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CONVENTION DELEGATES!

WILL YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

I. Are we neglecting God in the K. of L.?

Some may say yes, others no. But as Al Smith used to say, "Let's take a look at the record." The answer is revealed in practically every issue of the VYTIS. For example, take your June 1952 issue of the VYTIS and browse through the Council Activities section. You find among religious activities that one council suggests that we watch bishop Sheen on TV. Two or three councils observed Mother's Day with Mass and Communion. You find a membership-drive being opened with Mass and Communion. Only two councils reported talks on religious subjects. One council reported praying for the founder of the K. of L. Mykolas Norckunas. Four K. of L. affairs are reported to have been begun or concluded with prayer. Your research will reveal frequent notices of the reception of the Sacrament of Matrimony by the members of various councils. Don't search any more. That's all there is.

Survey Conclusions

On the basis of this survey of genuine reports on typical K. of L. religious activities what can we conclude?

1. Not all councils reported in the June issue of the VYTIS, and those that did undoubtedly failed to report much of their religious program.

2. The extent of the religious activities in the K. of L. seems to be limited to Communion Breakfast, an occasional prayer, and talks by spiritual directors.

3. No mention is made of organized religious instruction, question boxes, study clubs, retreats, forums, spiritual reading, etc., — the necessary means of fulfilling the first half of our motto: "For God."

Doesn't this suggest that as K. of L. members we can do more for God? Are we so well instructed in our faith that we can not profit from a planned series of religious instructions, forums, question boxes, etc.? Are we so well informed about our religion that we can explain our faith to friends at the office, school, factory, business, or our next door neighbor? This then is something to think about, and to talk about at the convention in Dayton: to find ways and means of fulfilling this part of the constitution: "For God." The very first purpose

of the K. of L. as stated in its By-Laws is this: "The Knights of Lithuania adhere to Catholic philosophy and precepts, furthering among its members a deeper understanding and more zealous practice of the Catholic faith, and by appropriate means safeguard their moral conduct." It is up to the delegates to realize that there is a gaping vacuum under K. of L. religious activities. As an organization we have lost the push and drive which can come only from religious purpose. Is it any wonder that we have bogged down, like a car that has run out of gas? Is it any wonder that many Lithuanians are justly pointing an accusing finger at us: "Vyčiai tik ieško 'good time'?" Is it any wonder that so many of our members quit after a few years in spite of the many 'good times' the K. of L. can offer them? It's about time we get down to brass tacks and face up to ways and means of improving the religious program of the K. of L. An annual Communion Breakfast and a prayer before and after meetings are not enough to give the religious formation and information necessary for every K. of L. member. We need more than that.

Religion — The Backbone

In a talk before a Conference of Catholic Youth leaders in 1949 Fr. Edward Lawler, Director of Old St. Mary's Youth Center in San Francisco told of a discussion he had with six young adult Catholics before organizing a Catholic Club for young people 21-40: "The causes of dissatisfaction with other adult organizations were discussed. Predominant among them was the observation that most Church organizations for young people concentrated on teen-agers and the college age. Usually the younger group took over the running of the organization and the directing of its policies and activities. Secondly, most of the activities of these organizations were social in nature and this was **not enough to hold continued interest.**

"So, from the very beginning we decided to concentrate on religious instruction pitched to an adult level. Everyone agreed that this age group was really interested in a deeper understanding and more mature explanation of the Faith, and how to form a Catholic attitude in the face of the present day lack of religion. This contention was later proved when a survey of the membership was made

ten months after the Center opened. The reason given for remaining a member of the Center was religious education program by a 3-1 majority.

"One of the young men said he belonged to a well-known organization and that the type of program offered was not a specifically Catholic one. Except for periodic Communion Breakfasts and a yearly retreat, he could see nothing that would distinguish the organization from a Protestant one. In a moment of perhaps too sharp criticism, he said that he thought a Protestant should belong to the organization without realizing it was a Catholic one. Someone else said a friend of his had been asked to join another large Catholic organization for men, and his answer was: 'When you show me you are different than the Elks Club, I'll join.'

"One or two held that some would feel that they had had enough religious training in school and college and they did not need any more. But this suggestion was overruled by the general opinion. Since a young man of this age group was now finished with the protective atmosphere of college or other schooling, he had been in contact with the modern-day world and its spirit of materialism, cold dollar-and-cents evaluation of life, and now he realizes that the Catholic viewpoint is the only answer to properly appreciate life. Therefore, he would welcome an opportunity to better grasp what the Catholic viewpoint ought to be.

"It was decided, therefore, that, first, religious education would be the backbone of the program. The rest of the club activities would revolve around the main purpose of the organization, which would be to develop in the members a mature understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Faith, thereby enabling them to become more truly Catholic as individuals and to influence others by their example and by their ability to explain what they believe."

No delegate can fail to see how these words tie in with the K. of L. What do you think about religion and the K. of L? Does religion get its proper place in the K. of L? Or are we neglecting it? At the end of this article we shall offer a practical solution to this question.

II. ARE WE NEGLECTING LITHUANIANISM IN THE K. OF L?

You may say "no", and point out the wonderful work of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, the Lithuanianism Committee, and scattered efforts in various councils, like a play in Lithuanian, or a talk on some aspect of Lithuanian culture. How-

ever, if we peruse once again the council activities in the VYTIS we can draw some different conclusions. We would find the same answer for "Tevynei" that we found for "Dievui" in the first part of this article. It would be difficult to prove to an impartial jury, that the K. of L. is holding its own maintaining the second part of the Motto: "Dievui ir Tevynei", at least, as regards Lithuania, — "Tėvyne mūsų".

The test of progress in attaining this part of our K. of L. ideal lies in a better understanding of the Lithuanian language and a deeper appreciation of her culture. Ask yourself this question: "During the past year have I learned more of the Lithuanian language, history and culture by being a member of the K. of L?" Itemize your own personal advancement in this subject. Rate yourself. What do you think is the general average of the members? Whatever it is, you will surely agree it should be higher.

This is another thing to think about, talk about, and do something about during the Dayton Convention.

A Practical Solution

The solution to the problem of making progress "For God and Country" might be the following. Why not discuss the advantages and disadvantages of introducing into the overall picture of K. of L. life a 'Progress Hour for God and Country': an hour devoted to growth in our ideals on the cultural, informative, and recreational level. Ordinary business discussion would be taboo, forbidden, outlawed! This hour might be during the monthly meeting, or better still on another evening during the month. We would deal with God by purely religious instruction, discussion, question box, open forum, a slide lecture, a religious movie, a book report, a live demonstration of some of the sacraments, etc., etc. We would have a practical "Learn Lithuanian" class, which would be fun, if done by means of games, contests, spelling bees, round robin letters, bulletin board, newspaper editing and so on. We would talk about Lithuanian history, art, literature etc.

No doubt these questions will be raised on the convention floor: Are we neglecting God in the K. of L? Are we neglecting Lithuanianism in the K. of L? **How will you answer these questions?**

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MES DIRBAME !

PAKELIUI Į VYČIŲ SEIMĄ

Alfa Sušinskas

Netrukus iš įvairių Amerikos vietų į Daytoną pajudės daug vytiško jaunimo; į savo Seimą jie vyks įvairiais keliais ir įvairiomis susisiekimo priemonėmis.

Vyčiai, Seimo atstovai, paliks savo kasdieninį darbą, paliks įvairias savo pareigas, savo artimuosius — jie viską paliks namie, kad viskuo galėtų pilnai atsiduoti savo Seimui.

Artėjant Vyčių Seimui ir jo belaukiant, po galvą ima suktis įvairūs mąstymai apie pačią Vyčių organizaciją, apie pačius vyčius ir apie jų seimą.

1. Gyvoji organizacijos šakelė

Kiekvienos organizacijos (aišku, ir Vyčių) tikroji galybė ir didybė nepareina vien nuo jos narių skaičiaus. Nors kiekviena organizacija siekia laimėti daugiau narių, tačiau jos galybė ir reikšmė

glūdi ne tiek jos narių skaičiuje, kiek jų kokybėje; jei organizacijos nariai yra drausmingi, sąmoningi, susipratę, aktyvūs, tai ir pati organizacija yra galinga bei reikšminga; jei organizacijos nariai, sakykime, yra gyvos organizacinio medžio šakelės, tai ir pats organizacinis medis (pati organizacija) yra žaliuojąs, nenudžiuvęs, gyvas.

Kiekvienos organizacijos stiprybė yra matuojama pagal jos narių organizacinį gyvumą.

2. Organizacija — didžioji gyvenimo mokykla.

Organizacijos narys pirmiausia turi gerai nusimanyti, kas yra jo organizacija, ko ji siekia, už ką ir dėl ko ji kovoja, kokia yra jos istorija, jos svarbieji įvykiai, laimėjimai, rūpesčiai, jos žymieji žmonės . . .

