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The Knights' Flag

The Knights of Lithuania flag, planned and discussed for many years, is at last a reality. As early as the 4th, 5th and 6th national conventions, the need for a flag was brought up, and each time the motion to have one made was passed. As our highly esteemed Knight and Honorary Member, *Mykolas A. Norikunas*, recalls, even the colors and the design had been agreed upon. For some reason, the making of the flag was neglected. Then the 15th and many subsequent conventions resurrected the project and elected committees to act upon it. Still nothing was done for years. The idea lay dormant, but was never given up. In 1944, the 31st convention at New York, once again, laid the work in the lap of the Ritual Committee. The following year, in Cicero, the representatives of various Councils and Districts gathered at the convention, saw and approved the Ritual Committee's proposed design of the flag. It was a definite step toward the realization of an old dream. But it was on the morning of September 20, 1946, in our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall, Worcester, Mass., that the organization realized for the first time that the dream is now a reality, something for the eyes and the knightly soul to feast upon.

They were the opening moments of the 33rd National Convention. The American and Lithuanian National Anthems had just been sung, and with the first words of the Knights' Hymn, NUŽENK GALYBĖ IŠ DANGAUS, our distinguished Fourth Degree Knight and past President, *Anthony J. Mažeika*, came slowly down the aisle carrying the flag, the Knights' Flag! Accompanying the flag and assisting the flag bearer was *Miss Agnes Saučiunas*, who two days later was to receive her Fourth Degree from the organization. When the flag was brought up front, the Honorary Knight, *Father Kastantinas A. Vasys*, pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church, blessed the flag and in appropriate words presented the flag to the assemblage. Then the 5-year President, *Frank Razvadauskas*, standing behind the table, saw that here at last was the symbol in silk of all his past devotion to the organization. And for the first time the organization realized that it has a flag.

What is the significance of the flag? The aim

of the committee and their extremely capable and cooperative artist *Jonas Subačius* was to have a simple, yet dignified, design, symbolic of our ancient heritage and the ideals we stand for today. A white field was chosen, permitting greater prominence for the design itself. Against a vivid red disk is a white knight astride a white steed—a picture of action and strong determination, found originally on an ancient Lithuanian coin. Circling most of the disk are the words KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA in Old Gothic lettering similar to that used in very old and important inscriptions. At the bottom of the design are sprays of *Rūta*, the herb that is featured so much in our folk songs and it found in many a Lithuanian mother's garden even in this country. Placed in the middle of the *Rūtos* is a small shield which bears the identification of the Council or the District. Intertwining about the *Rūtos* is a narrow yellow ribbon, on which there is printed that very important line from the Knights' Hymn: "Ei, Vyčiai, Gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai."

On top of the flag pole, instead of the commonly seen spear or ball, there is placed a cross representing the Knights' devotion to religion. But even the cross is seen through Lithuanian eyes. The artist, *Mr. Subačius*, has based his design of the cross on the wayside crosses in Lithuania, crosses which were so greatly admired for their artistic uniqueness. All in all, the flag is an expression of our aims and ideals. As such it is the duty of the Knights to love it and respect it and to live and work in such a way as to be worthy to walk beside it.

In the past, we have missed many an occasion among our own Lithuanians and elsewhere, where the possession of such a flag would not only have contributed proper identification to our group, but would have added dignity and color to our organization. Now, we are pleased that another chapter in the ever lengthening list of traditions and symbols in our organization has been added. We have only to look forward to the day when every Council and every District will have a similar flag of its own.

Long may it wave!

Gauk nors vieną narį, ar narę kuopai, o pasitarnausi savo organizacijai ir būsi veiklus organizacijos narys.

An Open Letter To President Truman

October 23, 1946

The President,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In a recent speech, your Secretary of State, the Honorable James F. Byrnes, made this statement: "Due to the war, the Baltic States, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, have been incorporated into the Soviet Union." Some months ago at Fulton, Missouri, Winston Churchill said: "In the west the Baltic States and a large part of Finland have been reincorporated in Russia." At last we have two official statements which bear testimony to the fact that the United States and England have sold the Baltic States down the river.

In your address at the opening of the United Nations General Assembly at New York, you stated: "To the attainment of these freedoms (i. e. the four freedoms) — everywhere in the world... the government and people of the United States are dedicated." You further stated: "There can be no real peace unless it is peace with justice for all — justice for small nations and for large nations."

"The United States will continue to seek settlements arising from the war that are just to all states, large and small."

"We regard freedom of expression and freedom to receive information — the right of the people to know — as among the most important of those human rights and fundamental freedoms to which we are pledged under the United Nations Charter."

Sir, I ask you how, in view of the fact that the United States has bartered off Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia to merciless and ruthless Russia, you can in all sincerity make such statements publicly when you know much better than anyone else that those three nations under Russian domination will never enjoy the four freedoms nor reap the fruits of justice nor have freedom of expression and the freedom to receive information.

The stand taken by our government toward Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia is to be condemned for the following reasons:

Firstly, it is unchristianlike. We profess to believe in and love God. In your address, you called upon Almighty God "to guide us and sustain us as we seek to bring peace everlasting to the world". If we are to love God, we must of necessity love those whom He has created as our neighbors. There is no love of God without love of neighbor. Can you say that we have this love

when our government admits that the Baltic States were turned over to atheistic Russia against the free consent of their people?

Secondly, this stand is unjust. The Baltic States have as much right to be free as any other nation. No nation, however large, has the right to infringe upon the God-given rights of another nation, (however small. Has not our government, by its policy of appeasement, allowed Russia to infringe upon the right to freedom of the Baltic States? Germany and Japan were our enemies. Their arrogance and greed forced us into the costliest war ever fought. Yet they are to be allowed to rule themselves while the neutral Baltic States have already been forced into slavery under communistic Russia.

Thirdly, this stand is unprincipled. Our government through the late President Roosevelt and that of England agreed to the principles as set forth in the Atlantic Charter. This agreement guaranteed all nations, large and small, the right to determine for themselves their rule of government. This applied to the Baltic States as well as to the other nations. But our government sacrificed principle for the mere sake of expediency by denying this right to the Baltic peoples. Thus has the United States demonstrated to the world that expediency is a more potent force than principle.

Fourthly, this stand is war-provoking. For the purpose of avoiding war, England, France and Italy attempted to appease Hitler. The result was war in which we ultimately became involved. For the same purpose, our government is trying to appease Russia and the inevitable result will be war with her. Of late many serious writers have stated in their articles that "there can be no lasting peace if the Baltic States are to be subjected to Russian tyranny."

Lastly, this stand does not take into account the innumerable sacrifices made by Lithuanian-Americans all over the country. Thousands and thousands of young Americans of Lithuanian descent left their loved ones to distinguish themselves on the American battle fronts. Many were decorated for valor and bravery beyond the call of duty. Those on the home front made untold sacrifices by the purchase of numerous war bonds and stamps. The records show that Lithuanian-Americans purchased during the drives more bonds, proportionally speaking, than many other national groups. They made these sacrifices, first of all, for our country but they were spurred on to greater sacrifices because it was their unshaken belief that in America lay the hope of a restored free and indepen-

'Vytis Ir Erelis' Autorius L. Vyčių Garbės Narys



KUN. DR. K. URBONAVIČIUS,

(Jonas Kmitas),

lapkričio 3 d. š. m., buvo pagerbtas "Darbininko" koncertu jo parašytos ir išleistos "Vytis ir Erelis" knygos proga.

VYTIS ir ERELIS yra ne pirmutinis kun. Dr. K. Urbonavičiaus stambus veikalas. Dar 1912 m. "Draugas"

dent Lithuania. But they have been disillusioned and one is tempted to say that their hard earned money, by virtue of the loans and outright gifts made to the Soviet, was used to enslave Lithuania rather than free her.

Sir, I am certain that you have no desire to allow it to be recorded in history that the United States reneged its stated principle of freedom for all nations and that, by its *unchristianlike, unjust, unprincipled and war-provoking* policy of appeasement, it has enslaved nations. I, therefore, ask you, in the name of the organization I represent and in name of the suffering Baltic States, to take the measures necessary to make Russia stay where she belongs, to allow the Baltic States to be admitted to membership in the United Nations Organization and to follow a policy which will culminate in the immediate restoration of the independence of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. John C. Jutkevicius, Chairman.
Committee on Lithuanian Affairs.

jau išleido jo verstą Charles Dickens'o 520 puslapių veikalą, "Oliverį Twistą," kurį prelatas Dambrauskas — A. Jakštas savo recenzijoje tilpusioje "Draugijoje" Nr. 81, 1913 m., Kaune, didžiai įvertino. Vėliau išėjo kitas stambus jo verstas Mark Twain'o veikalas "Huckleberry Finnas." Dar vėliau "Jono Kmito Eilės", 191 pusl.

Savo literatiniu talentu pradėjo pasireikšti dar Seminarijoje bebūdamas, kuomet rašė į lietuvių klierikų leidžiamą slaptą laikraštėlį "Knapt" vėliau "Viltimi" vadinamu. 1892 m. "Varpo" priede "Ukininke" jau buvo įdėta jo eilėraštis "Lūkestis Našlaitės," o 1894 m. Amerikoje išeinančioje "Vienybėje Lietuvninkų" tilpo jo kelios apysakaitės. Be paminėtų veikalų iš spaudos yra išėję jo parašyti mažesni veikalai: "Mūsų Socialistai," "Biurokratai," "Bajoro Uošvis," "Vaizdeliai," "Kun. J. Navickas." Rankrašty tebėra drama "šv. Kazimieras" ir didelis eilėraščių rinkinys. Be to, kas suskaitys kiek veikalų, sveikinimo eilėraščių yra prirašęs, kurie niekad spaudon nepateko.

Savo plunksna, įvairiais slapyvardžiais pasirašydamas, yra puošęs galima sakyti, visus Amerikos lietuvių katalikų laikraščius. Ypatingai tuo atžvilgiu laimingas yra "Darbininkas," nes nuo 1929 m. (ir dabar) yra jo vyriausias redaktorius (gratis) bei vedamųjų straipsnių rašytojas.

Kun. Dr. K. Urbonavičius, gimė sausio 14 d., 1874 m., Kidoliškių kaime, prie Marijampolės. Jo tėvas ūkininkas, buvo lankęs gimnaziją, o motina (Radziūnaitė) turėjo brolių kunigą — dekaną Slabadoj ir profesorių Seinų Seminarijoje. Jis yra devintas iš dešimties vaikų (keturi berniukai, šešios mergaitės) šeimos. Mokslą ėjo Marijampolės gimnazijoje ir baigė Seinų Kunigų Seminariją. Į kunigus įšventintas vasario 7 d., 1897 m. Amerikon atvyko 1905 m. Iš pradžių darbavosi Pensilvanijos lietuvių tarpe. 1910 m. atvyko į Bostono apylinkę ir klebonavo Lowelly 3 m., Montelloje 6 m. ir So. Bostone 10 m. Dėl nesveikavimo pasitraukė į mažesnę parapiją Norwood, Mass. Čia įvyko nelaimė. Susirgus prisėjo koja amputuoti iš dviejų atvejų. Tuomet atsiskėlė nuo klebono pareigų ir persikėlė gyventi į So. Bostoną. Vasarą gyvena Marianapoly, tik sekmadieniais atvykdamas į South Bostoną.

Vytauto Didžiojo Universitetas (Teologijos-Filosofijos Fakultetas) Kaune įvertindamas Kun. K. Urbonavičiaus darbus Lietuvių Tautai 1940 m. pavasarį suteikė jam Garbės Doktorato laipsnį.

Mums Vyčiams labai malonu sveikinti mūsų organizacijos Garbės Narį, kuris savo straipsniais puošė ir puošia mūsų organą "Vyti," tuomi pačiu skatindamas jaunimą dirbti Dievui ir Tėvynei.

Ilgiausių metų!

IN NEED OF A PLAY?

We now have a K. of L. library of Lithuanian plays. If you are in need of a drama or a comedy for the coming Council affair, you will get some good suggestions by writing to

Mrs. Ona Bačys
65 Uxbridge St.
Worcester, Mass.

Also if you know somebody who has some plays that are simply gathering dust, why not have these plays sent to Mrs. Bacys, so that she in turn will be able to offer the inquiring councils better assistance.



