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Pavasaris sugrįžo į senąją mūsų tēvynę. Laukuose ir giriose ten skamba paukščių giesmē, ir laukinės žąsys ilga virtine lekia į šiaurės

kiraštą.

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Jei tu žengtum per mūsų tēvų žemēs laukus, tu eitum paukščių dainoje, pievų žydējime ir

drungnuose vējuose.

Bernardas Brazdžionis

Pavasario Žinia

Aš ieškojau pavasario žemēj, Aš ieškojau keliuos debesų, O kaip buvo ten liūdna, sutemę, O taip buvo sunku ir tamsu.

Ir pragydo praskrisdamas paukštis Pro laukus, pro miškus, pro mane: Aš nešu tavo šaukiamą džiaugsmą, Aš pavasario tavo žinia.

Ir prašneko upelis prie kelio, Ir pabudo gēlē pakely, Ir pražydo žilvičio šakelē Kovo saulēs šiltam spinduly.

Ir širdis ēmē džiaugtis kaip vaikas, šypsant samanai miško žaliai, — Ak, nejau tai pavasario laikas, Ar, daina, ne anksti pakilai?..

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Ir gegužyje sninga ir šąla, Ir gegužyje krinta ledai, Bet nevys, radę saulētą salą, Tavo šviesūs svajonių žiedai.

Jie tēvų žemēs švies atminimalis Ir lielijom ir tulpēm žydēs, Ir širdis ves tave, nenurimus, Lig pirmosios tēvynēs žvaigždēs. Dangus ten būtų toks pat žydras ir vyturēlio čirenimas toksai pat kaip kadaise, ir alyvos šaka tokia pat kvepianti, kaip anomis dienomis.

Visa tai būtų su tavimi, — ir pievų žiedai, ir

paukščių daina, ir juoda tēviškēs žemē.

Bet tave lydētų begalinis liūdesys, sielvartas ir siaubas.

Tavo širdis skaudētų ir nerimtų, nes žinotumei, kad eini per vergų žemę.

Tūkstančius metų laisvēj ir garbēj gyvenęs. šiandien lietuvis yra vergas, be teisēs, be globos. be įstatymų apsaugos, be šviesos.

Geležiniais pirštais jį apgniaužė ir dusina tironas, tautų smaugėjas, piktas, žiaurus ir naikinantis.

Tasai grobuonis prislēgē visą kraštą ir visus senosios mūsų tautos žmones, — vyrus, moteris, senelius ir vaikus. Jisai juos spaudžia, apstatinėja šnipais, meta į kalējimus, gyvuliniuose vagonuose veža iš gimtosios žemēs.

Rūsti ateitis niūkso prieš lietuvį. Guldamas savo pastogėje, jis nežino, kurią naktį bus pažadintas, išplėštas iš savo šeimos, ištremtas lėtai mirčiai ar pastatytas prieš žudiką. Taip naktis po nakties, diena po dienos mūsų brolių ir seserų eilės retėja, ir jų vietoj prie gražiųjų mūsų upių ir ežerų, miestų gatvėse vis dažnesni rodosi rusiškų burliokų snukiai.

Ne šimtais, ne tūkstančiais, bet šimtais tūkstančių sudėjo žmonių auką senoji mūsų tēvynė, ir to dejonių ir kruvinos kelionės galo vis nematyti.

Ir taip viena po kiitos sodybos liekasi tuščios. Užgesta namų židinys, užgesta laisvų mūsų protēvių įkurtoji kibirkštis, ir nerūksta tēviškēs dūmas. Ten, kur nuo amžių lietuviškas žodis skambėjo, jau susimeta atėjūnai, svetimi ir niekingi žmonės.

Ir toli, nuslēpta pasigirsta rauda — mūsų tēvų, mūsų brolių, mūsų artimųjų širdies skundas dēl užgesintos senelių židinio ugnies, dēl sumindžiotų laisvēs ir šviesos dienų, dēl žudomos senosios mūsų tautos.

Tai rauda ir valitoja tauta, tavo tēvų žemē, žiloji visų mūsų motina. Ji verkia ir tiesia išvargusias savo rankas, — tiesia jas į žmones, į šviesą, į užtarimą.

Jei tu šiandien eitum žieduota tēvų žemēs lanka, pro paukščių giesmes, pro vergų aimaną, pro tremiamųjų širdgelą tu išgirstum ir tąją laisvēs raudą.

Tada tu suprastum, kad giliali tosios tautos širdyje dega laisvēs ugnis, kurios neužpūs joki vējai ir nuežgniauš joki tironai.

Tautos širdis plaka laisva. Ir alteis valanda, kada toji kibirkštis įsiliepsnos į galisrą ir sudegins tironijos varžtus.

Tauta vēl kelsis ir eis llaisva ir šviesi.

A. Vaičiulaitis.

Kan. Juozas Tumas - Vaižgantas

Kanauninkas Juozas Tumas Vaižgantas buvo vienas iš didžiųjų Lietuvos rašytojų, šviesi ir vaizdinga asmenybė, nenuilstamas veikėjas.

Nors šiemelt suējo 15 metų nuo jo mirities, bet jo atminimas, jo darbai ir asmuo tebēra toki gyvi, lyg jis dar tebebūtų su mumis, kurie ji pažinojome.

Kan. Juozas Tumas buvo gimęs 1869 m. Svedasų parapijoje. Išėjęs gimnaziją, jisai stojo į Kauno kunigų seminariją, pildydamas savo motinos įžadą — išleisti savo sūnų kuniguosna, kadangi jis buvo gimęs šv. Panelės šventėje.

Jaunas, be galo gyvas klierikas seminarijoje iškilo į pirmaeilius veikėjus savo aplinkoje. Nesitenkindamas seminarijos sienomis, jisai netrukus ēmē rašinēti į lietuvių laikraščius Prūsuose, iš pradžių korespondencijas, o vėliau pereidamas į vaizdelius.

Talip visam gyvenimui jisai priprato prie spaudos darbo.

Spauda ir kiti darbai

Baigusį seminariją ir įšventintą į kunigus mes jį matome iš parapijos, kur jis vikaravo, organizuojant knygų ir laikraščių kontrabandą ir dar labiau pasineriant į spaudą: jisai jau "Tēvynēs Sargo" redaktorius. Savo amžiuje jisai yra redagavęs nemaža kitų laikraščių, kurių tarpe ir mokslinių žurnalų.

Bedirbant laikraščiuose, kan. Juozui Tumui atsirado nemaža publicistikos straipsnių. Vėliau iš jų sudarė jisai pirmuosius keturis savo raštų tomus.

Kan. Juozo Tumo gyvenimas buvo margas ir judrus. Jisai dalyvavo visose draugijose, kurių tikslai buvo naudingi, ir visuose suvažiavimuose, kurie galėjo padėti mūsų tautos, visuomenės ir kultūros aukštesniam pakilimui. Drauge jisai buvo kunigas be priekaištų, vienas iš mėgstamiausių visame krašte. Žmonės iš tollimų parapijų, iš visos Lietuvos važiuodavo į Vytauto Didžiojo bažnyčią Kaune, kad galėtų pasižiūrėti į tą baltaplaukį, raudonveidį ir amžinai gyvą, giedrų kunigą, kuris traukė visų širdis.

Nemaža kan. Juozas Tumas buvo atsidējęs mokslui — lietuvių literatūros istorijai. Kauno universitetas buvo jį pakvietęs destyti lietuvių literatūros. Jisai buvo studentų labai megstamas, per jo paskaitas auditorija visados būdavo prisigrūdus. Tų paskaitų vaisius, tarp kitų, buvo ir eilė knygų apie lietuvių rašytojus. Iš šių veikalų stambesnės yra kan. J. Tumo studijos apie Maironį, Baranauską, Vienažindį ir būrį kitų lietuvių rašytojų ar veikėjų.

Lietuvių literatūroje kan. Juozas Tumas Valižgantas yra minimas kaip "Pragiedrulių", "Dē-



Kan. Juozas Tumas-Vaižgantas

džių ir Dėdienių" ir kiltų apysakų autorius. Taip pat labai branginamas jo trumpesnis apsakymas "Rimai ir Nerimai".

"Pragiedruliai"

"Pragiedruliuose" Vaižgantas mums parodo, kaip lietuvių tauta kovojo dėl kultūros rusų priespaudos laikais, kada spauda buvo uždrausta. Aplink tą kultūros kovą rašytojas sutelkia eilę nepaprastai gyvų asmenų ir šviesių gamtos vaizdų. "Pragiedruliai" išeina ne tik kultūrinės kovos, bet bemaž viso Lietuvos gyvenimo paveikslas anomis dienomis. Tame paveiksle mes matome Lietuvą ir mistišką, dainų ir pasakų kraštą, bet drauge ir praktišką, pritapusią prie kasdieninės realybės. Iš knygos lapų prieš mus iškyla šaunūs gamtos vaizdai, kurie, nei koks kerėjimas, ilgai neatstoja nuo mūsų, kai užverčiame knygos lapus. Ne be reikalo Vaižgantas taip didžiai mylėjo gamtą. Mes ten neužmirštamai su-

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siduriame su ištisa virtine žmonių, atstovaujančių bemaž visus ne taip sudētingos mūsų ano meto visuomenės sluoksnius: ten rasim ir daktarų, ir kunigų, ir vaistininką, ir studentą, ir kaimiečius, ir dvaro ponus, ir vaikus. Ir visi jie toki ryškūs, toki gyvi, pasakytume — vaižgantiški, saulės spindulio nuskaidrinti. Kas galės užmiršti anų dviejų žydų paveikslus, arba tevelio, arba motutės, kuri su tokia pagarba melisdamosi puola prie tos juodos žemės.

Gražias kitų knygų vietas Vaižgantas vadindavo deimančiukais. Tokių deimančiukų iš jo "Pragiedrulių" galetum semtis rieškučiomis, — ir jų čia visų nesuminėsi, lygilai kaip neapsakysi tos šilumos, tos didelės širdies, to skaidraus gyvumo, kurio pilna "Pragiedrulių" lapuose.

"Dēdēs ir Dēdienēs"

"Dēdēs ir Dēdienēs" mus veda dar į tolesnes dienas, jau bemaž prieš šimtą metų, kada Lietuvos krašte dar buvo baudžiava. Tais paskutiniais baudžiavos metais Vaižgantas parodo tokį gražų ir gilų gamtos, meilės ir kasdieninės buities paveikslą, kad viisa apysaka yra vienas iš gražiausių kūrlinių lietuvių literatūroje, o kompozicijos atžvilgiu — patsai suglausčiausias, geriausiai sudarytas Vaižganto veikalas. Kai kurie gamtos paveikslai toje knygoje yra toki stiprūs, jog jie net pralenkia vieną ar kitą pasaulinio garso aprašymą panašia tema. Čia turime galvoje artojo paveikslą, kada jisai su galingu šauksmu, varydamas jaučius, paskui žagrę pasi-

rodo iš anapus kalvos, arba tą "gamtos žiogą" Mykoliuką, kuris sprunka į vienatvę savo nenusisekusios meilės apdainuoti, čirpindamas smuiku vis tą pačią melodiją.

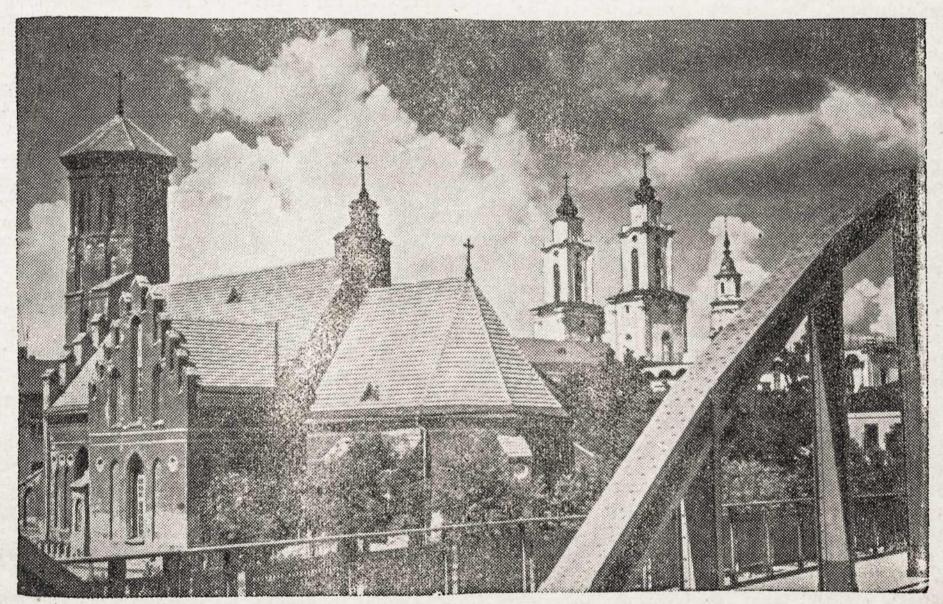
"Rimai ir Nerimai"

"Rimai ir Nerimai" yra trumpesnē apysaka iš pereito karo dienų, vaizduojanti dvi lietuvių šeimas, tų šeimų narius, jų panašumus ir išsiskyrimus, pagaliau bendrą nelaimę, kuri šeimas vēl suvienija. Vaižgantas karo audrų šešēlyje "Rimuose ir Nerimuose" papasakoja ir nepaprastai komiškų scenų. Ši apysaka įsidēmētina dar tuo, kad parašyta labai suglaustai, nekrypstant į pašalinius atsitikimus, kaip tai Vaižgantas mēgsta daryti "Pragiedruliuose". Kompozicijos požiūriu yra tai tobuliausias jo kūrinys.

