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Vyčių Seimui Praėjus

Didysis Vyčių Seimas, vykęs š. m. rugsėjo m. 6, 7, 8, 9 dienomis New Yorke, pasibaigė. Jis buvo gausus ir turiningas. Jis praėjo kilnia krikščioniška ir entuziastiška lietuviška dvasia. Jame padaryta daug svarbių nutarimų ir duota naujų gairių ateities veikimui. Neabejotina, kad tai yra vienas iš pačių geriausių Vyčių Seimų. Jo įtaka bus ilgai jaučiama vyčių gyvenime ir veikloj.

Vyčių Seimas vyčių kuopose

Apie tik ką praėjusį Vyčių Seimą galima būtų daug įdomaus kalbėti. Manau, kad grįžę iš Seimo Vyčių atstovai smulkiai atpasakos vyčių kuopose kas vyko Seime ir tuo budu patį Vyčių Seimą nors trumpam laikui lyg ir perkels į kuopas. Butų gera, kad tai būtų rupestingai visose kuopose įgyvendinta. Pranešėjai turėtų tam uždaviniui gerai pasiruošti ir specialiam vyčių susirinkime tinkamai visa atpasakoti. Gaila, kad iki šiam laikui į šiuos dalykus nebuvo kreipta pakankamai dėmesio. O tinkamai Vyčių Seimo eigą nušviečiant, kiek daug visokių dalykų gali papasakoti, kiek daug vertingų minčių iškelti. Ir būtų gal visai ne per daug jei Vyčių Seimo reikalams nušviesti ir iš čia kylančioms mintims išnagrinti būtų skirtas ne vienas kuopos susirinkimas, bet du, o gal net ir daugiau. Tai būtų visiems labai naudinga.

Ypač reikėtų rimčiau apsistoti svarstant ypatingesnes Seimo vietas, svarbesnius nutarimus, kurie gali daug reikšti ateities vyčių veiklai. Ir čia iš šių dalykų norime taip pat kai ką paminėti.

Jaunesnių vyčių kuopos

Kun. A. Kontautas iškėlė Vyčių Seime mintį ir pasiūlė priimti nutarimą, kad prie kiekvienos vyčių kuopos būtų suorganizuotos ir jaunesniųjų vyčių kuopelės. Pasiūlymas buvo priimtas. Tai nutarimas, kurio pasėkos gali turėti didelės reikšmės vyčių ateičiai. Jei vyčiai suorganizuos jaunesniųjų vyčių kuopeles ir tinkamai rupinsis jų veikla, tai tuo jie susidarys naujo narių prieauglio neišsekantį šaltinį. Ypač jei tas prieauglis bus tinkamai paruoštas. Tuomet vyčiai gaus sau nariais ne bet kokius jaunuolius, be gilesnės nuovokos apie vyčių idealus, apie organizacinės veiklos svarbą ir veikimo budus, bet jau su tais dalykais gerokai apsipažinusius ir su džiaugsmu ir entuziazmu įsiliejančius į vyčių eiles. Jie visapusiškai gilins ir plės vyčių judėjimą. Tik reikalinga, kad šituo dalyku kiekvienoje vyčių kuopoje būtų rimtai susirupinta ir nei vienai dienai neatidėliota.

Vyresniųjų vyčių draugovės

Rupinantis jaunesniųjų vyčių reikalais, kartu reikia neužmiršti ir vyresniųjų vyčių, tai yra vyčių, kurie, pagal vyčių nuostatus, jau turi apiešti vyčių eiles. Juk vyčiai tai yra jaunimo organizacija. O žmogus ne visuomet jaunu esi, negali visą laiką būti dvidešimties ar dvidešimties penkių metų amžiaus. Žmogus auga, bręsta, veda, išteka ir pamažu iš jaunuolio amžiaus išsitraukia ir, kaip sakoma, giliau ir rimčiau į gyvenimą įsirėžia. Jam iškyla kitoniški, negu jaunuolio amžiaus, reikalai. Ir gerai, kad taip yra. Dėlto savaime susidaro tokia padėtis, kad vyresnieji sueina į savo atskiras Vyčių Draugoves, čia atitinkamai veikia ir visokiais budais remia jaunimo, vyčių veiklą. Įsivaizduokite, koks didelis būtų nuostolis, jei visi šitie vyresnieji, vyresniosios kartos vyčiai, gražiai veikę vyčių organizacijoj ir čia įgavę daug naudingo patyrimo, dabar visai nuo vyčių nutrupėtų ir su jais nuolatinio organizacinio ryšio neturėtų. Tai būtų lygu uždirbto, įgyto turto išbarstymui. Tai būtų neapsakoma vyčių judėjimui žala. Tai prileisti jokia būdu negalima. Reikia daboti, kad nei vienas vyresnyssi vytis-ė nuo vyčių judėjimo nenutoltų, kad jie turėtų savas draugoves, jose veiktų ir padėtų visam vyčių judėjimui. Šituo dalyku turi rimtai ir neatidėliotinai rupintis ir patys vyčiai ir jų vyresnieji.

Einant vyčių judėjimui trimis srovėmis, tai yra per jaunesnius, vyčius ir vyresnius ir visiems darniai, sutartinai veikiant, bus gerų rezultatų pasiekta.

Spaudos reikalai; mūsų "Vytis"

Turėti gerą savo žurnalą, kuriame rastum tai ko širdis trokšta, kuris būtų gražiai iliustruotas, ant gerą popieriaus atspausdintas, visuomet laukiamas ir mielas, kurį su džiaugsmu pats į rankas paimtum ir kitiems su pasididžiavimu parodytum, tai yra mūsų visų bendras reikalas. To reikia siekti. Ir jei mes visi tuo rupinsimės, tai be abejonės ir pasieksime. Todėl visi įsidėmėkime, kad: 1) visi ką tik įdomaus turime į jį parašytume, 2) kad vyčių kuopos ir pavieni vyčiai prisiųstų į vyčių gyvenimo ir veiklos fotografijų, kad jas patalpinti "Vytyje" ir už tai patys apsimokėkime, nes "Vytis" pinigų neturi ir tai apmokėti negali; 3) kad vyčių kuopos ir pavieni vyčiai prisiųstų "Vyties" pagerinimui bent kartą į metus pagal savo išgalę aukų pinigais. Jie šita darysime, rezultatai tikrai bus dideli. Ir "Vytis" ne tik mums bus vis malonesnis, bet prasi-

skins kelią į platesnes jaunimo mases, vyčių eilės augs, plis, o gražus vyčių idealai naujus laimėjimus skins.

Štai kelios mintys kilusios praėjusiojo Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo proga. Jas apsvarstykime ir vykinkime. Tegul nauji vyčių užsimojimai kuria naują, gražią gadynę.

Vyčių Centro Darbai

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Pirmininko
Al. Vasiliausko Pranešimo Ištrauka

(Ištrauka)

Padaryta 6 posėdžiai. Nariai į posėdžius gerai lankėsi. Tuose posėdžiuose Pirmininkas padarydavo pranešimus apie veiklos eigą. Posėdžiuose svarstyta daug svarbių klausimų.

Pirmininkas aplankė daug vyčių kuopų su paraginimais vis geriau veikti. Be to turėjo, vyčių reikalais, platų susirašinėjimą. Spaudai davė keletą pasikalbėjimų vyčių veiklos klausimais. Iankėsi Washington, D. C. pagerbti nežinomąjį kareivį, žuvusį dėl savo krašto ir žmonijos laisvės ir gerovės ir ant jo kapo vyčių vardu uždėjo vainiką.

Nuoširdžiai kvietė naujai atvykusįjį Amerikon lietuviškąjį jaunimą stoti į vyčių eiles ir čia sutartinai dirbti "Dievui ir Tėvynei."

Ragino, kad vyčių apskričių valdybos ruoštų kursus vadams. Tai visokeriopai pagerintų vyčių veikimą. Ligi šiol tai darė tik dviejų apskričių valdybos. Kvietė ir kitus apskričius tai būtina padaryti.

Ragino plėsti vyčių tarpe sportą ir vystyti tarpusaves varžybas.

Paminėjo, kad vyčiai vis plačiau ir plačiau įsitraukia į lietuviškąją veiklą ir aktingai dalyvauja vaidinimuose ir choruose.

Pranešė apie Vyčių įkurėjo Mykolo Norkuno mirtį ir vytiškas jo laidotuves, dėkodamas visiems, kurie tose laidotuvėse dalyvavo ir čia visokeriopai pagelbėjo.

Iškėlė reikalą, kad vyčiai kuogreičiausiai surastų pas save vietą archyvui laikyti. Tai duotų galimybės tinkamai suorganizuoti ir išlaikyti savąjį archyvą.

Iškėlė reikalą didesnio planingo veikimo. Tai

duotų galimybės įstatyti visą vyčių veiklą dar į svaresnes vėzes ir pasiekti dar geresnių rezultatų.

Pabrėžė butinumą organizuoti judomuosius paveikslus iš vyčių veiklos. Tai vaizdžiai ir gerai veiktų visą vytišką jaunimą ir trauktų į vyčių eiles tuos jaunuolius-es, kurių dar čia nėra.

Pažymėjo reikalingumą daugiau rašyti apie vyčių veiklą spaudoj, vesti vis didesnę vyčių veiklos ir idėjų propagandą ir tuo budu vis gyviau surišti vyčius su plačiąja visuomene.

VYČIŲ DARBAI LIETUVAI

Lietuvos Vyčių Lietuvių Reik. Kom. Pirm. Kun. J. C. Jutkevičiaus Raporto Ištrauka

Nėra kalbos, kad Lietuvių Reikalų Komisija stropiai veikia ir dirba labai gražų tautinį darbą. Toji komisija per penkerius metus gyvuoja ir kasmet jos veikimas didėja ir didėja. Praėjusių metų veikimas viršijo net ir užpraėjusių rekordinių metų veikimą. Tai aišku iš pranešimo, kurį man yra garbė ir džiaugsmas šiam seimui pareikšti.

	1950	1951
Parašyta biuletenių	15	15
Biuleteniuse laiškų	337	389
Išsiųsta biuletenių	2,425	2,635
Pavardžių ant "mailing list".....	164	196
Veikiančių kuopų	30	32
Laiškų bei atviručių parašyta apie	13,340	17,730
Atsakymų apturėta apie	1,600	2,720

Kaipo šios komisijos pirmininkui teko man daug laiškų parašyti šio krašto Prezidentui, valdžios pareigūnams, senatoriams, atstovams, redaktoriams, kalbėtojams ir kitiems, kurie tik kuo nors pagelbėjo Lietuvai. Iš viso parašiau ir išsiunčiau 1138 laiškus.

Man labai džiugu pranešti, kad šiais metais daug daugiau narių atsiliepė į prašymą man atsiųsti iš laikraščių ir žurnalų iškarpas, kurios lietė Lietuvos klausimą. Dar niekada negavau tiek iškarpu, kiek per šiuos metus. Iš tikro, tai parodo, kad vis daugiau ir daugiau interesuojasi komisijos darbu ir rūpinasi Lietuvos reikalais. Tiems, kurie man prisiuntė iškarpu, tariau tikrą lietuvišką ačiu. Ypatingą padėkos žodį noriu ištarti:

Pranui Vaškui iš Newark, N. J.
Juozapinai Rusaitei iš Great Neck, L. I.
Leonardui Valiukui iš Dayton, Ohio.
Lilijonai Tores iš Cleveland, Ohio.
Onai Mae Uznytei iš Detroit, Mich.
Vincui Količiui iš Pittsburgh, Pa.
Aleksandrui Vasiliauskiui, Pirmininkui, iš Great Neck, L. I.

