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Sveiki Vyčiai!

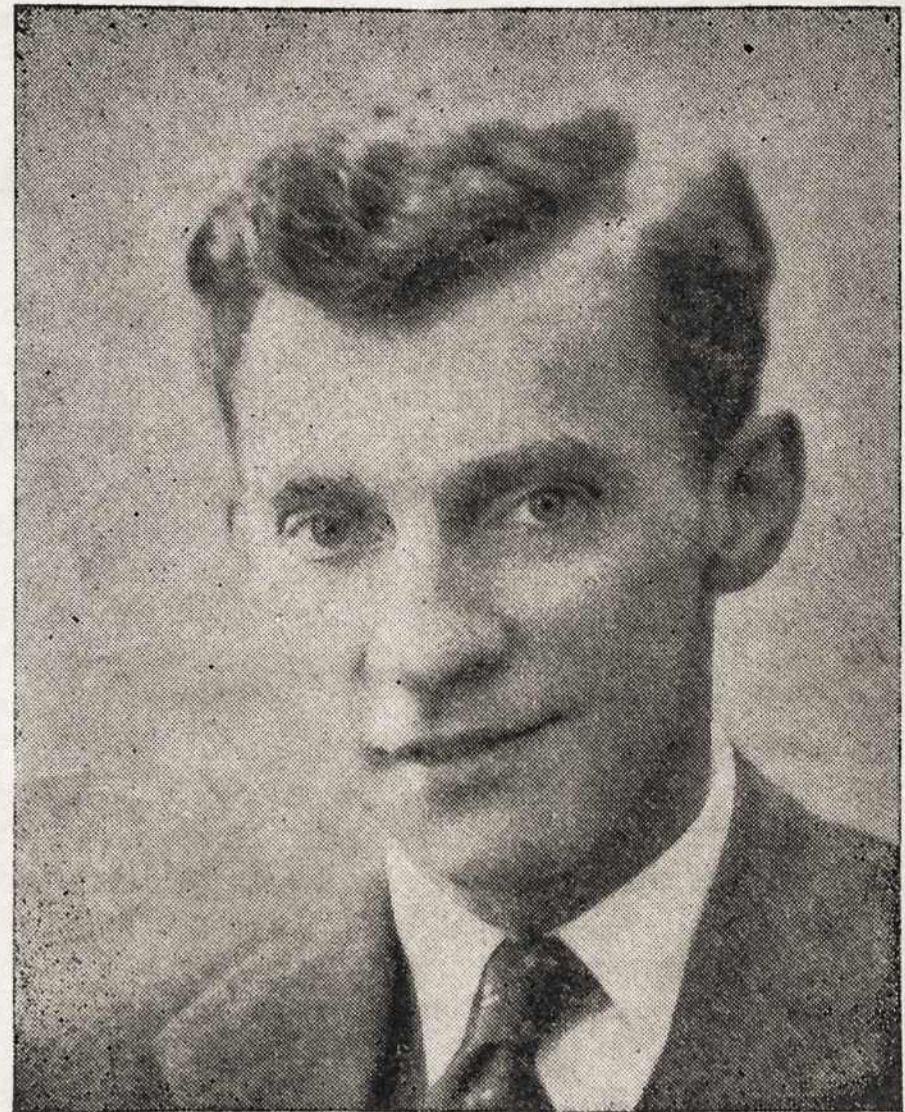
Pereitas Seimas suteikė man garbę buti sekančiais metais mūsų organizacijos pirmininku. Pilnai suprantu, kad tos pareigos yra nemenkos, bet, su jūsų pagalba, pasižadu jas pildyti pagal savo išgalę.

Žinoma, nė Pirmininkas, nė Raštininkė, nė visa Centro Valdyba, nors dirbtų dieną ir naktį, negalės vieni atlikti visų darbų. Dėlto pirmiausiai aš noriu išreikšti pageidavimą, kad kiekvienas narys-narė sekančiais metais skaitytūsi pilnuoju Pirmininko pagalbininku-e. Kada visi drauge rupinsimės savo organizacija, tada nepaisysime jokių kliučių ir bus malonu žygiuoti pirmyn jaučiant viens kito ištikimybę ir paramą. Kai visi suprasime kaip garbinga yra būti lietuviu ir kaip kilnu yra būti kataliku, nebaisu bus mums stoti kovon kad ir prieš visą pasaulį už savo tautą ir savo tikėjimą.

TAUTAI IR BAŽNYČIAI! Lai niekad neišdila iš mūsų sąmonės šis gražus obalsis. Žinokime, kad nėra kitos didelės organizacijos visoje Amerikoje, kuriai šis tikslas būtų taip arti prie širdies, ir gal nėra šiuo laiku kitos organizacijos visam pasauly, kuri taip laisvai mūsų tautai gali pasitarnauti. Mūsų visas darbas, net ir mūsų pasilinksminimas turėtų spindėti vytišku nusištatymu. Lai visi žino, kad vyčiai yra susipratę lietuviai. Nepamirškime tų auksinių žodžių, kuriuos ištarė gerb. senatorius Walsh seiminiam bankiete: "Go back to your clubs with the real spirit of crusaders!" Branginkime, kaip jie sakė, mūsų kultūra, mūsų kalba, mūsų visas tradicijas, o mūsų tautos priešams neduokime nė valandėlės ramybės. Šitokiai, kovojančiai, gyvai organizacijai bus malonu pirmininkauti.

Mūsų Kalba. Susipratęs lietuvis visuomet pagerbs mūsų seną ir gražią kalbą, ją dažnai vartodamas, joje tobulindamasis, ją platindamas. Jei tikime savo obalsiui, ant mūsų krinta pareiga jį ieškoti būdų šią kalbą išlaikyti ir jos vartojimą praplėsti. Lai mūsų organizacija pasilieka lietuviška ne tik vardu, bet ir faktu.

Lietuvos Reikalams Komitetas. Vienas iš svarbiausių pereito Seimo nutarimų yra sutverti kožnoj kuopoj Lietuvos Reikalams Komitetą (Lithuanian Affairs Committee), kurs sektų Amerikonišką spaudą ir visus viešus pareiškimus apie Lietuvą ir lietuvius ir energingai į juos reaguotų. Tik nepalikime šį darbą vien tik komisijai. Kiekvienas iš mūsų būkime pasirengę rašyti, kalbėti, protestuoti. Lai pajaučia visi meilgiai ir veidmainiai mūsų aštrius teisybės žodžius, gi tie, kurie nesibijo pasisakyti už mažų



JUOZAS BULEVIČIUS,
Naujas Liet. Vyčių Centro pirmininkas.

tautų laisvę lai gauna nuo mūsų draugiškumo ir dėkingumo žodį. Plačiau apie šį projektą išgirsite nuo savo komisijų ir ypač nuo gerb. kun. Jono Jutkevičiaus iš So. Worcester, kurs labai sėmingai per porą metų vadovavo šiame darbe 116-toj kuopoj ir kurs dabar buvo Seimo paprašytas užimti Lithuanian Affairs Committee pirmininko vietą. Jei seksime jo patarimus, atliksime tikrai vytišką darbą.

Jaunamečiai. Jei mylime savo organizaciją, pasišvęskime jaunamečiams, t. y. tiems, kurie yra tarpe 12 ir 16 metų amžiaus. Mūsų organizacijos kaip ir mūsų tautos ateitis priklauso nuo šių berniukų ir mergaičių. Nepamirškime jų. Priimkime juos prie savęs. Šiuo klausimu daug pagalbos galite tikėtis nuo Vice-Pirmininko adv. Antano J. Young, kurs nemažai jaunamečių klausimą yra studijavęs. Į jį neatidėliojamai kreipkitės.

Nauji nariai. Mūsų kolonijose yra labai daug gražaus, inteligentiško jaunimo ir senesniųjų asmenų, kurie trokšta prisidėti prie lietuviško veikimo, bet, deja, niekas jų nepakalbina. Kodėl neužkviesti jų į kuopos susirinkimą? Kodėl nepašvęsti porą valandų ir neužėiti pas juos į namus ir nepasikalbėti su jais apie tą gražų darbą, kurį vyčiai dirba? Kiekvienas iš mūsų gaukime bent po vieną gerą, darbštų narį, o vyčių eilės iš kart pasidarys dvigubai ilgesnės. Neužilgo bus paskelbta naujų narių vajas, kuriam apsi-

Jaunadvasiai Ateities Pranašai

Kristaus Karaliaus Dienai

Katalikų Bažnyčia savo amžiuje išgyveno didelių istorinių persilaužimų, bet pati niekad nepalūžo. Drąsi ir nesvyruojančioji ji ir šiandien Reikšmingai Liurde pasakė kard. Pacelli: *Kat. Bažnyčia nėra tik istorinė praeitis. Pakaks, kad laiko sąlygos to pareikalautų, ir Dievo balsas padarys ją visada aktyvią, visada stiprią, niekad nepalenkiamą.* — Taip ir yra. Pirmiausia krikščionybės amžiais jaunoje Bažnyčioje gyvenimas virė. Tada visi ir kiekvienas buvo apaštalas. Viduramžiais vadovavo Bažnyčia. Mūsų dienomis uoliai stengiamasi išugdyti pasaulininkų apaštalavimą — kat. veikimą. Jei senesnės dvasios katalikai šiam moderniškiausiam Bažnyčios sąjūdžiui dar abejingi, jei kai kurie atsakingoje Bažnyčios ir žmonijos valandoje vis dar nesusivokia ir tebelindi savo siauram kiaute, tai, dėkui Dievui, gausiai atsiranda jaunadvasių, atvertomis tiesai akimis ir sąmoningų savo veikime.

Kilnūs krikščioniškojo apaštalavimo idealas patraukia ypač jaunuolius, pasak Pijaus XI, ateities pranašus—ir veda juos į pilną pasiaukojimo veiklą, nesiskaitant su žmonių nuomonėmis. Jie nesiginčija, bet gyvena, nesiskundžia tik pasaulio sugedimu, bet tauriai dirba jam pagerinti. Ir jų gyvenimas yra tikriausias ir gražiausias įrodymas, kad bažnyčia pasenti negali, nes jos turinys dieviškas, o veiklos formos geriausių jos

ėmė vadovauti vyčiams gerai pažįstamas, Vice-Pirmininkas Jonas L. Juozaitis. Jis duos daug svarbių nurodymų ir prašys visų bendravimo. Bet jau dabar choruose, susirinkimuose, pramogose jieškokime darbščių lietuvių-lietuvaikių ir kvieskime juos stoti po Lietuvos Vyčių vėliava.

Apie šiuos ir kitus ateinančių metų darbus ir planus išgirsite ne kartą nuo Centro Valdybos narių ir įvairių komisijų. Perskaitykite jų atsišaukimus "Vyty." Lietuviškai ar angliškai, nepraleiskite nė vieno žodžio, o susipažinsite su visais mūsų organizacijos reikalais.

Jūs pasitikėjote mumis ir suteikėte mums savo įgaliojimą mūsų brangiai organizacijai vadovauti. Mes gi norime išreikšti pasitikėjimą jums. Visi jūsų paskirtieji Centro Valdyboje ir komisijose pilnai tikime, kad jus mūsų prašymus ir atsišaukimus ne tik perskaitysite, bet ir išklausysite. Mūsų organizacija reikalauja nuo kiekvieno iš mūsų didesnio darbštumo, nes mūsų tautinė dirvoj laukia kalnai nebaigtų ir nepradėtų darbų. Tad padirbėkime drauge visi, o turėsime kuomi pasidžiaugti.

Juozas Bulevičius,
Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Pirmininkas.



KUN. JONAS C. JUTKEVIČIUS,
naujas L. Vyčių Centro Dvasios Vadas.

sūnų visuomet esti lanksčiai ir išmintingai pritaikomos laiko ir vietos reikalams. *Bažnyčia remiasi į dangų ir į žemę, ir, kaip tokia, ji pasilieka visada jauna ir sena, visada nepajudinama ir lanksti.* Laikų krizes išgyvena tik tie jos vaikai, kurie yra nutolę nuo jos dvasios, bet ne ji pati.

Idėjų lūžtvės laikotarpiai paprastai esti neramūs, skausmingi ir sunkūs, bet gyvoji, sveikoji Bažnyčia sutinka juos drąsiai, nes kaip tik čia mato didžią savo pasiuntinybę. Kristus rengė savo mokinius naujojo pasaulio kūrybai ir, matydamas griūvančias senąsias visuomenes, jiems pasakė: turėsite suspaudimo, kuris pavirs į džiaugsmą. Tie žodžiai pasitvirtino.

Apaštalai turėjo sunkių dienų, betgi buvo laimingi, nes tomis suspaudimo valandomis jie sekmingai naujino žemės veidą. Tikruosius Kristaus apaštalus mėgina ir šių dienų sunkumai. Išmėginimams atėjus jie įtempis visas jėgas, bet laimės, nes jie turi nepajudinamą tikėjimą į dieviškąją tikrovę, kuri negriūva, neįra, neliečiama jokių krizių amžinai plazdena ant mūsų pasaulio. Kaip apaštalų laikais, taip ir šiandien, Kūrėjo Dvasia dieviškomis jėgomis pripildo rinktinių žmonių sielas ir veda juos į naujus žygius.

Klaidinga vaizduotis Bažnyčios charakterį lepy bei apsnūdusi. Jos Įsteigėjo gyvenimas nuo pirmo visuomeninio pasirodymo iki Golgotos buvo viena ištisa kova su fariziejais ir nuodėme. Kristus buvo šnipinėjamas, kritikuojamas, gundomas, viliojamas į gudriąsias pinkles. Tačiau Jis nemaž nepasitraukia iš kovos lauko, bet, kaip Evangelija parodo daugelis scenų, į kiekvieną

Kristui Karaliui

Ant. Sležauskas.

Saulėtekiai ir paskutinės saulės žaros,
Kaip Izaijas pranašavo kitados, —
Tai Tavo vis, Karaliau, Karalystės plotai,
Kur amžiais lenkiasi Tau skeptrai ir tijos,
Kur amžiais milijonai gieda ir giedos,
Tau meilės nuoširdžios himnus, kaip Sabrokis!
Nors amžiais sostų daug sugriuvo,
Mums plaukt audringą jūrą nebaisu!
Mes nesibijome, nors ir drebėtų žemė! —
Tavų Penkių Žaizdų pagelba nuolatos mums
[sriūva!...