Vaižgantas yra parašęs dar eilę stambesnių apysakų kaip "Šeimos vēžiai", "Nebylys", "Žemaičių Robinzonas". Be to, yra palikęs kelionių aprašymų, smulkesnių vaizdų, allegorijų, kalbų, iš kurių keletas yra su didžiu dvasios pakillimu pasakytų, kaip "Vaikai eina tēvynēs gintų". Tai viena iš gražiausių kalbų lietuviškuose raštuose.

Iš viso Vaižganto palikta 20 tomų raštų. Jisai mirė 1933 m. ballandžio 29 d. ir palaidotas Kaune.

Jo asmuo, darbai ir saulēs šviesos nužerti jo kūriniai šiandien mums tebēra toki gyvi, nepamainomi ir širdžiai artimi, kaip ir anomis dienomis, kada žavintis Vaižganto asmuo buvo mūsų tarpe.



Vytauto Didžiojo bažnyčia Kaune, kurioje ilgą laiką klebonavo kan. Juozas Tumas Vaižgantas.

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Apžvalga

K. R. Jurgēlos "History of the Lithuanian Nation"

Dabar anglų kalba turime dvi geras Lietuvos istorijas. Pirmoii buvo Thomas Chase "The Story of Lithuania". Pat šių metų pradžioje išėjo K. R. Jurgėlos istorija anglų kalba. Pastaroji yra platesnė už Chase knygą ir iš viso turi 544 pusl.

"History of Lithuanian Nation" gražiai išleista, kaip paprastai knygos Amerikoje, ir yra gausiai iliustruota. Autorius savo knygą baigia su Lietuvos nepriklausomybės karais, bet paskutiname skyriuje trumpai peržvelgia ir tarpukario politinius įvykius Lietuvoje bei jos santykius su kitais kraštais.

K. R. Jurgēla sakosi, kad savo knygoje ne viską lygiai plačiai yra apēmes. Jis daugiausia susitelikē ties tais Lietuvos praeities įvykiais, kurie propagandistu buvo iškreipti veikaluose, pasirodžiusiuose anglų kalba. Tačiau skaitant tai neišsimuša iš bendro plano, ir mes turime pilną, nuodugnų Lietuvos praeities vaizdą nuo pat žilos senovēs. Taip pereinam per pirmuosius lietuvių tautos istorijos lapus, susitinkame su didžiąja Lietuvos valstybe viduriniais amžiais, matome jos kunigaikščius ir kitus žymius vyrus, stebime Žalgirio mūši, įvairių luomų kilimą, kultūrines atmainas, Kražių skerdynes, pereito amžiaus sukilimus, tautinį stiprėjimą, laisvos Lietuvos atstatymą. Susiduriame ir su daugel kitų įvairios ir turtingos mūsų tēvų žemēs praeities bruožų.

K.R. Jurgēla yra surinkęs daug medžiagos iš visokių dokumentų ir raštų. Visa tai jis suliejo į šiltą, kruopštų ir įdomų Lietuvos praeities paveikslą.

Komunizmui šimtas metu

1848 metais Karolis Marksas paskelbē "Komunistų Manifestą".

Tai buvo pirmas viešas komunizmo išējimas i pasaulį. Vēliau tas pat Marksas komunizmą išdestē kaip politinę ir ekonominę doktriną savo "Kapitale".

šioji doktrina, paremta partijos diktatūra, per šimtą metų išaugo į milžiną, kuris graso visam pasauly laisvų kraštų gyvenimui. Daugelyje šalių šiandien vienintelis mokslas tēra tasai, kuris išplaukia iš Markso, Engelso, Kauckio, Lenino ar Stalino nuostatų.

Vartodamas aklos jēgos priemones, visą žmonių gyvenimą pavergdamas geležinei partijos diktatūrai, komunizmas mūsų amžiuje, ypač paskutiniais metais, labai prasiveržē ir užkariavo naujus plotus. Tačiau tame aklame jēgos ir priespaudos garbinime, visiškoje diktatūroje glūdi ir komunizmo kirminas, kuris jį pagrauš: plika jēga, kumščio ir teroro valdymas greičiau išsieikvoja, pats save ēda, pats savyje nešioja savo pražūtį, nes yra priešingas žmonių prigimčiai. Ištisų tautų jokia jēga negalēs išlaikyti smurte, terore, diktatūroj, koncentracijos lageriuose. Tos tautos savaime sieks laisvēs ir išsprogdins komunizmo sistemos varžtus, sykiu pakirs ir patį komunizmą, kuris, kaip kiekvienas smurto sąjūdis, šiandien randa savo pasekējų net ir laisvose šalyse.

Triukšmas apie "Kryžius"

Vokietijoje pernai rudenį pasirodė Vinco Ramono knyga "Kryžiai".

šiame romane autorius vaizduoja prieškarinius metus Lietuvoje ir pirmąją bolševik nę okupaciją. Jis aprašo kaimą ir vyriausiu asmeniu pastato turtingą ūkininką Kreivēną.

Šis Kreivēnas kaip tik ir bus ano triukšmo centras. Mat, jis yra kaimo ateistas. Autorius knygoje išveda, kokie yra to ateizmo vaisiai: nelegalus Kreivēno sūnus Giružis nueina su komunistais ir padeda Lietuvą kryžiuoti. Iš čia ir pagrindinē veikalo idēja, parodanti, kur glūdi tikrosios lietuvių komunistų šaknys, kas jiems dirvą paruošē.

Ta pagrindinė "Kryžių" mintis ir yra viso

triukšmo priežastis.

šiaip "Kryžiai" yra parašyti gyvai, įdomūs skaityti, pilni stiprių ir vaizdžių išsireiškimų ir turi gabiai supintus dialogus.

Adomas Jakštas

Šiemet vasario mēnesio 19 d. suējo dešimt metų, kai Kaune mirē Adomas Jakštas — kun. Aleksandras Dambrauskas.

Gimęs 1860 metais Ukmerges apskrityje, Adomas Jakštas iškilo įvairiose srityse ir tapo vienu iš stambiųjų kultūrinių šulų lietuvių gyvenime. Jis buvo žmogus labai plataus žinojimo, tiesiog enciklopedistas. Vargiai kuri mokslo sritis jam buvo svetima.

Kaip mokslininkas, Adomas Jakštas — Dambrauskas pirmiausia buvo matematikas. Už jo darbus matematikoje Kauno universiteitas buvo suteikęs garbės daktaro laipsnį. Jis paskelbė keletą svarbių raštų aukštosios matematikos problemoms ir buvo pats priėjęs naujų sprendimų matematikoje.

Garsiausias tačiau jis buvo literatūros kritikoje. Ilgus metus jis tiesiog viešpatavo kritikoje ir recenzuodavo daugel pasirodančių lietuviškų knygų, o perskaityti jas bemaž visas perskaitydavo. Jo kritikos raštų yra išėjusios kelios stambios knygos. Visur jis griežtali kovojo prieš modernizmo apraiškas literatūroje.

Didelių nuopelnų Adomas Jakštas turi kaip laikraštininkas ir publicistas. Jis bendradarbiavo daugelyje laikraščių ir pats kelis redagavo. Jis nuo 1907 metų redagavo mēnesinį žurnalą "Draugiją", kuris yra vienas iš reikšmingiausių perijodinės lietuvių spaudos leidinių, stipriausias ano meto žurnalas. Redagavo ne tik lietuvių, bet ir esperanto kalba laikrašti

Adomo Jakšto vardas yra žinomas poezijoje. Jis yra parašęs nemaža eilių, visur laikydamasis griežtos, klasikinės formos. Jo poezijoj daugiau vyrauja mintis, logika, ir šie bruožai padaro, kad jis ypač stiprus yra satyroje.

Trumpai sunku suminēti visą Adomo Jakšto veiklą. Ligi amžiaus galo jo darbštumas buvo nepaprastas, ir teisingai Vaižgantas apie jį rašo:

"Jis pats vienas — hagiografas, asketas, apologetas, teologas, filosofas, matematikas, tautininkas, publicistas, poetas, menininkas, moralizatorius, bibliografas, kritikas, redaktorius, leidējas, organizatorius".

Adomas Jakštas vra vienas iš tų vardų, kurie puošia lietuvių tautos istorijos lapus.

Julius Baniulis

Kovo mēn. 10 d. suējo 5 metai, kai Brooklyne mirē Amerikos lietuvių poetas Julius Baniulis.

Jis gimē 1880 metais. Atvažiavęs į Jungtines Valstybes, dirbo įvairius darbus — ir prie geležinkelio, ir anglies kasyklose, ir giriose medžius kirto, ir t.t.

Vēliau jis išmoko spaudos darbo — knygas spausdinti, taip pat ir linotipu rinkti. Šiuo darbu jis vertēsi bemaž ligi paskutinių dienų.

Julius Baniulis yra rašęs įvairiuose laikraščiuose, redagavęs, vertęs ir išleidęs vieną savo eilių rinkinį.

Tačiau geriausi jo dalykai tebestovi neišleisti. Jis daug rašē paskutiniais savo metais, ir tai sudaro svarbiausia jo darbų dalį.

Pažymētini jo ketureiliai vardu "Nuotaikos", iš viso 101 dallykēlis. Taip pat svarbūs vertimai iš egiptiečių, arabų, persų, kinų ir japonų poezijos. Iš viso tai sudaro stamboka rinkinį, kuris dar nēra išleistas.

Šiais savo raštais Julius Baniulis atsistojo tarp pirmųjų Amerikos lietuvių poetų.

Jo atminimas tinkamiausiai bus pagerbtas, išleidus jo raštus.

Kun, Aleksandro Burbos mirties 50 metų sukaktis

1898 m. kovo 27 d. Plymouth, Pa., mirē kun. Aleksandras Burba, kuris buvo pirmas lietuvių parapijų organizatorius Jungtinėse Valstybėse. Nuo jo atvykimo šioje šalyje atsivertė naujas lapas lietuvių katalikų kolonijose. Ir apskritai tautinis lietuvių susipratimas stiprėjo, kūrėsi draugijos, atsirado daugiau laikraščių, knygų ir mokyklų.

Kunigas A. Burba buvo gimes 1854 metais

ir Vilniaus krašte uoliai kovojo už lietuvybę, rinko lietuvių tautosaką.

Amerikoje, be organizacinio darbo, jis rūpinosi ir spauda, kurį laiką redagavo "Vienybę Lietuvninkų", "Valtį." Rašē apysakų, nemaža jų versdamas iš latvių ir kitų kalbų. Jo raštai buvo išleisti dviem knygomis.

Lietuvybės istorijoje šioje šalyje kun. Aleksandro Burbos nuopelnai yra dideli, ir jo darbų vaisiai nėra nustooję savo gyvumo ligi mūsų dienų.

AŠ MYLĒJAU LIETUVA

Vaižgantas.

Aš mylējau Lietuvą, nes tai mano Tēvynē, mano gyvybē, mano džiaugsmas, ir mano pasididžiavimas.

Aš gerbiau vardą, kurį smaugējai braukē iš žemēlapių, iš šnekamosios kalbos, iš valstybinių dokumentų.

Gerbiau jos ženklą — Vytį, kurį išvydę, kilo prieš mane, kaip prieš insurgentą, visos pragaro, tikriau — žandarų, galybės.

Aš nesiklausiau, ar kas man leis mylēti Tēvyne, mieluoti ja ir laikytis savo širdyje, kol ji bus tokia mažutytē, nevaizdi, išplēštomis teisēmis ir turtu nabagē, jog lengvai tilpo mano širdyje.

Tik aš mylējau Lietuvą ir gerbiau ją ne už vieną tuščią vardą ir ne už skaisčias jos istorijos tradicijas, iš kurių aš sēmiaus teisēs ir pagalējimo mylēti; ne už tai tik, kad ji savo malonumu tiek rašytojų įkvēpē eilēmis ir ne eilēmis apgiedoti jos garbę, jos gerumus.

O, ne! Aš ne empiriejų srities gyventojas, aš ne svajotojas; mano širdis ne medžiaga, skiriama sudegti savo paties ugnyje, savo paties pajēgomis sukurtoje. Aš esu gyva esybē, visliškai reali. Kūnų pasaulyje aš užimu tam tikrą vietą, ir tos vietos man reikia nemaža, kai aš pasiduodu šen ar ten, kur pavaro mane neramioji dvasia. Aš esu — Laisvēs reikalingas.

Laisvē tai siella, kuri gaivina mano Tēvynę. Nēra Laisvēs — nēra nei Tēvynēs, nēra Tēvynēs — nebus nei Laisvēs. Mylēdamas Lietuvą, myliu Laisve, kurią tegali man laiduoti nepriklausoma šalis, mano Tēvynē.

