily, we should try to see in all men the image, the bit of Christ in others. Had Christ not come, there would be no Christmas, no Christmas spirit, and we would be sorry as a consequence. In appreciation of all He did for us by His coming, we should try to treat our fellowmen as He treated them; — with kindness, courtesy, — always trying to lift men up instead on stamping on them when they are down. Smile instead of sneer. Give credit, not criticize. Not only would we benefit by it, but the whole world would benefit. The world sorely needs the spirit of Christmas, the peace of Christ more than ever. Everyone who puts this spirit into action would give glory to God in the highest, and do his full share in bringing peace on earth to men.

Governor Green Honorary Member of United Lithuanian Relief Fund

Rev. Dr. J. B. Koncius, National President of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc., announced today that Governor Dwight H. Green, of Illinois, has accepted honorary membership in that organization. In accepting, Governor Green wrote:

"Yours is a charitable organization whose responsibilities are, I know, greatly increased by the suffering and hardships resulting from World War II. I know that organizations such as yours can accomplish great good and I wish for you every success."

The United Lithuanian Relief Fund, a member agency of the National War Fund, has a large number of chapters in the State of Illinois and is at the present time directing the American clothing drive for Lithuanian war victims. A similar drive for food products and other gifts in kind will start on Nov. 10th and continue to the end of the year.

TAKING CHRIST OUT OF CHRISTMAS

Francis J. Jančius, M.I.C.

WINTER scene, stage coach, snow covered bungalow, snow man, sleigh ride, scotty dog, sailboat cutting a course over the water, or... well, just what do you prefer? Your choice for a nickel, too. What under the blue skies are we talking about? Why Christmas cards, of course.

It's a perennial headache, that delicate task of selecting the "proper" Christmas cards to send to our friends. Feelings may be hurt, grievances, even enmities, caused. Let's make a difficult job easy, then. How, you ask? Simply by consigning the whole "Christ-less card" racket to the rubbish heap. CHRISTMAS BELONGS TO CHRIST AND NO ONE ELSE.

We don't deny that those cards aren't pretty. All of us — from the smallest child to the white-haired old man lazing in his comfortable chair by the fireside — like a companionable dog. Most of us, too, enjoy winter scenes. Yet, we'll all readily admit, none of these are as lovely or attractive as the picture of a mother and her child — especially when that Mother is Mary and the Child is our Divine Saviour.

No one will accuse you of bad taste if your Christmas card does have a picture of Christ on it. Any person who knows art must acknowledge that masterpieces of Christ and the Madonna far outnumber classical paintings of scotty dogs or sailboats.

Christmas is Christ's birthday. Christmas cards are His birthday cards. They should be appropriate for the occasion, too. And yet, today, snowmen, scotties and sailboats have driven the Babe of Bethlehem, His Mother, His Foster-Father off the cards supposed to commemorate His birthday.

Why is this so? Why have the birthday cards of ordinary people remained unchanged through the years? Simply because nobody cares much whether the anniversaries of average people are remembered or not... But, there are powerful forces in this country of ours who hate the Babe of Bethlehem, who want to drive the very thought of Him from the public mind and make people forget His teachings. They have succeeded admirably... Most of His birthday cards this year will not refer to that blessed event at all.

Pernicious influences can also be seen in other phases of our life as it is connected with Christmas.

Children have been brought up on the myth of a bouncing, chubby-cheeked, bewiskered Santa Claus who sneaks down chimnies and leaves gifts for good little tots. Children learn of this mysterious gift-bearer and his sleigh drawn by

trained reindeer before they learn of the Christ Child. In a word, Santa Claus has supplanted Christ in the minds and hearts of our young ones. Soon Christ will be entirely rooted out of their lives.

Sooner or later the children will learn that there is no Santa Claus, that legend has taken the place of fact, that truth has given way to falsity.

Let's tell our children the true story of Christmas — the ever beautiful story of the Christ Child at Bethlehem, of the Inn which refused the Holy Family shelter, of the manger, the shepherds and the Wise Men. Let's tell them also of the men, who with hatred in their hearts, nailed the Man Christ to the rough wood of the Cross, and of the men today that hate Christ and are striving to drive Him from our lives.

We pride ourselves on being followers of Christ, Catholics, yet on His birthday we deny Him. Christ is not a leader of whom we should be ashamed.

Let's "accentuate the positive" by putting Christ back into Christmas. There is no better way of doing so than by putting Him back into our public and private lives. In short, let's "eliminate the negative", the denials of Christ so prevalent in our lives by putting Him back on our Christmas cards, bringing Him back to our gatherings, but above all, by enthroning Him in our hearts. Life then will be better for all concerned.

Kalėdų Gėlės



Varpai Betliejun šaukia,
Varpai Betliejun lydi.—
Visam šviesiam pasauly
Kalėdų gėlės žydi.

Laukai, miškai ir pievos
Klevai, berželiai, uosiai
Baltas žiedais sidabro
Jau šventei pasipuošę.

Atlėks žirgais lediniais,
Sparneliais greito vėjo,
Apgaubs mūs baltą žemę
Šventa naktis Betliejaus.

Jau angelėliai gieda
Aukštam skliaute parymę—
Jau žemės meilė gimė,
Jau mūsų džiaugsmas gimė.
V. Nemunėlis.



JUST A STORY

— WHO IS SANTA CLAUS? — "HE MUST BE A SAINT OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN! — THE SECRET REVEALED. —

Who is Santa Claus? Did he ever live on this earth like other folk, or is he just the creation of some-one's imagination?

No! Santa Claus did really exist and is perhaps better known as St. Nicholas whose feast day falls on the 6th of Dec. The story of how he came to be Santa Claus is not so well known and so here it is for those who have often wondered how that quaint old soul in whom children so implicitly trust and patiently wait for came into existence. It happened at Christmas time very long ago.

It was the night before Christmas in the great castle of a famous nobleman. No lights shone in the mansion and no fires burned in the hearths in the lofty rooms. All was very dark, cold and desolate. The owner of the castle sat before the empty fire-place in his dining hall, psychologically, even so expecting it to be the warmest spot in the room. His head was sunk deep in his hands but his mind was up with his three young daughters who had gone supperless to bed. In spite of the fine stone palace in which they lived and the high rank which they held, the nobleman was desperately poor. His entire fortune had gone sometime ago, and thus he sat, his thoughts radiating around his children rather than being centred on himself.

