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Without taking into consideration the importance and the usefulness the conservation of a nation possessing such good qualities can have on the country, one must again remark that the antiquity and the purity of the Lithuanian people, at present oppressed and encircled in a narrow space, almost isolated from other races, has a great importance for science and especially for the ancient history of the migration of races. This is therefore another reason why this race and their language should be protected.

Emmanuel Kant, German philosopher, (1724-1804)

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Amerikos Lietuvių Jaunimas ir Lietuvių Kalba

A. Tyruolis

Amerikos lietuvių kalba yra kitokia nei bendrinė rašomoji lietuvių kalba. Tai yra tam tikra prasme lietuvių kalbos tarmė, kaip, sakysim, Mažosios Lietuvos tarmė. Lietuviai, jau prieš daugelį dešimtmečių patekę į Ameriką, susidarė tam tikrą savo kalbos tipą, daugelio poveikių išugdytą. Jie daugiausia nebuvo eję lietuviškos mokyklos, nebuvo pažinę rašomosios lietuvių kalbos, jie tik atsinešė savo tėvų ir protėvių kaimė kalbėtą kalbą. Svetimoji kalba įvairiais būdais veikė tą jų atsineštinę kalbą.

Kai kas savo metu pranašavo tos Amerikos lietuvių kalbos merdėjimą, palaipsnių skendimą svetimybų bangose. Prof. J. Eretas 1927 m. grįžęs iš Amerikos, rašė tą kalbą nykstant taip, kaip ir kitų tautų išeivių kalbas. Jau prieš 20 su viršum metų buvo susirūpinta lietuvių kalbos likimu užjūrio brolių lietuvių tarpe. Bet konkretesnių žygių nebuvo padaryta tai kalbai iš tarmės pakelti į aukštesnį lygį.

Nūn Amerikos lietuviams, pirmoj vietoj jų jaunimui, atsiveria naujos galimybės lietuvių kalbos ugdyme.

Po to, kai į tą milijoninę Amerikos lietuvių masę įsiliejo nemaža mokslo pajėgų su naujaisiais ateiviais, lietuvių kalbos ir apskritai lituanistikos reikalai turi ir gali pagerėti šiame krašte. Kai Lietuvos tėvynės likimas vis skendi miglose, Amerikos lietuviams, seniems ir naujiems, tenka svarbi pareiga bendrinę lietuvių kalbą išsaugoti ir išnešti per visus jai gresiančius pavojus ir ilgiausiems amžiams.

Lietuvių kalba yra viena seniausių kalbų pasauly. Šiandien su tuo sutinka visi kalbų mokslininkai, filologai. Lyginamojo kalbotyroje tą kalbą naudojama kaip svarbiausią lyginamąją kalbą! Esą, derivatyviniu (išvestiniu) būdu galima atsekti visų indoeuropiečių kalbų kilmę pagal lietuvių kalbą, — ji yra artimiausia sanskrito kalbai, kuria parašyti seniausi indų literatūros paminklai. Tai bus bene vienintelė indoeuropiečių kalba, išlaikiusi pilną galūnių fleksiją ir kitas retas savybes, kaip, sakysim, dviskaitą.

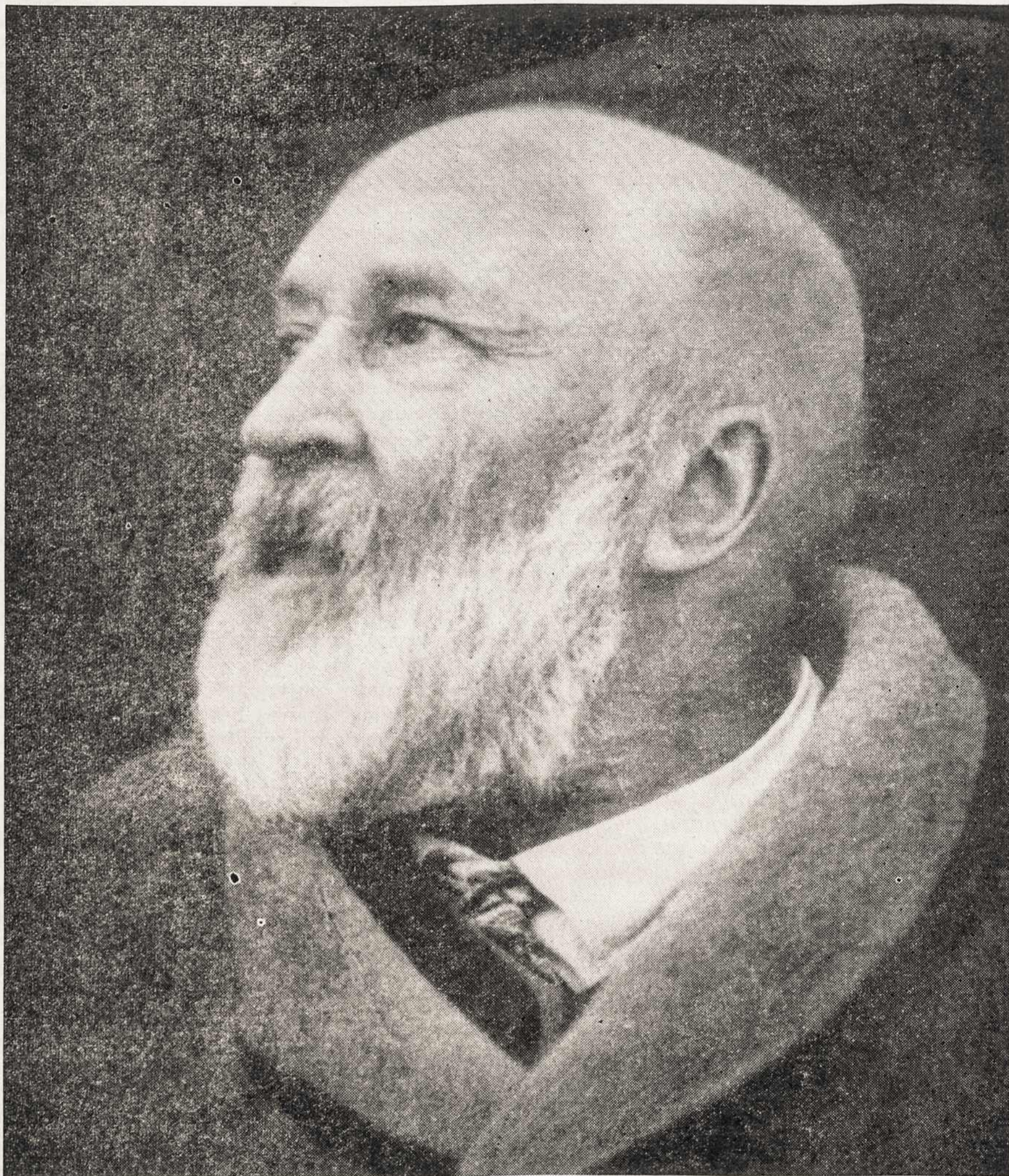
Dėl to mokslo vyrai visur ir visais laikais taip brangino lietuvių kalbą. Vokiečių filosofas Kantas sakė, kad lietuvių kalba svarbi ne tik filologijai, bet ir istorijai (tos minties buvo pasigavęs garsusis lietuvių filologas K. Būga, per kalbą atsekdamas tautos praeitį, kaip tai ypač matyti jo veikale "Kalba ir senovė"). Daug žymių užsienio mokslo vyrų gilinosi į lietuvių kalbą ir ją moksliskai tyrinėjo, kaip vokiečių Schleicheris, prancūzų Meillet, rusų Fortunatovas, šveicarų Saussure ir kiti. Jie visi į lietuvių kalbą žiūrėjo kaip į svarbiausią pagrindą lygi-

namajai kalbotyrai. Lietuvių kalbos artimumas sanskrito kalbai ir panašumas į lotynų bei graikų kalbas matyti vien iš poros šių žodžių, kaip liet. dievas — sanskr. devas, lot. deus; liet. ugnis — sanskr. agnis, lot. ignis; liet. dantis — sanskr. dunta, lot. dens, kas germanų kalbose visai kitaip skamba (angl. god, vok. Gott, angl. fire, vok. Feuer, angl. tooth, vok. Zahn).

Kaip lietuvių kalba vertinama naujais laikais, matyti iš prancūzų mokslininko Reclus atsiliepimo jo veikale "Geographie universelle": "Jei iš kalbos galim spręsti apie tautos humaniškumą, tai lietuvių kalbą reikia statyti pirmon vieton visų gyvųjų Europos kalbų" (plg. "Encyclopedia Americana" p. 483). O prancūzų filologas Meillet iš College de France sako: "Jei jūs norite išgirsti garsų iš žmogiškojo gyvenimo ir suprasti, kokia yra buvusi mūsų kalba savo pradžioj, jums užtenka paklausti, kaip kalba lietuvis kaimietis" (Cit. iš Th. C. Thurston "Lithuanian history, philology and grammar for students of philology", Chicago 1941).

Tačiau ne vien lietuvių kalba, bet ir lietuvių literatūra verta ypatingo Amerikos lietuvių jaunimo dėmesio. Toji literatūra yra savita ir vertinga ir pasaulinės literatūros plotmėj ne kaip reikiant įvertinta. Daug kas sako, lietuvių tauta maža, kokia ten gali būti jos literatūra. Bet reikalą nulemia ne tautos mažumas, o tai, kad ta literatūra nebuvo kaip reikiant paskleista pasaulyje. Nebuvo kas išverčia lietuvių literatūros veikalus į svetimias kalbas. Apie lietuvių literatūrą rašydavo daugiausia svetimtaučiai, kuriems, kaip, sakysim, vokiečiams tēr vienas Donelaitis kaipo lietuvių literatūros atstovas (kadangi jis buvo išverstas į vokiečių kalbą) greta lietuvių liaudies dainų (taip pat vokiečiams pirmiausia per Herderį pažįstamų). Imkim kurią norim didžiųjų tautų pasaulinės literatūros istoriją, ir kiek ten terasim apie XIX ar XX šm. lietuvių literatūrą. Per keturis šio šimtmečio dešimtmečius, o ypač nepriklausomojo gyvenimo laikotarpyj lietuvių grožinė literatūra buvo tiek išbujojusi, jog turi atstovų, kurie gali lygintis su bet kurios didžiosios tautos literatūros atstovais. Lietuvių spaudos depresija, prasidėjusi spaudos draudimu 1864 m. ir pasibaigusi 1905 m. spaudos gražinimu, pasireiškė nepaprastu literatūriniu gajumu po to.

Mes žinome, kokios vertės autoriai kartais patenka į visuotinę literatūrą tik dėl to, kad juos ten įneša didelės tautos vardo srovė. Tuo tarpu lietuvių literatūroj rasim autorių ir veikalų, vertų pasaulinio vardo premijų. Donelaičio, Maironio, Vydūno, Žemaitės, Vaižganto, Krėvės veikalai pirmiausia laukia, kad juos išverstų į anglų kalbą ir paskleistų tolimesniam pasauly.



Jonas Jablonskis (1860-1930), lietuvių rašomosios kalbos tėvas.

(“Aidų” klišė)

Klaidinga informacija dažnai numušdavo lietuvių literatūros vertę. Nebuvo kam paduoti naujais ir tiksliausi žinių. Užtenka tik pažvelgti kad ir į paskutines “Encyclopedia Britannica” ar “Encyclopedia Americana” laidas apie lietuvių literatūrą (kokios netikslios ir pasenusios žinios).

Amerikos lietuvių jaunimas, gerai susipažinęs su lietuvių kalbos ir literatūros studijomis, galės žymiai prisidėti prie tos kalbos ir literatūros iškėlimo viešojoje pasaulio opinijoje.

Imtis lituanistinių studijų, kaip ir apskritai

humanitarinių, šiais gyvo verslo ir realybės laikais ne vienam pasirodys nepraktiška ir rizikinga. Bet mes žinom, kad Amerikos lietuvių jaunimas dar tebeturi tiek tėvynės meilės, jog tik vardan tos meilės prisidės prie lietuvių kalbos gelbėjimo ir ugdymo, susirūpinęs tos kalbos studijomis ir jų imdamasis, kur tik gali prie jų priėti (jau bene trijuose Amerikos universitetuose įvestos lietuvių kalbos studijos). Karys kovoja ginklu už savo tėvynę, o savo gimtosios kalbos studijos bus vienas geriausių ginklų tėvynės likimui ginti.

Antanas Musteikis

Motiniai

Mes kaip žiedas (*Brazdžionis*)
Čionai, pasauly, laimės maža
(*Aleksandriškis*)

Gyveno kartą žemėje trys broliai: du gudrūs, trečias paikas. Visą lobį dalėsi tarpusavy abu pirmieji broliai, trečiajam nepalikdami nė trupinėlio. Protingųjų brolių šeimos ir šeimynos tarpte tarpo, jų turtai liejosi per kraštą, netilpdami skryniose, aruoduose, kiemuose ir laukuose. Ir visą į save tegraibstė jų plačios, ilgos, begalinės rankos, o nepasotinami norai vis nenumalšinti liko.

Visa, visos žemės dulkės buvo suskaitytos, ir palengva mintis pribrendo, kad jų jau jiems per maža. Štai todėl broleliai virto į kaimynus, sandorą pamiršo, bylinėtis šokos: dulkelių pristiogo. Savieji aruodai nepilni atrodė, svetimųjų grūdo pasigviešėjo. Kas mano — lieka mano, kas tavo — gal ne tavo. Dažnos jų mintys, norai ir troškimai rizgo ir sumišo prie svetimo arklio, prie svetimo mulo ir svetimos žmonos. Saldziabalsiai žodžiai ir žygiai, ar tai šauniai puolant, ar tai atsitraukiant — lydėjo ir vedė jų kiekvieną žingsnį. Vis į modernizmą, šviežią, nuolat naują, tartum be pradžios ir be pabaigos.

Tai šitoksai laikas nesulaikomas šuoliavo ir lenkte lenkė čiurlenimą upės, ir vėjo švilpimą, ir kregždės skridimą, nuolat pakeisdamas žemės veidą, protingųjų brolių raukšlėjimą. Jis žmogui leido įsikasti į olą ir iš jos išlįsti, pastatyti pastogę ant vandens ir ant žemės, surasti maisto augalų šaknyse ir šakose, žvėrelių paversti gyvūliu, kad tas jam padėtų dirvą purenti, javą auginti ir duonelę užrauginti.

Gudruoliai broliai žingsniavo toliau be atvangos: suskaldė akmenis, pastatė aukštus rūmus ir miestus, iškalė takus ant žemės ir po ja, nutiesė geležį ir ja pastūmė garvežius, nuplukdė laivus vandens keliais ir lėktuvus — padangių erdvėmis, ir... apšvietė naktis kaip dienas.