Ir mano Tēvynē reali, turi savo vieta pasaulyje, iš kurios jos niekas netesēs išstumti. Gali ją smaugti priešai ar broliai apskabinę, tik visiškai užsmaugti negali, kol nebus visai tautai nukapotos galvos. Ligi tik atsigniauš smaugējo rankos, tauta žiobtelēs gimtojo kvapo ir sušuks: tebesu gyva!

Joe Lola says: Have your council members been injected with a double dose of New Membership Serum?

Iš Jurgio Baltrušaičio Eilēraščių

Jurgis Baltrušaitis yra vienas iš žymiausių lietuvių poetų.

Gimes 1873 metais Skirnemunes valsčiuje, jisai ilgą laiką gyveno Rusijoje, buvo ten Lietuvos pasiuntinys po Didžiojo karo ir savo lietuviškus eilēraščius pradējo spausdinti tik paskutiniais

metais prieš mirtį.

Jurgis Baltrušaitis mirē 1944 metų pradžioje Paryžiuje. Jo pomirtinis eilių rinkinys, sutvarkytas poeto Jį Aisčio - Aleksandravičiaus ir išleistas kun. P. M. Juro Bostone, sudaro 270 puslapių, iš kurių 226 puslapius užima J. Baltrušaičio kūryba. Knygos pavadinimas — "Poezija". Daug to rinkinio eilēraščio pasirodo pirmą kartą.

Čia duodame kelis J. Baltrušaičio eilēraščius

iš "Poezijos" rinkinio.

Kaip nesunku pastebēti, Jurgis Baltrušaitis yra gilios minties ir stiprios formos poetas. Visa jo poezija pasižymi susimąstymu ties amžinaisiais dalykais. Tarpais jis įneša gražių lietuviškų vaizdų, lyg ir pamiršdamas valandēlei amžinųjų mįslių sprendimą.

Tiek savo minties stiprumu, tiek savo poezijos formos tikslumu ir atbalgtumu Jurgis Baltrušaitis žymiai praturtino lietuvių literatūrą ir įejo pirmąsias jos gretas, tapdamas bene ryškiausiu R.

jos simbolistinės srovės atstovu.

EGLES GIESME

Ir žiemą nekinta Eglelē žalia — Taip amžių nupinta Lietuvių dalia...

Ar žydi pašlaitē, Ar speigas arti, Lieknutē eglaitē Visur ta pati...

Ant žemēs atējus Iš amžių gelmēs, Per audras, per vējus Ji rūsčiai šlamēs...

Kol siaubas lakusis Eglele trikdys, Vis ginsis, vis skusis Lietuvio širdis...

Ji graudžio nevengia, Nors gedi viena — Ją dar tebeengia Golgotos diena...

Varguolių ir vyžių — Lietuvių gentis, Jie velka jų kryžių, Sukande dantis...

Karti jų senovē, Kalip vargas kartus, Bet vyžos parovē Ateiviu batus...

Juos daug kas dar pančios, Jie daug dar dejuos, Bet ašaros, kančios, Tik auklēja juos...

Kol eglē mislinga Ant žemēs šlamēs, Nestigs, kaip nestinga. Lietuviams tvermēs...



Jurgis Baltrušaitis

ŽIBUTĒ

Subudo tyrai, saulę pajutę, Ir štai, padangēs sesē, žibutē Stiebias į ryto žydrį bedugnį, I žemēs diena, i amžių ugni...

Ir kai ji puošia pagirio brydi, Visatos pilnis jos žiedu žydi, Ir ji kiekvieną giją viengungę I amžių gyvą audinį jungia...

Ir štai, per kerą jos menko diego, Atbunda tyrų akmens iš miego Ir vēliai grižta i saulēs puota Visa, kas buvo nuvainikuota...

Ir nors žibutē iš molio augo, Ji amžių mislę skelbia ir saugo... Jos žiedu toliai ir saulē kvepia— Kaip daug ši žemē dangiško slepia! Dr. A Trimakas.

Vilnių

Paskutiniam karuli prasidējus, kiekvienam gilesniam pollitikui buvo aišku, kad Lenkija, nepalisant jos karių energijos, pasišventimo ir drąsos, neatlaikys nenatūralių savo krašto sienų su milijonais nepaltenkintų ne lenkų tautybės gventojų, kurie jėga buvo įjungti po pirmojo Didžiojo karo į Lenkijos respubliką.

Jų tarpe buvo Vilnijos gyventojai, kurie buvo neišmintingai spaudžiami per ilgą metų eilę.

Besiartinant dideliems ivykiams ir galimam tuolaikinės Lenkijos subyrėjimui, buvo todėl būtinai reikalinga, kad Lietuva turėtu Vilniuje savo oficialų atstovą, kuris galėtų sunkių metu padėti krašto gyventojams ir, atėjus laikui, priimtu viso krašto globą.

Tam tikslui buvo nutarta isteigti Vilniuje Lietuvos Generalinį Konsulata. Man teko garbė ir sunki pareiga tapti pirmuoju. tikėkime, kad ir paskutiniuoju Lietuvos generaliniu konsulu Vilniuje. Išsivadavusioj Lietuvoj sostinei Vilniui ateityje nebus reikalinga jokių savo diplomatinių atstovų.

Artējant į Vilniaus kraštą

Įvykiams negailestingai verčiant, 1939 metų rugsējo 8 d., Vytauto šventēs dieną, turējau sēsti į traukinį ir vykti i — Villnių. Savo draugų palydētas gausiais linkējimais Kauno stoty, išvažiavau tikrosios sostinės link.

Saulē linksmai šypsojosi, lyg prisidēdama prie Buvo puiki ankstyvo Lietuvos rudens diena. šiltų linkėjimų į sunku ir atsakingą darbą. Pakeliui buvo matyti iškilmingai plevėsuojančios vėliavos, kurios darniai puošė auksinius, nukirstais javais išpuoštus, ramius Lietuvos laukus. Tuo pat metu artėjant prie Vievio, tuolaikinės administracinės linijos, kuri atliko sienos pareigas tarp Lietuvos ir Lenkijos, vis garsiau buvo girdėti bevykstančios lenkų — vokiečių žūtbūtinės klovos kanuolių dundesys. Aukštai danguje buvo matyti benardantys vokiečiu smingantieji lėktuvai, šen bei ten Lentvario pusėje garsių bombų sprogimų lydimi.

Vievio stotyje išlipo paskutiniai Lietuvos keleiviai. I lenkų trauklinį įlipo vienintelis žmogus, būsiantis Lietuvos atstovas Villniuje.

Traukiniuli pajudējus, buvo tikrai nejauku. Iš vienos pusēs atrodē, lyg visas traukinys man buvo skirtas paimti ir pagerbti, liš antros — dažnas jo stovinējimas, kad išvengus nacių lēktuvų puolimo, kēlē įvairius jausmus, mintis ir prisiminimus iš istorijos įvykių, kaip lietuviai praeityje kovojo dēl to paties Vilniaus su lenkais, rusais ir vokiečialis.

Pravažiavus nykų ir apleistą Lentvarį, kur buvo įkelta į traukinį pirmieji karo sužeistieji, pasijutau patekęs į kautynių zoną. Tačiau, laimingu būdu, be didesnių kliūčių pasiekiau Vilniaus apylinkes, kurių kalnai ir kalneliai buvo tokie žavūs, mieli ir artimi, o už jų spindējo Vilniaus bokštai.

Su vyskupu rūsyje

Vilniuje, sutiktas keleto draugų, nuvykau į Georges viešbutį, kur numačiau įsteigti laikiną konsulato buveinę.

Kadangi įvykiai spyrē, kitą dieną pradējau oficialius vizitus: atlankiau valvadą, vyskupus Jalbžikovskį ir Matulevicz.

Besišnekant su pastaruoju, pasigirdo garsūs sirenų balsai, ir turėjau gabenti į rūsį senyvą vyskupą, kuris vėliau, karo metu, mirė. Miesto bombardavimas buvo vienas iš aršiausių ir užtruko keletą valandų. Rūsyje sutikau žymių Vilnijos lenkų, jų tarpe Joną Pilsudskį, maršalo, Vilniaus atplėšėjo nuo Lietuvos, brolį. Nepaisant bombų sprogimo, o gal joms padedant, per pasišnekėjimą buvo prieita vienodo nusistatymo, kad Vilnius yra Lietuvos sostinė ir kad Lietuvai dera jis globoti.

Lenkai ieško globos

Įvykiai riedējo nepaprastu tempu, ir visi mano atlankyti asmenys, nepraējus savaitei, atsidūrē prie konsulato durų, prašydami mano globos ir vizų į Lietuvą. Rusai, susitarę su naciais, apgaulingai smogē Lenkijai iš nugaros ir jau stovējo ant istorinės Lietuvos sienų.

Ties konsulatu susirinko ilgiausios žmonių eilės visokeriopos paramos. Vieni nešė savo turtą globoti, kiti prašė vizų. Visų veiduose buvo matyti neišpasakyta bolševikų baimė ir panika. Daugelis, negalėdami toliau keliauti savo automobiliais, vežė juos į konsulato kiemą, aukodami Lietuvos Raudonajam Kryžiui. Vienas iš atsilankiusių lenkų su ašaromis akyse pareiškė, kad jis prašo vizos ne savo gyvybę gelbėdamas, bet dėl savo ir savųjų tikėjimo į Dievą. Jis galįs žūti, bet nenorįs, kad jo valikai būtų jėga paversti bedieviais ir tuo būdu dvasiškai nužudyti.

Pirmiesiems bolševikų žvalgams pasirodžius Vilniaus apylinkėse, miesto karo komendantas, pulk. P. atsiuntė žinomą illetuvių veikėją pralotą Dr. V., prašydamas mane perimti Vilnių, kurį jis perduodąs Lietuvai lenkų vardu.

Netrukus pasigirdo šūviai pačiame mieste. Lenkų kariai, nevalgę, be šaudmenų, o dažnas ir be batų, metē ginklus, ir tik paskubomis suorganizuoti partizanai šen bei ten dar laikēsi.

Įvažiuoja bolševikai

Rugsējo 18 d. Vilniaus gatvēmis riedējo bolševikų tankai.

Mano viešbutis buvo apstatytas visokiausia sargyba. Gatvēje stovējo paruošti tankai, prie durų kulkosvaidžiai, o ant laiptų visur raudonieji sargybiniai atkištais durtuvais. Viešbuty,



Laisvosios Lietuvos kareivēliai atvaduoto Vilniaus gatvēmis...

šalia manęs, įsikūrē bollševikų kariuomenės štabas. Visi gyventojai, išskyrus mane, buvo iš jo išvaryti.

Nepaisant to, lietuviška trispalvē liškilmingai plevēsavo virš viešbučio, o žmonių minios veržēsi į konsulata. Turējau organizuoti tvarkos tarnybą, kuri budētų ir saugotų konsulatą ir priimtų tik labiausiai reikalingus pagalbos.

Visų Vilniaus gyventojų ir daugelio lenku atbēgēlių iš Lenkijos vienintelē viltis išsigelbēti buvo Lietuvos konsulatas. Visų akys buvo kreipiamos į Lietuvos vēliavą, būkštaujant, kad tik ji nenusileistų nuo Georges viešbučio.

Sekdamas gyventojų jausmais, arkivyskupas pastatē man ir mano palydovui katedroje prie didžiojo altoriaus specialias klaupkas, o kunigas ateidavo sutikti prie didžiųjų durų, kaip tai daroma krašto valdovams pagerbti.

NKVD siūlo vykti į Minską

Bolševikai visur mane sekē, ir jiems nepatiko gyventojų man reiškiamas pasitikėjimas, nepaisant mano santykių, jau užmegstų su jų aukštąja vadovybe, Baltgudijos armijos vadu gen. Kovalevu.

Viena gražią dieną išvydau pas save NKVD (bolševikų slaptoji policija) karininką su pasiūlymu vykti į Minską, kur man būsią saugiau, kadangi, jų žiniomis, lenkai, norēdami suardyti "draugiškus" Rusijos ir Lietuvos santykius, ruošia prieš mane altentatą. Jie, nepaisant visų pastangų, negalėsią manęs apsaugoti, kadangi aš esąs per daug eksponuotas ir per laisvai judąs.

Iš to pasiūlymo buvo ališkiai matyti, kad mano geri santykiai su vietos gyventojais bolševikams nepatiko, ir jie norējo mane nušalinti iš Vilniaus, bet jēga negalējo, kadangi diplomatiniai Rusijos santykiai su Lietuva dar nebuvo nutraukti.

Padēkojes už rūpestį mano saugumu, atsisakiau priimti pasiūlymą, kadangi buvau akredituotas dirbti Vilniuje, ir kol mano vyriausybē manes neatšaukē, turējau jame pasilikti.

Kita diena tas pat karininkas vēl siūlē vykti, bent laikinai, į Maskvą, į mūsų pasiuntinybę, kur man būsią tikrai saugiau.

Vēl atsisakiau, bet, matydamas, kad jie visvien nori manim nusikratyti, pasiūliau sudaryti man galimumą grįžti į Kauną, duoti apsaugą ir automobilį, kadangi maniškis, iš Kauno siųstas, buvo bolševikų kažkur pakeliui sulaikytas.