Unable to work and with no means to support them, they had nothing to look forward to for his pride refused to permit him to beg help from

RAMI NAKTIS, ŠVENTA NAKTIS

*Rami naktis, šventa naktis!
Aplink palaiminta rimtis!
Bebudi tik šventa šeima,
Ir tyrą meilę nešdama
Bebudi Tau ji, Kūdikėli...*

*Rami naktis, šventa naktis!
Jį piemenėliai pamatys!
Jam giesmes angelai giedos,
Sulaukę šitos valandos,
Nes Kūdikėlis gimė Jėzus.*

*Rami naktis, šventa naktis!
Kaip spindi meilė ir viltis
Tau, Kūdikėli, iš akių!
Ir aš šiandien Tave regiu,
Ir tyrą meilę man teiki Tu.*

(Versta A. T.)

other nobles and he realized that the worldly lords and ladies of his station in society would consider his family disgraced because they were wealthy no longer.

Lost in these gloomy meditations, the nobleman remained in his chair whilst the hours slipped by, unheeded, unnoticed. Outside the streets grew deserted and quiet in keeping with the interior of the castle. Everybody had gone home and in the gloom and death-like silence his head finally sank onto his chest and thus he fell asleep.

Suddenly he was awakened at midnight by a strange sound. Someone had hurled something down the chimney. A mysterious package lay before him on the empty hearth. He jumped up and in fear looked wildly round it. What was in that parcel that he was so afraid to open — what enemy might have sent it rolling down in that queer manner?

After a while his curiosity overcame his fright and he cautiously reached out and picked up the object. It was a large ball securely tied well and gave a chinking sound when he handled it. Quickly with unsteady fingers he untied the string and emptied the contents of the ball. Imagine his astonishment and delight when he saw a pile of gold pieces.

For a long time the nobleman wondered who could have done such a kind deed to him and his daughters but he was unable to discover the identity of the unknown benefactor.

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Months sped by and after a while the nobleman gave up all hope of solving the mystery. In the meantime his eldest daughter had married and he had been able to provide her with a suitable dowry from the ball of gold.

Again it was Christmas Eve and the nobleman had come once more to the end of his money. His daughter's marriage had taken the greater part of the mysterious gift and now he was faced with the same hopeless prospects as before. Again he remained before the cheerless, empty fireplace until sleep overcame him.

Then a remarkable thing took place. Exactly at the stroke of midnight another Christmas parcel was thrown down the chimney and landed on the hearth. The nobleman jumped up, wide awake and picked it out of the ashes. He could hardly believe his eyes when he found that it was another ball of gold pieces. He rubbed his eyes as if he were still dreaming, but there was no mistake. Here was another small fortune come to him from the sky on Christmas Eve.

"Who among all I know can be such a real friend in need?" he wondered "and why does he perform this kind act at Christmas time and in such a secret way. Whoever he may be may God bless and keep him.

This time the Count made careful inquiries



MYKOLAS A. NORKŪNAS,

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos, kaip teisingai ji pereitais metais I. S. savo straipsnyje rašydamas pavadino — No. 1 vytis. Šiais metais jis gruodžio 1 d. jau atšventė 76 metų sukaktį. Tai nenuilstantis jaunas-senis, kuris myli L. Vyčius ir visuomet su jais jų įvairiuose suvažiavimuose, o ypač seimuose. Kartą vienas iš jaunesniųjų vyčių jį pavadino "nenuilstantis keleivis" į L. Vyčių seimus. Kodėl taip yra? Kodėl jis taip rūpinasi L. Vyčių organizacija, mes čia išsamiai į tą klausimą neatsakysime, tą padarys šios organizacijos istorija. Šia proga mes tik pažymėję tą faktą, kad Mykolas A. Norkūnas yra No. 1 vytis, lietuviškojo jaunimo susiorganizavusio po vyčių vėliava didžiausias rėmėjas ir todėl ir savo žiloje senatvėje dar vis darbuojasi su jaunimu, kad tik tas jaunimas eitu garbingai savo bočių keliais nešdamas aukštai iškėlęs vėliavą su obalsiu DIEVUI ir TĖVYNEI.

Ilgiausių metų!

and discovered that he was not the only person who shared the charity of the unknown benefactor. Many other people who needed help especially the children of the poor had received mysterious presents while they were asleep on Christmas Eve. But nobody knew who it was that remembered them so generously.

"He must be a saint or an angel from heaven!" they exclaimed.

* * *

The following Christmas the nobleman again sat before the empty hearth in the castle's dining hall but this time he did not fall asleep. He was determined to discover who the mysterious benefactor really was. When the midnight hour drew near, he was trembling with excitement. He was not disappointed. With a loud thump another heavy ball of gold came down the chimney but he did not wait to pick it up but ran as fast as he could out into the street. He was just in time to see a shadowy figure climbing down the wall of the castle. He shouted to the stranger to stop but the latter leaped to the ground and darted through the rear gate. The nobleman had no

intention of giving up so easily and hurried after the disappearing form at full speed. Down the street and around a corner he rushed, calling at the top of his lungs.

Suddenly the figure darted into a doorway but his pursuer made a final plunge and grasped him by one foot. The mystery was solved at last. He had captured the unknown! "Bishop Nicholas!" exclaimed the nobleman, falling on his knees. "So, it was you, I might have guessed it could be none other. How can I ever thank you..." "Say no more, my son", said the saintly bishop, overcome with confusion because his good deed had been discovered. "Only promise me one thing. Promise me on your honor never to reveal what you found out tonight". The nobleman gave his word that he would not tell but curiosity made him ask St. Nicholas what prompted him to perform his secret acts of generosity "Tomorrow is the Birthday of Our Lord", replied St. Nicholas. "Accept the gold as a gift for His sake, who for our sake became poor.

Not until after Bishop Nicholas had died was the secret revealed and for many years he continued his Christmas Eve custom. Is it any wonder that he has come to be looked upon as "Santa Claus" who is the symbol of Christmas giving and Christmas spirit? As the Patron Saint of Children St. Nicholas has always been and always will be loved by countless little people everywhere.

Lietuvos Protestas Prieš Sovietus Ir Jos Dėkingumas Amerikai

Iš visai patikėtinių šaltinių patirta, kad kai Amerikos spaudoje pasirodė š. m. spalio 19d. pranešimai iš Berlyno, kad ten buvęs pasirašytas vokiečių karo prasikaltėlių apkaltinimo aktas, kuriame pasakyta būk Lietuva, kaip ir dar kitos valstybės, neva esanti Sovietų Rusijos plote, — tai Lietuvos Ministras — remdamosi faktu, kad Lietuvos nepriklausomybė yra lietuvių tautos laisvai pareikštos valios išraiška ir kad Lietuva einant tarptautinės teisės dėsniais tebėra nepriklausoma suvereninė valstybė, nors kad ir yra dabar svetimos karinės jėgos okupuota — Valsitybės Departamente pareiškė protestą dėl tokio netikslaus išsireiškimo pavartojimo tame dokumente; tuo pačiu žygiu P. Žadeikis pareiškęs gilaus pasitenkinimo dėl padarytos rezervacijos per gerb. Robert H. Jackson, Amerikos Aukščiausiojo Teismo narį, ir specialį tai bylai prokurorą, kad jo parašas ant to dokumento jokia būdu nereiškia Amerikos vyriausybės nusistatymo pakitėjimo Lietuvos atvėju ar jo (prokuroro) asmeninės nuomonės išraiškos Lietuvos klausime ir kad todėl ano posakio pavartojimas laiko ekonomijos sumetimais nereiškia pripažinimo suvereninių teisių į tas teritorijas Sovietų Rusijai.