Organizacijos narys turi pats kuo daugiausia duoti savo organizacijai; jai daug duodamas, jis ir

pats iš jos daug gaus. O ką narys gali ir turi duoti savo organizacijai? Nario aktyvus dalyvavimas organizacijos gyvenime yra didžioji duoklė savai organizacijai: nario darbas, skiriamas organizacijai, jo visokeriopas organizacinis prisidėjimas, jo žodis susirinkime, jo pasiūlymai, klausimai, jo interesavimasis savo organizacijos gyvenimu, net jo punktualumas, — tai vis jo įnašai į savo organizacijos gyvenimą. Pagaliau narys, būdamas aktyvus, visada ir visur sugebės būti savo organizacijai naudingas.

Organizacija nieko neduoda tam, kas jai nieko neduoda!

Organizacija yra didelė gyvenimo mokykla tik organizaciniai gyviems savo nariams, dvasia ir kūnu jai priklausantiems.

auklėja reikšmingesniu, šviesesniu, kultūringesniu,

Organizacija jai atsidavusį narį padaro, išsumanesniu ir gyvenimą plačiau bei giliau pažįstančiu žmogumi.

3. Vyčių Seimas tiek duos, kiek atstovai jam duos

Jei žinotume, ką vyčių atstovai nusiveš savo širdyse ir protuose į Seimą, jau dabar galėtume pasakyti, koks Seimas bus, koks jis atrodys, ką nutars ir ką padarys.

Mes to nežinome! Bet mes žinome, kad vyčiai atstovai į Daytoną važiuoja ne pramogų jieskodomis, ne atostogų išsiilgę; į ten jie vyksta labai rimto darbo dirbti! Ir kokio darbo? Gi ištirti ką Vyčių organizacija iki šiol nuveikė ir ką ji turi padaryti ateityje!

Mes žinome, kad Seime vienas atstovas tiek pat reiškia, kiek ir visi atstovai kartu! Nes be kiekvieno atstovo nebūtų nė paties Seimo!

Vytis atstovas į Seimą turi važiuoti įsitikinęs, kad jis ten, Seime, yra labai reikšmingas ir labai reikalingas (taip ištikrųjų ir yra!) Vyčio atstovo širdyje turi degti meilė savo organizacijai, o jo prote turi pintis planai ir sumanymai.

Nevažiuoti į Seimą idėjiškai šaltomis širdimis ir tuščiomis galvomis!

Kai Seime visi atstovai sujungs savo idealizmą ir savo planus sudės į vieną bendrą, darnią Seimo programą, tada ir pats Seimas plačiai nuskambės po Ameriką, kaip didis Lietuvos Vyčių darbas Amerikoje, didžiai reikšmingas lietuviams ir didelę Viešpaties garbę pareiškias.

Didžiausias kovotojas yra tas, kas herojiškai kovoja su savo silpnybėmis.

Išmintingas žmogus ir dulkelėj randa nuostabių dalykų.

LIETUVIŲ KALBOS BRANGUMAS.

Brangi ir graži esi tu mūsų lietuvių kalba,
Kai lyginame tave su svetimtaučių šneka,
Tu mums priduodi lietuviškumo rūbus, idealus,
Kurių nieks nenupirks ir už turtus didžius.

Tu esi seniausia šeimoje žmonijos gyvųjų kalbų,
Sanskritų, chaldėjų, hebrajų, romėnų dienų,
Be tavęs neapseina nė vienas pasaulio lingvistas,
Kurs tiria kalbas visas net nuo Adomo laikų.

Tu mums it paveikslas aiškiai atvaizduoji
Per šimtmečius kovas visas garbingų protėvių,
Per tave, kaip veidrodyj, atsispindi mūsų tautos
istorija,

Menas, kultūra, papročiai net nuo pagonijos laikų.

Tu esi begalo lanksti, švelni ir muzikali tikrai,
Tavimi išreikšta pasakų, giesmių ir dainų
tūkstančiai,

Tavo malonų skembėsi jau žino daug pasaulio tautų,
Tavo gražbylybės jėgą lietuviai paskleidė tarp
kontinentų penkių.

Tik gaila, oi gaila labai, kad dažnai išėivioj
lietuviai

Tave labai dako, iškraipo, pakeičia tavo žodžius,
Prikerdami tau visai neužtarnautus ir netinkamus
Rusicizmus, polonizmus, amerikonzmus ir visokius
kitus.

Tas yra nevertas garbingo ir tikro vardo lietuvio,
Kurs gėdžiasi savo kalbos, pakeisdamas ją
svetimtaučių,

Juk tosios kalbos pasisėmei iš savosios tautos gelmių
Tegul ji ir palydi tave iš gyvenimo iki karsto ir
kapinių.

Padangės Aras.

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prisidėjimo. NORKŪNO FONDAS
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DU jau dabar.

Sekime mūsų steigėjo pavyzdį. Visais būdais remkime Lietuvos Vyčių veiklą. Pasiūskime savo auką Norkūno Fondui.



K. OF L. CONVENTION DELEGATES, ONE MOMENT, PLEASE!

The following remarks are entirely unofficial. The LESS attention payed to them, the WORSE it will be for our Knights of Lithuania, but that does not matter. So long as the Convention Delegates have their good time the business of our organization can go along its merry way down, down, DOWN.

Do you remember the story of Little Robin Red Breast? Why his breast is red? If I remember the fairy tale, correctly a little robin saved a man from freezing to death by hovering over the dying embers of a fire to keep the flame alive until morning, when the man could wake up and put more fuel on the fire. Convention time is nothing but a repetition of this story. The delegates are the ones to keep alive and burning brightly the dying embers of K. of L. ideals.

Then, there was the delegate who brought along two huge suitcases of clothing, but an empty head. Not a single idea for the progress and improvement of the K. of L. Look through your list of convention needs and be sure YOU bring to the convention a mind full of ideas and proposals.

I do not know why nursery rimes come back to me at this time, but here is another one with a moral to it: "There was a crooked man, who walked a crooked mile, and found a crooked sixpence, along a crooked and so forth." Let's not be crooked knights, that is UNBALANCED KNIGHTS, with minds full only of fun and social life, with not a single thought of the religious, cultural, and Lithuanian activities that are our organization's life's blood.

We convention delegates are going to hear the words FOR GOD and COUNTRY at least a million million times during the three days at Dayton. Will we be aroused to do more to fulfill that ideal? Will it inspire us to make sacrifices for that noble motto?

There will be PROPHETS OF GLOOM at the convention. They are going to tell us that all is lost, that we are fighting a lost cause, that our organization is through. Don't believe them. Ours is still the greatest Lithuanian youth organization in the world! It will be your task to make it greater still.

A. A. Jurgelaitis

J. Daumantas

Partisans Behind the Iron Curtain

(We are continuing a free translation of the true story of the underground fighters for Lithuanian Freedom.)

My First Assignment

It was the month of January now, which in Lithuanian is a month of extreme cold and icy winds that blow mercilessly through field and forest. We were on our way to a rendez-vous, traveling as usual, at night. Since we had only a rough idea of the forest paths, we went along slowly, straining our eyes in the darkness, until they seemed to pop of our heads. We had to be careful, too, because we had been warned of the presence of the NKVD units in the vicinity. This did not make our first journey as Partisans any more pleasant. We were afraid every minute that the sound of our footsteps on the frozen ground would be heard by some Communist sentry. All around us was a frozen silence, and it seemed to us rookies that every step we took over dried twigs and ice-covered puddles could be heard for miles around. It was eerie trudging along breaking ice underfoot to the accompaniment of the sharp noise like that of shattering glass. The only other sound we could hear was that of the baying of dogs in the distance.

As we trudged along, keeping close to the edge of the forest we had to make sure that we did not lose our way. We dared not go along the main road, since we might walk right into a Russian patrol. To take the narrower forest trails was risky, too. So, we kept just inside the timber line where we could always see the road and not be seen. After a few kilometers, we came across a clearing, through which we had to cut. Just about this time a light snow began to fall. This was a God-send, as it would obliterate our footprints very quickly, and besides, soften the noise of the crunch of breaking ice underfoot.

Our first Partisan patrol would have been a mere pleasure trip, if we had not had to cross a brook at this point. The waters had overflowed the banks earlier and this left a wide space of thinly ice-coated river bank to wade through, before plunging hip deep into the icy waters. As we waded, we had to break through the thin cap of ice on the water. Boy, it was cold.

After this, our hike was nearly over. Three ki-

lometers more and we reached our destination. There we found the leader Michael John and with him, the Sword, the Ranger, and Lefty.

At this secret meeting, my brother and I looked and acted like rookies. We were not as free and easy as the others. We did not know how to wear our weapons, where to put them when we sat down, they always seemed to get in our way. Furthermore, we did not know most of the men there, and we could not take part in the talking about past achievements and future plans. We could not laugh and joke like the rest. This would soon change, as we got into the swing and fight of things. We did feel terribly out of place.

After our instruction meeting, we were led to a nearby farmhouse to spend the following day. Some of the men sat on benches, others stretched out right on the floor. Amid the buzz of hushed conversation I fell asleep.