Officialus Skyrius



PIRMININKO PRANEŠIMAS

Šiuomi turiu malonumo pasidalinti su visais vyčiais smagia naujiena.

Dažnai mūsų kuopos norėdamos padirbėti lietuviškoj dramoj kreipiasi vienur ar kitur teiraudamosi kur būtų galima rasti vaidinimui geras lietuviškas veikalas ir paprastai sunku yra pagalbos šiame dalyke surasti.

Turėdamas omeny kad su lietuviškais vaidinimais mes ne tik dirbame vyčiams labai tinkamą lietuvišką darbą ir duodame progos mūsų jauniui geriau pramokti lietuvių kalbos, bet taip pat palaikome šiuo būtu glaudesnius santykius su mūsų tėveliais ir kitais vyresniais mūsų parapijose draugais, kreipiausi į Oną Bačienę, Worcester'io vyčių žymią veikėją kad ji apsiimtų suorganizuoti ir tvarkyti LIETUVOS VYČIŲ DRAMOS KNYGYNĄ. Į šį knygyną kuopos galėtų kreiptis informacijų apie tinkamus veikalus vaidinimui ir būtų galima ten tų veikalų nusipirkti ar pasiskolinti. Pona Bačienė maloniai sutiko šiam knygynui vadovauti.

Pravartu žinoti kad Jonas ir Ona Bačiai yra dramoms entuziastai. Abu yra vaidinę daugely veikalų ir važinėję su vaidinimais per visą eilę lietuviškų kolonijų. Jonas be to yra žinomas kaip organizatorius ir režisorius pačių didžiausių istorinių veikalų. Abu Jonas ir Ona Bačiai už jų pasišventimą vyčiuose pereitam seime buvo apdovanoti Ketvirtu Laipsniu. Delto linksma matyti kad jie ir toliaus pasiryžę veikti Tautai ir Bažnyčiai kiek jų jėgos ir laikas leis, ir jų nuoširdumą ir pasišventimą žinau kad organizacija giliai įvertins.

Bet kaip visur taip ir šiam darbe bus reikalinga kooperacijos visų narių. Kas turi savo namuose lietuviškų veikalų — dramų, komedijų, monologų, religinių teatrų, gali pagelbėti įkurti vyčių knygyną pasiūsdami šiuos veikalus knygyno vedėjai. Kiekviena atsiūsta knygelė bus tinkamai užrekorduota su aukotojo vardu ir pavarde. Pas ją taip pat galima kreiptis informacijų ir patarimų ir, neužilgo, net pačių veikalų. Su visais klausimais ir su savo pagalba kreipkitės adresu: MRS. ONA BACYS, 65 Uxbridge St., Worcester, Mass.

Kviesdamas visus narius prisidėti prie šio projekto, linkiu mūsų knygyno vedėjai geriausio pasisekimo šiam gražiam darbe.

Joseph Boley.

AN APPEAL TO ALL COUNCILS

At the national Convention just recently held at South Worcester, Mass., a motion was unanimously accepted by all the delegates for the formation of *Committees on Lithuanian Affairs* in all councils of the K. of L. These committees are to help in spreading information about Lithuania to all outsiders, in answering those who make mention in any way of Lithuania and her people and in forwarding the work now being done by Lithuanian groups for the restoration of Lithuanian Independence.

I presume that the delegates have already made a report about this motion to their individual councils. I hope that those councils have elected their committees. If not, then this matter should not be delayed any longer. NOT ONE COUNCIL should be without its Committee on Lithuanian Affairs. The time is such that all of us must get busy and do our bit to help suffering Lithuania.

May I ask you to read the copy of a letter written to our President (published in this issue)? It is now definitely evident that our government did much to enslave Lithuania and her people. Are we going to let this go by quietly? No, we must protest, and we must do this emphatically, against the injustice committed by our country. This matter is of too great importance to let it go by unnoticed.

So, form your committees and write letters of protest to President Truman, the Secretary of State, your Senators and Congressmen. It will not suffice for each committee to write. *Every member must write as immediately as possible.* Delay can prove fatal. District Chairmen are urged to check up on all councils in their district. Council presidents are asked to get these letters rolling and to get these committees functioning.

Remember that you owe it to your council, to the K. of L. and to the people from whom you have sprung.

Rev. John C. Jutkevičius, Chairman.

Members' official badge (medal) which is worn by members at various gatherings, are now available at 40c. Send your orders (prepaid) to Frank Gudelis, Treas., 129 Rita St., Dayton 4, Ohio.

MEET THE EDITOR

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to the members of the Knights of Lithuania Prof. K. Pakštas as the new editor of VYTIS. To have him labor beside us is, indeed, a rare honor.

Dr. Pakštas is distinguished for his scholarship. He received his doctor's degree in Fribourg in 1923. He spent a number of years teaching at the University of Lithuania at Kaunas. From 1928 to 1931, upon the invitation of the University of Latvia, he taught regional and political geography at Riga. His incessant scientific research and university lectures took him to nearly every country in Europe as well as Africa and South America. In 1939 and the following two years Prof. Pakštas lectured at the University of California at Los Angeles. In 1943-44 he was Professor of Geography for Army Specialized Training Program at Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. He has also given numerous lectures to clubs, societies and schools throughout the United States and Canada. He has written books, pamphlets and magazine articles not only in Lithuanian, but in English, French and Latvian.

A noteworthy fact about our new editor is that he is also one of our old editors, having held that position in the very first days of our magazine. Enriched by deep learning and vast experience, he returns to his former post with an eagerness to help us. For this we are grateful. I am sure the organization welcomes our long-time Honorary Member back to the editor's chair with a deep sense of appreciation. As he begins work on the December issue, we wish



NAUJAS VYTIES REDAKTORIUS

Prof. K. Pakštas, Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narys, kurs maloniai priėmė Organizacijos kvietimą ir su sekančiu numeriu pradeda redaguoti VYTI. Prof. Pakštas buvo VYTIES vienas iš pirmųjų redaktorių. Sveikiname!

Prof. Pakštas every success and pledge him full cooperation.

JOSEPH BOLEY, President.

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Lietuvos Vyčių 33-čio Seimo Protokolas

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 4. ANTANO VAIČIULAIČIO, vardu redakcijos ir administracijos laikraščio "Amerikos", per Juozą Bulevičių.
 5. KASTO ŽAROMSKIO, garbės nario, vardu Chicagos Seniorų Draugovės,
 6. MYKOLO NORKŪNO, Vyčių tėvo, pirmojo organizatoriaus ir garbės nario.
- Inž. ANTANAS MAŽEIKA davė įnešimą, kad protokolas būtų skaitomas tik nuo tos dalies, kur prasideda nauji sumanymai. ONA KLIMIE-

NĖ, parėmė. IRENA KERŠYTĖ perskaitė protokolą. Ona Klimienė davė įnešimą, kad protokolas pereito seimo būtų priimtas kaip skaitytas. K. ŽAROMSKIS parėmė.

Duotas leidimas MYKOLUI NORKŪNUI peržiūrėti protokolą. Jis užklausė kodėl referatas Vyčių Istorijos, kurį jis paruošė ir IGNAS SAKALAS perskaitė pereitame seime, iki šiol nebuvo talpintas "Vytyje." PRANAS RAZVADAUSKAS trumpai paaiškino ir nurodė, jog redaktorius turėtų tai išpildyti.

MYKOLAS NORKŪNAS taipgi užklausė kodėl šis seimas vadinamas 33-čias, jog oficialiai jis yra 34-tas. Išaiškinta, kad 1943 metais-karo metu, buvo sušaukta konferencija Newark, N. J. Kadangi valdžia tuo laiku draudė imti ilgas keliones traukiniais ir t. t., ir kadangi negalėjo delegatai pilnai dalyvauti, tuo laiku nutarta neturėti seimo, o tiktai konferenciją. Nubalsuota palikti kaip buvo nutarta — konferenciją skaityti, kaip konferenciją, o šį seimą kaip 33-tį.

HELEN PACHIURA, Newark, N. J., suteikė sekantį Mandatų Komisijos raportą:

Iki šiol užsiregistravę sekančiai:

- 24—kuopos
- 3—apskričiai
- 98—delegatai
- 12—alternates
- 15—svečių
- 2—delegatai iš Chicagos Draugovės.

VALDYBOS RAPORTAI.

PRANAS RAZVADAUSKAS, Centro Pirmininkas, suteikė sekantį raportą:

Praūžęs sekmingai L. Vyčių 32-ras metinis Seimas, Cicero, Ill. man suteikė garbę ir, kartu atsakomingas pareigas—vadovauti Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai dar vieniems metams.

Jausdamas šią svarbią atsakomybę, todėl tuoj po Seimo Vyčių kuopoms parašiau veikimui aplinkraštį, pabrėžiant svarbiuosius Seimo nutarimus-rezoliucijas, išsiuntinėjom kuopoms ir nuoširdžiai raginau, prašiau, kad visos kuopos stengtųsi sulig išgalės ir aplinkybių įgyvendinti praktikoje. Ypatingą dėmesį kreipiau į grįžtančius Vyčius karius ir į jaunamečių organizavimą. Kai kurios kuopos šimtu nuoširdžių kooperavo.

Su sausio mėnesiu, paskelbėme naujų narių vaju. Vajaus rezultatai išgirsite iš finansų sekr. p-lės F. GRENDELTYTĖS. Kadangi Centro valdybos nutarimu vaju buvo palikta praveisti pirmam vice-pirm., todėl vajaus reikalais daugiausia teko dirbti organizacijos vice-pirm., adv. ANTANUI YOUNG. Čia man labai palengvino. Aš tik parašiau vieną kitą atsisaukimą į įžymesnius vadus ir į lietuvišką katalikišką spaudą.

Seimui nutarus likviduoti spaustuve, tam darbui išrinkta specialė komisija. Kol komisija išsijudino teko kelis kartus juos paraginti, kad baigtų spaustuves reikalą ir, kad neneštų organizacijai bereikalingų nuostolių. Komisija darbą atliko puikiai ir, iš jų išgirsite atskirą raportą. Šia proga, tik noriu išreikšti nuoširdžią padėką komisijai, o ypač buvusiam "Vyties" red. IG. SAKALUI ir organizacijos legallam patarėjui adv. JUOZUI J. GRISH.

Su kitomis centralinėmis komisijomis palaikiau artimą kontaktą ir, prašiau ir raginau, kad darbą atliktų—paruoštų šiam seimui projektus.

Jaunamečių organizavimo projekto paruošimo komisija su kun. S. RAILA priešakyje dėjo nuoširdžias pastangas, kad projektas būtų paruoštas Seimui. Kiek pastebėjau tai projekto paruošimui įnešė daug minčių—kun. RAILA, žurn. S. PIEZA, O. KLEM ir LONG. ŠVELNIS. Jie savo projektą paskelbs patys vėliau.

Vėliavos Komisiją sudarė Ritualo Komisija. Čia atsikreipiau į komisijos narius ir prašiau, kad neatidėliojant įsigytume organizacijos vėliavą. Komisija nuoširdžiai pritarė ir dirbo. Kiek pastebėjau, komisijai daug pagelbėjo nuoširdus vytis J. BOLEY ir, tik jų dėka šiandien jau turime vėliavą.

Ši pati komisija daug dirbo ir ritualo reikalais, tai gal buvo viena iš veikliausių komisijų, nes man teko jų laiškų kopijas bei projektus matyti ir skaityti. Tikiu, kad jie patieks gan įdomų savo veiklos raportą.

Dar viena komisija, kuri dabar yra beveik mirusi—tai L. Vyčių istorijos komisija. Lig šiol ši komisija nieko nenuveikė ir, joje pasiliko tik vienas narys, mūsų organizacijos įsteigėjas MYKOLAS NORKUNAS. Tai labai svarbi komisija ir reiškiau vilties, kad šis seimas rimtai šiuo klausimu susirūpins.

Bendrai sekiau kuopų veiklą ir, prie kiekvienos progos, silpnėjančias raginau į darbą—stiprėti, augti, o neveikiančias, mirusias raginau atsigaivinti. Raštininkė duos daugiau detalių apie kuopas.