The 1946 Victory Membership Drive

DEEP seated is the fear enveloping mankind since the unleashing of the atomic bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, a fear that atomic energy in the hands of crazed criminals holding power may destroy and completely wipe out our present civilization. Deeper are the thoughts of men who devote their lives to educating man to the teachings of Christ — that civilization cannot long exist unless founded on faith and trust and brotherly love — to the reaction that this newly found power will have in this world.

Progress in civilizations has been attained by brotherly association and cooperations and years of hard work and not by selfishness, force, destruction and a lust for more power.

Deep seated are our convictions that the Order of the Knights of Lithuania is THE Lithuanian Catholic organization that can and does guide our youth to a better understanding of HIS teaching by affording closer association with his fellow brothers under the banner of Christ. Ours is an organization where friendship is practiced where opportunity to meet new worthwhile friends is always present, where our efforts and our work build and mould strong christian character.

Endowed with the blessing of God and His church we have survived two World Wars and two depressions. We still surge forward to greater accomplishments for God and Country. Realizing that an organization must grow and increase its numbers to effectively accomplish its endeavors we resolve each year to strengthen ourselves within so that we may be strong to those that are without to the end that we shall be a guiding force in our Christian society.

Our annual membership drives become increasingly important as we recognize the misbehavior of humanity which resulted in two world wars as the decadence of civilization. We erate thinking of those possessing a lust for power by means of force alone. The constant increase in our membership is a signal of recognition by the Lithuanian people that this Order can be intrusted with the responsibilities of moulding true christian character.

We are approaching a New Year. A year of victory over the forces of despotism, a year that brings back to us in increasing numbers those loved ones who had worked within our organization for God and on enemy soil for the preservation of democracy, the principles we cherish in our country. They, too, will join our 1946 Victory

Membership Drive by returning to their K. of L. councils with their war tested friends because their faith in our ideals has stood the test of time and battle. These returning veterans are living examples of true christian character moulded and shaped within our organization.

Our country realizes the mistake it made by being unprepared at the time Japan struck at Pearl Harbor. It has shown many that unpreparedness may cost us our lives our liberty and our wealth. Our councils realizing that proper planning in the coming Victory Membership Drive will strengthen our organization so that we may overcome the unchristian teachings of selfish persons whose influence we may come under and make our organization the greatest power to teach and practice true faith and love for our fellow brother.

Less than a month is left in which your council should have its plans complete for the coming Victory Membership Drive. Your plans must be productive of new members, new friends, and new activities. They should contain a competitive spirit to outdo other councils, a spirit that promotes clean sport while accomplishing a necessary duty. Your council's quota is 50% of your membership on October 1, 1945 and the exact figure will be sent to your council secretary within the next few days.

Let's Beat 1945

Annually the membership drive rejuvenates the rivalry between our councils to win first place and the prize that goes with it. The results of these drives have produced increasing memberships each year and are as follows:

1942	—	124	new	members
1943	—	104	new	members
1944	—	232	new	members
1945	—	284	new	members
1946	—	?	?	?

Careful planning of your council campaign, with a will to be in the running and to beat your years mark will result in the successful attainment of our goal — 500 new members.

We can beat 1945. You can get a new member if you try. Will you do your part? The drive will show us how much we think of our great Order The Knights of Lithuania.

Anthony J. Young, V. P.

Chairman 1946 Victory
Membership Drive.

PROTOKOLAS

Lietuvos Vyčių 32-tro Seimo

(Tęsinys)

Centro sekretorės raportas

Nuoširdžiai sveikinu L. Vyčių Seimą ir linkiu kuogeriausių pasekmių.

Per metus šaukta 5 valdybos susirinkimai, kuriuos užrekordavau ir kopijas išsiunčiau Centro Valdybos nariams.

Pirmutinis susirinkimas įvyko rugsėjo 24, 1944, tuojau po seimo.

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Kadangi mano pareigos yra ryšys tarp kuopų ir mūsų pirmininko, kiek galėjau tą užduotį stengiausiai išpildyti pagal išgalės.

Kiek galėjau dalyvavau Vyčių parengimuose ir dalyvavau dvejuose Naujos Anglijos seimeliuose, kuriuose užėmiau raštininkės vietą.

Širdingai dėkoju už suteiktą man progą dirbti Centre ir esu dėkingą visiems Centro Valdybos nariams už jų kooperaciją.

Teofilė Aukštikalnytė,

Centro prot. rašt.

Raportas priimtas.

TREČIA SESIJA

Trečioji sesija atidaryta 10 val. ryto. Kun. M. Urbonavičius, MIC., atkalbėjo maldą.

Stella Brozas, Centro 2-ji vice-pirmininkė, išdavė raportą, taipgi įteikė ir spaustuvės direktorės raportą. Priimtas su pagyrimu. Adv. Young inėšė ir K. Zaromskis parėmė.

Lietuvos Vyčių Naujas Garbės Narys



Kun. K. Vasys,

Aušros Vartų parapijos, Worcester, Mass., klebonas.

Lietuvos Vyčiai jau gyvuoja virš 30 metų. Per tą laiką daug gražių darbų nuveikė. Kad galėjo gražiai dirbti per tiek daug metų, tai dėl to, kad turėjo susipratusių narių ir nuoširdžių rėmėjų. Vienas iš šių rėmėjų, tai kun. K. A. Vasys. Už jo didelius organizacijai nuopelnus Vyčių 32-asis seimas, kurs įvyko rugs. mėnesį Cicero, Ill., pakėlė kun. K. Vasį garbės nariu.

Dar 1912 metais, kai kun. Vasys ėjo "Kataliko" laikraščio redaktoriaus pareigas, o tuo laiku jau Vyčių organizatorius Mykolas Norkūnas karštai mylėdamas lietuviškąjį katalikišką jaunimą galvojo apie to jaunimo suorganizavimą, talpino savo redaguojamam laikraštyje apie reikalingumą naujos jaunimo organizacijos. Tuomet tai ir buvo išspausdintas Vyčių organizacijos projektas.

Štai 1915 metais kun. Vasys įsteigė lietuvių parapiją Westfielde. Naujoje parapijoje pirmiausia įsteigė Vyčių 30-tą kuopą.