The Russian Convoy

Just before dawn a sentry rushed inside with the news that the highway from Prienai to Dambava estate was ablaze with lights: a Russian military convoy! We took turns looking through the binoculars as we rushed to get ready for whatever might happen. We soon received an order to retreat into the woods. As the group of Partisans left the farmhouse, the farmer led out his livestock to cover our boot-prints. In a matter of minutes we reached the brook, and waded through its icy waters for a second time that day. We kept looking back to see if the Russians had noticed us. Luckily, they were so busy about their business that they did not see our detachment. Once in this forest we stopped a moment to decide what to do. We separated into groups of three and took cover among the evergreen trees. But, we felt insecure. So we retreated further into the Garliava forest. Here we could light a small fire and warm ourselves a bit. We took turns at sentry duty. I was on duty with Uosis, a veteran Partisan, who kept coaching me in Partisan tactics.

He was very patient with me, as he explained different ways of hiding from the enemy, of seeing without being seen, and so on. Then he left me on my own for a while. I hid myself among the branches of an evergreen and began scanning the countryside through my binoculars. Not a thing

KVIETIMAS TALKON

Vyčių Šauksmas į Savo Garbės Narius

J. Sadauskas

Man vis daugiau ir daugiau tenka nugirsti nusiskundimų iš Vyčių Organizacijos, kad "Vytyje" permažai vytiškos dvasios raštų. Nekurie išsitarė, kad "Vytis" yra gražus žurnalas (magazinas), bet jame reikėtų vis daugiau raštų, kurie sukeltų jauniame kilnius jausmus ir vytišką, lietuvišką idealizmą. Tokiu būdu kilo man galvoje mintis, kad šį darbą vienam redaktoriui atlikti yra per sunku, o jei jis ir užpildytų savo raštais "Vyties" lapus, tai jo vieno straipsniai pasidarytų monotoniški ir dėl to tie raštai ilgainiui negalėtų būti patrauklūs, sugestyvūs.

Vyčių Organizacija turi daug garbės narių, kurie yra žinomi ne tik vyčiams, bet ir visai mūsų išeivijai. Kaip būtų malonu, kad jie parašytų į kiekvieną "Vyties" numerį, tada "Vytis" pasidarytų vyčiams vis labiau savas. Jei mūsų organizacijos garbės nariai šį darbą apsiimtų ir jį nuolatos vykdytų, tai kaip būtų visiems įdomu jų raštai skaityti, nes gi mūsų garbės nariai patys seniau bu-

vo ir "Vyties" redaktoriais ir organizatoriais, veikėjas ir nekurie jau didesnę dalį savo amžiaus praleido su vyčiais.

Štai nekuriuos stengsiuos čia ir išvardinti: Dr. K. Pakštas, Leonardas Šimutis, "Draugo" redaktorius, Matas Zujus, "Garso" redaktorius, prel. P. Juras, kun. Dr. Boreišis, J. Juozaitis, J. Bulevičius, inž. A. Mažeika, P. Razvadauskas (pastarieji visi keturi yra buvę Vyčių Organizacijos Centro pirmininkais), Ig. Sakalas, kun. Albavičius, K. Žaromskis ir dar daugybė kitų, kurių čia neišvardinau. O kur mūsų auksaburnis buvusis centro dvasios vadas kun. J. C. Jutkevičius? O kur naujų narių prirašinėjimo vajaus metu čempionas Stančikas. Jis nesykį yra sumušęs rekordus šiame darbe. Tik jie geriausiai žino mūsų brangią organizaciją, nes šie nariai kūrė vyčių naujas kuopas, rašė apie jas, džiaugėsi ir gerėjosi vyčių pasisekimais, liūdėjo

Pabuskime visi. Pagyvinkime mūsų vienintėlės jaunimo organizacijos veikimą, ypatingai mūsų ka-

was stirring. I let down my glasses and was just about to clap my hands to warm them up a bit when from the left two Russian soldiers appeared. I turned to Uosis, who was beside me again and tugged quietly at his jacket, then reached for my rifle. I could see that Uosis, rifle in his hands already, was aiming directly at the two unsuspecting soldiers. We could easily have knocked out those two Reds, one of whom was carrying a sub-machine gun, but we held out fire. And I held my breath as well! When they were gone a safe distance Uosis spoke up:

"Lucky Ivans! Slipping by right under our noses. Lucky they did not know that they were in danger. There would have been a double military funeral tomorrow."

The whole morning passed thus. After lunch our scouts brought in a civilian who gave us some further information about this Red military operation. It appeared that 900 NKVD agents arrived at the Dambava estate to "organize" a pre-election campaign. He told us that several hundred of the neighboring farmers had been forced to attend the assembly and were being "indoctrinated" in sepa-

rate rooms. Each voter had to pledge himself to vote. Anyone refusing to take such a pledge was led to the cellar where he was given a "political orientation" as it was called. This, as we well knew, was another name for torture.

Our informer further related that many of the farmers had hidden themselves in haystacks or in underground hideouts, so as not to appear at the meeting. Since their farms were deserted at this time, bands of Red robbers roamed about at will, plundering wherever they went. From our position on the hill, we could see how the NKVD agents would surround a farmhouse, then enter and drag out women and children, sometimes they would discover the hiding place of a farmer and drag him out. Then they ransacked the place and went on. To stop activities such as these I had become a Partisan, but, we could not do anything at this time, since, there were so many Russians against our handful of men. We would get a chance to punish the Russians for their atrocities, some day.

(Continued next month.)

Translated by A. A. Jurgelaitis

talikiškoje spaudoje, kurioje taip mažai yra rašoma apie vyčius.

Kodėl mes neturime veikėjų?

Pavartęs senuosius "Vyties" lapus, iš kurių esu apsitaisęs du didžiausiu sąsiuvinu, pamačiau, kaip seniau kuopos pagerbdavo savo veikėjus, aprašinėjo jų pasižymėjimus, dažnai talpindavo "Vytyje" tokių narių atvaizdus ir tt. Šiandien "Vytyje" tai permažai yra daroma. Pirmiau kuopose buvo daug visokios veiklos ir meilės Tėvynei Lietuvai. O nūnais nekuriuose kuopose norima visai panaikinti lietuvių kalbą ir viską vesti anglų kalboje.

Jei mes išsižadėsime Vyčių obalsio ir lietuviško žodžio, tai kuo mes tada remsimės Vyčių Organizacijoj? Tuomet Vyčių Organizacija pasiliktų, lyginai, kaip išėmus Švenčiausią iš katalikų bažnyčios. Tas pats būtų ir su vyčiais, jei jie išsižadėtų savo tėvų kalbos. Ir iš lietuviškų bažnyčių pasiliktų tik mūro sienos, o iš vyčių pasiliktų liguistas kūnas su mirštančia dvasia.

Daugiau iš kuopų veikimo, mažiau personališkumo

Kartais pradėdi skaityti korespondenciją iš kai kurios kolonijos, tai jose daugiausiai pastebi: kur vaikas su mergina susiėjo, ką jiedu kalbėjo, ką jiedu mano daryti, kaip praleido laiką ir tt. Bet iš kuopos veikimo, tai nei žodelio. Tai kaip mes galime vyčių dvasią pagyvinti ir koku būdu kitos kuopos gali sužinoti apie tokių kuopų veikimą? Mūsų korespondentams reiktų daugiau aprašyti, kurie nariai kuopose daugiau darbuojasi, rūpinasi jos veikimu ir tt. O tuos personališkus dalykus reikia palikti jiems patiems.

Reikia Griebtis Darbo

Vyčių Seimas jau čia pat. Ar mes visi pagalvojame kas jame turėtų būti daugiausiai svarstoma. Mano pasiūlymas Seimui štai koks. Kad būsimas seimas perstatytų gabų kalbėtoją (geriausiai būtų iš dvasiškių), kuris aplankytų daugumą lietuvių kolonijų, pasikalbėtų su vyčiais, jų kuopų valdybomis, veikėjais ir dvasios vadais, kaip pagyvinti ir padidinti Vyčių Organizaciją. Jei mes to nepadarysime, tai galime tikėtis, kad Vyčių Organizacija nedidės, bet mažės, nes visiems yra žinoma, kad lietuviškose parapinėse mokyklose jau mažai yra kreipiama dėmesio į lietuvių (nesakau, jog visose taip yra, bet daugumoje, tai taip).

Senesnieji vyčių nariai ir jų rėmėjai, metas po meto apleidžia ir apleis šį pasaulį, o čia augęs jaunimas, laikui bėgant, pražus Amerikos ištautėjimo bangose. O vėliausiai atvykę lietuviai, jų jauni-

mas mažai dedas prie vyčių Bet tie per 20,000 naujai atvykusių lietuvių irgi nepajėgs ilgai kovoti su nutautėjimu. Jei pražus, dėl mirties ir kitokių aplinkybių, arti pusės milijono senesnės kartos lietuvių, ir jei leisime jų vaikams pražūti nutautėjimo malūne, tai dvidešimt tūkstančių naujai atvykusių galvų mažai ką reikš amerikoniškam malūnui sumalti.