Bendrai Vyčių veikimas stiprėjo. Pastebėjau iš fin. raštininkės, kad į Vyčių eiles vėl grįžo didelis skaičius mūsų Vyčių karių. Man džiaugsmas ir tikras malonumas juos šia proga sveikinti ir, vėl maloniai priimti ir kviesti į bendrą organizacijos darbą. Mes, kurie buvome nepalieti karinės tarnybos, per penkis karo metus stengėmės organizacijos pulsą palaikyti gyvą, tol kol jus vėl grįšite į jūsų mylimą organizaciją. Jūs grįžote apgynę Amerikos garbę, savo garbę, gi mums pavyko organizaciją išlaikyti ir net sustiprinti. Organizacijos veikimo išlaikymo kreditas tenka darbščioms merginoms-vytėms. Jos dirbo įvairių kuopose darbą.

Karo laiku, išleidus apie tukstantį darbščiujų narių į karinę tarnybą, joks didesnis pagerinimas organizacijoje buvo neįmanomas. Bet dabar, sulaukus narius iš tarnybos, dabar laikas išgvildinti visi organizacijos reikalai ir surasti būdus kaip išjudinti plačiau mūsų veikimą; kaip patobulinti-pajvairinti mūsų žurnalą "Vyty", kad jis būtų visų mėgiamas; kad "Vyty" būtų įrankis organizacijos ugdymui. Visi atstovai rimtai pagalvokite ir šiuos klausimus apkalbėkite, išspręskite.

Einant prie pabaigos, noriu pareikšti, kad šie metai netik narių skaičiumi, bet ir finansiškai buvo daug geresni. Todėl, nevarginome maldaudami finansinės paramos nė mūsų nuoširdžių rėmėjų, nė kuopų bei apskričių. Vienok širdingai ačiu tiems, kurie Vyčius rėmė moraliai ir materialiai. Čia vietoje tarti padėkos žodį vietiniai 116 vyčių kp., maloniam kleb. kun. VASIUI, ir darbščiam dvasios vadui kun. JUTKEVIČIUI už finansavimą šios Seiminės "Vyties" laidos.

Kalbant apie "Vyty", negalima praleisti nepaminėjus nuoširdžių "Vyties" redaktorių. Organizacijos ir savo vardu tariu širdingai ačiu būvusiam red., nuoširdžiam vyčiui, IG. SAKALUI ir dabartiniam redaktoriui J. KUMPAI. Jie neapsakomai "Vyčiui" ir vyčiams nuoširdus. Taip pat administ. ir visam "Darbininko" štabui.

Pati Centro valdyba bei centralinės komisijos, nuoširdžiai vieningai veikė. Buvo malonu su jais dirbti organizacijos gerovei. Tad šiuo baigiu ir, ačiu visiems už nuoširdžią kooperaciją.

PRANAS RAZVADAUSKAS,
L. Vyčių Centro Pirmininkas.

Inž. ANTANAS MAŽEIKA davė įnešimą, kad raportas būtų priimtas su pagyrimu. ONA KLIMAS parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

Sesija baigta 1:10 po pietų. Maldą atkalbėjo KUN. VASYS.

ANTROJI SESIJA

Antroji sesija prasidėjo 3:00 po pietų. Po atkalbėjimo maldos, buvo vardošaukis per LONGINĄ ŠVELNĮ.

MYKOLAS NORKŪNAS apdovanojo dalyvius ženkleliais ir išaiškino jų reikšmę. Atstovai išreiškė nuoširdžią padėką už dovanėles ir labai įvertino jas.

ADV. ANTANAS YOUNG, pirmas vice pirmininkas, suteikė sekantį raportą:

To the Delegates, the Clergy and Friends of the Knights of Lithuania Assembled at the 33rd National Convention in Worcester, Mass:

The 32nd National Convention assembled in Cicero, Ill., honored me with the office of First Vice-President of the Supreme Council of our organization. I hope I have, in some measure, fulfilled the expectations of the delegates and members who bestowed this honor upon me.

At the first meeting of the Executive Board of the Supreme Council our President, FRANK RAZVADAUSKAS, appointed me chairman of the 1946 membership drive. Beginning with the November 1945 issue of "Vytis" I appealed to all members to get an early start. I outlined a program of council activity to stimulate action and my plan for the Membership Drive. In succeeding issues I elaborated on the various parts of the plan and endeavored to arouse a spirit sportly competition between councils and districts. With slight variations the plan followed the pattern set in the 1945 membership drive, one which utilizes the quota system so that all participants have an equal chance of winning no matter what the size of your council.

The drive was limited to the first two months instead of the usual three months in the belief that a short, fast campaign would bring the same results and allow time for other council activities. Our goal was set for 500 new members.

Although the results of the drive did not meet our highest expectations, 119 new members were enrolled. Perhaps better results would obtain if our membership drives were to start in September with the beginning of our winter activities when everyone is anxious to get into the swing of things after a long restful vacation.

We have noticed a constant flow of returning veterans assuming important committee leadership in our councils. This is a healthy sign which indicates true growth in our organization. We can look forward to greater activity in all our programs throughout the coming year.

As a member of the Supreme Executive Board I attended all meetings of the board and assisted our president on every occasion of Supreme Council activity. Our greatest activity this past year was the Masquerade Ball held in the South Boston Municipal Building Hall on March 2, 1946.

The success of this Masquerade Ball is largely due to the energy of our able president and you may judge its success by the results you will hear from his report.

Vytis-ALRK Federacijos Pirmininkas



ANTANAS F. KNEIŽYS —

"Darbininko" redaktorius ir Darbininkų Radio programos vedėjas, Lietuvos Vyčių ilgametis ir aktyvus narys, spalio 20-21 dd., š. m., New Yorke, A. L. R. K. Federacijos Kongrese, išrinktas šios Centralinės organizacijos pirmininku. Mums Vyčiams labai malonu sveikinti mūsų organizacijos nuoširdų narį, kuris savo pavyzdinga veikla Dievui ir Tėvynei tapo įvertintas ir išrinkimu į pirmininkus pagerbtas.

Liet. Vyčiai gerai atmena ir savo organizacijai nuveiktų darbų barą ir stengsis atetyje tuos darbus ir patį veikėją tinkamai įvertinti. Šiuo kartu sveikinam ir linkim ilgiausių metų!

I assisted our president in an attempt to reorganize Nashua, N. H. council, which did not materialize as expected. The pressure of business prevented my participation in other council reorganizations.

A special committee of the Executive Board consisting of President, F. RAZVADAUSKAS, Financial Secretary, PHYLLIS GRENDALE and myself met frequently for the purpose of revising and printing a revised constitution. We reviewed all National Convention minutes from 1940 to date and noted all resolutions affecting the Constitution. We deemed it best to present our findings to this convention for consideration rather than base the revision of the constitution upon our findings. In addition the enactments of this convention will be able to be incorporated in the revision.

Our greatest problem still continues to be the cost of issuing the "Vytis". We have been fortunate in having a president gifted with ability to sell the purpose of our organization to our benefactors, but we cannot continue indefinitely to depend upon large contributions from our clergy and other benefactors. We should strive to put our magazine on a self-paying basis. It is recommended that this convention consider the advisability of appointing a business manager for the "Vytis", one who may be able to procure sufficient advertisements on a percentage basis so that

the needed revenue may come from this source. The more collection of membership dues is still insufficient to meet all our fiscal obligations.

In closing, I wish to say that I cherish the honor of serving as President RAZVADAUSKAS' First Vice President. The pages of our history will not disclose another man's accomplishments equal to that of our present leader, nor will it reveal an uninterrupted service of five years by any of his predecessors and I am confident that when his record is presented to you for consideration there will be no hesitancy in acclaiming him to Honorary Membership in our Order.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY J. YOUNG.

LONGINAS ŠVELNIS davė įnešimą priimti raportą kaip skaitytas. **ONA KLIMAS** parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

Antras vice pirm., **ANTANAS ZICKUS**, neatšilankė nei raporto neprisiuntė.

Finansų rašt., **FELICIJA GREDELYTĖ** suteikė sekantį raportą:

Didžiai Gerb. Dvasios Vadai, Delegatai ir Svečiai:

Finansų Sekretorės pareigos: prižiūrėti narystės mokestys, kad organizacijos nariai būtų gerame stovyje, kas liečia jų duokles organizacijai. Ir be šių pareigų, dar yra ir antras Fin. Sekretorės darbas, būtent: "Vyties" administracijos reikalai.

Kas liečia vyčių-narių duokles, jos siūbuoja kaip nelyginant žiemos metu šaltis. Čia kuopa su savo narių skaičiumi būna pilnai užsimokėjusi, ir tik žiūrėk, baigiantis metams, jau daugybė narių atsilikę su savo mokesčiais. Iš jų kaikurie atsinaujina — užsimoka, kiti pasilieka kartais net metus ir daugiau išbraukti, ir tik prie intensyvaus raginimo, jie sugrižta.

Panašus bangavimas ne tik nariuose pastebimas, bet ir kuopų tarpe. Mano penkių metų, kaip finansų raštininkės patyrimas, įtikino mane, kad reikia organizacijos narius nuolat budinti, kad neįsiskolintų, nes prarasi ir skolą ir skolininką.

Bet žiemos gilus sniegas nevisus gyventojus uždaro prie šilto pečiaus, yra sportininkai, kurie vyksta į kalnus ir su kalnų sniegu turi didžiausio malonumo grūmtis. Tas pats yra ir su kuopomis ir nariais. Per visą karo laiką yra išlikusių visai neskaitlingose kuopose ir šiandien jie džiaugiasi, nes jų eiles didina sugrižę nariai — vyčiai kariai.

Buvo ir kuopų, kurios bemaž buvo, kai kurios ir visiškai buvo užmigusios. Centro valdyba, kurios de ja ir aš esu narė, darė pastangų, kad prikelti veiklai. Taip ir kovota per ištisus metus ir ištisus karo metus su neveiklos siautimu.

Kad atpildžius prarastas skolas ir skolininkus buvo surengtas naujų narių vėjus. Buvo užsimota gauti bent 1000 narių, bet žinoma to skaičiaus nepasiekta. Viena, dėl to, kad vajui nebuvo gerai prisirengta ir per trumpą laiką negalėjo įsisiūbuoti. Bet čia turiu pastebėti, kad Vyčių organizacija nevien vajais laimi narius. Nariai laimimi per ištisus metus per vietinių kuopų pasidarbavimą. Tokiu būdu, vėjus nėra rodyklė organizacijos augimo.

Kadangi karui užsibaigus sugrižo bemaž visi vyčiai-kariai-nariai, kuriems buvo sluntinėjamas "Vytis" karo tarnyboj, narių skaičius, kad ir nežymiai padaugėjo, bet kuopose pasidarė entuziastingas veikimas. Ir tą padarė mūsų veteranai. Tas begalo rodo gražią organizacijos ateitį. Juos seks jaunesnieji ir kuopoms proga bus augti ir klestėti.

Labai gražiai veikia ir nariais auga šios kuopos: C-3, Philadelphia, Pa.; C-6, Hartford, Conn.; C-7, Waterbury, Conn.; C-10, Athol, Mass.; C-12, New York

City; C-13, Chicago, Ill.; C-14, Cicero, Ill.; C-17 South Boston, Mass.; C-18, Cambridge, Mass.; C-26, Worcester, Mass.; C-27, Norwood, Mass.; C-29, Newark, N. J.; C-30, Westfield, Mass.; C-36, Chicago, Ill.; C-41, Brooklyn, N. Y.; C-52, Elizabeth, N. J.; C-61, Paterson, N. J.; C-67, Bayonne, N. J.; C-90, Kearny-Harrison, N. J.; C-96, Dayton, Ohio; C-103, Providence, R. I.; C-109, Great Neck, N. Y.; C-110, Maspeth, N.Y.; C-112, Chicago, Ill.; C-113, Linden, N. J.; C-116, Worcester, Mass.; C-124, Jersey City, N. J.; C-130, Bronx, New York; C-132, Kankakee, Ill.

Čia reikia pabrėžti, kad kai kurios kuopos, kaip tie sportininkai žiemos metu, pašoko nuo šiltų pečių ir išėjo sportauti-veikti. Taip C-27, Norwood, išaugo į vieną iš gražiausių kuopų. Ji laimėjo naujų narių vajuje pirmą dovaną; gražiai auga Pittsburgho 62-ra kuopa. O naujai suorganizuota ir labai gyvai pradėjusi savo veiklą C-2, Lewiston, Maine.