1929 m., mirus kun. Juliui Čaplikui, vyskupas paskyrė kun. Vasį klebonu Aušros Vartų parapijoje. Čia toliau tęsė savo darbus Vyčių naudai.

Šie dalinai paminėti darbai liūdija, kad kun. Vasys yra nepaprastas Vyčių mylėtojas. Jo darbai toki, kad esame priversti sakyti, jog kun. Vasys yra mūsų garbingos organizacijos pažiba. Todėl 32-asis seimas vienbalsiai ir nutarė pakelti kun. Vasį garbės nariu.

116-tos kuopos valdyba bei nariai sveikina savo kleboną už jo nuveiktus Vyčių gerovei darbus ir paaukštintą garbės nariu. Kuopa dažnai yra patyrusi klebono meilę Vyčiams, todėl džiaugiasi, kad jo vardas randasi tarpe garbės narių. Lai Gerasis Dievulis duoda stiprią sveikatą klebonui, kad per ilgus metus pasilikytų mūsų tarpe!

Kun. Mykolas Urbonavičius, MIC., sveikina seimą ir linki kuo geriausių pasekmių.

Skaitoma sveikinimas nuo šv. Kazimiero Serų Kongregacijos, per Motiną Juozapą.

James Cherry pakviestas skaityti referatą Vyčių spaustuvės klausimu. Išklauius referato, diskusijos paliktos kuomet spaustuvės klausimas bus rišamas.

Sveikinimo komisijos narys kun. S. Gaučas pranešė seimui, kad jau suredagavo pasveikinius, kurie šiaip skamba:

Amerikos Jungt. Valstybių Prezidentui:

"The delegates of the Thirty-Second National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, meeting in Cicero Illinois on September 21, 22, and 23, 1945, extend their best wishes to you and congratulate you on your part in effecting a speedy peace. We respectfully ask your intercession in behalf of the independence of Lithuania at the peace table when the question of the Baltic States comes up.

"Yours faithfully

"*Frank Razvadauskas, Chairman*
"*Irene Pakeltis, Secretary.*"

Apaštališkam Delegatui, Washington, D. C.

"The delegates of the Thirty-Second National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, meeting at St. Anthony's Parish in Cicero, Illinois, September 21, 22, 23, 1945, extend to you their most sincere best wishes. We are a nation-wide, exclusively Catholic youth organization and we are gathered together to discuss and plan for the best interests of our Lithuanian Catholic youth. We humbly ask your Episcopal blessing upon our work and aims.

"Sincerely yours in Christ,

"*Frank Razvadauskas, Chairman,*
"*Irena Pakeltis, Secretary.*"

Tokio pat turinio pasveikinimas siunčiamas ir Chicago Arkivyskupui Samuel A. Stritch.

Lietuvos Ministrui P. Žadeikiui:

"Lietuvos Vyčių Trisdešimt-Antrasis Seimas, laikomas šv. Antano parapijos salėje, Cicero, Illinois, Rugpiūčio 21, 22, ir 23 dd., Tamsta širdingai sveikina už nenuilstančią darbuotę Lietuvos Respublikos naudai. Linkime Jums ilgų metų ir pasėkmių ateityje.

"Su gilia pagarba,

"*Pranas Razvadauskas, Chairman*
"*Irene Pakeltis, Secretary.*"

Valstybės Sekretoriui:

"The delegates of the Thirty-Second National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, now meeting in Cicero, Illinois, on September 21, 22, and 23, 1945, extend to you their best wishes and congratulate you on the outstanding work you are doing in your position of high trust. As a national organization of Lithuanian-Americans we ask you to help protect the sovereign rights of Lithuania as an independent state when the question of the Baltic States comes up for discussion at the peace table.

"Yours very truly,

"*Frank Razvadauskas, Chairman*
"*Irene Pakeltis, Secretary.*"

Illinois Valstybės Gubernatoriui:

"The delegates of the Thirty-second National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, meeting in Cicero, Illinois on Sept. 21, 22 and 23, 1945, extend to you their most sincere best wishes. We thank you for all the efforts you have placed in behalf of the Lithuanian people, especially lately when you proclaimed February 16, Lithuanian Day.

"Yours faithfully,

"*Frank Razvadauskas, Chairman*
"*Irene Pakeltis, Secretary.*"

Cicero Miestelio Prezidentui:

"The delegates of the Thirty-second National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, now meeting in Cicero, Illinois, extend to you their most sincere best wishes. We thank you for all the efforts you have placed in behalf of the Lithuanian people of this great community.

"Very truly yours,

"*Frank Razvadauskas, Chairman*
"*Irene Pakeltis, Secretary.*"

"Chicago Herald-American" Dienraščiui:

"The delegates of the Thirty-second National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania meeting in Cicero, Illinois, on Sept. 21, 22, and 23, 1945, express their sincere thanks for the sympathy and cooperation of your newspaper in behalf of the independence of Lithuania, one of the presently oppressed Baltic States.

"Yours sincerely,

"*Frank Razvadauskas, Chairman*
"*Irene Pakeltis, Secretary.*"

Tokio pat turinio sveikinimai siunčiami "Chicago Daily Tribune" ir "Chicago Daily News".

Padarius vardošaukį, seimas vienbalsiai nutarė suteikti sprendžiamąjį balsą šiems asmenims: red. Ignui Sakalui, Kaz. Jonaičiui, Adv. J. J. Grish, dr. A. Račkui ir Irenai Pakeltytei.

Žodžiais sveikina šie asmenys:

- (a) Adv. J. J. Grish su \$5.00 auka.
- (b) Buvęs "Vyties" redaktorius K. Jonaitis.
- (c) Buvęs "Vyties" redaktorius dr. A. Račkus.

Organizacijos legalio patarėjo raportas:

Mr. Frank Razvadauskas, President,

My dear President, Officers and Delegates:

Another year has rolled around and I wish to tender this as my report of activities as the Legal Adviser of the K. of L's during the past year.

In looking over my records, it appears that we did not have the annual suit for personal property tax against the K. of L. but we have been instru-

mental in defeating these in Court when ever the case came up.

The only other matter that came during the past year was the question of sending in the proper reports and establishing a registered Agent in the State of Illinois.

After some correspondence with you and Miss Aukstikalnis, the matter was finally disposed of and I am sure that you have sent the annual report due this Spring.

The original Charter has been in my possession, owing to the personal property suits, I had to produce this Charter at each hearing.

For the purpose of the records, the Charter is Certificate No. 11694 issued by the Secretary of State on November 5, 1921 and was dully recorded in the Recorder's Office of Cook County, Illinois, on November 8th, 1929, in Book 590, Page 626, as Document No. 10527964. I shall be glad to redeliver this Charter to the Secretary or the President, as the case may be, and if on the other hand you wish to have me retain it for future use, I shall be glad to do so.

