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Raudonasis Dievas

“Naujas dievas atėjo pas jus, mano draugai. Ugningos jo akys nežiba pro kodylų dūmus nė pro altoriaus žvakes... Tas naujasis dievas nėra akmens statula, apdilusi nuo tikinčiųjų bučiavimų, — jis gimęs ne danguje... Naujasis dievas yra gimęs iš žemės ir kraujo... Jis žengia pirmyn, ir nuo jo griausmingų žingsnių dreba žemė nuo Rytų ligi Vakarų. Tai raudonasis dievas. Seinos upė (Prancūzijoje) virpa nuo jo slėgimo ir mėgina lietus iš savo krantų. Westminsteris (Anglija) dreba prieš jį kaip Jerichonas, ir per žalsvąjį vandenyną jo raudonas šešelis krinta ant Baltųjų Rūmų. Hosanna naujam dievui”...

Tai žodžiai, kuriuos vengrų komunistas Arpad Toth rašė naujam dievui pagarbinti ir jo priešams išgąsdinti.

Dabar pasiklausykime, ką sako tas “dievas”:

“Komunistų partija negali būti neutrali religijos atžvilgiu ir ji veda antireliginę propagandą prieš visus religinius prietarus. Tai geriausias būdas užminuoti reakcinės dvasiškos įtaką, kuri remia išnaudotojų klasę.” Taip rašo Stalinas.

Vadinasi, raudonasis dievas, kuris šiandien žygiuoja iš Rytų į Vakarus, didžiausiu savo priešu laiko kiekvieną religiją, ir nė nemirkteldamas jis religiją vadina žmonijos opiumu (nuodijimu). Komunistai religijos laisvę pripažįsta tik tol, kol jie pasiekia valdžios. Gavę valdžią, jie ne tik išveržia iš žmogaus tikėjimą, bet atima jo asmens laisvę ir nesiskaito su jokia asmens verte.

Komunizmas, rusiškas, azijatiškas komunizmas, žengia valdyti pasaulio. Jis savo policinėmis priemonėmis, kalėjimais, ištrėmimais, koncentracijos stovyklomis ir žiauriausiais kankinimais palaužia kiekvieną žmogų, o jo šeimą bei artimuosius išbarsto bado mirčiai dideliuose Sibiro plotuose. Ir dreba prieš jį kiekvienas žmogus, kiekviena pavergta žemė, suspausta širdimi dairydami, ar neatsiras pasauly galybė, kuri gražintų jiems laisvę, pastogę ir ramų nakties miegą.

Komunizmo pavergtą ir paniekintą žmogų gina tik viena religija, kuri primena, kad Dievas sutvėrė žmogų laisvą ir davė jam protą mąstyti ir liežuvį kalbėti. Religija smerkia bet kokią priespaudą, ir Kristaus bažnyčia glaudžia prie savęs nuskriaustuosius ir pažemintuosius ir ateina raminti verkiančiųjų. Ir niekur žmogus savo tikėjimo ir bažnyčios taip nepasiilgsta, kaip ten, kur jis kenčia, kur jis persekiojamas ir kur kryžiaus ženklas yra laikomas nusikaltimu prieš valstybę.

Kryžiaus labiausiai bijo šėtonas. Ir per visus



KARDINOLAS MINDSZENTY

amžius jis prieš jį kovoja. Jis žmogui kužda pui-kybės žodžius, žada jam valdžią, siūlo turtus, vilioja į nuodėmę, kad tik žmogus jam nusilenktų ir tarnautų. Šėtonas gudrus ir žmogų nori į savo pinkles įtraukti klasta. Tačiau jo tarnas, raudonasis dievas, kuris nieko kito žmogui neturi pasiūlyti, kaip skurdą ir vergiją, nesitenkina tuščiais viliojimais. Jis pasitiki savo jėga. Baisia, grubia ir žiauria jėga ir aiškiai pasako: nusilenk ir pagarbink mane, o jei ne, tai tave sutrypsiu. Ir mėšluotu batu trypia ne tik drebantį žmogaus kūną, bet siekia ir jo sielos. Laisvos ir nemarios sielos.

Raudonasis dievas mėgsta aukas. Kruvinas gyvojo žmogaus kūno aukas. Jis be jų alksta ir trokšta. Ir, už savo geležinės uždangos pasislėpęs, jis godžiai ryja savo aukas, pirmiau jas iškankinęs. Ryja po kelis milijonus kasmet... Kas drįsta jam priminti sąžinę ir laisvę, tas apšaukiamas darbo žmonių priešu ir nakčia išvelkamas iš namų ir įmetamas į būrį tų milijonų, kuriuos toliau rys baisusis raudonasis dievas.

Norėdamas įvaryti daugiau baimės visiems tiems, kurie savo širdies atodūsiu ieško nusiramimo tikrojo Dievo bažnyčiose, raudonasis Kremliaus viešpats paliepė Vengrijos komunistams, paklusniems jo tarnams, suimti ir nuteisti

Katalikų Bažnyčios kunigaikštį, kardinolą Juozapą Mindszenty.

Mindszenty — smulkaus ūkininko sūnus, jaunystę praleidęs sunkiuose ūkio darbuose, vėliau uolus kunigas ir vyskupas. Nacių okupacijos metu, už atsisakymą leisti bažnyčią panaudoti naciškai propagandai, jis suimamas ir dienos metu vedamas miesto gatvėmis. Žmonės klaupėsi, kai jis ėjo pro šalį, o jis juos laimino...

Vengrijai atsidūrus rusų okupacijoje, vyskupas Mindszenty buvo pakviestas į Romą (1946 m.), kur popiežius Pijus XII jam su kitais suteikė kardinolo — Bažnyčios kunigaikščio — laipsnį. Įteikdamas raudoną skrybėlę, kaip reikalauja apeigos, popiežius tarė: “Priimki šią raudoną skrybėlę, aukštos kardinolo garbės ženklą, kuriuo pagarsinama, kad tu pasižadi drąsiai skelbti šventą tikėjimą, nebijodamas pralieti už jį savo kraują ir mirti”...

Vėliau, kreipdamasis į naują kardinolą, popiežius jam pasakė: “Gali būti, kad tu būsi pirmas, kuris savo raudoną purpurą pamatysi pavirtus į raudoną kraują”...

Tie žodžiai neišgąsdino naujo kardinolo. Grįžęs į savo pavergtą tėvynę ištikus trejus metus jis gynė tikėjimą ir skriaudžiamuosius. Jis buvo įspėjamas, kad gali būti suimtas, buvo patariamasis išvažiuoti iš Vengrijos, bet jis buvo patvarus savo pareigose. Gerai pažinęs komunistų metodus, kardinolas parašė vyskupams laišką, kuriame pasakė, kad bet koks “prisipažinimas”, kuris gali būti jo vardu paskelbtas kurią dieną, tebus tik “žmogiško silpnumo” arba vaistų bei kankinimų išdava...

Ir trečią po Kalėdų naktį kardinolas buvo suimtas. Pasauliui buvo paskelbta, kad jis krašto išdavikas ir rengėsi nuversti dabartinę (komu-

nistų) valdžią. Po keturiasdešimties dienų ir naktų tardymo, kardinolas teisme “prisipažino” kaltu... ir pareiškė, kad jo laiškuose vyskupams užsiminimai apie galimus kankinimus ir prievarta išgautus “prisipažinimus” yra klaidingi... Jis dabar kitaip manęs...

Iškankinto ir į šešėlį panašaus kardinolo lūpos paskutiniame žodyje teisme kalbėjo: “Aš niekad nebuvau vengrų tautos priešu. Niekad neturėjau jokių nesusipratimų su darbininkais bei ūkininkais, prie kurių priklausau aš pats ir mūsų šeima.

“Aš meldžiaus širyti ir Dievo prašiau taikos. Taikos ne rytoj, ar tolimoj ateity, bet taikos mūsų dienoje.

“Į šiuos teismo rūmus mane atvedė meilė mūsų Bažnyčiai ir Vengrijos valstybei, kuriai parodžiau paklusnumą”.

Ir štai, vasario 8 dieną “liaudies teismas”, kuris susidėjo iš vieno profesionalo teisėjo ir keturių partijos atstovų, paskelbė sprendimą, kuriuo kardinolas Mindszenty pasmerkiamas kalėti iki gyvos galvos.

Pasaulis nustebo. Demokratinių kraštų valstybės vyrai sušuko, kad tai biauriausia niekšystė ir pasityčiojimas iš bet kokio teisingumo ir žmoniškumo. O raudonasis Kremlius valdovas juokiasi. Ir kvatojja raudonasis dievas už geležinės uždangos iš tų pasipiktinimo žodžių ir popierinių protestų. Ir dar labiau spaudžia savo vergus, kad sparčiau kaltų ginklus laisviems savo broliams pavergti. Jis, raudonasis dievas, mirties viešpats, žengia!

Kraujas sruvena iš kankinio kardinolo kūno...

Kankinio kraujas, kokio daug, vai daug, jau išliejo Lietuvos vaikai.

A. G.

Žali Velniukai

Jurgis Jankus

(Iš nepažįstamos mergaitės užrašų)

Redakcijos kambarys didelis ir platus, ir jame tik aš ir Vytas su Kęstučiu. Ir čia taip daug tylos, kad mūsų žodžiai visai nepajėgia jos išblaškyti. Man rodosi, kad tame tylume ir toj erdvėj esame trys maži taškučiai, kaip trys knygos, užsimetusios didžiulėj salėj ir belaukiančios, kad kas ateitų ir perskaitytų arba nors atsiverstų ir pažiūrėtų, kas yra viduj.

Keistos mintys, kaip dideli tylūs paukščiai, plazda apie galvą, bet aš tenoriu galvoti tik apie juodu: apie Vytą ir Kęstą. Vidury žiemos juodu man buvo visiškai svetimi, kaip dvi knygos, kurių dar nebuvau atsivertęs, bet dabar norėčiau atsiversti ir paskaityti. Ir ne abi, bet tik tą, ku-

rios vardas Vytas. Kai dabar taip sėdžiu ir žiūriu į jį, pasilenkusį ant popierių, ateina mintis, kad esu jau truputį ją praskleidusi ir net vietomis paskaitinėjusi, bet daug ką ir pati sau bijau prisipažinti. Dar noriu laukti. Gal tas ir taip praeis. Kaip nedidelis galvos svaigimas arba sapnas nesumerkus akių. Aš net spėju, kad iš tikrųjų tik taip ir yra: lauke dabar pavasaris, ir širdį traukia toli už miesto, į pušyną, į žalsvą vėsų vandenį.

Išeinu į Nemuną, nuklystu į Nerį, pasineriu į vandens vėsumą ir būnu, kol krūtinėje pritrūks ta kvapo, mirkstu, kol ima krėsti virpulys ir į krantą išlipu pamėlynavusi ir danties nebeišlai kydama ant danties, tik širdies toji vėsuma ne-

pasiekia. Norėčiau, kad kas ateitų ir pasakytų kodėl. Ir kodėl to negalėtų pasakyti Vytautas? Norėčiau kada paklausti, ir tada, kai nebus Kęsto ir kai būsime dviese, bet vėl širdis dreba, ir žinau, kad nepaklausiu. Jis gali pasakyti jo širdį nuo vandens atvėstant. Tada būtų nežmoniškai sunku, ir iš širdies galėtų likti tik mažas pelenu žiupsnelis.

Bet jeigu pasakytų ir viskas iš karto pasidarytų aišku... Ne, ne! Taip neišpasakytai nemoku gyventi. Vaikštau mėlsvam rūke, pilnam sentimentalaus skambėjimo, o noriu gyventi...

Vytautas varto pluoštą kažin keno rankraščių ir labai šaltu veidu brauko ir taiso, Kęstutis balsu skaito persų poeziją. Man kartais atrodo, kad ir jis nerealus ir taip pat klaidžioja mėlsvam rūke, bet mane taip traukia ir kartu baugina šaltas Vytauto realumas.

Nežiūriu nė į vieną. Mano akys klysta pro langą, bet Vytautą jaučiu širdim, o Kęsto balsą tegirdžiu kaip tolimą dundėjimą.

Čia pat už lango plačialapė liepa, už jos saulė. Jos spinduliai ateina per lapus, ir liepa nuo to pasidaro pilna šokinėjančių žalsvų šešėlių.

Vėjo nėra ir lapai nejuda, bet žali šešėliai mirga ir šokinėja nuo lapo ant lapo. Man širdis derinasi su jų ritmu, ir matau, kaip vienas, vis pasišokinėdamas, bėga artyn ir artyn, drąsiu šiuoliu atsiduria ant paties kraštelio ties palange nusvirusio lapo, akiplėšiškai mirkteli akim ir ištiesia mažytę žalią ranką, ir jis nebe šešėlis. Prisimerkiu ir aiškai matau: jis mažytis, švelnus, žalias velniukas.

Jis be ragučių ir be uodegytės, ir ugnis neina iš burnos, ir žalios akys pilnos nuostabaus švelnumo ir kiaurai per jį matau mirgančius lapus, bet žinau, kad jis mažas velniukas ir kad už jo liepos lapai pilni tokių pat nerūpestingų išdykėlių.

Jis stovi ir moja. Pakylu nuo kėdės, dedu koją ant stalo ir einu per popierius ir rašalines prie lango.

Ištiesiu ranką ir nustembu: ir ji tokia pat mažytė, tik velniuko žaliai delnei atrodo taip nepaprastai balta, kaip purus sniego pūkelis, vidury vasaros nusileidęs iš dangaus.

Noriu atsisukti, pamoti draugams, bet velniukas stipriai trukteli, ir aš atsiduriu šalia jo ant lapo.

Lapas supasi, kaip sūpuoklės, ir neišpasakytai smagus šiurpas eina per širdį.

Apačioj gatve šliaužia nuo dulkių papilkėję automobiliai, pilkais dulkinais veidais eina suvargę, nutrintomis kojomis vokiečių kareiviai. Ant pečių dar neša sunkius šautuvus, bet ir jie pilni pavargimo ir nebereikalingi.

Persisvėrusi per lapo kraštą ilgai žiūriu į juos, noriu sušukti, kad mestų žemėn sunkius šautuvus, eitų čia ir pasinertų kartu su mumis tame žalume, bet velniukas pridėda pirštą prie lūpų ir liepia nutilti.

— Šautuvus paskum surinktume ir užtver-



VYSKUPAS V. BRIZGYS

Jo Ekscelencija šiuo metu lanko lietuvių kolonijas Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstybėse.

tumėm ganykloms tvoras, kad gyvuliai į javus nesueitų, — sakau jam, ir abu juokiamės.

Iš anapus gatvės pro atvirą langą dar skamba nerūpestinga, pilna pavasariško judrumo muzika. Į jos ritmą taip baisiai nesiderina nei pavargę kareivių žingsniai, nei liūdnas mašinų dundėjimas.

Velniukas paima mane už rankų ir abu liekiam per lapus su pavasarinės muzikos ritmu. Aplink mus, kaip mirgą žali šešėliai, sukasi būriai tokių pat velniukų, o lapai sūpuojasi žemyn ir aukštyn ir nuo to iš širdies nenyksta neišpasakytai smagūs šiurpuliai.