šis mano pasiūlymas sukēlē bolševikams rūpesčio, nes tuo būdu diplomatai apleidžia savo rezidencijos vietą, tik diplomatinius santykius nutraukius. O tam dar nebuvo atējes laikas.

Netrukus todēl atbēgo pats raudonųjų karo valdžios prezidentas, visaip atsiprašydamas dēl jų nelemtų pasiūlymų, prašē mane liktis ir žadējo aprūpinti visu kuo: saugumu, maistu ir t.t.

Saugomas ir sekamas tikrai buvau, bet kitų gerybių taip ir nemačiau.

Tuo palt metu raudonoji armija pradējo šeimininkauti mieste: plēšti gyventojus ir krautuves, vykdyti areštus ir masiškai gabenti žmones į Rusiją.

Savo protestais negalēdamas gyventojų ir jų turto apsaugoti, suorganizavau lietuvišką mili-

Vyčiai – Lietuviai Karžygiai

Išgirskim Lietuvių Vado Balsą

Vasario mēnesio "Vytyje" vedamasis straipsnis "Tēvų žemē Laukia Jūsų žygio" buvo viena gražiausių dovanų vytiškam jaunimui. Jei jį skaitēte vieną sykį, tai dabar dar skaitykite penkis sykius, ne, jį studijuokite ir apsvarstykite savo susirinkimuose. Kaip žinote, ten parašyti žodžiai vyriausio lietuvių vado, parašyti jo karštai Lietuvą ir visus lietuvius mylinčios širdies. Jie parašyti su gilia meile, dideliu troškimu ir nepalaužiama viltimi.

Kunigas Mykolas Krupavičius visiems yra gerai žinomas kaip nepaillstantis veikējas, patrijotas. Nežiūrēdamas savęs ar savo sveikatos bei amžiaus, jis dega Lietuvos ir lietuvių meile. Tik ta nepakeičiama lietuviškos meilēs pilna širdis ir gali būti taip veikli. Jis, tos meilēs vedamas, veikē prieš 30 metų, jis ja vadovavosi 1918-1939. Dabartiniu metu, kai Lietuva ir lietuviai pateko

ciją iš 1000 savanorių, kurie, užsidėję baltus raiščius ant rankovių, ėjo sargybą prie įmonių, stočių ir svabesnių judėjimo punktų. Nors jie ginklų neturėjo arba tik labai mažai, raudoniesiems plėšikams visgi buvo jų akivaizdoje nepatogu įžuliai grobti.

Daugel turto ir žmonių buvo tuo būdu apsaugota ir išgelbēta.

Atžygiuoja Lietuvos kariuomenē

Gavęs iš Lietuvos Vyriausybės oficialų įgaliojimą perimti miestą ir kraštą į savo žinią, paprašiau iškelti lietuviškas vėliavas. Gyventojai, nors neturėdami vėliavų ne medžiagos, improvizavo jas visokiais būdais ir miestas nuostabiai greitai pasipuošė lietuviškomis vėliavomis, lyg per didžiausią tautinę šventę. Raudonosios vėliavos, nepaisant bolševikų protesto, buvo akimirksnių nuimtos.

1939 m. spalių 10 d. sutartimi Sovietų Sąjungai sutikus perduoti Vilniaus kraštą Lietuvai, taip iškilmingai pasipuošusi Lietuvos senoji sostinė, su pakilia nuotaika ir nuoširdžiu džiaugsmu sutiko atžygiuojančią Lietuvos kariuomenę ir tikruosius krašto šeimininkus.

Tuo dar kartą buvo parodyta Vilniaus gyventojų tikroji valia ir jų nepalaužiamas noras priklausyti Lietuvai, bet Lietuvai — laisvai, nepriklausomai ir demokratinei. Tas gyventojų noras, nepaisant priešingų kalimynų sukimų ir dabartinės žiaurios okupacijos, anksčiau ar vēliau bus patenkintas, ir Lietuvos trispalvė vėl plačiai suplevėsuos Gedimino kalno bokšte, atnešdama krašto gyventojams šviesesnę ateitį, gerovę ir laisvę.

Kun. Stan. Raila.

nelaimingon okupacijon, jis vēl su atgaivintu uolumu stojo pirmon eilēn. Ir dabar jo sieloj ir rankoj susieina Lietuvos laisvinimo ir lietuvių gelbējimo saitai. Jis yra vyriausias Lietuvos išlaisvinimo vadas. Jis skuba ten, kur tik mato šviesos ir vilties kibirkštēlę atgauti Nepriklausomybę Tēvynei ir sugrąžinti savą gyvenimą kiekvienai lietuviškai sielai.

Jis giliai myli savo Tēvynę, kraštą, žemę, savo žmones. Jis žino jų kančias dabartinėj Lietuvoj, jis girdi žūnančių partizanų aimanas, persekiojamų lietuvių atodūsius. Jis žino ir atjaučia tremtinių, kalinių neviltį ir skausmą. Jis pats gyvena tremtinio dalia. Jis sielojasi kiekvieno lietuvio likimu, kur jis būtų. Štai kodēl jis, tos pačios meilės vedamas, atrado taip tinkamą žodį ir Amerikos lietuvių jaunimui, mums, brangūs vyčiai. Jis rašē tuos žodžius karšta meile ir gal sugraudinta širdimi. Todēl mes negalime tik praleisti pro akis ir ausis jo taip reikšmingų ir išganingų žodžių. Ne. Mes turime paimti giliau į savo jaunas širdis, pergyventi. Mes turim gyventi ir veikti pagal tai, nes tai prasmingas mūsų idealų ir kilnių darbų išaiškinimas.

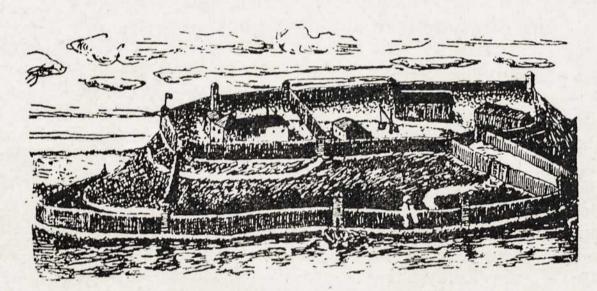
Jo žodžiai pilni didelių troškimų. Jis trokšta, kad Lietuva būtų laisva, kad lietuvis nežūtų. Jis visų lietuvių vardu nori, kad vyčiai taptų lietuvių karžygiais, riteriais — Vyčiais — partizanais šioj šalyje už lietuviškumo išlaikymą. Jo troškimas ir visų patrijotinių lietuvių noras, kad čia lietuviškas kraujas neužšaltų, kad lietuviška širdis neužgestų. Jei jau kiek jis susimaiše, užšalo, žuvo, tai dar bent liko dalelė, kuri ir turi būti gyvybės palaikytoja, o jaunųjų kraujas turi tapti atgaivintoju...

Didelē viltis sudēta to straipsnio žodžiuose. Jis viliasi, kad vyčiai bus verti lietuviai karžygiai. Jie turi stoti į rtierišką žūtbūtinę kovą dėl Lietuvos laisvēs ir nepriklausomybēs. Čia sudēta viltis įtraukti jaunesnius lietuvius, kurie atšalę nuo lietuviško vardo, nuo lietuviškos veiklos ar kurie bent Lietuviai padēti nebesiryžta. Tos viltys ir laukimas lietuvių vado nusakyti šiais reikšmingais žodžiais: "Jūsų šio žygio laukia jūsų senoji tēvų žemē Lietuva, laukia kasdienēj baimēj ir pavojuj, kad bolševikai išsiųs į Sibiro žudyklas tuos lietuvius, kuriuos gali pasiekt žmogžudiška bolševiko ranka. Laukia to iš jūsų visi, kas dar lietuviškai šneka ir kieno širdis lietuviškai plaka. Laukia to ypatingai iš jūsų, mielieji Vyčiai, nes jūs esat to krašto piliečiai, kurio žodis mūsų tautai ir Tevynei gali tureti lemiamos reikšmēs".

Todēl jūs, vyčiai, esate vadinami lietuviai karžygiai. Jei toki būsite ir veiksite, tai laimējimas užtikrintas.

HISTORY OF THE LITHUANIAN NATI

(Pictures from C. R. Jurgēla's recently published book "History of the Lithuanian Nation". This work covers Lithuanian history from the early days of the nation to modern times, has many illustrations in its 544 pages of text).



A Lithuanian Castle, XIII-XIV Century.



XIII-IX century iron articles excavated in Lithuania.



Seal of King Casimi



X-XI Century Lithuanian Warrior.



Teutonic crusader (Kryžiuotis).



The majestic State Seal of Vytautas The G

(1448).



King-Grand Duke Casimir (1492), father of St. Casimir.



Prince Radvilas The Black, Marshal Chancellor. Died in of Lithuania, 1565.



A. Smetona, first president of Lithuania.



Queen-Grand Duchess Barbara (1551) of Radzivilas family, wife of King Sigismundus Augustus.



Prince Christopher I Radvilas "The Thunder", Field Hetman of Lithuania (1603).



A. Stulginskis, second president of Lithuania.



King-Grand Duke Sigismundus



Prince Leo Sapieka, Chancellor of Lithuania. He prepared the famous third Lithuanian Statute (1588).



Dr. K. Grinius, third president of Lithuania.

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1948 m. Seimas

šiuomi malonu pranešti visiems mūsų nariams, kad 35-sis Lietuvos Vyčių seimas įvyks rugsējo (Sept.) 10, 11 ir 12 dienomis, Detroit, Michigan.

Visų kuopų ir apskričių prašoma pradēti jau dabar ruoštis į šį svarbų metinį suvažiavimą.

Jugas Buleviins L. Vyčių Centro Pirm.

TICKETS, PLEASE!

The dues that each of us sends in to the Supreme Council for a year are hardly enough to pay for one good dinner. No wonder the officers are at their wits end to devise a way for meeting the current responsibilities, not to mention the need of strengthening this weak foundation.

A few weeks ago you received an announclment suggesting an easy means for giving our slightly anemic treasury a much needed stimulant. It is hoped that our membership is enlightened enough to appreciate the importance of active participation in this financial drive. If we maintain unity of action and all march together in one lively rhythm, we shall meet with astounding success.

The Supreme Council has several new projects in the planning stage. One of them is the modernization of the system of keeping membership records. Another is the introduction on a national scale, as urged by the national convention at Philadelphia, of courses in K. of L. leadership. Each or these projects will devour a sizable slice of our treasury. But these new plans as well as the continuance of our present activities will depend solely on the generosity of every one of our members. If we want the organization to prosper, to expand; if we want our work to be more effective in the fight against godlessness; if we wish our organization to remain an ever flowing fountain of Lithuanianism, we must not be mere onlookers but active members, ready and eager to do our share and, to make up for the dead wood among us, many times our share.

Let this serve as a reminder that the Supreme Council is anxiously waiting to hear from you. On that special file card that bears your name it would like to make an appropriate entry.

The May 16th deadline is rapidly approaching. That extra ounce of sacrifice from each of us will bring us over the top in a campaign that is vital to the future growth of the organization.

IT'S ALL OVER!!

The gun has gone off and so ends the 1948 membership drive. As soon as the results are tabulated they will appear in the VYTIS.

However, the winners will be notified by mail as soon as the results are known.

To all of you worked hard a hearty THANK YOU.

Joseph Lola, Chairman Membership Drive.

P. S. Joe Lola says: You shall reap now what you have harvested!

ATTENTION, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCILS

At the N. E. District Convention held in Hartford, Conn., Council 26, Worcester, Mass. (well known for dramatics), graciously accepted to help out during the coming MEMBERSHIP DRIVE by putting on a Lithuanian play in each and every council in the district. The Dramatic Group will be ready to begin its "maršrutas" January 4, 1948.

All councils are asked to send in their bids, most suitable date when they could sponsor this group, immediately. In replying, also include a second choice in order not to conflict with other council dates. For further date and information, write to:

Mary R. Jurgelonis, 55 Ellsworth St., Worcester 3, Mass.

NEW ENGLAND DIST. K. of L. CONVENTION

April 24 — 25, 1948 Host — Council 27, Norwood, Mass. SATURDAY EVENING, April 24.

RECEPTION and DANCE to all delegates and guests at Runeburg Hall, Wilson Street, Norwood, Mass.

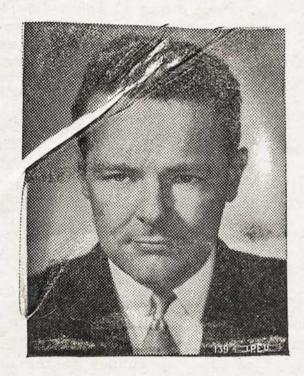
SUNDAY, April 25

MASS will be held at St. George's Lithuanian Church at 10:30 a.m.

SESSION — 1:00 p. m. St. George's Lithuanian Church Hall, St. James Avenue, Norwood, Mass. Delegates who will need lodging for Saturday night, please write to either of the following: Bertha Bechunas, 24 St. George Ave., Norwood

Florence Koval, 8 St. John Ave., Norwood.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. of Massachusetts



Senator Lodge of Massachusetts addressed the Senate of the United States on the 30th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by the People of Lithuania.