With reference to the future of our Organization, the closest thing to my heart is the establishment of a Lithuanian Youth Center in this City and it therefore gives me great pleasure to submit my check for \$5. towards this K. of L. Building Fund.

With hopes that this Convention will be a great success, I beg to remain

Fraternally yours,

Raportas priimtas su širdingiausia padėka už visą adv. J. J. Grish darbuotę. Taipgi nutarta, kad čarteris pasilikty advokato rankose. Jo raportą priimti inėšė adv. Young, parėmė K. Zromskis.

Spaustuvės klausimas

Inėšama svarstyti spaustuvės klausimą. Prasideda kalbos. Beveik dauguma delegatų reiškia savo nuomonę. Po išsikalbėjimo adv. J. J. Grish inėša spaustuve parduoti, o kun. Julius Grinius paremia. Balsavimą šiuo svarbiu klausimu daryti "roll call". Kun. J. Grinius išrenkamas balsus skaityti prie mandatų komisijos. Suskaičius balsus pasirodė, kad 35 delegatai balsavo už likvidavimą spaustuvės, o 9 prieš. Nutarta išrinkti likvidacinę komisiją, kurion įėjo šie asmenys:

Adv. J. J. Grish, adv. A. Young, Viktoras Balanda, Rev. J. Grinius, Chas. Bason, kun. I. Albičius.

Komisija ant rytojaus išduos savo raportą apie būdą likviduoti.

Trečioji sesija baigta 1 val. po pietų. (b. d.)

The VETERAN'S Aide



Q. Is it true that a veteran is given preference for all Federal Civil Service position? a vet of world war two asks?

A. The Veterans Preference Act of 1944 that a disabled veteran is to

receive preference, without question (excepting positions that pay more than \$3000. a year). A passing grade would send him to the top of the list. About half of civil service positions are filled by women and it has been estimated that about 60% of the federal government positions pay \$1800. a year or less.

Q. A veteran of WW 2 advises that while in the Navy he was awarded the Purple Heart. He has lost the medal and asks if he can get a duplicate?

A. Yes, by writing giving your full name, your grade at time of discharge, time and place of your induction and discharge and your dog tag number to the Bureau of Naval Personal, Washington 25, D. C.

Q. My husband is serving with the Navy in the Pacific and our second son was born two months ago. Friends say that we can get an allowance for the new baby. Will you please advise me?

A. Yes, and the allowance will be effective with the first day of the month your baby was born. Application for the baby's allowance may be made by the father or yourself. If you make it you should apply to the Bureau of Navy Personal, Washington 25, D. C. and submit a certified copy of the child's birth certificate. Your husband may apply through regular Navy channels.

Q. At present this veteran is receiving a disability pension from the Veterans Administration and he is establishing a small business and wishes to know if the VA will take his pension payments to settle his loan in the event his business should fail?

A. No such deductions from pensions payments are made excepting only where the veteran is guilty of fraud. A honest failure is never penalized by VA.

Q. Another veteran states that he intends to take advantage of the G. I. Bill educational provisions but wishes to commute daily to a college some 40 miles from his home. He inquires if the government will make an allowance for his monthly transportation?

A. You must pay your transportation under the G. I. Bill. Only disabled veterans who receive vocational rehabilitation under Public Law 16 receive free transportation to schools that are a distance from their home.

Q. Is it true that an Army officer who has been released from duty and is home on terminal leave, must wear his uniform until his leave expires?

A. No, a commissioned officer may wear his uniform or his civilian clothes while on terminal leave, after his release from service.

NOTE: Enlisted men and women should have a 30 day furlough prior to discharge. You can help by writing to your Congressman and asking him to support HR2583 and your U. S. Senator asking them to support S 904. These bills would grant a 30 day furlough to enlisted personnel prior to their discharge. The Bills are now in the Military Affairs Committee of the House and the Senate.

Nebūsi tikras Vytis, jei prie savo kuopos neprirašysi draugų, su kuriais nuolatos draugauji.



LIETUVOS VYČIŲ ORGANIZACIJOS 32-tro SEIMO DE

THE RITUAL OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

THE administration of the K. of L. Ritual is vested in the Supreme Ritual Committee elected by the National Conventions. This committee has three members electer to serve a term of three years. The term of one member expires each year so that seasoned members remain to carry on the important work intrusted to the committee. The present Ritual Committee follow:

Anthony Mazeika, Pittsburgh, Pa. term expires 1948

Anthony J. Young, Brighton, Mass. term expires 1947

Jack L. Juozaitis, Chicago, Ill. term expires 1946

The elected committee selects its officers annually to perform its duties in an orderly manner. For the year 1945-46 they serve in these capacities:



DELEGATAI, CICERO, ILLINOIS, RUGSĖJO 21-23, 1945 M.

Anthony Mazeika, Chairman
 Jack L. Juozaitis, Secretary
 Anthony J. Young, Treasurer

The November issue of "Vytis" contains the qualifications for the First, Second, and Third Degrees of our Order, and below we publish the Fourth and the Honorary Degree qualifications as provided by the Ritual Rules:

KETVIRTAS LAIPSNIS

Į ketvirtąjį laipsnį kandidatuoti turi teisę tik nariai, kurie išbuvo trečiam laipsny bent tris metus. Kandidatas taip pat turi būti išpildęs bent vieną sekančių dalykų.

I. — Narys, užėmęs ir ištikimai pildęs Centro Valdybos nario pareigas mažiausiai du metus ir abu kartu yra pristatęs seimui išsamų ir pagirtiną savo veiklos pranešimą.

II. — Narys, atsakingai pildęs seime renkamosse centro komisijų (vienos ar daugiau) narių pareigas mažiausiai tris metus.

III. — Narys, seimo išrinktas Centro Valdybon vieniems metams ir į kurių nors centro komisiją dviems metams, ir iš savo darbuotės pristatęs seimui pilnus, aiškius ir pagyrimo užsitarnavusius raportus.

IV. — Narys, kuris kuopoj, apskritį arba būdamas nariu kurioj kitoj kuopoj vedė reguliarias lietuvių kalbos, Lietuvos istorijos ar lietuvių literatūros pamokas per nemažiau tris sezonus (skaitant po šešis mėnesius sezonui).

LINKSMŲ ŠV. KALĖDŲ ŠVENČIŲ!