Mes bėgam ir bėgam. Ir kareiviai, ir mašinos, ir muzika pasiliko toli apačioj. Tada sustojam ir susėdam ant paties aukščiausio liepos lapo, po pačiu viduriu skaidriai mėlyno dangaus. Po kojų buvo žali lapai, toliau raudoni nuo dūmų ir laiko patamsėję stogai, toliau upės ir laukai pilni brandaus pavasario, dar toliau dulkių ir dūmų paėsti dangaus pakraščiai. Širdy buvo liūdna ir neramu. Nenorėjau liūdėti ir negalėjau džiaugtis. Prie mano kojų ilsėjosi žalias, la-

PRELATAS JONAS AMBOTAS



Šiomet prel. J. Ambotas mini savo amžiaus 80 metų sukaktį. Per tą ilgą metų eilę prelatas visados buvo didžiai veiklus tiek Bažnyčios, tiek lietuvių tautos reikaluose. Ir dabar, sulaukęs tokio gražaus amžiaus, jis nuolat dalyvauja lietuvių darbuose, nuvyksta net ir į tolimesnius suvažiavimus ar kongresus, gyvai seka jų eigą ir pats aktyviai prisideda prie svarstomų klausimų. Šiuo savo judrumu ir uolumu jis yra gyvas pavyzdys kitiems lietuviams. O mums, vyčiams, malonu prelatą turėti savo garbės nariu.

Nuoširdžiausiai sveikiname prel. J. Ambotą šios sukakties proga ir linkime kuo gražiausių metų.

bai protingas velniukas, horizontuose žuvo žmonės ir ateitis tebuvo didelis nerimas.

— Kam neleidai čia pašaukti kareivių, — su priekaištu pasakiau velniukui. — Jie pralaimėjo ir bėga pavargę ir nusiminę. Kam tu pavydėjai žmonėms ramaus poilsio po mėlynu dangum?

Bet velniukas tik galvą papurtė ir pasakė:

— Mes amžini ieškotojai, mes patys sau ir tikslas; mes patys keleiviai, mes kelias, mes ir priebėga; mes maldininkai, mes ir Viešpats Dievas. Ar nurimę rymom, ar dusdami bėgam — visada į tą patį tikslą artėjam ir visais keliais jį pasieksim.

Pakeliu akis ir, rodos, matau nulekiančius paskutinius persiškos išminties žodžius nuo Kę-

to lūpų. Jis valandėlę žiūri į Vyta, tebebraukantį rankraštį, paskum pasako:

— Ką apsisprende daryti?

Vytas pakelia akis, žalsvas ir gilias. Jis labai rimtas.

— Pasilieku.

— Bet ar yra prasmės?

— Kodėl?

— Ar išbėgę mes nebūsime savo kraštui naudingesni?

— Kokia bus nauda iš manęs tenai, jeigu čia pasilikusi žus visa tauta.

— Visa nežus.

— Tai nežūsiu ir aš. Vienam pasauly pasilikti nėra prasmės.

Jis pasuka akis į mane ir taip šypsosi, lyg norėtų atsakyti į visus man neaiškius klausimus.

— Ar ne teisybė? — dar prideda.

Jo balsas švelnus, bet platus ir tvirtas, kaip tylos dvelktelėjimas pačiam audros vidury, ir man dar sunku atskirti, ar čia Vytas kalba ar žalias velniukas iš liepos žalumos.

Ištiesiu ranką ir pasakau:

— Jau vėlu. Einam.

Vytas pakyla, ir mudu išeinam, o Kęstutis pasilieka pasilenkęs ant senos persiškos išminties, kuri tokia gili, tokia šalta ir teisinga ir tokia neaiški. Ar ji padės jam apsispręsti?

Plačiais laiptais išeinam į gatvę. Čia pilna nusiminusių karių ir apdulkėjusių mašinų. Jos veža daug sudėvėtų padangų, sulūžusių medinių grėblių, vielinių tvorų, sudaužytų mašinų, o palieka viską: ir pergale, ir garbę, ir draugų kapus. Noriu sustoti ir paklausti:

— Ko jūs čia ėjote? Gal svetimoj žemėj namus norėjot rasti?

Bet nieko nepasakau — lūpos nesiveria. Tyli ir Vytas. Prie durų paduoda ranką. Taip paprastai, kaip kiekvieną vakarą, kai grįždavom paklajoję po gatves.

Nė sykio jis nebuvo peržengęs to slenksčio, ir aš nebuvo pakvietusi peržengti. "Gal taip ir geriau," — pagalvojau.

Ir dabar laiko ranką ir nežino, kad aš vos galiu sulaikyti ašaras.

— Mes dabar kaip ant svyruojančio lapo, — pasako ir dar prideda: — Rudenį. — Ir jo balsas suvirpėjo.

Dar kartą spustelėjo ranką ir nuėjo. Man pasirodė, kad ir jo ranka suvirpėjo. Nuo to širdis krūptelėjo, bet nesustabdžiau ir nepasisakiau, kad mano tėvai jau viską sukrovė ir šią naktį išvažiuojam. Man buvo gėda pasisakyti, kad ryžtuos palikti viską: ir žmones, ir ateitį, ir viltis.

Greitai užbėgau į butą ir išėjau į balkoną. Ilgoj tiesioj gatvėj, tarp išsidraikiusių vakaro šešėlių, dar ilgai mačiau plačią pilką jo nugarą, kol pasisuko už kampo ir dingo.

Prabėgo nuo to laiko daug dienų. Važiuodama į Hamburgą, netikėtai susitikau Kęstą.

— Ar girdėjai ką apie Vyta? — po kelių žodžių kalbos paklausė.

— Nė garso.

— Nebėra.

— Nebėra?! — surikau.

Kėstas paėmė man už rankos.

— Nebėra.

— Nužudė?

Valandėlę gaišo žiūrėdamas į šalį, paskum stipriau suspaudė ranką:

— Tik nesidėk per daug į širdį. Nukankino. Arkliais suplėšė, — patylėjęs pridėjo.

Nieko negalėjau pasakyti. Žodis nėjo pro lūpas ir akys negalėjo sulaikyti ašarų. Kėstas stovėjo priešais ir jas matė, tik negalėjo matyti, kaip plyšo širdis, kad jis žuvo su žudoma tauta, o aš pasilikau vieniša vienišiausia. Ar ne smagiau būtų buvę žūti kartu, jeigu taip telemta gyventi?

— Ir mums čia nebėra kas veikti, — pasakė Kėstas.

— Grįši? — paklausiau.

— Ne! Aš mirti nenoriu. Aš važiuosiu į pasaulį.

— Kas ten laukia?

— Kova. Už Vyta ir už visus. Už suplėšytą Lietuvą.

Jis tebestovėjo priešais, ir aš mačiau ašaromis padrėkusias akis ir virpantį balsą.

— Aš kovosiu kaip žydas. Mes turim taip kovoti! — patylėjęs pridėjo ir tuose žodžiuose švytelėjo man gyvenimo prasmė.

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Atsikėlęs į buvusią pereinamąją stovyklą, radau ant išmušto lango lietaus perlytą sąsiuvinį ir jame, nors ir su vargu, perskaičiau tą rašinėlį. Iš čia daug jaunų žmonių važiuo į Australiją, Braziliją, Venecuelą ir dar į daugelį kitų kraštų. Atrodo, išvažiuo ir jo autorė, gal netyčia užmiršusi užrašų sąsiuvinį ant lango. Bet aš jį perskaičiau ir nusirašiau. Tikiu, nežinoma autorė nesupyks, kad leisiu jį paskaityti ir kitiems, kurių ir širdys ir tėvynė taip pat suplėšytos.

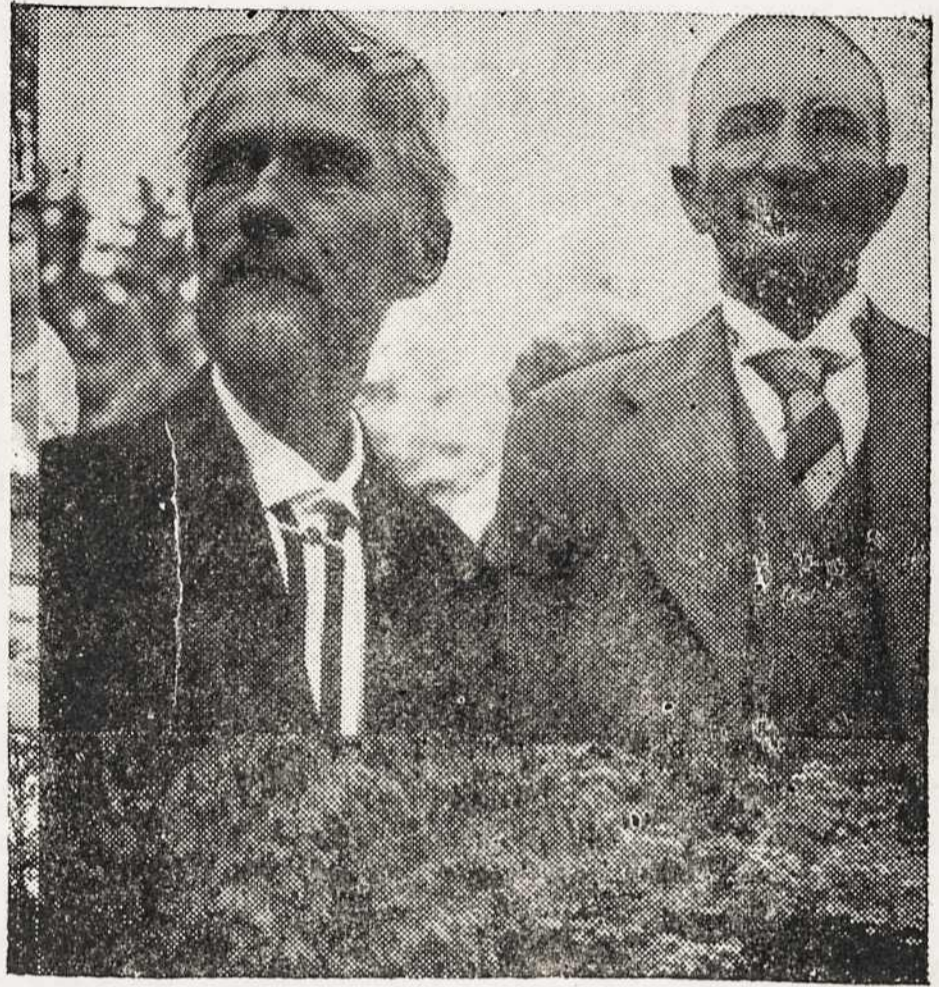
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SERENADA

*Už KALNELIŲ saulė leidžias...
Amžių slaptos knygos skleidžias...
Žemės šlamesys nutilo —
Švyti jaunatis už šilo...*

*Tesipildo, kas žadėta,
Kai sužys naktis žvaigždėta...
Niekas mudviejų negirdi —
Atiduok man savo širdį...*

*Pasivertęs žemės žiedu,
Savo — tavo — širdžiai giedu —
Skyrium viena jos sapnavo —
Duok man slaptą sapną tavo...*



VYDŪNAS

SANTUOKOS PRASMĖ

Rodos, visai žinoma, kam dvi žmogysti susituokia. Nori būti gyvenimo draugu ir bendrai gyvenimą patirti bei pragyventi. Nori ir naujų žmoniškų gyvumų pasimėgti, nori šeimos, nori vaikų. Tikima, kad jų gyvybė taip išigali ir pasitvirtina laikuose.

Bet norėta ir tai, kad tas gyvumas nuolatai taurėtų. O tam labai svarbus abiejų susituokusių santykiavimas. Tiesa, abi žmogysti susiglaudžia vienam gyvenimui. Visa ką reiškia tam kūnas su jo gyvumu, jo sveikata. Bet regimai dar daugiau vidinis, būtent, nuotaikos ir protavimo gyvumas. Čia turi vykti tikriausia santara, saktume, gražus suoskambis.

O tam labai visa ką vykdo meilė. Tik neturėtų ji būti suprantama vien kaip kūniškas malonumas, ne vien kaip tų pačių nuotaikos būsenų kvėpavimas ir ne kaip tik tų pačių minčių sušvitimas, bet kaip dvasinio vieningumo sąmonė.

Ji sušvinta, jeigu vienas santuokos narys stebi kitąjį ne kaip regimą pasirodymą, bet kaip dvasinę esmę ir ją kaip tokią nuoširdžiai vertina. Vis atsimindamas, kad ji randasi kaip ir paties esmė pačiame Didžiajame Slėpinyje, iš kurio, kuriame ir kuriopi viskas yra. Abu tada pasisako esančiu Jame.

Aiškėja abiem tada, kad toks viens kito vertinimas yra tikriausias, esmiškosios meilės kurstymas. Abiem prisimena, kad Didysis Slėpinys yra Meilė ir kad tikroji meilė šviesina žmogaus sielą ir leidžia jį numanyti, kad jis gyvena Dievuje ir kad Dievas jame.

Taip tada abu susituokusių yra Dievo Meilės palaiminamu ir viena asmenybė pasireiškia kitajai kaip tos Meilės ir jos Palaiminimo atšvaista.

J. Kmitas

Iš Mano Atsiminimų

Seminarijos laikai

Mano laikais (1892 — 96 m.) lietuvių susipratimas Seinų seminarijoj jau buvo aukštokai pašokęs. Tai įvyko vien klierikų iniciatyvos dėka, nes seminarijos vadovybė tautiniam lietuvių susipratimui nepritarė. Kunigai profesoriai, beveik visi lietuviai, iš principo nebuvo lietuvybei priešingi; kai kurie net aiškiai buvo palankūs, tačiau oficialiai vengė savo palankumą pareikšti. Tokia jau buvo susidarius aplinka, kuriai pakeisti būtų prirėkę labai radikalių žygių. Kadangi rektorius buvo lenkas, tai, žinoma, neparanku buvo išsišokti. Pagaliau, ir laikai dar nebuvo tam pribrendę.

Toks dalykų stovis buvo žinomas ir už seminarijos sienų. Jis buvo priežastimi kilusioms paskaloms, kad Seinų seminarija esanti lenkinimo įstaiga. Tokie gandai buvo netikslūs, nes seminarija visų pirma auklėjo kunigus; lenkinimas galėjo būti tik pridėklas, bet jis mano laikų klierikams jau nebebuvo pavojingas. Tai tik lenkiškai atrodąs lukštas; branduolys jau buvo lietuviškas. Karštesnieji klierikai labai nekantriai į tas paskalas reagavo. Tačiau rimtesnieji vadai patarė jiems į tai ranka numoti. "Iš mūsų darbų Lietuva jau mus pažįsta", — jie sakydavo. Ir iš tiesų, lietuvybės dvasia jau išėjo iš seminarijos sienų, nes klierikai buvo užmezgę santykius su Prūsijoje leidžiama lietuvių spauda.

Oficialus Seinų seminarijos lenkiškumas dar žilų senovė išsiugdė. Jam pilnai suprasti prireiktų pakartoti ištisą Lietuvos-Lenkijos praeitį. Tai buvo vienas iš daugelio nepageidaujamų Unijos vaisių. Lietuva susijungė su Lenkija ir pasinėrė jos kultūroj. Paskui atėjo rusai okupantai ir pasigriebė švietimo vadovybę: įsibrovė į pradžios mokyklas, gimnazijas ir kitas vidurines bei aukštesniąsias mokslo įstaigas. Jose jau viešpatavo rusų kalba. Seminarijos kol kas nekliudė, bet vis dėlto įvedė rusų kalbos pamokas, tuo pasiteisinimu, kad būsimieji kunigai klebonai turės savo žinioj metrikacijų knygas, kurios turi būt vedamos rusų kalba. Tad tos kalbos mokėjimas yra būtinas. Seminarijos vadovybė buvo priversta nusileisti, nes rusų valdžios reikalavimas atrodė logingas. Pagaliau, rusų kalbos pamokų buvo tik dvi valandi per savaitę. Tik mažmožis. Šiaip jau dėstomosios kalbos buvo dvi: lotynų ir lenkų. Svarbiausieji mokslo dalykai — filosofija, teologija ir kanonai buvo dėstomi lotyniškai; istorija, literatūra, šv. Raštas, bažnytinės ceremonijos — lenkiškai. Lietuvių kalbos pamokų, deja, nebuvo. Tą skaudų trūkumą klierikai savanoriškai užpildė. Tą darbą, kaip ir visus savanoriškus užsimojimus, daug

PRELATAS K. URBONAVIČIUS —
J. KMITAS



Mūsų nenuilstamas spaudos darbininkas prel. K. Urbonavičius - J. Kmitas šiemet sulaukė 75 metų amžiaus. Sveikindami prelatą šios sukakties proga, mes sykiu atsimeiname, kokį ilgą kelią jisai yra nuėjęs Bažnyčios ir lietuvių tautos veikloje, ypač lietuviškuose raštuose. Jau daugiau kaip penkiasdešimt metų, kai jis dalyvauja mūsų periodinėj spaudoj, į šį darbą įsijungęs sunkiais draudimo laikais. Jis plunksnos nepadėjo, nė žilų metų sulaukęs, ir uoliai gina Lietuvos laisvės bylą. Šalia laikraščių, prel. K. Urbonavičius yra išleidęs savo knygų ir vertimų. Šioj srityje jis ir dabar smarkiai dirba, lyg praėję metai dar būtų padidinę jo energiją ir užsimojimus.