Šiai katastrofai palietus Amerikos lietuvius, nustosime girdėję mūsų bažnyčiose lietuviškų pamokslų, lietuviškų giesmių, o salėse vaidinimų ir visko kas yra lietuviška. Dabar laikas visiems pagalvoti dėl lietuvių ateities ir ypač jų organizacijų, ypač jaunimo.

Manome, kad Lietuva atgaus nepriklausomybę (tikėkim to tikrai sulaukt), bet jei bus pražuvę jos didžiausi rėmėjai, Amerikos lietuviai, kaip jai bus skaudu tai pergyventi. Jei taip įvyktų su Amerikos lietuviais, tai tas labai paremtų ir Lietuvos reikalui. Čia augęs jaunimas mažai težinos apie Lietuvą, mažai įdomausis jos dalykais, kadangi jis mažai girdės Lietuvos šauksmą ir nesupras jos bėdų.

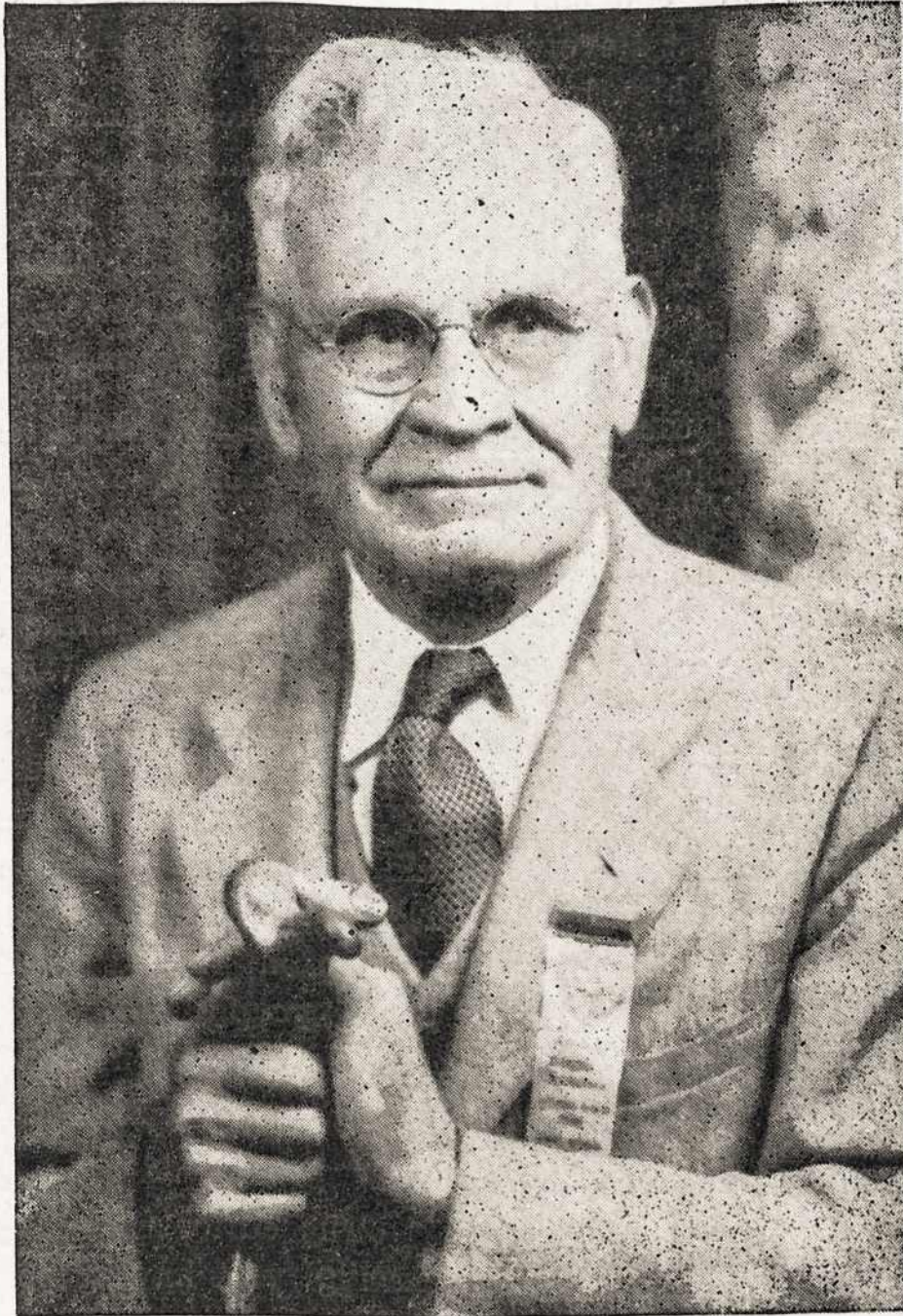
Man teko išsikalbėti su viena žydų kilmės moterimi, kuri man padarė štai kokią pastabą: "Žydai nenori pasiduoti katalikų ir protestantų įtakoms, o ypač ištautėjimui, dėlto jie Clevelande tiek daug stato savo mokyklų". O mes lietuviai turėdami savose mokyklose lietuviškas Seseles, dažnai lietuvių neskiriame tinkamo dėmesio. Jei mes šiems įvykiams neužbėgsime už akių, tai ir be pranašo aišku, kad lietuvių pastatytos bažnyčios, mokyklos ir net pačios klebonijos pateks į kitų rankas.

Prašyčiau brangios Vyčių Organizacijos garbės narių rašinėti į Vyčių organą "Vyti" kuo daugiausiai visokiausiais svarbiais vyčiams klausimais, ir ypač lietuvių klausimais, o tie raštai stiprins ir senesnius narius ir mūsų jaunuomenę.

ŠIANDIEN pasiųsk savo asmenišką auką a. a. Tėvo Norkūno vardą įamžinti.

PAGERBK mūsų mylimo Tėvo Norkūno atmintį atsiūsdamas nors mažą auką, dabar, ŠI MĖNESI.

SEIME SUŽINOSITE kiek mūsų narių prisiminė mūsų organizacijos steigėją a. a. Mykolą Norkūną. Nepagalėk aukos Norkūno Fondui.



NORKUNAS' REQUEST TO THE KNIGHTS

Joseph Boley

"Lithuanian we are born,
Lithuanian we must remain!"

Mykolas Norkunas — may he rest in peace— how he loved the Knights of Lithuania conventions! With one convention ended, he would start preparing for the next. They were a source of strength to him. We recall how he surprised us at Elizabeth, when he landed at the convention hall direct from the hospital bed. But he felt at home with the Knights. He longed for them.

Alas, we shall not see again that sprightly figure with the cane. We shall not see him addressing us with his youthful fire at every available opportunity. It is hard to believe that we have heard his final words.

We had a true friend in Norkunas. His last thoughts were about us. Just two months before his death he inquires, "What's your opinion about the coming convention in New York — do you expect

many delegates?" Then he adds: "I should like to comment that the same type of convention badge ought not to be given to delegates and guests. Guests having the same badge could also vote. With knightly respect, M. A. Norkunas." z

What kind of a member was he? On February 4, 1948, he writes:

"I have started a new project, on which I am putting in 6 to 9 hours daily and which I shall hardly be able to finish in a year's time. It will entail hundreds of dollars of expense, but no one need know about it. I am not doing this for any honor."

In the last few years he had no official duties in the organization. That does not mean that he found nothing to do. Here is what he writes on April 7, 1947:

"On the 11th of this month I am going to Montreal and hope to revive a K. of L. council."

Two years later he is still at it. On Feb. 13, 1949, he reports as follows:

"I have tried to revive several councils in Michigan, especially in I know Reverend very well and have written to him, but he responded very cold about the Knights."

One month after that he shows no signs of letting up. On March 17, 1949, he says:

"It is absolutely necessary that we revive the Connecticut district. If I had my ears and some small income, in a year's time and as an ordinary member I could double the membership of the organization."

When his efforts fail in Michigan he is not depressed, but looks for other means:

"I have some addresses in several farm towns; will try there. In Flint, Michigan, there is an old maid who used to be active with Council 2 in Lewiston, Maine. I have written her twice, but received no reply. She must have gotten old."

There is energy for you! While those in the prime of life hand out alibis that they are too old even to retain the membership itself, Norkunas in his 80's was still travelling, planning, working for the welfare of our organization.

His loyalty to the Knights was almost fanatical. If anyone dared even to look cross-eyed at them or say an unfavorable word about them, he was ready to do away with such a person on the spot.

He was greatly concerned about the history of the organization. He noticed many errors prevalent as to facts, dates etc. Only last winter he writes:

"I shall not ask about it any more. I shall put the history together, have it signed by those who are still alive and place it in at least two archives. Until my health allows it, I shall search for ways to bring order out of the present confusion."