Kadangi dabartinis mano darbas siekia penkių metų patyrimą organizacijos darbuotėje, turiu garbingą pareigą pareikšti, kad organizacijos išsilaikymui per karo metus ir jos sėkmingam augimui yra labai daug darbo ir laiko ir finansų pridėjęs visų šių penkių metų pirmininkas, PRANAS RAZVADAUSKAS. Dėka jo sugebėjimui ir buvo graži kooperacija, kas davė Vyčiams vilties augti ir žiūrėti į ateitį šviesiomis akimis.

Antras didelis faktorius, kuris davė organizacijai pasisekimo, tai kuopų finansų raštininkų nuoširdus kooperavimas su Centro finansų raštininke. Yra ir daugiau nuoširdžių pasaulionių ir dvasiškių, kurie atsidavusiai jaunimui padėdavo jų rūpesčiuose.

Asmeniškai mano darbas sunku išreikšti raporto eilutėse, nes jeigu tik prisiminsime, kad kiekvieno nario duoklės reikėjo įtraukti su visais formalumais į Centro knygas ir pakvituoti kuopai bei nariams, tai tik duoklių reikalas, kiek tai užima laiko. O gi "Vyties" "mailing list" palaikymas ir nuolatinis korektavimas bei sekimas, prie to įvairi korespondencija apie kurią liūdija ir pašto išlaidų kolumna, prašyte prašosi įvertinimo ir pripažinimo tai vietai beveik nuolatinės sekretorės.

Baigdama savo raportą turiu pažymėti, kad jeigu ateityje prireiktų būsimai sekretorei mano patarimo, su mielu noru visuomet jai suteiksiu savo penkių metų patyrimo patarimus.

PHYLLIS GRENDAI.

Garbės narys, **KASTAS ŽAROMSKIS**, davė įnešimą priimti raportą su pagyrimu. Inž. **ANTANAS MAŽEIKA** parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

TEOFILĖ AUKŠTIKALNYTĖ-GERULIENĖ prisiuntė raportą raštu sekančiai:

Gerbiamieji Dvasios Vadai, Prezidiumas ir Seimo Dalyviai:

Sveikinu Lietuvos Vyčių Visuotiną Seimą ir linkiu kuogeriausių sekmių.

Kaip žinote, raštininkės pareigos yra įvykdyti ką pirmininkas pageidauja—tą mėginau padaryti pagal mano išgalės.

Išsiunčiau laiškus Centro Valdybos nariams, primenant apie ateinančius susirinkimus. Centro Valdybos posėdžiuose dalyvavau ir užrekdavau ir protokolus prisiunčiau kiekvienam Centro Valdybos nariui.

Šia proga viešai dėkoju visiems Centro Valdybos nariams, taipgi visiems tiems, su kuriais buvo reikalo koresponduoti, už jų kooperaciją ir prielankumą.

Taipgi linkiu naujai protokolų raštininkei kuogeriausio pasisekimo šiame darbe.

Su gilia vytiška pagarba,

TEOFILĖ AUKŠTIKALNYTĖ-GERULIENĖ.

Inž. ANTANAS MAŽEIKA davė įnešimą raportą priimti. ONA KLEM parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

Iždininkas, PRANAS GUDELIS, prisiuntė raportą raštu sekančiai:

Gerbiamieji:

Čionai priduodu Centro Iždininko raportą dėl fiskalinio meto, baigusio birželio 30, 1946, taipgi raportus, parodant Centro Namų Fondo ir Spaustuvės Fondo stovius rugsėjo 1, 1946.

Kadangi manau asmeniškai pribūti į vėlesnius Seimo posėdžius, iždininko knygas atsivešiu su savimi dėl revizijos komisijos peržiūrėjimo.

Linkiu, kad šis pirmas pokarinis Seimas būtų kuosekmingiausias dėl gerovės ir tolesnės pažangos mūsų organizacijos.

Vytiškai Jūsų,

PRANAS GUDELIS.

Advokatas JUOZAS GRISH davė įnešimą priimti visus tris raportus, kaip skaitytus. ELENA SHIELDS paantrino. Raportas priimtas.

Iždo globėja, IRENA PAKELTYTĖ-KAZANAUSKIENĖ, prisiuntė sekantį raportą raštu:

Malonus Vyčiai:

Nuoširdžiai sveikinu šį seimą, ir linkiu, kad jis būtų sėkmingas; kad būtų priimtos naudingos rezoliucijos, kurios padėtų Vyčiams veikti ir daugintų narių skaičių.

Dėl aplinkybių jokių būdu negalėjau atvykti į šį seimą. Labai man gaila.

Per pereinamus metus turėjau už garbę būti Centro valdyboje kaip iždo globėja. Kiek laiškų ar korespondencijų man buvo prisiųsta iš Centro, juos tuojau bandžiau atsakyti. Chicagoje su Vyčiais veikiu pagal savo išgalės, ir toliau dirbsiu, kiek bus galima.

Didžiausio pasisekimo šiam Seimui ir linkiu organizacijai dar sėkmingiau dirbti "Dievui ir Tėvynei."

Su gilia pagarba,

IRENA (Pakeltis) KAZANAUSKAS.

ELENA SHIELDS davė įnešimą raportą priimti. Inž. ANTANAS MAŽEIKA parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

ONA KLEM, iždo globėja, suteikė sekantį raportą:

Dear Knights:

For the past year it was with great honor I held the office of a trustee in our organization and I thank the Knights for bestowing this office on me.

During the year, except for the meeting held immediately following the 32nd National Convention, I wasn't able to personally attend any of the Center Officers' meetings, all of which were held in the New England Section. Being the lone member of the Center Executive Board in our district, my interest was mainly centered in our district and our own council, participating in all meetings, conventions and activities. I can proudly report that there is a large increase in membership, Bayonne Council being re-awakened and a district choral group being organized.

This is my short report and again I thank the Knights of Lithuania organization and I will strive to do my utmost for the benefit of our organization.

ANNA KLEM.

ONA KLIMIENĖ davė įnešimą raportą priimti. MARIJONA JURINSKAITĖ parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

Vyčių spaustuvės likvidacijos raportą išdavė adv. J. J. GRISH, pranešant, kad iš pardavimo spaustuvės gryo pelno liko \$2300.00.

PRANAS RAZVADAUSKAS davė įnešimą raportą priimti. Inž. ANTANAS MAŽEIKA parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

ANTANAS MAŽEIKA davė įnešimą, kad minėtos mašinėlės būtų laikomos kaip Vyčių nuosavybė. PRANAS RAZVADAUSKAS šį įnešimą parėmė.

Legalis patarėjas adv. J. J. GRISH žodžiu raportavo, kad svarbiausieji dalykai, kuriems jis patarė per pereinamus metus, buvo pardavimas spaustuvės ir pirkimas Chicagos Vyčių namo.

KASTAS ŽAROMSKIS davė įnešimą priimti raportą su pagyrimu. ONA KLEM parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

ONA KLEM suteikė sekantį Jaunamečių Organizavimo Komisijos raportą:

During the 32nd Annual Knights of Lithuania Convention held in 1945, Cicero, Illinois, a committee of four: namely, ANN KLEM from Kearny, N. J., FR. S. RAILA from Philadelphia, STANLEY PIEZA from Chicago, Ill., and LARRY SVELNIS from Boston, Mass., were appointed for the purpose of planning how to organize the 12-16 year old youth of Lithuanian descent and outlining activities for them, so that they may become future active K. of L. members.

Due to long-distance traveling, most planning had to be made by correspondence.

The following is our plan:

(A)—Organizing

It was unanimously agreed by the committee that it is essential that a Junior K. of L. group be organized in each council as per our Knights of Lithuania Constitution Article V, Items 3 and 3a, and Article XIV, Item 5.

(Council not having a Junior group has failed in fulfilling one of the most important obligations as a member of the Knights of Lithuania.)

A conclusion was reached that conditions in each council vary and that each council will have to select plans best suited for its council.

(I)—a. Find K. of L. members who are interested in Juniors and their interests.

b. Invite the council's spiritual advisor to take part and cooperate in organizing the youth.

c. Find prominent citizens of Lithuanian descent to act as sponsors.

(II) Call a special meeting inviting the 12-16 year old youth of Lithuanian descent in order to organize them.

a. Have organizers explain the ideas, purpose and the Constitution, etc. of the K. of L.

b. Inspire within the Juniors the importance of, and the benefits that may be derived from, our organization.

c. Offer them actual plans for activity right from the beginning so their interest will not lag.

d. Show them right from the first meeting what they can expect at every gathering.



MYKOLAS NORKŪNAS

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos įsteigėjas—Garbės narys, gruodžio 1 d., š. m. minės savo 77 metų gyvenimo sukaktį. Šia proga Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba ir visi Vyčiai reiškia organizacijos tėvui, Mykolui Norkūnui nuoširdžiausį dėkingumą už jo ilgametį vyčiams pasišventimą ir darbą ir prašo Aukščiausiojo suteikti jam stiprybės, kad jis galėtų su mumis darbuotis dar daug, daug metų. Dieve jį laimink!

e. Hold special annual affairs for admitting Junior members.

(B)—Outline for Activities

(I) From this Junior group select various committees — each and every member should be connected with one or another committee or work assigned, leaders being 17-18 year members of the Senior group.

Following committees are suggested:

- a. Organization Procedure (incorporating Article III of our Constitution).
- b. Sports Committee.
- c. Social Committee.
- d. Cultural.
- e. Correspondents.

(III) Junior members dues — Article VI, Item 2. Revise item to read: Junior payment as a group, \$5.00 annually, payable to the Center, eliminating individual payment, (but Juniors to be registered in the Center). Dues per member to be \$.05 per month payable to the council.

(IV) K. of L. Junior Section in the "Vytis."

(V) Annual K. of L. Junior affair for the benefit of the church.

(VI) The Junior group will receive five copies of "Vytis" per month.

(VII) 1st Vice President of the Center to be in charge of the Junior activities.

The Committee suggests:

A Junior Membership Drive for one year from this convention until the next, awarding prizes to the or-

ganizers, councils, individuals, etc. for outstanding achievement in organizing K. of L. Juniors.

That the Ritual Committee recognize the K. of L. Juniors, Junior groups, councils and organizers.

ANNA KLEM, REV. STAN. RAILA,
LONGINAS SVELNIS.

ONA KLIMIENĖ davė įnešimą raportą priimti. ELENA SHIELDS parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

Dvasios Vadas KUN. JULIUS GRINIUS neat-silankė nei raporto neprisiuntė.

APSKRIČIŲ RAPORTAI

Chicagos apskritys suteikė sekantį raportą raštu:

Gerb. Seimo Prezdiumas ir Atstovai:

Siuomi, nors trumpai, bet nuosekliai, pateikiame organizacijos vyriausiam autoritetui, garbingajam Lietuvos Vyčių 33-čiam Seimui, šį Lietuvos Vyčių Chicagos Apskrities Metinį Veikimo Raportą.

BENDRA APŽVALGA

Šie 1946 metai, istoriniu atžvilgiu, yra labai svarbūs L. Vyčių Chicagos Apskrities veikime. 30 metų svajonė tapo realybe Vyčiams, įsigijus nuosavą namą, kuris užvardintas — "K. of L. YOUTH CENTER". Kada Jaunimui pirmiau tik buvo galima pasiūlyti organizacijos idealas, dabar konkrečiai galima pasiūlyti jam tinkamą pastogę, kuriame jis gali pilnoje pras-mėje lavintis įvykdytume tų organizacijos brangių idealų. Ten centras susirinkimams, Apskrities ir Se-niorų draugovės, įvairioms komisijoms ir kuopoms, kurios norės tai naudotis. Ten Choras ir Teatrališkas Ratelis laikys repeticijas, susirinks įvairaus veikimo grupės, ir bus vieta, kur kiekvienas Vytis-Vytė turės progą savo klūbrumuose linksmi praleisti valandėlę kitą gražioje nuotaikoje.

Vyčiams įsigijus nuosavą namą (Liepos 2 d.), Ap-skrityje veikimas pradėjo judėti didesniu tempu. Aiš-kėjo reikalas glaudesnių ryšių tarp apskrities ir kuopų. Visos pastangos yra naudojamos tam atsiekti. Bendrai sakant, L. Vyčių Chicagos Apskritis yra daug geresnėje padėtyje negu buvo per daugumą metų.