Malonu pažymėti, kad prel. K. Urbonavičius yra vyčių garbės narys ir šio laikraščio bendradarbis.

uoliau atliko, negu kad būtų buvę įpareigoti jį atlikti. Ir lenkų kalbos jie mokėsi sąžiningai štai dėl kokios priežasties.

Seinų vyskupija apėmė visą Suvalkų ir dalį Lomžos gubernijos. Tuo būdu jos gyventojų sudėtis buvo mišri: maždaug du trečdaliu lietuvių

ir vienas trečdalis lenkų. Tad seminarijoj visuo-
met būdavo ir lenkų klierikų, bet jų neužteko.
Pasirodo, kad lietuvių pašaukimai buvo gauses-
ni, ir jiems tekdavo ir lenkus kartais bažnyčiose
aprūpinti. Nors ir neperdaugiausia lietuvių ku-
nigų buvo siunčiama Lenkijon, tačiau nė vienas
klierikas nežinojo, kur bus paskirtas. Taigi visi
stengėsi gerai susipažinti su lenkų kalba. Lietu-
viai ambicingi. Jie žino, kad kunigas, menkai mo-
kaš savo parapijiečių kalbą, užsitraukia ant sa-
vęs klausytojų pašaipą bei panieką, praranda
prestižą ir pats jaučiasi esąs nebyliu ar pusneby-
liu ganytoju. (Be abejo, taip jaučiasi ir Ameri-
koj gimusieji kunigai ganytojai. Deja, ne visi
turi tokį pareiginių pojūtį).

Seimyninė lietuvių klierikų aplinka Seinų se-
minarijoj buvo labai jauki. Ten susibūrė dau-
gumas Marijampolės draugų gimnazistų, dabar
jau subrendusių, surimtėjusių, su kitokiomis į
gyvenimą pažiūromis. Sunkiausias jų uždavinys
— ištirti savo pašaukimą. Visi tuo klausimu su-
sirūpinę, kai kurie net perdaug susikrimitę dėl
dažnai kilstančių abejonių. Jaunos mintys, per-
nelyg išgilinusios į būsimas teigiamas ar nei-
giamas galimybes, perdaug apsunkina vaizduotę
ir įtempia proto pajėgas. Prie to prisideda dar
sunkus mokslas — žodžiu, darbo yra iki kaklo.
Būtinai reikia kokių nors išsiblaškimų, kurie
duotų kiek atvangos bei poilsio protui ir dirks-
niams. Seminarijos reguliamas tai numato ir
įveda privalomas rekreacijas: bendrus pokalbius,
pasivaikščiojimus į miesto apylinkes, kur galima
padainuoti, sviediniu pažaisti ir t.t.

Mėgiamiausią mūsų rekreaciją sudarė lietu-
vių kalbos pratimai. Buvome rimtai nusistatę iš-
mokyti taisyklingai rašyti ir net šį tą lietuviškai
kurti. Susidarė būrys literatų, kurie stengėsi
lenktyniuoti lietuviškoj kūryboj. Buvo jau keli
gerokai įgudę rašytojai: Būčys, Milukas, Laukai-
tis, Totoraitis, Civinskis, Narijauskas, Dargis ir
keletas menkesnių. Įsisteigėm laikraštuką
“Knapt”, paskui jau rimtesniu vardu “Viltis”,
kurio skiltyse ir man kartais teko ant Pegaso pa-
jodinėti. Būta ir nepaslančių momentų, kurių
vieną šitaip buvau apibūdinęs: “Pegasą, liesąją
kumelką, stumi ir gražumu prašau; ir lyrika
nebein į talką, nors plaukus lyriškai taršau”.

Kadangi buvom susibūrę į draugiją, tai kar-
tais ir susirinkimus reikėjo daryti, bet jie nebu-
vo formalūs, nes prisibijojom, kad valdžia neuž-
kluptų (mat, draugija buvo slapta). Teko ten-
kintis paprastais pokalbiais. Būdavo, rekreaci-
jos metu susirenkam į kurį kambarį. Profeso-
rius katedroj sėdi Milukas ir pirmininkauja.
Tačiau jam nesiseka, nes juokdarys Bridžius
trukdo. Milukas į jį prakalba Cicerono žodžiais:
“Quousque tandem, Bridas, abuteris patientia
nostra?” (Iki kol, pagaliau, Bridžiau, išnaudos
mūsų kantrybę?) Kyla juokų, ir linksmoj nuo-
taikoj šiaip taip užbaigiam mūsų posėdį. Tuo bū-
du valdžia nė neįtarė, kas čia vyksta.

Seminarijos vadovybė vis dėlto susekė mū-

MINISTERIS V. SIDZIKAUSKAS



*Ministeris V. Sidzikauskas šiuo metu su prel.
M. Krupavičium lankosi Jungtinėse Valstybėse.
Gimęs 1893 metais, jis Nepriklausomos Lietuvos
laikais ėjo svarbias pareigas Užsienio Reikalų
Ministerijoje. Yra buvęs Lietuvos pasiuntiniu
Šveicarijoje, Vokietijoje, Anglijoje ir kituose
kraštuose. Per karą buvo suimtas ir rusų ir vo-
kiečių. Šie jį uždarė baisyjoj Oswiencim sto-
vykloje.*

*Nuo 1947 metų V. Sidzikauskas tremtyje ei-
na vykdomosios Tarybos pirmininko pareigas.
Vykdomoji Taryba vykdo vyriausybės funkcijas,
ir tuo būdu V. Sidzikausko vieta atitinka minis-
terio pirmininko pareigas.*

sų organizacijos veiklą: užklupo rūmų bokštely-
je lietuviškų knygų sandėlį. Kilo skandalas, nes
knygos buvo Tilžėje spausdintos ir už jų nele-
galų gabenimą rusų valdžia galėjo uždaryti se-
minariją. Taigi seminarijos vadovybė pati pada-
rė krata, knygas sukonservavo ir daugiausia į-
tariamus klierikus iš seminarijos pavarė.

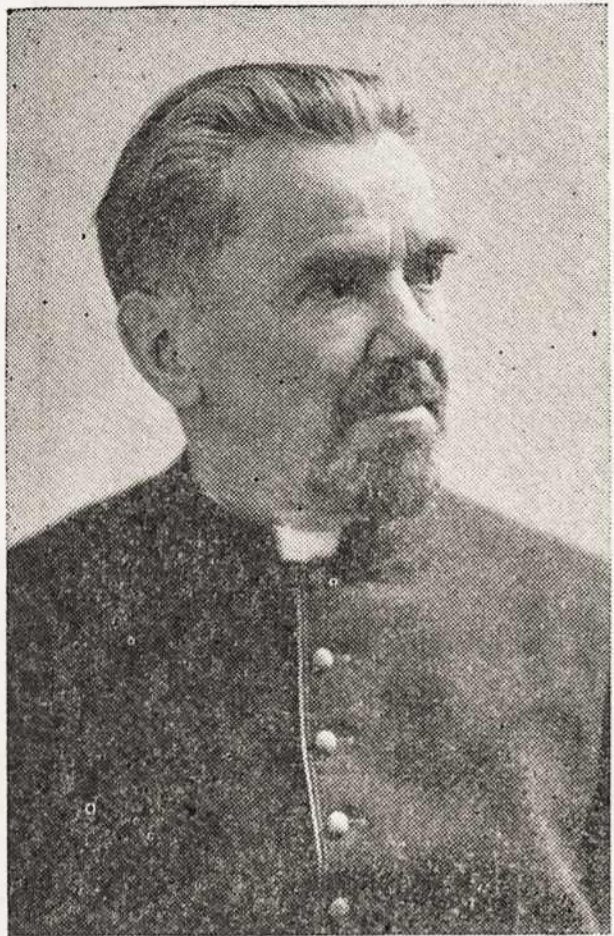
To “valymo” auka krito šie klierikai: Milu-
kas, Matulaitis, Sutkaitis, Kaminskas, Bulvičius
ir keletas kitų mažiau žinomų. Pašalintieji klie-
rikai nesusivalchiojo. Beveik visi atvyko į Ame-
riką, įstojo į įvairias seminarias ir paliko gerais
klebonais. Kai kurie, ypač kun. Antanas Milu-
kas, labai daug pasitarnavo išeivijai lietuvių
švietimo srityje.

Paties žmogaus širdis turi atsikreipti ir jo
siela turi kilti į tą išmintį, į tą Mallonę bei Ga-
lią, kuri visą Esimą nušviečia, savo globoje laiko
ir ją nuolat kurdoma kelia savespi.

Vydūnas

*Neleiskime mūsų priaugančiai kartai tremtyje
žūti, ištieskite jūsų dosnią ranką tremtinių
vaikučiams! Auką siųskite United Lithuanian
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Prelatas Mykolas Krupavičius, VLIKo Pirmininkas



PRELATAS MYKOLAS KRUPAVIČIUS

Dvaro tarnautojų sūnus, Mykolas Krupavičius gimė 1885 m. rugsėjo 29 d. Gudelių bažnytkaimyje, Marijampolės apskrity. Netrukus po to jo tėvas išvyko Amerikon geresnės laimės ieškoti ir mirė fabriko nelaimėje 1915 m.

Mykolui baigus vietinę pradžios mokyklą, motina dideliu vargu leido jį į Veiverių mokytojų seminariją. Ją baigęs bene 1905 m. Mykolas mokytojavo Lenkijoje, Lomžos gubernijoje, ir vėliau Papilėje, Šiaulių apskrity. Įstojęs 1908 m. į Seinų kunigų seminariją, jis 1913 m. buvo išventintas kunigu ir pasiūstas teologijos studijoms į Petrapilio Dvasinę Akademiją. 1916 m. gavęs teologijos kandidato laipsnį, kun. Krupavičius dėl pašlijusios sveikatos turėjo mokslą nutraukti. Išvykęs į lietuvių gimnaziją Voroneže mokytojauti, jaunas kunigas energingai ėmė veikti tarp Lietuvos tremtinių Rusijoje. Jis atsisotojo krikščionių demokratų partijos priešaky ir jau 1917 m. dalyvavo Petrapilyj įvykusiam lietuvių seime. Netrukus betgi bolševikai nuvertė besikuriančią jauną Rusijos demokratiją ir ėmė persekioti nebolševikus. Kun. Krupavičius buvo pasmerktas miriop.

1918 m. kun. M. Krupavičius pasiekė Lietuvą — ir per 6 mėn. buvo vokiečių laikomas kalėjime kaip „bolševikas“... Kaizerio galybei sutriuškėjus, jis 1918 m. gale ir 1919 m. pradžioje smarkiai veikė tarp lietuvių darbininkų Vilniuje, vėliau Kaune. 1920 m. išrinktas į Steigiamąjį Seimą, jis buvo vienas vyriausių Lietuvos konstitucijos ir žemės reformos įstatymo autorių. 1923 m. jis priėmė Žemės Ūkio ministerio portfelį ir ligi 1926 m. atliko milžinišką žemės refor-

mos darbo dalį. 1926 m. jis išvyko Prancūzijos ir Belgijos studijuoti sociologijos, ekonomijos ir žurnalistikos.

Grižęs 1931 m. Lietuvon, jis buvo paskirtas Garliavos vikaru. Kitais metais buvo pakviestas į Vilkaviškio kunigų seminariją dėstyti prancūzų kalbos, katalikų akcijos ir kt. 1933 m. paskirtas Veiverių klebonu, o 1935 m. perkeltas dekanu į Kalvariją. Tose pareigose jis išbuvo ligi 1942 m. Tais metais jis buvo vokiečių suimtas už pasirašymą protesto prieš žydų naikinimą, ūkininkų trėmimus ir Lietuvos kolonizavimą svetimaisiais. Iš Tilžės jis vėliau buvo ištremtas į vienuolyną Regensburge, vėliau pasodintas Bayreutho kalėjiman, iš kur jį 1945 m. balandžio mėn. išvadavo Amerikos kariuomenė.

Išlaisvintas iš vokiško kalėjimo, kun. M. Krupavičius jau 1945 m. birželio 15 d. — Lietuvos pagrobimo penkiametės sukakties dieną — buvo išrinktas Vyriausiojo Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komiteto pirmininku. 1946 m. bolševikai „už akių“ pasmerkė jį miriop — antru kartu po 1917 m. Praeitų metų gale popiežius suteikė šiam Lietuvos darbo žmonių gynėjui savo rūmų prelato laipsnį.

Prelatas M. Krupavičius Amerikoje jaučiasi tarp savųjų; čia palaidoti jo tėvas ir sesuo, čia gyvena pusė jo artimesnių ir tolimesnių gimičių, čia telkiasi jo mylimosios Tėvynės išvadavimo rėmėjų didžiausios minios.

Amerikos lietuviams garbė savo tarpe turėti šį didįjį Lietuvos patriotą, kovotoją, humanitarą, dvasininką, rašytoją, publicistą, oratorių, socialinio teisingumo ir žmogaus laisvių gynėją.

Atvykęs į Ameriką, prelatas M. Krupavičius sykiu su ministru V. Sidzikausku tokiu atsišaukimu kreipėsi į šio krašto lietuvius:

“Sunki mūsų Valstybei ir mūsų Tautai laiku atvykome pas jus. Lietuvos valstybės teisės pažeistos, laisvė išplėšta. Lietuvių Tauta žiaurais bolševiko ne tik pavergta, bet ir naikinama, tremiama, po visą pasaulį blaškoma. Tėvynėje lietuvis yra betesis ir mirti pasmerktas. Darbininkas padarytas vergu, ūkininkas baudžiauninku paverstas ir iš savo sodybos varomas. Intelektualas niekinamas, ir dvasios vergu verčiamas. Lietuvis kalinamas, į Sibirą gujamas, kankinamas ir žudomas.

“Maskolius sukaustė ir žudo lietuvį! Jis gali atimti jo gyvybę, jo turtą, bet lietuvio valios jis nepalaužė ir nepalauš. Lietuviai šiandien kovoja ir tūkstančiai miršta, kad lietuvių Tautą būtų gyva ir kad jo tėvynė būtų laisva!

“Okupantas panaikino laisvos Lietuvos valstybės valdžią, tačiau mūsų tauta nepaliko be jos. Priešo okupuotoj Lietuvoj susikūrė slaptas komitetas, kuris vadovauja mūsų tautos kovai dėl laisvės.