Matyt, besivaidijant visais modernizmo stebuklais, pritrūko gudriems broliams šviesos: jie jau iki tiek įsidrąsino, kad savo naktiniams žygiams nevengė dienos šviesos. Bet kodėl jie pavogė naktį, tą tylią, ramią, paprastą naktį savo trečiajam broliui kvailučiui? Ar kad jis neišsidurtų savų akių gyvenimo klajonėj? Ar šiam buvo maža kuklios piemenėlio ugnelės, bešildant paširpusius sąnarius žvarbioj kasdienybės naktį, kad reikėjo apšviesti naktį kaip dieną neįprastų, keistų ir neužgesinamų didmiesčio laužų ugnimi? Ar tai kvailučiui žavėti lijo ugnies, sieros, dinamito ir pragaro spindulių lietus ant griūvančių miestų, kad jam primintų mažą



dalelę iš šv. Jono Apokalipsės filmos? Ar tai kvailučiai užliūliuoti šių protingųjų brolių karo filmą lydėjo tūkstančių bombonešių ir atominių perkūnių muzika, kad paikojo gyvenimo pasakėlės siūlas tartum ratelio ritmu užsibaigtų?

Ir kodėl gi protingieji broliai nesitenkina žudydami viens kitą, o užkliuvo ir jaunylį kvailutį, paiką ir gerutį, ar tu nežinai, mamyte?

Ar ne tavo sūnūs, mamyte? Ir tie raudonai kruvinų ugnių mėgėjai, kur apšvietė naktį kaip dieną, ir tas beturtis geraširdis paikutis, besistebįs, kam jo broliai pavogė jo naktį. Ir jų yra ne viena trejukė, mamyte, kaip tu gerai gerai žinai. Jų tūkstančiai ir milijonai, ir visi jie tavo pagimdyti: kaip praeities ir ateities visi valdovai, "saulės broliai", mokslinčiai, didvyriai, kariai, plėšikai, paleistuviai ir eilių eilė kitų gudriųjų brolių, taip pulkų pulkai nevykėlių, prastų ir paprastų, paikų varguolių varguolėlių. O visos šios nesuskaitomos daugybės trejų brolių keliai ir šunkeliai, takai ir paslapčiausi vingių vingiai nėra taip aiškiai jokioj mokslo ir meno knygoj aprašyti — atvaizduoti, kaip tavam, brangi motut, veide įrėžti.

Atidėk, motute, savo veidą, užskleistą skaros, ir pakelki savo galvą, palenktą kuklumo! Tavo veide spindi mažoji žmonijos gyvenimo istorija, ir ji yra didesnė ir gilesnė negu ta, kuri iškelia tautų augimą ir kritimą, jų kilnojimąsi, peštynes ir karus. Tavęs vertam prasmingas yra kiekvienas tavo veido bruoželis, raukšlėlė bei jų virptelėjimas, veido odos balzgana, suaižėjusių lūpų palšuma, iššokusių gyslų melsvuma, senatvės plaukų šarma ir gili, gili akių šviesa negęstanti.

Ir lengva išskaityti, kad kančiose tu pagimdei visus žemės sūnus ir dukras. Kiekvienam savo vaikui tu atidavei dalį savęs, kai nieko daugiau neturėjai, paskyrei daugybę naktų nemiegotų; dažnai tu pakėlei be žodžio ir šaltį ir karštį, kentėjimų savo skaityt nenorėjai. Aukojai tu džiaugsmą ir skausmą kitam, kad gruodą pavertstum maloninga pievą gležnutei naujosios gyvybės kelionei — į ateitį šviesią, garbingą. Ir dukrai ir sūnui tu pasaką pynei lietuviškuos rūmuos apie karaliūną ir karalaite, ir apie taiką, ir apie meilę, ir laiminimą angelų iš dangaus. Ir tu šypsojais savų vaikų giedra, ir sava ašara praskaidrindavai jų mažą dėmę. O kai vaikai paauga — dėmė pradeda tamsėti, tu guodies, kad maži vaikai — maži vargai, didi vaikai — didi vargai, bet tau tavo vaikai lieka tie patys maži vaikai, svajonių karalaičiai.

O jie staiga kitaip supranta savo kelią, šviesą, garbingumą, ir nerte neria iš mamytės lizdo į platybes, ir savarankiškai pakyla jie padangių sakalais vienu viena mintim: mes, mes, mes! "Siek tai, ko vyzdis nepasiekia, laužk tai, ko protas nepalaužia". Nauji pasauliai veda į laiko ir erdvės begalybę. Ir šitoje vaizdų, jausmų platybėje sumišo mūsų mintys, supliuško mūsų darbai, ir jau dažnai suklystam mes: nežinom kas gera ir kas bloga šiame pasauly šalia mūsų. Mamytei tai aišku, jog geras visas Dievo sutvėrimas, kaip žemė ir dangus, kaip dešimtis įsakymų, — kad tėvą, motiną pagerbk, kad vogti nevalia, kad gyvulėlio, nei žmogaus, mūsų artimo neskausk. Kadaisė mes supratom motinišką žodį, ir visą pasaulį, kaip ir pasaką mamytės. Tada tebemylėjom kiekvieną artimą, ir tėvą, motiną, ir savo brolių, draugą. O dabar — "kaip žiedas, mes kaip rugio žiedas; plauks rugiai, išplauks ir vėl žydės"... Mes nebetelpam jau pastalėj, — jau ne vaikai, o vyrai, mergužėlės, pačiam žiedų žydėjime, svaigiam jaunatvės žavesy, svajų beribių sukury, minties galiūnės glėbyje. Kur pasuksi — ten keliai, kur pažvelgsi — siekiniai. Valia mylėt, valia nekęst, valia tikėt ir kurt, valia sugriaut, pasityčiot, nes mes "kaip žiedas"... Prasmingai plaukia, žydi žiedas, — argi mūsų mintys bręsta neprotingai? Todėl gi — mes plačių jausmų gražuoliai ir gilių minčių gudruoliai; manom, kad tik mes verti šios dabarties — nepasikartojančios. Istoriją mes nevien skaitom ir pažįstam, bet... ir kuriam.

Daug naujų šaltinių gaivuma prartyško, šviežios pėdos liūnuos gundomai masino. Ir šešėliais apsiklostė praeitis, girdėtas žodis ir tiesa. Kas senų senelių atsekta — jau praeities tiesa, kaip "artimo" prasmė, kaip mamos žodis, užsidengė nuo mūsų plačiu miglų šydu, įgavo daug reikšmių, lyg medy daug šakų, lyg žemėje — takų. O mes, žiedai-gudruoliai, tau, mamyte, esam tavo sūnūs. Nors tu žinai, kvailutis — visad tau arti širdies, bet nestumsi tu — deja! — anų sūnų, kur tariamąją savo laimę, laisvę perka tavo kančiomis, tavosiomis širdies žaizdomis. Tu vis gera ir laimini tik gėrį, mylėti gi myli tu lygiai

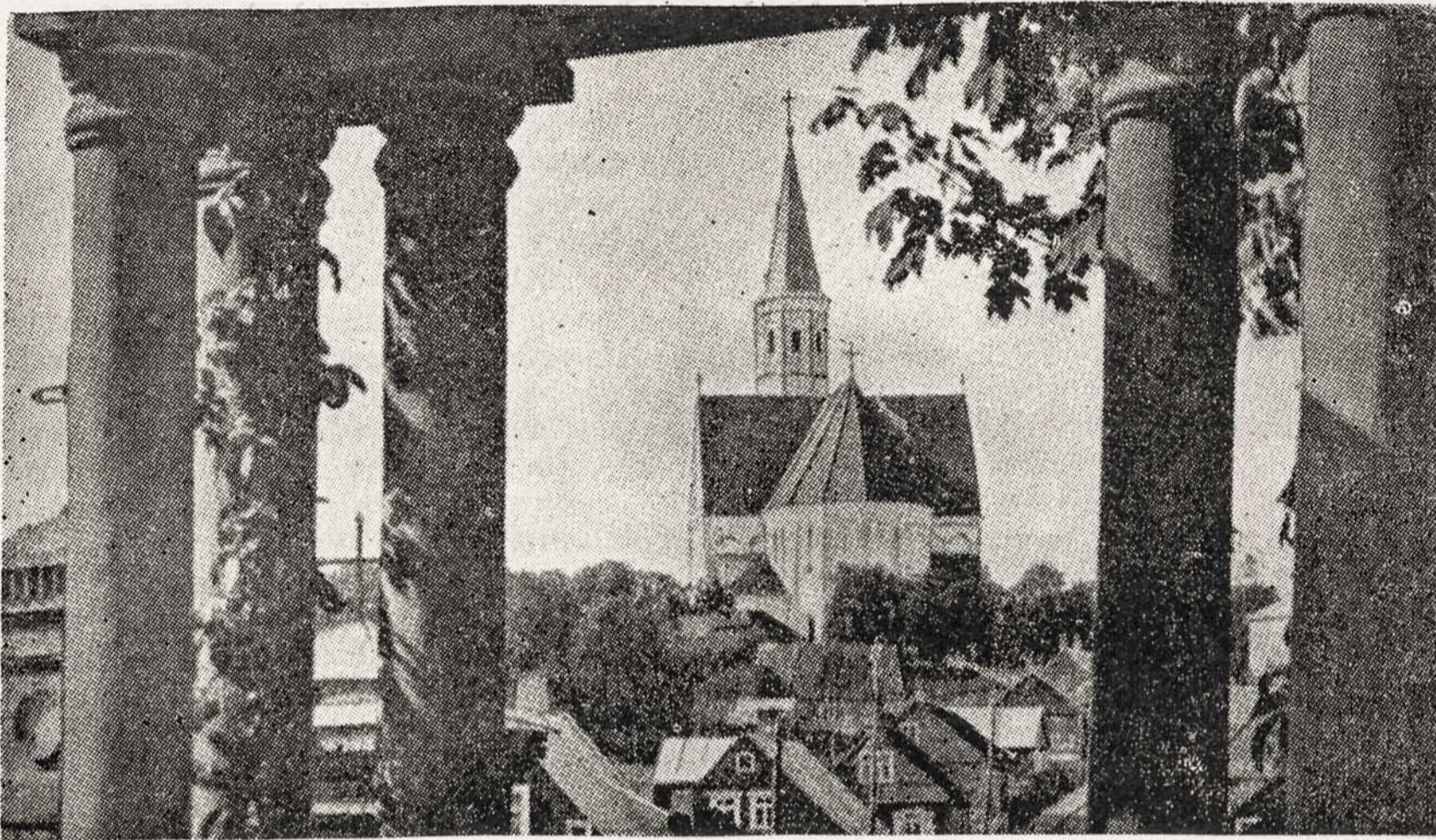
ir kvailutį savo sūnų, ir paklydusią dukrelę, ir gudriuosius žemės brolius, gal visai pamiršusius tave, nuklimpusius dumblynėn, gal net kalėjimo rūsin — šalia savų draugų galvažudžių.

Inkvizitorius tu būtum, ar šventasis, motinos širdis vienu viena čia žemėje abiems užuovėjos atras, vienu viena čia žemėje aukštai aukštai įstengs pakilt nuo dulkių ir purvų ir priartėt ir panašėt kitam gyvenimui — anapus.

Motina! Motina — kaip gražiai skamba tavo lengvas vardas, nors mes primirštam jį, kuklus kukliausias tavo veidas ir ramus, gal todėl ir lieka jis dažnokai mūsų nuošalėj. Tik niekad motina mūsų nepalieka: savais darbais ar norais, mintimis, palaima šviečia mūsų kelius.

Antai — pakilo tėviškėj audra, prilinko nendrė lig vandens, užlūžo ažuolai, o su jais sudužo mūsų tylios, taikios dienos. Mes daugelis svetur pabirom po pasaulį užuovėjos nuo karo siaubo ir nuo priešų siautulio paieškot... O tu jau tada supratai, kad nebēr tos paguodos svetur. O ją tu be skundo nešei paskui tremtinį, jos reikalingą. Be skundo tu kėlei ir penktąjį, šeštąjį, sekmąjį amžiaus kryželį, ir vis dėlto — ak — tu keleivio lazda, terbą užsikorus, palikai gražiai pramintą savo gimto krašto taką ir išėjai svečios šalies karčiojon nedalion — kad dengtum žiedą nuo šalnų. — O mes kaip žiedas nepatyrę skleidėm lapelius į saulę, kaip drugeliai — puolėme į šviesą, ugnį, kaip į grožį, kaip į tiesą, kaip jauni jūreiviai — burlaivį nuplukdėm okeanan, o uolų po vandeniū nepastebėjom. Mes kaip žiedas — kėlėm taure, gėrėm džiaugsmą, ir tik tu žinojai, kad "čionai, pasauly, džiaugsmo maža, o sopulio apstu" (Aleksandriškis). Mes kaip žiedas, kaip jaunatvė, meilės ilgesiu gyvenom, o tu mums nesakei, kad "čionai, pasauly, meilės maža, o pagiežos apstu". Kaip kūdikiai — mes graibstėmės žaislų ir krykštavom, o tu ir vėl netarei, kad "čionai, pasauly, juoko maža, o ašarų apstu". Pakilom sakalais į plačią laisvą erdvę, bet palūžom sparnelius į paprasčiausią šaką, ir tu neperspėjai, kad "čionai, pasauly, laivės maža, o priespaudos apstu". Į laimę mūsų mintys, mūsų širdys, mūsų sielos veržės, ir vis dėlto neišdrįsai, mamyte, mūsų neviltim užnuodyt, kad "čionai, pasauly, laimės maža; o sielvarto apstu". Rudeniniai vėjai ir atšiaurios liūtys plakė mūsų veidus tremties kelyje, plovė mūsų plaukus, dilgino mūsų kūną, plėšė mūsų drabužį, o lapkričio vakarės miglos skverbėsi į kaulus, sunkėsi į širdį, ir naktis vėsiąsias pakelės nakvynėj slogučiu kankino... O tu — taisei mūsų drabužį, troškai glostyt plaukus, šluostyt veidą, dildyt gėlą mūsų, kaip kadaisė kūdikėliui, taip ir vėliau, jau mums patekus svetimųjų baudžiavon... Ir vis dėlto vengei tu mūsų įniršį iš naujo degint draskančia daina, kurią seniai seniai jau tu išdainavai, kad "oi eisim eisim, mes čia nebūsim, čia juoda duona, ir tos neduoda".

Ak, motina! žinai tu kitą kelią, daug aštresnį, daug skaudesnį, kuriuo taip pat daug tūks-



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tančių tavų sūnų rytinių ponų baudžiavon išėjo, kai tėviškėj prikrito nendrė lig vandens, užlūžo ąžuolai... Nuo Nemuno ligi Altajaus, nuo Nidos kopų lig Uralo, "žemės galo", tiesias pėdos, kraujo dėmės tavų sūnelių, dukterų, ir liejasi rauda kaip upių vandenys, kaip marios. Tava rauda, kad nėra, nėra kas kaulus rinkt galėtų — pabirusius svečioj šaly — brangiosios Lietuvos vaikų. Bet kodėl, kodėl, mamyte, tu neklausi, ak, kas rinks, kas rinks branguosius tavo kaulus!?