APSKRITIES STATISTIKA

Prie Chicagos Apskrities šiuo laiku priklauso pen-kios kuopos ir Seniorų Draugovė. Kuopos—5ta kuopa Northsidėje; 13ta kuopa, Town of Lake; 14ta kuopa, Cicero, Ill.; 36ta kuopa, Brighton Parke, ir 112ta kuopa, Marquette Parke. Girdėjom, kad Indiana Harbor (Ind.) kuopa atgijo ir, kad randasi kuopa Kankakee, Illinois, bet iki šiol apskritis neturi ryšių, bet bus ban-doma užmegsti. Šį rudenį apskritis dės pastangas at-gaivinti kuopas Bridgeporte, West sidėje, 18th Street, South Chicago, Roselande, West Pullmane, Rockforde ir Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Apskritis turi savo Chorą, kuris pereitą sezoną tu-rėjo 40 narių. Tikimės, pradėdant naują sezoną, Cho-ras bus daug skaitlingesnis. Choras praeitą sezoną laike savo pirmo koncerto įgyjo pažymėjimą kaipo vienas iš geriausių lietuvių tarpe visoje Chicagoje.

Tikimės šiais metais suorganizuoti bendrą Apskri-ties Teatrališką Ratelį. Keleta kuopų turi savo rate-lius, kurie gražiai veikia, bet numatoma reikalas su-traukti geriausias mūsų meno jėgas į didesnę grupę, kad būtų galima perstatyti didesnius veikalus.

Sporto srityje buvo bandoma suorganizuoti veikimą, bet pasirodė neužtenkamai įdomavimo ir jėgų tai įvykdyti. Reikalas atidėtas tolimesniam laikui, kada vėl bus bandoma kaip nors suorganizuoti.

IVYKIAI

L. Vyčių šv. Kazimiero Dienos Paminėjimas šmet tikrai buvo istorinis. Kovo 3 d. Vyčiai iš visų kolonijų susirinko į šv. Mykolo parap. bažnyčią, Northsideje, išklause iškilmingų šv. Mišių, priėmė šv. Komuniją "in corpore", klausėsi pamokslų ir baigoje pamaldų 24 Vyčiai priėmė Ketvirtojo Laipsnio priesaiką.

L. VYČIŲ CHICAGOS APSKR. CHORO PIRMAS KONCERTAS įvyko gegužės 18 d., Dariaus-Girėno American Legion salėje, vadovystėje muz. Leonardo J. Simučio, Jr. Dienos programe gražiai pasirodė rinktinis L. Vyčių Teatrališkas Ratelis, kuris vaidino scenoje veikalą "Meilės Eliksyras." Šavaitė vėliau, choras ir teatrališkas ratelis nukeliavo į Milwaukee, Wisconsin, kur atkartoją visą programą Milwaukee-čiams.

TRADICINĖ L. VYČIŲ DIENA — Išvažiavimas įvyko liepos 4 d., Vytauto Parke.

PIRKIMAS NUOSAVYBĖS

Nors Vyčiai svajojo per 30 metų kada nors išgyti namą, bet nesitikėjome, kad šiais metais atsieksime tikslą. Inicijatyva šio įvykio priklauso L. Vyčių Seniorų draugovei. Savininkystė namo bendrai L. Vyčių Chicagos Apskričiai ir L. Vyčių Seniorų Draugovei. Namą trustisais išrinkti sekanti — Vincent Ed. Pavis, pirm.; Kastas Žaromskis, vice pirm.; Antanas P. Zikus, rašt.; Matas Zizas, išd. ir Jonas A. Kass, globėju.

L. Vyčių Chicagos Apskritis Valdyba išrinkta šiems metams sekančiai: kun. Stanislovas Gaučius, Dv. Vadas; Vincent Ed. Pavis, pirm.; Vincent Rekus, 1-mas vice pirm.; Jonas Juozaitis, 2-tras vice pirm.; Virginia Kvietkus, raštininkė; Peggy Zakaras, pagelbininkė; Stanley Šimulis, išdininkas; Peggy Zakaras, Edvardas Misius ir Kastas Žaromskis, išdo globėjai. Apskritis Ritualo komisiją sudaro — Kastas Žaromskis, Jerry Kasulaitis ir Albinas Plančiunas.

Apskritis vardu reiškiamame nuoširdų sveikinimą garbingajam Lietuvos Vyčių 33-čiam Seimui, ir linkim, kad šis Seimas būtų sėkmingiausias, atsiekiant daug naudų mūsų brangiai Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai.

L. Vyčių Chicagos Apskritis Valdyba:

REV. S. GAUČIUS, Dv. Vadas,
VINCENT ED. PAVIS, Pirmininkas,
VIRGINIA KVIETKUS, Raštininkė.

BRONIS GAILUNAS davė įnešimą raportą priimti. ONA KLEM parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

New York-New Jersey Apskritis pirmininkas, CHARLES BASON, suteikė raportą, kuriam trumpai išdėstė veiklą tos apskritis.

BRONIS GAILUNAS davė įnešimą raportą priimti. JONAS NOVITT parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

PRANAS ZVALIONIS iš Westfield, Mass., pirmininkas New England apskritis, perstatė raštininkę ONĄ NORKIUTĘ iš Brockton, Mass., kuri suteikė šios apskritis raportą.

BERTHA ČIOČYTĖ davė įnešimą raportą priimti. LONGINAS ŠVELNIS parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

IŠ PEREITO SEIMO REZOLIUCIJŲ.

KASTAS ŽAROMSKIS pranešė, kad IGNO SAKALO ir JACK JUOZAIČIO veikimas L. Vyčių organizacijoje iki šiol nebuvo surašytas ir pasiūstas Centro Valdybai, kuri prižiūrės, kad tilptų "Vytyje," bet tai bus padaryta šiais metais.

ANTANAS KNEIŽYS atsišaukė, kad siūstų į Lietuvos Kultūrinį Muziejų, senas fotografijas, spausdinius, įvairius istorinius daiktus, ir t. t., adresu c/o "Darbininkas," 366 W. Broadway, South Boston 27, Mass.

F. GRENDELTYTĖ pranešė, kad Centro Valdyba mėgino įvykdyti Seimo nutarimą, būtent, turėti duoklių kvitų knygelę "triplicate" formoje, bet Centro Valdyba, sužinojus, kad per daug kainuotų, paliko kaip iki šiol buvo.

FELICIJA GRENDELTYTĖ pranešė, kad Centre yra pilnas sąrašas narių būvusių karo tarnyboje.

"Darbininko" Redaktorius A. F. KNEIŽYS išpūdingai kalbėjo apie L. Vyčių organizacijos išikūrimą ir jos reikšmę mūsų išėivijoje. Taipgi priminė ir parodė pirmojo L. Vyčių Seimo, įvykusio 1914 m., Brockton, Mass., atstovų paveikslą.

Priimta sekanti sveikinimai telegramomis:

1. Brockton 1-mos kuopos, kunigų—J. Švagždžio, F. Norbuto ir J. Petrausko.

2. Mato Zujaus, Wilkes Barre, Penn.; "Garso" redaktoriaus, ir garbės nario.

3. Juozo Laučkos, New York City, Federacijos vardu.

4. Nado Rastenio, New York City, vice pirmininko United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America.

5. Joseph H. Downey, Mayor of Brockton, Mass.

6. Kun. M. G. Kemėšio, Bayonne, N. J., su \$25.00 auka.

7. Kun. J. J. Valantiejaus, Waterbury, Conn., garbės nario.

Gavome \$10.00 auką L. V. Garbės nario iš So. Boston, Mass.

Sesija baigta 5:45 po pietų. Maldą atkalbėjo kun. Jutkevičius.

(Bus daugiau)

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MIRĖ NUOŠIRDUS VYTIS



Spalių 30 d., vakare, persiskyrė su šiuo pasauliu ir L. Vyčių organizacija vytis Vincas T. Savickas, palikdamas dideliame nuliūdime savo mylimą žmoną Juozafiną ir tris dukreles—Ritą, Feliciją ir Anetą.

A. a. Vincas T. Savickas L. Vyčių organizacijai yra daug nusipelnęs. Gal pastaraisiais laikais, neparodė savo darbštumo vyčiuose dėl įvairių priežasčių — šeimyninis gyvenimas, sunegalėjimas, senesnis amžius; bet praeityje, Vincas Savickas buvo pirmasis L. Vyčių eilėse, o ypač So. Boston'o L. Vyčių 17toje Algirdo kuopoje. Jis ėjo įvairias valdybos pareigas, dirbo įvairiose komisijose, pirmininkavo L. V. Seimo rengimo komisijoj 1925 metais, kur buvo vienas iš sėkmingiausių tuolaikinių Seimų. Už jo darbštumą ir gabumus Vincą Vyčiai labai mylėjo ir, su juo nuoširdžiai dirbo. Neprisimeniu metų, bet žinau, kad Vincas Savickas sėkmingai pirmininkavo L. Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos Apskričiai. Neklysiu pasakęs, kad jo pirmininkavimo laikų, Naujosios Anglijos Apskritis buvo vienas iš darbščiausių organizacijose. Jo vadovavimu buvo surengta debatų, lietuviškų vaidinimų maršrutas. Kadangi Vincas buvo kilęs iš gražiosios dzūkijos, todėl visuomet buvo linksmo būdo, mylėjo lietuvišką dainą, linksmius, švarius pasilinksminimus. L. Vyčių organizacija, neteko tikro, pilna žodžio prasme vyčio.

Lapkričio 2 d., su iškilmingomis-gėdulingomis šv. mišiomis, dalyvaujant daugybei žmonių, a. a. Vincas Savickas palaidotas Naujos Kalvarijos gražioje kapinėse.

Mirus uoliam L. Vyčių organizacijos nariui Vincui T. Savickui, L. Vyčių organizacija ir redakcija, reiškia giliausią užuojautą, vėlionio mylimai žmonai, dukrelėms ir giminėms.

Congressman McCormack Answers

In reply to a resolution sent by the recent national convention to House Majority Leader John W. McCormack, the organization was pleased to receive the following letter:

Office of the Majority Leader
House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

October 19, 1946

Joseph Boley, President,
Knights of Lithuania,
Our Lady of Vilna Parish,
Worcester 4, Mass.

Dear Mr. Boley:

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your recent communication, the Resolutions adopted, and I am immediately conveying them to the Secretary of State for his information and attention. I am sure you are aware of the position I have consistently taken in support of the right of the people of Lithuania to possess their freedom, and to have the government of their own free choice. As you know, our government has never recognized the conquest of brave Lithuania by the Soviet Union, Communistic Russia. I am glad to receive your communication so that I can convey to you my position, which I assume you knew, as I have stated it publicly on a number of occasions, and a position I shall adhere to, that the people of Lithuania are entitled to their freedom again, and to determine for themselves, free from outside influence, the form of government they desire.

Sincerely yours,

John W. McCormack.

Mirus nuoširdžiam mūsų draugui ir kūmui VINCUI T. SAVICKUI—reiškiame giliausią užuojautą jo mylimai žmonai Juozafinai ir dukrelėms — Ritai, Felicijai ir Anetai!

*Pranas ir Genovaitė Razvadauskai,
ir šeima.*

Mirus uoliam Vyčiui ir tikram Lietuvių-Patrijotui VINCUI T. SAVICKUI, reiškia-
me giliausią užuojautą jo mylimai žmonai ir jo šeimai. Lai gerasis Dievulis suteikia jam amžiną atilsį.

Albinas ir Ona Nevierai ir šeima.



Lewiston, Maine.

COUNCIL II

Maine, the State of Wilderness, except for potatoes growing, (as many people imagine it to be) stopped its daily potato picking to reorganize Council II of the Knights of Lithuania. Although Maine is a forgotten state to some Knights of Lithuania, it may be interesting for you to know that it was in Lewiston that the K. of L. first was organized; but due to a delay in giving notice, another state became Council I and Maine became known as Council II. For over twenty years this council existed, and gradually inactive. Today, with the aid of the Franciscan Fathers, it has been reorganized.