“Mums primestoj nelygioj kovoj esam ne

By LAZDYNŲ PELEDA*

Lured By Mommy

Translated by JOSEPH BOLEY

**) Pen name of two sisters, Sofija and Marija Ivanauskaitės, born in 1867 and 1872 respectively, in the district of Šiauliai. The novels and short stories of Lazdynų Pelėda delve into the life of the villagers and city workers. Reflecting a difficult and unhappy life, a vein of sadness runs through all the writings. The elder sister, who is credited with this story, died in 1926.*

Dusk. It was growing darker every minute. Two small children, with their noses pressed against a frosty window, were looking anxiously at the path outside and wondering when their mother will return.

In vain did the youngsters press their cold, blue lips against the window pane, blowing and melting down the frostwork. In vain did they peer into the fast thickening shadows.

The path was empty; mother did not appear. Only snow-drifts, bestirred by the wind, were shifting across the fields and a howling, moaning gale left a trace of spirals along the way.

Complete darkness. The children were uneasy and afraid to light the lamp. A strange, disturbing element surrounded them, first ripping the roof, then rapping on the door, and again, accompanied by a wailing sound, tapping on the window. In the chimney a plaintive cry was heard.

"As soon as we light the lamp he will be forcing himself inside," reasoned the children.

Little Katherine recalled mother's saying that thus did spirits in need of prayer and unable to find refuge anywhere made their visitations on such evenings. She jabbed her brother in the ribs and, after a pious sigh, began to recite:

"Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to all those wretched, forgotten souls."

Her brother recited the prayer after her.

They blessed themselves and were silent for a while. Katherine was the first to speak:

"You see, Peter, the wailing has stopped! Just listen. A prayer to the spirits is like a bite of delicious food to us."

vieni. Mūsų talkininkais yra visas laisvasis pasaulis, visos laisvosios ir laisvę branginančios tautos. Tarp jų didžiausioji jėga — jūsų antroji Tėvynė. Laisvasis pasaulis su mumis, nes mes kovojame už laisvę, už demokratinę santvarką, už žmoniškumą — taigi už visa tai, kas yra brangu ir jums ir ką taip vertina Amerika."

Who can say whether the moaning sounds really died down, but for some reason the children were heartened a bit. After a moment of silence, Katherine again spoke up:

"Peter, let's build a fire! When mother comes home, she will at least be able to dry her shoes and her clothing, and we can get warm. The wind has so chilled the house that I have the shivers."

"Good idea!" agreed the little brother. "And we'll cook something, Kathy. Everybody will like something hot."

"Yes, let's cook! But what? Let's not fool ourselves: there's no milk, no soup fat — only a speck like a hen's head — no barley and just a couple handfuls of flour."

"Let's boil some potatoes! You'll slice several onions, pour on some beet juice, put in plenty of salt, and it will be a royal dish!" said Peter, smacking his lips.

"And I'll make tea. We have sugar. Perhaps, mommy will bring some bread, we'll have a feast... But, Peter!" Kathy added earnestly, "where shall we get the wood?"

"Don't worry! We have wood like in that rich landlord's manor. Yesterday, after it got dark, I looked around Bernotas' back yard. You see, they were all away, so I pounced upon a log as on a bear, and, with a rope tied around me, I almost ruptured myself till I dragged it up here."

"Where do you have it?"

"Well, naturally, I wouldn't keep it on the floor, where every fool coming in would see it and then wag his tongue. In the pantry, in the corner, I buried it under pine cones. Why do you think I have a brain in my head?" boasted the bright lad.

"Quiet, big-mouth! Don't blab! Don't you know that walls have ears? No doubt, Rimkienė is already listening," warned Kathy.

"I'm not afraid. I dragged plenty of fence wood for her, too," said Peter, rolling the log on the floor.

He pulled out an old hand-ax from under the bed, raised it and with all his might, let it sink into the log. Before long a bright fire was crackling and sparking in the fireplace, while in the small kettle hanging on an iron hook the boiling potatoes were bubbling. The children, crouching before the fire, warmed themselves. The friendly warmth was intoxicating. The two tousled mop-heads sank lower and lower and, finally, dropped to their knees.

They fell asleep. The fire, left undisturbed,

began to smolder and then went out completely. The potatoes in the kettle stopped bubbling. The wind, rushing in through an unplugged crack, strewed the ashes in the fireplace. Up the chimney again there was howling, moaning, crying...

The winter storm was raging fiercely, but the children did not hear a thing; a delightful dream, that comforter of the poor, had quieted them down.

It was already midnight when the rooster's crowing awakened them. Outside it was quiet, peaceful. There was no clattering beneath the roof, no rattling of the door. Through the frosty window-panes pale moonlight slipped in from the sky above, lighting up the sunken fireplace in the center of the floor, the log which little Peter had hauled home and the sleeping children by the fireplace.

"Peter, where are you? I'm afraid!" Kathy burst out tearfully.

"Quiet. You should be ashamed of yourself, bawling like a baby," Peter comforted her.

"Mommy isn't coming home!" sighed the little girl. "Something happened. To go to the river on such a day!..."

"They put her up at Grikštas for the night — that's all that happened, like the last time, remember? We shed tears in every corner and the next morning, at daybreak, in comes mommy carrying a package of hot casings. Remember?"

Recalling that happy moment, the girl chuckled in her still tearful, quavering voice.

"So there's no use in bawling now, too," asserted Peter. "Where will she be, if she won't come? Once it gets light, she'll come home, and again, probably, not empty — handed. People are not short of freshly slaughtered cattle and are well stocked with slabs of meat," the boy added, smacking his lips.

Having gone without food all day, and now mentioning such savory fare, he realized that his insides were caving in.

"Didn't we cook potatoes, Kitty? Let's eat some until mommy comes home!"

"I don't want a thing. I'm cold; I'm sleepy," the girl replied tearfully, as she climbed into bed snuffling and scratching her head of fluffy hair.

"All right, then flop over there," said Peter, as he clutched at the half-cooked potatoes in the pot and, sighing, began to crunch them.

"Oh, how cold!" the girl moaned in bed.

Peter lit a small lamp and came to the bed. She was curled up in a ball, uncovered.

"And she wants to be warm," muttered Peter to himself, as he pulled mother's skirt off the hook. "Now you'll see if it'll be cold."

He put a whole pile of rags on his sister, pressed them snugly about her and said:

"There, now sleep well!"

Meanwhile he pulled up a chair by the shelf



DR. J. LEIMONAS,

tik ką atvykęs iš tremties Vokietijos su savo šeimynėle, apsigyveno Lawrence, Mass. Dr. Leimonas yra žymusis jaunimo vadas ir "Pavasaris" sąjungos pirmininkas ir nuoširdusis Lietuvos Vyčių prietelis ir draugas. Šiuomi sveikiname malonuji jaunimo draugą ir linkime sėkmingo įsikūrimo ir bendros veiklos ateityje šioje šalyje.

and began searching for something — he didn't know what — to chew on. Luck was with him: somehow, somewhere, he came upon a good-sized crust of bread. From it he carefully blew off the dust and again started rummaging. He found a bit of blue paper, in which his mother always kept the sugar; he found nothing else. He jumped off the chair, took a couple onions off a string stretching from the wall and started to slice them; having finished slicing them, he dipped them in the salt box and ate them with the half-raw potatoes.

Looking around, he picked up the bread crust and was just about to break off a piece, when a thought struck him. Little Peter knew well that there is no more bread, and — who knows? — maybe no one will give any to mommy. "Let it stay for tomorrow I'll cut it up, pour water on it, and, after it soaks, it will be Beggar's Soup — something you'll just want to eat and eat."

So he cut it up, poured water on it, threw in a lump of sugar and tasted it; he dipped his spoon again and had another sip; he put in his spoon the third time and stopped. He glanced inside the pot.

"No, that's too much," he said, shaking his head.

He removed the spoon, licked it and set it on the table; he covered the pot with a wooden lid and, after giving out a sigh, blew out the light. Then he groped his way up to his sleeping place atop the oven.

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From the Asst. Editor's Desk

Presumably for the benefit of some of our readers who may not read thoroughly all of our Council Activities section, our attention has been directed to the report of Council 12 which appeared on p. 20 of the February, 1949 issue of VYTIS. Brother Francis J. Jančius, M.I.C., in his epistle of February thirteenth, censures us as follows:

"We wish to call your attention to the recommendation of a current best seller, **THE BIG FISHERMAN**, appearing in the February VYTIS, page 20, col. 3.

"We regret that the 'Kavaleriai' of Council 12 so heartily endorsed this insidious book, which has been almost unanimously condemned by Catholic reviewers as unfit reading for the faithful. An editorial retraction should be made in your next issue."

Having printed the Council 12 communication as sent in by the reporter, we feel that justice and fair play may be served best by quoting the exact words of Brother Jančius on the subject.

It has been proposed to us that a list of current Catholic best sellers chosen as Lenten reading for the faithful by Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, which is being distributed by Catholic book stores in cooperation with the Catholic Committee of the Religious publishers group, be published:

- THE CITY AND THE CATHEDRAL, by Robert Gordon Anderson.
- SEVEN MIRACLES OF GUBBIO, by Raymond L. Bruckberger and Gerald Lauck.
- LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY, by Paul Claudel
- THE MASS OF THE FUTURE, by Gerald Ellard, S. J.
- THE ADMIRABLE HEART OF MARY, by St. John Eudes.
- A TREASURY OF RUSSIAN SPIRITUALITY, edited by G. P. Fedotov.
- THE FAITH MAKES SENSE, by John Carmel Heenan.
- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: The Legends and Lauds by Otto Karrer.
- THE MASS IN SLOW MOTION, by Ronald Knox.
- THE OLD TESTAMENT, translated by Ronald Knox (Vol. I: from Genesis to Book of Esther).
- SAINT MARGARET OF CORTONA, by Francois Mauriac.
- THE GOOD PAGAN'S FAILURE, by Rosalind Murray.
- SERMONS AND DISCOURSES. 2 Vols. by John Henry Newman.
- THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD, by Fulton Oursler.
- THE LETTERS OF POPE CELESTINE VI, by Giovanni Papini.

- PRIEST-WORKMAN IN GERMANY, by Henri Perrin, S. J. translated by Rosemary Sheed.
- SACRED HISTORY, by Daniel Rops.
- AT THE END OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL, by Sister Flandina Segale.
- THE GLORY OF THE PEOPLE, by Father M. Raphael Simon.
- A FIRE WAS LIGHTED, by Theodore Maynard.
- EXILE ENDS IN GLORY, by Thomas Merton.
- TRANSFORMATION IN CHRIST, by Dietrich von Hildebrand.
- THE SEVEN STOREY MOUNTAIN, by Thomas Merton.
- SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE, by William Thomas Walsh.
- YOUNG MR. NEWMAN, by Maisie Ward.

While Mr. J. B. Laučka, secretary of NCRC, Lithuanian division, was in Boston, Mass. to greet the displaced persons arriving on the SS Ernie Pyle on Washington's Birthday, he called at the Lithuanian Consulate together with Dr. J. Leimonas, the president of "Pavasaris" which maintains fraternal relations with the Knights of Lithuania, who had landed here from a German D. P. camp on February sixteenth. Dr. Leimonas and his family, who have been sponsored by our honorary member Rev. F. M. Juras, will be residing in Lawrence, Mass.

On the 31st Anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence the number of cities and states that have issued proclamations and statements in behalf of Lithuania has been increasing. Among the states issuing such a proclamation we find the home state of VYTIS, Massachusetts, included. In addition to addressing the exercises of the Boston Lithuanian Committee for Independence held on February thirteenth at the South Boston High School auditorium, Governor Paul A. Dever had a group of Lithuanians in his office on February 14th for a picture showing him in the act of signing that proclamation.

It has come to our attention that in a recent issue of Newark Sunday News, there appeared a full-page write up of outstanding Lithuanians residing in Newark, N. J. Among those interviewed were Father I. Kelmelis, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, in whose parish K. of L. Council 29 has been flourishing for years, Kaminskas Ambrose, Kralikauckas and Washkewich-Vaskas family. Mrs. Barbara Vaskas, one of the pioneer residents and matriarch of the Ironbound's Lithuanian colony, mother of 12 children, four of whom are still living, is 90 years of age. Two of her sons, Charles, deceased, and Frank Vaskas are well-known for their activity of long standing in the K. of L. organization.



Chicago District PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The year of 1948, in the Annals of the Knights of Lithuania Chicago District, will be noteworthy not for sensational or spectacular events, but for task well done in the many fields of endeavor and a step closer to the realization of the lofty aims and purposes of our organization.

Since the acquisition of our own clubhouse — the K. of L. Youth Center, primarily the attention of the district has been directed toward its maintenance, improvement and gradual decrease of monetary obligations. \$1,000.00 on the principal of the first mortgage has been paid, a central heating plant costing approximately \$3,000.00 has been installed, a spacious well designed kitchen quarters has been added to our building and a fine Cafe range installed. Our K. of L. Youth Center today with its many added improvements has increased in value at least twice its original cost.

K. of L. councils within our district generally have progressed — by increase in membership, more and diversified activity and a better spirit of cooperation among its members. Unhappily the number of councils in the district has not increased, remaining the same, namely: — C-5, North Side; C-14, Cicero; C-36, Brighton Park; C-55, Indiana Harbor; C-112, Marquette Park; C-132, Kankekee and the K. of L. Seniors. All councils except Indiana Harbor and Kankekee have been well represented in the district and its members have generously aided the district in its many fields of endeavor. In respect to reorganization of former councils, namely C-4 Providence, C-8 Roseland, C-16 Bridgeport and C-24 West Side, ways and means were studied and contacts made with the respective clergy and leaders of those centers but as yet no definite progress made. An air of defeatism in regard to organization of their youth was evident and in some cases we found open hostility to our organization.

The district had sponsored the following activities during 1948:

Annual, Dance was held in Cicero at St. Anthony's parish hall, Jan.

24th. Chairman of the committee, Andrew Yuknis. Profit \$340.75 (one half of which was turned over to the Youth Center Fund).

K. of L. Leadership classes were held at the Youth Center on Feb. 27, 28 and 29th. Lecturers were Rev. M. Urbanavičius, Ignas Sakalas and Jack Juozaitis. Well attended, informative and interesting. A signal success.

K. of L. St. Casimir's Day Rites, March 7th at St. Anthony's Church in Cicero. Communion in-corpore, breakfast in the parish hall and in the evening a banquet in honor of new 3rd and 4th Degree members.

K. of L. Bazaar, at the Youth Center, April 11th to 18th, John Shimkus was chairman of the Bazaar Committee and total profit (for the benefit of the Youth Center fund) netted over \$500.00.

District's Choir Annual concert at Lithuanian Auditorium, April 25th. Profit \$238.41. A great success in every respect.

District Convention at the Youth Center, June 6th. Well attended by delegates from many Lithuanian organizations. Donations for the Youth Center totalled \$235.00. The convention dance in the evening was notable for poor attendance by our members.

Annual K. of L. Day, July 4th, at Vytautas Park was a great success. Al Leberis was chairman and the event netted a profit of approximately \$1,200.00 which was turned over to the Youth Center fund.

The district was host for the K. of L. Mid-West Bowling Tournament held in Chicago, May 29th. All Chicago councils together with guest councils from Detroit and Dayton participated. Trophy winner — C-36 of Brighton Park. Ann Shukis and Andrew Yuknis, co-chairmen. A social after the tournament was held at the Youth Center.

During the month of August the District Drama group was organized. Stasys Pilka, outstanding Lithuanian dramatist, was invited to direct the group and the district elected the following as Drama Commissioners to administer the affairs of the group: Philomena Rekasius, Helen Gudauskas and Vytautas Galvydis.