Mes girdim Tavo balsą: "Su jumis esu"!
Mes laimim, Eucharistijoje jėgų pasėmę!
Karaliau, minių minios į Tave sužiūro —
Tu nevilty vienintelė Viltis esi!
Čia—Nemuno, Neries tėvynėj,
Ir Okeanijoje, ir tarp Džialio, ir Akūro *).
Vis Tavo Didį Sostą atrasi,
Kur Kelią į gyvenimą atranda nusimineę.
Tarei, Karaliau, Tu anuomet kartą,
Kad žemė ir dangus praeis,
Bet nepraeis neišsipildęs Tavo žodis —
Ir matom: priešai amžiais nesugriauna Tavo
[Vartų!

Ir tikim: pas Tave visi ateis —
Visiems Triumfas Tavo Majestoto pasirodys!

Valio! Valio! Valio, Karaliau Kristau!
Mus laimink, mus valdyk, mums viešpatauk!
Hosana Tau, Galybių Viešpatie, hosana!
Mes meldžiame: visus, kurie tamsybėj klysta
Didžiu pasigailėjimu savęsp patrauk —
Juos alkanus, ištroškusius pasotink Mana!

*) Tolimos misijų stotys.

Jam siųstą smūgį davė atitinkamą atsaką. Dar daugiau: nuo gynimosi Jis pareidavo prie puolimo — sinagogiškos sistemos klaidų puolimo. *Didžiojo Pirmavaizdžio šviesoje katalikai negali vengti reikalingos kovos ir viešumo; jie tik turi stengtis būti geri kovotojai.*

Imponuojančiomis, žavinčiomis dabartinio Bažnyčios Vado pastangomis Kat. Veikimo banga įsisiubavo jau visose pasaulio dalyse. Glau-džiame ryšy su dvasininkais rimti pasiryžėliai katalikai pasaulininkai su Evangelijos šūkiu eina į gyvąjį gyvenimą. Išlyginti pereitais šimtmečiais katalikybei padarytus nuostolius, kovoti su vidutinukų krikščionių dvasine menkyste, žadinti iš nelemtojo snaudulio savo brolius ir dabarties pagonims atskleisti krikščioniškojo gyvenimo grožį—štai pasaulininkų apaštalu programa. Dėl šitų kūrėjų nepalaužiamo entuzijazmo, dėl jų veiklos ypatingo būdo ir moderniškų priemonių, Pijus XI viešai džiaugiasi ir skelbia,



Klišė — "žvaigždės"

kad pasaulininkų apaštalavimo būdas yra šian-dien pats sėkmingiausias. Kol katalikų bendruomenėje tokio gyvybinio elektyro bus, jos niekad nepalauš nei išvidinės nei išorinės kliūtys.

Mums ypač reikalinga iš Apvaizdos išprašyti tų džiaugsminga krikščionybės nuotaika užkrečiamųjų žmonių, visiškai atsidavusių Kristui Karaliui. Esame maža salelė antikatalikiškų ir antireligiškų kaimynų jūroje, kuri vis nerimsta. Laukai jau pabalę piūčiai. *Ir turi ją laimėti ne pagonybės, ne laisvamanybės, ne bolševizmo, bet Kristaus darbininkai.*

Aug. Daubaras.

NAUJAS TESTAMENTAS

Šiomis dienomis išėjo iš spaudos NAUJASIS JĖZAUS KRISTAUS MOSŲ VIEŠPATIES TESTAMENTAS. Tai Antroji pataisyta laida, kurią išleido Kun. P. M. Juras. Pirmoji laida buvo išleista Lietuvoje ir šventojo Rašto vertėjas buvo Kauno Arkivyskupas Metropolitas Juozapas Skvireckas. Šis NAUJASIS TESTAMENTAS sukrautas "Darbininko" knygyne ir parsiduoda su audeklo apdarais už \$3.00; popieriaus apdarais \$2.00. Norintieji užsisakyti, adresuokite: Darbininkas, 366 W. Broadway, So. Boston 27, Mass. Su užsakymais reikia pridėti čekutis ar Money Order ir tuojuos gausite puikiai išleistą naują knygą. Čia jokių komplimentų nereikia, nes šv. Raštas yra įsigyti kiekvienas katalikas.

Vyčių Ateities Rezoliucija

(Šis straipsnis yra pereito Seimo pagrindinė mintis.)

Kiekviena organizacija turi savo darbo planą. Be plano kaip organizacijos taip ir biznio ateitis yra labai sunki. Pereitas L. Vyčių seimas nustatė organizacijai šiuos pagrindinius dalykus:

1. Išplėsti savo organizaciją narių skaičiumi.
2. Kovoti prieš Amerikos ir Lietuvos priešus.
3. Žymiai pagerinti savo spaudą—“Vytį”.

Šie trys dalykai yra L. Vyčių motto. Jie turi būti įvykdyti ateityje norint, kad organizacija augtų ir stiprėtų.

1. Auginti organizaciją. Su keliolika šimtų narių netoli galime nueiti. Reikia kas nors daryti, kad Vyčių organizacija išaugtų bent ligi 10,000 narių. Šiam tikslui atsiekti nėra labai daug kelių. Seniai žinomi (ir dalinai praktikuojami) yra šie du būdai:

- a. Didinti veikiančias kuopas,
- b. Steigti naujas.

Trečias būdas (kurio reikalu buvo net priimta rezoliucija pereitame seime), organizuoti sen draugių kuopas, kurios galėtų atgaivinti seniau veikiančias kuopas ar steigti naujas.

Padidinti veikiančias kuopas yra lengviausias būdas. Daugiausia čia gali pasidaruoti pavieniai nariai. Tegu kiekvienas narys prirašo savo draugus ar drauges prie Vyčių ir mūsų kuopos padidės dvigubai. Atrodo, kad tai padaryti yra paprasčiausias dalykas. Reikia paprodyti tik daugiau nuoširdumo. Kitas būdas — rengti specialius susirinkimus. Dideli susirinkimai su gera programa taip pat gali daug patraukti narių. Į tokius susirinkimus reikia pakviesti visas apylinkės jaunimas kaip svečius ir pageidaujančius tuojau prirašyti prie Vyčių. Vienu ar kitu būdu reikia padidinti dvigubai ar trigubai mūsų kuopas.

Steigti naujas kuopas yra netik Centro Valdybos darbas, bet ir atskirų kuopų. Žinau, kad jau buvo kreiptasi kuopų steigimo reikalu į parapijų klebonus bent keletą kartų. Laiškai nedavė daug naudos. Kadangi be jų sutikimo būtų labai sunku jų parapijose įsteigti vyčių kuopą, todėl reikia, kad Centro Valdybos įgaliotas asmuo nuvyktų asmeniškai su vienu ar kitu klebonu susitarti. Gavus jo sutikimą, reikia paruošti įdomi programa steigiamajam susirinkimui, kad nauji nariai būtų suįdominti L. Vyčiais. Įsteigtoji kuopa reikia palikti globoti artimiausiai kuopai.

2. Kovoti prieš Amerikos ir Lietuvos priešus. Dabartinis laikotarpis yra kova tarp demokratijos ir komunizmo. Komunizmas auga Europoje, Azijoje, Pietų Amerikoje, ir mūsų Jungtinėse Valstybėse. Komunizmas pražudė daugelį tautų

ir valstybių ir milijonus atskirų asmenų. Jis auga mūsų darbininkų ir inteligentų tarpe. Quo vadis America? Geriausią rezultatą kovai prieš komunistus gavo mūsų organizacija per kun. J. Jutkevičiaus Worcester'yje pasišventimą. Jo darbas yra skaudus kirvis komunistuojantiems amerikiečiams. Nieko naujo Vyčiams daugiau nereikia. Svarbiausias dalykas išplėsti ir papildyti šis veikimas. Tegu nebūna nei vienos Vyčių organizacijoje kuopos, kuri nebūtų prie šio darbo vienu ar kitu būdu prisidėjusi. Kiekvienoje apylinkėje yra šis tas parašyta ar kalbėta apie Lietuvą. Kodėl vietinė vyčių kuopa tyli? Kodėl patys nariai negriebia plunksnas ir neparašo protestus ar pagyrimus smerkiančiam ar giriančiam Lietuvą kalbėtojiui ar rašytojiui. Nėra geresnio būdo kovoti už Lietuvos laisvę prieš komunizmą. Atlikime savo pareigą šiais metais. Čia yra antroji šūkio dalis—Tėvynei.

3. Pagerinti “Vytį.” Visi žino ir visi kalba, kad “Vytis” reikia pagerinti, papildyti, pajvairinti. Atrodo, kad “Vytije” niekas nieko daugiau neskaityt kaip tik savo kuopos korespondencijas. O taip beveik yra, nes tai yra pareiškę daugelis vyčių narių. Šiais metais reikia padaryti reforma. Jau yra laikas. Buvo seniai laikas, bet šiais metais Vyčių buvo nusiskūsta pačių seimo delegatų ir yra nutarta “Vytį” reformuoti.

Kaip “Vytį” reikalinga reformuoti? Kalba? Ne, kalba turi būti ir lietuvių ir anglų kaip ir buvo ligi šio laiko. Reikalinga “Vytį” reformuoti savo turiniu. Straipsniai turėtų būti daug trumpesni ir lengvesnio turinio. Sporto, juokų ir karikatūrų skyrius būtinais reikėtų įvesti daug didesnis. Lietuviškų dainų reikėtų spausdinti su gaidomis, kurių yra padarytos klišės. Populiarios Amerikos dainos taip pat reikėtų spausdinti. Daugiau turėtų būti patalpinta ir paveikslų iš vietinio kuopų veikimo. Šiam visam dalykui reikia daugiau pinigų. Redaktorius turėtų gauti nors apie 15 dolerių per savaitę. Reikia turėti ir daugiau pagelbinių redaktorių ir korespondentų.

Šiam tikslui yra būtina, kad Centro Valdyba, apskričiai ir pavienės kuopos parengtų bent po vieną parengimą “Vyčio” palaikymui. Tai buvo praktikuojama jau beveik per pereitus penkis metus. Reikia praktikuoti ir toliau dar su didesne energija. Pavienės laidos turi būti taip pat kaip ir ateityje praktikuojamos. Prie viso šio reikia dar pridėti keletą atskirų parengimų, kad sukėlus didesnę pelną. Reikia pagerinti “Vytį” mūsų pačių pastangomis. Dovanai mums niekas nieko neduos. Daugiau įdėkime darbo savo spaudos reikalams.

Tokia yra Vyčių ateities rezoliucija. Vyčių Centro Valdyba turėtų vadovauti šia kryptimi, kad tikrai būtų galima padidinti organizaciją, daugiau dirbti už Lietuvos laisvę ir Ameriką ir pagerinti žurnalą “Vytį.”

P. Kupraitis.

Red Terror In Lithuania!

Chicagoans tell eyewitness story of Soviet brutality Equal to worst Nazi repression in unhappy Baltic country.

By Stanley Pieza,
Chicago Herald-American Writer.

Red brutality in Lithuania and in the other Baltic nations is equal to the worst repressions of the Nazis, according to two young Roman Catholic priests, former Chicagoans, who were evacuated from Lithuania.

The eyewitness picture of current conditions in the unhappy former republics on the Baltic, now occupied by Soviet forces, was presented by the Revs. Justin Klumbis, 34, and Raymond Klumbis, 32, brothers, who were born in Chicago and taken by their father in 1921 to Lithuania, where they studied and were ordained priests.

They arrived in Chicago recently from a displaced persons camp in Felensburg, Germany, despite the facts that they had American passports and visas 4 years ago to leave Lithuania. They were forbidden to leave Lithuania by Soviet commissars, the young priests said.

Speaking for himself and his brother, Father Raymond in an interview said:

"There is no crime perpetrated by the Nazis that was not equalled by the Soviets in Lithuania in violence and terror. The Soviets disregarded all personal rights, trampled upon religion, and are still destroying the Lithuanian nation by loot, murder, rape.

"The Red soldiers in Lithuania have succumbed to bestiality undreamed of by western civilization — they even brutally flogged three Catholic priests and later nailed them on wooden crosses in the woods."