Juozui Janulaičiui iš J. V. kariuomenės.

Šie labai daug iškarpu prisiuntė. Jie pasišventusiai dirbo ir už tai aš jiems dėkingas. Jų pasišventimas iš tikro yra pavyzdys visiems kitiems vyčiams ir vytėms. Ypatingai noriu pažymėti pastangas Juozo Janulaičio, kurs buvo ščios kuopos Philadelphijoj pirmininkas. Jis dabar tarnauja kariuomenėje, bet nežiurint į tai, kad užimtas manevrais ir pratybomis, jis vis suranda laiko prisiusti ką tik jis pastebi apie Lietuvą. Tai pagirtinas dalykas. Už tai jį gerbiame ir visi vyčiai juo didžiuojamės.

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Kaip pernai, taip ir šiais metais vyčiai gražiai prisidėjo savo parapijose prie Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės minėjimų, Maldos už Lietuvą Dienos, Lietuvos okupacijos smerkimo dienos ir Mindaugo Krikšto sukakties.

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Šiais metais nariai irgi iš anksto parašė savo senatoriams ir atstovams Washingtone ir prašė jų neužmiršti, kad vasario 16 diena yra Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Diena. Daugelis jų gražiai atsiliepė apie Lietuvą ir tos kalbos tilpo Congressional Record. Valstijų gubernatoriai ir miestų majorai buvo prašyti paskelbti savo vietose vasario 16 dieną, kaipo Lietuvos Dieną. Didžiuma jų taip padarė.

Šiais metais pradėjome siųsti biuletenius VLIK'ui Europoje, kurs labai interesuojasi mūsų komisijos veikla. VLIK'ui ir svarbiausias iškarpa išsiunčiame. Ne tik VLIK'as, bet ir visi lietuviai džiaugiasi, kad vyčiai taip gražiai dirba.

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Redaktoriai ir kiti svetimtaučiai irgi stebisi vyčių tautiniu veikimu. Štai kaip vienas redaktorius rašo:

“We admire and applaud Americans of Lithuanian descent for their indomitable zeal. A publication need only to mention their homeland, however briefly, and immediately from all parts of the U. S. come letters of thanks.”

Vienas kongresmonas rašo:

“I realize the wonderful efforts that have been made by Americans of Lithuanian descent in preserving the freedom of this country and I feel that our nation should resolve to aid in overthrowing the Russian aggressors who have so completely dominated the once proud Republic of Lithuania.”

Kitas redaktorius šitaip atsiliepė į jam pareikštą protestą, dėl netikslumų, kurie buvo atspausdinti jo laikraštyje:

“I admire the Lithuanian people for watching such points and for directing attention to them. Believe me, I regret the omission very much. . . . Needless to say we here heartily uphold Lithuania and the other Baltic nations in their brave struggle for independence and condemn the brutal action of Russia in seizing them.”

Senatorius McMahan iš Connecticut rašo:

“There is one quality of the Lithuanian people which I esteem above all others—their fierce and steadfast opposition to the bonds of tyranny. . . . I admire beyond measure this brave struggle of the Lithuanian people and so do free men everywhere admire it. The identity of the Lithuanian people will not be destroyed and some day they will be free.”

Kartą vienas kunigas, ne lietuvis, paminėjo Lietuvą pamoksle ir tiesiog stebėjosi, kad daug pagyrimo laiškų gavo. Kitas redaktorius buvo džiaugsmo pilnas, nes pirmą kartą savo gyvenime gavo net šimtais laiškų, pagiriančių jį, kad jis patalpino gražų straipsnį apie Lietuvą.

Iš to viso, mano brangūs vyčiai-vytės, galime suprasti, kiek gero padaro Lietuvių Reikalų Komisija. Naudos atneša ne tik Lietuvai, bet ir visai tautai ir visai organizacijai. Seimas turėtų dar kartą pabrėžti, kad visos kuopos be išimties turėtų savo atskiras komisijas, kurios nesnaustų, bet be perstojimo dirbtų. Dabartiniai Lietuvos sunkumai ir mūsų visų lietuvių garbė to reikalauja. Kodėl daugiau negalėtų būti tokių narių, kaip dvi vytės iš Pittsburgho, kurios viena ir kita parašė daugiau negu po 300 laiškų? Kodėl negalėtų būti daugiau kuopų, kaip Clevelando kuopa, kuri parašė virš 560 laiškų, nors komisiją sudaro tik trys nariai?

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Brangūs vyčiai-vytės, karštai melskimės už Lietuvą. Kreipkimės pas Jėzų ir Jo Motiną, kad Jie pasigailėtų Lietuvos ir visos lietuvių tautos. Kartu su malda reikia dirbti ir veikti. Ir Dievas duos mums malonių su kuriomis darbą galėsime atlikti. Kaip? Įsirašydami į savo kuopos Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijas, rašydami laiškus, gindami Lietuvos bylą, budami visada tikros lietuviškos dvasios.

Gyventi tai yra veikti, o veikti tai yra gyventi.
PijusXI.

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Dideli laimėjimai eina per didelius pasiaukojimus.

That Big City Convention

JOSEPH BOLEY, New York City

The 38th convention has passed into history. To every participant in this smoothly run, well-organized gathering the three days were richly rewarding. Aside from the pleasant renewal of acquaintances and co-workers in a common cause, the convention served up a rich diet of food for thought. Those who took advantage of the discussions and the opinions offered by distinguished fellow-members and guests returned home better informed and better equipped to do battle with their own frequent indifference and to stir up more enthusiasm in that vast majority of our membership that could not attend the convention. There is usually not a little sacrifice involved in going to a convention in a distant city. But those who had their eyes and ears open during this convention must have thought the cost in time and money insignificant, compared with the treasury of thoughts and ideas that they received in return. One worthwhile idea is often worth a trip of a thousand miles.

The convention was unusual in several respects. The absence of our founder, Mykolas Norkunas, was felt keenly by the assembly. A C-foot photo-portrait of him taken at the Detroit convention hung behind the chairman and dominated the meeting hall. It seemed as though he were honorary chairman of the assembly. By coincidence, the convention motto placed just above the picture couldn't have been more appropriate, for it echoed the words that our Beloved Founder stressed in one form or another: "Lietuviais esame mes gimę, lietuviais norime ir but." A Norkunas Memorial Fund was started at the convention and it is to be hoped that our officers will soon evolve a fitting plan by which we may immortalize the man who has loved us so dearly.

Because of a special vesper service at St. Patrick's Cathedral Sunday afternoon, to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the baptism of Lithuania's King Mindaugas, the business of the convention had to be telescoped into two days. That the convention was able to accomplish as much as it did was due in part to the well laid advance preparations of the Supreme Council and in part to the convention's expert chairman, Joseph Lola (Boston) and his two capable assistants, Joseph Matachinskis (Brooklyn) and Bronius Krakauskas (Rochester). The

Resolutions Committee consisted of Father A. Kasper, Father J. Jutkevičius, Father Contons, Father Urbonavicius, Jack Jatis, Anthony Ma-zeika and Anne Klem.

The lack of a full-length Sunday session gave the convention a rather weak ending, but this deviation from the orthodox plans was fully compensated by the magnificent services at the cathedral. The beautiful singing by the joint 12 choirs under the direction of Composer J. Žilevičius of Elizabeth, N. J., the fine oratory from the pulpit of our own American-born priest, Monsignor John Balkunas, in Lithuanian and English, the touching prayer for Lithuania read by Father J. Gurinskas of New York's Our Lady of Vilna parish, Bishop Joseph P. Donahue's greeting in behalf of Cardinal Spellman and himself and the presence of so many of our Lithuanian priests in the sanctuary, all contributed toward an impressive and memorable occasion. The celebrant of the vespers was Very Rev. Canon J. B. Koncius, who was assisted by Fathers John Kinta and John Jutkevičius. Several thousand Lithuanians filled the beautiful gothic church and helped the Knights to commemorate an important event in the history of their people.

Speaking of the clergy, we couldn't help but notice the large number of our priests from far and near who attended the sessions and other functions of the convention. Their friendliness and sincere interest in organization matters were evident at every turn. And to the Priests' League who suggested the Cathedral service and guided the arrangements the Knights are profoundly grateful.

Our Father John figured prominently in two other important spots: the Lithuanian Affairs Committee report (18,000 letters!) and another of his inspiring sermons on Sunday morning. The convention accepted with reluctance his withdrawal from the Supreme Council and expressed hope that his successor as Spiritual Director will be Father A. Kasper. Father John continues in charge of the important Lithuanian Affairs Committee. The list of new officers is again headed by Al Wesey, who accepted the burden of presidency for another year.

The convention as a whole had a certain dignity befitting the Knights of Lithuania. The remarks heard from the convention floor were marked by courtesy and fair play.

Stories of the convention were carried by

"The New York Times," "The New York Herald-Tribune" and other leading newspapers and by the Voice of America. The result of all this unprecedented publicity, of course, will be that the Knights will be expected to do great things. They are going to be watched more closely and more critically.

Perhaps the only weak spot in the otherwise flawless convention arrangements was the leaving of Saturday evening to mere sightseeing. Not that this was uninteresting. But an opportunity was missed for drawing hundreds of outsiders to our midst to view a display of K. of L. talent, with the resultant advancement of the organization's name and prestige. The night before, however, the committee probably broke all records for K. of L. dances. The huge ball room was jammed to capacity, the professional Joe Thomas orchestra provided irresistible music that extended into a welcome overtime session, the dancers were happy and gay and the committee, efficient and hospitable. No less smooth was the banquet session on Sunday night, when 350 person spent their final convention hours together, listening to many (!) speakers, introduced with a flourish by Danny Averka. A surprise item on the program was the appearance of Chicago's distinguished Knight Al Brazis, whose singing captivated the audience. For her long and untiring work as assistant editor of VYTIS Phyllis Grendal was presented by President Wesley with a handsome pen and pencil set.

All in all, Larry Janonis, the hard-working chairman of the Convention Committee and the entire Council 12 can be justly proud of their efforts. They gave us an outstanding convention in a beautiful setting.

Famous last words—"See you in Dayton."

Vyčių Dvasiniai Reikalai

Lietuvos Vyčių Dvasios Vado
Kun. J. C. Jutkevičiaus Raporto Ištrauka

Jokių nemalonių, skandalingų dalykų dorovinėj srity tvarkyti neturėjau. Tuo didžiuojuosi.

Prašiau visų dvasios vadų paraginti savo kuopų narius prie dažnesnio šventųjų sakramentų priėmimo. Kadangi per seimą, kurs įvyko Čikagoje, buvo iškelta mintis, kad kuopos eitų bendrai prie šventos komunijos keturis kartus į metus ir kadangi toji mintis mano nuomone yra gera, sveika ir naudinga, dėlto prašiau klebonų ir dvasios vadų vyčiams per susirinkimus

pakalbėti apie švenčiausiąjį Sakramentą ir nuolat paskatinti juos, kad dažniau priimtų šventą komunią in corpore.