O motina! nevertos mūsų lūpos minėt tave didžiojoj kryžkelėj palikus, toje brangiausioje šaly, dabar kur krinta nendrė lig vandens, užlūžta ąžuolai. Gal tenai tu vičvienaitė ištuštėjusios namuos gimtos sodybos žiburėlių kurstai ir vis lauki, ar nesugrįš sūnus, duktė iš tų kraštų, iš kur jau niekas nesugrįžta. Gal tu paslapčiom, pagavusi kąsnelį duonos, vagies žingsneliais kiūtini į gūdų mišką valgydint ne vilko, ne žvėrelio, o jauniausiojo sūnelio — partizano. O gal ir tu pati jau nerandi savų namų ugnelės židiny, gal visa, visa, kas brangu ir miela, kur mes gimėm ir gyvenom, kur numirt ramiai ketinom, ak, sulyginta jau su žeme, ir tu — klajoji po plikuosius tėviškės dirvonus, tarytumei dvasia be vietos — Lietuvos dvasia?!... Nes niekas, niekas jau nepastebi tavęs ir nesirūpina tavim. Ir kas gi rūpinsis, jei tu tartum jaunamartė be kraičio, be pastogės, be jaunosios būrio, — ar spigintų šalčiai, ar plyšotų vėjai, ar siaustų audros gavalai... Nes tu likai viena, vienui viena našlaitė, o mes... kaip žiedas, mes kaip rugio žiedas.

O motina, menu tave pakylančią virš brolių vaido, aukščiau nesantaikos, karų, aukščiau nu-niokotų kraštų ir miestų, aukščiau visų civiliza-

cijos griuvėsių, nors dabar ir tie kiti — tavieji sūnūs, tie gudrieji broliai, tie kaip rugio žiedas, tebežaidžia ugnimi, gaisrų pašvaistėmis sukeitę naktį su diena ir dieną amžinai pavogę tūkstančiams ir milijonams negudrių aklųjų brolių... Nors visa sava didybe ir kančia tu nesiliauji šaukt visam pasauliui: Rasok, rasok, dangau, išlyki žemei taiką; rasok, rasok, dangau, ir sugražink paklydusį keleivį nors numirt gimtų smilčių kalnely; rasok, rasok, dangau, ir vesk į glėbį žemės brolius — kariaujančius rekrūtus, žudančius viens kitą — tikruosius mano sūnus. Ir liūdna, liūdna, kai

Ateis pavasaris, žydės žilvičiai ir klevai —

Tavęs nebus,

Ateis duktė, ateis sūnus, ateis kiti, kur tu buvai —

Tavęs nebus.

Per žydrą dangų saulė kops ir mėnuo patekės —

Tavęs nebus.

Kaip vandens, kaip vandens žmonių daug nutekės —

Tavęs nebus.

(Brazdžionis)

Tačiau ir tada, ir iš *anapus* amžinai palaimą tu teiki trapiam gyvenimui gudriųjų ir kvailučių žemės brolių — visa širdim, sava gyvenimo legenda — lyg degančiais poeto žodžiais, tu šauki:

Tikėk, per ramunes išvesiu ežiom

Iš vargo, ašarų, klastų...

Nors čia, pasauly, laimės maža,

O sielvarto apstu!

(Aleksandriškis)

Tegu tad šis brangiausias tavo veidas niekad niekad nenuvysta!

FREEDOM WILL AGAIN COME TO LITHUANIA

by B. F. Landuyt, Ph. D.

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We are met here to commemorate the declaration of Lithuanian independence. History tells us that this is the thirty-second anniversary of that historic year. But, in a sense, history is wrong. The Lithuanians have always been free people. Freedom is a matter of *the heart, the soul and the mind*. Through the long ages of Lithuanian history, there has never been a period when the people of that country — your ancestors, relatives, and friends — have not felt freedom to be their birthright, have not possessed the courage to defend it when it was threatened by internal or external enemies, and have not fought for its return, as they are now doing through their underground, once it was taken away from them.

This meeting, then, is a gathering of sturdily independent people who are assembled to express the spirit of freedom and to reaffirm their intention, now that it has been lost temporarily, to do their utmost in the common battle to regain it for the world, of which their country, small in physical dimensions, is such a brilliant example of the community that good people can build.

Festivals should be gay. This is a festival, and it should be a gala event. Yet, there is a deep shadow over it — undoubtedly in the breasts of those recently arrived from Lithuania there is a feeling of depression arising from the present enslavement of the country of your origin.

Even though you may feel sad at the present fate of your Baltic homeland, I charge you, as your fellow American, not to despair. There is sound and reasonable hope that the dignity of man and the inviolability of nation will be restored. This is not an idle statement. It is supported by a number of cold facts. Permit me to cite them.

The first reason to support the hope that freedom will again come to Lithuania is the irrefutable fact that no tyrant — king, invader or ideological force — has ever been able to wipe out the spirit of nationalism among a truly freedom loving people. The pages of history are covered with the age-old cycle. The conqueror or the conquering force threatens and takes over. In its pride, it ignores the deep, almost instinctive, sentiments of the people. For a while it appears successful. Shaken, confused, and temporarily frightened, the conquered peoples obey the new ruler. But they do not long forget who they are. As time goes on, the ruler makes mistakes. Resistance follows. Nationalism, long smoldering, bursts into flames that lick at the foundation of the ruler's governing position. In

the meantime, the conqueror, drunk with his success and unsatisfied with his ill-gotten gains, has moved on to new fields of conquest. In the passage of time, the decent peoples, both in the conquered areas and in the outside world, come to see him for what he is — an exponent of force with no interest in his new subjects except their exploitation for his own purposes. Finally, in his blinding arrogance, the conqueror goes too far. He mortally endangers or offends some other great power capable of driving him away from the wounded body of his victim and — though reluctant to take up the sword — able to destroy him. This nation, with the aid and uprising of the still resisting victim, spells the conqueror's doom.

Another basis for hope is the almost certain eventuality that conquerors bite off more than they can chew, and that their great appetite destroys them. Consider the case of the Russian Bear. He now controls outside his own boundaries all of Eastern Europe save Scandinavia, the Trans-Caucasian region, Mongolia, Manchuria, and China — in all some 600,000,000 people, or better than one-fourth of all the inhabitants of the world. Do you believe for a minute that the Bear can get away with it? Even he cannot digest such a huge meal. It will eventually give him a very bad case of indigestion. Twenty-five percent of the earth's population simply will not stay down.

The final reason to retain hope is the experience of the human race that right does seem ultimately to triumph. Who doubts that the cause of Lithuania is just — that the cause of freedom is the right? God in his infinite wisdom moves in inscrutable ways. But do not fear. *The cause is just*. God knows that, and, as the Good Shepherd, He will not abandon his faithful flock.

But you may ask, "What are we to do?" Must we stand idly by? Our friends and relatives have been killed, deported as slave labor, thrown into concentration camps in their own country, or at least are living under constant danger and fear. Our homeland has been enslaved. Is there not something we can do?

There is. First of all, you can be the best possible American, working with might and main to keep this great bastion of freedom and champion of the oppressed strong and healthy. This is no easy task. There are already gnawing at our entrails a small group of Communists. These agents of Moscow, these dogs that bite the hand that feeds them, require watching. They come among all groups of Americans — old and

new — with their insidious and clever ways, attempting to undermine Old Glory and all for which she stands. Again, I say to you: "Beware these people, and smoke them out wherever you find them".

The second task for you is to keep the faith. Remember that the love of freedom is stronger than the steel and secret police of any conqueror. Remember that the Lord is on your side. Pray to him that you do not falter in your belief that right must and will triumph.

The final step left to you is to interpret to the other free peoples of the world what Communism really means. Impress upon them that there can be no compromise with it — and that it is the same wherever found, the same in Shanghai, Vilnius, and Budapest as in Moscow. Make them understand that the world cannot, to paraphrase the immortal Lincoln, long exist half free and half slave. You have the means to do this — your memories, your contacts with Lithuania under the Bear's paw, and your superb underground.

Do this, and someday I shall perhaps stand here again — on the occasion of the celebration of another independence — and cry to you from the bottom of my heart: "Welcome to the United States you recent arrivals from the Land of the Liths", "Howdy Neighbors" to you Americans of Lithuanian extraction, and "Long Live Lithuania" to all.

Laumė Auklė

(Lietuvių pasaka)

Kanakados vargdienė žmona pagiryje viena šieną grėbusi. Neturėdama, kur savo kūdikėlio padėti, ėmusi į medžio šakelę jį pasijusi ir pati begrėdama tenai pasišalinusi, nors vis širdyje krūpaudama, kad paukštis jos kūdikėlio nepagautų ar žvėris kad neprarytų.

Tuo rūpindamasi, vakarop išgirdusi balsą prie lopšelio: "Čiu-čiuo-liū-liuo, čiu-čiuo-liū-liuo, ne-tyčių darbas..."

Nusigandusi žmona šoka prie lopšelio ir randa tenai kūdikėlį tyliai bemiegantį, didžiai brangiuose vystyčiuose įvystytą.

Prasidžiugusi tuo, grįžtanti namo linksma su kūdikėliu. Bet, lig į savo trobelę neįėjusi, sutikusi savo kaimynę didžturtę ir džiaugdama pasakojanti jai apie laimę, kuri jos kūdikėlį buvo sutikusi. Didžturtė gobšė, pavydėdama taip didžios laimės savo kaimynei vargdieni, ryto metą nunešusi savo kūdikį į pievą ir tenai į medžio šaką lopšelyje pasijusi; pati paėjęjusi toliau grėbti, tarsi nieko nežinodama.

Vakarop atsiliepęs auklėjančios laumės balsas pas lopšį: "čiu-čiuo-liū-liuo, čiu-čiuo-liū-liuo, tai tyčių darbas". Didžturtė, vildamasi turtin-gesnė tapsianti, eina prie savo kūdikėlio, bet jį randa tenai laumės pasmaugtą bei maitkauliais apkrautą.



A. Tamošaitienės tautodailės studijoje Kanadoje lietuvaitės audžia tautinius drabužius

Father Vasys and the Silver Jubilee of Our Lady of Vilna Parish, Worcester, Mass.

The Knights of Lithuania has a number of esteemed honorary members. One of these is the Pastor of Our Lady of Vilna in Worcester, Massachusetts, Rev. Constantine A. Vasys. Father Vasys is a very happy man this year because the parish, which the Providence of God has assigned him to direct since July 7, 1929, is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its existence and activity. The celebration of the Silver Jubilee will take place on Sunday, May 21, when the Most Reverend John J. Wright, D. D., Bishop of Worcester, will celebrate a special pontifical mass of thanksgiving. Father Vasys will serve as archpriest while another honorary member, the Very Reverend Msgr. John Balkūnas, will deliver the jubilee sermon.

Father Vasys has been a staunch K. of L'er since the very beginning of our organization in 1912. In that year, as editor of "Katalikas", a Lithuanian newspaper now not in existence, he strongly favored the organizing of a society which would embrace the Lithuanian-American youth of the U. S. and Canada. He used the newspaper as a means of spreading the K. of L. idea all over the country. He encouraged Mr. Norkūnas in his determination to found such an organization.

Upon his ordination on July 16, 1913, he was assigned as curate to St. Casimir's Church in Worcester. During the 18 months that he spent here, he worked hard to place the then young Council 26 on a firm footing. As Pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Westfield, Mass. which he founded in 1915, he organized a new council which later became one of the most active in the K. of L. It had its own band which frequently visited nearby cities and towns where no Lithuanian parish existed but where Lithuanian families lived. Another opportunity to help Council 26 of Worcester came in 1925 when he was appointed Pastor of St. Casimir's Church. Upon his assignment to Our Lady of Vilna, he lost no time in strengthening Council 116 which was organized only the year before. If Council 116 is today one of the more active and better councils in the K. of L. it is largely due to his intense interest in K. of L. activity.

Because of the loyal support of the K. of L. movement and the outstanding accomplishments achieved for the organization, the National Convention which took place in Cicero, Illinois in 1945 did not hesitate to elevate him to honorary membership in the K. of L. Father Vasys has always been proud of the honor conferred upon him.

There isn't a single Lithuanian in the true sense of the word who is not familiar with the work that has been done by Father Vasys for



*Rev. C. A. Vasys,
Pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Parish, Worcester,
Mass. and Honorary Member of our organiza-
tion, who is celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his
parish on May 21, 1950.*

Lithuania and her people be they in America or elsewhere. He has always been deeply concerned about them. At conventions, conferences and meetings, his keen advice has on many occasions been the difference between success and failure for the Lithuanian cause. It is, therefore, not surprising that the Lithuanian Priests' League of America elected him to head the league as president, a position he formerly held for six years and which he now holds for the second successive year. He also had occasion to serve as the League's secretary for a number of years.

It was stated that Father Vasys is a happy man because of the Silver Jubilee of his parish. When he first came to the parish in 1929, he found a church that had merely four walls and a roof. The upper church was far from completed while the basement was used for church services. The church site was far from ideal. It was a ledge with no public streets. There were big ditches and the only way people could reach the church was by paths. There was no rectory. With all this, there was a debt of \$112,500.00 and unpaid bills amounting to \$2,000. The picture was really bleak.

Father Vasys tackled the problems with real K. of L. determination and tenacity. The ledge was blasted and the ditches filled in. A new rectory was built at a cost of almost \$45,000. He became keenly interested in city and state politics, urged the people to become citizens and register as voters. He exhorted them to make use of the ballot. This caused politicians to take notice and it wasn't long before public streets were constructed near the church property. The

grounds were beautified and cement sidewalks put in. These improvements, partially covered by the donations of people, increased the debt to \$150,000 but they made the parishioners love their parish and be united for a most worthy cause.

The depression of the early thirties hit the parish quite hard. Only in 1936 did conditions take a turn for the better but Father Vasys used that as a chance to complete the interior of the upper church. Three new altars were installed, the main one of Italian marble. A pulpit, an altar rail, an organ were put in. The stations of the cross were renewed and many other improvements made. The church was blessed and its marble altar consecrated by Bishop O'Leary of Springfield on March 7, 1937. All this work was done at a cost of over \$40,000 without any increase in the parish debt.

In 1945, the parish celebrated its 20th anniversary which was marked by a drive to reduce the parish debt. The drive proved very successful and a reduction of \$35,000 in the debt was realized. In preparation for the Silver Jubilee, the entire church interior was redecorated with many paintings added. Other improvements were made and still it was possible during those years to reduce the \$150,000 debt to its present figure of \$10,000. This is excellent testimony of the administrative ability of Father Vasys.

With a beautiful church and rectory, with a church site that is the envy of many a parish and with a very small debt, is it any wonder that Father Vasys is a happy man this year, the Silver Jubilee of his parish.