Here are Norkunas' own words, written about a year before his death, on questions that many of our members frequently ask:

"Who first conceived the idea of organizing the Knights? — Mykolas Norkunas. Maintaining contact with societies throughout the United States by making their banners and badges, I saw a need for an organization, what with mixed marriages etc., some of them with tragic ending.

"Where and when? The first, constitutional,

convention was in Lawrence, Mass., April 27, 1913.

"Who was the first president? — Mykolas Norkunas, the originator.

"The original name was Lietuvos Sakalai. The change of name took place at the Federation Congress in Pittsburgh in 1913, at the instigation of Norkunas. It was Father Kaupas who suggested Lietuvos Vyčiai. Norkunas accepted this proposal."

He died in characteristic fashion — with sword in hand. This sword was his pen. A mere two days before his death, a long article of his, titled "Less Talk, More Action", was printed in "Darbininkas". The editor did not like this article, for in it Norkunas was asking: "Why, oh why, don't our newly arrived Lithuanians join the existing organizations? There is room in these organizations. The old motto — In unity there is strength — still holds." He did not miss the opportunity to put in a good word for his Knights. "I would suggest," he wrote, "that you go out to a K. of L. convention. Hundreds of young people, some of whose parents were born here, have little notion what that Lithuania is or where it is, and yet what nergy they expend in her behalf!"

The editor called his words unfounded fault-finding and having no connection with the question at hand.

That certain statements of his had no connection with the question at hand is nothing new to us. He often made such statements in his talks and in his writings. But we can be sure of one thing: no matter what he was talking or writing about, his main theme would be the preservation of Lithuanianism among the American Lithuanians. For this mission he chose only the Knights of Lithuania. And on this score he was not wrong. Without boasting or exaggeration we can say that, until very recently, when our D. P's. began to delve into the same problem, there was no other organization in America which showed so much concern and effort that Lithuanianism remain alive among the younger generation as did the Knights of Lithuania.

True enough, the effort did not measure up to the need. But that effort was constant and the expenses were met almost exclusively by that same impecunious youth. While American youth organizations like the Boy Scouts receive hundreds of thousands of dollars from the pockets of the American public, our Lithuanian people have not seen

the necessity for promoting the K. of L. activities with a single thousand.

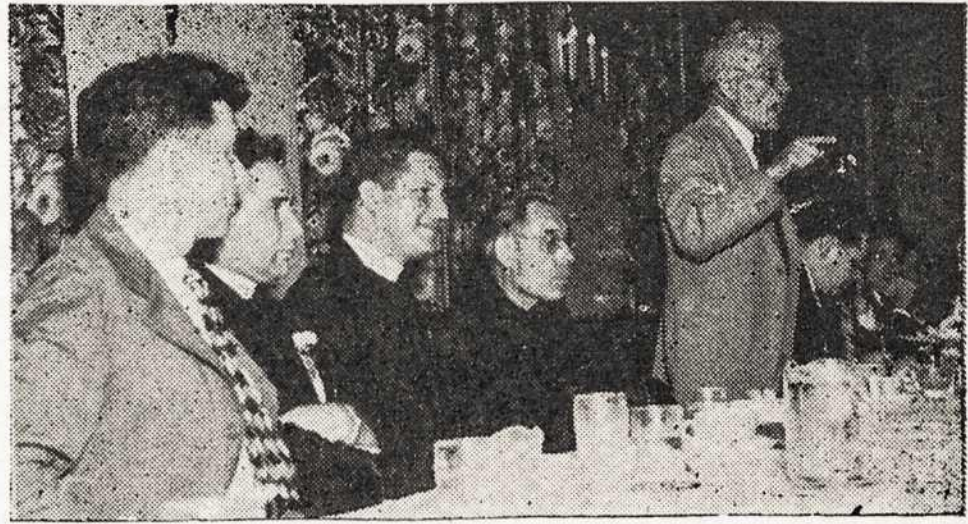
Tévas Norkunas saw these shortcomings. Loving the Knights as he did and placing so much hope in them, he wanted that others love them, aid them and join with them. He therefore wrote and spoke against those organizations which he thought were harmful to the Knights. He had no love for those priests who organized non-Lithuanian clubs and societies, but did not permit the Knights to come near or threw them out of the parish halls where they had been established. He did not hesitate to scold one or another K. of L. officer or member whose work did not foster the growth of Lithuanianism. But he scolded all as a good father, with love in his heart, love for the Knights and their precious ideals.

Every fiber of his being was drawn toward things Lithuanian. Conventions in Lithuanian parish halls were much more to his liking than those in the ritziest hotels. One Lithuanian word was dearer to him than the cleverest speeches in any other language. He begged the VYTIS correspondents to write Lithuanian and those who responded to his appeals he rewarded with Lithuanian books and pictures of Lithuania. Knowing full well the meaning of a mixed marriage, he urged the young people to form only Lithuanian families. From K. of L. leaders he demanded an especially strong form of Lithuanianism. Of one active member he wrote with deep scorn: "His very membership is poisonous. If he does not change, it would be healthier than he find another organization to belong to, for his efforts indicate a desire to bury the Lithuanian language and, with it, the Lithuanian press."

Of a Supreme Council officer who spoke not a bit of Lithuanian to the membership Norkunas commented: "What Lithuanians without Lithuanianism!" (July 6, 1949) Only 2 or 3 weeks before his death he again touches on the same subject: "It hurts me that your council is no longer a K. of L. council. I receive announcements, but not in Lithuanian."

What is this Lithuanianism for which a person labors to his last breath? Is it merely an unattainable ideal? Is it an invention of the old folk, a nice word to use at February 16 commemoration? Or perhaps it is only the declaration: "I am a Lithuanian"?

Lithuanianism is a gift from God, a gift which, if used to its full extent, our personality to a higher level. Employing this gift, we grow to be a more



complete being. We become a more valuable citizen of whatever country we reside in. We show that we are a thinking creature. We refute any notion that we are but a bit of flotsam, sprung out of now where and deposited on this earth by a chance gust of wind. Instead, we value highly our ancient ancestry in all its glorious majesty. Lithuanianism enables us to be more closely attuned to our people wherever they may be.

Lithuanianism is a way of thinking. It is a certain sentiment that directs our steps to a Lithuanian gathering, an instinctive urge that prompts our heart and our lips to pronounce a Lithuanian word or to burst forth in a Lithuanian song.

Lithuanianism reveals itself in many easily recognized forms and variations. It can be seen in the tremendous determination of Darius and Girenas to sacrifice their very lives for the greater glory of their people. It is evident in the superhuman efforts of Brone Paliliunaite, a consumptive, to bestir the K. of L. from their lethargy by letters written from her death bed. Lithuanianism is an unquenchable fire that drives us to work among the Knights regardless of the difficulties and lack of appreciation. Lithuanianism is the sole factor that will bind us permanently to the organization. Herein lies our purpose, our hope and our strength.

Norkunas placed his confidence in us and **only** in us, despite all our faults. It was the Knights that he entrusted to bear his remains to the grave. But his bones will not rest easily, if we will not be true to his ideals.

My dear Knights, let us not deceive ourselves. If our council knows nothing but how to arrange dances, let us not believe that we are working for Lithuanianism. If you are a VYTIS correspondent, ask yourself: "When am I going to start writing in Lithuanian?" If you are one who never has spoken a word in Lithuanian at a meeting, isn't it time to inquire of yourself where does the trouble lie? You lack courage? You don't know how? But isn't that

what we said last year and the year before and the year before that? Is there not a single person for miles around who could teach me? Or is my head so weak that I can learn nothing new? That I will not admit. One could master even the Chinese language, if one really wanted to.

I do not say that it is going to be easy to force oneself to speak Lithuanian at home, at meetings and other gatherings. But neither was it easy for Norkunas to make his way with his ideas among seemingly inaccessible places and people. That is why we are Knights. That is why there in something like a seal of honor in our soul, marking us apart from hundreds of other youth who show no such interest in their personal worth and essence. Once we understand and appreciate our inheritance, we shall make rapid progress within ourselves and we shall convert those others who lack this understanding.

The history of our people will speak of Norkunas as noble personality, a man who was concerned with our problems at a time when others, more learned and more capable, were looking for satisfaction among strangers. Yet he did not expect approval of everyone. He possessed a soldier-like, truly knightly character, and he fought with every enemy of the organization, internal and external, until his death. He did not stand by passively. He did not shrink from strife. He did not shirk responsibility. As Matas Zujus, editor of "Garsas" and honorary member of the K. of L. recalled in his biographical sketch, "Mykolas was an ardent Lithuanian patriot from his earliest years. For disseminating Lithuanian literature the Russians arrested and imprisoned him."

Because it is only through strife and pain that a person grows and his personality develops, Mykolas Norkunas developed into a giant. He was indeed, as Pittsburgh's "Lietuvių Žinios" called him, our patriarch. That same newspaper spoke of him and of the duties of those remaining as follows:

"The Knights of Lithuania are grieving, for they have lost their father. They have lost their most revered member, whose entire long life was dedicated to them... The Knights will never again hear his beautiful precepts, nor see him at their gatherings. But the seed that he planted in the heart of every Knight will bear fruit.