Esu labai patenkintas, kad visos kuopos stengėsi iškilmingai paminėti mūsų garbingojo patrono, šv. Kazimiero, šventę. Šventos mišios buvo atlaikytos vyčių intencija ir nariai laike mišių priėmė šventą komunią. Po bažnytinių apėigų įvyko bendri pusryčiai, laike kurių buvo paruošta ypatinga programa su įvairiais pamariginimais. Kiek žinau, tik viena kuopa tai neįvykdė.

Paskutiniaisiais laikais nemažai iš mūsų narių įstojo į moterystės luomą. Pastebėjau, kad didžiama jų atsitolino nuo vytiško veikimo. Taip mes praradome gana daug narių. Dėlto, be kitų dvasinio turinio straipsnių, parašiau ypatingą straipsnį, kurs tilpo VYTYJE ir kurs buvo taikomas tiems vedusiems. Atspausdinau labai daug egzempliorių ir išdalinau, kur tik galėjau. Kuopos per ateinančius metus turėtų dėti ypatingas pastangas, kad vedusieji pasiliktų vyčių eilėse. Butų gerai, kad kuopos nusiųstų savo vedusiems nariams, buvusiems ir esantiems, po vieną egzempliorių. Galėsite gauti pas mane kiek tik norėsite.

Kur tik galėjau ir kur tik buvau prašytas, nuvažiavau pasakyti kalbas apie mūsų organizaciją ir paskatinti jaunimą įstoti į vyčių eiles. Teko parašyti laiškų tų parapijų klebonams, kur nėra vyčių kuopų. Vieni jokio dėmesio neatkreipė, o kiti pareiškė, kad jie darys ką tik galės, kad vyčiai jų parapijoj įsisteigtų. Dviejose tokių parapijų jau vyčių kuopos veikia.

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Primenu, kad dar turime vytiškų atvirukų. Prašau visų įsigyti tų atvirukų ir juos vartoti, nes tai yra budas išgarsinti mūsų organizaciją.

Keturis kartus dalyvavau Centro Valdybos posėdžiuose. Daug teko turėti nemalonumo ir rūpesčio "Vyties" spausdinimo reikalais.

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L. VALIUKAS

“Suprantau, tai bent organizacija,”—kalbėjo man fotografas Don Šulaitis, padaręs keletą nuotraukų iš vyčių suvažiavimo New York'e. “Teko matyti jau visą eilę seimų bei suvažiavimų,”—tęsė toliau p. Šulaitis,—bet jie visi paliko gana blankų vaizdą. Ot, čia jau kas kita. Butinai atsivesiu ir savo prietelius, kad jie pamatytų pilna to žodžio prasme Amerikos lietuvių suvažiavimą.” Ponas D. Šulaitis savo pažadą tesėjo, atsivesdamas savo pažįstamus, kad jie pamatytų, kaip posėdžiauja Amerikos lietuvių organizacijos atstovai. Man teko išgirsti ir jų nuomonę. Jie gėrėjosi vyčių suvažiavimu.

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Nusiskundžiama, kad čia gimęs lietuvių jaunimas menkai besidomįs lietuvių kalba ir pan. Bet turime ir priešingų pavyzdžių. Šv. Patriko katedroje įvykusių pamaldų metu teko sėdėti šalia ponų Mažeikų (Pittsburgh, Pa.) vaikučių. Kartu su savo tėveliu į seimą buvo atvykusi ir dukra ir sunus. Jų amžiaus neklausiau, bet, mano sprendimu, vienas gali turėti apie 10, o kitas—9 metukus. Mano nustebimui, ir mergaitė ir berniukas kalbėjo su visais kitais lietuviškai maldas, lietuviškai giedojo giesmes, taip pat kartu su visais kitais giedojo ir Lietuvos Himną. Abu tėvai gimę čia. Sektinas pavyzdys kitoms lietuvių šeimoms.

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Po pamaldų Aušros Vartų parapijos bažnyčioje, sutinku vieną savo pažįstamą. Pirmas jojo klausimas, kurioje stovykloje Vokietijoje gyvenęs tas kunigas, kuris vyčiams pasakęs tokį patriotišką pamokslą ir tokia gražia lietuvių kalba. Iš manęs sužinojęs, kad kun. J. Jutkevičiaus esama vietos lietuvių, gimusio ir augusio Amerikoje, mano bičiulis susimąstė ir tarė: “Kad taip turėtumėm bent kelioliką tokių kunigų. Sužydėtų lietuviškoji veikla lietuvių parapijose.”

Prel. Kelmelis, išklauses kun. J. Jutkevičiaus pranešimą apie Lietuvos Reikalų Komisijos veiklą, sujaudintas tarė: “Jei bučiau vyskupas, tai iš karto Jus (kun. J. Jutkevičių) pakelčiau į prelatatus. Kaip miela ir smagu, kad čia gimęs ir angęs kunigas tiek daug dirba Lietuvos labui, sielojasi Lietuvos reikalais, kalba taisyklinga lietuvių kalba.”

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Juozas Boley, suvažiavimo metu laikydamas

paskaitą apie a. a. M. Norkuną, apgailėstavo, kad kai kurie vyčiai dar vis turi sunkumų su lietuvių kalba. “Reikia tik noro,” kalbėjo J. Boley,—“ir visi kuo puikniausiai išmoksime lietuviškai.”

Prieš kiek laiko teko pasikeisti laiškais su ponu J. Boley. Pasakysiu, kad reikia tiesiog stebėtis jo puikiu lietuvių kalbos žinojimu ne tik žodžiu, bet taip pat ir raštu. Prie tokių šimtaprocentinių lietuvių priskirtina yra ir daugiau vyčių: J. Lola, J. Jatis, J. Stoškus, Phyllis Grendal F. Razvadauskas, P. Gudelis, A. Mažeika, kun. J. Jutkevičius, A. Wesey ir visa eilė kitų. Kodėl gi visiems nepasekti paminėtųjų pėdomis ir neišmokti gerai lietuvių kalbos žodžiu ir raštu?

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“Inteligentas žmogus kalba keliomis kalbomis,”—kalbėjo prof. K. Pakštas vyčiams suvažiavimo metu. “Pusinteligenti žmogus kalba bent dviem kalbomis,”—tęsė prof. K. Pakštas,—“o tik paprastas žmogelis kalba viena kalba.” Ragino jis vyčius neleisti Amerikai visai nuplikti, priešingai—be savo krašto kalbos, taip pat mokintis ir savo tėvų gimtosios lietuvių kalbos. Įsidėmėtini visiems prof. K. Pakšto žodžiai. Anot prof. K. Pakšto, sunkūs laikai stovį mums prieš akis. Jaunimas turįs būti vieningas ir gerai organizuotas. Lietuviai esą daug aukų sudėję ant Amerikos nepriklausomybės aukuro. Gi atsistatant Lietuvai, busianti reikalinga kraujo transfuzija. Kaip tik Amerikos lietuviai turėsią čia daugiausiai pasitarnauti.

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Prel. L. Tulaba, veik ištisai sekęs visą vyčių seimą, džiaugėsi gražia Amerikos lietuvių jaunimo organizacijos veikla. Tiesiog stebėjosi, kad Amerikos lietuvių tarpe esą tokių žmonių (kun. J. Jutkevičius ir kiti), kurie Lietuvos reikalui kasdien parašą net po tris laiškus, gindami jos bylą.

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Jaunimas dažnai kreipia savo akis į vyresnius, ką jie pasakys vienu ar kitu svarbesniu klausimu. Savo svarų žodį ne kartą tarė seimo metu ir ponas F. Razvadauskas, vadovavęs vyčių organizacijai sunkiu paskutinio karo metu, rods, ar tik ne penketą metų. Daug sumanumo ir energijos teko jam tada panaudoti, išlaikant vyčius stipria organizacija. Savo puikiais sumanymais bei patarimais ir dabar ponas F. Razvadauskas atkreipė visų dėmesį.

Seimą reikia laikyti pavykusiu.

38-tas Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas

BR. KRAKAUSKAS

Didesnieji Lietuvos Vyčių susiburimai vienija juos, stiprina ir kelia jų dvasią, žadina Lietuvos ir kilnių idealų meilę. Trisdešimt aštuntasis L. Vyčių seimas ypatingai gerai šį uždavinį atliko ir todėl mes skaitome, kad šis seimas yra labai gerai pasisekęs. Parinkta tinkama vieta, puiki aplinka, gera Centralinės Valdybos organizacija, gausus burys atstovų, daug žymių svečių inteligentų vadų, kurie savo energingomis kalbomis teigiamai veikė seimo dalyvius, žadindami dar energingiau dirbti pirmoj eilėj Lietuvos išlaisvinimo darbą, kaip ir savo tarpe visada išlikti kilniais lietuviais su pagrindiniu lietuviškumo bruožu—lietuvų kalba.

Seimo metu paaiškėjo, kad L. V. organizacija yra pakankamai stipri. Taip pat iš raportų matyti, kad organizacija yra subrendusi savo uždavinius atlikti žygiuojant į 40 metų savo veikimo jubilėjų.

Pažymėtina šio seimo metu dvi ypatingos nuotakos, kurios ypač kėlė atstovų ir svečių dvasią, tai:

1. Raportas buvusios Lietuvos Reikalų Komisijos Pirmininko kun. Jutkevičiaus apie nuveiktus šios komisijos darbus.

2. Patrijotine dvasia persunktos energingos kalbos prel. Balkuno, prof. Pakšto, prel. Tulabos, Kan. Končiaus ir kitų. Ypatingos reikšmės turi prel. Balkuno pamokslas šv. Patriko Katedroje anglų kalba. (Katedra buvo pilna žmonių; daug ir nelietuvių.) Taip pat kun. Jutkevičiaus pamokslas Aušros Vartų parapijos bažnyčioje seimo dalyvių pamaldose, kaip ir prel. Tulabos paskaita apie karalių Mindaugą. Tai jautriausi momentai seimo metu, kurie ypač virpino delegatų širdis, kartais gyvai žadindami energiją drąsiai dirbti Vyčių idealams, kartais ištraukdami ašarą vardan tų, kurie dirbo pirma mūsų ir jau atsiskyrė su šiuo pasauliu.

Nesuklysiu sakydamas, kad įtakingiausi svečiai seime buvo prel. Balkunas, prof. Pakštas ir prel. Tulaba, kaip savo imponuojančiomis kalbomis taip ir savo idėjomis. Ypatingos reikšmės turi gerbiamo prelado pasakytas šv. Patriko Katedroje pamokslas, kurį visais atžvilgiais galima pavadinti klasiniu: turiningas, išsamus, nušviečiant katalikiškos Lietuvos amžiną kovą už katalikybę iki šių dienų. Kalba aiški, pakankamai gausi subtiliu įsijautimu. Seimo delegatams kalbėdamas gerb. svečias prašė juos parvykus į namus raginti Vyčius tuojau, vieningai įsijungti į Pa-

saulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės organizaciją ir antra, kaip pilnateisiai Amerikos piliečiai prašyti Washingtoną privačiais laiškais, kad būtų priimta Genocido Konvencija.