The group, composed of American born and those recently arrived refugees from Lithuania, in a comparatively short time presented their Premier "Kotrinis Nuodēmės" at Holy Cross auditorium, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25th, netting a profit of over \$200. The following Sunday, Nov. 28th, they repeated the play for the Lith. Citizens club receiving \$150. and on Dec. 12th the play again was repeated in Cicero for the Lith. Charities local council, receiving \$100. The group is now preparing for a new play and further activity.

Our District Choir under the direction of Leonard J. Simutis Jr. was quite active and achieved great success. The choir appeared for the annual Lithuanian Independence Day program, the "Draugas" Concert, Freedom Train exhibition, Railroad Fair, Lithuanian Catholic Federation's Congress Concert, De Paul University, Budrik's radio programs and was invited to make record transcriptions for the Chicago Board of Education.

The district sponsored for the benefit of all councils a Membership Drive, starting Oct. 1st and ending Dec. 20th. Later the drive was extended to end simultaneously with the drive sponsored by the Supreme Council. A trophy to the winning council and individual prizes were awarded. The drive is now in progress and it is hoped it will in every respect be a great success.

Introducing a new tradition, the district sponsored a K. of L. New Year's Eve Party, Dec. 31st at the Youth Center. Jack Juozaitis was chairman. The affair was a grand success to both young and older members and their friends.

At the close of the year the district's records show that a total of \$1,635.73 was transferred over to the Youth Center fund indicating that the district is the main support of our clubhouse. An analysis of the fiscal report shows that although the district shows an income (including the balance carried over from 1947) of \$4,401.28, its present cash balance as of Jan. 1st, 1949 is only \$366.27, of which \$116.00 belongs to the Choir fund and \$210.25 to the Drama fund, leaving the district for administrative purposes only \$40.02.

It is obvious that funds are sorely needed and ways and means must be studied to replenish the district's general fund.

In the course of the year, the Ritual Committee was very active. Under the leadership of Jack Juozaitis, chairman, Stella Brozas and Stella Pavis, much was accomplished. The committee provided every opportunity for each member in the organization to receive his or her proper degree, but it is sad to state that not many availed themselves of this privilege. Degree classes called and rituals exemplified, all at the K. of L. Youth Center, were as follows: — Feb. 22nd — 1st and 2nd; March 7th (St. Casimir's Day Rites) — 3rd and 4th; June 15th — 1st and 2nd; Sept. 26th — 1st and 2nd; Oct. 15th — 1st and 2nd, and on Oct. 22nd — secret ritual of the third degree.

In closing this report, special mention must be made in behalf of all the various committees that served so faithfully and energetically during the year.

The year of 1949 offers indeed a bright future in the affairs of our organization. Continued cooperation and a little more will power is all that is needed. With firm faith in the principles of our organization and a fervent zeal in our efforts, we truly can look forward to a very happy successful New Year.

Vincent Ed. Pavis
District President

Chicago District Officers

AND STANDING COMMITTEES —

At the district annual meeting, Jan. 20th, 1949, (K. of L. Youth Center Clubhouse) the following elected officers and members of committees, with appropriate ritualistic ceremonies, were inducted into office; Rev. Father Stanley Gaučius, spiritual director, administered the oath of office and conducted the ceremonies:

Vincent Ed. Pavis, president (4th term) — C-14 Seniors;
Anthony Putis, vice-pres. — C-36 Seniors;
Kastas Zaromskis, vice-pres. — C-36 Seniors;
Ann Shukis, rec. sec'y. — C-14;
Helen Gudauskas, cor. sec'y. — C-14;
John A. Kass, treas. (3rd term) — C-36 Seniors;
Edward Pocius, trustee (re elected) — C-112;
Al Leberis, trustee — C-112;
Peggy Zakaras, trustee — C-36 Seniors; and
John Meizis, sgt-at-arms — C-36.
(Rev. Father Stanley Gaučius, district's spiritual director — 1948 still remains, until the Lithuanian Priests League, Chicago Chapter either reappoints him or a new one is designated.)



VINCENT ED. PAVIS,
re-elected pres. of Chicago District
K. of L. and Stella Pavis

Due to the admonition and extreme modesty of the Pavis family, we feel that we must give you at least some of the K. of L. highlights in their career. Mr. Pavis was re-elected president of the Chicago District, Knights of Lithuania, and is now serving as president of the district for the 4th consecutive year. He joined the organization in 1924 and has since been active and held offices as pres. of Youngstown (111); sec'y. of Ohio-W. Penna.-Michigan District; sec'y. of the Chicago K. of L. Seniors; 2nd vice pres. of the Supreme Council; member of the Board of Directors and current pres. of the K. of L. Youth Center. Vincent Ed. matriculated at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (studied law 3½ years); in 1930 he was editor of a weekly publication in Bridgeport, Ill., and later became Advertising Manager of DRAUGAS and Lithuanian Radio Program. At present he is with Jos. F. Budrik, Inc. doing advertising-sales work. Vincent Ed. and Stella, his wife, holders of K. of L. 4th and 3rd degrees, respectively, and their daughter Stella Eugenia, a student at St. Casimir Academy, are active members of Cicero (14).

Ritual Committee: Jack L. Jatis, chairman; Mrs. Stella Pavis, Stella Brozas, Al. Planciunas and Kastas Zaromskis.

Choir Commissioners: Mrs. Stella Pavis, Ann Shukis and Peggy Zakaras.

Drama Commissioners: Jack L. Jatis, Helen Gudauskas and Anthony Putis.

Lithuanian Affairs Committee: Sylvia Raczkus, chairman; and chairmen of each council's Lithuanian Affairs Committee compose the district committee.

Sports Committee: Ann Shukis, chairman; Al Leberis, John Meizis and Joseph Paplauskas.

Correspondent to the "Vytis" and "Draugas": Peter Butkus.

Dayton, Ohio

COUNCIL 96

Our Eucher and Social Party was very successful. All prizes were donated by our own members. Eleanor Ambrose, Kitty Zubrick and Petronella Zelinskas, baked delicious cakes for that affair. Attention Men: Those girls really know their P's and Q's in baking!

Our council's first news bulletin in ten years was published in February. Stan Sluzas and Mike Petkus are co-editors, and their staff consists of Kitty Zubrick, Petronella Zelinskas, Anne Gudelis, Dorothy Miller, Eleanor and Mary Ann Ambrose. Our bulletin carries many interesting features. With editorials written by Father Katarskis, we hope to make each edition even more interesting. Your suggestions will be greatly appreciated by the staff members.

St. Casimir's Day was celebrated March 6 by all members receiving Holy Communion at the 10 o'clock Mass. Following Mass, breakfast was served in the church hall. Father Katarskis spoke on the life of our Patron Saint and the breakfast was brought to a close by a prayer, the singing of the Vyčių Himnas and the Lithuanian and American national anthems.

Committees have been elected in preparation for our District Convention. Sally Miller and Mike Petkus are members of the Banquet Committee and Petronella Zelinskas is in charge of the reservations. On Saturday, April 30th, preceding the convention, a dance will be held at the Holy Cross Church Hall.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Sinkwitz family, whose father passed away recently.

Our new members are Irene Reslewic and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph August. Let's see how many new members we can gain next month!

NEWS:

Joe Noreikas, looked sad at bowling, could it be that he failed to bowl 200? John Scott and Jake Goldick are the fairest (we hope) referees in Dayton. Dorothy Miller won a radio-clock. Our two most rival bowling teams are the Lions & Panthers — Lions are leading by six games. Frank Gudelis has changed from smoking cigars to smoking a pipe. Pat Zelinskas entertained the club members after our February meeting with a birthday party. Thanks Pat! Does anyone know how the four Misses in a certain blue chevrolet ended up in Springfield on one Saturday night? More fun! OH WHERE, OH WHERE are Stan Vaitkus, Joe Petkus, Tony Zelinskas, Bernard Green, Ruth Douglas, Ted Sluzas, who never come to our meetings or doings?

Dottie

Cleveland, Ohio

PRANEŠIMAS 25-tai VYČIŲ KUOPAI

Sausio "Vyčio" žurnalo laidoje tilpo aprašymas priešmetinio Vyčių 25 kuopos susirinkimo. Tai buvo vienatinė vytiška korespondencija savo mylimoj lietuvių kalboj.

Kaip žinoma, anksčiau 25 kuopa, prieš savo gilų miegą, buvo viena iš didžiausių ir veikliausių organizacijų. Ten veikė ponas Sakalauskas, kuris dabar draugauja Čikagoj su "Draugu". Taip pat "Vytį" gražiais straipsniais dabino vytė p-lė Bagdonaitė, kuri dabar aria moterų žurnale "Dirva". Yra ir daug, daug kitų, kurių pavardes atsimenu, tik skirtumas tas, kad dabar jie ir jos į valdybas konkuruoja su savo sūnumis ir dukromis. Valio 25 kuopa!

Už minėtą aprašymą savoj kalboj autoriui (Senelis), noriu skyrti mažą, bet reikšmingą istorinį vyčio ženklelį, arba 6 atvaizdus iš istorinių Lietuvos vietų: Vilniaus, Trakų, Pažaislio. Turiu ir kitų vietovių, bet minėti reikšmingiausi. Nuotraukas dariau pats 1920 ir 1931 metais.

Taigi, "Senelis", žilaplaukis ar plikis, koks jis bebūtų, prašomas prisiųsti savo vardą ir adresą, kuriuo galėčiau prisiųsti jam vieną iš minėtų dovanėlių.

Taip pat poniai Kuzienei, kaipo seniausiai vytei ir kurios pagalba ir pastangomis buvo prikelta 25 kuopa iš to gilaus miego, irgi noriu skyrti vieną iš dovanėlių. Todėl poniai Kuzienė irgi prašoma parašyti savo adresą.

M. A. Norkunas

21 Kendrick St.,
Lawrence, Mass.

COUNCIL 25

Sausio 11 d. P-lės švč. N. Pagalbos parapijos kambariuose Lietuvių Vyčių 25-ta kuopa turėjo savo metinį susirinkimą, kurį atidarė ir jam pirmininkavo J. Kuzas, kuopos pirmininkas. Neatsilankius J. Venslovui. nutarimų rašt., jo vietoje buvo išrinkta jojo dukrelė Dorotėja Venslovaitė.

Po to ėjo įvairių komisijų pranešimai. Iš parengimo, kuris buvo gruodžio 19 d., komisijja pranešė, kad gryo pelno liks apie \$30.00. Susirinkimas išreiškė rengėjams padėką.

Vytė Elena Taris (Tareškevičiūtė) yra įpareigota sekti amerikiečių spaudą, kas būna joje aprašyta apie lietuvius ir pačią Lietuvą ir duoti tinkamus atsakymus. Elenutė pranešė, kad ji yra parašiusi šiuo klausimu net dvidešimt tokių laiškų. Josios sesutė Lillian, kuri yra įgaliota sekti sergančius narius ir jiems pasiųsti laiškūčius ar dovanėles, pranešė, kad buvo kuopoje tik viena ligonė — vytė E. Kuzienė.

Teatrališkos komisijos narys J. Sadauskas pranešė, kad yra deda-

mos pastangos gauti naują veikalą.

Bowling komisija pranešė, kad lošėjai rungtyniuoja kas sekmadieniais.

A. Mikelioniūtė, fin. rašt., padarė visų metų raportą. Kuopoje yra pilnai užsimokėjusių narių 48 ir apie 10 kandidatų į narius. Kuopa išde turi virš \$30.00 ir iš paskutiniojo parengimo tiek pat liks.

Po komisijų pranešimo ėjo kuopos valdybos pranešimas. Senasis pirm., palikdamas savo vietą, palinkėjo naujajai vice pirm. ir visam štabui geriausios sėkmės 1949 m. Šiame susirinkime naujojo pirm. nebuvo, nes biznio reikalais su fin. rašt. turėjo skubotai išvykti į kitą miestą. (Mat, mūsų kuopos pirm. J. Baltrus ir J. Brazis Jr. yra žymūs biznieri.)

Už daugiausiai naujų narių prirašymą į kuopą dovanas laimėjo A. Mikelionis ir M. Susin. Šiomet kp. korespondentais yra išrinkti: vytė Werenčiūtė ir J. Sadauskas. Kuopa susitarė rengti kitą vakarą. Šiam darbu atlikti sudaryta komisija: M. Susin, P. Konsaitis, J. Brazis, W. Venslovaitė ir vytė Sukaitė.

Malonu buvo matyti šiame susirinkime naują 25-tos kuopos narį kun. Dr. K. Širvaitį. Jis pasižadėjo dirbti su vyčiais, kelti jų vardą, kaip žodžiu, taip plunksna.

Vakarai ir susirinkimai.

Vasario 13 d., Lietuvių Svetainėje, L. Vyčių 25-ta kuopa surengė šokių. Balandžio 24 d. — Atvelykyje — Lietuvių Svetainėje, kuopa rengs kitą vakarą, gal su kokia programa. Šiuo darbu daugiausia rūpinasi naujoji kp. valdyba.

Visiems 25-tos kuopos nariams žinotina, kad kuopos susirinkimai bus Liet. Svetainėje, kiekvieną mėnesį kas antras antradienis 7:30 val. vak. išskėlė

Clevelando diecezijos vyskupas išskėlė kun. Dr. K. Širvaitį iš P-lės švč. N. Pagalbos parapijos į šv. Jurgio parapiją.

Sausio 23 d., P-lės švč. N. Pagalbos parap. svetainėje, buvo surengtos kun. Dr. K. Širvaičiui išleistuvės, kuriose dalyvavo gana didelis skaičius žmonių. Visi susirinkusieji linkėjo jam geriausios kloties naujoje vietoje. Rengėjai įteikė kun. Dr. K. Širvaičiui gražią piniginę dovaną.

Senelis.

The following were elected to committees: LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS: Lillian Tores, Nellie Mikelonis and Helen Vaska... Lill and Nellie are to be commended for last year's efforts. ACTIVE COMMITTEE: Nellie Arunski, Chairman; Mary Susin, Eugene Kuncaitis and A. Buknis. RITUAL COMMITTEE: Joseph Sadauskas, Nellie Arunski and George Kuza. THEATRICAL COMMITTEE: Helen Oskar, Joseph Sadauskas, George Kuza and Mary Trainey... we'll be looking forward to some real entertainment, soon. CHORAL COMMIT-

TEE: Dorothy Venslovas, Dorothy Susin and Helen Vaska... Knights, get your Vocal Cords in shape! Last, but not least, the "INITIATION COMMITTEE" — John Brazis, Helen Tores, Mary Trainey, Andy Palshus, Dick Garuckas and Eugene Kuncaitis.

Mr. Banys of this council has donated \$10. which will be given to the member or members bringing in 20 or more new members by the end of the year. Mr. Banys was the donor of the \$5.00 for last year's membership drive. It's a nice gesture on his part. Knights, show your appreciation and get those new members.

STRIKES AND SPARES

After seeing that beautiful Trophy, which took our breath away, it gives the Bowlers something to look forward to. Team Standings are as follows:

Team 3 (1st place) Won 39, Lost 27
Team 6 (2nd place) Won 38, Lost 28
Team 5 (3rd place) Won 38, Lost 28
Team 1 (4th place) Won 31, Lost 35
Team 2 (5th place) Won 26, Lost 40
Team 4 (6th place) Won 26, Lost 40

Individual Averages:

Men: Visconti 172, C. Machuta 156, E. Zagunis 153, B. Lostoski 143, A. Samas 143, Brazis 139. Women: D. Petek 128, M. Trainey 127, A. Zupka 125, N. Arunski 121, E. Zupka 120, Helen Oskar 120. Bowlers here is something to look forward to Bowling Tournament to be held in Chicago May 29th! Let's all get those averages up! Remember where we bowl — 69th Recreation, 1:30 p. m. every Sunday. Come cheer your favorite team. Why do they call Ben B. a Floorwalker?