Remarks which Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. of Massachusetts delivered on the floor of the Senate on February 17th and which appeared on p. 1414 of the Congressional Record.

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mr. LODGE. Mr. President, yesterday, February 16, marked the thirtieth anniversary of Lithuania's independence day. It is therefore appropriate that we pause to pay our sincere respects to our many citizens of Lithuanian descent and to join with them in the fervent hope that the day may not be too far distant when this brave little nation once again will enjoy true liberty and freedom.

We all know how the traditionally freedom-loving people of the Repub-He of Lithuania were the first to disappear behind the implacable "iron curtain." We have all read with distress of mass deportations, of arrests in the night, of swift trials, of executions, and of the other tragic symptoms of systematic extermination. These unhappy events can give us little cause for rejoicing on a day which commemorates a country's independence. But it should cause us to ponder seriously whether we, as the strongest Nation in the world, have not been lax and morally weak in permitting such conditions to continue to exist.

Last November the Lithuanian Minister here in the United States addressed a moving appeal to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations. He spoke on

behalf of the Republic of Lithuania which, since 1940, has been occupied and administered by officials of the police state. He asked the United Nations to take measures. in keeping with the fundamental rights guaranteed by the United Nations Charter, to safeguard the Lithuanian people against enslavement and extermination. Certainly the United Nations cannot turn its back and look the other wav when the spokesman of a small nation anneals for a hearing on life-or-death charges of this kind. Nor can we, as continue to innore Americans, through silence an intolerable situation of this kind. Not since 1941. when the States Department issued a statement denouncing the Russian occupation of Lithuania, has there heen any further official comment on our part. Our continued silence is not a matter for pride.

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Mr. President, February 16 means as much to our Lithuanian friends as July 4 means to us. Let its significance not escape us. Let not its future observance be marked with the deprivation of civil rights, freedom of the press, speech, and assembly. Let this day stand once again for free elections and free religions. Let us, at the very least, lend strong moral courage to those who through ties of family, friendship, and tradition, remember Lithuania as a cradle of freedom in Europe, and who look to us, as a powerful stronghold of moral and civil liberty, for a word of encouragement and hope in these troubled times.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed following these remarks an editorial entitled "Lithuania's Independence". printed in the New York Times of February 16.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

LITHUANIA'S INDEPENDENCE

With their country still writhing under the heel of the conqueror, the Lithuanian people commemorate today with heads bloodied but unbowed the thirtieth anniversary of the signing of their declaration of independence. After more than a century of struggle against oppression by the Russian Czars, and in defiance of the armies of the Kaiser then still on Lithuanian soil, the Council of Lithuania, on February 16, 1918, in consultation with American Lithuanians, formally declared the country to be free and independent. This act conformed with President Wilson's doctrine of the right of self-determination. There seemed to he every prospect for its continued success and prosperity when the Kaiser's empire collapsed, and when the Russian revolutionary government proclaimed that the age of "imperialistic ravishers" was over. In the peace treaty with Lithuania the Soviets "voluntarily and for all time abandoned all the sovereign rights of Russia over the Lithuanian people and their territories."

The independence of Lithuania is still recognized by the United States and most other countries, and Lithuanian diplomatic missions still function abroad. But Russia, reverting to the policies of the "imperialistic ravishers," has renounced all her pledges and treaty obligations and has again annexed Lithuania, like the two other Baltic republics, by her own unilateral action. Moreover, she is subjecting their people not only to the oppression and terrorism that is the lot of everybody under Moscow's rule, but is deliberately pursuing a policy of extermination and deportation in the effort to replace the "unfriendly" native populations with reliable Russian Com-

But the Lithuanian people continue to fight for independence. They are fighting as partisans in the forests. They are fighting, insofar as that is possible, at the ballot boxes. Even the Russians had to admit that in recent local elections the Communists polled only 11.6 percent of the vote, the rest going to "nonparty" candidates. Above all, they are fighting to arouse the conscience of the world, in particular that of the United Nations, to which they have submitted a plea for action against the genocide being practiced in their land. Sooner or later the world will have to take note of their struggle and give it the support it deserves.

Congressman John W. McCormack

Your Asst. Editor received a letter from Congressman John W. McCormack, in which he said that he was enclosing "a copy of the Congressional Record of February 16th which contains the remarks I made on the floor of the House of Representatives in the Congress on the occasion of the anniversary of the Lithuanian Declaration of Independence."

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I want to call to the attention of this House the fact that today is the thirtieth anniversary of Lithuania's declaration of independence. I want to say that the sympathy of every American goes out to the Lithuanians in the United States and to the Lithuanians in the home country because for the moment that brave people seem to be caught behind the iron curtain.

Little Lithuania, with a population



Congressman McCormack from Massachusetts addressed the House of Representatives on the 30th anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence.

of less than 3,000,000 people, is a Baltic State bounded on the north by Latvia, on the east and south by unhappy Poland and East Prussia, and on the west by East Prussia and the Baltic Sea.

The spirit of independence which is traditional to Lithuania is in the very soil of that nation. Essentially an agricultural country, with more than 45 percent of the land in farms and nearly 19 percent in forests, more than three-quarters of all Lithuanians work with the soil.

There has been no people in the whole of Europe who have had a deeper love ofr liberty than the Lithuanian people. The passing centuries have failed to keep their homeland enslaved. The Lithuanians have proved over and again not only their right to freedom, but their determination to exercise that right.

As all Lithuanians believe that the present subjugation of the land of their forebears is temporary, libertyloving Americans sympathize with them and pray for their successful liberation. We all look forward to the day when a new proclamation of liberty shall again bring joy to the hearts of the Lithuanian people everywhere in the world, and encouragement to all of those peoples who are determined to live under the principle which makes our own beloved Nation such a grand place in which to live one's life—the principle that inalienable to every man everywhere is the right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I want to say to the Lithuanian-Americans and through them to their homeland and home folks that the prayers of America will continue to ascend on high that brave Lithuania and her courageous people may soon know that success to their centuries of struggle for liberty which will crown them forever with the blessing of freedom, peace, and prosperity.

Our country has not recognized the actions of the Soviet Union in destroying the independence of Lithuania. The spread of communism in Europe and elsewhere must be stopped, and thereafter rolled back in Europe. When this happens the independence of Lithuania and the liberties of its people will be restored and regained.

The heart of America is with you, Lithuania.

Los Angeles, Calif.

COUNCIL 133

The Knights of Lithuania pre-Lenten dance in Los Angeles was a great success. Many people came early for the specialty — "Blynu Valgyt".

A short musical program, directed by Adele Kucinskas opened the afternoon entertainment. Richard Mason, our talented pianist, a young student at one of our universities played two appealing numbers. Lucille Jocius and Stella Birbal sang several duets in English and Lithuanian, and Adele Kucinskas sang several solos and played a piano solo. A short skit was arranged, but the members were too busy to leave their posts of duty.

We wish to thank S. West and John Petrauskas for their lovely donation toward our raffle.

Dancing was enjoyed tremendously by the participants with Stanley West's orchestra. During the intermission a guest couple in costume from the Folk Dance Co-op. of Pasadena, entertained us with dances of many countries. This pleased the audience very much.

From the fund, our council made a donation of \$25.00 — a most generous offering, for the furthering of our work towards Independence of Lithuania. Twenty-five dollars was also given for the new church of Los Angeles.

Enthusiasm among the young Lithuanian Californians is just budding. You may expect many and great things in the future. Membership also is increasing by leaps and bounds.

Already we are planning another dance and social on a Saturday night. So, keep an eye on the activities of Council 133.

Lakštute

One little push from each of us and we're over the top.

New York and New Jersey District

At the New York - New Jersey District K. of L. convention held in Elizabeth, N.J., the following Resolution. was unanimously accepted and forward to proper channels:

Whereas: Bolshevistic communism, which today has engulfed much of Europe, and which is attempting to destroy free democratic institutions all over the world, is of its very nature evil and in contradiction to the Catholic standard of Morality:

Whereas: the same communism, because it denies the basic conception of human freedom and liberty, is a real threat to the well-being of men and nations alike:

Whereas: the country of our forebearers, Lithuania, remains even to this day subject to the inhuman and unjust oppression of a foreign communistic regime:

Whereas: the attempts which the communist party in the U. S., as well as its sympathizers are making to destroy the American way of life, cannot be lightly regarded:

Be It Therefore, Resolved: that the Knights of Lithuania, voice its most ardent protest against communism in any and all of its vicious forms:

Be It Therefore, Further Resolved: that every member of the Knights of Lithuania, calling to mind the best ideals of this organization, namely, to work and fight for God and Country — do everything in his power to help stem the tide of communism. To achieve this end every member of the K. of L. pledges himself by a more faithful practice of his Catholic faith to spread the doctrine of love and charity and in this way to combat the atheistic principles of the Red Menace. As faithful members of Christ's True Church, and as loyal Lithuanians, every member of this said organization gives his solemn word that both by word and action he will do whatever he has in his power to defeat communism and positively to realize in actuality the lofty ideals of the K. of L.

> Charles Bason, President Mae Matulis, Secretary

One K. of L. member while attending a K. of L. convention in Chicago some years ago is said to have dated Jievute Paulekiute.

Tikime Lietuvos laisve ir amžina lietuvių Tautos gyvybe, nes žinome, kad ir šiandien jos likimas ne svetimose, o mūsų pačių rankose.

Mažasis židinys, 1-25-48



Chicago District

The Knights of Lithuania Choir had been a very busy group for the past month. Among their appearances were the "Draugas" Concert of Feb. 8th: a commemoration broadcast of the 30th anniversary of Lithuanian Independence heard over station WGN on Feb. 14th: and the Independence Day Rally held on Feb. 15th in Chicago. This choir under the direction of Leonard J. Simutis, is a well trained group and continues to improve with each appearance. The choir has given lasting impressions to every one who has heard them, not only through their excellent interpretation of Lithuanian songs, but also through their colorful dress. Each member is dressed in Lithuanian costumes, which lends a bit of Lithuania to each performance.

Can you carry a tune? Of course you can! And the chances are you carry a tune often-humming to yourself, or whistling as you drive home from work, or while puttering around the house. Maybe you are a barbershop tenor, or a kitchen soprano. Anyway, if you are Lithuanian, the K. of L. Choir NEEDS YOU! We rehearse each Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the K. of L. Center, 2451 W. 47th St. We are a happy, conscientious group. Let's see new faces at the next rehearsal. Let's try to make this K. of L. Choir a group known not only to Lithuanians but to the entire city of Chicago!

Don't forget our Annual Concert on April 25th, at the Lithuanian Auditorium, 3133 S. Halsted St. Del Rene's orchestra has already been engaged for dance music following the concert. Vytē.

Our last month's District Bulletin was dedicated to an Honorary Member Jack Jatis-Juozaitis.

The K. of L. Committee of Lithuanian affairs is very important. The duty of this committee is to rebuke any and all the false propaganda against Lithuania.

At the 34th Convention held in Philadelphia, much time and effort was spent in discussing the problems of the Lithuanian Affairs. We too, have formed a district committee whose chairman is Miss Agnes Saucunas. It is urged that all the assistance possible be given to the national chairman, Fr. Jutkevičius.

The List of the following books for young people was compiled by our National Spiritual Director, Rev. John C. Jutkevičius. We earnestly urge you to read them.

Freface to Religion F. J. Sheen God's Amazing World Tihamer Toth Faith of Millions John A. O'Brien Why Are We Catholics?

Albert Dolan Campaigners for Christ Handbook

David Goldstein The Spirit of Catholicism

Dare to Live Albert Dolan
Through Hundred Gates

Stephen Lamping, O.F.M. The Shadow on the Earth

Owen Frances Dudley

The Masterful Monk
Pageant of Life
Coming of the Monster
I Chose Freedom
This is my Story
Communism and Man
F. J. Sheed

Franz Von Strong Happiness in Marriage Albert Dolan Catechism on Birth Control

Marriage: A Great Sacrament

Bishop Noll

Social

C-5 of North Side held its Hallowe'en Costume Dance in St. Michael's newly decorated parish hall.

C-14 held a "Weiner Roast" at 31st and First Avenue, which turned out to be very successful. This council displays much initiative.

C-36's dance held at the K. of L. Youth Center, Oct. 11th, was greatly supported. Phyllis Rekasius, Kastas Zaromskis, John Brazauskas, Peggy Zakaras et als really put themselves out to make this dance a success, such at it was.

C-112, Marquette Park held its dance at the Viking Temple Hall. The committee members headed by Jack Jatis, really distinguished themselves as model hosts. Did you ever taste of John Vilkišius' specialty, which contains four drops and gingerale?

There are rumors that Phyllis Re-

kasius left her heart in Philadelphia with a young Knight known as George. This seems to worry Ed Pavis. With all the intensity of his soul he exclaimed the other day: "Phyllis Rekasius, as a secretary, is the berries. Wonder what we would do if she marries?"

Mary Balanda wants to know, how come John Vilkišius, John Brazauskas and Kastas Zaromskis, such handsome, intelligent and financially secure men, weren't nabbed by some young worthy girl. Mama Balanda, "there is still a chance,"

Bulletin.