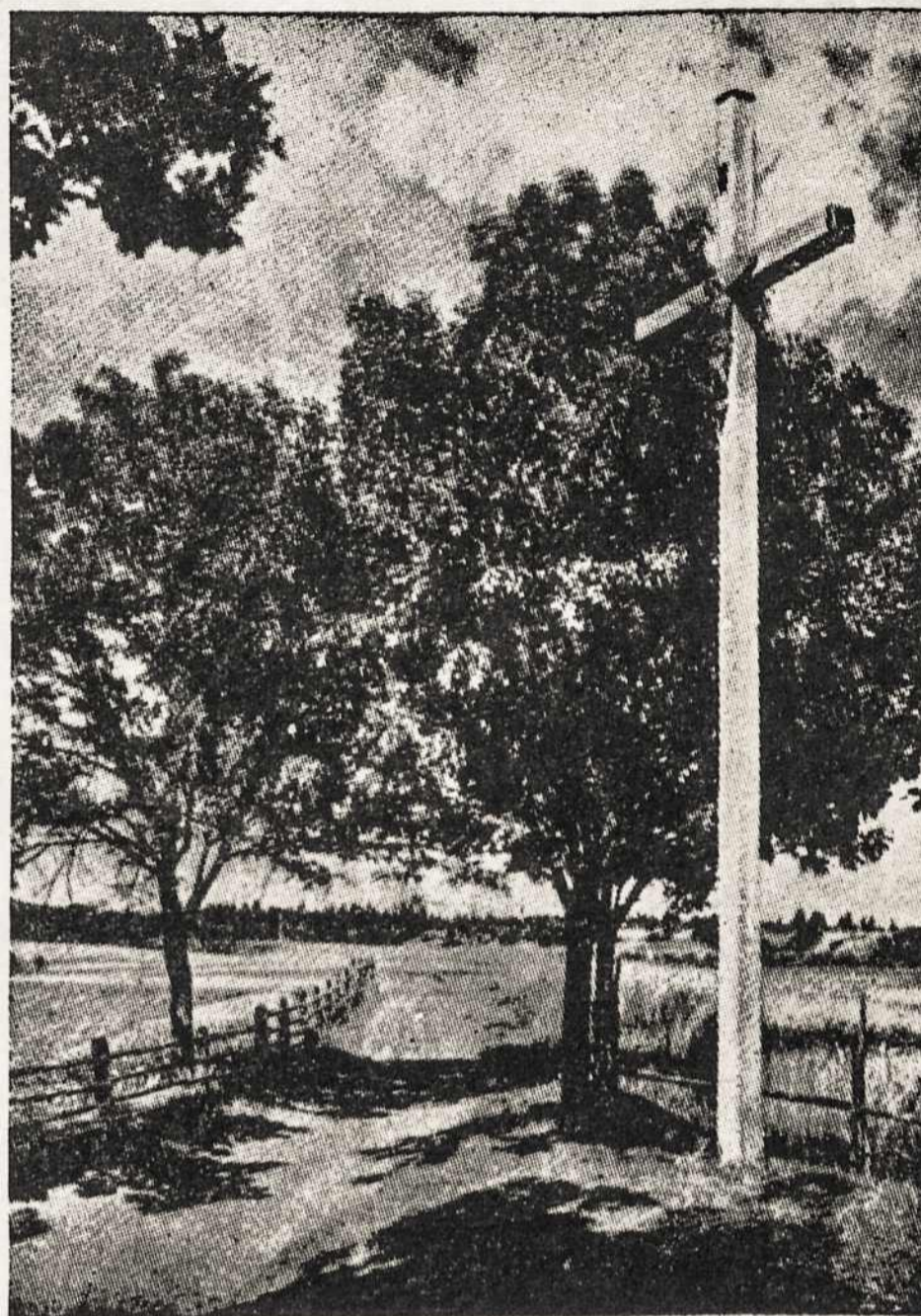
Father Raymond said the executions of the priests took place on June 24, 1941, the day to go down in Lithuania's history as "Execution Day."

The Communists, directed by the dreamed NKVD, on that day, he continued, swept the entire nation with a wave of terror, in which were killed 5,000 men, women and children, and 30 Catholic priests.

Among the priests were the Revs. Justin Dabrila of Vilkaviskis, Vaclovas Balsys of Lankeliskis and John Petrika, former chaplain of John Rygiskis High School, who were taken by Soviet soldiers to Rudavones woods and where they were crucified by the Soviet soldiers, Father Raymond said.

"Execution Day," Father Raymond continued, climaxed the Soviet orders to evacuate 700,000 Lithuanians to Siberia. He said:

"The orders, copies of which were presented



DRUJOS APYLINKĖSE — Senoji pilis prie Drujos upės šantakos su Dauguva, Vilniaus krašto šiaurėje.

by Lithuanian underground to the United States state department and to the Vatican, were signed by Commissar Gladkov. The secret orders of deportation were to be carried out by the NKVD. Since the first Soviet occupation of Lithuania, more than 40,000 Lithuanian patriots have been deported to Siberia and other parts of Soviet Russia."

Soviet troops marched into Lithuania on June 14, 1940, Father Raymond said, continuing:

"The Soviet commissars knew that I and my brother were Americans, but they watched us doggedly. One day I was arrested at Lygomai, with 500 others, charged with the shooting by partisans of two Russian soldiers. The Soviets were able to execute only 4, as the Lithuanian partisans became too active."

On another occasion Father Raymond was talking to a NKVD commissar, Petrov, who proudly paraded with a breast-full of medals. Commissar Petrov told Father Raymond:

"These I got in Russia for killing priests, now I'm here."

One day at Lygomai, a Soviet commissar came to Father Raymond, offering him 1,500 rubles a month and a job to quit priesthood for an "in-

IŠPAŽINTIS

Vos dvidešimtą vasarą bėgioju, —
 Vos dvidešimtą vasarą jaučiu širdies plakimą...
 O jau gyvenime šlubuoju —
 Ir nuodėmėm maldauju atleidimo...
 Norėtusi iš naujo mano vasaras skaityti —
 Norėtusi nuplauti savo sielą suodina...
 Ir vėl vėju pievose laisvam skraidyti, —
 Smagus, kaip kūdikis, pakrikštytas be nuodėmės.
 Norėtusi sugrįžti vėl pas savo motiną,
 Pas motiną gal jau senatvėje skausmų palaužta—
 Ir vėlei kūdikiu paklausti jos, gėles kas sotina
 Žiemos metu, kai ledas žemę kausto.
 Paskausti, saulė kur nuo mūsų slepiasi kas
 [vakarą padangėje,
 Kas paukšteliu mokina taip gražiai giedoti—
 Ar ta pati saulutė šviečia mums rytais palangėje,
 Kuri pasislėpė, kai aš ėjau miegoti.
 O pamenu...
 Kaip gera būdavo ant rankų motinos užmigti —
 Užmigti šnabždant jai maldas Marijai...
 Ir taip maldoje skęstančią palikti ją,
 Palikt su žydinčia siela, lelijom. —

Kazys Karalius.

telligent job.” Similar offers and refusals are daily occurrences in Lithuania, he said, in a sinister demoralization plan of the Soviets.

On Lithuania's national holiday, February 16, 1941, Father Raymond said, Lithuanians went to their churches and sang the Lithuanian national anthem. At Lygomai, two days after the Soviets arrested the choir director, all members of the choir, the pastor and assistants and were punished with fines and jail sentences.

On the same day in Radviliskis, the youth of the town were carrying a wreath to place on the unknown soldier's grave in the local cemetery. The Soviet soldiers surrounded the cemetery, shot and killed six persons and arrested 15 before the ceremony was stopped. Later the 15 were publicly executed. Father Raymond said.

In Lithuania's capital city, Kaunas, on all Souls' Day, 1940, 40,000 people were assembled in the local cemetery singing Lithuanian church hymns. This ceremony was broken up by the Soviets, but not before 300 youths were shot or killed and some bayoneted.

Father Raymond said once he was stopped by a commissar on a street in his village. The Russian official threatened to arrest him, but Father Raymond pleaded he was not guilty and that he hadn't done anything. The commissar shot back:

“The reason that you are not a Communist—you are guilty. Yours and the passive resistance of all those who are not Communists is the reason for the failure of Soviet domination of the world.”

Every night is a “night of terror” in Soviet-dominated Lithuania, according to Father Raymond. Shots are heard in the night and screams of young girls molested by Soviet soldiers fall on the ears of fathers and mothers, he said.

Following Soviet occupation came the Nazis who also ruled the Liths under terror, and the second Soviet occupation started in July, 1944. The second Red occupation is worse than the first, Father Raymond indicated.

Now the Soviets force all young men into military service, all farms are collectivized, thousands upon thousands of Lithuanian patriots are in jails and concentration camps, he asserted.

Lithuanian partisans are still active, fighting at night and hiding in the woods during the day. They are fighting to restore liberty in Lithuania, he said.

Father Raymond said no correspondents are permitted in Soviet-dominated Lithuania. Because there is no freedom or democracy in Lithuania under the Soviet hammer and sickle!

MOTERIES AKYS

Nesiskusk kai kurių vyrų drąsa ir laisve. Esi stipresnė už juos.

Moteriškė turi tokį galingą ginklą, kad ir pikčiausiai ir labiausiai iškrypęs vyras negali jam pasipriešinti: tai jos akys.

Savo akimis gali numušti išdidėlį, nubausti įžeidėją, sutramdyti begėdį, sulaikyti gašlųjį, pavaryti niekšą.

Moteriškės žvilgsnis paleidžia ar pažaboja aistras, padrašina ar įbaugina nedorybę, palaiko dorybę, išsaugo nekaltybę, paguodžia liūdesį; jis žeidžia, užmuša, gaivina, kelia iš numirusiųjų.

Nesiskųs niekieno įžulumu; geriau savimi pasiskųsk.

O moterie! nesididžiuok, jei tau pasako, kad tavo akys yra gražios, nes, juo gražesnes būsi jas gavusi, juo atsakingesnė būsi už kitus ir save.

“V. K.”

Mirus kun. Petru Vaitėkūnui, Lietuvoje, LIET. VYČIŲ CENTRO VALDYBA ir organizacijos nariai, reiškia gilią užuojautą velionio mylimam broliui kun. Jonui Vaitėkūnui, Providence, R. I. lietuvių par. klebonui ir nuoširdžiam VYČIŲ rėmėjui, ir Garbės Nariui.

Lai a. a. kun. Petro Vaitėkūno vėlei Dievas suteikia amžiną ramybę.



Lewiston, Me., L. Vyčių 2-sios atgaivintos kuopos pionieriai ir jos Valdyba. Iš kairės įdešinę: p-lė Felicija Grendelytė, L. Vyčių Centro fin. rašt.; p-lė Paulauskaitė, p-lė Šabaitė; A. Henrikas Reidman, pirmininkas; Tėv. Just. Vaškys, Dvasios Vadas; p-nė Marquis; p. A. Rudokas, m aršalka; p-lė J. Sabaliauskaitė, fin. rašt.; p. C. Vitonis, išdininkas. Pastaruoju laiku kuopa paaugo daugiau pusės šimto narių.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION

Held by Council 18, Cambridge, Mass. on September 29, 1946.

Evidently the National Convention held in South Worcester, Mass., by Council 116 was such a tremendous success that most of the very same New Englanders decided to attend the New England District Convention just one week later.

The pre-convention dance held at the Hotel Commander on the evening previous, was very well attended by all councils. Here, we renewed our convention acquaintances and danced the hours away, to the music of the Cavaliers.

Dr. Pauline Luzackas, the president of Council 18, opened the New England District Convention with a word of welcome and then turned the meeting over to the District President, Frank Zvalonis, from Westfield, Mass.

After the words of welcome

and inspiration from the Pastor, Fr. Juškaitis, and from the other members of the Clergy who were present, the business session began. Fr. Vaškas, from Marianapolis, gave a very inspiring talk in which he stressed the need for all Knights to use the Lithuanian language more frequently; also, to be proud of the Lithuanian blood that was in us. Fr. Vaškas pointed out that the Lithuanian language was a veritable key to ancient history; that students in Universities here in the United States, not all of whom had any Lithuanian blood in them, were proud to study our language. Fr. Vaškas also brought up the fact that representation from the N. E. District of the K. of L. should be had at the American Lithuanian Congress in New York, on October 21 and 22, whose main purpose is to work toward the freedom of

Lithuania. The Convention selected the following delegates: Frank Razvadauskas from So. Boston, Dr. Pauline Luzackas from Cambridge, and Miss Helen Yankauskas also from South Boston.

Several other resolutions that were passed are as follows: The N. E. District Executive Board will work with Anthony Young concerning the status and betterment of the Junior K. of L. in New England. The third Sunday in May will be set aside as K. of L. Day at Marianapolis College. A dance, the proceeds of which will go towards purchasing a K. of L. flag for the New England District, will be sponsored by the District. This dance will be held at a hotel in Boston under the general chairmanship of A. J. Young and a committee selected from Council 17, So. Boston, with the aid of every council in New England.

All councils are urged to send copies of dance posters, program books, other souvenirs and the like to the Lithuanian Cultural Institute, Darbininkas

Bldg., 366 W. Broadway, South Boston. Fr. Juras from Lawrence is working hard at making this worthy project a success. It is up to each council to collect and gather together their souvenirs and mail them in.

A very important issue referred by Fr. Vincent Andriuška, M. I. C. was the resolution that the New England District start a scholarship fund of \$500 per year to finance a boy's school year at Marianapolis High School or College. After much discussion, this resolution was tabled until the next Convention, while the Executive Board will take this opportunity to review this question.

With the ending of the business session, Anthony Young, in his capacity, as Center Ritual Board member, took over the next part of the program which was the examination of the candidates for the Third Ritual Degree.

One other important issue brought up by Father John Jutkevičius, Supreme K. of L. Spiritual Advisor, was the work of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Each and every Council should have such a committee, and this committee should put real work in carrying out its all important function. There are several councils whose Lithuanian Affairs Committees have not been functioning as yet.

The serious matters having been discussed, we were served a very tasty supper by the charming hosts of Council 18. And then, as at every K. of L. Convention, — the singing began! Father Juškaitis very ably directed us for awhile.

We are looking forward to the coming New England District Convention which will be held in Lewiston, Maine.

SAŽININGAI PILDO. —

Motina: — Onyte, ko tu taip šokinėjai?

Onytė: — Išgėriau vaistų.

Motina: — Ar tau skilvį sopa?

Onytė: — Ne, tik buvo parašyta, kad prieš vartojant vaistus reikia suplakti, o aš išgėriau nesuplakusi.



TĖV. JUSTINAS VAŠKYS,
Tėvų Pranciškonų Provincijolas ir
L. Vyčių 2-ros kuopos, Lewiston, Me.,
Dvasios Vadas, kurio didžiu rūpesčiu
atgaivinta 2-ji kuopa ir pavyzdinai
pradėjo dirbti Dievui ir Tėvyne.

Yra Šalis...

Yra šalis, kur upės teka
Linksmi tarp girių užiančių
Ir meiliai tarp savęs šneka
Prie giesmininkų vėversių.
Ten prakaitas aplieja žmones
Prie vasaros sunkių darbų,
Ir prastas parėdas marškonis
Apdengia sąnarius visų.
Kaip tik nueisi į svečius, —
Bet tave meiliai pavaišina,
Ten tave myli, valgydina,
Kiek tiktai leidžia išteklius.
Ir gražios tos šalies merginos
Ten žydi vis kuonopuikiau...
Šalis ta Lietuva vadinasi.
Bet aš — neilgai ten buvau...
Atsimenu, kada į guolį
Saulutę prašo vakarai,
Ir gieda lietuviai varguoliai,
Nes pabaigti dienos darbai...
Kaip tąsyk mergos veidą skaistų
Prie rūtų lenkia kvepiančių,
Dainuodamos, jas meiliai laisto,
Lelijų skinas žydinčių...
Atsimenu, kaip vakars šiltas
Po vasaros kaitrios dienos
Ir oras, ramumu išpiltas,
Nenoroms traukia prie dainos...
Kaip tąsyk varpas sunkiai gaudžia
Ir užgirdėt toli, toli...
Seniai jau paukščiai medžiuos snau-
Bet pats užmigti negali... [džia,
Kaip upės vandens, mintys teka,
Idėjos reiškiasi galvoj;
Gamta su tavim, rodos, šneka:
"Gražu, gražu mūs Lietuvoj"...
O tėviške! Koks mielas kraštas,
Kurio taip netekau ūmai, —
To neišreikš nė vienas raštas,
Tą pasakys vieni jausmai...