The Knights of Lithuania takes this occasion to congratulate its honorary member, Father

M. Vaitkus

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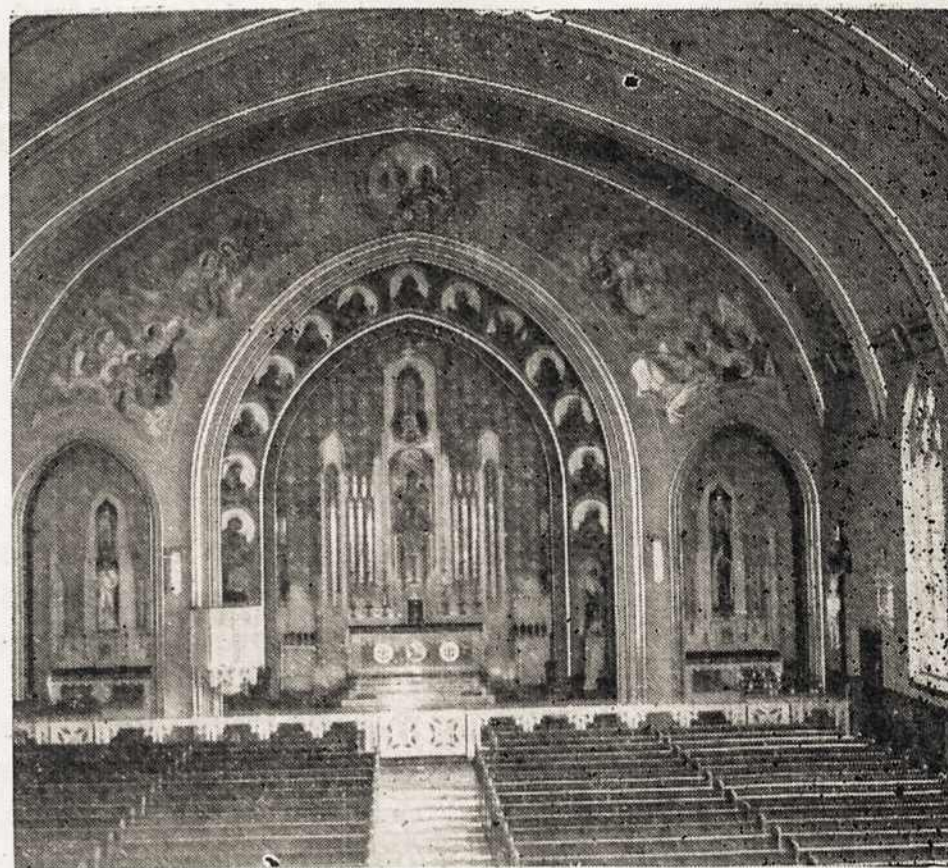
Graži susimąščiusi jūra motutė,
kad vilnys mažėlės per veidą jai bėga,
it mintys. Jinai gi — nurimus, švelnutė...
Graži susimąščiusi jūra-motutė!

Kad dūksta jos plačiosios gelmės sukrutę,
sužadinus audrai jos baisiąją jėgą,
ir mainos ta jūra ramioji, švelnutė, —
tada ji gražiausia, jūrelė-motutė!

Šviesieji dangūs, giliai susimąstę,
meilingojo ūžesio klausos;
smėlyno kalvos — svajonėn paskendę...
Svajoja ir tolimos dausos.

Žiloji jūra ir žemė-senolė
tyliai šnekučiuojas, kaip draugės.
Piktasis vėjas dusliai bedėjuoja —
pavargo ir liovėsi stauges.

Ir tu, graži prigimties karaliene,
nurimus, laiminga svajoji,
kaip gilios dausos, kaip dangūs aukštybėj,
kaip žemė, kaip jūra plačioji...



The Interior of Our Lady of Vilna Church. The entire interior was renovated and redecorated at a cost of over \$15,000, in preparation for the Silver Jubilee. Many paintings were added to enhance its beauty.

Vasys, on the accomplishments he has so successfully achieved for the good Lithuanian people living in South Worcester. It wishes him and his parish continued success, many more years of outstanding endeavor for the cause of Christ and His Established Church and good health for many years to come.

To its members, the K. of L. offers Father Vasys as an example of true K. of L. spirit, of earnest sacrifice for a cause dear to his heart and of conscientious labor for the good of the Lithuanian people.

Jovaras

PAVASARIO RYTAS

Sučiuolbo, pragydo aukštai vyturiai;
artojai jau taisos į lauką;
siūbuoja, linguoja balti debesiai,
lyg valtys kad Nemune plauko.

Saulutė močiutė pakilo aukštai
nuo pievų rasų sidabrinų,
išsvaidė, išsklaidė ji šviesą, antai,
lig pat pakraščių vakarinių.

Raliuoja, dūduoja rageliais — dū-dū,
tai piemenys bandą jau gena;
žirgai ir jauteliai, pulkeliai žąsų
tik žvengia, mauruoja, gagenai.

Sujudo, sukruto kas gyvas smagiai;
artojai į darbą išjoja;
skrajoja paukšteliai linksmi,
lakioja, sparneliais plasnoja;

ir sėja, akėja berneliai javus,
žemele purendami juodą —
jų darbas ir trūsas be vaisiaus nebus:
tos vilties jiems prakaitas duoda.

Officialus Skyrrius

To the heartfelt gratitude
of those
You've guided in His way
May God add His Gracious
Presence
To bless this happy day.

REV. JOHN C. JUTKEVIČIUS was born in Westfield, Mass., the eldest of seven children. His father and mother, three brothers and three sisters still reside in Westfield.

During his high school days, Father John participated in athletics as a player and coach on the basketball court and demonstrated his musical ability as a member of the high school orchestra. His undergraduate work he took in St. Charles College, Baltimore, Maryland. Upon graduation from college, he entered the Grand Seminary in Montreal, Canada. His genuine interest in Lithuanian affairs he manifested in organizing the Lithuanian youth of his native city into Council 30 of the Knights of Lithuania.

In Springfield, Massachusetts, on May 18, 1940, the late Bishop Thomas M. O'Leary ordained him as a priest. On May 19th, Father John held his First Holy Mass in St. Casimir's Church, Westfield, Massachusetts, his parish church, where he once served as an altar boy under his present pastor, Rev. C. A. Vasys.

In July, 1940, he was assigned as a curate at Our Lady of Vilna Parish, Worcester, Mass., where he has made himself indispensable during these past ten years. Upon being appointed spiritual advisor of Council 116, Worcester, Mass., Father John continued to work in behalf of the K. of L. organization and today, through his help and perseverance, the council has flourished beautifully, blossoming out into its own clubrooms.

The Supreme Council, recognizing the great accomplishments and service of Father John, asked the Priests' League of America to designate him as national spiritual director of the Knights of Lithuania, which position he has held for four years. Through his efforts, the Lithuanian Affairs Committee was organized and has gained national recognition.

At present, Father John is spiritual advisor of the Girls' B. V. M. Sodality and the Altar Boys.

It is interesting to note, that Father John, in addition to his heavy schedule, finds time to enjoy golfing and opera music, photography. He likes to travel whenever time permits.

The Knights of Lithuania evaluating Father John's hard work in behalf of the organization, pray that Almighty God may grant him many more years in His Service.



*Rev. John C. Jutkevičius,
national spiritual director, celebrated his
Tenth Anniversary in God's Service,
May 18, 1950.*

MEMBERSHIP STANDING OF COUNCILS AS OF MARCH 31, 1950

<i>Councils</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Philadelphia, Pa. (3)	145
Providence, R. I. (103)	143
Cambridge, Mass. (18)	136
Westfield, Mass. (30)	123
Chicago, Ill. (13)	120
Draugovė, Chicago,	119
Pittsburgh, Pa. (19)	119
Lawrence, Mass. (78)	119
Elizabeth, N. J. (52)	117
Great Neck, N. Y. (109)	117
Chicago, Ill. (112)	115
Cleveland, Ohio (25)	112
Brooklyn, N. Y. (41)	111
Waterbury, Conn. (7)	110
Worcester, Mass. (26)	108
Dayton, Ohio (96)	108
Detroit, Mich. (102)	108
Linden, N. J. (113)	106
Worcester, Mass. (116)	105



*Bertha Ciocys,
Supreme Council Vice President*

Bertha Ciocys of Providence, Rhode Island, and member of St. Casimir's Church, was elected vice president of the Knights of Lithuania during the 36th national convention held in September, 1949, Elizabeth, New Jersey. In addition to being a past president of Council 103, she had served as secretary of the New England District K. of L. for two terms and she is also a member of the parish choir. After completing her pre-college work at St. Xavier's Academy, our vice president graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Since graduation from college, she has been an interior designer with one of the outstanding concerns in Providence, Rhode Island. The Knights of Lithuania are proud and fortunate in having a person of her caliber, education and experience for a Supreme Council Vice President as that will give her an opportunity to increase our membership which is one of the primary functions of that vice presidency.

Chicago, Ill. (36)	103
Maspeth, N. Y. (110)	103
Athol, Mass. (10)	97
Kearny, Harrison, N. J. (90)	97
Lewiston, Maine (2)	95
Los Angeles, Calif. (133)	94
Chicago, Ill. (5)	93
Newark, N. J. (29)	88
South Boston, Mass. (17)	87
Pittsburgh, Pa. (62)	85
Hartford, Conn. (6)	83
Cicero, Ill. (14)	80
Bayonne, N. J. (67)	80
New York, N. Y. (12)	78
Paterson, N. J. (61)	75
Jersey City, N. J. (124)	75
Rochester, N. Y. (93)	75

Cincinnati, Ohio (134)	65
Norwood, Mass. (27)	64
Indiana Harbor, Ind. (55)	40
Columbus, Ohio (125)	35
Brockton, Mass. (1)	35
Kankakee, Ill. (132)	20

The above figures are based on the number of members in each council as of March 31, 1950 as compared to the number on July 31, 1949. (A council with 100% rating has the same number of members; a percentage over 100% indicates an increase; less than 100% shows a decrease in membership.) In councils where the total membership is less than 20, the percentage is determined by comparing the present standing to a base figure of 20.

The council that signed up the greatest number of new members between January 31, 1950 and March 31, 1950 was the Draugovė, in Chicago, Ill. Chicago (13) and Detroit (102) tied for second honors.

Two new councils were revived in March, namely, Council 100, Amsterdam, New York and Council 16, Chicago, Illinois.

*Bertha Ciocys,
Membership Chairman*

A Knight and Salesman

When trying to sign up a member for the organization, aren't you, in a sense, trying to sell someone an idea, — the K. of L. idea? Let's then consider how some of the rules for successful selling or salesmanship can apply to our membership campaign.

Rule one is — "Know your product".

You can see why this is important. It isn't possible to convince anyone of the good qualities of a product with which you are not familiar. In the same way, if you cannot answer a prospective member's questions about your "product", the K. of L., he will not be easily convinced that he should join. He may want to know just why the organization exists, what good it does, how large it is, and similar questions. Read your constitution and the VYTIS carefully and ask your spiritual advisor or officers for information. Only then will you be fully prepared to "close the sale" and enroll another member.

Another rule — "Approach a prospect confidently, without fear".

This precept shouldn't require much discussion. Certainly, as Knights, we are not going to be timid in our campaign for new members. Go ahead and approach even those prospects whose manner may make them appear cool to the idea of the K. of L. Many times this coolness is just a surface part of a person's manner which often can be easily dispelled by a little sincere friendly interest on your part.

Finally, most business authorities agree that one particular quality outweighs all others in

importance toward successfully building up sales. This same factor is all important to us, too, in our "selling" campaign. The quality of which we speak is — enthusiasm.

Therefore, an important rule is — "Be enthusiastic".

You can accomplish wonders with enthusiasm. It is a simple but powerful way to put across an idea. Try using a good dose of it when talking to the next prospective member you meet. Instead of the too frequently used negative approach — "Say, you don't want to join the K. of L., do you?" — inject some enthusiasm. Start with something like — "Hi Mary! Here's a wonderful organization you should know about!" Show that you have some feeling for the K. of L.

You'll find that enthusiasm is contagious. Act enthusiastic, and you will see others becoming enthusiastic, too!

These are some of the rules that helped "top" salesmen in the business world. Now, what kind of a "salesman" can you be for the K. of L.? Is your council going to be in the lead for most members signed up at the close of the membership drive?

Bertha Ciocys,
Membership Chairman

FINAL STANDINGS OF THE NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY DISTRICT K. OF L. BOWLING LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Average
1 Paterson, N. J.	27	15	844
2 Kearny, N. J.	24	28	884
3 Eliz. Dingers, N. J.	23	19	868
4 Newark, N. J.	23	19	865
5 New York, N. Y.	21	21	828
6 Bayonne, N. J.	18	24	824
7 Linden, N. J.	17	25	843
8 Eliz. Dingers, N. J.	14	28	820

(Scratch) 1 Game Team Hi 972 Kearny
(Scratch) 3 Game Team Hi 2748 Eliz. Dingers
(Handicap) 1 Game Team Hi 1007 Kearny
(Handicap) 3 Game Team Hi 2837 Kearny

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

1 Game Individual Hi — G. Butkus 251
3 Game Individual Hi — C. Oskutis 649

Name	Games	Average
1 Chas. Oskutis	42	177.1
2 John Wilkie	42	176.7
3 John Oskutis	42	175.41
4 Vito Barker	40	175.26
5 John Zilis	42	172.8

The district bowling league closed another successful season with a banquet at Elizabeth Liberty with an attendance of over 150 bowlers.

The men's team (Paterson, N. J.) pulled quite a surprise by putting on a very successful second-half bid for first place and finally clinched it's position by winning 3 games on the closing day while Kearny, N. J. team dropped two games.

The Kearny girls gained a second leg on the district trophy by winning 3 games on the last day while Linden girls (tied with Kearny) during the last match, dropped a very important last game.

The district sports board, headed by Larry Janonis,



and Veronica Krezonis and Wm. Grinewich, league secretaries, thank all members for the fine cooperation shown during the bowling season.

RECOMMENDED LISTENING

An unusually interesting radio program that will arm you with strong Catholic arguments is called "To Ricky, With Pride", broadcast by N.B.C. on Tuesdays, 7:30 P. M., E.S.T.

ARTOJO VAIKAI

(Lietuvių pasaka)

Medžiojo kartą karalius po girią. Pagiryje artojas arė dirvą. Karalius, priėjęs artoją, prašnekino jį klausdamas, kodėl jis, toks senas būdamas, aria. Bene vaikų neturįs?

— Turiu trejetą vaikų, — atsakė artojas, — bet kas iš jų? Vienas — elgeta, antras — vagis, trečias — žmogžudys.

Nustebęs karalius klausia artoją, kodėl savo vaikus taip blogai išauginęs, kad vienas liko elgeta, antras — vagis, trečias — žmogžudys.

— Išauginau, rodos, gerai, — atsakė karaliui artojas: — nes elgeta, nors elgeta, dovanai neprašo; vagis, nors ir vagis, nevagia; žmogžudys, kad ir žmogžudys, bet nežudo.

Karalius nesuprato ir prašė paaiškinti.

— Yra taip, atsakė artojas: — mano sūnūs — vienas yra mokytojas, moko prieglaudos vaikus, dovanai nieko neprašo, duoną pats užsidirba; antras yra kunigas, ima viską iš žmonių, bet nevagia, o trečias, gydytojas, kad ir nuvaro kartais žmogų į kapus, bet nieko nežudo...

Karalius, supratęs, artoją gausiai apdovanojo.