Paterson, N. J. council 61

The N. J. - N. J. District Convention was held in Paterson last month. Following the Mass at St. Casimir's R. C. Church, a Communion Breakfast was held in the Alexander Hamilton Hotel. Speakers included the district pres. Charles Bason, national president Joseph Boley and Rev. Justin Klumbis, spiritual director of the Paterson Council. The theme of the speakers was to keep Lithuanianism alive. Following the meeting, delegates and guests attended Forty Hours Devotion held in the parish.

We were proud to learn that our pres., Tony Skubus, received an award for being the most active male member in our council last year. He has done much to keep our interests in the organization. He is also an ardent supporter of the District K. of L. Choir.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mike Tacionis, who has been quite ill. A social activity planned for April, is a mystery ride. The committee intends to keep the route and destination of the ride a secret until the very last moment. Happy Birthday to Helen Balis and Vincent Alex! Paterson has received the chance books to be sold for the benefit of the K. of L. Educational Fund. We feel it is a very worth while cause.

For a clear conscience — for better sleep — make your contribution before May 16th.

Naujos Anglijos L. Vyčių Apskričio SUVAŽIAVIMAS

Balandžio 24 - 25, 1948 Norwood, Mass.

1. Seimas prasidēs sekmadieni, balandžio 25 d., šv. Jurgio parapijos bažnyčioje, 10:30 val. ryte, su iškilmingomis šv. mišiomis, už Vyčiu organizacijos narius.

 1:00 val. po piet, iškilmingai atidaromas N. A. L. Vyčių Apskričio Seimas.

 a) Apskričio valdybos narių raportai, nebaigti reikalai ir įvairių komisijų raportai.

 b) Referatas mūsų organizacijos reikalų; klausimai — diskusijos.

c) Rezoliucijos.

d) Naujos Valdybos rinkimas.

Dvasios Vadas ir valdyba prašo, kad visos kuopos būtų gerai prisirengusios su rezoliucijomis ir patarimais. Dabar laikas rengtis, nes pats seimo laikas trumpas.

> Tēvas Juv. Liauba, O.F.M., Dvasios Vadas Juozas Lola, Pirmininkas

Great Neck, N. Y.

Our March meeting was held at the home of Lou Ann Sosaris, who acted as a charming hostess. Despite the inclement weather, the session was well attended. Two new members were added to the roster, Amy Daknis and Josephine Simanovich. Welcome to our fold!

The main topic at our meeting, which had its full share of discussion, was our forthcoming Annual Semi-Formal Dance to be held May 8th at the Munsey Park Center, Northern Blvd., Manhasset, L. I. Subscription—\$1.00; Dress—optional. We ask everyone's cooperation in making this affair one of the best.

"Come on, neighboring councils, Remember the date!

Let's all get acquainted, In Great Neck — May 8th!"

A radio is being raffled, so get your lucky tickets early!

We had our return bowling match with Maspeth. The odds were against us, again; we didn't fare very well—neither male nor female. This time Maspeth walked away with the honors. Being Leap Year's Day, the fellahs sure were popular at the social that followed—almost like Sadie Hawkins Day! The Maspeth members are fine sports, and we certainly enjoyed having them with us.

Rumors have it that wedding bells will be ringing for Duke Bernatovich and a belle from way down Texas. Let's hear about it, Duke.

Now that spring is not too far off, we will start practise on Softball. We're out to win this year and challenge all interested councils. Any opponents? "Butch"



Rev. Felix Norbut, pastor of St. George's Lithuanian Church, Norwood, Mass., host to the N. E. District K. of L. Convention.

New York, N. Y. COUNCIL 12

The turnout for our March meeting was very good considering the rainy weather. We enrolled a new member at the meeting, Frances Baksis, whom, we look forward to welcoming into our council. The Membership Committee consisting of Larry Janonis, Henry Kolesk and Betty Kscenaitis are doing a fine job recruiting members.

Council 12 will donate fifty dollars toward Easter food packages to be forwarded to the Student Group which we've adopted in an overseas D. P. Camp. Fr. George Gurinskas also donated a like sum, making a total contribution of \$100. In addition to this, admission to our next Social will be an article of canned food, which will be included in the overseas food packages. Our committee for sending the Easter packages will include Fr. Gurinskas, Johnny Zilinskas, Henry Kolesk and Al Monkawitch.

The Social Locker Committee for March 16th included Stanley Borus, Henry Kolesk, and Vincent and George Yatkauskas.

Delegates to the District Convention held March 7th at Paterson were: Elizabeth Banunis, Larry Janonis, Will Kaleda, Henry Kolesk, Betty Kscenaitis, Ed Samulenas, and Vincent and George Yatkauskas.

The tentative date set for our summer Bus Ride is July 10th. The Committee through Vincent Yatkauskas reported that they are making final arrangements.

Sports Committee: C-12 bowled Linden on Sunday, February 22nd, in New York, and Linden won 3 to 2. The turnout for the bowling was excellent. We would like to thank Larry Janonis, Ed. Samulenas, Vincent, George and Al Yatkauskas for their efforts in the Social following bowling meet. A Citation for Larry Janonis and Ed Samulenas, who have been doing a very fine job on the Sports Committee, and doing much to reactive intra-council interest in Sports.

At this writing, C-12 inaugurates its Honor Roll for Bowling, by mentioning the following names: Edward Samulenas, Steve Montvidas, Al Monkawitch, Ann Brazauskas, Alice and Peter Sweikata and "Braunie". Their recent bowling scores skirted the 200 mark. Our "Aristocrats of Bowling".

The Communion Breakfast proved to be an all-around success. Our thanks to Will Kaleda, Stella Kaulius, Frieda and Frank Samulenas for their combined efforts. The representation of the group at Communion was excellent.

Happy Birthday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Samulenas.

DANCE, SATURDAY, MAY 1st, at New York. Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall, opposite the entrance to the Holland Tunnel. Dancing starts at 9 P. M. All are invited to attend for another grand evening in New York. The Dance Committee consists of Larry Janonis, Mary Lovinikaitis, Stella Kaulius, Henry Kolesk and Ed Samulenas.

Brenda Bell

Elizabeth, N. J.

COUNCIL 52

Our council presented a two-day Minstrel Show on April 16-17th, under the direction of Anthony Pinkin. Following the Show there was dancing. The cast and its director are to be complimented for the effort put in to make the Show such a success!

Our boys' teams took 1st and 2nd places in the district bowling league. Good bowling, Dodgers and Giants! Our girls' teams, on the other hand, merited third place.

The N. Y. and N. J. District is sponsoring a track and field meet at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, the 1st Sunday in June. Joe Sable, our Sport's chairman, expects to see future Olympic stars at that meet.

Little "Pal" Susie

Make this a know-your-neighbors week. Call on them for a contribution. And always carry the VYTIS with you; they might want to subscribe to it.

Cicero, Illinois

COUNCIL 14

After the installation of officers, President Johnny, sounded the gavel for order to start the first meeting for 1948. New amendments were made. It was a very successful meeting in the respect that a large number of members responded to the "notice". With the many lucrative suggestions and constructive criticism, the minute book was closed with an enrichment of ideas enough to work on for each month of the ensuing year, and the members at large had cheerfully volunteered for various committee work. It seems as though our members have made New Year's resolutions to the affect that "I will do more this year for the K. of L's".

On January 18th the members attended Mass and received Holy Communion in a body. It was most gratifying to see such a large representation take advantage of the spiritual aspect of our organization. For those of you who would like to ioin us, the Council 14 receives Holy Communion in corpore every 3 months at 9 o'clock Mass, on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

It was a cold bleak night, on January 24th, but the Winter Knights Dance sponsored by the Chicago District proved to be the great seccess the committee predicted. Guests from the entire metropolitan area of Chicago congregated in St. Anthony's Hall(council 14). We were very happy to see among them Knights and Ladies from as far as East Chicago, Indiana and Kankakee, Illinois. The hall was very appropriately decorated with "snowy" effects all of which contributed to the congeniality of the crowd. The sounds of laughter and gaiety and the apparent feeling of "being at home" with brother Knights and Ladies made everyone completely oblivious of the subzero temperatures outdoors.

Andy Yuknis and Lorraine Mack, Co-chairmen, and committee members Sue Mack. Grace Zakaras, Johnny Paulius, Edward Daugird, Edward Pocius and Anthony Putis especially want to thank Council 14 for the fine cooperation extended to the committee. Without your assistance the success of this dance could not have been realized. All proceeds received will be used towards completing payment of the Youth Center Building.

Currently the team to beat in the 'Gents' league is HEARTS. The contenders are our Spiritual Adviser, Father Stanley, Padre Paul, Johnny Larson, Joe Vaiciunas and Eddie Waitkus (no, not the great Lithuanian who plays first sack for our brilliant Chicago Cubs). Jerry Kasul

is leading our bowlers with an impressive 162 followed by Roy (Butcher Boy) Bocunas who is clipping 'em off at 156. Roy is top man for high series with a 561. Eddie Waitkus and Jerry Kasul have high of 213 apiece. Honorable mention must be made to Bruno White, who is doing a bang-up job. By no means can we forget our gals - Anne Shukis is tops with a 139 average while Bea Cerks, Stelle Bocunas, Ann Novinsky, Aldona Mockus and Marianne Eisin are in or around the 130 mark.

A few weeks ago, the first and second degrees were exemplified to a large number of members who were present from the various councils in the Chicago district. One has to be a participant to appreciate the beauty and the solemnity of the ritual degree. Our Council 14 presented the following members for first degrees: S. Vikrikas, A. Staisiunas, P. Kulis; 2nd degree — Andy Rocus and Tony Waitiekus. Congratulations, members!

Much enthusiasm has been shown when mention was made that our monthly publication "KNIGHT LIFE" would once again become a "live wire". The committee got together and have chosen the following officers: Sue Mack -Editor in Chief; Johnny Kasul - Associate Editor; Rev. Stanley Gaucius — Religion Editor; Ernie Kamin — Sports Editor; Ann Kasul - Inquiring Reporter; Florence York - Art Editor; Ann Kamin and Dorothy Kersnowsky - Circulating Department. The officers and members have been most cooperative in helping out the staff by contributing many articles of interest and it is the sincere hope of the staff that they continue to display such interest and enthusiasm. If any member has suggestions or "bits" that you think would be of interest to all of us, please contact one of the staff members. Remember, names make news.

In closing here is a bit of "food for thought".

The Rule of Three

Three things to govern:

Temper, tongue, and conduct.

Three things to cultivate:

Courage, affection, and gentleness,

Three things to commend:

Thrift, industry, and promptness,

Three things to wish for:

Health, content ment, ...and

friends,

Three things to admire:

Dignity, intellectual power, and gracefulness,

Three things to give:

Alms to the needy, comfort to the sad, and appreciation to the worthy.

A FRIEND

Cambridge, Mass.

On Saturday night, June 5th all roads lead to Cambridge and our annual Spring Dance. Once again, it will be held at the sophisticated Hotel Commander in Cambridge. You can't afford to miss this only-one-ofits-kind dance. Why? There'll be plenty of polka dancing.

M. W., better known as Suntan, has returned and the secretarial duties have got her. She just had to have a rest, in Florida no less, before tackling the "enormous" responsibilities which go with the secretary's office.

The Thursday social menu has been bowling. As of late it's become a stag affair — the charming half of the council is sorely missed.

Sunday, March 7 we commemorated St. Casimir's Feast Day by attending the 8:30 Mass and receiving Holy Communion in a body. After Mass we had a cozy Communion breakfast. Our amiable curate, Fr. John Daunis, delivered one of his inimitable talks which was the feature of the breakfast.

AROUND AND ABOUT:

In the event you have difficulty buying a hand-painted necktie see A. J. and J. J. — they've virtually cornered the market in that respect. H. Z. — better known as Ballerina. Guess why? Happy Birthday J. S. SCOOP.

Providence, R. I. council 103

Here is the district event you all have been waiting for. The MAY-TIME BALL to be held at the well-known Roger William's Park Casino, May 1, 1948. Dancing from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Music will be provided by Van Allen and his Sophisticates.

Congratulations and best wishes to the newly-elected officers. President — Bertha Čiočys; Vice-Pres. — Helen Belconis; Secretary — Bertha Savickis; Treasurer — Anne Uzdavinis; Sargent at Arms - Marge Werbicki; Trustees - Diane Juska, Rose Spokas; and Lithuanian Affairs Committee - Vic Matthews, Helen Avizynis, Ruth Savickis. In keeping with the annual tradition on St. Casimir's Day our spiritual advisor, Fr. Anthony Kacevičius, celebrated High Mass for the intention of all members. The members wore white flowers and received Holy Communion.

Valentine's Day has come and gone, but it will always be a memorable one to the newly engaged couple, Marge Werbicki and George Alikonis. Congratulations to you both, and also to Diane Juska and Bill Cooke.

Happy Twosome

Pittsburgh District News

It was a memorable day for the new Southside Council 19 and old Esplen Council 62 on March 7th. The occasion wasn't a festive one; just the annual K. of L. Communion breakfast in honor of the Patron St. Casimir which united us for a purpose. After High Mass at the church of St. Casimir; the lovely group was served in the parish dining hall, followed by short speeches given by Father Kazēnas and the committee.