“Lietuviais išliks tik karingi lietuviai. Bailiai nutrupės!” prabilo profesorius Pakštas į seimo dalyvius. “Kalbėkime gražiaja lietuvių kalba, nes ji yra Amerikoje lygiateisė su kitomis. Amerikos žmonės kalba daugybe kalbų. Anglų yra tik vyraujanti kalba. Ji nėra tikra amerikoniška, o atsivežtinė, nes tikros amerikoniškos kalbos yra 600 įvairių indijonų kalbų.

“Bukime turtingi idėjomis! Pirmoj eilėj teisingumas ko siekiant ir Lietuva turi atgauti laisvę. Svarbu mokslas ir kultūra; nebukite vergai fabrikuose. Kaip jaunimo organizacija, bukite karingi Vyčiai. Kovokite kiekvieną dieną”—tokios buvo pagrindinės profesoriaus mintys Vyčių banketo metu.

Prelatas Tulaba gražiai apibudino karalius Mindaugo krikšto reikšmę. Jo malonus kalbos tonas, paprastais žodžiais reiškiamos mintys paliko seimo dalyviams gilų įspūdį.

Juozo Bulevičiaus paskaita apie vieną iš Vyčių organizacijos steigėjų, Mykolą Norkuną, kuris gyvendamas visą savo laisvą laiką ir turtą skyrė Vyčių idealų įgyvendinimui, maloniai veikė klausytojus. Autorius paskaitė keletą iš jo, dar prieš pusmetį rašytų laiškų ištraukų, kurios, kaip paties Mykolo gyvas žodis, jaudinančiai veikė ištraukiant ne vienam ašarą.

Seimo šukis buvo “Lietuviais esame mes gimę, Lietuviais norime ir but.” Viso seimo metu buvo vartojama tik lietuvių kalba, tik labai svarbūs pranešimai buvo išverčiami ir į anglų kalbą.

Viešint seime įspudis darosi, kad Amerikoje augęs lietuvių jaunimas nėra miręs lietuviškumui ir Lietuvai. Yra mirusi tik jo dalis. Daug yra jaunų Amerikos lietuvių giliai mylinčių Lietuvą, lietuvybę. Šie simpatizingieji lietuviai yra pavyzdingi žmonės ir aktyvūs veikloje. Daugeis jų sielojasi, kaip Lietuvos nelaime taip ir tuo, kodėl tik retas lietuvis tremtinys tegali suprasti Vyčių siekimus ir tik keletas terado bendrą kalbą Lietuvos Vyčių eilėse.

Žmogus be skaidrių minčių, tai šiukšlių kruva.

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Šypsena, tai saulėtas gyvenimo spindulys.

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Per kančias į garbę, per kovas, skausmus į laisvę.



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
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GRAND BALLROOM, Hotel New Yorker. Convention banquet, Sunday evening, September 9. (Left insert) ALGERD BRAZIS of Chicago, Illinois, baritone, Metropolitan Opera Star. (Right insert) Dr. J. Leimonas, editor of VYTIS. (Bottom) Supreme Council Officers (1951-1952): Left to right, Longinas L. Svelnis, Ritual Committee member, Walter Chinik, 2nd vice-president; Anna Mae Uznis, trustee; Rev. Anthony Kasper, spiritual director; Rev. John C. Jutkevičius, chairman, Lithuanian Affairs Committee; Al Wesley-Vasiliauskas, national president; Mrs. Tillie Gerulis, Financial secretary; Frank Gudelis, treasurer; Josephine Rusas, recording secretary.

Spot News of the National Convention

OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

A streamlined convention program entitled "Lietuviais esame mes gimę, Lietuviais norime ir but" scheduled for the 38th K. of L. National Convention was held in New York City, September 7 to 9, 1951.

It drew leading American Lithuanian Catholic youth, outstanding clergy and displaced persons.

Meeting of the Supreme Council Officers and a special get-together (amateur program) on Thursday evening, September 6, preceded the convention, which opened at 9:00 on the morning of September 7th with a mass offered for the late M. A. Norkunas, founder, at Our Lady of Vilna Church. Part of the first day's program was devoted to greetings, letters and telegrams received from all over the country, including Europe.

Three leading persons spoke during the convention days: Msgr. V. Tulaba of Rome, Italy; Joseph Boley of New York City (member of Voice of America); and Dr. J. Leimonas of South Boston, former president of PAVASARIS, Lithuania's Catholic youth organization and editor of VYTIS.

A program devoid of fuss and flutter with sessions mornings and afternoons and a liberal amount of play time sandwiched in between when the members enjoyed a trip to Coney Island, semi-formal dance and other social events.

All districts were represented with the exception of California: New England, New York-New Jersey, Pittsburgh, Ohio-Michigan and Illinois-Indiana.

It was estimated that, taking into consideration the number of visitors who came to open sessions, but failed to register, attendance came close to 450.

Fourth degree medals were received by John

Oskutis (Elizabeth), Phil Carter (Providence), Joseph Sakaitis (Worcester) and Stephen Onaitis (Pittsburgh), with all pomp and ceremony during solemn high Mass Sunday morning at Our Lady of Vilna Church. Rev. George Gurinskas, pastor, was the celebrant, assisted by Rev. Albert J. Contons (South Boston). National Spiritual Director Rev. John C. Jutkevičius preached an inspiring sermon on "St. Casimir and the Knights of Lithuania."

This year's convention especially commemorated Lithuania's 700 years of Christianity. Over 5,500 persons offered prayers that Lithuania would soon rise from the abyss of Communist oppression. Msgr. John Balkunas (Maspeth), who preached at the services, expressed the hope that Lithuania would become once again the eastern outpost of Catholicism in Europe.

Reports of standing committees, the evaluation of the organization's work, and a discussion of Program Planning for councils were of equal value to the delegates. Rev. Albert J. Contons (South Boston) was elected chairman of the Program Planning (beginning with the New Year). Another project discussed was the formation of Junior Knights of Lithuania in all 136 councils.

Ann Mitchell (Elizabeth), immediate past vice-president, prepared a report for distribution to all delegates on the LITHUANIAN DRIVE (rules and points of contest); COUNCILS' STANDING; and FINANCIAL DRIVE.

Many fine resolutions were adopted at this convention (to be published).

We had several recordings done by our own Joseph Boley, past president, including Fr. Jutkevičius' sermon (Sunday morning), Msgr. Balkunas' preaching during Vesper's at St. Pat-

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38th National Convention

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(Top left) RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: J. Mažeika (Pittsburgh), Rev. Dr. M. Urbas (Cleveland), Rev. John C. Jutkevičius (Worcester), Albert J. Contons (South Boston). Missing (left) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (l. to r.): [Name] (New York) and Helen C. Pinkin (Elizabeth). (Top middle) [Name] (Rochester), secretary, Anna [Name] (South Boston), president, L. Valiukas (Dayton), [Name] (Dayton). (Middle right) A scene of convention dinner at Our Lady of Vilna Church, after Solemn Holy Mass.



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EE (l. to r.): Jack L. Jatis (Chicago), Anthony
navičius, M.I.C. (Hinsdale), Joseph Sadauskas
ster), Rev. Anthony Kasper (Elizabeth), Rev.
in the picture is Anne Klem (Kearny). (Middle
) : Robert Boris (Detroit), Bernie Stukas (Roch-
right) CONVENTION OFFICERS (l. to r.): Bro-
Mae Uznis (Detroit), asst. sec'y, Joseph A. Lola
n) and Joseph Matachinskas (Brooklyn), assist-
legates. (Bottom) Convention delegates in front
gh Mass, Sunday morning, September 9.



Ką Reiskia 'Vesti' ir 'Tekėti'?

Visi skaitytojai, be abejo, žino, ką reiškia toks gražus žodis kaip **vestuvės**. Šiuo kartu norėčiau truputį plačiau paašškinti ir kitus jam giminigus žodžius.

Žodis **vestuvės** (wedding) padarytas iš žodžio **vesti** (to wed, marry). Bet **vesti** lietuviškai kalbant gali tikrai vyrai. Moteris **vesti** negali, jos gali tik **tekėti** ar **ištekėti**. Taigi sakome, kad vyrai **veda** mergaites (marry), kad Jonas yra jau **vedęs** (married), o Petras dar **nevedęs** (unmarried), bet Marytė **ištekėjo** (married), o Birutė dar **netekėjusi** (still unmarried).

Iš žodžio **vesti** turime žodį **vedybos** (marriage), **jaunavedžiai** (newly married couple) ir kitus.

Iš žodžio **tekėti** turime išvestinį **nuotaka** (bride).

Taigi vietoj anglų kalbos vieno **to marry**, kuris vartojamas kalbant tiek apie vyrus, tiek apie moteris, lietuvių kalboje turime du žodžius: **vesti** ir **ištekėti**. Toks yra senas paprotys. Taip yra turbūt todėl, kad seniau tas vyras, kuris paršivesdavo mergaitę į savo namus visam laikui, budavo jau **vedęs**. o mergaitė, kuri nueidavo visam laikui į vyro namus, budavo **ištekėjusi**, nes **ištekėti** reiškia **išeiti**, **išbėgti** (iš savo tėvų namų

į vyro namus); palygink saulė **teka**, vanduo **teka**, t. y. **eina**, **bėga**.

Kadangi dar ir šiandien dažniausiai vyrai veda mergaites prie altoriaus, bet ne mergaitės vyrus, tai geriau pagal seną kalbos paprotį vartoti žodį **vedė** kalbant tik apie vyrus. Todėl netinka sakyti, kad Marytė jau **vedė** arba ji jau **vedus**.

Negeras taip pat žodis yra ir **apsivedė**, kurį daug kas vartoja. Netinka sakyti **jis** arba **ji** **apsivedė**, nes tas žodis negerai padarytas pagal lenkišką žodį **apsiženijo**. Todėl **apsivedė** yra netaisyklingas žodis (uncorrect, slang), o **apsiženijo** visai nelietuviškas.

Apie abu dar galima sakyti, kad jie **susivedė**, **susituokė**. Iš to turime dar žodį **santuoka**, kuris reiškia tą pat, ką ir **vedybos** (marriage).

Taigi modernioj lietuvių kalboj dabar dažniausiai vartojami šie žodžiai: **vesti**, **vedybos**, **vestuvės**, **jaunavedžiai**, **ištekėti**, **nuotaka** (bride), **santuoka** (marriage), **ištuoka** (divorce), **moterystė** (matrimony), **sužieduotinis** (fiancé), **sužieduotinė** (fiancée), **jaunasis**, **jaunavedys** (bridegroom), **jaunoji**, **nuotaka**, **marti** (bride), **pajau-nys** (groomsman), **pamergė** (bridesmaid).

L. DAMBRIUNAS.

SPOT NEWS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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rick's Cathedral (Sunday afternoon) and interview with Fr. Jutkevičius, Joseph A. Lola, Joseph Matachinskas, Frank Gudelis and Phyllis Grendal (Friday evening) at the headquarters of VOICE OF AMERICA, which was also arranged by Joseph Boley.