Ansonia, Conn. (135)

New Council Organized

K. of L. Organization Day — Monday, April 24th, was most appropriately celebrated in Ansonia, Connecticut, by organizing a new K. of L. council.

Rev. Benedict Gauronskis invited the Lithuanian youth of St. Anthony's parish to a meeting, during which Jack L. (Jatis) Juozaitis of Chicago, Illinois, national president, explained the purpose of the organization in detail. Other speakers: president of C.L.C. and three members of Council 7, Waterbury, Conn.

George Jonikas, prominent Lithuanian contractor of Chicago and member of Chicago's illustrious Marquette Park Council 112, assisted the national president, especially with the fairer sex.

Thirty-nine members officially joined the newly-formed council.

Temporary officers elected: Attorney Joseph J. Chernauskas, president; Floyd Trapauskas and Olga Savitskas, vice presidents; Ella Dirzius, recording secretary; Anne Karitis, financial secretary; John A. Sabulis, treasurer; and Stanley Varsheika, sergeant-at-arms.

The meeting was conducted efficiently by the new president, Attorney J. J. Chernauskas.

Newark, N. J. (29)

New Members

Charles Douchess and Veronica Tobin were enrolled as new members at our last meeting. We hope their membership in the council will be a long and active one. After the meeting, all members were entertained by Fred Kurt's amateur movies of last year's council picnic and various places both he and his wife visited while on their honeymoon.

"In Corpore"

Our annual Communion was held on March 26th, followed by a breakfast at St. George's Hall. It was most gratifying to notice that all members attended it, especially the married couples. Speakers were: Joe Sakevich, president; Al Wesey, district president; and Charles Bason,

past president and active member in the district.

As usual, some sort of activity is arranged for the afternoon and evening, to complete the commemoration of St. Casimir's Day. This year, we took a bus ride to Bear Mountain, and our guests were Charles Bason, Jersey City, N. J. (124); Fran Talutis (110); Fran Baskis (12); and John Bell (12).

The committee is to be commended for having successfully planned a full day's program, which was enjoyed by all members and guests from neighboring councils.

Wedding Bells

Bill Kennis and Rita Cuzzolino will be wed this month; also Gene Morris and Florence Zalis. If you miss these features, you will still be able to throw some rice at Ed Dulinckus and Irene Lisowicz who plan to be married in June. Later on in the year, (exact dates not set yet) if you happen to be in this vicinity, stop around and shed a few tears for Joe Pladis and Gen Malakus, and Pete Podgalsky and Gen Milunaitis, who have already announced their engagements!

For Benefit of Supreme Council

Our council held a card party for the benefit of the Supreme Council. Besides our local people supporting the affair, we received great cooperation from other councils in the district. We thank all who donated prizes and helped make this affair most successful and profitable. Similar drives to raise funds for the benefit of our Supreme Council are being promoted throughout the district. Linden and Elizabeth members have been "at home" to pasteboard enthusiasts recently for that same purpose.

Request

Our council forwards a copy of our monthly bulletin "The Key" to each council in the New York and New Jersey district. If councils in our district publish similar bulletins, we would appreciate receiving copy of same in exchange. Address: "The Key", 180 New York Ave., Newark 5, N. J.

Everyone is looking forward to the bowling match of the century, soon,

to take place between a quintet of our council's married men and the team which represented us this year in the District League. The challenge was issued at our communion breakfast by Joe Grimm, in behalf of the married men. Besides Joe, the creaks and groans will probably emit from Augie Lang, Ted Barker, Toby Monty and one more we are unable to predict, while our sponsored team consisted of Tony Adomaitis, Vito Barker, Bill Kennis, Joe Sakevich, Joe Monty and Joe Pladis. We wouldn't be a bit surprised to see the "ball and chainers" win the set by a clean sweep!

Our method of "keeping cool" in the summertime, which was to have a conversation with John Beck, has been superseded by a new technique. All we do now is ask our Ace geographer, Ed Dominik, to rattle off forty-eight States. Boy, does he breeze through them! Joe Krakauskas doesn't have to worry. It's never too hot for him!

We are looking for nine athletes to make up a soft ball team. Any volunteers?

"The Lock"

Investiture

Members of Council 29 experienced a great joy on the occasion of the investiture of our beloved pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ig. Kelmelis as a prelate of the church. Joseph Sakevich and Vera Lang officially represented the council. We wish Monsignor Kelmelis "Ilgiausiq Metų".

J. R.

K. of L. CALENDAR

- JUNE 10 — Detroit, Mich. (102)
Dance.
- JUNE 10 — Worcester, Mass. (26)
Dance.
- JUNE 11 — Worcester, Mass. (26)
Picnic.
- JUNE 11 — Kearny-Harrison, N. J. (90) Annual Picnic.
- JUNE 11 — South Boston, Mass. (17) Picnic. Romuva Park, Brockton.
- JUNE 18 — Norwood, Mass. (27)
Dance.
- JULY 9 — Bayonne, N. J. (67)
Bus Ride.
- JULY 22 — Great Neck, N. Y. (109)
Party.

Paterson, N. J. (61)

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our deep sympathy to Dorothy Dutkus and family on the death of her beloved father.

Chicago, Ill. (36)

Bowling News

As of March 28 the standings in the district bowling league are as follows:

	Won	Lost
1st Bums (36)	54	30
2nd Mustangs (14)	51	33
3rd Wolverines (5)	49	35
4th Repeaters (36)	40	44
5th Spitfires (5)	39	45
6th Shylocks (36)	39	45
7th Schmo's (112)	33	51
8th Wildkits (14)	31	53

Besides bowling with the K. of L. league, John Norvillas, Al Sirvinskaskas, Zenon Meizis, Ed Rackauskas, Aldona Kaminskis and Sophia Zukas also bowl in other leagues. The "Knights" seem to be going strong since they replaced a team in the Monday night league.

Athletic Dept.

Under the leadership of Al Sirvinskaskas, John Norvillas and Zenon Meizis an evening of movies and a card party were prepared — socially it was a great success. Ask the winners of the card games. More evenings of this sort are planned for the future, but the cooperation of the members is needed.

Lithuanian Affairs Committee

An abundance of energy is shown by Helen Sirvinskaskas in her letter writing, regarding the Lithuanian articles that have been printed in the newspapers and also to the individuals who have mentioned Lithuania and her people in their speeches. Orchids to Helen and may she receive more help from the rest of the committee.

Holy Hour

We attended Holy Hour services on Sunday, March 26th at the Immaculate Conception Church. Father J. Vysniauskas, advisor, held the services; his sermon was most inspiring. Under Father John's guidance, the council is sure to profit in more ways than one. Although he is leaving us for awhile to make the trip to Rome, we hope to remain in his thoughts and a letter of spiritual advice will be appreciated.

St. Casimir's Day

There was a great turnout for the St. Casimir's Day observance at Holy Cross Church. Also seen at the Indiana Harbor affair were Philomena Rekasius, Kastas Zaromskis, Adeline Shtell, Mrs. Sirvinskaskas, Peggy Zakaras and Sophia Zukas. The Welcome Mat was extended to all the Chicago guests.

Scotty



ELEANORE H. LAURIN,
Chicago, Ill.

Eleanore gave her heart to the K. of L. when she joined Council 13, Chicago, Illinois, ten years ago. Besides holding the office of secretary for five, she has participated on important committees and has faithfully attended all meetings. She holds a third degree.

Laurin, as many of her friends call her, is now a senior at De Paul University and will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce this June. After graduating from St. Casimir Academy in 1940, Laurin started out as a Mathematics major in the Liberal Arts College, transferred to her present Marketing major in the Commerce College and took some courses in the Secretarial College. Extra curricular activities at De Paul include active membership in the Marketing Club and in the Epsilon Eta Phi Sorority, of which she is now treasurer.

And just to keep busy in her "spare time" Eleanore gives unlimited participation in the Holy Cross Sodality activities. Here she held the office of prefect for two terms and is now a reporter and "Gas Bag" editor of the sodality paper.

This seems to be quite a schedule, but Eleanore Laurin enjoys every minute of it for she believes that active participation in Catholic and Lithuanian organizations helps build an exemplary character and personality.

For relaxation, she likes to dance, take in a good foreign movie, listen to radio mysteries, flirt with good-looking young men and buy "dizzy" hats.

Dayton, Ohio (96)

Many thanks to our committee and members for doing such a wonderful job, also Rose Ann Ambrose and Patricia Barcus, our newest and youngest members for the grand job of decorating the hall. We are pleased to notice that our new members have taken such a great interest in our council. Many thanks to Sally Miller, George Mikalauskas, Jim Kavalauskas, Joe Mantz, Pete Petkus and Frank Gudelis who took care of the other important matters during our dance.

As the basketball season came to a close, our Cagers were sporting a 10 and 12 record. Our old-timers were eager to have a game against our team. Arrangements were finally made and the old-timers, Stan Vaitkus, Jack Goldick, Felix Goldick, Anthony Alexinas, George Zelinskaskas and Charles Vangas, proved that they are still as good as they were ten years ago. At that time they were champions in our city league and traveled to other K. of L. councils. The score at the close of this game was 37 to 35. Our Cagers, Tony Zelinskaskas, Mike Petkus, Joe Zelinskaskas, Al Monas, Ernest Sakalaskas, Joe Petkus, Bud Green, George Mikalauskas and Joe Rimkus, coach, deserve a lot of credit as these fellows were out there fighting for the Yellow, Green and Red.

After a few weeks of vacation the group has now resumed its regular weekly practice on Wednesday nights, 8:00 P. M. at the church hall. It has been quite active participating in many church programs and entertaining at the different high schools. Our folk dancing group is very popular and is known as one of the best in our home town.

Lithuanian Culture Committee

The committee plans to erect a large wooden cross in front of our parish church.

Kitty Zubrick, and Dorothy Miller were co-chairmen of the April social. We hope to interest more members in attending our meetings regularly.

Moved to "Windy City"

Mr. and Mrs. Viliamas will be greatly missed by us all since they moved to Chicago.

We hope to see more of Stan Vaitkus and Bud Green upon the completion of their courses at the Sinclair College.

From all reports, Jake Goldick of our council is doing very well in his wrestling career. There is a possibility that we may have an opportunity to see him wrestle on television.

Our council is anxiously looking forward to meeting the stiff competition that Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago are promising us at the "Mid-West Bowling Tournament" May 27-28. Naturally we are rooting for our home town teams!

Dottie

Detroit, Mich. (102)

Our Easter dance brought out the usual large crowd, all decked out in their newest finery for the occasion. Julianne Paplinskas' outfit brought forth only the comment "WOW"! The committee in charge of the event created more than a little excitement by giving away live rabbits as door prizes. Outstanding among the couples on the floor were 6ft. 2in. Frank Peterson dancing with petite Julie Bender, who must be all of 4ft. 10in. The starry-eyed couple were Theresa Zaliagiris and Raymond Medonis, who announced their engagement that evening. Music for the occasion was provided by our own Casey Ambrose.

As a follow-up to the dance a wiener roast was held the next weekend. Here, Bob Sinkus displayed one of his talents as a tree climber. It is rumored that he has given up his Graucho Marx routine and is now planning to succeed Captain Marvel. Ed Nausedas gave him plenty of competition by exhibiting his weightlifting prowess. No sack of potatoes being available — Terry Bender obliged. The weather man once more frowned on us and as the temperature dropped, a hasty retreat was made to the home of Mary Ann and Joe Guerriero. The evening ended in a scavenger hunt for the girls, woe to the man, if they ever find out who originated the idea of hiding their shoes.

Luckiest among the K. of L. babies is little David Peterson, who has Joseph Bender for an uncle and godfather. Joe is a professional baker at one of our leading hotels and produced a cake for his nephew's first birthday that was a masterpiece of perfection, and took two days to make. (Joe is still single, girls, and intends to bake his own wedding cake. Who can ask for a better offer than that?)

Our First Annual Nocturnal Adoration, Holy Thursday Night was well observed. Each hour found a group of K. of L'ers answering the challenge, "Can you not spend one hour with me?" We are thankful to the "Skautai" who cooperated with us and sent uniformed adorers.

For the second consecutive year, we have heard Fr. Boreisis' request to direct the Archdiocesan Development Fund Drive. The volunteer committee consists of: Benny Ambrose, Edna Klucens and Bob Boris. The next couple of weeks will find K. of L'ers busy ringing doorbells and asking donations for the new St. John's Major Seminary.

We have reached a milestone in the drive for "points" sponsored by the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, by organizing a folk dance group to be called the "Vytis" Dancers. As instructor, we have engaged one of

the best authorities on Lithuanian folk dances, Ponia Zaganavičienė. Eileen Stankunas and Julie Bender have been recruiting dancers and the whole project is certain to be a success. The group plans its debut during Fr. Boreisis' 30th anniversary of Ordination.

Sincerest wishes for a speedy recovery to one of our newer members, Veda Polikaitis, and to Evelyn Galinas' mother, who has been in the hospital for over a month.

Our hearts were saddened during the past month by the death of one of our most popular members, Hank Stacherski. We offer our sincerest sympathy to deceased's family and pray for the repose of his soul.

This spring promises to be an active one for the athletically inclined members. The bowling season is just ending and it is time to begin softball practice. A successful team needs players. Let's all get out and practise.

A most hearty welcome to our new member, Joseph Miskinis.

The \$6' question: Where has Angie Besasparies disappeared to?

Donna

Philadelphia, Pa. (3)

Springtime

We are full of ideas and plans this spring. Hikes, picnics and weenie roasts are foreseen in the very near future.

Lithuanian Culture Exhibition

The exhibit was a huge success. People from other parts of Philadelphia came to see it. Pictures of the exhibition were taken and will be published in various magazines. (Editor's note: VYTIS will gladly publish them, too.) An invitation was also received from the International Institute of Philadelphia to have the exhibit there when representatives of all International Institutes of America will gather for a special meeting.

Susituokė Vyčiai

Edward Ramoska and Antionette Anona, both K. of L. members, were united in marriage on May 7. Edward has been an active member for many years. We hope that both he and his wife will continue to be active in our council. As far as we can remember, they are the first K. of L. couple to be married from our council.

A Pianist

Now we know why Frances Nash has been working so hard this past year! She has been saving her money for a spinet piano. Congratulations!

Camera Man

Al Stankus is our official photographer for all occasions. You can always depend on him to be there with his camera. Thanks Al, we really appreciate it.

In Rome

Father Raila, pastor, who is touring Europe for three months, during this Holy Year, sends us greetings from Rome. He wishes all the Knights of Lithuania were with him so that we, too, could enjoy the beautiful and inspiring St. Peter's Basilica.

Our Members

We're very happy to report that Lucy Eitminavičius, who has been bedridden with the virus X, is well again.

Welcome to our newest members — Liutaveras Jurskis and Al Chesonis.

After graduation, Tony Klimas is now eagerly awaiting summer months for relaxation.

The Ruppies family will have a "terrific" time this summer with their new Pontiac.

Helen Shields has a wonderful new look this spring! Could it be??