The first meeting was held at the Franciscan Fathers in Greene, on September 8, 1946, where a group of fifty-two (52) Lithuanian-Americans joined Council II. The meeting was opened with the introduction of Phyllis Grendal, Supreme Fin. Sec. and Peter Kupraitis of Council 17, who gave us details on the work that was being done by other councils. Mr. Kumpa, editor of the "Vytis" was also a guest speaker.

Father Vaškys, is Spiritual Adviser. Members elected to office for the coming year are: Henry Reidman, president; Mary Shaban, vice president; Elizabeth Marquis, secretary; Stella Polisky, correspondent secretary; Julia Sabalauskas, financial secretary; Charlie Vitonis, treasurer; Jennie Baltrus and Francis Sabalauskas, trustees; and Anthony J. Rudokas, marshal.

Following the meeting, an outdoor party was held. Members became better acquainted, while refreshments were served, and folk dancing and singing followed.

Meetings of our council are to be held on the second Sunday of each month.

Council II of Lewiston, Maine, was represented by five delegates at the National Convention held in Worcester, Mass.

Father Modestas, Mary Shaban, Valeria Varaneckis, Jennie Baltrus and Julia Sabalauskas. Father Vaškys and seven other members joined

this group Sunday to enjoy the banquet and entertainment. All had a wonderful time and hope the New England Convention to be held in Lewiston, in April, 1947, will leave as nice a memory with the out-of-town members, as we hold of them.

Our council held a meeting, October 16th at the Lithuanian Hall, at which plans for the future were discussed.

A bowling team is to be organized by Charlie Banulis and Peggy Polisky, co-chairmen.

The members of this team shall bowl once a week, at which the winning team shall be awarded a prize. A yearly banquet will be held in honor of the winning team.

Hallowe'en will be celebrated by the Knights of Lithuania in Lewiston with a weenie roast, at the home of Julia Sabalauskas assisted by Joe Eanitis, chairman of the affair.

Anthony J. Rudokas, Adella Vasiliauskas and Joe Vasiliauskas were elected to furnish entertainment for future meetings.

We desire to improve our knowledge of our mother tongue. All have agreed to attend classes sponsored by the Franciscan Fathers. We are also contemplating on learning songs, so as to enjoy group singing at meetings. A choir will also be organized. Stanley Adams, Mary Shaban and Stella Polisky were elected to organize this group.

Second Dance.

Council II is holding its second dance, with Stella Polisky as chairman, and Anthony J. Rudokas, Stanley Adams and Frank Shamaklin as assistants. The dance is scheduled for November 23, for the benefit of our fatherland, which at present is so in need of food and clothing. The admission is to be out-grown clothing that will be sent to Europe in hopes of reaching your people as well as ours who have suffered so throughout the past years.

At this time we extend a hearty invitation to each and every council member to attend our dance to take part in helping our mother country, LITHUANIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Breitmozer are announcing the forth coming mar-

riage of their daughter, Connie. (a member of Council II), to William Lauranitis. The wedding will take place November 16, at Saint Patrick's Church. Council II extends its sincere congratulations and may happiness follow them throughout the years.

CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 112

Rumors are flying that...

Al Kress is number one candidate for Chicago's most squeezable boy. Don't blush, Al—but you know the girls just can't resist giving you one little squeeze... Lil Bradelis puts her stamp of approval on New Orleans, after her two-day stay there. She labeled it a swell party town... Eleanor Kruza has Al Grebliunas sighing (is he in a crazy kind of a daze or maybe it's a lazy kind of a haze)... Dick Mikals has vowed to wear dark glasses when passing a local pub to avert temptation but he must have lost his glasses because we're sure we saw him skulking out of the Gold Coast... Sylvia Rachkus with an A. B. tacked on to her name is now working for Wilson's; here's one girl who has bacon with her eggs every morning... Charles Basil Zachary Peter Birgelis, the Right Honorable President of Council 112 is seriously considering adding another name to his already impressive collection; the latest is Niles... Caroline Masilionas, Ruth Simutis and Gloria Cibulskis are always among those present for the K. of L. District Chorus rehearsals—mm, mm, maybe they're aiming at Met-stardom or maybe it's that handsome baritone in the third now... everytime John Yerkes steps into his Cadillac, every man, woman, child, and horse run for cover; and some people think California drivers are bad!... "Pretty Boy Kalin," Ray, that is, has us stumped; imagine not getting any hot-off-the-press tips on his recent escapades—but give us time... Stanley Balzekas has been devoting much of his time to study lately and we hear from reliable sources, namely, Penny Svagzdys, Ed and John Pocius, Angle Vinauskas and Jo Zizas

that he does all this so-called study in his playroom. Have another pretzel, Stan!.. a certain Vice President of Council 112 whose initials are S. (Sooky) S. is suspected of being in love. Whether he is or not is a mystery but he does have all the symptoms.. Mr. and Mrs. John Shimkus and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pudze may be a serious threat to some of our better-known Lithuanian programs. Recordings of their version of a typical Lithuanian program is out of this world... "Wedding Bells are breaking up that old gang of ours." There goes another slick-chick on that long trek down the aisle — Eleanor Zizas is the chick and the big day is sometime next summer... Clem Balto has had quite a varied Army career. From Infantry to Air Corps to Army Communication and back again. Get him to tell you about it sometime...

Guess that's all the sleuthing we've done this time, but we'll get our trusty badges and magnifying glasses and track down our suspects for next month's show-up.

Sherlock Holmes and his boy Watson

SO. BOSTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 17

Greetings and Drumsticks to you!

What's on the tip of every loyal C-17 member's tongue? Why it's the ATOMIC FROLIC, of course!!! Chairman Tony Yakavonis and his committee are busily engaged in winding up the business details of the "social event of the season." The Parker House Roof Garden is the place. Music by Barthlomew. Admission is \$1.65, including tax. The date is (and don't you dare forget it)—Saturday evening, November 30th, dancing 8-12 P. M., the preadvent dance. From the latest rumors, quite a few of the girls will be wearing their swishest evening gowns. The promises to be a knockout affair. We also heard that the Knight and Ladies from Lewiston, Maine are expected (in their formal attire). Council 17 is looking forward to playing host at this gala affair.

On Thanksgiving Day, wedding bells will ring out for two of our members. Here's wishing Julia Nevronis and Al Wachuk the very best in their new life.

The Bowling Season is in full swing. The Council's regular bowling night is Monday. So come down and join in the fun with the rest of the crowd. In two unscheduled pre-league games with Council 27 of Norwood, Mass., your reported is glad to announce that Council 17 was victorious in both games. We're going to try hard to be the New England District's Champ, so watch

out for Southern Boston — we're warning all the other councils! After our first game with Norwood, the "gang" was invited down to the Musketeer Lodge for coffee and cake served by Chef's Joe Slanina, Bronie Gailiunas and other "Musketeers".

Our official "Contact Person" for the League Games is Miss Lucy Markuns who is also doing a neat job of scorekeeping.

Thanks to Anne Chaplik, Albina Yankun, Anne Kleponis and Dorothy "Fordukas" Ford our Whist Party held at the Parish Hall came out on the Debit Side. Tony Yakavonis tried for the booby prize, which was finally won (?) by a young lady. After all Tony, you really didn't need a toy gun, now did you?

By the way, ever since the chairman of a certain dance committee celebrated his "21st" birthday party, he's been receiving anonymous cards. He is now looking for the guy or gal who uses green ink.

What's this I hear about the council riding a "snow train" to North Conway, New Hampshire? Sounds like fun, that is would be fun if I could only ski or skate. Perhaps that is one of the reasons you will find so many of our members taking ice-skating lessons down at the Boston Arena on Wednesday nights.

Our very best wishes for a successful recovery is extended to Paul Gailinas who hurt himself in an accident last month and was sent to City Hospital.

Have you sold your three books of chances? The prizes are just what we want for Christmas shopping. See Ted Vallis, Ed. Gailius or Fred Sykes and get your chance books. The raffle will take place at 10 P. M. at the "Atomic Frolic" on November 30th.

Every time we see Mary Kleponis she has an armful of Christmas Card Boxes. A very nice assortment too. She is conducting a campaign for our council in selling these cards. If you haven't bought yours yet, get in touch with her.

If you would like to know how not to make taffy apples, see Bronie Gailiunas. His recipe includes everything but "pineapple juice," or was that in another mixture you prepared, Bronie? The cupcakes designed by our Master Baker Joe Svelnis tasted as good as they looked. Our Master of Ceremonies for the Amateur Show was our one-and-only Vice President Steve Contons. His brother, Johnny, brought along his accordion to add to the merry-making. If by now you haven't guessed what I'm talking about—that means you missed a lot of fun at Council 17's Hallowe'en Party. Two of our formerly very active members Mr.

and Mrs. Grigaliunas joined in the fun. By the way — I have a question — what is this "it" everybody is talking about?

Lenore Glineckis, now teaching down Hyannis, Cape Cod, writes her classroom has Boston's classrooms beat by a mile. Why she even has green blackboards!

Be seeing you at the "ATOMIC FROLIC", I hope.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Cranberry Sauce.

DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

Our council is holding its own advance membership drive. Each member is to bring a new member into the club. The drive is under the direction of Petronella Zelinskas and Pete Petkus. Everyone seems to be in favor of it and doing his best in search for new members.

The dance held October 5th at the church hall, was just a bit disappointing because our orchestra failed to appear. We tried to make the best of it by having recorded music. Those who did attend, did not regret it—because they spent a lovely evening.. We served delicious meat sandwiches, believe it or not!

Our club meetings are now being held twice a month. The regular monthly meetings will take place at the church hall; the other meetings will be held at one of our members' homes. Our first house meeting took place at Kitty Zubrick's home. The atmosphere was wonderful. The next meeting will be at the Ambrose Girls' home — we're looking forward to these meetings.

Mike Petkus is a freshman at the University of Dayton; Stella Birbal and yours truly are attending night classes at the University.

Is it true that Pike Alexinas has a new girl friend? Petronella and Joe Zelinskas have accepted the responsibility of being godparents to their niece, in Wisconsin. Frank Gudelis did manage to take in part of the Convention sessions. Unfortunately, Stanley Vaitkus and Andy August couldn't make it, this year. Perhaps next year, boys.

Our Future Plans.

We are arranging a party for our veterans which we hope will take place in November.

A real Lithuanian Play is being talked about, to be held sometime in February. It will be fun planning and presenting it. So let's everyone pitch in and do our very best.

How's that basketball team coming along? We expect action, soon. Come on Team, let's go!!!

Dottie.

LINDEN, N. J.

COUNCIL 113

As summer gives way to autumn, our council readies itself for activities more suitable to this time of year — Gone for awhile are the laughter and splashes of our beach parties; the burned but still tasty hot dogs of our weenie roasts; and those delicious sandwiches (with real meat) at our picnics. These and many more pleasant recollections of a summer well spent will always be with us. But all that is now water over the dam, refusing to give summer a monopoly on our fun and doings, plans are well underway to make our autumn and winter equally enjoyable.

Our Annual Autumn Frolic will be held at Lithuanian Liberty Park, 340 Mitchell Avenue, Linden on Saturday evening, November 23rd, 1946. A popular orchestra has been obtained for this occasion and a very pleasant evening is in store for all who attend.

Linden will enter a men's and girls' team in the N. Y. — N. J. District Bowling League. Joe Krotulis will captain the men's team and Eleanor Laucius Skarl will perform similar duties for the girls' aggregation. This may sound strange, but all indications point to the fact that the girls are showing more interest in bowling than the boys.

Following our October meeting, we will hold a masquerade party and any member that doesn't come in costume will have the chore of cleaning up after the affair is over. An active committee headed by Vera Sharkus is in charge of this affair.

Shavings from an Old Oak.

Two delegates, Marty Pribush and John Tratulis and two guests, Kay Tratulis and Vera Sharkus attended the National Convention in Worcester... All reported a nice time... Kay likes Worcester, but won't tell us his name... Vera says she enjoyed herself because of the MEN there... Marty thinks that Norwood, Mass. is a place of beauty (must be a blonde)... John doesn't say much, but studying road maps that lead to Lewiston, Maine... maybe he likes potatoes... other convention reports have to do with Diamond Hill, Sheraton 173, Siesta Club, and a huge Greyhound Bus that holds 69,000 people... for further information about the bus consult Charles Bason of New Jersey City... Our captivating redhead, Millie Strazdas is back in town after a summer at the seashore... Faces we'd like to see at our meetings: Ann and John Shaltis, Whitey Baker, Ronnie Moros... Our newest member is Eddie Pribush... Stella Leraitis recently celebrated her 7th birthday... Rumor has it that Sally Shukis has

more than a passing interest in Providence, R. I.... Joe Krotulis and his traveling troupe say that Maspeth's Gay 90's Dance was a WOW, see you again folks——

Veranda Vic

Cicero, Ill.