Our social held last month will long be remembered.

BLONDIE

Athol, Mass.

COUNCIL 10

The Winter Carnival was a tremendous success, thanks to the efforts and hard work of Agatha Sukals. Councils were represented from Worcester, Mass., Providence, R. I., and Hartford, Conn.

From reports, everyone enjoyed a day of skiing and skating. It seemed as though many wanted to ride with Al Salkaus! Stella Markins wasn't anxious to get back to Hartford — was it on account of Laddie Baltren? The Worcester boys took quite a spill going down the hills. No cases of pneumonia? We were very much disappointed not to see Wanda Ambrose at our carnival. We thought Wanda and Frances were inseparable!

We are looking forward to many more activities in our council so that other neighboring councils will join us.

Helen

New York and New Jersey District

The district held its meeting in St. Ann's parish hall, Jersey City, N. J., on February 6th. Council 124 — was host. Rev. John Scharnus, pastor, greeted all the delegates and guests. Marcy Matulaitis, vice president, was the presiding officer.

Much business was transacted at this meeting. The Sports Committee reported that two trophies will be awarded to the winners of our Bowling League, at the close of the season. Charles Bason, pres., gave a brief report on the BALF dance which was held on February 5th in Newark. Although many more could have attended the dance, there will be derived some profit to be given to BALF. Joseph Boley, our national president, was present at the meeting and talked on organization work and outlined the duties of each council.

Arrangements are being made to present a Lithuanian play shortly after Easter; also our annual district picnic is to take place on July 10th, to be held at the Lithuanian Liberty Park, Linden, N. J.

Rev. A. Kasper, spiritual director, among other things, spoke on the importance of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee and asked all councils to continue working in behalf of the displaced persons.

After the March meeting, we shall again hold our district meetings quarterly, namely: June, September, December and in March we will observe the feast of our Patron Saint Casimir.

At the close of the meeting all delegates and guests gathered in the church and offered their prayers for Cardinal Mindszenty, during Solemn Benediction.

We extend our sympathy to Bernice and Nell Rozger (62) and their family on the death of their beloved father.

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Before long, the dates of the national convention to be held in Elizabeth, N. J., will be announced. That's the time to plan your vacation!

The name of the Lithuanian play, to be presented by our district, is "Sulig Naujos Mados."

We wish to congratulate Gloria Arloff (29) and Jimmie Matulis; also Joe Baron (29) and Mae Clark, on their engagement. Both ladies received a beautiful diamond.

Bowling League Standing (Male)

Elizabeth Dodgers, won 21, lost 6;
Jersey City, won 16, lost 11;
Linden, won 17, lost 13;
Kearny, won 15, lost 15;
Newark, won 14, lost 16;
Elizabeth Yanks, won 13, lost 17;

Paterson, won 12, lost 18; and
New York, won 9 and lost 21.

(Female)

Kearny, won 12, lost 6;
Linden, won 12, lost 6;
Newark, won 13, lost 8;
Elizabeth Devils, won 8, lost 13;
Eliz. Petunias, won 7, lost 14; and
Paterson, won 8, lost 13.

The Wanderer

Chicago, Ill.

PRANEŠIMAS 36 KUOPAI

"Vyties" vasario mėn laidoje tilpo lietuvių kalboje korespondencija, kurią parašė — Vytis. Minėtas Vytis prašomas prisiųsti savo adresą, o gaus kaip dovaną istorinį vyčio ženklelį arba 6 nuotraukas iš istorinių Lietuvos vietų.

Čikagoje yra įteikti mano net trys Lietuvos istorinių vietų albumai: Chicagos Vyčių apskričiai, Seserims Kazimierietėms ir Marijonų seminarijai. Iš jų galės pasirinkti sau nuotraukas. Nuotraukos gražios su aprašymu kitoj pusėj.

M. A. Norkunas

21 Kendrick St.,

Lawrence, Mass.

Chicago District K. of L. Choir News

If one walked by the K. of L. Center in Chicago some Tuesday evening, he would hear the K. of L. Choir rehearsing for its Annual Concert, April 24, 1949. Each Tuesday, sleet or snow, rain or shine, the choir is busy rehearsing. There will be folksongs that are centuries old and new folksongs arranged by refugees in Germany; polyphonic music of the finest type, and recent Fred Waring arrangements. Once more, we ask Chicago Knights to join our group; we are an active, lively group (at least we think so), and we know you would learn good choral literature, besides having a good time.

The concert committee composed of Regina Benaitis, Dolores Srupsa, Zita Simutis and Loretta Stankus, are working hard in preparation for the concert. Bruno Aldonis' orchestra has already been engaged for the dance following the concert. Extensive publicity is planned to make this the most successful concert in the history of the Chicago Choir.

The first Choir Social of the New Year was held in the Center on Feb. 15th. A good time was had by all, thanks to the efficient committee. This type of social should be held more often. It gives the choir members further encouragement and urges them on to greater efforts for the K. of L. organization.

Our choir costumes are all completed now, thanks to our refugee friends in Germany. Even the men's ties are authentic now. Last year due to shortage of ties, we used "Vene-

tian Blind Tape"; this year we are the proud possessors of 25 ties and many aprons and "juostas" made in Germany.

Once more we remind you of the concert date, April 24, 1949, at the Lithuanian Auditorium, and we sincerely hope the Chicago District Knights of Lithuania will be well represented.

Vytė

Chicago District

Kovo 6 dieną, minėjome jaunimo globėjo šv. Kazimiero šventę Brighton Parke. 9 val. ryto bendrai iš klausėme šv. mišių ir priėmėm komunią.

Kun. V. Tulaba, lietuvių kolegijos rektorius Romoje, laikė pamaldas. Pamokslą sakė dvasios vadas kun. St. Gaučius.

Po pamaldų buvo bendri pusryčiai parapijos salėje.

Vakare 7 val. buvo bankietas su programa pagerbti trečio ir ketvirtio laipsnio nariams. Buvo įteikti diplomai ir ženklai.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

COUNCIL 41

This is, indeed, a promising year for the Brooklynites. Our New Year's Resolution Dance has come and gone. We're proud to say that it was a success. A success both financially as well as socially. It is at this time that we take advantage of the opportunity to thank all those that helped to make it that way. It might also be said that there are congratulations in store for the committee that prepared so wonderful an affair in so short a time — two weeks really is short — believe me!

At our first meeting of the year we elected the following officers: Spiritual Director — Fr. John Pakalniškis; President — Connie Kazlauskis; Vice-President — John Wilson; Secretary — John Andrews; and Treasurer — Edward Tumasonis. Congratulations!

After the meeting we had the opportunity to see our Knights perform on the basketball court. For a team that has a brief history one might well be proud of it. Thus far it has played only five games but it already has four of those five tucked away as wins. The score is K. of L. 61, Spartans of Brooklyn 65.

Besides a new administration, a new social committee was elected. It consists of Ed Tumasonis, Ed Kastor and Ray Kazlauskis.

Before I close let me just say one more thing. How about some of you old members attending meetings. Some we haven't seen in years. We'd like to see you each month. Let's all resolve to be ACTIVE members instead of members by name only.

Chfbtlwshr

South Boston, Mass.

COUNCIL 17

Our council members extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mary Gailius and family on the sudden death of their beloved husband and father, Attorney Joseph B. Gailius, who was well known among the Lithuanians and K. of L'ers as a patriot and supporter in all charitable organizations.

Council 17's dance for the church renovation fund attended by young and old alike was quite a success, financially as well as socially. Baby sitters must have done a thriving business that night because many of our married K. of L'ers were present. We also had a fine representation from neighboring councils including Worcester's two councils, Norwood, Brockton, Cambridge, Athol, Lawrence and even Hartford, Conn. All the credit is due to the hard working committee which included Milly Vallis, Phyllis Grendal, Teddy Vallis, Al Akule, Pat Zibutis, Ann Petronis, Malvian Warsakas, Nellie and Larry Svelnis, Mary, Ann and Al Kleponis, Angela Mason, Nellie Pechulis, Steve Mickevich and Contons family.

Our monthly social for January took us ice skating out in the Blue Hills. It was an ideal day. Teddy Vallis almost broke Nellie Pechulis' back, bumping and knocking her down. We are now eagerly looking forward to the next monthly social.

The weather man was good to us on our week-end snow trip to New Hampshire because he gave us lots of snow and good weather for skiing, tobogganing and ice skating. Irene Ross, Joan and Johnny Chetkauskas thumbed a ride from the bus stop to Temple. No one was safe from camera-bug Eddie Rudis who surprised us by snapping pictures unexpectedly. Ask Myra Calnan about that. I wonder why Tony Yakavonis doesn't explain to his brother Johnny that you are supposed to ski on your feet and not on your head. The poor girls almost froze waiting for Joe K. to light the fire. Where is your boy scout training? Poor Ann Kleponis! She tried to do push-ups with Johnny Contons with no success. She was a whole lot better doing square dances.

C-17's plans for the New England district convention (April 23-24) are progressing rapidly. The dance, sessions and the banquet are to be held at Boston's Hotel Vendome. Dance music is to be furnished by Shep Wolan, the polka and waltz king. Hope to see many out of towners as well as our own council members.

NEWSIES

Welcome home to Ruthie and Joe Slanina who have returned from Virginia. It's good to have you back in Boston.

Pat Zibutis and Al Akule did a grand job of taking care of the



check room at our big dance. Too bad they didn't have a chance to sneak in a dance or two.

Joe and Marian Matachinskis walked off with the radio alarm which was raffled off at the dance. Lucky people.

I wonder if Ann Kleponis hurt herself when she fell through the bed in N. H.

Bet the scream that woke up everyone on the ski trip in the middle of the night was heard clear down to Boston. What happened, Myra?

Seemed like old times having Nella and Anthony Gaputis back again even if it was only for awhile.

Did you notice Vic Anchukaitis and his wife doing the Chelsea at the dance? Not bad at all, Vic.

Since Steve Contons is working out in Gardner we see him only on Sundays. He did make the dance though and caused many a heart to flutter.

SUNSHINE

Maspeth, N. Y.

COUNCIL 110

We celebrated our Silver Jubilee January 23rd with "refreshments" at the church hall and then on to Rudy's (fabulos) Rail for dinner and dancing. It was a gala occasion! Al Wezwick certainly can mix a "Manhattan". Gloria Spurgiesz... who was that man sitting with you on the bus? Hm! Wasn't that dance floor slippery, Terry? Ray Rachalis was pretty lucky to have his steak dinner fed to him. Say, Tony Razickas, didn't you appreciate the singer? It's not every day you can have someone sing especially for you. Two of our guests were Al Yatkauskas from Council 12 and Wanda from Maspeth.

Our annual Communion breakfast is scheduled for April 10th. Note the date and be sure to attend. Members from neighboring councils are also invited. If you plan to attend contact Tony Razickas for reservations.

Our Silver Jubilee was written up in the Queens Ledger (including a picture of the new officers). Let's try to keep our Knights of Lithuania in the limelight with such favorable publicity.

Emily

Brockton, Mass.

COUNCIL 1

At our last meeting, the following officers were installed: Aldona R. Bulkites, pres.; Valarie Kavalauskas, vice pres.; Ann Norkus, sec'y., Anthony Piscuskas treas. — able accountant; and Stephen Carlin, trustee. Our spiritual advisor is Father S. Saulenas. Best wishes to our new Executive Board.

News-Of-The-Month

The Svelnis and Butkus family are very happy in housekeeping. Best wishes. It appears like many of our Brockton girls are being attracted by Southie members, lately. By the way, Steve Carlin, we hope your new job has a FUTURE in it! What does our president find so interesting in Boston, each week-end? We also notice that our new member, Annie Ambrose, is becoming most active in the council. That's the spirit! We wish to congratulate Ann Norkus and P. Gailunas (17) and Frank Chesna and Adele Bisko (26) on their recent engagements. Speaking of engagements, Louis Druzinskis no longer wishes to remain a bachelor and expects to slip a diamond ring on the finger of another K. of L'er. Best wishes to our Lithuanian couples.

"Kit"

Westfield, Mass.

COUNCIL 30

Our K. of L. banquet was what I would term a perfect evening. Everyone looked happy and I might add, lively, too. For instance, there were Monica Jegelewicz and Pat Kamins, Anne Jutt and Tony Rogers giving us a jitterburg performance. They were really good. Everyone noticed the attractive velvet dress Nellie Lingaitis was wearing. Hope all our socials turn out as successful.

Our last month's meeting was well represented with Father Jutkevicius as guest speaker. He had the audience seriously interested in his talk on "The Purpose of the K. of L.". Our membership has increased by six new members since the meeting. Madeline and Monica Jegelewicz served refreshments after the meeting. We want to thank both girls for doing such a grand job.

Franny and Nellie Mikelis, Nellie Lingaitis, and Jeanette Girggs are busy knitting these days. I see where some young men will be sporting new socks before long. Nellie Cwirka has a new short haircut. It looks very becoming but one more clip and we will be calling her "Baldy". Dorothy Coach received a beautiful engagement ring from Frank Zvalonis. Both are active council members.

Jay-bird

New York, N. Y.

COUNCIL 12

After a relatively mild winter, we are beginning to feel the promptings of Spring and so active planning resumes.

The gloom of January in Big Town was partially dispelled by the successful Hobo Dance held at Our Lady of Vilna Hall. Every device of disguise and humor helped eliminate the usual formality that restrains some bashful folks from having a good time. Selecting the best (?) dressed couple was a difficult assignment, but, at the final reckoning, the prize was awarded Surokowski and "Monk" Monckawitch. Honorable mention may be made to all others for their originality.

Yank Yatkauskas outdid his jovial self with his pranks and lively wit. The other Yat boys, Al and Vinnie, left a wake of laughter wherever they drifted. 'Tis said that Willie Kaleda (in costume) stopped to buy cigarettes and the proprietor of the store, who was shocked that so young a man had fallen so low, promptly gave Bill a lecture in hopes of reforming him. Francis Baskis, her sister and friends were the cutest andy-dancers I've seen while Olga Markunas looked like a toughie out of the Apache-dancing cafes of the Montmartre in Paris.

It's good to see many of our married members attending our meetings. The Garbinčius leave Junior with Grandma. Our newly married Ed and Ruth Samulenas were with us, also Stan and Nellie Borus and Frieda and Frank Samulenas.

Two new members joined the club three days after our dance: Lorraine Remavich's cousin and Steve Andryauskas.

Joe Boley was in popular demand at the dance. I wonder if he ever gets an opportunity to dance a full number with everyone wishing to talk to our national president.

The district Communion breakfast and convention was held at Our Lady of Vilna Hall immediately after the 11 o'clock Mass on March 6th.

The district flag, modeled after the Supreme Council's banner, will soon become a reality. Charles Bason and "Jo" Adams received \$25 from our council towards the purchase of the flag. The coming national convention should see the N. Y. — N. J. District's flag alongside the others. The convention being held in Elizabeth, many of our members are already arranging their vacations at that time. Council 12 awaits this year's convention eagerly for C-52 is known for its unusual and elegant entertainment. We can safely reverse the advice of H. Greeley and say — "Come East, young man, Come East!"

Belated Birthday greetings to Al Yatkauskas, Pete Garbinčius and Betty Kscenaitis.

SPORTS DEPT.

Our bowlers — W. Kaleda, T. Simulinas, E. Simulinas, A. Monckawitch and Steve Montvidas are still out of last place in the league. (I think the girls' team is close behind them!) Recently our best wood-chopper, Eldy, scored a 214 but it was only a practice game. The efficient work of the Sports Committee for 1948-1949 season is to be commended. A properly controlled system of handicaps gave the poor bowlers a chance to stay in competition from beginning to end. The hospitality shown our visiting councils strengthened the spirit of the entire organization.