We received world-wide publicity in the American newspapers. "The New York Times," "The New York Herald-Tribune," "Journal-American" and the "Daily News" carried articles throughout the convention days. We also received universal publicity from the VOICE OF AMERICA (State Department sponsored radio broadcast). News of the convention was broadcast via short wave radio to the entire world three times a day (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). It was broadcast in 46 languages. Mr. Joseph B. Laučka, editor of the Lithuanian Department of the VOICE OF AMERICA, was instrumental in arranging the broadcasts.

The culminating event of the convention was the banquet at 7 o'clock on Sunday, in the

Grand Ballroom of the Hotel New Yorker at which many prominent persons in all walks of life attended, including Professor K. Pakštas of Duquesne University, honorary member and former editor of VYTIS, Rev. Peter P. Cinikas, M.I.C. (Chicago), editor of "The Marian," and Frank Razvadauskas (South Boston), honorary member and past national president (5 years during World War II) with his wife. Our own Algerd Brazis (Chicago), Lithuanian star of concert, radio and Chicago Civic Opera Co., rendered several musical selections accompanied by Mr. Mrozanskas. (At this writing, telegram received that Al's audition with the Metropolitan Opera Co., Tuesday, Sept. 11th, was a success. He signed a three-year contract and is now Metropolitan Opera Star.) Toastmaster of the evening was Daniel Averka of Brooklyn.

In charge of convention arrangements was Council 12. Larry Janonis, John Bell, Steve Andryauskas, Lillian Zindzius, Evelyn Savage, Frances Baskis, Helen Zindzius and Al Blozis did a splendid job in making the delegates and guests most comfortable and happy during their stay in New York City.

ASSISTANT EDITOR.

MES KELIAVOM Į ROMA (8)

Sikstinos Koplyčia. Jei kas lankosi Vatikane, tai negali praleisti ir Sikstinos koplyčios. Tai didžiulė, kaip bažnyčia, koplyčia, pastatyta Giovanni De'Dolci, popiežiui Sixtus IV valdant, 1473 m. Nuo popiežiaus ji gavo ir savo vardą. Užtenka pasakyti Sikstina, visi žino, kokios didelės reikšmės ši koplyčia yra. Jos vidų puošė garsiausi dailininkai—Botticelli, Perugino, Roselli, Pintoricchio, Ghirlandano ir kiti. Jau 1482 metais jie nupiešė labai gražių paveikslų ant koplyčios sienų. Paveikslų temos paimtos iš Senojo ir Naujojo Įstatymo. Daugybė gražių gražiausių paveikslų apstulbina žiurovą. Bet visų akys labiausiai nukrypsta į didžiausį paveikslą, kurį nupiešė Mykolas Angelas ant koplyčios lubų. Jis vaizduoja paskutinį teismą. Pati paveikslo istorija yra labai įdomi. Popiežius Julius II įsakė Mykolui Angelo piešti paveikslą. Pirma jis atsakė, nes jis buvo skulptorius. Vėliau gavo idėją ir pradėjo darbą. Jis pasikvietė garsių menininkų, kurie ir piešė jo sudarytus paveikslus. Vėliau jis juos atstatė, nes nepatiko jų darbas. Jis ėmėsi pats to darbo. Jis pradėjo 1508 m. gegužės 10 dieną ir rimtai piešė 4 metus. Jis vaizdavo įvykius iš I šv. Rašto knygos: Laukimas ir prisirengimas Kristaus atėjimui.

Visas piešinys yra labai įvairus, ypač gausus didelėmis figuromis. Jo pieštos figūros yra nepaprasto grožio ir didybės. Tai tikri meno kurybos pasididžiavimai. Tik toks menininkas, kaip Mikolas Angelo, kurs buvo statytojas, skulptorius ir piešėjas, galėjo tokį dalyką atlikti. Labai gražiai atvaizduotas žmogaus sutvėrimas. Sutvertas Adomas, dar be gyvybės dvasios, guli ant žemės, išreikšdamas visišką savo silpnybę. Štai ateina Dievas ir angelų choras. Dievas savo pirštais paliečia Adomo ištiestos rankos pirštą ir įkvepia gyvybės kibirkštį. Ryškiai pavaizduota ir žmonių puolimas ir išvaymas iš rojus.

Mykolo Angelo Paskutiniojo Teismo paveikslas yra žinomas visam pasauliui. Tai 66 ir 33 pėdų dydžio nepaprasto grožio ir didingumo darbas. Pirmu pažvelgimu paveikslas atrodo neaiškus ir sunkiau suprantamas. Tik giliau išžiūrėjus galima pradėti suprasti jo didingumą ir grožį. Viršutinėje paveikslo dalyje nupiešta angelai, nešą kančios įrankius. Žemiau vidurio yra atvaizduotas Kristus, kaip Teisėjas, Jo dešinėj Marija, o kairėj šventieji ir kankiniai su savo kančios simboliais. Paveikslo viduryje yra 7 angelai, trimituoją su trimitais, kad prikeltų numirusius. Kiti angelai rodo pasmerktiesiems teismo knyga. Pasmerktieji yra atiduoti demo-

nams. Kitoj paveikslo dalyje matyti prisiekiantieji iš mirties. Pats Mykolas Angelas vienuolio rubais rodo Aukščiausiam vieną seną žmogų. Atvaizduota skaistykla ir pragaras, kuriame patalpinti ir kai kurie jo neprieteliai.

Šv. Metų proga lankytojai Romoje neapleido neaplankę ir koplyčios. Ilgai ilgai ten reikėjo žiūrėti, kad būtų galima bent dalelę to grožio patirti, kurio ten galima pajusti iš tų nepaprastų Mykolo Angelo pieštų paveikslų. Vieni studijavo, stebėjo, kiti skaitė ir skaičiavo paveikslų skaičių, kurių yra arti 500. Kai kurie negalėjo nieko daug suprasti ir tik paviršutiniai žiurinėjo. Bet koplyčia visuomet buvo pilna ir eilių eilės pakėlę galvas žiurėjo į paveikslus.

Neseniai "Life" žurnalas pagamino spalvotus koplyčios paveikslus. Jis išleido labai daug pinigų ir įdėjo daug darbo, pagamindamas spalvotas nuotraukas. Iš tų paveikslų ir mažiau nusimanąs mene gali lengvai matyti dailininko nepaprastą genijališkumą.

(Bus daugiau)

KUN. ST. RAILA

(Submitted as a Lithuanian contribution to the blend of the cultures of many nations; American culture.)

Lithuanian Hymn (Lietuvos Himnas)

V. KUDIRKA

Lithuania, fatherland;
Home of gallant heroes;
From your Christian labor's bounty
Our youth gains your valor.

May your children follow only
Paths of holy virtue.
May they labor for God's welfare
And the good of mankind.

May Lithuanian light of learning
Banish hates and doubting fears,
And the beams of the Truth
Lead our works forever!

May Lithuanian loyalty
Glow within each fervent heart;
For the good of our land
May unity prosper!

(Lietuvos Himnas)

FRANK N. PENSIVE, Lawrence, Mass. (78)

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS



AL WESEY-VASILIAUSKAS
of Great Neck, New York,
re-elected national president.

CENTRO VALDYBOS PRANEŠIMAS

Naujai išrinktosios Centro Valdybos vardu nuoširdžiai dėkoju už mums pareikštą pasitikėjimą, pavedant vadovauti Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai Amerikoje.

Kartu mes prašome, kad visi vyčiai uoliai dirbtų savo idealų gyvendinimui, darniai tarpusavyje bendraudami.

Tegul gražiai pavykusio Vyčių Seimo dvasia užlieja visą Vyčių organizaciją ir paskatina ją dar į didesnius darbus.

AL WESEY-VASILIAUSKAS,
Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Pirmininkas.

BICKERING

Bickering, small, petty arguing doesn't fit into the picture of a K. of L. leader who is on his way up.

Everyone knows it's a waste of time, waste of tempers and waste of energy. But look at it from an even broader viewpoint. Your prestige and the prestige of your entire council can be harmed by bickering.

Top executives don't bicker. They by-pass situations that cause friction and go at it from another direction. Or, if other means fail, they

clear up the friction points by correcting the conditions that are causing them.

Show your K. of L. that you are opposed to bickering; that you are above it and expect them to be above it too. Use salesmanship, persuasion. Leave strong arm methods to the dictators.

Follow the principle of free enterprise and sell the idea of working in harmony for the greatest good for all.

Avoid getting involved in arguments as the head of your council—you cannot afford to risk the chance of "favoritism" accusations. Your best bet is to stay out of arguments completely.

In cases where members are not congenial, build up a respect for each other's work whenever the opportunity presents itself.

When you see an argument coming—try to steer conversation into other channels. Your members may take the hint and avoid the argument.

Arguments waste time, energy, and create ill feelings.

Think it over. Keep your eye on the goal. Think and act with vision.

PHIL CARTER,
New England Leadership Director.

SPORTS—FISHING

New England District K. of L. Fishing Contest
(for members only)

Entry blanks and rules for the 1st New England District Fresh Water Fishing Contest have been sent to all councils in the district. Now all you Isaac Waltons can enter. Since you have until the first of December to fish, let us have a large group entering this contest. For further data and information, contact Phil Carter, Sports Director, 50 Hedley St., Providence, R. I.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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If you have not sent your council's and district's contributions to John Stoskus, 6522 S. Rockwell St., Chicago, Ill, 1st vice-president so that such funds may be transmitted to Frank Gudelis, treasurer, won't you do so at once?

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES, TREASURERS!

Please send council dues, list of new members and changes of addresses promptly to the newly-elected financial secretary, Mrs. Tillie Gerulis, 38 Providence St., Worcester 4, Mass., thus assuring every member copies of VYTIS magazine without interruption.

This is to remind you that in order to keep members in good standing and insure them uninterrupted service in receiving VYTIS, mail dues to Supreme Financial Secretary promptly.

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Councils needing information regards this committee, write Rev. John C. Jutkevicius, national chairman, 153 Sterling St., Worcester 4, Mass.

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If you or your council want to order the K. of L. Constitution booklet please contact our Treasurer. Price 25c a copy.

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TO REACH THE TOP THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MUST BE A LITTLE BETTER, WORK A LITTLE HARDER, says AL WESEY, our national president, re-elected at the 38th K. of L. National Convention.

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ČIAI. To the top left is a picture of St. Casimir, our Patron Saint while to the bottom right is a picture of a Lithuanian folk dance group. In the other open spaces are the words of our motto in Lithuanian and English. The card is colored and very attractive to the eye. On the correspondence side are a few lines which very briefly explain the purpose of the K. of L. This postcard offers us a splendid opportunity for spreading the K. of L. idea all over the country. People receiving them will at once know that such an organization as the K. of L. exists, what it stands for and that Lithuania is represented in the United States by a group which represents the finest of our American Lithuanian youth. Every member should always have a supply of these postcards on hand. They may be used on vacations, at national and district conventions, on business trips, in fact almost everywhere. When a thought or two has to be conveyed, why not use a card instead of a letter? Councils may buy in 100 lots and resell them to members—4 for a nickel with the profit thus realized going into the council treasury. To anyone buying less than 100 cards, the price is 3 for a nickel. All orders may be placed with Rev. John C. Jutkevicius, chairman of Lithuanian Affairs Committee, 153 Sterling St., Worcester 4, Mass.