Pr. Vaičaitis.

NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

A deep sorrow was felt by all, in the loss of two of our members, Louis Ketvirtis and Charles Vaskas. We know how diligently they have worked and we will try to keep their thoughts in mind and follow their motto for "God and Country."

The N. Y. and N. J. district held its meeting in Harrison, N. J. on Sunday, Sept. 8, 1946. Council 90 was our host.

Many important topics were discussed, namely the 30th Anniversary of the district. A dinner and dance will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, 1946 which will be held at the Hotel Plaza, Jersey City, N. J. The committee is working hard to make this affair a success. Let's all cooperate with them and make the dinner and dance the biggest we have ever had.

Another big event during the meeting was the election of officers. The newly-elected executive board of the N. Y. and N. J. district is:

Charles Bason—Pres.

John Bray—1st Vice-Pres.

Helen Pachuria—2nd Vice-Pres.

Josephine Adams—Rec. Sec.

Mae Matulis—Rec. Sec.

Joseph Sable—Treasurer.

Dorothy Dutkus—Correspondent.

Sports Board:

Jim Dasker,

Vera Laukazimis,

Al Baranauskas.

A note of thanks go to the retiring executive board who worked so vigorously in the efforts of the K. of L.

The coming season brings many enjoyable evenings. The dates and places are:

Sept. 28 — Gay Nineties dance—Maspeth, N. Y.

Oct. 19 — 30th Ann. Dinner and dance — Jersey City, N. J.

Nov. 16 — Dance in Harrison.

Nov. 23 — Dance in New York City.

Nov. 30 — Starlight dance in Newark, N. J.

Bring all your friends and let's help the councils make their affairs successful.

All the delegates and guests would like to thank council 90 for the social which followed the meeting.

Helen Pinken and Charles Bason were the delegates from the N. Y. and N. J. district who attended the National Convention.

D. M. D.

Tauta nori būti. Būti—reiškia kilti. — Vl. Putvys.

Officialus Skyrrius

EXCERPTS FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The registration of delegates for the 33rd National Convention began on Thursday, September 19th. The early arrivals, who were entertained at the home of the chairman, Louise Totilas, were from Newark, N. J., Paterson, N. J., Cicero, Ill., and New York City.

The committee on arriving at the Church Hall at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon found delegates from Chicago and Jersey City waiting.

The guests kept coming in all day long and way into the night. Even some where planes were grounded in New Jersey arrived in the wee hours of Friday morning.

Sunday, the last day of the convention, on checking over the registration of guests and delegates, the committee found the following cities sent representations:

Massachusetts:

Brockton, Athol, Cambridge, South Boston, Norwood, Worcester, Lowell, Lawrence.

Pennsylvania:

Pittsburgh, Philadelphia.

Maine:

Lewiston, Greene, Auburn.

Rhode Island:

Providence.

Connecticut:

Waterbury, Hartford.

Illinois:

Chicago, Cicero.

Ohio:

Dayton.

New York:

Brooklyn, New York, Maspeth, Great Neck.

New Jersey:

Jersey City, Paterson, Newark, Kearny, Linden, Elizabeth, Bayonne.

Our thanks goes out to the following members and friends who helped house the delegates for their stay in Worcester: William Montville, Phyllis Zakar, Lillian Tamulevich, Peter Matachinskas, Joseph Varaska, for acting as chauffeurs for our guests. To Ed Butkevich, Ruth Bielcauskas, Nell Laucis, Anne Shablin, Frank Rainis, Anne Leketa, Mildred Buda, Adam Kureisa, Phyllis Zakar, Mrs. Tumosa, Aldona Varaska, Lucy Meskinis, Marion Lucason, Henry Burda, Franas Banionis, Mike Saurusaitis, Mrs. Ona Lapinskas, Irene Platukis, Susan Platukis, Nell Smolsky, Anne Miller, Mrs. Mikalauskas

Alberta Milius, Al Zavorskas, Stanley Korsak, William Burokas, Aldona Dubickas, Edward Kaveckas, Mrs. Jurkynas, Mrs. Liberis, Albina Matachinskas, Aldona Pauliukaitis, Rita Tamulevich, Aldona Barisas, Mrs. Amelia Dirsas, Vittie Rakauskas, and Louise Totilas.

Attention!

We are pleased to announce that on September 8, 1946, Council 2, Lewiston, Maine, was revived! Over 50 members joined the council. We are sincerely grateful to Very Rev. Justin Vaškys, O. F. M., of Mount St. Francis, Greene, Maine, and his assistants, for having made it possible to revive the Council.

We believe that nothing will so strengthen our determination to reach our goal, as the prospect of being able to get all K. of L. Districts to participate in endeavoring to revive their defunct councils.

Following members were honored at the 33rd National Convention, held in Worcester, Mass. September 22, 1946, by receiving the Order of St. Casimir (4th Degree): South Boston (Council 17) — Petras Bukota, Anthony M. Gaputis, Phyllis Grendal, Stanley K. Griganavičius, Longinas Svelnis and Anthony J. Young; Worcester (Council 26) — Mrs. Ann Bacys, Joseph Bacys, Mrs. Tillie (Aukštikalnis) Gerulis, Mrs. Mary (Thompson) Jurgelionis, William Kereišis and Ann Luckasavage; So. Worcester (Council 116 — Louise Totilas.

At the semi-annual meeting of the New England District K. of L., in Cambridge, Mass., September 29, 1946, the 3rd degree was received by the following: Cambridge (Council 18) — Alec Marcin and Dr. Pauline Luzackas; So. Worcester (Council 116) — Irene Kersis, William Montville, Nell Smolsky and Edmund Vaskas.

NOTICE TO ALL COUNCIL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES.

Please be informed that any and all dues are to be mailed to the newly-elected Supreme Council Financial Secretary, Miss Louise Totilas, 18 Montrose Street, Worcester 4, Mass.

All checks and money orders are to be payable to: KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA.

Resolution

The Knights of Lithuania, a Catholic national organization, united for the purpose of making Lithuanian-American youth better citizens for the service of God and Country assembled in S. Worcester, Massachusetts for its Thirty-third National Convention on September 20, 21, 22, 1946 unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Republic of Lithuania has again become a victim of oppression by aggressive nations and forced to live under strange and abhorrent conditions, and

WHEREAS the Lithuanians of America hope and believe that the principles of the Atlantic Charter will become the true basis on independence to Lithuania and other small nations of the world,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that an appeal be made to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of State to assert the foreign policy of the United States toward the people of Lithuania and other small nations.

THAT the United States take measures that will restore the sovereignty and self government to the people of Lithuania and free her forever from Russian tyranny,

THAT the United States demand the Soviet withdraw her armed forces of occupation from Lithuania and permit the free establishment of a self administered republican form of government,

THAT the Department of State take measures to have Lithuania admitted to the United Nations,

THAT the Department of State establish facilities for displaced persons in camps within the occupied zones in Germany to aid them in immigrating to America, to their relations and friends,

THAT persons in displaced camps in Germany be accorded the privilege of communicating in their native language,

THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of State, to the representative of the Lithuanian Government in Washington, to members of Congress and to the press.

Joseph Boley, President,
Josephine Adams, Secretary.

K. of L. Activities

THE 33rd NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA is now history duly recorded in the pages of the organization's protocol — but there are certain aspects of the convention that stand out in our minds and we re-live those moments of the convention while their memory is still fresh in our minds.

First, we want to comment on the inspiring church services. On Friday, at 9 a. m., Rev. George Vilciauskas of Union City, Conn., was celebrant of the Solemn High Mass for all living members of the K. of L. A solemn, High Mass is indeed a beautiful church service — the full beauty of the Mass is brought out in all its glory! Rev. Modestas Stepaitis, O. F. M. of Greene, Me., was deacon and Rev. Alphonse Volungis of Worcester, Mass., was sub-deacon. Rev. John C. Jutkevicius, spiritual adviser of Council 116 and the N. E. District, was master of ceremonies. Fr. Jutkevicius also delivered the sermon—the subject of his talk struck at the very roots of our organization's purpose — “What Is an Ideal? He said that an ideal is any truth or any example or any idea that we have to follow for the betterment of our own lives. The K. of L. is an ideal organization. Our motto, “For God and Country” — God is our supreme ideal and our own country is of course secondary — not only our own country, America, but Lithuania, our fatherland.

The convention proper was opened up at 10:30 a. m. with a word of greeting by the Vice President of Council 116, Miss Irene Kersis. She introduced the National President, Frank Razvadauskas and after an inspiring talk asked Fr. Vasys, host pastor, to lead the convention in prayer. The national hymns of the United States and Lithuania were sung and during the singing of the K. of L. hymn — the new banner of the K. of L. was brought forward and blessed by Fr. Vasys. This banner is indeed a thing of beauty—a splendid tribute to the efforts of the Ritual Committee — wrought with meaning that reaches to the very core of Lithuanianism.

The first business of the convention was the election of a general chairman and two secretaries — Joseph Boley of Brooklyn, N. Y., was elected chairman and Anthony Mazeika of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Anthony Young of So. Boston, Mass., his assistants. Miss Agnes Saucunas of Chicago and Miss Irene Kersis of So. Worcester, were chosen convention secretaries.

Most of the business of the first day consisted of greetings and reports from national officers. The convention sent out a letter of greeting to Gov. Tobin of Mass., Lithuania's Minister Paul Zadelkis in Washington and to the Bishop of the



Lietuvos Vyčių 33-čio Seimo, Worcester,

Springfield Diocese, The Very Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, on the occasion of his 25th anniversary in the episcopacy.

Saturday morning at 9, Rev. Stanislovas Raila of Philadelphia was celebrant of the Mass for all K. of L. members who have deceased—with is a fine tribute to pay — the K. of L. remembers its members even in death. Saturday morning the group picture of the 33rd national convention was taken. In the afternoon, the most important topic of discussion was the betterment of the “Vytis” — Fr. Raila was chosen chairman to think of ways and means to make it a more “readable” and enjoyable magazine for all.

Sunday morning's Mass at 11 a. m. was truly the most inspiring part of the whole convention. Three hundred strong — all Knights of Lithuania in this great United States — marched into Our Lady of Vilna Church, preceded by their magnificent new banner. William Burdulis, church organist, rendered a stirring march as all the members marched to their pews. The choir sang as though imbued with a new fervor—for the occasion was an auspicious one. Rev. Modestas Stepaitis celebrated High Mass and Rev. Stanislovas Raila gave the sermon — on the life of our patron saint, St. Casimir—the Prince of all Lithuanian youth, who from his place in heaven truly lends a guiding hand to the destinies of



Mass., delegatai, kuris įvyko rugs. 20-22 d.

this great organization. What finer example than to follow in the footsteps of this young man—a Lithuanian like ourselves—the same blood coursed through his veins as courses through ours—let us be ever mindful of our guiding light, St. Casimir!

After High Mass, in one great voice—all the members, led by Fr. Vasys, joined in a common prayer for Lithuania, then repeated the act of consecration as K. of L. members and sang a hymn to the Blessed Virgin. Fr. Vasys also bestowed the religious blessing on those who were to be initiated into the Order of St. Casimir—our order's 4th degree—those, who by their love and devotion to the ideals and principles of the K. of L. and their hard work for the betterment of the organization have proved worthy of our organization's top honor. Holding lighted candles and kneeling at the altar rail, all candidates for the 4th degree repeated their oath and Fr. Vasys blessed their medals which were going to be bestowed upon them at the banquet in the evening.

The most important subjects discussed in the last session, Sunday afternoon, were presenting Leonard Simutis, Anthony Mazeika and Frank Razvadauskas as honorary members of the K. of L. at the next convention; closing the fiscal year July 31; sending resolutions for Lithuania's free-

Mano Linkėjimai L. Vyčių Pirmininkui Ir Organizacijai

Po penkių metų sunkaus, bet malonaus darbo, kaip L. Vyčių Centro pirmininkas su šiuo mėnesiu perleidžiu savo vytiško darbo pareigas naujam L. Vyčių pirmininkui Juozui Bulevičiui.

Apie Juozą Bulevičių - Boley, nereikia kalbėti, nes jį pažįsta visa L. Vyčių organizacija kaip—ilgametį, nuoširdų ir organizacijai atsidavusį vyti sulig savo išgalės.

Šia proga man malonu sveikinti Juozą, kaip vyčių pirmininką, paveldėjusį mano pareigas, ir bendrai visą Centro Valdybą ir, linkėti gerų sekmių! Tačiau, kad ir gambiausias pirmininkas ir visa valdyba, nepadarys stebuklų, jei visi organizacijos nariai nebus suinteresuoti organizacijos reikalais.

Todėl mano linkėjimas pirmininkui Juozui Bulevičiui ir visai Centro Valdybai geriausio pasisekimo, o organizacijos nariams prašymas—dirbti nuoširdžiai su valdyba, organizacijos labui, dėl mūsų visų obalsio—Dievui ir Tėvynei!

Pranas Razvadauskas.

Financial Secretary's Swan Song

It has been an unusual opportunity for me to become better acquainted with the real people of the Lithuanians and American Lithuanians in the capacity as Financial Secretary of the Knights of Lithuania for the last five years. I enjoyed every minute of it. Some of my best friends, I have met in this work.

To all of those who assisted me in anyway, I now express my sincere gratitude. I shall miss their words of constructive criticism and of helpfulness.

I hope that my successor will enjoy the work as much as I did. Thanks for giving me this honor and opportunity to have been of service to our people.

Phyllis Grendal.

dom to President Truman and Sec. of State James F. Byrnes; urging all councils to purchase a national banner; striving to make the "Vytis" a better magazine.