"At the bier of their father today the Knights must make a solemn vow to fight untiringly for their ideals as long as their feet tread the wandering road of life."

He gave us all he had. Out of his frugal savings he bought those pretty pins, which he so joyfully distributed at conventions and which we now treasure so much. He gave us his counsel, his fatherly blessing, his last breath, his prayers. "As long as the good Lord allows it, I will not stop praying for the Knights," he recently wrote. We can be sure that he kept his promise.

It is now our turn to remember him in our prayers. It is now our turn to contend for his, and our, ideals with more courage and greater zeal. Our beloved Tėvas Norkunas was never a coward; he would not be proud of us, if we act timidly. Let us emulate him in remaining active, loyal members and thus remain in the fighting ranks for the cause of Lithuanianism until the end of our days. Let his unforgettable words and his undying youthful spirit be our guide and inspiration.

DO YOU JUST BELONG

Are you the active member, the kind who
would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name
is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle
with the flock?
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few, and talk
about the clique?
There's quite a program scheduled
I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll all appreciate it if you
come and help us out.
So come to the meetings often and help
with hand and heart
Don't be just a member, dig in and do your part.
Think it over, brother, you know right from wrong.
Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

(From "Vyčių Kardas", Detroit.)

**Let us do something nice for our deceased Founder. To memorialize his name we need a personal contribution from every member of your council
Let us honor Norkunas appropriately.
Let us build a substantial NORKŪNAS MEMORIAL FUND.**

NEREIKALINGOS SVETIMYBĖS LIETUVIŲ KALBOJ

L. Dambriūnas

Amerikoje lietuviai dažnai vartoja per daug nereikalingų anglišku žodžių. Kad pirmieji ateiviai pradėjo vartoti tokius žodžius kaip **strytkaris, eleveiteris, pyčiai, oranžai**, tai visai suprantama. Šiuos žodžius jie turėjo pasisavinti iš anglų kalbos,

nes Lietuvoje seniau šių daiktų nebuvo, todėl ir pavadinimų jiems negalėjo būti. Tokių žodžių atsiradimas suprantamas ir pateisinamas. Tačiau pamažu lietuviai priprato ir prie tokių anglišku žodžių, kaip pvz. **hauza, floras, boisas**, kurie lietuvių kalbai buvo visai nereikalingi, nes jų vietoj lietuvių kalba seniai jau turi gražių savų žodžių. Kam tad skolintis svetimą daiktą, jei turi neblogesnį savo?

Kadaise Lietuvoje žmonės buvo pradėję vartoti daug lenkiškų ar apylamai slaviškų žodžių, bet nepriklausomybės laikais beveik visi jie iš lietuvių kalbos išnyko. Net ir seni žmonės juos užmiršo. Manau, kad ir Amerikos lietuvių kalba gali apseiti be daugelio anglišku žodžių, kurie šiandien dar daug kieno vartojami. Kai kuriuos tokius nereikalingus žodžius ir noriu čia surašyti, nurodydamas, kuo galima juos pakeisti.

Pradėkime nuo **namo** ir kas yra name. Suprantama, kad kalbant lietuviškai angliškas žodis **hauza** visai nereikalingas, nes **namas** reiškia tą pat, ką ir **hauza** (house). Vietoj **namas** vartojama dar ir daugiskaitos (plural) forma **namai**, kuri irgi reiškia house. Taigi anglišką sakinį **he bought a house** lietuviškai galima versti: **jis pirkė namą** arba **jis pirkė namus**. Vadinasi, **namai** gali reikšti (mean) **vieną namą**. Vadinasi, **namai** gali reikšti (mean) **vieną namą** ir daug namų. Bet tai dar ne viskas.

Namai turi ir dar vieną reikšmę, būtent — **home**. Galima klausti: **kur tu gyveni** arba **kur yra tavo namai?** (Where is your home?). Sakoma **einu į namus** ar dar dažniau **einu namo**, kas reiškia **I go home**. (Einu į namą — I go into the house). **Namie** reiškia **at home**. Vakar visą dieną buvau **namie**. **Jauskis kaip namie** — **make yourself at home**.

Maldos namai yra **house of prayer**. **Bepročių** (pamišėlių) **namai** — **bedlam, madhouse**.

Namų darbas — **homework**. **Namų savininkas** — **house owner**, **Namų ruošas** — **housekeeping**.

Naminis — **domestic, home**; **naminis gyvulys** — **domestic animal**. **Naminė duona** — **home-made bread**.

Building lietuviškai irgi yra **namas** arba **pastatas**, kuris yra padarytas iš žodžio **statyti**, kaip angliškas **building** padarytas iš veiksmožodžio **build**. Todėl lietuviškai kalbėdami sakome: **Jis pastatė namą** arba **pasistatė namą**, bet ne **pabildino namą**.

Vartojame dar žodį **rūmai**, kuris reiškia **palace**. Sakome, pavyzdžiui, **karaliaus rūmai, prezidento rūmai, Meno Akademijos Rūmai**. Taigi **rūmai** yra didelis gražus pastatas.

Be to, šis žodis reiškia ir **chamber**. Sakome **Prekybos Rūmai** — **Chamber of Commerce**, **Žemės ūkio Rūmai**; **Atstovų Rūmai** — **Chamber of Deputies, House of Representatives**.

Taigi turime tris pagrindinius pavadinimus: **namas** arba **namai (house)**, **pastatas (building)** ir **rūmai (palace, chamber)**.

Namas gali turėti kelis aukštus, ne **florus**, kaip dažnai sakoma. Taigi **aukštas** turi dvi reikšmes: **floor** ir **high**. Todėl galima sakyti: **jo namas yra labai aukštas**, nes turi penkis aukštus.

Name yra vienas arba keli butai, ne **apartamentai**. Butą paprastai sudaro keli **kambariai** ne **rūmai**. Tie kambariai turi savo pavadinimus: **gyvenamasis kambarys** — **living room**, kuris yra dažniausiai kartu ir **svečių kambarys** — **guest room**, **valgomasis kambarys** — **dining room**, **miegamasis kambarys** — **bedroom**, **virtuvė**, ne **kičenas**, **maisto sandėlis** — **pantry**.

Kur galima, vietoj dviejų žodžių dažnai sakome vieną. Galima pvz. sakyti: kiekviename bute paprastai yra vienas **valgomasis** ir vienas ar keli **miegamieji (kambariai)**. Bute dažniausiai yra dar **vonios kambarys** — **bathroom** arba tiesiog **vonia**, ir **prieškambaris** arba **koridorius** — **lobby**.

Po audros paprastai ateina giedra.

Aklas aklo negali vesti.

Ramybė didžiausias vidaus, sielos turtas.

Kas bijo šešėlių, šešėlius temato, — naktis tam visur, visuomet.



Povilas Vaitonis

Kanados šachmatų meisteris su jo laimėta dovana

LIETUVIŲ ŠACHMATININKŲ LAIMĖJIMAI

Kazys Merkis

Kanados meisteris Povilas Vaitonis siunčiamas į Interzonal tournamentą, kuris įvyks rugsėjo mėnesį Saltzjobadene, Švedijoje. Tai didžiausias šių metų šachmatų įvykis, greta Helsinkio olimpiados. Saltzjobadeno rungtynėse dalyvaus 20 atrinktų iš viso pasaulio meisterių, jų tarpe, Lietuvos ir Kanado meisteris Povilas Vaitonis. Taigi, su Vaitonio dalyvavimu netiesioginiai bus atstovaujama ir Lietuva, nes Vaitonio vardas, kaip Lietuvos meisterio, nuo seno yra žinomas pasaulio komandinėse pirmenybėse. Vaitonis 1933-1939 m. bėgy dalyvavo Folkestoo, Varšuvos, Muencheno, Stockholmo ir Buenos Aires pirmenybėse.

Canadian Chess Chat, July 1952, įdėjo P. Vaitonio nuotrauką ir platų aprašymą dėl jo pasiuntimo į Saltzjobadeno rungtynes. Įdėtos Vaitonio pasekmės su žymiausiais pasaulio meisteriais:

Vaitonis — Keres (Estija) 0 — 1

Vaitonis — Najdorf (Argentina) 0,5 — 0,5

Vaitonis — Szabo (Vengrija) 1,5 — 0,5

Vaitonis — Stolz (Švedija) 0,5 — 1,5

Vaitonis — Prins (Olandija) 1 — 0

Vaitonis — Balbechan (Argentina) 1,5—0,5

Povilas Tautvaiša, 1951 m. Chicagos ir Illinois meisteris, šių metų Chicagos pirmenybėse užėmė antrą vietą. Laimėjo ukrainietis Thriansky.

Transmississippi pirmenybėse dalyvavo 80 žaidėjų. Tautvaiša tose pirmenybėse užėmė trečią vietą, vos puse taško atsilikęs nuo laimėtojo C. Bracket (Minn.).