ATTENTION, CORRESPONDENTS!

Send in snapshots of unusual council-district activities to the Editorial Staff—a Communion breakfast, a degree installation, a chorus in rehearsal, special groups at dances, outings, etc., or anything that might be interesting or even inspiring. A one-column picture can be made up for 3 or 4 dollars, but it adds much greater appeal to your article and/or write-up.

REMINDER

Don't forget that we are Lithuanians and our language is something to be proud of. Try to write LIETUVIŠKAI. Begin with a paragraph or two and build it up in the following columns. Don't be afraid of it. It's an easy language to write. Any mistakes will be corrected by the editor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Promoting the VYTIS magazine both among council members and outside of the K. of L. is your most important responsibility.

At meetings have brief reports of important articles given by the council members, or call

attention to them yourself, and start discussion regarding them.

Put notices of noteworthy articles on the council bulletin board, or in your council paper.

Suggest that members lend their VYTIS magazines to prospective members, and try by this means to interest them in the K. of L., and in becoming members. Suggest that members ask their friends if they have read articles in the VYTIS magazine. Word of mouth advertising is invaluable.

You may assist the Supreme Financial Secretary, Mrs. Tillie Gerulis, 38 Providence Street, Worcester 4, Mass., in giving efficient service. **Inquire each month whether anyone has failed to receive his or her magazine.** You, or the member involved, should notify her or VYTIS Circulation Department, 395 W. Broadway, So. Boston 27, Mass., of any change of address promptly, and as promptly report failure of the magazine to appear.

See that your Council Correspondent sends reports of important council activities to the Editorial Staff. They should reach the editor's desk BEFORE the 15th of the month, and should cover all worthwhile projects started by the council, or activities.

Promotion of Advertising

If you have any national advertisers in your city, interest them in advertising in the VYTIS.

Send to the advertising manager a list of names of firms whose equipment or products are used by our members.

ASSISTANT EDITOR.

GOVERNOR DEWEY'S LETTER
STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

Thomas E. Dewey
Governor

Mr. Alexander Wesey
Supreme Council President
Knights of Lithuania
102 Maple Street
Great Neck, New York

Dear Mr. Wesey:

It is a pleasure to send cordial greetings to the Knights of Lithuania on the occasion of its 38th National Convention on September 7-8-9, 1951. On behalf of the people of New York, I am happy to congratulate the Knights upon their growth in membership and influence.

That influence has always been exerted in the cause of good government and the highest ideals

of American citizenship. In our State, we have many neighbors of Lithuanian origin, and we are proud of them all. We know that there are no more loyal Americans in our country, no people more devoted to the sacred ideals of liberty, justice and the lofty principles of conduct handed down to us in the Sermon on the Mount.

The people of New York sympathize with the Knights of Lithuania in their sorrow over the injustices and brutalities inflicted upon the people of Lithuania by Soviet Russia. We welcome the activities of the Knights against the horrors and degradation of Communism.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

(Signed) Thomas E. Dewey.

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TO ALL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Effective Immediately: Please mail all membership dues from now on to the new financial secretary, Mrs. Tillie Gerulis, 38 Providence St., Worcester 4, Mass. **Supreme Council.**

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Elizabeth, N. J.

COUNCIL 52

With the fall setting in, our council is ready for serious business and full season ahead!

Bowling

Charlie Rustako, sports chairman, has already outlined his program. Bowling season for Elizabeth will commence shortly.

Congratulations

Father Anthony Kasper, our own spiritual adviser, was elected National Spiritual Director at the convention. We take this opportunity in congratulating him on such an elevation.

Tribute to M. A. Norkunas

Gone from us this loving face
And his pleasant cheerful ways.
A heart that won so many friends
In bygone happy days.
Though his smile is gone forever,
His hand we cannot touch
We shall never lose sweet memories
Of the one we loved so much.

"52"

Convention Notes

Our local delegation, which comprised of Rev. Anthony Kasper, Aloisius Rudzitas and Ann Mitchell returned from the convention in New York filled with enthusiasm for the Lithuanian cause.

The Vesper Service held at the world famous St. Patrick's Basilica on Sunday, September 9 was indeed the highlight and fitting climax to the convention. The services were held to commemorate the 700 anniversary of the baptism of King Mindaugas and the introduction of Christianity in Lithuania. One of the most heartening and exhilarating moments of the entire services was when the entire congregation broke out in singing the traditional Lithuanian hymn "Pulkim ant Kelių." The sound of the thousands of voices singing in their native tongue brought many a tear of pride and joy from the hearts and souls of those present.

We were honored with a representative from Rome, Italy—Msgr. V. Tulaba.

Algird Brazis, who is now with the Metropolitan Opera, honored us with his presence at the convention banquet. He is a K. of L'er. Al recently gave a recital at Carnegie Hall, New York City and sang for several years with the Chicago Theatre of the Air. Congratulations, Al. Wish you continued success.

Raymond Zabita, U. S. Navy, flew in from San Diego, California and Edward Anilonis, U. S. Army (Camp Kilmer, N. J.), were guests of the Cardinals. Besides entertaining the people in 1560-61-62, the Cardinals were also present at the convention. Our council president happens to be a Cardinal.

Ann Baronas, Mary Moteikas and Peggy Merrit always look like they stepped out of a Glamor Cover. I'm surprised the Cardinals didn't meet them.

See you in Dayton, Ohio in 1952!

Don't forget our Barn Dance—Saturday, November 3, at the parish hall.

"Pinky"

Worcester, Mass.

COUNCIL 26

On the anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood, Father Michael Tamulevich was feted at a large gathering of Council 26'ers at the clubroom, and was presented with a beautiful traveling bag. The girls brought their own particular specialties in the home-made pastry line, and the boys did a wonderful job with the punch. The party was a complete surprise to Father.

A good warm night in June brought out many members and guests to Maironis Park for our first summer social, a clambake and lobster dinner. A big vote of thanks goes to our very hardworking committee—Adele Ivaska, Bill Bengtson, Father Alphonse, Eddie Daniels, Franny Nockunas, Vinnie Grazulis and Nellie Thompson.

At Marianapolis on July 4th, our council contributed a little effort and manned one of the booths during the entire afternoon. Vinnie Grazulis, Eddie Daniels, Joe Sakaitis, John Liubauskas, Eddie Grazulis, Kathie Yakutis and Louise Grazulis spinned that wheel and exercised their vocal chords to add to the day's profits. St. Casimir's Choir also sang several numbers during the program, which was transcribed to a later broadcast on the "Voice of America" program.

The order of the day at the clubroom (and anywhere else members may be found) is cribbage. That game has taken over. Bill Bengtson and Frannie Nockunas seem to be current champs, with Ann and Peck Rutelonis running a very close second; but with all the practice being had all the way from Narragansett Pier to Lake Winnebepesaukee by many contenders, no telling who'll take the crown next.

Our two bowling trophies are serving as a reminder that the bowling season is close at hand. All those interested in forming a coun-

cil league, please contact Ellie Grazulis and Joe Sakaitis, sports co-chairmen.

Congratulations are in order for . . . Peck Rutelonis, who has successfully completed the police force examinations . . . Winnie Luckasavage, who left the ranks of our bachelors when he walked down that aisle with a very lovely bride. Best wishes, Vinnie and Jeanette.

Among the travelers . . . Stanley Raudonis is off to Chicago for a visit with friends for a few weeks . . . Eddie Grazulis is off to Halifax and Cuba for six weeks of cruising with the Naval Reserve . . . Bill Thompson was home on a 15-day furlough, after the death of his mother. Nice to see you around again, Bill.

The entire council extends its deepest sympathy to Frannie, Ruth and Ed Kaveckas on the death of their beloved father.

Ocean Beach Park was once again invaded by the joint forces of Councils 116 and 26. At the beach, we met many good friends from Council 6 of Hartford. In spite of the weather, the more rugged individuals braved the icy water. Amateur geologists explored the distant rock piles, led by Bob Yakutis, who pointed out various formations and the difference between mica and quartz. Cribbage, as usual, took up a large part of the afternoon for some. Tireless Franny Nockunas took things into hand on the way home and proved to be a very capable choir director.

Our pastor, Father Petraitis, treated the St. Casimir's Choral Club to an outing at his camp in Athol, Mass. Adele Ivaska, Frannie Nockunas, Tony Morkunas, Eddie Danilevicius and Joe Sakaitis served on the committee. Lenny Davidonis of Athol, Mass. (10) provided thrills and spills in his speedboat, even during downpours of rain.

At the ripe old age of 1½ years, little Donna Jankowski, pride and joy of members Mary and Pete Jankowski, walked off with all honors after her first baby contest. Congratulations, Donna; and you, too, Mom and Pop.

Holbrook's Grove on Lake Manchaug was the scene of our last summer outing. Rita Brazauskas and Joe Sakaitis shared the driver's seat for this one.

Already we're planning for Christmas. During the latter part

New York, New York

COUNCIL 12

As hosts of the 1951 K. of L. National Convention, we feel a sense of great accomplishment and deep satisfaction which will perpetuate for many years to come.

The Convention Committee, as you probably know by now, consisted of three chairmen: Larry Janonis, John Bell and Steve Andryauskas; Helen Zindzius, Treasurer; Frances Baskis, Recording Secretary; Lillian Zindzius, Financial Secretary; Evelyn Savage, Corresponding Secretary; and Al Blozis in charge of advertising. It was the goal of this group to make this the biggest and best convention that the K. of L. has ever had—K. of L'ers, you are the judge and jury!

On Thursday we had our amateur session in which several people most enthusiastically participated. This is a night that the writers will long remember because we chose the occasion to announce our engagement. We now affectionately refer to it as our "engagement party." John Novitt of the Bayonne council completed this evening for us by appointing himself our personal entertainment host.

Friday night's overwhelming response to the Semi-formal filled the Grand Ballroom at the Hotel New Yorker to its capacity. In spite of this fact, people managed to dance and enjoy the music of Joe Thomas and his Orchestra.

Nell Zalis was a "natural" in assisting the comedian in the Terrace Room Ice Show at the Saturday afternoon luncheon, don't you agree? We ALL ducked, however, when the bucket of "water" was thrown!

The Saturday night bus ride to Coney Island was more popular than the Committee had originally anticipated, necessitating the hiring of a fourth bus. If the singing was a measure of enjoyable evening, then there's no question that everyone had a good time at this event.

At Sunday morning's mass Mr. P. A. Dulke's choir from Mary Queen of Angels parish in Williamsburg, Brooklyn helped provide a fuller effect to the elevation of the mass that will always stand out in our memories.

By far, the highlight of the Convention proved to be the Solemn Vespers at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, commemorating the 700th anniversary of the Baptism of King Mindaugas of Lithuania and the establishment of the Lithuanian Ecclesiastical Province.

The Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel was the event which closed the 1951 National Convention Sunday evening.

To all our gracious delegates and guests who responded so vehemently, we wish to extend our thanks and appreciate for making this gala event the success that it was. The Committee is grateful, too, for the support the other members of our council gave us at this affair and would like to thank these people once again for rendering their services.

Brenda Bell Razickas, Chairman of the Ball Committee, says, Please remember our Knights of Lithuania Ball on Saturday, Nov. 10th, Our Lady of Vilna Church Hall, opposite Holland Tunnel. Make it a MUST as we need you all to make it a success.