The election of officers followed, who were duly sworn in by Fr. Vasys, three hymns were sung, and finally, Fr. Jutkevičius closed the convention with a prayer.

Upon Fr. Raila's invitation, the delegates un-animously accepted to hold the next Convention in Philadelphia, Pa.

The convention received wide publicity both in the English and Lithuanian newspapers.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

No doubt many readers of the "VYTIS", especially those in far distant points from Chicago, have been apprehensively wondering just what has happened to the K. of L's here since very little news appears in the August pages of our organization's organ. With due apologies and a fervent desire to atone for this unforgivable condition, we hasten to mitigate their anxiety by reassuring them that the Torch of K. of L. Idealism here in and around Chicago is burning very brightly and the future is indeed promising.

The K. of L. Chicago District, its councils and the K. of L. Senior's group are very active and has accomplished much during this year. It is indeed unfortunate that much of this activity has not been chronicled by the respective "scribes" of the individual councils as well as of the District. This laxity on their part merits grave reprimandation—for their duty is a vital cog in the wheels of progress of the organization. We note that Cicero's K. of L. Council 14, in the last issue of the "Vytis", has redeemed itself with a well written and very interesting article of its activities and personalities. Well done, Cicero. Now, about some contributions from the other councils and especially from the District? The "VYTIS" is your publication, you contribute toward its support, so why not make proper use of it? Fellow members from distant councils want to know what our councils and the District are doing. Mutual exchange of news and ideas tend to cement greater bonds of friendship and add greatly to the progress of our organization.

SCOPE IN GENERAL...

Eyes and mind of every K. of L. member in and around Chicago is focused on the newly-acquired K. of L. Youth Center, centrally located at 2451-53-55 West 47th st., (Brighton Park area) in Chicago. This modest three store, one floor brick structure with a spacious garden spot in the rear is the pride and joy of all. Although remodeling and furnishing is only in a planning stage, part of the east wing, is being utilized for K. of L. activity. Here the District and the Seniors group hold their regular meetings and socials. It is the home of the Chicago District K. of L. Choir and the local point where the many various committees meet and formulate their plans. The corner store is leased by us to a private party for business purposes. The lease will expire Oct. 31, 1948 at which time the whole structure will be exclusively used for

K. of L. purposes. It is the joint property of the K. of L. Chicago District and of the K. of L. Senior's group. Title is vested under a trust agreement to a Board of Trustees consisting of five members: namely, — Vincent Ed. Pavis, pres.; Kastas Zaromskis, vice pres.; Anthony P. Zickus, secr.; Matas Zizas, treas. and John A. Kass.

Promotional management of the premises is vested in a K. of L. Building Executive Committee consisting of thirty members, elected jointly by both the District and the Senior's group, — co-owners. They are as follows: Stanley Pieža, pres.; Ignas Sakalas, vice-pres.; Victor Balanda, sec.; and Kazimiera Petrušienė, treas. Members — Rev. Ign. Albavičius, Rev. A. Linkus, Vincent Ed. Pavis, Kastas Zaromskis, Anthony P. Zickus, Matas Zizas, John A. Kass, Stanley Šimulis, Jerry Kasulaitis, Sally Jesulaitis, Anthony Lukošaitis, A. Šukis, Anthony Petrusis, Stella Brožas, Vincent Rėkus, Jack Juozaitis, Judge John T. Zuris, John Kazanauskas, Frank Cižauskas, Anthony Rudis, Helen Motekaitienė, Peter Cibulskis, Frank Pumputis. As honorary members of this committee the following eminent personages have accepted to serve: Hon. Dwight H. Green, Governor of the State of Illinois; Hon. Edward J. Kelly, Mayor of the City of Chicago; Chief John C. Prendergast, Commissioner of Police City of Chicago; Rev. Edw. J. Kelly, Executive Director of the Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Societies of Chicago; Major Lenox R. Lohr, Chairman of Chicago Conference for Youth and President of the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry; Judge Frank Bicek, Juvenile court; Hon. Peter Daužvardis, Lithuanian Consul in Chicago, Leonard J. Šimutis, Grand President of the K. of L. Senior's, President of the Lithuanian American Council (Taryba), President of the Lith. Rom. Catholic Alliance of America and Editor in Chief of the Lithuanian Daily "Draugas."

With the acquisition of their new home, the K. of L's are imbued with a new spirit that stimulates their every effort. A dream that became reality inspires them but it has also brought its measure of problems and responsibility. Remodeling and furnishing is costly and financial obligations must be paid in due course of time. Every effort is now being utilized to raise funds for this purpose and the outlook is optimistic. In due course of time, slowly but surely, all our plans will be realized and problems over-

come. Then with just pride and real satisfaction, we will have a Youth Center, ideal in every respect.

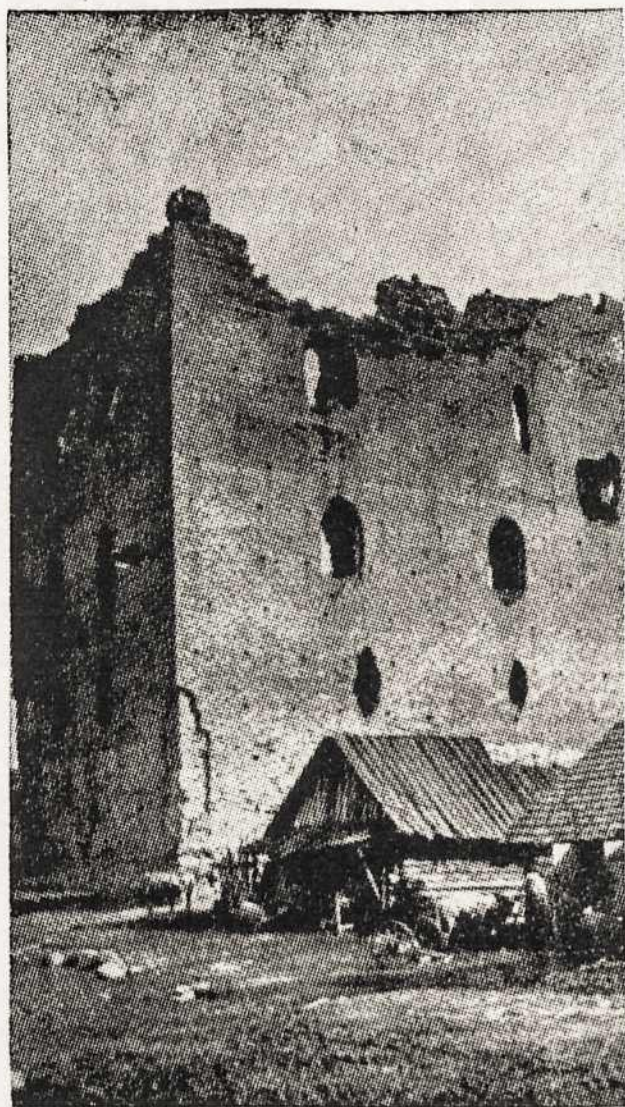
TRADITIONAL K. OF L. DAY.

This year's annual K. of L. Day, held traditionally every fourth of July at the spacious and well-known Vytautas Park, was noteworthy for its unusual success. Well planned and ably managed by a capable committee headed by Vincent Rėkus, the proceeds brought a record high profit of well over \$1,500. This sum was transferred by the District to the K. of L. Youth Center fund as originally planned. Mr. Rėkus was ably assisted by Jack Juozaitis, in charge of receipts and chips; John A. Kass, in charge of the bar; Philomena Rekašiotė and her sister Mrs. Gedminas, in charge of the restaurant; Catherine Zaura, in charge of the refreshment stand; Jimmy Boyd, in charge of change games; Virginia Kvietkus, in charge of raffle books and prizes; A. Šukis, in charge of the bowling alleys and Ignas Sakalas, program director. An unusually large crowd gathered for the festivities, had a good time, and thus materially contributed toward aiding the new K. of L. Youth Center.

BUILDING FUND DANCE— NOV. 10th.

Not satisfied with their successful laurels gained during the Annual K. of L. Day, the Chicago District, for the benefit of the new home, is sponsoring the biggest Dance program ever staged by the K. of L's here in Chicago. The event will take place on Sunday evening, November 10th at the spacious Holy Cross parish auditorium (in Town of Lake). No expense is being spared to put this over with a bang. A capable committee headed by Jerry Kasulaitis has contracted the services of one of the nation's outstanding dance orchestras for the festivities in the ballroom, where the young people will trip the light fantastic, and downstairs in the large recreation hall (which has reputedly the largest bar in the city) will be transformed into a modern Cabaret, where another orchestra and feature radio and stage stars, consisting of Al Brazis, of the Chicago Opera, Victor Bender, of "Bloomer Girl" fame and Eleanor Kondrataitė, our own K. of L. "nightingale" from Cicero, will enthrall the senior audience with a stellar performance. Table service "a la de luxe" will be of the best. So November 10th will be a "Nite of Nites" for young and old.

As for the K. of L. Day event, so also for this Dance, all K. of L. councils will do their bit promoting sale of tickets, gathering ads for a large program book and augmenting



KREVĖS PILIS — Senoji Algirdo sostinė. Krevės pilyje buvo nužudytas Did. Liet. kunigaikštis Kęstutis. 1383 m. čia pasirašyta Vytauto su Jogaila sutartis. Krevės pilis buvo viena stipriausių.

the Dance Committee with members from each council. Agnes Saučiunas, Victor Balanda, Virginia Pumputis, Kastas Zaromskis, Albin Plančiunas, Sally Jesulaitis and many others are on the committee.

SENIOR'S BARBEQUE

The K. of L's have done it again, and this time it was the Senior's group. What was intended only to be a Barbecue Picnic, turned out to be a veritable outdoor banquet. Usually Lithuanian picnics in the line of food and drink feature only "kopūstų su kilbasais," hot dogs, ice cream, candy, soft and hard drinks. At the Senior's outing, held Sunday, Sept. 22nd., at the Lithuanian Charities farm forest glade, the menu consisted of barbecued lamb, luscious ham, turkey, baked herring, baked potatoes, garden vegetables, potato dumplings with pork centers, bacon buns, all kinds of drinks and a fragrant odor of burning oak and pine permeating from the barbecue pit. A large crowd of Senior members and their friends attended and a remarkable good time was had by all. The Senior's are an unusual group of staunch K. of L. supporters and they have the good old K. of L. spirit deep in their hearts. A nice profit was derived from the affair

which will be turned over for the benefit of the K. of L. Youth Center. John A. Kass, was the master chef, ably assisted by his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Petrulis, Joe Valskis, Mrs. Varkelienė, Mrs. Motekaitienė, Mrs. Pavis, Mrs. Petkevičius, Stanley Pieža, Mrs. Pumputis, and many others.

The following Wednesday a "Kaulų Graužimo" social to honor the workers was arranged at the K. of L. Youth Center. A goodly crowd gathered and in the midst of the festivities the assemblage was surprised by the unexpected but very welcome entry of four of our delegates that had just returned from the National K. of L. Convention and had not even reached their homes. They were Jack Juozaitis, newly-elected Supreme 2nd vice-president, Kastas Zaromskis, Peggy Zakaras and A. Putis. Needless to say the party lasted till the wee small hours of the morning and a good time was had by all. Ask Ignas Sakalas, if you doubt this statement.

RITUAL ACTIVITY.

Chicago is far behind in ritual activity, but an earnest concerted effort now is being made to remedy the situation and in a comparatively short period of time, we will have caught up and all members will be elevated to their proper degree. Under the able direction of Jack Juozaitis, the District Ritual Committee, consisting of Jerry Kasulaitis, Albin Plančiunas and Kastas Zaromskis, has organized a Ritual team that will visit each council when degree classes will be prepared and assist in the presentation of first and second degrees.

This ritual team on Tuesday, Sept.

LIETUVOS DAINOS

Tėvynės dainos, jūs malonios,
Taip širdį žadinat saldžiai!
Kodėl tai mūsų gražios ponios,
Negieda jūsų gan seniai?
Akutės mėsavos, rankos baltos,
Bet širdis jų, kaip ledas, šaltos!

Sesutės mūsų iš senobės
Dėvėjo margus rūbelius;
Duzgeno plonas, baltas drobes
Ir koja suko ratelius,
O iš karštos jaunos krūtinės
Skambėjo dainos sidabrinės.

Kas atdarytų aukso skrynę
Tėvynės dainų malonių?
Kas beprižadintų gadyne
Sesučių, dainomis garsių?
Tėvynės dainos, jūs auksinės,
Be jūsų šala mums krūtinės!

Maironis.

10th, visited Marquette Park K. of L. Council 112, where a class of 18 members received the first degree and later on five received the second. The ritual ceremonies were very impressive and no doubt left a deep impression on all present. Vincent Ed. Pavis, president of the Chicago District, presided, Rev. A. Zakaruskas officiated as the Spiritual Director and Miss Agnes Saučiunas as Secretary. Cicero, North Side, Brighton Park and Town of Lake Councils are preparing their classes and soon ritual ceremonies will take place in their respective localities.

The District Ritual Committee are preparing plans for 3rd degree ceremonies, which probably will take place at the K. of L. Youth Center this fall. Fourth degree ceremonies will only take place once a year during traditional K. of L. St. Casimir's Day rites.

K. of L. Booster.

Dėmesio!

MALONĖKITE PASIIMTI Skirtas dovanas už rašymą "Vytyje" lietuvių kalboje, kaip jau buvo garsinta.

Pirmos trys dovanos Liurdo stebūklai vysk. P. Bučio, kun. P. Juro išleista maldaknygė, ir spausdinama "Vytis ir Erelis" kun. Dr. K. Urbonavičiaus.

Šios dovanos tenka sekantiems:

Kumpai "Vyties" redaktoriui, Razvadauskui ir Ig. Sakalui.

Iš minėtų knygų gali pasirinkti kurios patinka.

Kitos dovanos — "Vai Lėkite Dainos" — sekantiems:

K. Jonaičiui, A. M., LAIC, K. Galvainiui, Kun. Dr. J. Prunskiui, J. Kmitui, K. S.—"L.", Padangės Arui, Sušinskui ir Čemadoniui.