As they say in Russia, I Mos-cow!
"Pelėdukė"

Lawrence, Mass. (78)

Passion Play

The big event of the month was "THE UPPER ROOM", which we staged co-operatively with the Sodality. Father Peter Shakalys was really a hard director, but the outcome was well worth the long and tedious hours of rehearsal. Arlene Marcinonis deserves the highest praise for her wonderful pantomime. We have never seen a lovelier Blessed Virgin. The high point of the show was when Johnny Zemis came on stage in the short skirts of a Roman guard. Some of our friends from the South Boston K. of L. stayed after the play to enjoy refreshments and meet the cast. The committee wishes to thank Rita Hatem for her generous help in cleaning up after the show.

District Delegates

Johnny Zemis and Agnes Vilkisius were elected delegates to represent us at Waterbury, Conn. convention. Pauline Rimas and Mary Neversky accompanied them on the trip.

Guests

Did Johnny Zemis enjoy himself at the Sodality Holy Hour in Brockton? He was the only male guest among all those women!

Walter Rinkevičius

certainly got into the spirit of the K. of L. fast! Walter has only joined recently. He had a leading role in the "UPPER ROOM" and now has consented to set aside one night a week to teach us some Lithuanian folk dances.

Correction

The ring on Arlene Marcinonis' finger is only a friendship ring — not an engagement. We are sorry if it caused you any inconvenience, Arlene.
"The Easter Bunny"

Worcester, Mass. (26)

Membership Drive

Our newest member is Bertha Adomaitis, who joined this month. The male force of C-26 is at last being replenished, also. Last month, we welcomed Al and Johnny Drumstas, Paul Grabauskas, Pete Virbasius, Bill Bengtson, Ted Tromovitch, Robert Alex, Francis Lingaitis, Pete Mankevitch, Bob Urbsis and Richard Maloney into our fold. Vyto Adomaitis is back with us after being with C-112 during his stay in Chicago. Nice to have you all. They are an enthusiastic group, too.

Sports

During Lent, our activity was limited to sports. Hartford invaded Worcester one Sunday afternoon for a bowling match. Considering the handicap of bowling on candle pins, the girls were matched against the fellows. The Hartford girls won against our boys with the aid of a considerable number of spotted pins, while our girls lost to the Hartford boys by a very small margin, no spotted pins involved. Food and Fred Waring were enjoyed by all after the match.

The following week, we played host to the teams from Providence. Both our fellows and girls came out on top, but C-103 warns us to beware of their duck pins at the return match next fall. At the social after the match, a hearty "happy birthday" was sung to Al Straznik (103) and he was presented (much to his surprise) with a huge cake and candle.

April 1, at Grafton St. Jr. High School, was the scene of the St. Casimir's A. A. vs. Holy Trinity of Hartford basketball game. Most of the players were K. of L.'ers and many members of C-26, C-116 and C-103 attended. Each team was equipped with a cheering section, but the Hartford section must have cheered just a little harder, as they brought their team to a victory over St. Casimir's.

Sports are getting to be the order of the day with our council. Many of our boys will play on the New England softball team at the Sports Day — Picnic held in Marianapolis, Thompson, Conn., May 21st.

Palm Sunday

Our Sodality girls once again sponsored their annual play. K. of L.'ers taking part were: Angie Sarapas, Joan Stepanauskas, Ann Rainikis, Franny Uzdavinis and Louise Grazulis.

We hope our dance at the Elks Home for the benefit of the Supreme Council turns out nearly as successful as C-116's. Many New Englanders attended.

June 10 and 11

Plans are being made for our annual dance and picnic at Maironis

Park. We cordially invite you all to attend these two big affairs.

Louise Grazulis and Joe Sakaitis represented us at the New England district convention in Waterbury.

Congratulations to Jennie and Paul Puras on the arrival of Richard Paul. Also to Peter and Mary Jankowski on the arrival of Donna Mary.

"Peaches and Cream"



ANNE SHUKIS,
Illinois-Indiana district executive
secretary.

Hard working, respected and better known as "Queen Ann" of the K. of L., rules her subjects firmly but sweetly. She is recognized as one of the finest district secretaries. In professional life, Miss Shukis is a graduate nurse and is associated with the famous plastic surgeon, Dr. Slaughter of Chicago, Illinois.

Bayonne, N. J. (67)

At our last meeting preliminary plans were made for our Stardust Dance to be held September 30th 1950, in St. Michael's parish hall. Michael Grigaliunas and Dot Milwid, co-chairmen, will be assisted by the following committees: Tickets — Dot Milwid, Entertainment — Al Jacupciones, Decorations — Marge Goupsa, Refreshment — John Novitt, and Publicity — Connie Mack. The highlight of the affair will be a contest for the selection of "Miss Stardust".

Plans were also formulated for our Annual Bus Ride to Seaside Heights and the date has been set for July 9th. Anyone who goes is guaranteed a good time.

Right here we would like to congratulate Elizabeth who presented a Minstrel Show that was highly entertaining. The cast exhibited excellent talent. We enjoyed it immensely.

Adam & Eve

Providence, R. I. (103)

Seems like travel is the thing in Council 103 activities lately.

The bowling team, together with a small cheering section, made a trip to Worcester to meet Council 26 in a match recently. Although the candle pin and Worcester skill proved to be a little too much for our team, the friendly hospitality at the social that followed erased any feelings of disappointment at the defeat. One would have suspected that the K. of L. members didn't exactly trust one another as cries of "I doubt it!" rang through the clubroom — until you found that it was all part of the most popular card game of the evening.

A few weeks later, many of our members made another jaunt to Worcester. This time it was to attend the dance being held there for the benefit of the Supreme Council. Everyone enjoyed themselves — especially Ruth Savickis and Helen Avizynis who decided to stay over in Worcester another day to see if more fun might be forthcoming. Helen also proved herself to be "super" saleswoman of the evening by selling a good number of tickets for our May 6th dance in Providence.

Johnny Walaska's unusual posters for this same dance have brought forth many favorable comments. Nice work, John!

At the present writing we are looking forward to the district convention which will have us traveling to Waterbury, then on to Boston the next week-end to make our mark at the district bowling tournament, followed by a trip to the lovely Marianapolis campus for the district sports day picnic on May 21st.

Joe Nazaka and Bert Ciocys, members of the district committee for the Marianapolis picnic, are hard at work carrying out plans that promise to make this year's affair better than ever before.

For home city activity, the bowlers wound up their regular season with a gala banquet. Prizes were awarded to Marge Alukonis and Al Straznick, top scorers of the season. We were honored to have Father John Vaitekunas, pastor, as our guest.

Our elected sports co-chairmen are Algird Straznik and Marion Cyronak. Two groups have been formed under their leadership, one for tennis and another for fishing enthusiasts. We thank the retiring sports chairman, Joe Nazaka, for his fine work.

Mom and Dad are going to be the guest stars at our May meeting. For the first time, our council is planning a parents' night to honor our folks especially at this time of the year and to let them observe first hand how our organization works.

Great Neck, N. Y. (109)

Guest Speakers

Our recent communion breakfast turned out to be most successful and beneficial. After 8 a. m. Mass at St. Aloysius Church, we all convened at the Golden Gate Restaurant for breakfast. Monsignor John Balkunas of Maspeth spoke about the necessity of more Lithuanianism in our every-day life. Mr. John Prime, Professor of Economics at New York University, gave an interesting talk on the value of freedom and our lack of appreciation for it. Mr. Ignas Kazlauskas, recent arrival from Germany, relayed the Russian treatment of Lithuanians in Europe.

Recognition

"Jo" Rusas received a gift for being the most active member of our council this past year.

Ritual

Seven of our members received their 1st degrees and nine their second degrees on April 1. Following the Ritual ceremonies Mary Kober and Lil Remenchus put on a very funny skit, which, by the way, gave us some points for the contest being held this year for the most active council. Vladys Butenas and Antanas Zorski read some very nice poetry. Tony Kober also did his little bit. Food and refreshments were served which tasted delicious and brought to a close, another enjoyable evening.

Žymus Svečias

We were honored to have the presence of the founder of the Knights of Lithuania in our vicinity the early part of March. M. A. Norkunas was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Al Wesej.

Party

Our council is holding a party-dance on July 22. It will be held at Steamboat Inn.

Action

At our last monthly meeting Professor Antanas Bendrois gave a talk on the vital importance of the Knights of Lithuania organization both to us here in the United States and even more so to the people of Lithuania. He made us realize that we must all work harder in our organization and participate in more K. of L. activities.

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. John Roumin, who have joined our ranks.

Seen and Heard Around:

Pete Bernatovich in his bright-red Hudson car.

Ann Sosar, "chippy" Chapin and Gladys Banks with their gorgeous Florida tans. "Good-neighbor policy" was well demonstrated when these three gals tried to teach the Cubans to polka in return for a few lessons on the technique of a rhumba.

Antanas Zorski also took a trip to

Florida and just missed Ann, "Chippy" and Gladys down there.

Congratulations to Alice Ashman, who is engaged to Peter Lenk. They plan a fall wedding.

Glad to see Mrs. Stanley Bukunt up and around after her bad fall on an icy pavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dauksis have bought a house in New Jersey, and will be leaving our council. Here's hoping you'll transfer your membership to some nearby council. Best wishes in your new home.

"Jan"

VYČIŲ KLŪBAS

So. Bostono Algirdo 17-toji kuopa

Jei kas klaustų kas tie Vyčiai,
Lietuvos juk jie karžygiai,
Rašo laiškus, reklamuoja,
Žemę Lietuvos vaduoja.

Vyčiai — katalikai uolūs,
Tad kovoja prieš maskolius,
O kai trūksta piniginių
Duod' bažnyčiai tūkstantinę.

Kartais pasimelsti tenka
Nors ne visi tam palankūs,
Bet kai reikia dirbt bazarą
Vyčiai įsikand' cigarą.

Turim jauną prezidentą
Kurs neieško plaudismentų,
Oi koks veiklus — Anchukraitis
Nenuilstas jaunikaitis.

Sau juokų pasidaryti
Turim komiką šnypšnytį,
Kas su juo pasipažįsta,
Nuo juokų tam šona! plyšta.

Virš to, gražų klubą turim.
Akys sprogsta kai mes žiūrim.
Koks ten triukšmas, bolės barška,
O viršuje kortos traška.

Visi linksmi baliavojam,
Šokius rengiam ir dainuojam,
Taip, kad lubos net banguoja,
Tvirtos sienos susiūbuoja.

Jauni, seni, žilaplaukiai,
Ploni, stori, melynakiai,
Jei kas klaustų atsakyčiau:
Lietuvos mes esam Vyčiai!

A. J. C.

Kankakee, Ill. (132)

Kovo 26 d. Vyčių Kuopa 132 turėjo specialų susirinkimą vyčių sve-tainėj.

Kalbėjo vyčių pirmininkas J. L. Juozaitis ir Illinois Indiana apskričių valdybos nariai.

Į kuopą įstojo dešimt naujų narių, — septyni D. P. lietuviai ir trys vietiniai.

Kitą susirinkimą turėjom toj pačioj svetainėj balandžio 23 d. Pradėsime veikti, kad padidinus kuopą jaunais nariais.

Frank Rašenskas, Sekr.

Brooklyn, N. Y. (41)

Congratulations

Joseph Boley, on your ability to put over the Lithuanian play. We were surprised to learn that Al Mikolaitis and Gene Bender, both members of our council, have become engaged. Congratulations!

Communion Breakfast

Guest speakers at our breakfast were Bolys Laucka, Mr. Stravinskis and Father Pakalniskis, spiritual advisor. Following the breakfast, a short meeting was held and future plans were discussed.

Sports

Our basketball team ended a most enjoyable season by being victorious over the house league champs of Y.M.C.A., score 10 to 1. CONFIDENTIAL — our council will enter the Y.M.C.A. league next year with two teams. Good luck, boys!

Just an Eye Lash

Chicago, Ill (112)

Easter Dance

Our dance was a social and financial success due to the efforts of the committee: Tony Lubert, Gilli Karoblis, John Pocius and many willing helpers. Jean Strisko is in for special mention. She refused to give up her spot as cashier because she was having too much fun! The Cibulskises, Terry and Gloria, handled the door and Agnes Sauciunas and Dom Yocius saw to it that the wardrobe was efficiently run. We appreciate the support that was showed us by other councils — notably Northside, Brighton Park and Town of Lake. Also our many D. P. friends showed up and seemed to have a good time.

Romance

We should be announcing June brides in this issue but the only one we have news of is Vicki Korsak who will be married to Al Leberes, also of this council.

Floating Council Members

Sylvia Raczkus, Vyt Lubert and Joan Kay were in town for Easter and had a grand reunion with some of the stay-at-home members at Sylvia's. It can be reported that Vyt is the same as ever. Yes.

Orchids

Most gorgeous orchid at the Easter dance was worn by Val Sarockas. They must grow bigger and better out on the Eastern seaboard.

In A Rut

Barbara Motiejuš has been up to the same thing for more than two months now. As soon as I find out if he paid his K. of L. dues, I'll give him publicity in this column.

Sick Bay

Glad you're well again to John Stoskus who missed the first K. of L. meeting since he joined because of a bout with the flu. I had a cold, too!

GOOGLES

NEW ENGLAND K. OF L. CONVENTION April 22-23, 1950, Waterbury, Conn.