Chicagos Perkūno šachmatininkai iškovojo pirmą vietą Chicago City Chess League pirmenybėse, su 6 pergalėmis, nepralaimėję nė vieno rungtynių. Ukrainiečių Lion ir Chicago Chess Club po 4,5 — 1,5.

Lietuvos komandą sudarė: Tautvaiša, Zujus, Estka, Kalvaitis, Šalkauskas, Karpuška, Jakštas, Vosylius.

New Yorko lietuviai užbaigė Metropolitan Chess B League pirmenybes su 4 laimėjimais, 1 lygiom ir 3 pralaimėjimais. Daugiausia taškų komandai pelnė: Šukys 5,5 — 0,5 ir Edvardas Staknys 5,5 — 1,5.

Bostono lietuviai Metropolitan Chess League pirmenybėse laimėjo prieš Harvard College 4 — 1, Harvard University 3 — 2 ir 4,5 — 0,5, prieš Lynn CC3—2, 3—ir Boston College 3,5 --- 1,5.

Komandoje žaidė: Merkis, Keturakis, Kontautas, Starinkskas, beto Škėma, Kubilius, Karosas ir Pazniokas.

Korespondenciniame (Postal) lošime iš lietuvių itin pasižymėjo Kazys Merkis (Boston, Mass.). New Yorko Chess Review, May 1952, vertina K. Merki ketvirtuoju iš skelbiamų dviejų su puse tūkstančio Amerikos žaidėjų. Ten aukščiausiai įvertinti: J. Shaw — 2000, A. N. Gibbs — 1966, L. Weeks — 1942, **K. Merkis** — 1920, G. W. Buckendorf — 1908, L. Stolzenberg — 1906.

K. Merkis šiemet gavo sidabro medalį už jo laimėtą pirmąjį ratą 1950 m. Grand National turnyre pasekmė 7,5 — 1,5) ir be to Golden Knight emblemą už sėkmingai užbaigtą 1949 m. GOLDEN KNIGHTS turnyre (Pasekmės: 4,5 — 1,5, 6—0) ir finale 5—1.

Kazys Škėma (dabar Brooklyn, N. Y.) užbaigė pirmąjį ratą 1951 m. GOLDEN KNIGHT turnyre 5,5 —

Officialus Skyrius



Al. Vasiliauskas
Lietuvos Vyčių Pirminkas



Pr. Gudelis
Vyčių Seimo Daytono Rengimo Komisijos
pirmininkas

VYČIŲ SEIMO PASKAITININKAI

Vyčių Seime, kurs įvyks šių metų rugsėjo m. 11, 12, 13 ir 14 dienomis Dayton, Ohio bus šių žymių asmenybių paskaitos, būtent J. E. Vysk. V. Brizgio ir Prof. Adolfo Damušio.

KONGRESAS VYSK. M. VALANČIAUS GARBEI

ALRKF 32-sis Kongresas vysk. M. Valančiui pagerbti yra kviečiamas š. m. rugsėjo 26, 27 ir 28 dienomis Hotel Statler, Detroit, Mich. Jis prasidės pamaldomis šv. Antano par. bažnyčioje 9 val. ryto penktadienį rugsėjo 26 d. ir baigsis iškilminga akademijsėkmadienį po pietų rugsėjo 28 d. Statler viesbutyje. Su paskaitomis yra kviečiami mūsų žymūs mokslininkai ir visuomenininkai. Beto bus su-ruošta koncertas ir kitokių pramogų.

Laukiama atvykstant daug atstovų.

CONVENTION NOTICE

We ask that all councils and districts furnish us with the names of the delegates and guests who are coming to our national convention in Dayton. Please send this information as soon as it is available to the secretary of the convention committee, Petronella Zelinskas, 169 Rita St., Dayton 4, Ohio.

This will aid us greatly in arranging the various affairs of the convention.

As to local transportation, Valley St. trolley coach No. 9 stops at the side of the Victory Theatre building across the street from the Dayton Biltmore Hotel and goes direct to Holy Cross Church. Hillcrest trolley coach No. 6 operates north on Main St. past the Dayton Art Institute. The Art Institute is also within easy walking distance of the hotel. The automobile route from the hotel to the church is east on First St. to Keowee St., left on Keowee to Valley St., right on Valley to Troy St., left on Troy to Leo St., right on Leo St. to the church.

Delegates and guests may register Thursday, September 11th, in the lobby of the Dayton Biltmore Hotel. Thursday evening, registration at Holy Cross Church Hall.

We shall be glad to answer any questions and supply further details to those interested. Inquiries may be addressed to the secretary of the convention committee or to the writer.

Frank Gudelis,
Convention Committee Chairman

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT — CONVENTION

On behalf of the New England District officers, I wish to extend an invitation to all New England council members and their guests to attend our semi-annual convention to be held at Brockton, Massachusetts on September 27th and 28th.

The convention will begin with a dance on Saturday evening (September 27th) at the Walkover Club. On Sunday, September 28th, a K. of L. Mass is to be celebrated at 10:00 A. M. at St. Casimir's Church, followed by a dinner at 12 noon at the parish hall. The business session will take place immediately after the dinner. Further details will be furnished by the host, Council 1 of Brockton.

This promises to be one of the outstanding district conventions we have had. Every member should avail himself of the opportunity to attend and enjoy the social function, and present constructive ideas at the business session, in order to enable us to further strengthen the K. of L., and the ideals we stand for.

Vincent J. Grazulis, President
New England District

LIETUVIŠKOJI ENCIKLOPEDIJA

atgaivinama Amerikoje. Ji būtų mūsų tremtyje praleisto laiko vertingiausias įnašas į mūsų Tėvynės kultūrinį lobyną ir ta jai dovana, mums dvigubai naudinga: ir Tėvynėn parkeliavus ir emigracijoje tebesant.

Kadangi šis darbas yra visų lietuvių bendras reikalas, tai svarbu, kad susidarytų galimybės jį įvykdyti. Todėl reikalingi yra tos Enciklopedijos talkininkai — vyrai ir moterys — jos atstovai visoje lietuviškose kolenijose. Pagal išgales, už darbą bus atlyginama. Dėl sąlygų ir visų informacijų tuojau kreiptis į Juozą Kapočių, 680 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn 21, N Y

Support the work of our Founder by contributing today to NORKUNAS MEMORIAL FUND.

MYKOLAS NORKUNAS always remembered the Knights. Let us always remember MYKOLAS NORKUNAS.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Iš Vyčių susirinkimo

Liepos 8 d., Liet. Svet., Vyčių 25 kuopa turėjo susirinkimą, kuriame pirmininkavo M. Trainauskaitė. Pirmiausiai buvo išklaudyti įvairių komisijų raportai, kurių svarbesnieji buvo šie: teatrališkos komisijos pranešimą padarė J. Sadauskas, kuris pažymėjo, kad rudenio bus statoma scenoje dviejų veiksmų operetė: "Apkalbos ir Meilė." Vaidintojai veikalui jau parinkti ir neilgai laukus bus pradėta repetuoti.

Pirmininkė pranešė, kad valdybos nariai yra susitarę su kuopos dvasios vadu kun. J. Angelaičiu bendrai rengti pikniką, kuris įvyko rugpiūčio 3 d. po pietų Švė. P-lės N. Pagalbos parapijos sode ir patalpose.

Iš paskutiniojo Ohio-Mich. valsčių Vyčių Apskritis seimelio pranešimą padarė p-lė V. Žitkiūtė ir A. Palšis. Jų raportuose buvo pažymėta, kad šiame seimelyje dalyvavo ir vytis J. Juozaitis, Vyčių Organizacijos garbės ir ritualų komisijos narys ir kad jis ten teikėsi pasakyti vytiškos dvasios kalbą. Taip pat ir pirmininkė pažymėjo, kaip buvusi seimelyje

delegatė, kad seimelis padarė nutarimą, kad šiais metais visuotiniame Vyčių Org. seime Pranas Gudelis ir Juozas Sadauskas būtų pakelti į garbės narius.

Nariai yra patenkinti kuopos korespondentais, kurie nuolatos aprašinėja "Vytyje" savo kuopos darbuotę abiem kalbom.

Šiame susirinkime buvo ir vienas gražus vaizdelis, tai kada J. Sadauskas įteikė kuopos vardu Magdalenai Liutkienei - Samsonaitei Kristaus gražų paveikslą, kuris vaizduoja Kristų bežiūrintį į Jazuzalę. Mat, Magdalena neseniai apšvedė su A. Liutkum ir yra viena iš veikliausių kuopos narių ir jau antri metai, kaip pasekmingai eina kuopos nutarimų raštininkės pareigas.