Kiti, kurie parašė, kad ir vieną mažiausį straipsnelį "Vytyje" lietuvių kalba, gali pasirinkti 12 paveikslėlių iš Lietuvos istorinių vietų, kurias aš pats nufotografavau 1920 ir 1931 metais. Norintiems pasiųsiu sąrašą.

Paveikslus gaus ir tie, kuriems skirtos ir viršminėtos dovanos. Čemadonas ir E. Ramanauskaitė, gali pasirinkti po 36 arba ir daugiau paveikslėlių už taip tinkamus jaunimui pareiškimus.

Kumpa, Razvadauskas ir Sakalas gali kreiptis tiesiai į "Darbininko" administraciją. Kiti pas mane.

Laikas buvo skirtas nuo birželio (June) 1945 iki šių metų seimo. Jei Dievo Malonė laikys gyvą, jieskosiu ir kitų dovanų bėgantiems metams.

Lai Dangaus Galybė laimina Vyčius, rėmėjus ir užtarėjus.

M. A. Norkūnas,
Box 371, Lawrence, Mass.



CHICAGO, ILL.

Council 112 — Marquette Park.

With all the activities our council had during the past summer months we couldn't even get in a spare moment to inform you about them until now. One of the summer Sundays was spent boating on beautiful Lake Michigan. Although it wasn't stated as K. of L. affair, most of the ones invited were either "ladies" or "knights." Al Kress said he should have stayed home because for some reason or other the swaying motion of the boat didn't agree with him. So along with Jackie Yerkes and Stanley Sukis he gave in to the sea, or should I say, gave out to the sea. Jo Zizas didn't get seasick, but she certainly chewed enough of those sour oranges to keep from it. Our last social event, run by Mrs. Pudge and Mrs. Shimkus, was a weenie roast at one of the nearby forests.

If you have any secrets you can let Junius Zolp in on them because he's proved to us that he's champion at keeping them. He kept his forthcoming marriage so secret that he almost ended up working for the Parish picnic on that blissful day, but some fast talking saved him from the work. Congratulations! We're hoping to meet the little wife soon.

Elly Zizas returned home with her fiancé from a visit at his home in Portland, Oregon. It's been hard to distinguish lately which has the most brilliant sparkle, her eyes or her ring.

On July 21st at 8 o'clock Mass, our council met in a body and received Holy Communion. After the services the boys, the kind-hearted souls, took the girls out to "The Airlines" for breakfast. The group then rode over to the Shimkus' home to hear the Lithuanian version of "Cow, Cow, Boogie" done up by the two Sinatras, Charles Birgelis and Stanley Sukis. It's out of this world, and I mean more ways than one.

September 10th the Ritual Team visited our Council and conferred the various degrees to members who were eligible for them. After the ceremonies refreshments were served.

Although it is a little early, I don't believe it would hurt to tell you that Council 112 is sponsoring a dance on February 1, 1947. We would appreciate it very much if all the councils in the district would refrain from running an affair on this date. Your cooperation in this matter, means our success. Members of C-96, C-27, C-41, C-62, C-116, C-110, C-12, C-61, and C-113 will be admitted free of charge after presentation of their membership cards at the door. All other councils are cordially invited with their admission fee of only seventy-five cents. We'll be waiting for you! The dance will be held at the Viking Auditorium, 69th and Emerald St., Chicago, Ill. The committee, headed by Angela Vinauskas, has been hard at work since August.

Marquette Park will be host to the other councils of the Chicago District next St. Casimir's Day. We will receive Holy Communion during Mass, after which breakfast will be served in the Church hall. Could be then you'll be seeing...

The Tearless Onions.

MASPETH, N. Y.

Council 110.

By the time you read these words the Gay Nineties will be history. Next month we shall tell you of what went on at the Bowery in Maspeth.

The Maspeth Bachelor's League is practicing "Ave Marias" for each other's wedding and no one knows who is going to give in first. We thought one of the charter members was going on a honeymoon to Quebec but it turned out to be a very prosaic sightseeing trip. The rest of the Bachs are also going there—for sightseeing!

The meeting of the N. J. & N. Y. Districts brought together a lot of old acquaintances and new ones. Maspeth was represented by delegates Kleizo, Perillo, Jocis and Wezwick. Moral support rendered by Florence, and Theresa Malin and John Shields. We all had a very enjoyable time and it seems to me a lot

of business was covered as we went along. Even the restriction on the tomato picking did not spoil any of the fun — Thanks from Maspeth for the swell time.

On to our own meeting. Maspeth's biggest event — the Gay Nineties occupied most of our time. Other business was taken care of also.

A new member entered into the realm of good fellowship. I'm referring to Andrew Virbil who was sworn in at the last meeting. Good Luck Andy.

Have you read the "Story of Lithuania" yet? If not you should. And I believe it is one of the most authoritative books available. Just drop a letter to Father Balkunas and he can tell you where to get a copy. Aside: He may have a few copies available since he is one of the compilers of the books.

One of the best reports heard in a long time was Pat Perillo's report on the convention. It really would do for the N. J. & N. Y. District to get Pat to do their reportorial work for them.

Will we see you at the Hotel Penn on October 20th & 21st?

Julia Kober, deprived of her groom, has broken an ardent admirer's heart. She denies she has her thoughts elsewhere — although reports indicate otherwise.

Walter Wezwick issued a statement to the Press just before this was written.

"I am engaged". We are not responsible for any activities taken!

Our Fishing Friends Thomas, Kleizo, and Robus are still not daunted—so far no fish!

And Millie Grazulis was married the other day.

Wish I was in Worcester.

Jullo.

Jeigu Aukščiausiam patiks mane netrukus pas save pašaukti, tebūnie jo švenčiausia valia, nes jisai yra mano Viešpats ir mano Dievas, ir aš jam pavedu savo širdį, kūną, sielą, savo gyvenimą ir mirtį.

Kun. J. N.

HARTFORD, CONN.

Council 6.

Greetings Knights! This is Hartford reporting on the latest local news.

The marrying bug has hit Hartford K. of L's severely this Fall. We've had a wedding a week for about a month. Those taking the final step were Helen Salkauskas, "Pappy" Manikas, Florence Litwinas and "Willie" Morkus, Helen Bart and Ed Mazotas, and Eleanor Povilonis. Council 6 extends its very best wishes.

Msgr. Ambot has a pleasing personality at all these weddings. He certainly gets around and we are glad to have it that way. Fr. Paul and Fr. Benny are doing their bit to see that the young couples really tie the knot properly.

Frances Ambrose has been appointed manager of the 5 & 10 at Park St. Good Luck in your new appointment Frannie.

Have you seen those pictures taken at the Rockledge, Wandle?

We are certainly proud of our boys for the way they carried on at the C. L. C. outing. They were near the top without the assistance of the girls and that is going some. You can bet the girls will take part in the races next time or they'll never live it down.

How's that basketball team coming along? Hartford should be able to defend themselves against all odds. We're planning on a strong team, boys and girls.

Little Johnny Chase certainly keeps Daddy Chase on the go. Johnny is as quick as flash and Daddy just can't keep up with him.

Carol Ann and Jimmy Stanules are ardent members of the choir. During the recent weddings these youngsters sat in their mothers' laps and watched everything with awe. Every once in awhile they came out with a solo. They are so cute.

Never a dull moment with Aggie Dubin around. She is working on a minstrel for the parish. Hope things go your way Dubin. Such spirit shouldn't go to waste.

Frank Klimas, one of our up and coming young vets, is the proprietor of a grill. Now we have a place to go to after our meetings.

By the way, have you seen Vicki Klimas' new sparkler? Congratulations Vicki!

Pete Knusto kept the girls stepping with his moving picture camera. He took several shots without the victims' knowledge of it. Will we ever see the results Pete? They should be good for a laugh.

Ella Staum, our own Dental Hygienist is back in circulation again after a year of schooling in Boston.

Terry Yankauskas is seen coming in and out of Hartford quite often. I don't believe one could ever tire out that girl. She even likes training in Boston.

Dottie Yankauskas deserves a hand of applause for the beautiful singing she has been doing at the weddings at Holy Trinity.

What's this we hear about a secret society — UM girls!!!

We are all preparing for the bowling season eagerly. This year should be even better than last year.

Council 6 is observing its 30th Anniversary this year. We shall mark the occasion with a formal at Indian Hill on November 30th. We invite you all to attend. A grand time is in store for all.

Ann On Emos.

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 116.

A large group of members gathered for our September meeting and final plans were made for the running of the National Convention.

Old business was soon ironed out and the new work began. The social committee for the next three months will be: Edward Lozar, Charlotte Mitchell, Ann Shablin, Betty Kaliunas and John Andriuska.

Council 116 was well represented at the N. E. District Convention in Cambridge, September 28 — delegates were Vera I. Jurgelonis, Ann Leketa, Aldona and Joseph Varaska, Irene and Mary Balukonis and Helen Gvazdauskas.

Mary Kaliunas and Edmund Jonitis were elected delegates for the next Lithuanian Federation meeting.

Who? What? Where?

Cupid is busy shooting his darts up here on the hill. His recent victims are Helen Valant engaged to John Galcius and Helen's brother to Virginia Klimkaitis; Al Zavorskas and Tillie Kersis—all are active and energetic K. of L's Congratulations!

Glimpses—Eve of National Convention.

"Deck the hall with fun and flowers, tra la la! tra la la!" Yes, our hall was beautifully decorated with colored ribbons and each pole carried a pretty old-fashioned bouquet of flowers. The Sides of the stage look like small garden fences with climbing ivy and flowers. Music filled the air as the delegates arrived from all councils registering for the three-day convention.

The refreshment stand was overflowing with goodies, Ham sandwiches, pickles, home-made cakes, cookies, soda or pop, coffee, etc. — It was a popular spot for the weary delegates.

A few couples nonchalantly played cards amid the noise and laughter listless of the dancing couples and other doings going on in full force.

So, opened the 33rd National Convention and after a good night's rest the work commenced, blessed by a Solemn High Mass.

"Murze."

JERSEY CITY, N. J.

Council 124.

Our council suffered a great loss by the death of one of our most active members, Louis Ketvirtis. Lou was an energetic, conscientious Knight who devoted his time unselfishly toward the betterment of the K. of L. His familiar face will be missed by all who knew him.

You are all invited to attend our annual fall dance to be held at our Parish Hall (in the cellar, bring your boots in case rain) on November 2, 1946. The unique fact of this dance is that it is being run by an all-girls committee. We are anxiously waiting to see how the girls side-track Hague's ordinance against women behind the bar. Good luck girls, we're all behind you, way, way, behind you.

We are in the midst of a membership drive to bring the stray sheep of our council back to the flock. Here is news for those who despise long meetings and late hours. The meetings are now starting promptly at 8:00 p. m. and are as short as possible so that we may enjoy the social entertainment furnished by our committee after the meetings.

Odds and Ends.

What's keeping our girls from attending our bowling socials every Wednesday night? You're missing a lot of fun girls! What is Ann Barutis attraction out in the Bronx? It's not the Zoo, we know! We wonder what Eleanor K. is using as a substitute for hard-to-get Scotch these days? Who is supposed to be Eddie B's latest flame, Eleanor A. or Stella K. of New York? Which Ed? The front row at our meetings is full of wolves since Adele J. (squeeze box) was elected as Secretary. Should we wonder why? What keeps Joe S. working steady way out in Rahway? Couldn't be the Linden girls, could it? The quietest girls at our meetings are Mae M., Nellie D., and Dottie Y. Why keep such pretty voices still girls?

Until next month.

Wolves Inc.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

COUNCIL 12.

With two new snoops on the job Council 12 ought to be able to gather enough news to make Winchell look like an amateur. So down with the old and on with the new.

Our former correspondent Stella Kaulis has slowed down considerably during the past several months. We remember when Stella went to a dance and left behind a line of tired and di-spirited men who had tried to out-dance her. Why the sudden change Stasia?

Good news is always worth repeating. A marital ring is in the air since Stanley Borus slipped a sparkler on Nellie Stravin's finger. Rumor has it that the wedding will be in the not-too-distant future. We wonder if Bill, his brother, has some similar plan of action? Bill has recently been visiting the hinterlands of Brooklyn where resideth a very luscious blonde.

Now for the outdoor sports—You can't say that we didn't try—we did. In the first game of the season our team, The New York Alley Cats, tangled horns with the Bronx Lion Tamers and after a very tight game, a pitchers' duel, we came out on the short end. Oh the score? 25-5! A cheer for the gals whose vocal aid discomposed the opposition. They did a swell job.

The summer months didn't see any let-up in the activities of the club. Our members were at all the important picnics around the vicinity and our social nights were successful. The third Tuesday of the month is our regular social night so you hepcats and polka hoppers around hereabouts drop in. The welcome sign is always out. A great big "New Yorchild" to our friend Joe Boley for the colored slides of his tour with a USO troupe through the Pacific Islands! Thanks a million Joe.

With most of the church choir belonging to the Knights of Lithuania, we manage to make a good choral group at the dances and picnics nowadays. That's Council 12—Those who don't dance or sing. The latest unofficial appearance of our choir was at the Bayonne Picnic where the music waxed long and loud. PS. to Agnes from Bayonne — We still want to know how that strapless bathing suit stays on. Vincent Yatkaskas says it's all done with Scotch tape and mirrors—Hmmm? The date for our club's dinner honoring our servicemen has finally been set. Until recently, nothing definite could be decided until the last of the fold returned. With the release of Eldy Simulenas from the service

we're going ahead with the plans. Eldy was vacationing in Japan with the 11th Airborne Division until the Army gave him a free ride home.

A few of the boys from the Jersey shore were down at our last meeting. 'tis said one of them has big eyes for one of our lassies—and we don't blame him either. It's great having them down and we hope to see more of them more often.

As one of our members hung his uniform in the closet another, Frank Zilinskas, shook the mothballs out of his and tried it back on—just to see if it fit we suppose—and now he's going to leave it on for at least another 18 months. Good luck, Frank, and don't forget to write.

With nine members attending the National Convention, New York was well represented. Hank Kolesk, Elizabeth Banunis, Stella Kaulis, Steve Montvidas, Johnny Bell, Anita Hibbins, George and Al Yatkaskas and Brenda Bell took part in the big doings around Worcester. More news in the next issue.