COUNCIL 14

With the summer activities at close, our first fall business meeting was well attended. The following delegates to the 33rd National Convention, held in Worcester, Mass., gave in their reports, which were quite favorable: Misses A. Mockus, V. Miller, L. Mack, G. Zakaras, F. Juravicius and G. Wastak.

The next important item discussed was the Bowling League, which report was handed in by our Manager John Anglickis. The league is in existence as of September 29th. It is encouraging to learn that our council has formed 10 teams. A very enjoyable bowling season is anticipated. Members and friends—pay us a visit at the Hawthorne Bowling Alley—you will enjoy every minute of it.

Our president, Jerry Kasulaitis, member of the Chicago District Building Fund DANCE, reported that the affair held on November 10th, at the Holy Cross Parish auditorium, Chicago, was a huge success, with following celebrities participating: Victor Bender, tenor from "Bloomer Girl"; Al Brazis, baritone — Theatre of the Air, W. G. N.; and Eleanor Kandradas — popular soprano.

At last, we have something to work for — a Youth Center of our own. Your co-operation and loyalty will complete the remodeling of the Center. In the past years, we had very little to show for our efforts. Now, we have realized a building of our own which needs just a few touches. Therefore, members, let's give our District a hand. It is a worthy cause, you will not regret it.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED upon to hold an ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE DANCE. It will take place on Wednesday, November 27th, at the parish hall. Your correspondent has been notified that Tony Stankus is the Chairman of this dance. From past experience, these affairs have been known to be successful. With as much co-operation, if not more, this coming annual affair should surpass all others.

Just a little Gossip!

The correspondent (ay, ay, ess) for the September issue of "V" was pretty close to being correct. Jerry Kasulaitis has not only one bank book, but two, and the day is drawing nearer and nearer. Soon, we all

be having a good old fashioned time!

It has often been repeated that Raymond Eisin, since his marriage, has been in the dark—very much so. Can't understand how Marianne can put up with a condition such as that. However, it appears that Ray is enjoying his stay in the dark, as one can judge from the extra weight he is carrying.

We wonder why Eleanor Kandradas had so much cream on her lips recently at the bowling alleys. Was that whipped cream, or just cold cream?

Pen.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

COUNCIL 12

Another month — another dollar—and here we are again! The fall season teed off with a bang with the Worcester National Convention. Nine of our members took part in the proceedings and came home tired but happy. Yank, Hank and Al caused a furor upon arriving at the Convention. They had everyone believing their story of a crash landing. We found out — four days later — that they had actually come up by train. (Should we forgive 'em for that?)— Anita Hibbins, Brenda Bell, Elizabeth Banunis and Stella Kaulius represented the Charm Section of C-12, while Steve Montvidas, George and Al Yatkauskas, Hank Kolesk and Johnny Bell made up the Wolf Patrol.

Two belle mam'selles from Cicero's "atomic" council spent the week following the Convention in New York; and the boys are still walking around suffering from the radiation. We hope you enjoyed New York, Grace and Lorraine!

Stella Kaulius spent the week following the Convention taking a rest at her uncle's farm in Brockton, Mass. 'Tis rumored, though, that 'twas more heart interest than rest than interested Stella during her stay in Brockton. Gonna' tell us, Stella?

Our September Social was honored with the presence of the New York-New Jersey District Choir. Bouquets are in order for Ann Garbincius, Milly Paskacimas, Johnny Lavitski and Frank Samulenas for an entertaining evening.

Hank Kolesk found his dancing feet at the "Amerika" picnic under the influence of the wonderful music and an equally lovely blonde. Our other Hank — Hank Bunis —wasted no time in cutting in. Those two not only share the same name but the same taste in femininity!

The crooners and warblers of C-12

will now have an opportunity to do their stuff since we installed our new amplifying system. The Dinah Stores and Frank Sinatras of the Lodge can thank Johnny Bell and cohorts for the installation. — While on the subject of singing, a great many people don't realize what a wonderful voice our own Johnny Lavitski has. Just ask him to give with a rendition of "Rose Marie." 'Tis wonderful. — And Ann Garbincius, one of our newest members, short, cut and curvaceous, can be classed as a Lithuanian Carmen Miranda. She can put more life into a song than Betty Hutton.

Further on the subject of voices, many of our boys participated in the ceremony at the New York Veterans' Banquet, in which event C-12 had an active part. You will be hearing from our Men's Chorus soon over the radio and in recordings. They really enjoy singing, and went on to prove it by their whoopin' 'n hollerin' at Maspeth's Gay Nineties Dance. This dance following the National Convention was a perfect climax. A lot of the gang who were at the Convention also turned out for this dance.

A new countersign for the club has been developed by Eddie Samulenas, and it is fast growing in popularity among the boys in the club. The National Convention probably thought the boys crazy—but that's the countersign — so help us!

Two of our gals were seen all wrapped up in conversation with a couple of boys from Brooklyn. How's about getting them into the club, Eleanor? After all, that's what the Brooklyn Bridge was built for you know!

Hank Bunis changed back to khaki suits again, and it's now First Lieutenant Henry Bunis of the United States Army, presently down in Kentucky. Good Luck, Hank!

The Council's Communion Breakfast for the Advent season is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th, when all members will receive Holy Communion in a body at the eleven o'clock High Mass.

For your list of things to remember:

—Keep your date books open for November 30th 'cause that's the date of C-12's Gala "Mardi Gras" Nite. The joints will be rocking that night with polkas, congas and jivey jumps. Come early and stay late! It'll be **Droop-Snoops**

the last dance before Advent, and remembered throughout Advent. So, it's a date — New York on November 30th.

Thanksgiving



The American Legion joins all other Americans today in giving thanks that Thanksgiving Day, 1946, will be a day of peace.



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MASPETH, N. Y.

COUNCIL 110

The Maspeth Gay Nineties Dance was a real success! We apologize for not having a much larger hall, but then the people were much closer together and really were socialable. Thanks from Maspeth to all the Councils that attended and helped to make the dance a memorable event.

The fishermen of the Maspeth Council are still at it, but are not doing enough to ease the present meat Shortage (or is there one).

We all wonder what went on in Worcester. Our delegate had nothing to report to me for general publication. The fun side must have been all right because a week later we still found a couple of delegates from Cicero down at our dance.

We saw Al Grey the other day. You all should know he is happily married and still on his honeymoon. May it last for another century. His sister, Millie, is also happily married and that only leaves Vic who just returned from California where he enjoyed the scenery and beautiful (ahem) weather.

And then we must mention the Dinner Dance at Jersey City. Maspeth was well represented. Pat Perillo wore a lovely white gown that made quite a few of the boys sit up and take notice; and, Jean Wezwick, with a very daring dark creation de-

signed by herself. Completing the party were Helen Yocis, Jules Kleizo and John Augustinas. Yes, we all had a good time, especially in that corner table.

Don Julio.

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 116

The monthly meeting for October was well attended. Due to the absence of our president, E. Vaskas, Miss Irene Kersis presided. Reports on both the National and District Conventions were read by the delegates. The approximate attendance to the convention held here was 1275 — a wonderful representation of Lithuanian-American Youth. It was a great Convention. Much was accomplished.

With the old business well taken care of, plans went forth for future activities. At present the "Sports Tomboa" (raffle) held to benefit the council's building and charity funds holds the limelight and is going over with a bang. Exemotional prizes are being offered:

1. All-expense trip to New York, including two tickets to the Notre-Dame—Army Football Game at Yankee Stadium, Nov. 9, 1946.

2. All-expense trip to Philadelphia, Temple Game at Temple Field Nov. 23, 1946.

3. All-expense trip to Boston, including two tickets to Holy Cross-

cluding two tickets to Holy-Cross-Boston College game at Fenway Park, Nov. 30, 1946.

4. Two tickets to Holy Cross-Colgate Football Game at Fitton Field, Worcester, November 9, 1946.

5. Official American League Baseball autographed by Boston Red Sox players.

Ellen Kasheta and Stan Karsok are our next month's delegates to the Federation meeting.

Joseph Averka was a guest of ours, recently. He gave a short talk on reasons why each and everyone should register and vote.

So, Worcester "Newsettes".

Wedding Bells are joyously pealing for many of our Knights and Ladies—Rita Tamulevich and Charles Zvalionis, a Westfield chap, exchanged nuptial vows October 12th—a most lovely bride was Rita! Tillie Kersis and Al Zavorskas "marched down the aisle" October 26th. Best of luck and happiness to you all—may you find your new venture in life truly a happy one.

Helen Dusavage left October 14th to return to the Srs. of St. Casimir Convent in Chicago to resume her studies for the Sisterhood. Helen has 14 months to her credit at the convent. May God guide you in this glorious work, Helen.

Joseph Boley, the newly-elected president of the Supreme Council, visited a few members here after the convention. His visit was a business one and everyone was pleased to see him.

One bright spot at Fitton Field is the cheering of the Balukonis and Kalunas Sisters who try to make every game, rain or shine.

Ray Luce and his wife (Ann Kuzmickas) were at the last meeting. It is so gratifying to see them back with us. We sincerely hope more of our young married members will return to the meetings and resume their activity in the council.

"Murzie."

PITTSBURGH, PA.

COUNCIL 62

Your correspondent was busy getting prepared for the National Convention, last month. For that reason little time was left to report on our council activities.

Last month, Kay Rozger, a former member of our council, visited us. It was good to see her.

The picnic held at North Park, recently, was most successful not only in attendance but quite profitable. After the picnic the majority stopped at the school for a few games of ping-pong. The Rozger-brother combination was very hard to beat. Some fancy playing was displayed.

The appointed committee for our

Masquerade Party, held on October 29th, consisted of: Nell Rozger, Helen Palecki, Ann Grazulis, Alberta Sestokas and Ann Markonis. A more detailed report will follow in the next issue.

We're certainly living up to the rules of our constitution — our members not only supported our parish BAZAAR, but gave a helping hand in order to make it a successful affair.

We've heard of people bowling gutter balls, but you should see Helen and Nell land themselves in the gutter!

A hearty welcome is extended to our newest member — "Dutch" Sipp. We ought to get a few more energetic members, like "Dutch" — then our council would be even more active.

Bunny.

NEWARK, N. J.

COUNCIL 29

Our monthly meeting held in October, saw another banner attendance. Among those present was Rev. Kelmelis, our spiritual advisor — who praised our council for the generous donation given the parish, recently. He also urged us to keep up the good work, as in the past.

Frank Vaskas, gave a report on the 33rd National Convention held in Worcester. Other delegates, also added a few words to the report.

Our council be represented in the district's bowling league, with four teams: 3 male and 1 female.

Following are welcomed into the K. of L. ranks: Eugene Lewis, Bill Morris and George Putvinski. A social hour followed the meeting.

SOCIALS and SPORTS

At long last, the wedding of John Bieksha and Nell Valentine was realized, on October 6th. A goodly crowd was present at Holy Trinity Church to see Rev. I. Kelmelis perform the knot-tying ceremony. The reception was held at St. George's Hall. Many out-of-towners were present — Bill Klimas and his wife, Larry Svelnis and Bunny from Pittsburgh, also Charlie Bason, the district's president. In all, it appeared like a big K. of L. get-together!

Our intro-council bowling league has commenced its activity. There is a "roll off" every Friday night at 8 o'clock. Anyone who wishes to join this group, see Richard Lallasher or Vera Lang.

Looks like "Hilly" K. finally has come out of her hiding place. She attended our October meeting.

Belated birthday greetings to Bunny of Smokey City!

NATIONAL CONVENTION DOTS and DASHES...

Until other hills are found, Diamond St. will take first prize as far as delegates and guests are concerned.

The Mystery Ride certainly lived up to its name. You should ask the New York and New Jersey District delegates about it!