Evelyn Savage and John Bell.

of September, we'll have a military whist to start raising funds for a party for our 300 parish school children. Everyone's cooperation is earnestly solicited.

Vyto Adomaitis gives best regards to all his friends in the district. He was home recently on a 6-day furlough before reporting to Washington, D. C. for duty with the Army Chemical Corps. He is former district chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

Personalities of the Month

Meet Katherine Yakutis, an ardent a K. of L'er as there ever was. Although she has been a member only

4 years, that membership has been very full. In our own council, she held the office of secretary for two years, and is now vice-president. In the New England District, she was corresponding secretary for a year, and is now serving her second term as recording secretary.

During the national convention in Elizabeth, N. J., she was assistant secretary of the presidium and did an admirable job. In 1950, as district delegate to the national convention in Chicago, Ill., she was a member of the Resolutions Committee.

Kathie has been on innumerable

committees, chairman of many of them, both for the district and our council. At present, she is co-chairman of Lithuanianism for Council 26, and plans to direct a Lithuanian play this fall.

Aside from all this K. of L. activity, she devotes a good deal of her time to the St. Casimir's Church Choir, of which she has been president, and to the Blessed Virgin Sodality. She has made many friends not only locally but also in the district and entire organization.

C-26 is proud to have her on its membership roster.

Just one and one-half short years ago, an unsuspecting Bill Bengtson walked into our clubroom for "just one minute" with some friends. He liked what he saw, asked a few questions and was given a little blue card to fill out and sign. Since then, he has served on several committees, is marshall in the council, and co-chairman of the clubroom committee.

Having been a Navy cook, Bill is an expert at this culinary art. He has really proven it, too, whether it's clams and lobsters or apple sauce cake he's cooking for council parties.

Hats off to Bill!

The red velvet carpet of welcome was rolled out last month for Mary Doginikas, latest recruit. Glad to have you, Mary.

"K. and L."

Paterson, N. J.

COUNCIL 61

Congratulations to Helen Zuras who middle-aided it and is now Mrs. Al Lugaillo. Lots of luck to both. Dot Dutkus, Tony Skubus, Ronnie Chernalis and John Zuras, all of our council, participated in the bridal group. The reception was enjoyed by all council members.

Our bus ride to Bear Mountain was a big success. The day was spent hiking, ball-playing and partaking other outdoor sports.

The committee is working hard in making arrangements for the Seaside Heights bus ride. All it needs is a little cooperation from the members. Also a card party is being planned. Let's all pitch in and make it a tremendous success.

A number of our council members attended the Leadership Courses which were held in New York City.

We welcome two new members:

Florence Modeiko and Elizabeth Lagatol.

Our council has been invited to spend a day at Lake Wallkill, thanks to Richis Mecionis, whose family has a home there.

M. and T.

Chicago, Illinois

COUNCIL 13

At an informal meeting held August 21, it was voted: To donate \$25 for the decorating of our parish church to pay the full registration and part of the hotel bill for all delegates to the National K. of L. Convention in New York; and to attend the planned parish affair in honor of our departing Fr. A. Zakauskas and to present him with a gift.

Bernice Novom,
Corresponding Sec'y.

Amsterdam, New York

COUNCIL 100

President Val Kerbelis was on hand to conduct the June meeting.

Members received their "Summons" to attend the 38th K. of L. Convention at the Hotel New Yorker. Sophie Gavry and Eleanore Baranauskas were elected delegates, Ed Baranauskas, alternate.

The Christopher Movement was the topic discussed by Father Baltch.

Father Mockus, assistant at St. Mary's Church, guest at our gathering, enjoyed our social hour tremendously. The home-baked delicacies brought in by Edna Gustas disappeared in no time. Bootsie Jakaitis made excellent coffee.

The marriage of Bill Nikstenas, member of the Detroit, Mich. (102) and Veronica Grigonis (100) brought together a number of K. L'ers. Guests at the reception included Rev. Baltch, Pvt. Michael Kerbelis, Bootsie Jakaitis, Gene Gobis, Phil Carter of Providence, Rhode Island and Steve Contons, Boston, Mass.

Smile and Sparkle

Philadelphia, Pa.

COUNCIL 3

July 15th might well be remembered for the grand time everyone had at our council's picnic even though the orchestra was miles from reach. Strange though—we had more help than needed.

Ed Wallowich is vacationing at

home for the summer and is contemplating on heading back to (Windy City) Chicago to continue his studies in photography. Ed Lussis has resumed the octet rehearsals.

We welcome into our council Tillie Shields, Ronald Gelzinas, John Miskunas and Joseph Bigenis.

At our July meeting, it was good to notice the increase in attendance. Members voted on a Moonlight Cruise to Riverview.

The line of "Happy Birthday" greetings include Sniega Jurgis (Aug. 5), Frances Nash (Aug. 13), Vytautas Volertas (Aug. 22), Sophie Salnaitis (Aug. 30), Cpl. Raymond Misauskas (Aug. 31), Theresa Mazeika (Sept. 10) and Alfonsus Stanekus (Sept. 11).

Xenia Puodziunas prefers picnics to swimming. We wonder why! John Miskunas and his Uncle Joe are expert players when it comes to a good game of Canasta though. Theresa Mazeika and Dorothy Barauskas were in a huddle at the clubroom recently. Theresa had so much to tell about her grand trip to New England, including Brockton, Mass. Some people are puzzled because of a cedar chest being possessed by Stacy. Tell us, when's the big day?

"Snoopy"

Gary, Indiana

COUNCIL 82

She sat sedately in her chair with the sunbeams bursting out behind her, while directly in front sat two lovely young country women. Such was the picture displayed by Viola Geanchos—MISS LITHUANIA, Sophia Klevickas and Josephine Kuizin—two Lithuanian girls, as they moved slowly down 11th Avenue on their float in Tolleston's Centennial parade. The float, dressed in red, white and blue, carried a sign on the sides—GARY LITHUANIANS. The Queen's chair had golden shafts streaming up the back giving the illusion of sunbeams. For this masterpiece, credit goes to Joe Klevickas, Jr., who did all the supervising. Contributions, collected by Stella Kuizin, from the various Lithuanian organizations helped to finance the getting up of this memorable float.

One day of Tolleston's week-long pageant program was dedicated to the various nationalities of Tolleston. The K. of L. took part in this program by preparing a group of dancers to do several Lithuanian

Folk dance numbers. Members of this dance group, namely, Joe Klewickas, Josephine Kuizin, Marie and Birute Nenios, Stanley Klewickas and Theresa Bartos went through the intricate steps of MALUNAS and RUGUČIAI on the grassy field of Tolleston's football stadium. Other members of the troupe were from Indiana Harbor and to them we say "thanks" for participating with us.

Father Ignatius Vichuras, newly-appointed pastor of St. Casimir's Church, was officially welcomed by the parishioners and K. of L'ers at a banquet given in his honor on July 15th. Our kitchen brigade, consisting of Mrs. Kuizin, Mrs. Klewickas, Mrs. Mihaluk and Mrs. Donorani, prepared city chicken with all the trimmings which was served by Sophie Klewickas, Viola Geanchos, Dolores Baluch, Charlotte Strumskis and Josephine Kuizin, charming waitresses. The head table was arranged by Misses Geanchos and Kuizin, assisted by Stanley Klewickas and Viola's father, Mr. Geanchos. Words of greeting were made by Mrs. Kuizin and Miss Kuizin in behalf of our Senior and Junior members, respectively.

We wish to commend Miss Geanchos. She has been with us only a few months, and already she has proven what a grand member she is. With more workers like Miss Geanchos, Mrs. Kuizin and Mr. Klewickas, our little council should grow to be one of the best in the district.

For two successive years, GARY is the champion of the Illinois-Indiana Softball League. After a heated battle in Vytautas Grove on July 4th, Council 82's hardy Junior boys emerged the victors over the Chicago Juniors with a score, 11-4. The girls, veterans from the previous year, once more defeated Chicagoans, 9-0. That same evening, Jack L. Jatis presented Josephine Kuizin, captain of the girls' team and Joe Klewickas, manager of the boys' team, with beautiful trophies.

"Joe"

Chicago, Illinois

COUCIL 13

At long last, Council 13 has increased its membership! Mrs. Violeta Baltutis joined our ranks. We are very happy to welcome her into the council and sincerely hope she will enjoy her association with us.

At our last meeting, John Jesulaitis and Lucy Diktus were elected

delegates to the 38th K. of L. National Convention.

Pvt. Alfred Rimkus is now training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Vytenis Silas is also serving Uncle Sam. We wish them both Godspeed.

Deep sympathy is extended to Alexander Shulecke on the death of his beloved Father. A mass was offered and rosary recited by the members at the wake.

Rev. A. Zakarauskas, spiritual adviser, was recently transferred to St. George's parish (Bridgeport). Rev. J. Grinius is our new parish priest. Both Reverends Zakarauskas and Grinius are ardent K. of L. supporters, and for that reason we know our organization will continue to grow under their guidance.

ORCHIDS—to our most wonderful Recording Secretary Mrs. Sally Jesulaitis Juncius, who not only finds time to keep house for a husband and brother, but manages to find time to bowl in the league, to be chairman of several projects, and assist at our socials. She serves on all committees in a cheerful manner which is an inspiration to all of us, especially the new members! Thanks a million, Sally.

Bernice Novom,
Corresponding Sec'y.

Chicago, Illinois

COUNCIL 112

June Social

Our June Social was a wiener roast and watermelon feast at Maple Lake with Gordon Gudas as host. There were two diaper class K. of L'ers, Ed Pocius, Jr. and Tommy Yuknis, in attendance, with many willing baby sitters.

Birthday

Newest addition to the prospective members' list is the daughter of Agnes and Dom Yocius who was born just before the July meeting at which Papa Dom treated us with cigars and candy.

New Home

Barb (Motiejus) and Stash Kevinsky are now settled in their new home just south of Marquette Park and convenient for their many friends to visit them.

Dance

John Pocius is our very able chairman for the Fall Dance which will take place November 10th at American Legion Hall. Music will

be by Mike Sullivan with Wee Three in the Rathskeller.

Romance

Best wishes to Sylvia Raczkus who is to be married to Lt. Vyto Baltrunas at Fort Benning, Georgia on September 22. Lucille Venckus will be her attendant and Gus Gudas, honored guest.

Vacationers

Julie Greicius spent a very pleasant week at Saugatuck and later went to Pittsburgh. Gloria Cibulskis spent her vacation in Colorado Springs and Denver. Ed Wersells started for the Ozarks but ended up fishing in Northern Wisconsin. Gus Gudas and Lu Venckus are very much in a glow (and aglow with suntan) about their recent trip to the Caribbean. Surprise visitors at our July meeting were Val and Vic Jurkunas of Elizabeth, N. J. who were vacationing in Chicago with sister Jean Strisko. They also attended our 4th of July K. of K. Day where Val acted as judge of the dance contest.

Googles

Norwood, Mass.

COUNCIL 27

With most of our vacationists back, the attendance at our last meeting was almost perfect. Much enthusiasm was shown—expect a big season ahead of us!