The moment of importance came about when the members of C-19 and C-62 received their first, second and third degrees by Father Gerdis. The members who rated the second degree were: C. Storolis, A. Sipp, P. Barkus, R. Simelis, R. Woshner, G. Platt, H. Gudalis; and Helyne Palecki merited the red ribboned medal for the third degree.

The Pittsburgh District convention meeting and elections of the officers for the ensuing year was the next feature, conducted by our debonair president Anthony Mazeika. The new Executive Board and committee members are as follows: President — Anthony Mazeika; 1st. vice-pres. — Walter Chinik; 2nd. vice-pres. — Victor Zink; Treasurer — Bill Kolicius; Secretary — Helen Bernot; Trustees — Pete Barkus and Joseph Aleliunas; and correspondent — Helen Gudalis.

Benefit Committee to aid Displaced Persons: Victor Zink, Pete Barkus, Helyne Palecki, Nellie Kuntz, Walter Chinik and Mrs. Onaitis.

Sports: Andrew Rozger, Bill Kolicius, Gaynol Platt and Lillian Nowak.

Dramatics: Simon Aleliunas, Richard Simelis, Mildred Chinik and Bernice Rozger.

Lithuanian Affairs: Anthony Sipp and Betty Keraitis

Ritual: Rosemarie Woshner, Anthony Grazulis, Ann Bernatonis and Edward Braze. Our Spiritual advisor will be appointed by the League of Lithuanian Priests.

The meeting brought forth the proposal of many ideas. The main one for the present time is a special committee elected to hold an affair to aid Displaced Persons. The second one was to establish new and revive old councils. Many social suggestions were included.

Now with such determination which our councils have shown toward further development and expansion, the proverbial dying embers will start to smolder when the various disbanded councils of the K of L are ignited

Give it a chance and the ping-pong bug turns up along the line. Our vivacious Bunny Rozger and Vic Zink of the champ set played a game with such professional air! It's one for the records.

My item for the Blue Books is "Thank you C-19 for being the perfect host of the day".

H. K. G.

South Boston, Mass.

Our Communion breakfast held in honor of our Patron St. Casimir was a success due to the arrangements made by Al Stakutis and his committee consisting of John Contons, Frances and Ellen Stiga, Jeannette Wisocki and Genie Glinecki. All who attended acclaimed it a noteworthy event; but many more members could have participated in this annual get-together.

In answer to Fr. Al's appeal for a donation, it was decided to raise \$1000 toward the Church Building Fund. Our council is producing a comedy which is to take place May 23rd, in the South Boston High School Auditorium. Our producer and author, Joe Lola, urges all to come and see how well you can act. There are parts for all. He promises to bring out the Sarah Bernhardt or Maurice Evans in you!

Very much occupied these days is John Contons who is co-chairman with Bertha Čiočys of Providence for the District dance to be held in Providence, May 1st.

The New England Bowling tournament (with about 150 participating) was more than an event. Councils were represented from up Maine down to Connecticut. The lucky champs were C-116 (Worcester, Mass.) for the highest men's scoring team and C-17 (South Boston) for the ladies'. Our council played host to all guest bowlers after the strenuous afternoon by serving refreshments at its clubrooms. It was just grand to meet so many of our friends and to make so many new ones. We should plan to meet them again at the N. E. District convention which is to be held in Norwood, April 24-25.

We had the pleasure of meeting Casimir V. Yanish of Washington, D. C. who is now taking special courses at Harvard University, at our monthly meeting. Best of luck to Joe Slanina who has left Boston to work in Virginia. What is Ruthie C. doing nites now? May be writing letters to someone in Virginia? Best wishes and congratulations to C-116, Worcester, on its 20th Anniversary which will be celebrated in April. Who's that bearded young man seen around our clubrooms lately? Johnny Vallis, of course. The latest in cars these days -- air conditioning - ask Tony Jakmauh!

Eella and Liza

New England District

"Maytime Ball" is the name given the annual New England District Dance, to be held in Providence, R.I. on Saturday, May 1st, 1948. Locale for the affair is the Casino in beautiful Roger Williams Park, Providence.

The committee reports that many extra attractions are planned to make this the outstanding dance of the season. A highlight! The girl recruiting the greatest number of members in the recent membership drive will be crowned K. of L. Queen of the evening.

Make a date to meet old friends and new at the "Maytime Ball" in Providence on May 1st.

Bertha E čiočys John P. Contons Co-chairmen

Worcester, Mass.

COUNCIL 116

Our St. Casimir's Day was celebrated in a grand manner. Although the day was very stormy, over 100 attended the 9:15 mass. Color bearers were Joseph Chesna and David Vaskas and the color guards, Edmund Jonitis and Edward S. Sundin. The march was led by President Vaskas. Our guest of honor, Veto Kissell, fullback on the Holy Cross football team, also received with our members. After Mass, breakfast was served in our church hall. The main speaker was Veto Kissell. Others who spoke were our pastor ,Rev. Fr. Vasys; spiritual advisor, Rev. Fr. Jutt; new curate, Rev J. Bakanas and William Burdulis, organist. The chairman for the Communion breakfast was Ann Miller assisted by Joseph Chesna, Rita Kersis and John Andruska. The breakfast was prepared by the members of the Women's Alliance and served by the members of "Marijos Vaikeliai".

Plans are being made to commemorate the Twentieth Anniversary of the K. of L. in this parish. As soon as complete plans are laid, we shall let you all in on the celebration. Of course, the semi-formal to be held at the Sheraton Hotel should be a "must" for all councils.

A report of all patients at Belmont Hospital show that they have all advanced one step and are speeding up the road of good health. Fran, Julia and the Roman boy, who are convalescing, are anxiously awaiting news of the club; so don't forget to keep dropping them a line. A miscellaneous shower is to be had for Aldona Varaska and Stan Waska by their parents before their coming marriage.

"Vištuke"

1948's important date - May 16.



Chicago District K. of L. Choir and its director, Leonard J. Simutis, are very busy rehearsing for the Annual Concert which is to be held April 25th, in the Lithuanian Auditorium, 3331 S. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill., 6:00 p.m. Algerd Brazis, well-known baritone will be one of the soloists featured at the concert. He will also sing a

number composed by Mr. Simutis with the choir. Recently Leonard J. Simutis won third prize in a composition contest which was sponsored by the Lithuanian Organists Guild. The selection with which he merited the prize was "Į Naują žygį", largely known to Chicago audiences.

Chicago, III.

COUNCIL 5

We are all looking forward to the activities being planned for us by our newly-elected officers, Edward Lukosaitis, pres.; Loretta Hushka and Casimir Serpetis, vice-presidents, Jeanette Gaudas, sec'y. and Albin Planciunas and John Lebezinskas, fin. sec'y., and treas., respectively since our council's revival. At this time we also give thanks to the outgoing officers for having fulfilled their duties in the past years especially Tony Lukosaitis and Dolores who did such a wonderful job as president and secretary.

SPIRITUALS — Installation of 1st. and 2nd. degrees were held last month at the K. of L. Youth Center.

SPORTS — We are happy to announce that our members of the Basket Ball team have finally received uniforms and are winning quite a few games.

Our Bowling matches on Sunday afternoons are quite a hit. We never knew we had so many good bowlers! Where have you people been hiding?

MAY DAY DANCE — Everyone is looking forward to our first Spring Dance. It is to be a semi-

formal dance on May 1, 1948 at the St. Michael's Parish Hall. Adm. 65c. All councils are invited to attend. We assure you all a good time.

HERE AND THERE - Anne Shimkus is wearing a beautiful new diamond on her left hand given her by John Bart, a very active member from Cicero. Congratulations! Ping-Pong champs at our monthly socials are still Lillian Stankus and Alphonse Masys. Evelyn Serpetis sure "knocks her self out" playing pingpong. She's a floor-show all by herself. Wonder how Peter Sriubas likes that dandy back-scratcher he won at our last social! Here's hoping the Macekonis sisters keep on attending our meetings It's nice seeing them again. Last, but not least, how about bringing a friend with you at our next meeting. We would like some new members...

FRECKLES

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes but in liking what one does.

- James M. Barrie.

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

— Confucius.

Detroit, Mich.

COUNCIL 102

Our newly-elected officers who were recently installed are as follows: Vito Zaliagiris, pres.; Frank Peterson, vice-pres.; Anna Mae Uznis and Theresa Zaliagiris, cor. sec'ys.; Ann Yursis, rec. sec'y.; and George Sinkus, sgt.-at-arms.

Our annual Easter Dance with Ed Zaliagiris as chairman, proved to be quite successful, also the pre-Lenten sleigh ride. Among our many sport enthusiasts, we noticed Vic Yuodzukinas, Frank Peterson, Ray Medonis, Joe Sakal, G. Podzius, Mary Ann Peterson, Theresa Bender, Joe Petraitis, Tony Zyren, George Sinkus, and Vince Yurkunas. Refreshments were served and dancing followed the wonderful sleigh ride.

The council's date book for 1948 is quite complete because we are now making arrangements and looking forward to the 1948 national convention which is scheduled to take place in Detroit sometime in September, with our council playing as host. Frank Peterson has been elected chairman of the convention committee.

Cicero, III.

COUNCIL 14

At this writing the Lenten Season will almost be at an end. What sacrifice have you made in atonement for the many bruises we cause our Lord? It is quite apparent that a large number of our members are making reparation. How do we know... the increased attendance at meetings during Lent may be some indication. Not that coming to a meeting is a sacrifice but the fact that we have given up patronizing the local theatre means more time for us to spend our time the way we have always intended to on the second and last Fridays of each month. Our last business meeting was very well attended. Wouldn't it be grand if we could keep up this enthusiasm all year round rather than just during the Lenten Season?

One of the most important affairs on the president's agenda for the month of March was the St. Casimir Day ceremonies held on March 7th. The committee chairman, Aldona Sleinis and her able assistants, Stelle Brozas, Helen Gudauskas, Aldona Mockus, Marianne Eisin, Lorraine Mack, Sue Mack, Ed. Misius and Johnny Bart were responsible for the order of the day.

Even though there is a curtailment of all entertainment during the Lenten Season, there is no ruling that restricts us from planning for same... Council 14 is once again making preparations for their annual "Lazy Daizy" dance which will be held on April 17th. The committee is made up of the following enthusiasts: Helen Gudauskas, Vi Miller, Lorraine Mack, Sue Mack, Ernie Kamin, Jerry Kasul, Stelle and Roy Bocunas, Frank Higgins, Bruno White and Ed Pavis. Tentative plans have already been drawn.

Parting is such sweet sorrow... so the old saying goes. Once again the bowling season for 1948 draws slowly to a close. Co-chairmen Boy Bocunas (for the men) and his charming wife (for the women) deserve commendation. All during the season they have conducted this project with utmost efficiency. The league consisted of ten teams strong; the attendance was overwhelming. We'll keep you in suspense until next month by withholding the names of our top bowlers and winners.

The CICERO KNIGHT LIFE did a reappearing act at our last quarterly communion date. The present editorial staff is just brimming with ideas to make our little paper interesting and worthwhile. Seldom has a committee for council activities approached a given job with the enthusiasm of the present KNIGHT LIFE staff. This enthusiasm plus



ability will put into the hands of the members a periodical which will be second to none in K. of L. circles.

Our Spiritual Adviser, Father Stanley Gaučius is away on a well deserved vacation. He will be the envy of us all when he comes back and "sports" the effects of the sunny South. Dan Cupid insists on piercing the hearts of our members. On February 7th he tied the perpetual knot for Matilda Marcinkus and Bill Gaucias. Our best wishes go to the happy newlyweds. The town tattler says that Jimmy Boyd and Eleanor Kandratas will say their "I do's" on May 1st. Johnny Bart, our president, won't let his big uncle, Jimmy Boyd, put anything over on him! He, too, made a date with Dan Cupid. Johnny presented his girl with a diamond for Valentine's Day. The nice thing about all this is that they are all K. of L. members. Hear ye, Hear ye, all eligible maidens. Besides being a spiritual and social organization we also carry on a matrimonial agency, as you can see. So, members, if nothing else let this be an incentive to increase our membership.

Don't you think that if some of our "brains" of the world would take more advice like this it would be a much happier and healthier world in which to live ...

A PLAN U. N. OVERLOOKED

We look at people in our day, They seem to ramble on and on Without a Code to look upon. They whirl away to their decay, How selfishly they work and play!

Linden, N. J. COUNCIL 113

Plans are being made for our annual Communion breakfast to be held some time in May. In order to make this a commemorable affair, we shall contact all the members who have somehow or other wandered away from council activities and have them join us at this breakfast. A reunion, one might say of old members. Prominent speakers will

be invited. So tell your friends who have belonged to the K. of L. at one time or another, and also prospective members you may have in mind. Tickets are available now through the committee.

The District Bowling League had its playoffs at the Elizabeth Bowl and a social afterward at the Lithuanian Liberty Hall in Elizabeth. Congratulations to the winning teams, and to our teams who came in fourth — both boys and girls.