The Fall dance has all the promise of a real good shebang. The committee has plans set for Nov. 30 and promises that you won't get over the effects until well after Christmas. Remember Mardi Gras Nite at our Lady of Vilna Hall, Broome St. and Varick St., New York.

Droop Snoops.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Council 41.

At It Again.

The Brooklyn Knights are preparing another dramatic treat. It will all take place on Saturday evening, November 16, at exactly 8 o'clock at the Annunciation Parish Hall, when the curtain will rise on a lively 3-act comedy "Moterims Neissimeluosi". It deals with a triangle, but you've never witnessed more humorous complications. If you enjoyed "Piršlybos" two seasons ago, you won't want to miss this and if you bring the old folks down too, they'll talk about it for weeks.

The second part of the evening will be dancing, and we mean real dancing, to a good orchestra, for this is Council 41's famous Harvest Dance. There will be square dancing and that harvest atmosphere that everyone so enjoys so that if you come down all dressed up as a farmer (or a farmer's daughter), you'll feel right at home. Remember the curtain goes up at 8 o'clock, and in Brooklyn that means 8 o'clock. The play is short, so don't miss a word. Half of the proceeds of the evening will go to the Lithuanian Orphans' Fund.

See you on the 16th!

Rengėjai.

SO. BOSTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 17.

New blood and spirit is causing a whirlwind of excitement and activity in our council these days. With the doors of summer coming to a close and the opening of a new fall season, bigger and better things should keep our members "on the move."

Ex-servicemen have invaded recent monthly meetings with such force that the girls seem lost (sez who.). If anyone doesn't believe the war is over just step in at our next meeting and get acquainted with our growing "social" army.

Our September meeting was held on the usual third Monday of the month. Ed Slanina and Al Palaima stuck to their guns to prove a point about "free speech." Dorothy Ford was initiated into the organization and is already working on a whist party to be held soon. Following the meeting came the refreshments coupled with dancing to the accordian music of John Contons, recently of the navy.

With the bright sun beaming through the cloudless sky last September 15th, we blazed our way down to Steve Mickevich's farm in Bridgewater for our first corn roast of the season. After a hurried greeting was extended to our host, everyone immediately began the sports activities which included football, softball, volleyball, and horse and buggy rides. Our corn roast took place in the latter part of the afternoon and featured corn, weenies, and toasted marshmallows with coffee to top it off. With the advent of twilight we gathered "round the fire to sing our favorite songs. When only the glowing embers remained, we bade our genial host fairwell and left with another bright star to place in our treasure chest of memories. SIDE LINE OBSERVATIONS: Joe "Doc" Matachinskaskas has been taking action shots of our stout members playing volley ball. He says it's to prove that they are not anchored to the ground. John Tumas took a picture of

one of our members standing by Steve's horse. No one yet has been able to figure out which one is the horse... There was no change of malnutrition with Pat Zibutis around... The girls made excellent coffee—no antidote was necessary... Sixty-four dollar question: Why was Paul Gailunas pushed into the creek with his clothes on?... Lucy Markuns seen with only one hot dog — on a diet Lucy? Our air-minded K. of L-ers, John Contons, John Kerdejos, and Frank Markuns hired a plane and gave us a demonstration on how not to fly. Our heart felt thanks to Steve Mickевич who will long be remembered by all of us as the man who made this affairs possible.

FLASH! South Boston is alarmed at the sudden rapid decline of population. A hurried investigation reveals many happy, carefree groups of Lithuanians are headed west. The westward move has been attributed to some National Convention in far-off Worcester (all of forty miles). Just a few more hours and the lid will be off what is expected to be the biggest convention in many years. Best of luck to our host and neighbor, Council 116.

What is this "operation-crossroad" and "Bikini" which, when sounded, is powerful enough to assemble men like flies in nothing flat? Any weenie-roaster that attended the "beach-goers" gala affairs at Blue Hills early in September knows the answer. Lucy Markuns proved once and for all that she can make good tea (or was it coffee)?

Ritual ceremonies bestowing the first and second degrees to deserving members took place on Monday, September 9th. Congratulations to all those who have joined our fast growing ranks of degree holders. There are four degrees plus an honorary degree to strive for so let's all work together and head for the top. The ritual committee is working hard to catch up on this long neglected work so that every eligible candidate can get the degrees due them. **HATS OFF** to Phyllis Grendal, Larry Svelnis, Antho-



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ny Young, Peter Bukota, Stanley Griganavicius, and Anthony Gaputis (U. S. Navy). They received their fourth degree at the National Convention.

ATTENTION ALL BOWLERS AND NON-BOWLERS!! Monday, September 23rd marks the opening of the bowling season at our alleys on Emerson Street. If you are a bowler don't hesitate to prove it. If you can't bowl don't worry about it, come anyway. It has been arranged to have a "he-man" teacher for the girl non-bowlers. As a concession to the male novices, why not join a skirt team? We warn you in advance to watch your scores closely since Lucy Markuns is the official score-keeper. Can we count you in?

Tony Yakavonis and his committee have announced plans for the forthcoming dance. The social will take place on Sunday, Nov. 30th at the Parker House Roof in Boston. Tony captained the baseball team thru a heavy schedule with flying colors so the same result can be expected at the dance.

Another coming event is a mysterious "Halloween" party. The all-male committee just won't talk about it. The only statement released for publica-

tion is: Be prepared for anything!

Congratulations to Bron "Beanie" Gailunas, our new Board of Director's secretary. Lenore Glineckis is teaching school at Hyannis making it impossible for her to be in Boston during meetings. We miss Lennie but we can't possibly miss "Beanie" even tho he is down to 265 lbs.

Sophie Pierszalowski recently amassed a bowling score of 120 against unsuspecting Steve Contons. While Sophie rose to fame as a star bowler the victim is still trying to figure out what happened that night.

Larry Svelnis, who is slowly reconverting the army to suit his taste, in on furlough and planned to miss nothing that happened at the Convention. After his furlough he expects to "tour" Europe for awhile. If you heard any Russian at the convention, don't be alarmed-it was just Larry going over his lessons.

The recent death of Mr. Anthony Chetkauskas brought deep sorrow to four loyal members, Al, Tony, Frank and John Chetkauskas, and their mother. All members of Council 17 extend their warmest sympathy to the family. *"Bikini."*

NEWARK, N. J.

COUNCIL 29

Our (September) meeting went off smoothly as usual. All business was taken care of in quick time and most of the meeting was devoted to future activities. This efficiency is due largely to Pete P., our president, the Executive Board and the working committees. They are doing a wonderful job. We have doubled our membership in a year's time.

Congratulations are in order for Helen P. who was selected as 2nd Vice-President of District and Mae M. who is the new District Membership Secretary. The same to Vera L. and Joe Bar., who were chosen for the Sports Committee.

Three new members were sworn in at the meeting. We're getting ready for our dance which is November 9th. It will be held at St. George's Hall. Don't forget the date. Our Dance Committee has some surprises in store. We are all looking forward to the bowling season. Once again we'll have a League within the Council consisting of mixed team. We are ready to enter at least two teams if a District League is started; But, if doesn't materialize, the boys will be open for a kegling session with any council in District.

This & That.

After a lapse of five years, the Council had a bus ride to Coney Island on September 7th. Judging from reports all who went had an enjoyable time of it.

The unpredictable Entertainment Committee! I'm waiting for them to run an affair which is already over before they plan it. Alice Kelly has a bruise on her left elbow claims she got it at Coney Island?

It was quite a surprise to see Vito Dauksy at our last meeting. Come around more often Vito and also see if you can get Stan M. to be around.

Our former Council members Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Mensler (now of Hartford, Conn), have had an addition to their family. This time it is a girl.

The Lithuanian National Anthem

Lietuva tėvynė mūsų,
Tu didvyrių žemė!
Iš praeities tavo sūnūs
Te stiprybę semia.
Tegu tavo vaikai eina
Vien takais dorybės,
Tegu dirba tavo naudai
Ir žmonių gerybei.
Tegu saulė Lietuvos
Tamsumus prašalina,
Ir šviesa ir tiesa
Mūs žingsnius telydi,
Tegu meilė Lietuvos
Dega mūsų širdyse!
Vardan tos Lietuvos
Vienybė težydi!

Lithuania, land of heroes,
Thou our Fatherland that art.
From the glorious deeds of ages
Shall thy sons take heart.
May thy children, day by day,
Labour in the narrow way,
May they strive, while they can,
For the greater good of man.
May the sun of Lithuania
Pierce the darkness of the night
And the light of truth and honor
Guide our steps aright.
May the love of our dear land
Nerve and strengthen heart and
We will strive, while we can, [hand,
For the brotherhood of man.

(Words by Vincas Kudirkas Translation by A.C.S. "M.")

This will be the correspondent's last article as a single male. Dynamite couldn't wait to get to the National Convention, so he took a plane I'll bet he stayed high at the Convention, too.

Marge P. is certainly getting around these days. I hope she doesn't get lost again like she did in Brooklyn.

We wonder if Gene V. steered anyone of our crew to the 5 cent emporium while in Worcester.

Wonder if room? in Hotel Sheraton at College town had the party as planned. What is this we hear about Frank V. squiring a young miss at Worcester doings?

Wonder if Helen P. and Beatrice M. met their dream man there?

Tessie Jesukaitis and John Kennis held hands at the Altar in Holy Trinity Church on September 15th. The bride looked very pretty and wore a beautiful gown. And the groom wore a pale face. Lots of luck to a couple.

Another guy who hit the dust recently, namely John Beck made a duet to sing "I Do" with Nell Valentine on Oct. 6th. It was off key as usual but the lovely bride accepted him at her own risk.

Wonder what seems to be the attraction in Newark these days for a lot of people from across the Passaic?

Adios until the next time.

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NORWOOD, MASS.

Council 27.

With the K. of L. National Convention, things are beginning to liven up in our own council. A great majority of Norwood's Council made an appearance, and, we hope, an impression, because for many of our K. of L'ers it was their first opportunity to attend a National Convention for a long time.

Due to the splendid after-meeting socials which have been put on lately by our various committees, it seemed to me that at the last meeting a great deal was not accomplished, for the fact that the members were in anxiety of the evening's "Hay-ride." However, one thing is certain, and that is our "Fall Dance" which is to be held on Friday Eve, October the 11th, at the Elks Ballroom, with music furnished by "Witts" Phalen's Orchestra. Here is hoping to see many of you there.

It has been called to my attention that our Council boasts of some, shall we call them, expert bowlers; and with the coming of the Fall, also comes the bowling season. So putting one and one together, we get the answer: A Challenge to each and every New England K. of L. Council. Here's hoping that you other Councils will do something about it. Our arranger is John Perekslis, who may be reached by writing to our Council. Therefore, we are

looking forward to some great duels.

.. "No-Co-Co-News-and-Views."

"Twas a bright and moonlit-nite for our Hay-ride in throughout the Bluehills section of Massachusetts... Nell Pazniokas and Dotty Maduskuie certainly put it over when they arranged a Hamburger Roast to go with it.. Chief Fireman and Chef was none other than Ray Vitaitis, who by now has been unanimously voted the best in and around these territories... Having run out of paper and firewood, Ray was tempted to use a few shoes taken from the young ladies... The boner of the evening, who built the fire in the wrong fireplace?... John Shipalauskas and Valentine Balutis made a couple of "Dagwoods" that would put hair on any bald-head... New members attending this meeting consisted of Kay Saulen, a former Wave; Helen Pazniokas, a registered-nurse, with her brother Jasper, who also was in the service; Eleanor Peshin, another R. N., who likewise has returned from overseas, a short while back... One can readily see that Norwood's Council has no shortage of nurses... "Husky" Alec Kavall was greeted with open arms by the head football coach at Northeastern University. Alec was a regular tackle prior to the war. From various channels comes word that Alec will pick right up, from where he left off... Emily and her husband Kip expecting visitors from Cicero after the National Convention...

"Oc-Oc—Ron."

ELIZABETH, N. J.

Council 52.

Congratulations to the following newly-elected officers for 1946-1947: Xavier Josephs, Pres.; Ann Mitchell, Vice-Pres. (re-elected); Anthony Yudd, Rec. Sec.; Ronnie Plungis, Fin. Sec. (re-elected); William Senkus, Treas.; John Patrick and Thomas Kaseta — Social Co-chairmen; Joseph Zwingle, Sports Chairman; Joseph Zwingle, Welfare Committee; and our Correspondent, Anna (Lit-

tle Pal Susie) Mitchell, re-elected.

Bowling. Our bowling teams are ready to challenge any other council. Just contact our chairman, Joseph Zwingle.

Baseball. Many of our members have joined the Vet's Ball Team. They already played the Bayonne gang won by 3 runs.

Dance. Folks, you have a date in Elizabeth, N. J. in January. Our Annual Dance will take place on the 18th of that month. We are looking forward to a grand reunion. Don't forget, *January the eighteenth—Saturday night.*

Little (Pal) Susie.

BAYONNE, N. J.

Council 67.

Greetings! Salutations and what—not! It seems our little bit has not appeared in the "Vytis." However Council 67 is still very much alive and as I must bragg 100% on the K. of L. books. To write seems quite and ordeal with us, however, Ole Rip is down with pen and ink again. Wiping the ole cobwebs away from the eyes. One who sees all, knows all and says nothing.

With Summer all over and dreams of past vacations and well spent days on the beach, things are about back to normal and this fall weather is wonderful. Our members seem to be back in stride with plans and ideas galore.

Our last meeting with K. of L'er sittin' 'round the table and being quite informal munching on Tomatoes and discussing business at the same time with an occasional interruption, "pas the salt." Tomatoes were brought in by Misses Anne and Margie Gaupsas. Pop had such a large crop that the girls brought the Tomatoes in with hopes of giving some away. Golly they were good!

We wish to thank New York for a pleasant time at their last social. It was nice to see so many there.

On the eve of the Convention, Newark Airport seemed to be quite a place with delegates and guests flying out to Massachusetts. Our girls looking like Movie Queens, Anne Gaupsas,

Jean Rodgers, Agnes Rusgi and Helen Pachuria of Newark Council. Our boys equally sharp as Gables and Tyrone Powers—Johnny Novitt, Martin Rusgi, and Thomas Long.