ADV. ANTANAS YOUNG (Jankauskas),

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro pirmasis vice-pirmininkas, Ritualo Komisijos išdininkas ir dabartiniu metu skelbiamo Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos naujų narių vajuos pirmininkas. Jis labai entuziastingas ir pavyzdingas vytis. Savo mokslo patyrimus jis kreipia lietuviškam veikimui ir ypač sielojasi jaunimo organizavimu po Vyčių vėliava. Antanas yra vyčių pasididžiavimas. Jis kur stovis visados padarys gražų ir pavyzdinę organizacijos gerovei darbą. Šiuo laiku, Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija skelbia naujų narių vaju, kuris prasidės su naujais 1946 metais. Antanas tuojaus išleido pereitam "Vyties" numerį visas instruktyves žinias, kas pirmoj vietoj darytina. Kuopos, Apskričiai ir pavieniai nariai privalo imtis darbo, kad vajuos būtų sėkmingas. Jo didžiausiu troškimu, kad kuo daugiausiai suburti jaunimo; kad susiorganizavęs jaunimas kryptų naudinga kryptimi Bažnyčiai ir Tautai. Jis kreipiasi ir į mūsų dvasios vadus, kurie kviečiami talkininkauti didžiame jaunimo vajuje. Taigi šia nepaprasta L. Vyčių organizacijos pasiryžimų proga ir Antano didžiu darbštumu, esame įsitikinę, kad darbas duos šimteriopą vaisių. Tik reikia visiems atlikti savo dalį.

V. — Narys, sėkmingai vadovavęs Vyčių jaunamečių skyriui nemažiau kaip tris metus.

VI. — Narys, vadovavęs kuopos ar apskrities sporto rateliui per šis metus, arba aktyviai dalyvavęs sporto veikloje per dešimtį metų. (Veikla — Vyčių kuopoje ar apskrityje).

VII. — Narys, vadovavęs kuopos ar apskrities chorui per penkis metus, arba aktyviai chore dalyvavęs aštuonis metus.

VIII. — Narys, suorganizavęs arba atgaivinęs penkias naujas kuopas: kuopos turi išsilaikyti geram stovy nors po vienus metus laiko.

IX. — Narys, kurio yra tilpę "Vytyje" nors dešimt lietuviškų straipsnių, neskaitant korespondencijų, oficialių pranešimų ir atsišaukimų.

X. — Narys, išbuvęs organizacijoje geram stovy mažiausiai 20 metų.

Atsiradus kandidatui kuopoje į Ketvirtą Laipsnį, patikrinus jo kvalifikacijos, kuopa kreipiasi į Ritualo Komisiją su prašymu kurį pasirašo Dvasios Vadas, pirminin-

kas ir raštininkas. Ritualo Komisija apsvaščiusi tą prašymą ir jame išdėstytus kandidato nuopelnus, ir sutikusi kandidatą pakelti į Ketvirtą Laipsnį, praneša Centro Pirmininkui, kuris ne vėliau dviejų mėnesių po pranešimo, asmeniniai, su iškilmingomis Ritualo Komisijos paruoštomis ceremonijomis įvesdina kandidatą į jam pripažintą laipsnį. Jei pats pirmininkas negali dalyvauti tai jis įgalioja kitą Centro Valdybos narį arba kurį kitą Ketvirtojo Laipsnio narį jį atstovauti. Kuopa siųsdama prašymą pakelti savo narį į Ketvirtą Laipsnį, kartu prideda penkių dolerių registracijos mokestį. Tie pinigai vartojami padengimui išlaidų liečiančių susirašinėjimus tarp kuopų ir komisijos narių, išleidimui reikalingų mineografuotų ar spausdintų lakštų ir brošiūrėlių su visomis reikalingomis informacijomis Laipsnių bei Ritualo reikalui, parsiumti iš Lietuvos knygų ir spausdinių iš kurių būtų renkama medžiaga ruošimui užklausimų kandidatų kvotimams, užlaikymui Laipsnių rekordų, padengimui lėšų tinkamų garbės ženklų išigijime, ir kiek galint, nors dalinai padengti Centro Valdybos narių važinėjimo Ketvirto Laipsnio reikalais išlaidų.

GARBĖS NARYSTĖ

Kandidatus į Garbės Laipsnį nominuoja ne paskiri nariai, bet kuopos ar apskričiai. Pirmiausiai seimui įteikiama rašytas prašymas išvardinant nominuojamo nario nuopelnai organizacijai. Seimas trumpai išsireiškia šiuo klausimu ir vėliau įnešėjų prašymas paskelbiamas organizacijos organe visų narių ir kuopų žiniai. Sekančiame seime, atstovai jau būdami pilnai susipažinę su kandidato darbuote arba stoka darbuotės, balsuoja Garbės Narystės suteikimo klausime. Garbės Narystės įteikimas turėtų būti kiek galint iškilmingesnis. Ritualo Komisija ir šiam reikalui galėtų paruošti ceremoniją. Jeigu paaukštinamas narys seime nedalyvauja, tai seimas įgalioja asmenį, kuris, patogiu laiku, organizacijos vardu aktyvaizdoje visos apylinkės Vyčių perkaito oficialų seimo nuosprendį ir įteikia pripažintam nariui Garbės Narystės Laipsnį. Įteikimas su ceremonijalu. Pageidautina, kad tai būtų daroma per apskrities arba kelių kuopų jungtinį specialų susirinkimą.

Kandidatas į Garbės Narystę turi būti jau perėjęs į Ketvirtą Laipsnį. Kiekvienam Garbės Nariui įteikiama tam tikri atžymėjimai ir diplomas.

The Secretary of the Supreme Ritual Committee keeps a complete record of members holding the various degrees and communications regarding the standing of any member of your council should be addressed to Jack L. Juozaitis, Secretary, 6822 South Rockwell St., Chicago 29, Ill.

Secretaries

Check your records and determine the eligibility of each member for the various degrees. Have the officers of your council review your findings and then certify each member by filing an application with the Ritual Committee Secretary as explained above. Type out the form or have some printed on letter size paper and fill in the information it calls for. Send the completed forms to the Supreme Ritual Committee Secretary Jack Juozaitis.

The time to START is NOW!!!

Supreme Ritual Committee

By, Anthony J. Young.

Officialus Skyrinus

Dues Are Overdue

HERE it is December and some of our council members have not yet taken care of their dues that are overdue. Remember — unless your dues reach the Headquarter's office by the 10th of next month, his or her subscription to VYTIS will be held up.

Note to Council Financial Secretaries

And please, in forwarding dues, (especially for new members), include the zone number of the post office for each address. We are warned by the post office that mail upon which no zone number appears is likely to be much slower in reaching its destination.

Suggestion in order to avoid the possibility of mislaying or losing your MEMBERSHIP RECORD FORMS (ledger sheets).

Many councils have solved their problem by acquiring post binders — the exact size for the forms. These post binders may ordinarily be procured in your city, at a price below two dollars.

WE HAVE A NEW SUPPLY OF LEDGER SHEETS on hand. If you need additional ledger sheets (especially during the Membership Drive which will commence Jan. 1, 1946), please mail in your order.

INFORMATION PLEASE!