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee has been doing a lot of work by corresponding with different magazines and newspapers, and also keeping an eye out for clippings and articles on Lithuania and Lithuanians. So, if at any time while reading your newspapers and magazine articles you happen to come across an article about Lithuania, clip it out and give it to your Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

Also on the agenda for this coming spring is a Square Dance -"Ranch Night" — with a cowboy orchestra and a professional square dance caller. Big things are planned for this night. Just ask those who attended the Mystery Hayride. Look for the date - it will be some time in April. By the way, here is your chance to wear those dungarees and plaid shirts, boys; and girls — those cowgirl outfits or checkered gingham. dresses and your lassos — remember this is Leap Year. Last but not least, those ten - gallon hats.

"Knightly" notes

What has happened to our new members! We would like to see you at all our meetings. It's fun to get together once a month, and after the meeting, have a social prepared by the boys and girls alternately.

The boys' bowling team have final games arranged with neighboring councils and also several local teams. If you are a bowler join in. Everyone is always welcome to participate in any of the activities of our council.

It was nice to see some new faces at the last meeting. Welcome to our midst, Vi., Matty and John.

Athol, Mass.

COUNCIL 10

Our members hope that Rev. Mažukna, our new spiritual director, will give C-10 the needed energy to become more active again

On March 7 St. Casimir's Day was commemorated by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion in a body. After Mass our mothers served a delicious breakfast.

The council has the ball rolling for a card party which is going to be held on April 18. Plans are being drawn up for a Mother's Day program.

"A Rainbow Trout"

Harrison-Kearny, N. J. COUNCIL 90

On March 1st., 54 members received their First Degrees. Chairman Ann Klem, with the assistance of Fr. Dominic, Joe Kasper, Adele Yuknelis and Rita Staskus made all the arrangements. The ceremony was in accord with the rules of the National Ritual Committee, but it was those "little extras" which made it even more impressive. The guest speaker for the evening was our own National President, Joe Boley. The occasion will be long remembered not only by those who received the degrees but also by those who witnessed the ceremony. Preparations for the Second Degrees are now planned for the April meeting.

The Intra-Council Bowling teams are sponsoring a "Bowling Party" on March 31, to bring to a close the current bowling season. A delectable supper is one of the main attractions with games and dancing to follow. Our thanks are extended to Sue Dasker, secretary and guiding light of the league for her superwoman efforts on the league's behalf. The final results, ie, winning team, high games and high series will be noted next month. To date Fr. Dominic, who keeps picking up a few points every week leads with a 147 average. High men's game, Hal Abbott 222, Women's high game, Ann Klem 202. Most improved bowler, Ann Peters. She more than doubled her original average!!!

The members of the Paterson Council have been good enough to accept our invitation and presented their play "Biznieriai" in Kearny on March 14. We enjoyed this comical play written by Fr. Klumbis. Committee members including Irene and Vince Gelcius and Ann Klem did a good job making all the arrangements.

A group of the C-90 boys traveled to Brooklyn on March 3 to meet the Brooks on the basketball court and lost 66-53.

TATTLE TALES: The Daskers are very happy now that little Marcy Sue, born on St. Valentine's day, made her home with them. Congratulations, Sue and Charlie.

The work of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee seems to be bearing fruit. Of late, more newspapers and magazines have been mentioning Lithuania and its people, frequently illustrating their articles with pictures. This must mean that people are becoming conscious of the fact that the Lithuanian - Americans still care about what goes on in their fatherland. Ann Klem, Charles Nakrosis and Joe Kohanski have been very faithful in gathering material and in forwarding letters to editors

and writers; so have a number of other members. If each member sent only one letter — that would mean 96 from the council. Let's do it!

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The Lithuanian Classes taught by Fr. Karal, are still meeting once a week at Holy Name Hall. In addition Fr. Karal showed some pictures he took during the time he lived in Lithuania, beautiful new modern buildings which were erected the 1st and 2nd World between Wars; country scenes, roadside crosses, chapels, monuments historical sports. He also showed many pictures taken during the time he was attending grammar and high schools, the Seminary, and while he was chaplain of a village school. The photographs were projected via a Pictograph - similar to a lantern slide, and everyone present enjoyed them immensly. Thanks to Fr. Karal and his cousin, who assisted him.

TWO BITS

Westfield, Mass.

COUNCIL 30

Our activities began this month with a Leap Year Dance. The music of the White Eagle Orchestra proved to be very enjoyable thanks to our chairman, Gladys Jegg, and Jeanette Griggs.

At the last meeting, after all business matters were discussed, refreshments were served and dancing followed. Bertha Gedmin and Ann Miller are to be commended for making this meeting most entertaining.

All the officers from our council attended the meeting in Worcester. They found the talk given by Father John, very interesting. Gladys K. found Charles P. interesting too!

The members have been faithfully attending the mission. Could it be that the handsome missionary's preaching appeals to the younger set? He has answered many of our questioned minds by means of the Question Box.

Thanks goes to Ann and Frank Zvalonis for their contribution to Lithuanian D. Ps. We need more members like you.

That handsome man, Ernie Danyla, has joined our club this month. Would like to have more like you! Helen Griggs has a sparkling left hand — Congratulations. Gladys J. — you looked pretty classy in that silver dress. Where was your Prince Tony that night? Johnny G. has been using his car to take the club members to their favorite place, Corky's. Jeanette G. has been beaming ever since she received a dozen roses for Vatentine's Day. By the way Father — who sent you that Valentine?

Jay-bird

Pittsburgh, Pa.

COUNCIL 62

Councils 62 and 19 honored St. Casimir's Day by receiving Communion as a group on March 7th. After Mass, a breakfast-dinner combination was served in the St. Casimir's school hall, at which time a short program was presented and the installation of degrees took place, with Mr. Mazeika, officiating. Helyne Palecki, member of C-62, received her 3rd degree.

Following the Ritual ceremonies, It had been voted to form a Pittsburgh District with Anthony J. Mazeika as president of the district. Program, Sports, Dramatics, Ritual and Initiation Committees were appointed. Helen Gudalis was elected chairman of the Publicity Committee. Everyone present at this meeting was most enthusiastic. The outlook appears promising.

C-62 is planning an "all-out" membership campaign and is determined to reach all available youth. Also plans for bowling and ping-pong tournaments are under way. Fr. Joe not only has monopoly on the "New Look" because of his new car but still holds 1st place in the bowling league. Ed Sipp, holder of the season's duck-pin high with a 195, promises to pilot a fighting team till the end. Andy finally admits that his group hasn't got a chance. Dutch and Tony G. occasionally engage in friendly betting. Ruth Dargis always tries to blame the score on the wrong ball. The bowling season will be topped off with a banquet being tendered to our bowlers, on April 24th. It won't be long now, Rose!.. It's good to see Gay in circulation again.

A suggestion is made to all councils to aid in the National Program of denouncing the threat and menace to our individual liberty—communism.

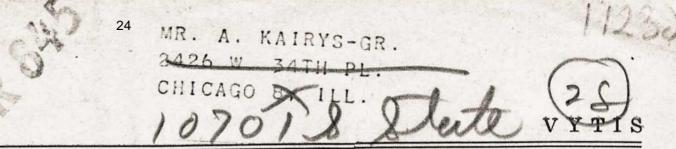
Indiana Harbor, Ind.

At our last meeting held March 3, final plans were made for the Annual Spring Dance to be given April 24th. It will be held at St. Francis Hall, 3903 Fir Street, Indiana Harbor, Ind. Music by Billy Michaels Orch. — Entree 7:30. We take this opportunity in inviting all to this affair.

A short review of the K. of L. College's closing session, which was attended by several of our members, was given by the president, Roland Rindoks.

Members received Holy Communion as a body, Sunday, March 7, at St. Francis Church. A large percentage of our group turned out ruoiseddo siul iol Lillian Stone

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Worcester, Mass.

COUNCIL 26

Our Communion breakfast was held March 7, in our own church hall, preceded by 10:45 Mass. Our beloved pastor, Rev. Augustine Petraitis, said Mass and our own spiritual advisor, Rev. Michael Tamulevičius, preached a beautiful sermon. The breakfast was deliciously prepared by our boys, Edmund Grigaitis, Joseph Sakaitis and Frank Tamosiunas. They really did a splendid piece of work. We had for guest speakers Alderman Joseph Grigaitis, Representative Stanley Wondolowski, Rev. Petraitis, Rev. Tamulevičius, and our new member Rev. Alphonse Volongis. Twenty - three members received their degrees which were bestowed on them by Mrs. Mary Jurgelionis. Charles Tagman was our toasmaster. We welcome the following young ladies who joined at our last meeting: Marie Carr, Dorothy Shuplis, Susan Zigmont and Lillian Alexandrovich. Our club rooms are beginning to look beautiful already. Joseph Sakaitis and Vin Grazulis are working very hard in order to finish their tremendous task. We plan on having open house shortly after Easter. Everyone will be welcome!

We are planning a Military Whist, the proceeds of which will go to the parish fund. Vin Grazulis, our president, is chairman of this affair.

Our play is really coming along beautifully. Mary Jurgelionis deserves credit for her untiring efforts. We have a good cast. If your council has not yet sent in their dates, please do so immediately. We shall miss Fr. Bruno Mazukna, who now is spiritual advisor of C-10, Athol.

CHIT - CHAT

Paul Puris finally presented Gen Zvalauskas with a gorgeous gem. Best of luck to both of you. What little girl, whose father is a carpenter, while helping the boys with the painting of the clubrooms, painted herself beautifully in the corner and had to stay there till the boys figured a way out?? I'll give you a hint - this same girl went with our president to get some bread during our snow carnival and returned three hours later. Her initials are A. K. Our snow carnival was a lovely affair. Betty Slavinskas, we appreciate your kindness by donating part of

your finger, but we really had enough meat to go around. Flash: our three little nurses, Terry J., Mickey Z. and Helen Puishys are getting a bit lonesome so how about you lads dropping them a line? Jerry is quite the casanova; you should see him at rehearsals! I hear Charles Bason was in town visiting our Eve, how nice! Monica K. was that attendance prize you won too heavy to carry home?

Susan.

Dayton, Ohio

COUNCIL 96

Our council was honored by being the first to meet Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis, who arrived March 5th, from a D.P. Camp in Germany. He will be an assistant to our pastor. Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis, a very interesting person with an outstanding personality, honored our council by holding our Mass on St. Casimir's Day and attending breakfeast with us at Suttmiller's. Rev. Katarskis, we can't find the right words to express our thanks and appreciation for the honor and pleasure you gave us. We sincerely wish you success and happiness in our small parish. We are looking forward to seeing you at our meetings and Lithuanian classes. Father and our council has made an agreement: While he teaches us Lithuanian we in turn will teach him English.

Our council has sent some sporting equipment to our adopted council in Germany. It may interest you to know that Rev. Katarskis was the organizer of that council. Father promised to tell us about his past experiences. Let's have a good turnout at our meetings.

Pat Zelinskas, Dorothy Miller, Eleanor and Mary Ann Ambrose, are planning a Mother's Day party to be held Sunday, May 9th.

There is a rumor that a dance is to be held in June.

Members of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee are working very faithfully in writing letters. They are to be commended for their excellent work.

Jim Razauskas is a new addition to our council. Welcome, Jim. Our membership is increasing with every meeting.

Many familiar faces were seen at our last meeting. Come now, members, all of you can spare one night a month for club duties. Can't you?
We wish to thank George Zilinskas for his contribution in taking pictures during our St. Casimir's breakfast.

DOTTIE

Norwood, Mass.

COUNCIL 27

St. Casimir's Day was observed March 7 by receiving Holy Communion followed by a breakfast at the Norwood Manor. We were honored by the presence of Kasimer Weisul, a charter member of our K. of L. and Fr. Gidziunas, O. F. M. The latter's talk on our Patron Saint was not only informative but also very inspiring.

Plans are under way for our annual Spring Frolic to be held sometime in May. The following members are serving on this committee: Bertha Bechunas, Stanley Dallalis, Joan Jasionis, Lillian and Vinnie Kasauskas, Stanley Medvesky, Helen Saboites and Eddie Tarutis.

Have you circled the 24th and 25th of April on your calendar yet? C-27 is host to the N. E. District Convention.

We were pleased to receive several letters and a very interesting book on Lithuania from the Lithuanian students in Germany to whom we sent sports equipment.

Hope Jasper can afford to go to the Convention and Spring Dance after paying the delayed income tax fines... We hope to see more of Joe Kudirka and Stan Vasilauskas who appeared for the first time at our recent meeting... We're all wishing Eva Jurgevich a speedy recovery... We have amongst us one of the fairer sex who knows what Leap Year means... Best of luck to you Joan J., and may all your troubles be little ones... It seems odd to see Stan Medvesky awake all the time since his trip to Woonsocket... Where did you boys get such beautiful soprano voices as were brought forth at the rehearsal for the Parish Reunion? Such talent!.. Would a certain party from Athol be interested in selling some Parish Reunion chance books? No income on this deal, however...

> O. Henry, Old Nick and Mr. Goodbar.

Which council will make the best showing in our fund-raising campaign? We'll know shortly.

Every human being through the course of life, realizes the necessity to seek friendship, to form association, to develop social contacts and to become a worthy member of society.