I'M WONDERING WHETHER

— We'll have a soft ball league this year? And whether the Jersey side will come over to the New York side to play? (Remember when we were called the C-12 Tigers? Now they call us the Nine Old Men! If those riding breeches and slacks will fit the girls after a nice comfortable winter of pastries and sweets? (Remember the bus rides last summer?

Kavaleriai

Lewiston, Maine

COUNCIL 2

Our annual meeting brought out practically every member in C-2. One of the reasons for the large turnout was the election of officers. There was great enthusiasm displayed in the selection of current officers.

Fr. Liauba will be our spiritual advisor. Ever since the re-activation of this council, he has always shown a deep interest in the affairs and doings of C-2, and we are sure that he will continue to do so in the future.

After taking a back seat for some time, we welcome back A. Henry Reidman to be our chief executive for the present year. M. Shaban was elected vice president; Ruth Huntley — secretary (Ruth is one of our newer members); Anthony J. Rudokas (past president) — cor. sec'y.; Flo. Peseckis (another of our newer members) — fin. sec'y.; Al Witonis will continue to guard our treasury, with Grace Waznis and Joe Vasilauskis as trustees; and John Diringis, as marshall. Ann Kalvelis was elected chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

Our Ritual Committee, headed by Mary Shaban, consists of Frank Sabalauskis and John Diringis. Much work is in store for this committee in preparing and presenting degrees to qualified and deserving members.

A. J.

New England District

On Sunday, March 20th, a Leadership Course, sponsored by the district, will be held at C-17 clubrooms, South Boston, Mass., for the benefit of all councils; also brief talks on membership and Ritual work will be given. All members are invited to attend this meeting which will begin promptly at 1:30 p. m.

The semi-annual convention of the New England District will take place on April 23 and 24th at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, Mass. The schedule is:

Saturday eve., April 23rd —
dance;

Sunday morning — April 24th —
Mass;

Sunday afternoon — 1:00 p. m. —
session;

Sunday evening — 6:00 p. m. —
Founder's Day Banquet

at which time awards will be given to the winners of the New England Bowling Tournament, also presentations of Third and Fourth Degree medals and certificates to qualified members.

Reports of district committees will be given at the convention; also election of officers. All delegates, representing the district, must have duly filled out Mandates presented at the convention.

Joseph A. Lola,
President

Jersey City, N. J.

COUNCIL 124

The N. Y. — N. J. District bi-monthly convention was held in Jersey City, February 6th, with our council as host. The wonderful cooking of Mrs. Zimkus received much praise. We wish to thank her for donating so much of her time in behalf of K. of L.

A convention in Jersey City would never be complete without Charlie Bason and his slides.

Our bowling team at the present time holds second place in the district league. Not bad for a team that was considered by many to finish near the bottom. This handicap system, whereby a team usually bowls against another with a "spot", has irked some bowlers to the extent that their behavior resembles crying infants. A little more sportsmanlike conduct is in order. Elizabeth Dodgers please note.

Tony Vernickas was to bring in a new member, his wife to be exact. Now it appears his promise may not materialize. Living in Linden and belonging to the Jersey City council is proving to be too much of a hardship. Hope we are not losing a member instead of gaining.

Eddie Ragauckas has a new heart throb whose first name is Audrey. Eddie has his transportation trouble-

les, too. If Woodbridge were closer to Jersey City things would be fine.

The Batchelor's Club spends these winter nights at their favorite place playing darts. Joe Januzis, Eddie Ragauckas, Frank Yesalonis and Joe Sable excel in this indoor sport. Frank Vernickas and Eddie Baranauskas are just learning the fine points of the game. Ditto Al Kemp.

By the time this goes to press, our benefit dance will have taken place. We wish to thank all those who helped make our affair a success that it may have been.

"Double Trouble"

Cambridge, Mass.

COUNCIL 18

March fourth we celebrated our patron St. Casimir's feast day with a simple Communion breakfast.

Last month we held election of officers. Al "Florist" Jakutis summed up the results by saying, "There it is, that's dynamite." Congratulations to Al Jankauskas our newly-crowned president; Ted Mankus, vice-pres.; Jean "Mayflower Beverage" Malin, treas.; Helen Zukas of 21 Jefferson Street, sec'y.; and Ed Puzin, sgt.-at-arms. If you wonder why we need a "maršalka" just come to one of our meetings! A representative group of executives!

A big hand for our outgoing officers: Al Jakutis, retiring president — who "refuses to run for a second term", Al Marcin, vice president — "let's have no cliques here", Pete "Berkshire Beverage" Puzin, treas. — who says, "boy, now I can clear the house of all those Treasurer's books," and Millie "Tonsilectomy" Wilcinski who did such a good job as last year's secretary.

Likeable Vin Zukas, usually a quiet, unassuming person threw the proverbial bombshell into the election proceedings by nominating himself for vice president. He takes first prize unanimously for pulling the "Most Unpredictable Act of 1949". What a guy!

Al Marcin, nine times out of ten, is known not to give anyone trouble, not much! Unless one happens to be a Canadian bus driver. Did you ever hear of Pupigney Street in Montreal? No, not "Pupigni" but Pupigney Street. Let us know if you discover the location of such a musical-sounding street. What a tourist! Lucky gal this Millie Wilcinski. She hit the Jackpot when she correctly answered a "tough" query at a recent "quiz" program. What was the prize, Millie? Wanda Jankun, our female "Izaak Walton", a term which has become synonymous with her exploits aboard the "Sea Wolf" last summer, has cornered a lucky guy. Who said she wasn't a good fisherwoman?

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM LEWISTON TO HARTFORD TAKE NOTICE. May 21st is the date for our Spring Dance which will be held at the newly-established Cambridge Lithuanian Catholic Citizens Club. The location: 163 Harvard Street, only a stone's throw from Kendall Square. It'll be worth your while, believe us.

SCOOP

Detroit, Mich.

COUNCIL 102

A fine time was had by all who attended the "Winter Frolic" held at the Detroit Leland Hotel. We were wondering why Gena Podzius was sporting a great big orchid until the orchestra played "Happy Birthday" with all voices joining in. We noticed Tony Brinza leaving the dance floor on several occasions. Alice is still wondering! Two of the happiest people present were Mary Ann Peterson and Joe Guerriero.

No one could get in touch with Anne Ambrose until the Variety Show had taken place on February 27. Anne did a splendid job of whipping the show together. The big hit of the show was the glamorous chorus line of 9 — count 'em — 9 beautiful Male specimens in short skirts, with Chuck Bender and Frank Peterson doing the Can Can side by side.

Talent has fallen upon us. Helen Daly, a well known pianist, has recently joined the K. of L. just in time to participate in the "Vyčių Juokų Vakaras". Among other new members we have Al and Casey Ambrose, Bil Nikstenas, Miss Johne Rooks and Joseph R. Slavinskis.

The 1948 convention keeps giving us troubles. "Bashful" Theresa Bender still spills her coffee whenever it is mentioned. We offer an award to anyone capable of making her tell who he is and from where!

There's quite a scramble for the 1st place among the bowling teams. To date, Harper Canton Florists are still being crowded out by the Knights of Lithuania. Eddie Žaliagiris is King with a 176 average, and Aldona Nausedas has the top girl's average of 132 followed closely by Betty Bender's 130. Have they mastered the curve ball or is Anna Mae "deadeye" Uznis giving them lessons in hitting that lone 7 pin?

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Clem Galinas on their wedding anniversary. A happy twosome, with Evelyn doing her housework, while Clem does his homework.

That twinkle in Gena Podzius' eyes nowadays, almost matches the sparkle of the ring Gus Baiback put on her finger last month. We're all looking forward to attending a good old-fashioned Lithuanian wedding in the near future.

Al & Ray

Linden, N. J.

COUNCIL 113

Although our correspondent has been lax, that does not mean our council has been inactive.

Our boys and girls have teams entered in the New York-New Jersey District Bowling League, and are doing very well. In fact they are listed as top teams. The girls also have a team entered in the Linden City Women's "B" League.

On the agenda, is a "BUTTONS AND BOWS" dance to be held April 30th at the Polish National Hall, Roselle Street, Linden. We are planning to have special varieties and invite all councils to attend.

We have been actively engaged in the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Our council has also sent food packages to the Lithuanian displaced person camps recommended by Joe Boley and in return we have received enough copies of magazines to be distributed among our members.

The council wishes to express its deepest sympathy to our members — Eleanor Skarl and Vincent Laucious on the death of their father; also to Joseph and Edward Krotulis on the death of their mother.

WHILE PEAKING THROUGH THE KEY HOLE:

Overheard Eddie Bundonis' comment on why he's through with women;

Also Aldona Cesnovich's prayers to find the one and only...

Seen Anne Zurlis practise bowling so as to keep on getting those 190 scores.

Heard Whitey Baker trying to sell another member some life insurance.

Saw Peggy Zielenbach flashing that diamond — (shouldn't scare us like that Peg; you should say it isn't real).

Saw Johnny Tratulis soaking his feet after making his nightly rounds on the Police Force around Linden.

Saw Kay Tratulis making a three point landing down her back steps. Even the bannister fell apart!

Haven't seen our members John Venskus, Matty Tamalovidge around to meetings lately.

Members in business or professions — why not advertise in VYTIS, at little cost?

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For further information, write to: Knights of Lithuania
366 W. Broadway,
So. Boston 27, Mass.

Worcester, Mass.

COUNCIL 26

January found us hitting the road. Many of us attended Lawrence (78) play on January 9th. It was a huge success. Following the affair, refreshments were served to guest members, and meeting of the cast was greatly enjoyed by us.

It almost looked like Worcester invaded Southie on the night of Feb. 22nd dance held for the benefit of the parish fund. Our three "bashful bachelors" "kidnapped" Helen Gvaz (116) and paid their crime with a blow-out half way home.

All our fresh-air fiends gathered at Tully-Brook Inn, Athol, for the winter carnival. It commenced with a hike (with two experienced "26" hikers in the lead) to work up an appetite. The host gathered as many sleds from their kid brothers and sisters as possible and led the way up the icy hill. Later in the evening all gathered around the fireplace and enjoyed group singing. Marie Carr and Dot Chuplis had to be thawed out. Four Hartford fellows and three Worcester girls are open for bids for a concert tour through-out New England. It was good to see Fr. Bruno, our former spiritual advisor, once again. Note to Bertha Čiočys (103) — was the chair really broken, or did you eat that much!

Our Valentine Party, held at the clubroom, was most enjoyable. Members of C-116 were guests. Committee consisting of Angie Sarapas, Olga Kersis, Franny Uzdavinis and Ann Yuska are to be commended for the splendid planning.

A "Record Night" is being planned by the Clubroom Committee for the purpose of securing phonograph records.

A Military Whist was held at the church hall on March 1st. Lil Alexandrovich and Eve Jurgelonis handled the affair very nicely.

Our dramatic groups, under the capable direction of Joe Sakaitis, is planning a Comedy this spring.

The bowling teams are still going strong. Connie Daucunas's team is in the lead. Connie is also our men's ping-pong champ. The girls' champ is yet to be decided.

We miss nothing by attendings meetings. Father Al brings a portable radio and at intervals he informs us as to the results of the Holy Cross basketball games.

Best wishes to Adele Bisko and Frank Chesnul (Brockton) on their engagement. Ellie Grazulis spent a week end at Lake Placid last month. We still want to see the pictures as proof of your skiing! Joe Delonis and Vitty Gadilauskas have decided to leave their wives at home during K. of L. meetings. They can't concentrate on two things at once. If any-

one wants a sample of Al Bender's handiwork, just ask "Sis" — she'll be sure to arrange it for you. Angie Sarapas brings home-made cookies to our open house nights. How about making her permanent hostess? Best of luck to Bill Thompson, who has followed his buddy's footsteps and joined the Army.

We want to welcome Tom Sviklas and Aldona Naujokas into our organization.

'Worcesterio Snooperiai'

Worcester, Mass.

COUNCIL 116

Our Membership party and get together was spectacular. It was a grand reunion. The following married couples attended: Mr. and Mrs. John Andriuska; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rainis; Mr. and Mrs. George Dubickas (recent arrivals from Indiana Harbor, Indiana.) George is past fin. sec'y. and his wife Frances, past sec'y. of C-55; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Matachinskis; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Montville; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Waska; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Chalecki; Mr. and Mrs. A. Pavolis and Franny Scarbeau with his fiancée Vera Jurgelionis. Frank Rainis and Bill Montville showed movies. The magician, Jack Coven, sure had the audience guessing. Even our own Dave Vaskas sat bewildered. Al Vieraitis was a sight for sore eyes as the magician's assistance. Good to see him for a short time. The committee deserves praise for this memorable affair.

On February 16th we commemorated the 31st anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. Our guest speaker was Bishop Vincent Brizgys, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Kaunas.

Did you read the article by Dr. W. Elmer Ekblaw in the Feb. 14, 1949 issue of the "Worcester Telegram?" It is entitled "Look to Lithuania". We sincerely thank Dr. Ekblaw for taking such a deep interest in the affairs of our native land.

Charlott Mitchell, president, heads the Who's Who column in this month's issue of the "Equestrian". Charlotte is heart and soul for K. of L. She is the first girl to be president of Council 116 and are proud of that fact.

NEWS ITEMS

Many attended the So. Boston benefit dance for the church — Pete Matachinskis and wife, Bill and Ruth Shablin, Julia Chiras, Lil Tamul. and Helen Gvaz. The Lawrence play "Snipsnyčio Vestuvės" was greatly enjoyed by Joe Aug., Ed Vaskas, Lil Tamul., Louise Totilas, M. Lucason and Helen Gvaz. Now it seems after this affair Joe Aug. is getting as much mail from Lawrence

as from Detroit, ask Helen Gvaz and she'll confirm it.

Did you know that Peachy "Sinatra" Rakauskas has left to attend classes at Miami University? We shall miss his smiling face at our meetings and affairs for awhile but wish him the greatest of luck in his studies.

We extend our best wishes to Dayton (96) in putting out a council publication and are looking forward to receiving copies of it.

DIS & DAT

Al Glavickas is helping Uncle Sam at present. He is filling out Income Tax returns at Kyba's Press. If you need any assistance, see him.

Tony Godek and Ann Zigmont (26) have been struck by Cupid. A shower was given them.

Thomas Stokes, former officer of C-116, addressed the students of Holy Cross, W. P. I. and Clark University at a meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Foreign Trade Conference held at Holy Cross.

Don Kamendulis is home after a ten-day cruise to Cuba with the Worcester Unit of Naval Reserve.

Seen dancing at the Arcadia almost every Saturday eve are Jo Kalunas, Ann Barisas and Joan Polaski.

What's the news Joe Chesna and Eleanor Grazulis?

Capt. Bob Zinkus and his Bayer and Migolla quintet seem assured of winning first place in the Mac-Ben Senior Basketball League. Good luck, boys!

Al Tumas was lucky to be stationed in R. I. We hope to see him home often.

Our council commemorated St. Casimir's Day on March 6th by attending Mass at 9:30 a. m., receiving communion, and having breakfast in the church hall. **Vištuke**

Ohio - Michigan District

The semi-annual Knights of Lithuania Ohio-Michigan District Convention will be held Sunday, May 1, 1949, at Holy Cross Church, 1922 Leo St., Dayton, Ohio. A High Mass for the intention of the organization will be celebrated at 10:00 o'clock by Father Vaclovas Katarskis, district spiritual adviser. The business session will be held in the church hall at 1:30 p. m. Saturday evening, April 30th, a reception and dance will be held in the church hall for the delegates and guests.