For a bit of Chatter — It seems as though the love bug has been taking bit of nips here in town — Tommy Long catering to a local blond miss. And even our Secretary, Joe Zableckas, with moon beams in his eyes. And not forgetting Agnes with Joe—Jean Rodgers seems to have that gleam in her eyes for a certain New York boy— or is it still Paterson? Cupid is certainly been kept busy. Those Wedding Bells may soon be chimming out. Oh! Yes not to be forgotten Charlotte Chesnosky—seen mooning with her beau.

Now for an announcement— Our newly-gained members seem to be quite enthusiastic helping with our on-coming Dance to held the night of October 26th, 1946 to celebrate our 20th Anniversary with the K. of L. So don't forget the date! We expect to see you folks in Bayonne that night. *October 26 St. Michael's Parish Hall.* Don't forget our activities this coming season!

Rip.

WORCESTER, MASS.

Council 26.

Attention! Attention! The biggest news this month is the announcement of our *Annual Harvest Dance, October 26, 1946, 8 to 12 P. M., Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.* Ticket 50c.

To all who have gone to this annual affair knows what a good time they've had; to those who have never attended come down and share in the fun and see for yourself. There'll be dancing, singing, refreshments and, we hope, a nice moon. So don't forget the date and place. We hope to see you all there.

Our weenie roast was spoiled by some very bad weather, but it was held in the clubrooms anyway. Course the weenies weren't roasted, but were good. The committee headed, by John At our last meeting, the Slavinskis, should be credited for the success of the affair.

CONVENTION'S SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

MEALS & BANQUET

It has often been said that an Army travels on its stomach, and as all our Knights and Ladies in a sense are an Army—an Army working to uphold its ideals and traditions — working for God and Country — one could hardly expect them to do their best on an empty stomach.

Therefore, after the opening Mass on Friday morning, a "light" breakfast consisting of coffee and doughnuts was served to all delegates under the able management of Ann Shablin, Anne Leketa, Bette Kaliunas, Helen Gvazdauskas and Irene Baliukonis. These same damsels also served breakfast the following day.

Breakfast is hardly enough to carry one through a long day, so daily luncheons were planned and held during the Convention at Ed. Smith's restaurant on Millbury st.

During the first meal on Friday, it became apparent that these luncheons evidently had a two — fold purpose — first, of course, to keep body and soul together, and second, to provide a short recess and period of quiet relaxation to the delegates. Who said quiet?!

It was rumored that surrounding neighbors popped heads out of windows and scurried outdoors to determine the cause of the sudden uproar. It wasn't long before that section of the city at least realized that

Recreation Committee came in with some grand ideas. Already we're working on them — a mountain climb, October 6th, and our Harvest Dance, of course. Then for November we are planning our annual Thanksgiving Eve dinner dance — more of that in the next issue — and a trip to Boston a few days after the dance to see a pro-football game. With all the mentioned activities we are being kept rather busy. After the summer let-up our other clubs are beginning to start where they left off to our members — join these clubs and have some fun — there's the Dramatic Club, Bridge Club, Bowling Team, Chess Club. We hope to have more to report on these later.

"Daisy."

National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania was in full swing!

If the singing and cheering—the merry chatter and hum of voice — even the spirited barrage of oyster crackers that at intervals showered all within range — if all the din that burst forth from that otherwise quiet and sedate establishment during those three days was any indication of "having a good time," then no doubt it can be justly said that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Finally on Sunday night the K. of L. fittingly closed their 33rd National Convention with a gala banquet at the Sheraton Hotel, attended by more than 300. After a tasty dinner, U. S. Sen. David I. Walsh, one of the principal speakers, called upon the gathering to continue in their fight for the preservation of their traditions, culture and heritage, not only in this country but throughout the world. Sen. Walsh praised the Lithuanian - speaking people who have contributed to democracy and spoke highly of the many who served and gave their lives in the last war.

Very Rev. Justin O. Vaskys, O. F. M. of Greene, Me., provincial of Lithuanian Franciscans in the United States, urged his listeners to hold their Lithuanian ideals. He extolled the war sacrifices of many members of the Knights of Lithuania.

Other speakers were James J. Marshall, governor's councillor who extended the greetings of the Commonwealth representing Gov. Tobin; Joseph Boley of Brooklyn, N. Y., newly-elected president and Frank Razvadauskas of Boston, retiring president.

Seated at the head table with the speakers were Rev. Constantine A. Vasys, pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church and host to the delegates during the Convention, Rev. Vincent Puidokas of Westfield, Rev. John C. Jutkevicius, assistant pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church, Rev. Michael Tamulevicius of St. Casimir's Church Worcester, Rev. Stanley Raila of Philadelphia, Penn., Rev. Edward Boley of Pittsburgh, Penn. and Rev. Albert Abracinskas of Boston. Joseph A. Lola was toastmaster.

Twelve members of the K. of L. who were inducted in the fourth degree immediately following Mass were given medals at the banquet. Soloist was Anna Valionis of Hartford, Conn.

Chairman of the luncheons at Ed. Smith's restaurant and of the banquet at the Sheraton was Phyllis M. Zakar who was most capably assisted by Ann R. Shablin.

"KNIGHTMARES OF 1946"

Sept. 21, 1946.

Our Saturday nite affair was a whopper but it took a lot of planning and hard work to make it such. Six weeks before the presentation went in front of the footlights the first page of the script was started — a month later the final "The End" sign was written in. This left only about seven available days for much needed rehearsals.

With the valuable sands of time running swiftly thru the hour glass, practically every evening, from 6.45 to 11.30, the church hall was a beehive of activity. Lines were being practiced in the rear of the hall, decorators were atop ladders tacking streamers to the posts and walls and musical numbers were being rehearsed on the stage.

Thru all this the director, Ed. Vaskas, was seen only as a blur as he rushed from one corner of the hall to the other as he tested the acoustics and during his few pauses for breath he made the actors read, recite and re-recite their lines until they were as near perfect as could be achieved. As the author of the original play he knew what expressions and actions were to be made and taken. The cast realized this and co-operated admirably.

The dress rehearsal, three days before the presentation, was nothing spectacular with minor changes being made in the script even then. Suddenly, without warning, Saturday had come and only a few hours remained for numerous last minute details. Here Daniel Aiksnorus, stage manager, was worth his weight in gold. As an experienced farm hand he knew just how to handle the barnyard stars of the Pet Show and with his help the "Chief" as the cast called the director, sallied forth into the wilds of Millbury to pick up Porky at Aldona Dubickas' abode, and on the way they gathered up the fowl and Daisy at the Varaska household. Red Butkevich didn't trust anyone else so he brought his own kitten, and very cute it was too, Red.

Backstage, a half hour before curtain time, is one of the busiest and most interesting places imaginable. Here, Albina Matachinskas readied the costumed cast and even prepared the animals in their finery; Al Glavickas, the genial m. o. and comparative stage veteran, was seen making the rounds of the cast trying to calm the first-timers, while the sweat poured down his own brow; Cy Alukas, the admirable Mr. Fallon,

strode the stage several million times mumbling lines and not sure whether they were his own or not; Mary Balukonis, as Mazie, getting last minute instructions on how to promenade onto the stage from the "chief" whose only experience is what he sees on the Common, which is plenty; Rita Kersis in her Miss Prim outfit, looking like a character out of a book as she sat calmly near her entrance spot as if she didn't have a care in the world—and evidently she didn't because she knew her lines perfectly; Aldona Varaska in her Smokey outfit lacked only a horse for her role. We didn't know you could yodel, Smokey, but we sure do now; Vera Jurgelonis in that monstrosity she called a hat, was only worried about all her friends in the audience and what they would think of her—no need to fear Vera, we all thought you were swell; and the "chief" or Izzy by now, looking like a reprobate, was having canipions as curtain-time neared and he couldn't find his hat.

The Pet Show cast was also having their own troubles; Even the Red was all set in his frock, Ed. Sundin couldn't tell whether Daisy was just going to smell him or taste him; Emmy Jonitis was worries that his chicken would scratch his only pair of nylons; Tony Godek had difficulties with his duck and, ah—costume, they both kept slipping and kept him pretty busy; Johnny Andruska was a show in himself. After trying unsuccessfully to get the pig on the stairs the conventional way, his very unconventional method of grasping the porker firmly by both ends and hoisting it up brought the house down, and with no rehearsals, too. His ad lib in motion was very commendable.

But all fear and worry was foundless. A few minutes before stage-places were taken, Fr. John came backstage, said a few words of encouragement, wished everyone luck, Dave Vaskas, author of last year's tickler, gave us the "go to it you guys" sign, and it had started. Before anyone realized that the show had begun, it was over and the loud, ringing laughter and applause had died down. Then it was only a matter of seconds before costumes were shed and glad-rags were put on for dancing to polkas, waltzes and fox-trots to the strains of the Cavaliers. Peachy Rakauskas didn't even have to waste time changing, the lucky stiff, and especially after his well-done singing he did not have to worry about dancing partners either. A lot of people were heard asking how long the two guitarists and the harmonica blower had been playing together professionally — they haven't.



Prof. Vladas Stanka, Lietuvių rektorius Baltijos Universitete.

During final dances fellows and girls were inviting other fellows and girls, usually new acquaintances, to their home-towns in the near future where more good times could be had and maybe a mutual friendship between a fine Lithuanian American could be built up into a merger girl and boy who met for the first time at the K. of L. convention in South Worcester.

THE MYSTERY RIDE—

FRIDAY SEPT. 20.

As both delegates and guests gathered at the church grounds for the "mystery ride" main topic of conversation at each group was "where are we going?" "what's up?" The girls made a pretty picture in slacks, sport outfits and dungarees—some very prettily dressed, yet all uncertain of what the outcome of the evening would be. The drivers after receiving instructions loaded their cars to the limit plus one ICE truck filled with squealing voices left for the unknown destination.

It took some cars over an hour to reach the end of the mystery ride. Some landed up in Princeton, Clinton, Sterling and thereabouts before finally reaching the party, seems they got sidetracked by the "blinking lights" or otherwise. The turnout was so great that some cars had to make the trip twice to accommodate everyone.

"Trow's Lodge" was the destination, a little small for the large number of guests but an ideal spot for a rip-roaring "fun" on the farm. Everyone pitched right in and had a good time. The barn dances were grand, enjoyed both by the participants and the spectators. The girls

especially enjoyed the one where the boys took a beating — this was when you could take advantage of the poor little boys. It seems the fellows were a trifle disappointed when the lassies backed out of the chorus line—tis their shyness, sirs!

Joe Chestna was the captain of the winning side in the "Pass the Dirt" game—was it the speed of his team or was a little cheating done on your side... was fun anyhow.

Refreshments were delicious, cakes, cookies, coffee and ice cream—plenty for all — no limit to the amount, as much as you could eat.

Tony Godek, Al Mat, Red Butkevich and Ann Norkus had a bumping and hilarious time all nite long—really a treat to watch them. Nice jitterbugging by Mary Baliukonis, Julia Chiras, Pat Zibutis and her little pal from Southern Boston.

Those who found it warm dancing gathered on the porch singing all the Lithuanian folk songs filling the evening air with music.

The music came to an end a little past mid-nite, and the dancers and fun makers boarded their cars for the trip home a little tired, perhaps, but contented after "a lovely evening."
Murzė.

• ČIGONO IŠPAŽINTIS. — Viena mėta, Lietuvoje, čigonas, atėjęs į Abelių bažnyčią, pamatė kunigą besėdintį ant suolo ir beklausantį išpažinties. Nors neketino eiti išpažinties, tačiau prisiartinio prie geradėjo, o tai dėl to, jog pamatė turintį gražų laikrodėlį.

Prisispaudęs persižegnojo ir, tarsl, išpažino savo nuodėmes, bet tuo tarpu ištraukė iš kunigo kišenės laikrodėlį ir sakė:

— Laikrodėlį pavogiau.

Kunigas atsakė:

— Atiduok vogtą daiktą.

Tarė čigonas:

— Neveiku (nepatogu) man atiduoti, atiduok tamsta.

Sakė kunigas.

— Et, kame aš ieškosiu to žmogaus, kuriam skriaudą padarei; geriau atiduok pats.

Čigonas tylėjo.

Vėl kunigas klausė:

— Ar atiduosi?

Čigonas atsakė:

— Kaip, geradėjau, galiu atiduoti? Aš davinėjau, bet neima.

Kunigas tarė:

— Na, kad duodamas neima, tad jis pats yra kaltas.

Pabaigęs darbą, kunigas grįžo namo, pasigedo laikrodėlio, bet, atminęs čigono išpažintį, nieko nebesakė, nes jis negalėjo nieko, per išpažintį girdėto pasakoti. Čigonas pats, netrukus sugautas, pateigė (papasakojo), kaip apgavo kunigą.
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The gray fog lifts and battle smell,
Like sulphurous fumes of man-made Hell,
Grows strong with heat of jungle sun.
Nights' fear dispelled with rise of morning
Awakens hope again at dawning—
The dark hours' battle now in done.
But eyes, cast 'round—searching, seeking
Friends amidst the carnage reeking—
Meet with cold, dead, stoney stares.
Grotesquely dead yet triumph sharing
They lie beyond all pain, all caring
No battle call their peace impairs.
When fading sun shall darken West
I know for me there 'll be no rest
Throughout the grim, eternal night.
Fear chills all thought-breath taken—
Am I by God and man foresaken?
To fall and ne'er to see the light?
I wonder, eyes in darkness straining,
If those all strife—all paining
Lie not content with their score.
Though mocking Death this life should spare
To breath once more bright morning's air,—
For me,—the night must come once more.

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Emil Fiedler.

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Dr. L. Bistras.

ŠYPSENOS

Klausimas be atsakymo. — Išvežė motina sūnelį į kaimą gyvų, gyvuliukų parodyti. Pamatė mažytis paršiukus.

— Mama, mama!

— Ko, sūneli?

— Ar visus šituos mažyčius iškarto garnys atnešė?

Gyvastį brangina. — Gydytojas. — Ar vartosi mano nurodytus vaistus.

Ligonis. — Bijau, ponas daktare, man gyvastis yra brangesnė.

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