Please furnish the Supreme Fin. Sec. immediately the new address of following service members:

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Leo David #9450264
George Tamasauskas
Leonard Matulis
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J. P. Brazauskas
Vittie C. Sepavich RM 3/c
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ATTENTION

Members' official badge (medal) which is worn by members at various gatherings, are now available at 40c.

Send your orders (prepaid) to Frank Gudelis, Treas., 129 Rit St., Dayton 4, Ohio.



SUSANNE P. SHALLNA
Attorney-at-Law

Presently serving the commonwealth as a member of the Board of Review of Unemployment Compensation in Massachusetts, Mrs. Susanne P. Shallna of Cambridge is, by profession, a lawyer. The former Susanne Puishea, born in Batakiai, Lithuania, she came to this country with her family at the age of six and lived in Worcester... Eventually she became interested in law, was graduated from the B. U. School of Law, was admitted to the bar, and married — all in the same year... For some years she practiced law with her husband, Anthony O. Shallna, honorary Lithuanian consul in Boston for New England... In 1940 she received her present appointment from Gov. Saltonstall...

By N. G.
Boston Traveler.

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Service Members' Letter Box Dept.
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366 W. Broadway, S. Boston 27, Mass.

Letter from Victor Dobbs (Dobkowitz)
C-124, Jersey City, N. J. member

"Just dropping a line to the Servicemen's Letter Box to let a few of the old gang know that I am "hunky dory". I just missed meeting a buddy K. of L. member by a matter of several weeks. I learned by letter from him that he was already home and from the date that he gave of his leaving I noticed that I missed him by a fairly short length of time. Censorship doesn't permit mentioning his name or outfit for fear that it would give my present location away.

"Breakfast on Thursday, 2 August was quite an event. After a wild and almost uncontrolable night wherein the wind and the rain were the starring actors, the long awaited morning arrived. A few of the tents were blown to the ground. Our tent held but was considerably weakened by loose tent staubs which we took care of immediately upon arising. Most of our cots were from the wild wind and rain, rampant throughout our area and we had almost as much water inside the tent as without.

"Come breakfast, the wind had continued but the rain had lessened considerably. After slipping, slinding, and skidding, or shall I say sledding along the pathway to where our temporary galley stood, we got our share of powdered eggs, canned milk and grits, coffee, bread, butter, and jam. I and a mate climbed an upper elevation or hillside and sat down on a temporarily made seat out in the open spaces, with our messkits, to have our breakfast. All this may sound as being in the rough and ready but it isn't so. It's interesting especially while we're eating breakfast and looking down at the lower levels. Here we see most of our camp area belows us with tents heeled down to the ground. Storm or no storm details were all getting organized for their daily routine or for new substitute ones if any of the original jobs had to be cancelled due to conditions present. Below also we saw men and equipment already on the job. Hills and mountains all around us had that stateside green covered with pine trees and vegetables. Trucks were having a man sized job in trying to scale the wet, clay, slippery hilly roads, and were taxed to the full extend of their horsepower. Many of them would wind up out of control and land in a lower ditch or shoulder. But that didn't stop operations — others continued while those were put out of operations stood by for a cat or crane to take them out, whenever the weather relented and opportunity presented itself.

"It's not a hard life but an interesting one as this doesn't happen every day. It is only one of a group of days and besides conditions are being improved daily. Soon — in the immediate future — a permanent galley will be set up wherein we won't have to sit on top of a silppery and muddy hill and eat with elements for company.

"Best regards to the gang!"

"Sincerely,

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A STATEMENT TO OUR VETERANS ON BEHALF OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA ORGANIZATION AND ITS THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS — WELCOME



to our Returning VETERANS.

We've missed you and we've looked forward to your return, for we think of you as a member of our large K. of L. family. All of us deeply appreciate the important contribution to final victory that you have made.

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Fellow Knight

Pfc. George Kudrevich C-17."



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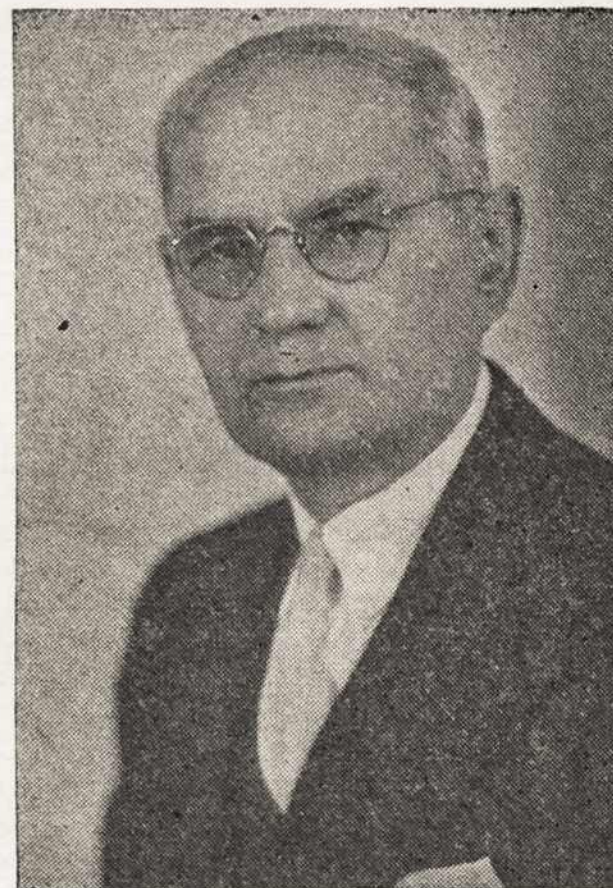
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Dr. Rodd is Secretary of the Boston Society of Optometrists and is a member of the American Optometric Association, the Optometric Extension Program and the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists.

Among other things, she has taken a very active part as a singer on both stage and radio and belongs to the Epsilon Omicron Sigma Sorority and the Baltic American Society.

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COUNCIL 17

Greetings Knights! We missed up on last month's edition but are back in circulation ones again.

It certainly is good to see some of the boys back again — all looking very well too. Al Brasas, Tony Chetkauskas, Frank Markuns, Al and Johnnie Marks, Frank Grigalunas, Charlies Stukas, Al Grenis, Charles Gaputis and Al. Grabol are among those who have been honorably discharged. Alphonse Jakmauh, former K. of L. member, has also been discharged. Tony Yakavonis and Johnnie Vallis have been home on leave.

The Halloween party turned out very well — many thanks to the committee for a grand job, also to the Cambridge boys for the clean up job after the party. Whenever there is help needed you can always rely on those Cambridge boys. Who was the handsome sailor that one of the groups brought back from the scavenger hunt?

Chicago must be a wonderful place. Everyone who attended the convention is still raving about the wonderful time they had there. It certainly had an effect on Joan who has been losing weight ever since she came back.