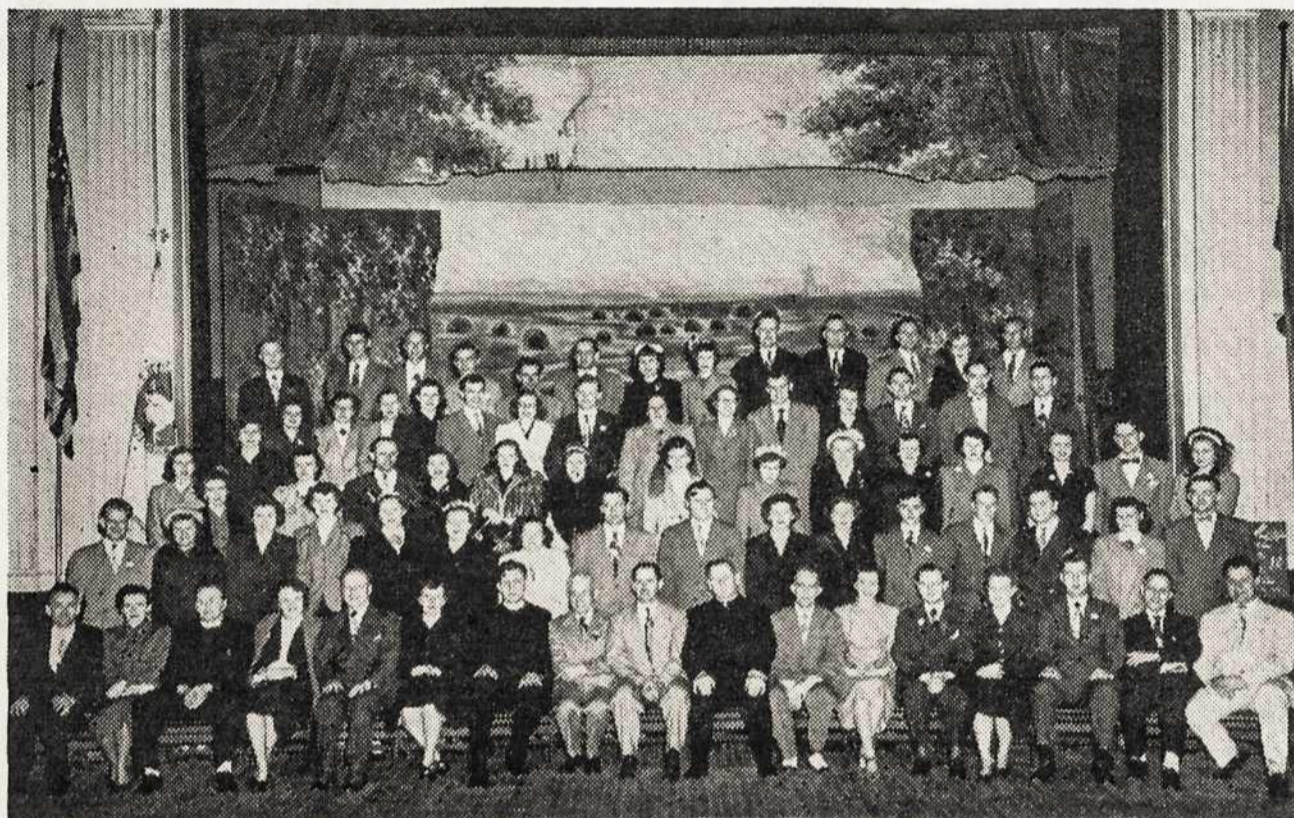


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DISTRICT DELEGATES and guest (left to right, front row): Frank Vaskas, Newark, N. J.; Bertha Ciocys, national vice president; Rev. A. Kacevičius, district spiritual advisor; Sylvia Raczkus of Chicago, Ill., national secretary; Prof. A. J. Aleksis of Waterbury, Conn., honorary member; Phyllis Grendal, asst. editor of VYTIS; Rev. John C. Jutkevičius of Worcester, Mass., national spiritual director; M. A. Norkunas of Lawrence, Mass., founder; Jack L. Jatis of Chicago, Ill., national president; Rev. J. Puidokas of Westfield, Mass., Joseph A. Lola, district president; K. Yakutis, district secretary; Ed Vaskas, district vice president; Angie Masionis, district secretary; Bronius Kudirka, retiring president; Felix Carter; and Anthony Jenkins, president of Council 7, Waterbury, Conn., host to convention.

South Worcester, Mass. (116)

Lithuanian Class And Dance Group

The Lithuanian class meets once a week. Following additional members joined: John Puras, Dave Vaskas, John Kasper Jr. and John Stansky. Also Lithuanian dance group was organized in our council. Our new member, Lucija Savickas together with her sister Isabela, have volunteered to teach us folk dances. These girls are specialist in that field. They taught a group that participated in a play "The Suffering Nation" which the D.P's of Worcester presented recently. The group consists of Aldona Pauliukaitis, Ann Barisas, Helen Gvazdauskas, Ann Markvenas, Ruth Chiras, Marcella Meskinis, Mary and Irene Balikonis, Dot Sinkavitch, Felix Jason, Vitie Chunis, Al Kazlauskas and Česin Savickas. They meet every Monday night.

N. E. District Delegates

Shirley Miller, Irene Platukis, Ed Vaskas, John Stansky, Charlotte Mitchell, Bill Kissell, Louise Totilas, John Puras, Felix Jason, Vitie Chunis, Dave Vaskas, Helen Gvazdauskas and Česin Savickas. The convention took place in Waterbury,

Conn., April 22-23. Ed Vaskas was re-elected vice president of the district.

New Members

We welcome Robert Paluses and Nancy Stansky into our council.

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Al Tumas was recently transferred from Norfolk, Virginia, after completing the Naval Air Course, to Memphis, Tennessee. Lillian Tamulavich and Ed Chuplis have announced their engagement and plan to wed in the near future. Likewise, Al Glavickas presented a lovely diamond to the girl of his dreams, Jeanne Howard. Stan and Aldona Waska recently celebrated their wedding anniversary. Many of our female members attended a "personal shower" tendered Josephine Kaliunas at her home, March 23rd. Ann Miller has enrolled in the Civil Service School. Bill Kissell won second prize at a recent Military Whist. Ed Vaskas, Ed Chuplis and Mike Essex Jr. have all been sporting new cars. How do you do it boys, especially after filing income tax. You can find a serious game of Canasta played any time you visit our clubrooms. Thanks to John Stansky for teaching it to us.

"Moon-struck"

Chicago, Ill. (36)

Kuopos sukaktis

Lietuvos Vyčių 36-tos Kuopos veikimas gyvas. Veikia nariai pasidalinę darbais. Šiomet kuopa gyvena trisdešimt penktus metus. Nuo 1915 metų kuopos veikimas nebuvo pailsęs. Mūsų tarpe visados daina, dramų sporto žaidimai. Šiandien žaidžia 3 bowling komandos.

Vyčiai turėjo ir turi kunigų pritarimą — klebono prelado A. Briškos, kun. J. Stankevičiaus, kun. V. Mikulaičio. Kun. J. Vyšniauskas dabar yra dvasios vadas.

Vyčių 36 kuopa turės susikaupimo dieną gegužės 21 d. Nariai ir svečiai džiaugsis kuopos jubiliejum — trisdešimt penkerių metų gyvenimo sukaktimi.

Lietuviškos veiklos komisija, — V. Radžius, p. Rekašiūtė, H. Šervinskaitė, S. Raidžionis kovo 26 d. surengė šventą valandą — maldas už pasaulia ir Lietuvos laisvę. Kunigas J. Vyšniauskas atnašavo maldas ir įspūdingą pamokslą pasakė. Muz. Alfonsas Gecas vadovavo Chicagos Lietuvių tremtinių vyrų chorui, kuris giedojo 6 giesmes. J. Vasnelis giedojo solo. Žmonių buvo pilna bažnyčia.

Vytis.

Westfield, Mass. (30)

Council Activities

Our communion breakfast in honor of St. Casimir's Day was held at the Southwick Country Club with Flo Zala in charge of arrangements. Our guests speakers were Father Anthony Mazukna and Mykolas Cibis, new organist.

On March 14, we held our first card party in the church parlors. Attendance was more than we anticipated. Special thanks go to the chairman Dolores Walkowski and her committee.

Here & There

Johnny Gedmin and Anne Stanitis will middle-aisle it in June.

Best of luck to Frankie Jonaitis who enlisted in the Air Force for four years. Attention please, anyone desiring to know what the weather is, contact Frankie.

Why is it that Tony Rogers is so gloomy-looking during rehearsals until we start singing "Gloria"? Must be a connection there somewhere.

Nelly Lingaitis and Anne Jutt just won't tell where they went or what time they got home after the last card party. But they aren't fooling anybody!

Barb Navickas seems to get a ride down to all our meetings and social affairs, lately.

Wonder if Flo Zala is enjoying the records she won at the card party?

Sorry to hear that Easter Bunny disappointed Gladys Kazlauskas. Evidently "he" doesn't rate with Uncle Sam.

Bail-a-hay

Cicero, Ill. (14)

Little Dan Cupid

A sparkle of unsurmounted bliss now adorns Sue Mack's third finger, left hand, since Charles Raudonis surprised her on Easter Sunday with a diamond.

Pretty Violet Miller surprised everyone with her engagement to her beau, Jimmy of Lockport, Illinois after a whirling romance and courtship. An astonishing but wonderful coincidence that her two best friends Aldona Sleinis and Aldona Mockus, both since January, 1950 have become Mrs. Justin Lankutis and Mrs. Edward Anderson, respectively, with VI not far from becoming a bride.

Rumors are flying that one of the Kiddworth twins is engaged. How about coming around, Lorraine and Dolores? Best wishes are in store for the lucky one.

A steady twosome around town are Marge Good and Cleo David — a very becoming couple, to be sure. Cleo has been spending much of his spare time boat-building.

"You're never too old to learn" asserts Stelle Waitekus who conscientiously attends North Western Evening School after putting in a hard day's work(?) at the Bell Telephone Company. (It's all right, Stelle, you're among friends!)

Eleanor Puikis has been experimenting with various hairdos she has been learning at a beauty culture school — and on her they look good.

There was a large council representation at our annual Palm Sunday communion and breakfast, which indicates the Knights of Lithuania are "in the groove" spiritually as well as socially.

It was good to see Mr. and Mrs. Maxim Couble again. Being a top bowler, rumors are Mr. Couble will be paged to join next year's district bowling league.

While the women folk were passing admirations at Sally Anglickis' chic bonnet, hubby John proudly claimed she "concocted" it herself.

"Just a little more to the right... wait, that curl is out of place... now the hat pins... ah, finally all set"... and after primming before the mirror till her hat was just so (and what woman won't), Bernice Palubin entered the car while her husband Ralph admiringly looked on, just to discover that her bonnet must come off. It wasn't of course, that the plumes were too long — it was just that the roof of the car was too low!

Vince and Stelle Brozas' mother has been ill for a long time and we are praying for her speedy recovery. We miss you, Vince and Stelle.

Two lovely "angels of mercy", graduate nurses Anne Shukes and

Marjorie Allen are enthusiastic lassies. Besides devoting much time to their careers, endless efforts are displayed in K. of L. work. Keep it up, girls.

Mrs. Elena Motiekaitis' bacon "bundukies" are known quite well throughout Cicero and Chicago. She is a marvelous cook and a very generous donator of her services at Lithuanian doings. Recently, it was through her efforts together with Mrs. Kass, that the district enjoyed the splendid meal at the social in honor of Al Wesey. Mrs. Motiekaitis added the finishing touch to Council 14's Palm Sunday breakfast. She also presented Council 5, North Side, with a delicious home-made cake which was raffled off at its card-and-bunco party.

Speaking of the card-and-bunco party, Ruthie Daukas won the cake and her only comment is "m-m-m!" Ruthie, Johnny and Ann Bart, Helen Gudauskas and Mrs. Motiekaitis enjoyed a grand evening at North Side and are awaiting a return visit.

It means hard work and tedious traveling but that doesn't stop K. of L. district choir members Pete Novinsky, Ann Shukes, Helen Gudauskas and Jeanne Pavis, who are at the Youth Center several nights a week, practising for their concert May 13. Jeanne, by the way, is the pretty little lassie who claimed the laurels of "Miss K. of L." last year in the contest sponsored by the district.

Council 14 is honored to have two members, Rev. Stanley Gaucias and Rev. Julian Grinis, in succession, hold office of spiritual advisor of the Illinois-Indiana District. Fr. Stanley has resigned because of a heavy parish schedule, and Fr. Julian, now at St. George's Parish, stepped in as successor.

Husbands have no worries? Leave it to the women. Ed Anderson's bride of April 22, Aldona (Mockus), gave him plenty roots for gray hair three weeks before their wedding — she started selling chances for the benefit of widows and orphans!

Kearny-Harrison, N. J. (90)

A Lithuanian Day Celebration

sponsored by our Lithuanian Affairs Committee, was held on February 16, 1950. Rev. Dominic Pocius and Anne Klem were in charge of arrangements. Joseph Boley served as Master of Ceremonies. Guest speakers were Rev. L. Voiciekauskas, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Rev. Pikturna and attorney Stravinskis of Brooklyn, and R. McCurie, Town Attorney of Kearny. Participating on the program: choir of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, soloists Gene Marosis, Doris Stralkus, and Charles Sawickas. A skit was also presented by the junior group under

the direction of the Sisters of St. Francis.

Picnic

Preliminary arrangements for the second annual picnic of Our Lady of Sorrows Church have been completed. The picnic will be held on Sunday, June 11, 1950, at Lindbergh Park, North Haledon, N. J. The members of our council who are serving on the committee are: William Grinewich, chairman; Joseph Kohanski, treasurer; and Charles Nakrosis, publicity.

Bits of news:

Helen Pinkin (52) and John Novitt (67) were guests at our February meeting; a note of WELCOME to the new K. of L. council recently organized at Amsterdam, N. Y.; our girls' team is tied for first place with the Linden girls in the District Bowling League; the executive board of C-90 will serve as the committee for our annual Communion Breakfast on Mother's Day, May 14th.

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Chicago, Ill. (13)

Ritual

On February 26 first degrees were received by: Bernice Novon, Cecile Kincie, Al Rimkus; second degrees: Pat Kamarauskas, Jean Tervainis, Frank Jurgaitis, Richard Jurgaitis; third degrees: Jerry Jesulaitis and Eleanore Laurin. Jerry and Eleanore received their medals at the K. of L. Senior Banquet Sunday, March 5.

Host

We are proud to have the privilege of being host to the Illinois-Indiana District St. Casimir's Day celebration March 5, and sincerely thank everyone who helped make this affair a memorable one.

Welcome

To Clarence Thurston who recently joined our council.

Pilgrimage to Rome

Father Zakarauskas, spiritual adviser, Cecile Kincie and Sophie Jurgaitis left shortly after Easter to make the pilgrimage to Rome. We are all anxious to hear about their wonderful experience.

Committee of One

Tony Diktus is arranging a theater and dinner party for the council in the near future.

Vacationing

Frances Petrauskas and her brother Connie are planning to take a trip to California this month.

Eleanor Laurin also has a bad case of "vacationitis". The only cure for her is a trip to California, too.

Richard Jurgaitis plans to go to Dayton, Ohio for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament on his new motorcycle. Has Al Rimkus made up his mind about going along with you? Richard promises not to drive more than 90 m. p. h.

Advance Notice

Friday, October 13 is the date set for our council dance.

Athol, Mass. (10)

Lithuanian play

Our council is overflowing with acting ability as we discovered the Lithuanian play presented recently. Joe Benesiunas not only adapted the two act drama but also directed and played a leading part. Agatha Sukols and Frank Anoris took other major roles as did Adele Prizgintaitė and Joe Mickunas. Others who did their best at stealing scenes were: Dona Valinčiutė, Casimir Pinigis, Joe Vatkevich, Lennie Davidonis and Anthony Neward. "Slip" Talakowski's talents were lost to the audience when he volunteered to act as stage manager.

Plans are now under way for a comedy to be presented in the near future.

St. Casimir's Day

was observed in an appropriate manner with members of the council receiving Holy Communion "in corpore". Following mass, breakfast was served in the parish hall. Through the efforts of Fathers Mazukna, spiritual advisor, we were privileged to have Judge Rowe as our guest speaker.

Lithuanian Affairs

Helen Jasinskas is again heading the Lithuanian Affairs Committee and will continue to direct the fine work.

Ritual

So that everyone will be able to achieve the highest degree to which he is entitled to according to the Ritual, Casimir Pinigis and Frank Anoris have been appointed to compile the qualifications of all members.

At the March meeting Mary Gauronsky and Stanley Strapakas became our newest C-10 er's.