Frank Vaskas disappeared for a while Saturday evening — rumor has it that he was at the State Convention of the Massachusetts Republicans.

Question of the day: How can 69,000 people get into one bus? All answers may be mailed directly to Charles Bason.

Our delegates wish to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to the folks at whose homes they were quartered during the Convention. The people were most hospitable.

We wonder if Vera from Linden was ever a member of a track team! You should have seen her sprint for the taxi on Sunday night, shortly after the banquet.

Lorraine and Grace of Cicero, had some time of it, while sojourning in the East.

So, ended another Convention. It sure was good to meet old friends of former conventions, again! Next convention to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., host: Council 3.

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Veterans are organizing

A group of veterans, claimed to be the only Lithuanian American group in the state of New Jersey, have organized a Post.

Anthony V. Washkewich, 61 Napoleon Street, Newark, New Jersey, chairman of this group, has announced that the Post at its recent meeting has passed a resolution to endeavor to establish a Lithuanian American veterans organization throughout the United States. He is asking all veteran groups and veterans of all the states to communicate with him on the question of holding a national organized group meeting in the near future.

Membership in this New Jersey Post of which Jack J. Stukas and John Arloff are the other members of the committee, is limited to Lithuanians and those of Lithuanian parentage. The Post is holding its 1st Annual Military Ball and Reception on January 11, 1947 at St. George's Hall, Newark, New Jersey.



PIRMOSIOS AMERIKIEČIŲ LIETUVIŲ GENTKARTĖS PROBLEMAS

Labai sunku nutiesti teisingą liniją tarp tų, kurie priklauso prie taip vadinamosios pirmosios amerikiečių lietuvių gentkartės ir tų, kurie nepriklauso. Neatsižvelgiant amžiaus, bene teisingiausia būtų priskaityti pirmajai Amerikos lietuvių kartai tuos, kurie gimė Jungtinėse Valstybėse iš lietuvių tėvų ir tuos, kurie atvežti čia dar kūdikių amžiuje.

Įvairių mokyklų auklėtojai ir psichologai sako, kad jei jiems būtų pavesta kūdikių ligi dvylikos metų amžiaus švietimo ir auklėjimo kontrolė, tai tokių kūdikių ateitis žymia dalim priklausytų to auklėjimo, kokį jie būtų gavę pirmais dvylika metų savo amžiaus.

Nesigilindami į klausimą berniukų ir mergaičių, kuriems teko gyventi namie ir atlikinėti savo tėvų įprastus darbus, mums reiktų susipažinti su tais klausimais, kokius tenka rišti abiejų lyčių jaunuoliams, kurių gyvenimas jau turi, ar dar turės ateityje kokią nors įtaką į lietuvių gyvenimą Jungtinėse Valstybėse.

Mokslinimosi atžvilgiu mūsų jaunuoliai yra taip pat gabūs ir pasižymi mokyklose, kaip ir bet kurios kitos tautos jaunimas šitame krašte. Jau įprasta skaityti laikraščiuose apie mūsų vaikus ir merginas, atsižymėjusius mokyklose ir gavusius pagyrimus ar stipendijas. Scranton, Pennsylvania, mokyklų superintendentas Dr. John H. Dyer pirm kelerių metų sakė šių žodžių autoriui, kad p-lė Evelina Janušaitytė buvo viena iš gabiausių mokinių, kokias jam kada nors buvo tekę sutikti. Princeton ir Yale universitetai yra davę stipendijas Rimavičiui ir Juodeikai. Mes turime atsižymėjusių studentų West Pointe, vienintelėje Jungtinių Valstybių Tado Kastiuškos įsteigtoje karo akademijoje, būtent: Juozas Remus iš Pennsylvania valstybės, ir Stankevičius iš Connecticut valstybės, pastarasis yra taip jau sekančių metų futbolo komandos kapitonas. Jungtinių Valstybių jūro akademijoje Annapolis turime keletą atsižymėjusių lietuvių studentų. Minėtini jų tarpe Moncevičius, Bagdonas, ir Daunis.

Man rodos, mūsų dėmesis jau atkreiptas į Amerikos lietuvių atsiekimus sporto srityje. Aš čia teminėsiu keletą vardų, būtent: p-lė Albina Osipavičiūtė iš Worcester, Mass., gavusi dovanas Olimpiadoje, Jack Sharkey-Žukauskas, buvęs pasaulio čempionas boksininkas; keletas lietuvių yra įvairiuose pirmaeiluose universitetuose atletos komandų kapitonas ir daug jų yra universitetų įvairių sporto profesijos organizacijose dalyviais.

Ką visa tai reiškia? Pirmučiausia tai parodo ypatingai gražias mūsų žmonių savybes. Gauti Jungtinių Valstybių universitetuose stipendijas

ir pasižymėti atletikoje reiškia būti gabetesniu už kitus oponentus, to paties siekiančius. Šitai pasiekama atvirose lenktynėse, prisilaikant visų taisyklių ir laimint pagal tikrais sporto idealais ir tikslais.

Kas žino, kiek tiems jaunuoliams reikia kliūčių įveikti, gali tikrai stebėtis jų ištverme ir darbštumu. Mūsų senesnė gentkartė, tų jaunuolių tėvai, dažniausiai netik neįvertina jų pastangų, bet ne kartą stengiasi juos atkalbinti, pajuokdami juos už aktingą dalyvavimą toje srityje, kuri, kaip gyvenimas parodo, suteikė Jungtinių Valstybių lietuviams daug garbės. Pirm dvidešimties metų kai kurie mūsų "intelligentai", sužinoję kurį nors mūsų jaunuolių dalyvaujant savo mokyklos sporte, rūpindavosi pasimatyti su tokio sportininko tėvais ir nurodyti jiems, kaip tai esą kvaila leisti vaikui gaišinti laiką tokiems žaislams. Jie nedaug težiņojo, kaip buvo sunku mokiniui ir be tokių kliūčių iš tėvų ir savo šeimos pusės dalyvauti mokyklos sporte.

Galimas daiktas, kad ir dabar dar yra tokių mūsų vadų, kurie mano, jog tos rūšies veikla yra tiktai laiko gaišinimas. Reiktų jų paklausti, kokia gi yra pagrindinė idealizmo dvasia tokių žmonių, kaip Darius su Girėnu? Ar ne aišku, jog teisingo žaismo ir pasiaukojimo supratimas, ko ir mokoma Amerikos atletikoje, ir yra atvaizduotas tų mūsų didvyrių siekimuose. Parodykite mums kitą mūsų darbuotoją ar lyderį, kurs pasižymėjo tokia pat pasiaukojimo dvasia, kokią parodė pirm laiko žuvęs kapitonas Darius!

Mūsų pirmoji Amerikos lietuvių gentkartė jau įrodė savo tėvams ir apskritai Amerikos gyventojams, kad joje yra tikrai sveiko vyriškumo ir moteriškumo savybės. Tačiau Amerikos lietu-

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LITHUANIAN RULERS AIM TO END CHURCH

THE PILOT — diocesan newspaper published in Boston, printed following news item.

Washington. Death by slow strangulation is the aim of the policy pursued by the Communist rulers of Lithuania toward the Catholic Church in that Baltic country, which is almost hermetically sealed off from the western world.

Soviet methods used in the progress of gradually and deliberately eliminating religious life in an overwhelmingly Catholic country were described here by Rev. Joseph Koncius, president of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, who has just returned from a 10-month tour of western Europe to study the displaced persons problem.

Fr. Koncius obtained information on present religious conditions in Lithuania from travelers who succeeded during recent months in leaving that country and reaching the American and British zones of occupation in western Germany.

viai neturi tuo pasitenkinti. Prieš mus yra dar milžiniškas uždavinys, kurį turime išspręsti, jei norime, kad suminėti atsiekimai nešty mums tikrą naudą. Beveik visur vyresnė Amerikos lietuvių karta yra susirūpinusi, kad mūsų pirmoji arba jaunoji Amerikos lietuvių karta nedalyvauja Lietuvos reikaluose. Kieno čia kaltė? Kas padaryta jiems pritraukti, jiems padrašinti, kas bandė paduoti jiems ranką ir pasveikinti pirmąją Amerikos lietuvių gentkartę? Ščia ir yra mūsų problema. Mums tenka gyvai susirūpinti, kad senesnė karta, taip čia Amerikoje, taip ir Lietuvoj turėtų progos suįdominti ją Lietuvos reikalais pirma, negu visa tai jau bus pervėlu.

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The picture provided by these travelers reveals a familiar pattern: Those presently holding power in Lithuania allow a certain number of churches to remain open and priests to carry out their spiritual functions inside the church. This is, then, presented as "proof" of the existence of "religious freedom."

Ruthless Suppression.

But there is, at the same time, the most ruthless suppression of any form of Catholic activity in the social and welfare field. There is no religious education in the schools. The Catholic press has been stamped out. Training of future priests is made impossible. Even children's sodalities are forbidden.

Catholic priests, laymen and women who are merely suspected of attempting to revive Catholic Action in any form simply disappear, Fr. Koncius was told. Nobody knows what has happened to them. They may be dead. They may be held in prison for what is called "investigation" by the secret police. They may have been deported to Siberia, like the 60,000 Lithuanians who met that fate in 1941, when Lithuania was occupied for the first time by the Soviets.

Deported to Russia.

The number of those who have been deported to remote parts of Russia since 1944, when Lithuania was again occupied by the Red Army, is estimated at 100,000. There are many reports that even children have been taken from their parents under the pretext of giving them a vacation in a "recreation camp." There they are subjected to fierce Communist indoctrination.

Three Catholic Bishops-Archbishop M. Reinys of Vilna, Bishop Teophil Matulionis of Kaišedorys, and Bishop F. Ramanauskas of Telsiai—are still in Lithuania, but they have no means of communicating with the Holy See because the Soviets have cut off all contact with the outside world.

Three other Bishops-Archbishop Joseph Skvireckas of Kaunas; his Auxiliary, Bishop Vincent Brizgys; and Bishop Vincent Padolskis, Auxiliary of Vilkaviskis — who had been deported by the Nazis in 1944 are now in the American zone of occupation in Germany and Austria.

Two Bishops died in 1945: Archbishop Francis Karevicius, who was domiciled at Marijampole, and Archbishop Antanas Karosas of Vilkaviskis.

Cling to Religion.

No one knows how long the presently tolerated limited religious practice will continue to exist, Fr. Koncius said. But experiences in other

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countries under Soviet domination teach a sad lesson, he added.

The Lithuanian people cling to their religion as the only remaining source of strength. No foreign relief agencies, not even the International Red Cross, are allowed to function in Lithuania. The young men are being drafted into the Red Army others are in hiding and have joined the forces of the underground that is still in existence, Fr. Koncius was informed.

Taking the place of those who have been deported to Siberia or are filling the displaced persons camps in western Europe are thousands of Russians who have been brought from the interior of the Soviet empire. Many of them have taken Lithuanian names and are the backbone of the Communist regime, which dominates all forms of political, social, and cultural life. Conditions are similar in the other two Baltic republics taken over by the Russians: Latvia and Estonia, Fr. Koncius said.

Membership

DUES ARE DUE: The goal of the Financial Secretary's Department is 100 per cent renewal of members and subscribers by January 1st. Early collection of dues assures us of this accomplishment.

Is your council financial secretary busy these days following out this idea? Only paid-up members may be assured that there will be NO interruption to his or her subscription to VYTIS. Not only should we set up our renewals early in the year, but also our membership committees should be definitely making their plans for the promotion of new members, and in continuing to greet our VETERANS BACK to our councils.

If we are to reach our goal, we cannot be lax in our job.

All dues are to be mailed forthwith to Louise Totilas, 18 Montrose St., Worcester 4, Mass.

Secretaries

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

Supreme Ritual Committee

Anthony J. Young
35 Hunnewell Ave.
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Let's Get An Early Start

1947 Membership Drive is just around the corner. Councils should form membership committees now.

From last year's report, we find that the councils that were properly organized for the drive before it began, were the ones that lead the race and finished among the leaders. They met or exceeded their quotas.

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DRAMA

Every year each council of the K. of L. presents numerous plays and

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Lithuania is known as a nation of songs and the Lithuanian youth being musically inclined, finds a great need for choirs and glee clubs. The K. of L. provides its members a splendid setting for coordination in musical ventures.

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