Congratulations to the Cambridge Council on their First Anniversary, November 14th, which was celebrated by a very successful banquet and dance at the Inman Social Club. A

very pretty baby, too, they had, to symbolize their First Anniversary.

The November 17th Dance had a grand turnout. Some of the councils represented were Worcester, Brockton, Cambridge, Athol, Providence and Norwood. Reggie certainly was a pretty picture in her "shocking pink" dress and lovely corsage of gardenias. Who's the admirer, Reggie? For some, the dance may have ended at 11:45 but not according to the Glineckis' who had a continuation at their house. Those who weren't at their house you could find at Steve's house who was also having a little "get-together".

Membership drive is coming up so come on Knights, let's all get together and see how many new members we can get. —

The Wanderer.

DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

On November 4th our council lost one of its most valued members, Martha Birbal, who was fatally injured that day in an automobile accident. She was the recording secretary of Council 96 and took an active part in all club activities, and also was a member of the parish choir. Funeral services were held November 7th at Holy Cross Church with Requiem High Mass. The Reverend Father Leon Praspalius in his sermon pointed out that Martha had accom-

plished much to her credit during her brief span of life, stressing her work in the parish organizations and contrasting this with the lives of so many of our young people today who lead an existence unto themselves alone and do nothing worthy either for their church or their people. The council offered a Holy Mass for her intention and council members acted as pallbearers. To Martha's mother, her sister Stella, who also is a member of our council, and the rest of the family we extend our deepest condolences.

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Adele Markey and Vera Greene represented our council at the national K. of L. Convention in Cicero.

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We are glad to have with us again Alex Cekun, who is the first of our boys in the service to return home. Alex's brother Joe is also out of the Army after a long period of service and is joining our council. We feel that Joe and Alek will be of great help to us in building up the club.

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Congratulations to our council president, Pete Petkus, who was married November 22nd to Paulette Howard.

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The next council activity will be a euchre party at the parish hall on Sunday, January 6th and all members are asked to support and attend this event. F.A.G.

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COUNCIL 10

Its been a long - long time since our fraternal brothers and sisters heard from us. The New England District Convention which was held in our town the later part of September turned out to be quite an affair. Saturday night, dear old Lithuanian Hall was so crowded it's sides were bulging out. Lot of service men and boys with discharge buttons predominated in the crowd — Thank God for bringing them back to their good old K. of L. days again. Worcester and South Worcester our neighbors, showed up in good spirits; and the biggest crowd. Sundays session opened at 2:30 (Lithuanian time). Lunch was served following the session, and it was a credit to the refreshment committee. There was a sad note during the convention, as our spiritual advisor, due to the death of his brother, was unable to be present. Our heart-felt sympathy is extended to Rev. Tamulevičius.

The profits of the Saturday affair were so, that Father Michael suggested we have a hot-dog roast. Therefore, Sunday Oct. 21st found

us all piled in trucks, limousines, and even a "banana wagon". That banana wagon, sure did attract a lot of attention! It was rather a mystery, the entire affair. We reached our destination — A beautiful camp at Lake Wyola. Father Mike had the fireplaces going in no time, and then everyone was right at home, roasting dogs, singing, dancing, playing cards, etc. It was enjoyed by everyone. Quillie Yakim was "chief cook and bottle-washer", and did a fine job. Whose idea was it that if you insert bread in your mouth, you'll shed not a tear while peeling onions? The experiment failed, Nell! Later on in the evening initiation of the eighteen new members who joined up at our last meeting, was held. More power to all of them!

A Halloween Dance was held Oct. 26th, but not one out-of-town Council showed up! Where's that K. of L. spirit, eh? The new members put a lot of effort in that dance — What a shame! Stan Watkewich turned, gray-haired when the returns were finally counted.

Saturday, Nov. 3rd, Tena Vatekunas walks the middle aisle — Best wishes from all of us!

Every time we see Frankie Andrulunas, he has another black and blue spot. Result: of playing football.

Charlie Pinigis, our prexie, has his brother home from E. T. O. How about "Mac" joining our ranks?

Tena Stasiunas, one of our A-I members, is now working in Washington, D. C.

Frank Vaskas of Jersey was guest here for the N. E. District Convention. Those Vaskas boys do get around!

Also, home from E. T. O. Stanley Brasdis, a former K. of L. member, is back in civies.

Joe Varaska and Joe Balikonis of Worcester, liked Athol so much, they stayed another day — or was it Athol?

It was swell seeing the Westfielders', too. Faithful Father Puidokas was here, Sophie Griggs, Gladys and Ann, Jegelwicz, too.

What happened to "Southie," Tho? Dear Larry Svelnis was here, anyway.

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COUNCIL 26

GREETINGS:

Well, we missed out on the last issue, so we are trying to crowd a little more in this one.

The bowling season started with a "bang", Thursday night, Sept. 20th, and by the looks of it we expect old records to be broken and new ones set. A few new faces have been added to the familiar ones' we are sure the season will prove very successful.

We want to extend our heartiest Congratulations to members of the Dramatic Circle for their wonderful performances in our recent show directed by Mary Jurgelonis, which was written by two of our new members, Rita Brazauskas and Mild-

red Karas. Rita also translated the monologue "Down with Men", given by Irene Uzdavinis, into Lithuanian. "Irene you had better leave town the boys come home". We mustn't forget the Glee Club, directed by Ann Lukkasavage, who furnished the musical end of the show. I guess it is time to give the Glee Club a "plug". We sure could use more voices, so how about more of you joining?

We want to welcome back two of our old members Paul Puris of the Army Air Force and Connie Daucunas of the Navy, both served overseas and we are mighty glad to have them back and by the time the next issue is published we hope more names can be added to those two. As you all know our Council kept going even with our boys away and with them coming back it will even go further.

Sunshine Sally.

Alex is the papa of an year old son. He married a Canadian Miss when he was with the CRAF. Another in service member will soon be discharged. He is Al. Matulonis. Welcome home to both of you.

If there are any among you who really appreciate home made cake I refer you to Ronnie Morozas and her art in this matter. We had some of the same after a recent meeting held at her home. I think it would not be a bad idea if Joe Krotulis and Johnny Novit each traded in their cars for station wagons. They then could accommodate an additional group of eight or more persons. Seriously it is swell of you fellows to give us those lifts. We do appreciate it.

Adele G.

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LINDEN, N. J.

COUNCIL 113

From Linden once again warmest greetings to all our fellow Knights.

The big news socially from Council 113 is the dance held in Lithuanian Liberty Park on Saturday November 24. The All-girl Committee worked hard to make the affair most enjoyable for all who came.

I think his friends will be interested to know that Ale Shukis has been discharged from the U. S. Army.

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