It has been rumored that our boys find more of interest in Worcester than just the bowling alleys. Can certain young ladies of C-26 offer an explanation?

Maspeth, N. Y. (110)

Wedding Bells

Rang out April 22 for Eleanore Nedd and Ray Rachelis. Eleanore and Ray are both 110'ers and this calls for double congratulations from your fellow Knights. We'll also be playing the Wedding March for Tony Razickas (110) and his charming fiancee, Brenda Bell (12) who have their big day set for June 4. With our wishes may we add our hopes that you would find an apartment very soon, or better still, a house. Charles Gehrling will draw the line between Pittsburgh's Council and our own when he takes the hand of Anne Jurgaitis (62) June 26 in Pittsburgh. To you Anne and Chuck we wish many years of happy wedded life. Best wishes also go to Stella



"UPPER ROOM", presented by Council 78 and Sodality, jointly, at St. Francis Church hall, Lawrence, Mass. April 2nd. Shown in the foreground are: St. Veronica — Helen Marcinkevich, Blessed Mother — Arlene Marcinonis. Background (left to right) — John Zemis, Ray Leimonas, Walter Rinkevicius, Agnes Vilkisius and William Brown.

Kaulis and Hank Kolesk both of Council 12, who will be joined in holy wdelock June 10.

26th Annual Cotillion

Our affair held at Clinton Hall was a big success. We wish to thank all patrons for the support of our program book. To Walter Wezwick, John Shields, Charles Gehrling and Pete Lisauskas a big hand for their hard work.

Sports

In all hopes of winning we challenged Great Neck Council 109 on the bowling alleys Feb. 26. It took the ladies of our council to gain the title and our men very little to lose it. It also took a good bit of preparation by Cris Maskelony and her mother (thank you both) to patch up some mighty big appetites. The 109'ers seem to prefer our basement to the hall and obliged us by picking up the whole works and transporting it downstairs. Special mention goes to Gloria Spurgiesz for her excellent bowling.

Memorable Events

In the past few month, Great Neck's "Winter Dance", New York's "Hobo Dance", and Elizabeth's "Valentine Dance" were attended by a number of 110'ers. We are looking forward to our future neighboring council affairs.

Though a little late I'd like to introduce our officers for 1950: President, John Shields; Vice President, Charles Gehrling; Recording Secretary, Teresa Razickas; Treasurer, Al Wezwick; and Financial Secretary, Walter Wezwick. Here's wishing them a successful and fruitful year.

Welcome

Peter Purus, Sophie Tamelis and Anne Tamelis. We are happy to have you amongst us. Rickey

Kearny-Harrison, N. J. (90)

Maytime Dance

Serving on the committee are Mary Grinevich, chairman, Mildred Grinevich, Julia Laukaitis, Peter Stanekus, Helen Belavich, Vincent Gelicus and Agnes Colton. The date is Friday, May 19th, the place St. Anthony's Auditorium, East Newark, N. J. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Sports

The district bowling league came to an exciting climax for our girls' team on March 19th at Elizabeth when they edged out the Linden girls by one game to win the trophy for the second consecutive year. Hats off to the team, Ann Kiernan, captain, Marcy Matelitis, Julia Laukaitis, Ann Klem and Mildred and Mary Grinevich.

Congratulations

To Gen Milunaitis (90) and Peter Podgelsky (29), also to Dottie Simelunas and Walt Staskus both of Council 90 who announced their engagements Easter Sunday.

Get well wish

To Dot Matelitis recuperating from her recent appendix operation.

Trip to Rome

Father Dominic gave a very interesting talk on his trip to Rome at our April meeting. For those who missed it, we will be having slides and movies shown in the near future.

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THE CENTER FINANCIAL DRIVE is off to a good start. Please keep it alive by contributing.

ADVERTISING ALWAYS PAYS! Advertise your dance or social event in the VYTIS!

Cambridge, Mass. (18)

Lohengrin Echoes

Jeanne Jakutis, active member of our council, was joined in marriage to Bob Kirk (lietuvis).

The first intra-council nuptials on our records took place on Easter Sunday. The history-making duo is Ann Pakalniskis and Julie Savilonis. The teamwork and harmony they showed forming two-thirds of our bowling directory (the other third is Vito Pilkonis) they have carried into married life.

Council 18 wishes the newly-weds abundance of good fortune and much happiness in the future.

"Spring Will Be a Little Late This Year..."

And so was prexy Al Jankauskas to our April "business" meeting. Al now has a newer car but that doesn't exempt him from affliction with operating troubles — "The times that try men's souls."

The blond expert on Newark, N. J., clad in several pairs of pants whisked in and out of the meeting last month when he saw that Al Marcin had things well in tow.

"Open the Door Richard!"

Al was not the only victim of misfortune in our group. Fran Tamulynas sported a white "beauty mark" under her left eye — the victim of "crashing-intodooritis". At least that's what she says.

Order Please!!

The most commanding dictation of the April meeting, besides Vito Pilkonis', "pay up your bowling dues," was our sergeant-at-arms' decree during a particularly semi-tumultuous minute. Pete (Bookie) Puzin demanded, "Order please! Or I shall be forced to use foul means." What he probably meant was he would be forced to give out a few more chance books the incoming of which "has slacked up a bit."

"Bebop Spoken Here"

She may not be able to bleat "oobly day" but Ann Zukas was wearing a pair of snappy tortoise shell "cheaters". Which aroused speculation regarding her progressive music leanings. Bebop spoken or not at 332 Hurley St?

"I'm Waiting For The Train To Come In"

Millie Wilcinski informed red-faced Scoop that Ted Mankus was really the council "Veep" last year not herself. So to Ted (whose trains of late never seem to run to our meetings) you did a splendid job as second in command during the 1949 term. Come around Ted, we've forgotten what you look like.

"Smoke Gets in Your Eyes"

Usually there are a dozen or two cigar smokers at our meetings. Last

month the count dwindled to two: Al Marcin and Ed Puzin. The latter was testing the susceptibility and patience of several young ladies with his cigar smoke circulation. While Al Marcin illustrated what he means by "good to the last leaf."

Diner's Up Front

Al Marcin, our bus representative, implores all to ride in style and get there on time — to Marianapolis, that is. I wonder what he was thinking of when he suggested travel by bus. The shaky transportation facilities of several members?

Dear Friend

Our competent Lithuanian Affairs Committee consists of the following expert letter writers: Millie Wilcinski, Aldona Strazdas, Julie (Yes Dear) Savilonis, and Al Marcin. Miss Strazdas has written several dozen, at least, intimate sources reveal.

Scoop

Hartford, Conn. (6)

Welcome Home

A welcome home party for Vince Juselis was quite the thing with Vince showing a great deal of appreciation for the gang's interest in his return and future welfare. We're very glad to have him back in our midst once more. Participating in the party were many K. of L.'ers: Joe Adikonis' services were strictly for the ladies, the men having to help themselves to refreshments. "Ankles" Markin submitted to having her injury photographed for the first time. You see, John Kriksciun had his movie lenses focused on all throughout the evening. Action scenes were contributed by Charlie Buskey and Buddy Sabeckis who performed under a backdrop of striped drapes and shaded walls. Too bad the film is in black and white or else it may have picked out some glowing colors in Ella Staums vibrating tonsils when she performed an operatic solo. Frances Ambrose played many tunes while the chorus made its rapid selection. Madeskas' absence at the party was noticed by all.

Candle Pin Bowling

The annual bowling match in Worcester proved to be quite successful for the fellows who beat the

girls on opposing teams. Some very appetizing refreshments were served afterwards in the clubrooms. At this get-together Ann Zablaitis and "Sirduk" were happy to reunite once more! Dotty Yankauskas enjoys going to Worcester just to watch the television show on Channel 7.

Lithuanian Play

The play rehearsals continue under Father Francis Prankus' direction. On such evenings, one may find Joe Adakonis going through his lines expertly and Danny Madeska speaking Lithuanian fluently, thanks to his mother's careful coaching. How's Terry Endrelunas making out with her Lithuanian?

Sports

The last few basketball games were played and they marked the end of a successful season for this year. A return game was played with the old timers and also with Worcester. Both were victories for the K. of L. We hope that next year we will be equally successful.

Current News

Father F. Prancus celebrated his birthday on March 26th. On that same day, Father Paul Sabulis was taken ill. He is presently on the road to recovery. Monsiegnor Ambot returned from Miami, Florida, well rested and sporting a wonderful tan. A few of our girls attended a retreat in Putnam, Connecticut: Ann Zablaitis, Regina Zaranka, Stella Markin, and Terry Endrelunas. We hear that before long both Joe Adakonis and Danny Madeska will be sporting new cars! Dotty Yankauskas has been taking driving lessons and so far claims not to have knocked down any trees.

John Kriksciun showed some interesting film at our last meeting in which many of our members brought out their artistic talents. Stella Markin performed with a most radiant smile while Vince Juselis sang "Far Away" with much gusto. John Piko celebrated his birthday on April 1st by going to the races. Al Gayson is already acquiring his tan by getting in some early golfing. Irene Urban is back with the crowd once more after having had a recuperating session. Ella Staum makes friends quickly as seen at the last home basketball game. We benefited by that acquaintance as Joe Ceazar plans to join our organization. All talk now centers on the boys' cottage which will soon be open.

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South Boston, Mass. (17)

Most Inspiring

It was quite noticeable to see so many of our members receiving Holy Communion, Easter Sunday. The young Ladies really looked pretty in their Easter bonnets!

Congratulations

Attorney Anthony J. Young, chairman of the Supreme Ritual Committee and 4th degree member of the K. of L., was recently appointed to the office of the District Attorney. Anthony Young is one of the most active members in the Knights of Lithuania. It's wonderful to see some of our K. of L.'ers attaining higher positions in public life.

What's New?

Our clubrooms, of late, have really been busy. Our pool tables have been renovated, ping pong set up. Members really have a place in which to relax in our own clubrooms.

Father Contons, spiritual advisor, just returned from Washington, and looks rested up. Father, did you get new ideas for our club?

John Contons, head of our council's Improvement Fund, informs us that new card tables will be installed soon. Take care of them, boys, they cost money.

Hollywood Stars

Joe Lola, director, and his cast of all — star Academy Award winners, are ready to present "Šnipšnytis Kariuomenėje" — May 21st, at the Patrick F. Gavin School, South Boston, Mass. This Lithuanian play is the best, ever produced by Joe Lola.

Wedding Bells

Barbara Wagyan and Paul Werkowski were united in marriage at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church, April 16th. Vicky Anchukaitis, council president, was best man and Ann Wagyan, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The couple plan to settle in North Carolina while Paul is in the service.

Newsies

Wonder how our president felt the next morning after the wedding? You looked good, Vicky, in church! Every time Johnny Contons leaves Vic Anchukaitis' home, Monday nights, he goes out with a "put, put." What kind of fuel do you burn, John? Imagine John Contons getting up at 12:30 a.m. and going fishing 100 miles to catch nothing! That's even worse than listening to Joe Lola talk about "bean soup".

Wonder where Alice Plevock buys those sweaters? Have you noticed Joe Lola, district president, riding around in a new Buick? Joe Matachinskis really looks like an actor as the Russian General! Keep up the good work, Joe.

Every time Ronnie Ivanauskas sees Uncle Louie, she has that "far

away" look. Florence Petraitis' favorite saying is "can't sing, I have a hoarse throat." Nellie Grinkewich sang beautifully at Mr. and Mrs. Werkowski's wedding! It only proves that we still have talent in our K. of L.

Marie Skudris is a hard working member of our council. Keep it up, Marie!

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Norwood, Mass. (27)

Enthusiastic Meeting

Our April meeting showed a very sharp increase in attendance. As a result, much business was transacted and affairs were planned as far ahead as this coming fall.

A formal invitation is to be extended to our D. P. friends of the parish to attend the next monthly meeting.

N. E. District Covention

The following delegates represented our council: Eddie Tarutis, Chris Morris, Ann and Joe Glebauskas, Anne Kudirka, wife of Bronius Kudirka, president of the New England District Knights of Lithuania.

District Picnic

Volunteer workers and members decided to journey to the picnic grounds at Marianapolis, Conn., by bus. If necessary a second bus will be hired to transport the parishioners. Eddie Tarutis is in charge of transportation.

Council Picnic

There was great enthusiasm shown when our own annual picnic was mentioned. The response for volunteers was tremendous. We hope to get grounds for the latter part of June.

Minstrel Show

Helen Cormier and her committee will formulate plans for our Minstrel Show to be held the early part of November. Everyone is confident that it will be as good as our last one.

Social

The Kazulis family proved to be champs at the Bingo which followed our meeting, by walking off with three prizes. The members who did not win any prizes, consoled themselves with good helpings of coffee and cup cakes.

Dance and Raffle

Runeberg Hall was filled to capacity with representatives from South Boston, Cambridge, Providence and Lawrence, including loyal supporters from our surrounding towns. ("Gloom" was the only missing guests.)

After a few preliminary comments, Frank Razvadauskas of Southie, drew the raffle ticket which bore the name of the Uzdavinis family of St. Joseph Ave., Norwood.

We thank the hard working committee: Brownie Kudirka, John Shipper, Frannie Nevins, Kay Saulen, Eleanor Peshin, Mickey Marks, Chris Morris, Ann Kodis, Ann Balutis and John Navickas.

Sea Breeze

Good to see Vinnie Kudirka back from Baltimore... Jasper Pazniokas finally found his dancing "shooz". Was it the good music that affected him or - - - ?... Kay Saulen — next time don't step on banana peels... Beaver Troop 2222 profited by the raffle... What a finale to a rip-roaring time when the streamers came tumbling down!

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Cleveland, Ohio (25)

Congratulations

We extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Rev. Father Boreisis of Detroit, Michigan, who on May 7th celebrated the 30th anniversary of his Ordination.

Our own financial secretary, Joan Susin, was chosen by the Sodality of St. George's parish to be their annual May Queen. Joan is also chairman of C-25's active committee. Two of her eight attendants are also K. of L. members.

Chatter about Matters

We hear a certain Al Polaski is sporting a new overcoat. You had better keep your eye on this one. Helen Vaska brightened up the meeting with her gold coat when she made her entrance, tardy too... Our meat cutter, Dick Garuckas, was seen around with a bandaged finger. Occupational disease? Nice to see Vic Palzas at the last meeting. John Brazis was a welcomed stranger. Maggie Samson certainly can bake! Those cookies we had at the meeting were delicious. Ray Gyls, one of our new members, can really play the piano (English and Lithuanian songs)! He entertained us after the last meeting. Ursula Yankauskas was also among those present. Glad to see you. It's nice to see Mrs. Kuzas back at our meetings after being ill. We want to thank her for the lovely articles she donated for our raffle. We also express appreciation to Mrs. Leo Alberts for donating her home baked goods at our socials and card parties. Leo is a very lucky fellow for having such a good baker as Mrs. Alberts.

Bowling

"Pick em up", — "t-i-m-b-e-r", "make that spare" — are all familiar phrases heard at Superior 69th and Skufca's Recreations. It seems everyone you meet is practising for the bowling tournament which is to take place in Dayton.

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