All district officers are requested to submit their reports in writing. Those unable to attend the convention should send their reports beforehand to the district secretary, Miss Petronella Zelinskas, 169 Rita St., Dayton 4, Ohio.

Frank Gudelis,
President

Pittsburgh, Pa.

COUNCIL 19

Flash! Our council's most eligible bachelor was elected president. None other than Attorney (no less) Stanley Simon. For vice-president we now have Wilmerding's "eager-beaver" Ray Abromitis, thanks to the campaigning of side-kick Johnny Lucky and OTHERS. Vice, vice-president will more than likely be Simon's man Friday, Johnny Tumas. Antoinette Naujelis tried awfully hard to decline but was elected financial secretary. What would an officers meeting be without Antoinette? Jean Walkauskas took over the council's secretarial duties (and Ann Gregaitis breathed a sigh of relief) while Ed Braze is still holding last year's position as treasurer. Oh yes, Joe Allen was elected sergeant-at-arm- and without any "railroading" from the last row. Such ring-leaders!

We had a Christmas party back in December and tho' it is a thing of the past, I think mention should be made of it, since the officers of last year and our spiritual director put forth so much effort to make it something out of the ordinary — and that it was. A complete spaghetti dinner was served and favors were distributed, and a towering six-foot Santa with an extra loud bell, presented the grab bag gifts to all. Stan Simon is still debating whether his "unmentionable" was a put-up job or not.

The annual Winter Frolic that the Esplen council sponsored was lots of fun. Was Pete's late entrance intentional just to draw attention to the nice loud shirt? This same day was graduation day for Bill Kolicius, who received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh. I can't understand why it took us all this time to learn he's a bachelor!

Speaking of our more educated members, Ruth Greblunis is very proudly displaying her shinny new class ring of Duquesne U., class of 1950. We still kid Ruthie about the New England "pretty-boy" she met at the Detroit convention. She's being coy and reports there is no corresponding; but her plans to attend summer school in Massachusetts seem to contradict her statement.

My personal apologies to Miss Bernice Consuella Balamootis for referring to her as "Bernie" in the December "Vytis". From now on it will be "Reds" or "Carrot-top" how's that "Bernie?" P.S. She's just peeved about her middle name, Consuel-la!

COLUMN CLOSERS. Lorraine Zupkis has a new line, "Fight it off kid." Incidentally, it's too bad that bus line is on strike again Lorraine.

We miss you at bowling, and just when you got the new bowling shoes. Tony and Lil Grazulis aren't anti-social, it's just that they spend all their time working on the new bungalow. Johnny Lucky's girl of the hour seems to be Anne Gregaitis. (or am I speaking out of turn?) The Chinik's are to be thanked for bringing their new wire recorder to the Christmas party. Now we should all make one more recording and then throw the two of them away. It's good to see Frank Miskis taking part in the meetings again. And we have not seen Father Joe's pal Bobby Gavrin recently. Could it be that the new Ford is monopolizing his time or does the baby-sitting set-up. (Ducky and the Marculaitis boys) have something to do with it? Isabelle and our "Consuella" state neither one "Hit Bottom" at Council 62's ice-skating party. We'll see if they keep the record after the coming skating party is over.

Yes, we all have a skating-party, an Alumni dance, a lecture, and a Pre-Lenten banquet and dance to fit into the calendar before Ash Wednesday.

SNOOPING SAL

Bayonne, N. J.

COUNCIL 67

In response to the numerous queries as to whether Bayonne still exists, we might say that we have finally come out of the doldrums.

Recent marriages slightly decreased our membership, but now the council has rapidly gained many new, active members. Our social held in the parish hall brought out 27 old and new members. We wish to extend a hearty welcome to our new members — Dorothy Milvid, Anastasia Razilevich, Margie Gaupsas, Patricia Sedvydis and Dan Dambrauskas. These members have readily accepted to help out on committees and two of the newer members were elected officers.

Officers for 1949 are: Rev. J. Karalevičius, spiritual advisor; Michael Grigalunas, pres.; Margie Gaupsas, vice pres.; Stacia Razilevich, rec. sec'y.; Dorothy Milvid, fin. sec'y., and Marty Rusgi, treas. We shall continue to cooperate with our Executive Board, and express thanks to the outgoing officers for their splendid work.

Council Dates:

On March 20th, a swimming party is scheduled to leave the parish hall 2:00 p. m. for St. George Hotel, Brooklyn. April 3rd our members in a body will receive Holy Communion at the 8 a. m. Mass. Advance notice is our annual dance to be held on October 8th.

Birzgelė"

Great Neck, N. Y.

COUNCIL 109

February brought to Long Island snowflakes and sunshine; to the Great Neck K. of L., renewed enthusiasm for activity. A few of our members traveled to affairs held in Maspeth, Jersey City, New York, and to the district dance held in Newark, to spend a few hours in "polka" style. Our own "Muggin" dance turned out to be a great big social, as well as financial success. For a while (because the orchestra had a flat tire en route) our music was supplied by the Maspeth K. of L. Send us your card, we may hire you for our next affair! Our thanks go to Bertha Stancavage, Mary Truss and Harry Rubenau on their excellent and appropriate decorations, and to Stanley Sosaris for the outstanding posters. (Incidentally, Stan, congratulations on the new arrival!)

Arrangements have been completed for our semi-annual breakfast to be held April 3rd, at St. Aloysius Church, 8:00 Mass. Breakfast to be served at nine, at the Golden Gate Restaurant (formerly Canterwood), 10 Grace Avenue, Great Neck. In order to make this a memorable affair, we invite all former and future members to join with us. Let's have a grand turnout at this very important function of our council's activity. For reservations contact the committee. Arrangements are being made to attend the N. Y. — N. J. District Communion breakfast in New York City.

A Lithuanian Affairs Committee has been formed, consisting of Jo Rusas and Al Wesey. Al Wesey has also been elected to assist on this committee in the district. These two make a real team. Let's have more members with this enthusiasm join this committee. Much assistance is needed.

Discussion revolved around our May Dance to be held for the benefit of the Supreme Council. The date of this affair had to be changed to May 7th, instead of the 22nd, as originally planned.

We haven't seen Helen Kenney, Ray Bart, nor Duke Bernatovich at our meetings lately. Come on down and pay us a visit! Mary Ann Wesey is also in the "missing" file. Is there a certain someone taking up all of her time? Bring him down, too! We're wondering where Stan Simanovich puts all that food at our Socials. Don't you feed him, Josephine? There are also others like Al Wesey and Tony Kober that run a close second. That gleam has left Eva's eyes. Can't it be replaced? Was nice to see both Jack Malis and Stan Bukunt at our recent meeting. Let's see more of you! We're wondering how Lou Ann Sosaris comes to the

meetings just in time to give her treasurer's report. Is she using an alarm clock? We understand Pete Bernatovich has been seen quite frequently in the vicinity of Glen Cove. Are we going to lose another confirmed bachelor? Have you noticed the enthusiasm of our newer members? Keep up the good work.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Bertha Stancavage on the death of her beloved mother. A Mass has been offered for the repose of her soul.

...Snoopy

Philadelphia, Pa.

COUNCIL 3

March sixth was a day of all days for us! A testimonial was tendered our beloved pastor, Rev. Ignatius Valančiūnas, commemorating his Feast Day. Our parochial children and choir members joined us in the celebration. Another highlight was having a distinguished guest of honor, the Rt. Rev. M. Krupavičius, president of VLIKas, give praise to our K. of L. organization for its continued work in behalf of displaced persons. He also commended us on the Lithuanian classes we have been sponsoring. Helen Shields and Theresa Mazeika (junior member) provided us with a Lithuanian skit which brought tears and laughter to all at the banquet. Other participants on the program were: Frances Nash, soloist, Anastasia Grebloski, pianist, and Joseph Janulaitis.

Now that Joseph Utkus has looked over the premises, we are looking to freshly painted clubroom and classroom. Coral-green combination is what we voted on, right?

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members: Isabelle Bogusevich, Gertrude Jagger, Marie Janulaitis, Anna Martusky, George Mazeika, Helen Mosko and Alphonsus Stankus.

We commemorated St. Casimir's Day by attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion in a body, and obtaining ritual degrees. Following the Mass, breakfast was served in the parish hall and prominent guests were present.

Incidentally, Helen Bigenis and Anna Martusky are studying Art. Save your posters, gals, because we would like to have a hobby show sometime this year. Edward Valavičius is doing a grand job in letter writing. He has received replies from the editors of "Life", "Newsweek", "Philadelphia Bulletin" and "Reader's Digest" pertaining to Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Keep up the good work, Eddie!

"Stacey"

Hartford, Conn.

COUNCIL 7

The most outstanding event to date was the Christmas party at the K. of L. clubrooms, where a number of people congregated to join in the fun of a good meal, gifts and dancing. We were sorry not to have among us as our guest of honor Fr. John Jutkevičius. A heavy snowstorm prevented all travelers from going any great distance. Msgr. Ambot was greatly pleased to see so many old members and their families gathered.

A surprise birthday party tendered to Joe Adikonis by his sister, had many K. of L. members as guests. Our guest of honor Joe, looked unique with the head-dress and along with that, his missing tooth added to the picturesque detail. Stella Markin, performed the same feat twice by collapsing through a weak chair and always coming up alive again. The B. B. Boys (translation will not be divulged), namely: Walt Markin, Ed Ladas and Joe Viezalis, were slightly confused. Ed had a case of walking nerves, Walt a pestering attitude where a certain female was concerned (all in fun to be sure) and Joe just spent his time taking in the scenery-plus. Dotty Yankauskas made her second debut of the season in singing "Sadie", word for word. This was tough because a previous talking streak via phone made her a little hoarse. Paul and John Kriksciun were all but given medals for keeping Joe A. out so late and never letting on about the party. Congratulations!

Dan Madeska had his harem to take care of. As Ann Viezalis, E. Staum and Irene Yankauskas didn't touch the stuff, he graciously obliged by taking care of the situation.

Due to transfer in our parish, we have gained a new member — Rev. Francis Pranckus. After hearing his inspiring talk at one of our meetings, we shall endeavor to better the K. of L. and help increase our membership.

M. E.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

COUNCIL 62

We express our deepest sympathy to the Birbilas family on the loss of their mother; and to the Rozger family on the sudden death of their father.

We were most impressed with the decorations at our "Snow Ball" dance. The rain outside couldn't compete with the snowy atmosphere and wintry charm inside. The "Don Airs" orchestra furnished us with wonderful music. We were also delighted with the response of both the teenagers of our parish, and Council 19.

Skating in both forms (wheel and blade), seem to attract our athletes. Rollerskating seems to have an edge as far as preference goes. Possibly because a base of four wheels is more solid than one thin blade.

Andy Rozger has hit the bowling season's high with a game of 209. Vic Zink is our most consistent bowler. He holds first place with an average of 138.6. On the honor roll with an average of 150 or better are: Andy Rozger 209; Ed. Sipe 195; Vic Zink 189; and Anne Zink 152.

Our annual St. Casimir's day communion breakfast was held at St. Vincen de Paul Church. Members of Council 19, were our guests. After High Mass, a luncheon was served at the school hall. Degrees were administered and a district executive meeting was held.

Best wishes to Rosemarie Woshner and congratulations, Jack, on your engagement. Congratulations Bill Kalicius on your graduation from Pitt. We wish Charlie Guskey a speedy recovery. Incidentally, Charlie, those signs you printed for our dance were very professional. We wish Dutch Sipe a lot of stamina on the resumption of his studies. Aldona Mazeika merits cheers on her mastery of English and on her new job. She's now a nurse at the West Penn Hospital. Lillian Urbaitis did a fine job selling tickets for the Snow Ball.

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K. of L. CALENDAR

- MARCH 20** — New England District Leadership Course, St. Francis Leadership Course, So. Boston, Mass. (C-17 clubrooms).
- MARCH 20** — Chicago District, 1st and 2nd degrees conferred. Place: K. of L. Youth Center.
- MARCH 20** — Bayonne (67) Swimming Party.
- MARCH 24** — Chicago District conference.
- APRIL 3** — Great Neck (109) Communion breakfast.
- APRIL 3** — Bayonne (67) Communion and breakfast.
- APRIL 3 to 10** — Chicago District, Annual Bazaar.
- APRIL 10** — Maspeth (110) Communion breakfast.
- APRIL 23** — Elizabeth (52) Dance.
- APRIL 23 and 24** — N. E. District K. of L. Annual Convention. Host — South Boston (17)
- APRIL 24** — Chicago District K. of L. Choir Concert.
- APRIL 24** — Cleveland (25) Dance.
- APRIL 30** — Linden (113) Dance.
- APRIL 30 - MAY 1** — Ohio-Michigan District Convention. Host — Dayton (96).
- MAY 7** — Great Neck (109) Dance for Benefit of Supreme Council.
- MAY 21** — New York (12) Dance.

- MAY 21** — Cambridge (18) Dance.
- MAY** — N. E. District K. of L. Day, Thompson, Conn. Host — The Marian Fathers.
- JULY 10** — N. Y. - N. J. District Picnic, Linden, N. J.
- JUNE 12** — Worcester (26) Picnic, Maironis Park.
- JUNE 19** — N. E. District Sports Day, Brockton, Mass.
- JULY 4** — Chicago District, Picnic. Place: Vytautas Park.
- OCTOBER 8** — Bayonne (67) Dance.

and Mae Clark and Joe Baron on their recent engagement.

Have you seen that eye-catching picture of Helen Arbus which appeared in the February issue of Glamour magazine?

The girls' bowling team is in second place. With a few more victories, it may be leading other teams. Our men's team was victorious over New York (12). Both teams are to be commended.

Our newly weds seem to be getting along nicely. Mae Stanulis was seen sporting a new fur coat; Pli-kaytises are riding around in their new car; and the Dulanses have finally settled in their new home.

How could John Beck part with his "Golden Chariot?" Evidently John got tired of pushing the chariot to work so he decided to transfer it into one that rides.

On January 29th, a representative group from our council went to New York (12) dance. Though this reporter was not in costume, he was admitted because of his reputation. The hosts were more hospitable.

Speaking of dances, many of our members (male) were wondering why very few Newark girls attend dances!

Vera Lang has entered into the field of dramatics. She accepted a part in the forthcoming district play. More activity should be displayed among our members.

We were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Gene Verba at the district dance. If anyone is interested in the trials and tribulations of a service station owner, contact Gene.

Deep Purple

Newark, N. J.

COUNCIL 29

At our last meeting we elected the following committees and Sports Board: The dance committee consisting of Ruth Thompson, Caroline Dulinckas, Ted Barker, Bob Kurt and Bob Solvest, are already making plans for the future. All profits gained from this dance will be given to the Supreme Council. The entertainment committee members — Ruth Thompson, Tony Adomaitis, Victor Barker and John Skripata are also working diligently towards a Communion breakfast to be followed by a trip to Bear Mountains. The Sports Board, headed by Roy Arnahus and John Beck, are lining up all sports men so that we shall have active Sports events this year.

Echoes from the Hall

We extend our congratulations to Gloria Arloff and James Matulis;

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following councils have made their contribution to the Supreme Council to date:

Council 102, Detroit, Michigan	\$100
Draugovė, Chicago, Illinois	50
Council 19, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
Council 96, Dayton, Ohio	50

At the national convention held in Detroit, it was decided to revert to this method of raising funds as provided by the Constitution, instead of conducting the drawings in vogue during the past years. Those councils that have not yet arranged an affair for this purpose are asked to give this matter their early attention.

FRANK GUDELIS
Treasurer.

*Visuos šventuos keliuos, žemele tu pilkoji,
Kiek ašaru, vargu ir prakaito nešioji!*

Faustas Kirša.

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