A committee, headed by Francis Nevins, is making arrangements to hold a HARVEST DANCE on Saturday eve., October 27, 1951—Runeberg Hall, Norwood.

Brownie Kudirka, chairman, together with his committee, is quite busy arranging a Whist Party to be held Thanksgiving Eve.

Our picnic was well attended by local parishioners and members and friends from South Boston, Lawrence, Providence, R. I. It was most successful and profitable.

Twenty-seven Ramblings

Missed our amiable president at the last meeting, even though Fran-ny Nevins presided quite well . . . Ann and Jo Glebauskas returned home from Mashpee looking like natives with beautiful tans . . . President Shipalauskas and wife spent their vacation at Poppenossett and The Cape . . . The Kudirka family beached here and there—even Carson . . . Ann Balutis and Ann Ko-

dis vacationed at The Weirs . . . The Kazulises plan to take a trip to Miami Beach sometime in January . . . Bertha Bechunas has been traveling via N. Y., N. H. & Hartford Railroad—her destination was Hartford, Conn., this summer . . . Kay and Elinor are making definite plans to fly to Nantucket . . . Members who didn't attend the Beach Party at CRANE'S really deprived themselves of a never-to-be forgotten time. The highlight of that day was a baseball game. Didn't realize we had so many potential players . . . Helen Paz is still recuperating.

Cleveland, Ohio

COUNCIL 25

Our August meeting was well attended, notwithstanding the fact that it was a hot evening and some members were still on vacation.

Some important matters were discussed, including a picnic (Aug. 26) and representation at the national convention. It was voted that all proceeds from the picnic were to go to the church fund.

On September 9, our council was host to the Ateitininkai, Cultural Club, Ladies' Auxiliary and Veterans at a picnic. All mentioned guests were admitted free and were treated royally.

Our official delegates to the national convention held in New York City were Mary Trainy and Joseph Sadauskas; alternates—Bill Smith and Joan Susin.

The theatrical committee, under the able chairmanship of Joe Sadauskas, is starting work on the production of the Lithuanian version of the comedy "Charlie's Aunt." It will be presented sometime this fall.

We welcome back into our midst Joe "Curry" Kazoel. At one time he was one of the most active members in the council. Glad to have you with us, again, Joe.

We extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Al Samas (Mikelonis) who were married on July 14.

Trainy

Cincinnati, Ohio

COUNCIL 134

On July 29, majority of our members enjoyed a basket picnic at GRANT'S FARM — Betty Yocis, Kaye Ritten, Mr. and Mrs. Maezin, Mr. Murray, Eleanor Wall, Viola Moore, Ramonaitis family, Dr. and

Mrs. J. Kriauciunas and our lovely hostess of the day, Catherine Grant. Missed greatly were Father Paul Gailevicius who was vacationing down Florida, Ann Zschau who was recuperating from an illness, Mrs. Jean Voelker and Mrs. Vera Smith who were out of town visiting relatives.

Mrs. Catherine Grant was our official delegate to the 38th National K. of L. Convention held in New York City. We expect a detailed report of the convention to be given by her at our next meeting.

We take this opportunity in wishing Mrs. Eleanor Wall a HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

"Kaye"

COMPARISON

"Dream," the poets say,
"And all your cares will fade away."
"Wish on a star," they advise,
"And you'll have happiness some day."

But can dreams and wishes
Ever hope to compare
With sincerity and love
As found in a prayer?

For wishes are like cobwebs
Delicate and frail,
Every little breeze
Leaves shreds in its trail.

And dreams are like bubbles
Beauteous to see
Try to catch hold of one
And you'll find your hands empty.

But prayer are like flowers
Coloring each barren spot
With tiny messages from God
Whispering "Forget Me Not!"

Dorothy Gulezian.

Lawrence, Mass. (78).

South Boston, Mass.

Fifteen K. of L'ers, including Father Contons, visited the State Prison in Charlestown, Mass., one fine Saturday morning. Officer Vic Anchukaitis and another guard led the members up and down stairways, through steel doors, cells and finally to the electric chair. Virginia Kleponis was first to be seated, strapped and quickly released. Some experience! We thank Officer Vic for arranging such an interesting tour of the prison.

Armed Forces

Two active members, Jerry Venis and Eddy Rudis, were home on fur-

lough, recently. It was good to see them.

Renovation

For weeks, hammers pounded, boards were torn up. We now have brand new bowling alleys. You can now bowl to your heart's content and get those high scores without an excuse.

Guests for the Day

Many of our members attended the annual picnic which was sponsored by our neighbor, Council 27, Norwood. Jerry Venis, Rita Shatas and Roland Martinkus spent most of the time swimming in the pond—it's a wonder they didn't become water-logged. Seen trying to develop muscles was John Olevitz (ex-gob) in a little rowboat. He was serenading his crew—Alice Laudansky, Aldonna Jacobs and Diane Shatas.

Cruising in the Harbor

One of our Socials during the past summer consisted of a Moonlight Sail on the "SS Boston Belle." It appeared like most of our members are sea-lovers at heart, including John Daniels.

Convalescing

Arthur Gailius was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. Rita Shatas is just about recovering from an appendectomy operation. Martin Gaputis, manager of our bowling alleys, also underwent an operation. We wish all three members a speedy recovery.

Sporting Gals

During the past summer, there was a girls' softball team formed and seen slugging balls across the field of green grass were Fran and Flo Zaleskas. Could they bat those balls! Also seen playing tennis were Joan Kleponis and Frannie Poskus. The girls claim the muscles they developed during the summer will come in handy—LEAP YEAR. Right, Dottie Jacobs?

Great Neck, N. Y.

COUNCIL 109

We played host to the enthusiastic Maspeth council on August 5th, our first softball opponent of the season. Without the help of our women, our guests bowed to the score of 11 to 23. Bill Miller sure hasn't lost his pep yet!

A handful of our members attend-

ed Linden's Campfire Night on July 14th. What has Linden got that brought out Mary and Tony Kober?

July 15th was the date of our Beach Party at Jones Beach. We understand that Al Wesley's "harem" had to walk about a mile before they reached the beach from the parking field!

July 15th was the date of our Garden Party Dance for the benefit of the Supreme Council. Unfortunately, while it was a social success, it was not, financially. We look forward to next year's benefit dance whereby we may be able to make up for the very poor showing this year.

Our Dance Committee, consisting of Mary Truss, Tony Zorkis, Dotty Hughes and Jo Rusas, is making plans for a Collegiate Hop on October 20th at the Villa Nova Hall, Port Washington.

"Get out your Charleston shoes; bring your cheerleaders, too,

We'll be cutting the rug,—HIP-HIP-HA-ROO!"

We welcome into our midst a very charming new member, Dottie Hughes.

Once again, our council hired a bus to take all Great Neck members to the district picnic in Kenilworth, N. J., on August 26th.

Openings in Town

Our new member, Kay Bachor, is sporting a new Plymouth these days. We understand that our girls are really doing the town . . . Lou Ann Sosaris and Lil Remenchus making their techniques work at our recent softball outing. We thought it couldn't be done, but it CAN . . . Gladys Banks and Amelia Chapin getting prepared to leave for their vacation to Canada and Lake George, and the three musketeers, Wesley, Rusas and Truss, to far-off New Jersey . . . Kestutis Miklas and Vincent Blazaitis planning for a house-warming. We're looking forward to this occasion . . . Stacey Wesley, the ever-faithful, toting her pots and pans at every social we have. Thanks, Stacey, for your thoughtfulness in many ways.

With half of the entire Nassau County's polio cases right in the small community of Port Washington and nearby vicinity, we pray that Almighty God will spare us from sickness and evaporate the terror that hangs over the town.

Snoopy

Bayonne, N. J.

COUNCIL 67

We wish to thank the New York hosts for the grand time had by all at the national convention.

Reminder: Bayonne Council 67 is sponsoring a Banquet and Dance on October 28, 1951, marking the 25th anniversary of the formation of our council. We extend a cordial invitation to all K. of L'ers.

Rita

Detroit, Michigan

COUNCIL 102

A surprise farewell party was held for Vince Boris at Detroit Beach, who was called to serve Uncle Sam (Air Force) on July 23. At present he is stationed at Sampson Air Base, New York. Our club will miss him greatly.

Rudy Sakal was recently home on furlough (30 days). It certainly was good to have him with us for a while.

Our Annual Moonlight Cruise to Bob-Lo Island, July 27th, was most enjoyable. No doubt the K. of L'ers will long be remembered by Bob-Lo crew for all the singing of Lithuanian songs, including one number "Old Man River" sung by George Sinkus. For his excellent performance he may be appearing on TV shows before long.

Delegates and guests to the 38th K. of L. National Convention were Rev. I. F. Boreisis, Bob Boris, Anna Mae Uznis, John Mickus, Al Alex, Julius and Vince Bridgevaitis, Joe Sakal, Ray Petcavage, Carl Gobis, Julie Bender, Joe Bender, Eileen Stankunas, Terry Bender, Tom and Mary Plunkett.

This past summer brought many visitors from out-of-town councils. We were very happy to see Rose and Mary Ambrose from Dayton. Hope they enjoyed their stay in our fair city. By the way, we never did find out about Room 2126 at Book Cadillac Hotel!

"Lou"

K. OF L. CALENDAR

September 22-23—New York-New Jersey District K. of L. Convention. Host, Philadelphia, Pa. (3).

September 29-30—New England District K. of L. Convention.

Host, Ansonia, Conn. (135).

September 30—Illinois-Indiana District K. of L. Amateur Contest, Darius-Girenas American Legion Hall.

October 6—Lawrence, Mass. (78) Dance, St. Michael's Hall.

October 20—Great Neck, N. Y. (109) Dance, Villa Nova Hall, Port Washington.

October 27—Amsterdam, N. Y. (100) Halloween Masquerade Ball.

October 27—Worcester, Mass. (26) Annual Harvest Dance, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.

October 27—Illinois-Indiana K. of L. Drama's Halloween Show.

October 27—Norwood, Mass. (27) Harvest Dance, Runeberg Hall.

October 28—Bayonne, N. J. (67) 25th Anniversary Banquet and Dance.

November 3—Providence, R. I. (103) Harvest Dance, Roger Williams Park Casino.

November 3—Elizabeth, N. J. (52) Barn Dance, Parish Hall.

November 10—New York, N. Y.

(12) KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA BALL, Our Lady of Vilna Hall.

November 10—Chicago, Ill. (112) Dance.

November 10—South Boston, Mass. (17) Dance, Lithuanian Citizens Club Auditorium.

Thanksgiving Day—Cleveland, Ohio (25) Dance, Lithuanian Hall.

December 1—South Boston, Mass. (17) Dance, Hotel Kenmore, Boston.

December 25—Brooklyn, N. Y. (41) Christmas Dance.

PRANEŠIMAS

Š. m. spalio mėn. 28 d. Lietuvos Vyčių 67 kuopa—Bayonne, N. J.—švenčia savo 25 metų veikimo Sidabrinį Jubiliejų.

PROGRAMA:

10:30 val. ryte—iškilmingos šv. Mišios ir bendra Komunija.

5:30 val. vakare—iškilminga vakarienė ir pasilinksminimas.

Lauksime svečių!

Kuopos Valdyba.