Visi kuopos nariai ir draugai linki Magdalenai ir Aleksandrui sukurtame naujame šeimyniniame gyvenime šviesių ir saulėtų dienelių. Jaunavedė pareiškė padėką už suteiktą jai dovana

V. Šmitas, kuopos išdininkas, patiekė finansinę apyskaitą, iš kurios paaiškėjo, kad kuopa gerai stovi finansiškai.

25-ta kuopa savo susirinkime šiuo kartu susilaukė poros svečių

—vyčių net iš Boston, Mass., 17 kp. narių asmenyje Arnoldo Plevocko ir Gilberto Gailiaus, kuriuodu netik kad atsilankė į šį susirinkimą, bet abu ir gražiai pakalbėjo. Vytis A. Plevockas kalbėjo lietuvių kalboje, o vytis G. Gailius anglų. Nekurie 25-tos kuopos nariai norėjo, kad svečiai kalbėtų anglų kalba, bet vytis Plevockas pareiškė, kad jis nemokas amerikoniškai ir noris kalbėti tik lietuviškai.

Abu jaunuoliu yra čia gimusiu ir augusiu ir kad taip gražiai kalba savo tėvėlių kalba, tai ne kuriems 25-tos kuopos nariams, kurie taip trokšta, kad kuopos susirinkimuose būtų amerikoniška kalba, pasidarė keistoka iš čia augusio jaunimo tą viską girdėti.

Pasibaigus susirinkimui svečiai buvo pavaišinti ir jiedu už malonų priėmimą pagrojo akordionu ir gražiai padainavo lietuviškų liaudies dainų. Kaip svečiai, taip Clevelando vyčiai džiaugėsi šiuo susipažinimu, kuris ilgai pasiliks visų širdyse.

Šiame susirinkime užkandžiais pasirūpino vyties: V. Žitkiūtė, M. Trainauskaitė ir A. Buknis. Ačiū jiems. **Senelis**



NEW YORK, N. Y.

COUNCIL 12

Council 12 expects to have a fine representation at the Dayton Convention in September, and among those attending are Fran Baskis, Lillian and Helen Zindzius, Larry and Jean Janonis and Brenda and Tony Razickas. We hope to be able to give you an "eye-witness" report of convention goings on.

We received Holy Communion in a body at Our Lady of Vilna Church on June 22nd. The High Mass was celebrated by Father George Gurinskas, spiritual adviser.

Florence and William Kaleda are proud parents of Leona Carol, born June 22nd. The council extends its good wishes to the Kaleda family.

Larry and Jean Janonis sent cordial greetings to all from Florida, where they were "siestaing" and enjoying the sunshine. Larry said he is getting in shape for the Dayton Convention!

Happy Birthday to Nell Genis, whose birthday was July 16th; and to Lillian Zindzius, our popular secretary, who was a year older in June. Birthday congratulations, small-type, too, to Andrew Charles Kolesk, who was a year old on July 2nd.

Brenda

CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 36

Adeline Shytell married Joseph Mrozek, not Alex Mikulanas as was previously published. Also it was not Aldona, but Bernice Kaminskas who was recently married. Yours truly attended the wedding reception and thought Bernice and her husband Gil Karoblis, made a very nice couple. Apologies for the errors and best wishes to both couples.

Our council wishes to congratulate Marquette Park (112) for winning the Mid-West Bowling Tournament.

After the bowling banquet in Gary, members of C-36 and C-112 met in Chicago at the "Green Turtle" to further celebrate the occasion. The golden

trophy was on display and C-36 members realized that the trophy was no longer theirs. At least, not until another year!

The Illinois - Indiana District held its annual picnic at Vytautis Grove on July 4th. Many council members attended and assisted. Biggest surprise of the day was Tony Lupert — with crew-cut and without mustache. Nice change, I'd say!

A council outing was held at Marquette Park Dunes in Indiana on June 22nd. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time. In view of the many activities going on, one couldn't help wondering why three girls kept changing from slacks to bathing suits and back again. Any reason, girls? "Boo" Paukstis and Johnny Meizis were the best behaved (?) of the crowd. And they have the bruises to prove it! Next outing — Sunday, August 3rd — Michigan City, Indiana.

Now that the summer activities are coming to an end all thoughts are turning to the National K. of L. Convention in September. Everyone is bringing back memories of the former conventions. Definite plans have been made for this convention. Our council delegates, alternates and guests are planning to go to Dayton, Ohio to see old friends and to meet new ones.

The \$64 question! Is the newest "coosome twosome" of the council Phil and Alex or is there a "dark horse" candidate?

Hope to see you all in September at the National Convention in Dayton, Ohio!

Red-Wing

PITTSBURGH, PA.

COUNCIL 19

July birthdays — Eleanor Allen, Alberta Vale, and Va'eria Young.

Engagement announcements — Birute Jucevicius and Diana Virbickas.

At the last Country Club get-together on Thursday evening, July 10,

a good time was had by all. It seems two surprise visitors arrived from So. Boston to liven up Pittsburgh a bit. Gil Gailus and Arnold Plevokas entertained a group of forty with the playing of their accordion and there was more group singing that night than has been heard for a long time around these parts. The welcome mat will be out for you boys anytime, I hear — come again and soon!

On July 27 the bowlers enjoyed a picnic and all for free! It seems that the banquet did not use up all the kitty money and so the bowlers had another wonderful time. (Attention, you non-bowlers. Join up this summer for the fall season and be in on all the fun and food).

Uncle Sam has called Dave Palmer, one of our Radio Program announcers, to a camp in New Jersey for a month's training as part of his school program. He assured us, when he made the announcement, that the Radio Program would be well taken care of even tho' he would be away. We'll miss you, Dave, but it's nice to know we have so many talented young people ready to take over.

Many of our K. of L.'ers are now starting on the last lap to help make plans for the Lithuanian Day to be held at West View Park on August 10.

It was both a sad day and glad day for St. Casimir parishioners when Bishop Dearden announced his long list of transfers and appointments for Pittsburgh diocese. Sad, for Father Joseph Girdis, after eight years, was transferred to St. Lawrence parish (not Lithuanian) in the East End; Glad, for Father Walter Karaveckas, was sent to St. St. Casimir's, a young priest who is interested in the Lithuanians as well as in his vocation. The parishioners held a testimonial dinner on Tuesday evening, July 1, in Father Joe's honor. The tables were beautifully decorated in spring pink and green, the flowers on every table blending in with the white, pink and green adding another festive

touch, and the speakers did a noble job, among whom were a great many K. of L'ers. Our own National Vice President, Walter Chinik was toastmaster and Stanley Simon, a former Council 19 President, reminisced on school days with Father Joe and then brought us up to date on his accomplishments, which were many, while he was at St. Casimir's. I don't believe many of us realized, even up to the last moment, that we were losing Father Joe. It was not until Father Kazenas, the pastor, bestowed his farewell token and his very best wishes to Father Joe, his boy, that many of us realized that even tho' Father Joe will not be far away as far as distance is concerned but his flock will no longer be the members of St. Casimir's. This was expressed, too, by Father Joe as he spoke to those present and thanked them all for the dinner and for all the expressions for success in his new parish. May God bless you and endear you to the hearts of your new parishioners, Father Joe and as Walter Chinik reminded you, you are still the spiritual adviser of the Pittsburgh District of the K. of L.

Mitzi

DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

This lazy summer weather may catch some people napping, but not the Dayton K. of L'ers. Our council is a beehive of activity with the National K. of L. Convention drawing near.

Social meetings

Mike Petkus entertained the council members at a social meeting held in his home. Frances and Charlie Vangas also served a spaghetti supper and held a social meeting at their home. Both affairs were thoroughly enjoyed. The Convention Committee meeting and party held at the home of Mary and Stan Lucas, turned out to be quite a hilarious affair. Many thanks to all these members for keeping alive the K. of L. spirit.

District Convention

On June 20-21, twenty of our members journeyed to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the annual district convention. To say that we had fun, would be putting it mildly. The Dayton male delegation added a note of "roaring 20's" gaiety to the convention by appearing in straw toppers and big cigars. Their

frivolous slap-stick antics would have put any old-time vaudeville comedian to shame. Frank Gudelis still believes in the old adage, "Love Thy Neighbor", especially if she is a lovely lady from Grand Rapids. Orchids to our "Family Folks", Fran and Charlie Vanges, who still find time to participate in K. of L. affairs. A vacation away from the family was a welcome treat for them. Elinor and Ted Sluzas, B. J. Green and Co., Rosie Ambrose and Geo. Mikalauskas really did the town, and how about those parties given by Pat Zelinskas, Mary Lucas and the Petkus boys in their hotel suites. Mary Ann Ambrose and Ann Gudelis enjoyed a privately escorted tour of Grand Rapids and vicinity. No convention would be complete without the "Miller sisters", and Frank Petrauskas was busy drumming up enthusiasm for our coming National Convention. Al Lugauskas heartily agreed that the convention was a success, so much so, that the stars in his eyes caused him to lose his way back to Dayton. We hope your trip to New York was just as enjoyable Al.

Weiner Roast

On the eve of July 3, we went to Taylorsville Park for a weiner roast. Frances Vangas entertained us with accordion music for polka dancing and Lithuanian folk songs. Frank Gudelis was so engrossed in learning to dance that he lost his glasses at the outing.

Annual Picnic

Our 20th Anniversary Picnic held on July 6th at Eintraeh Park was a tremendous success. Thanks to the committee headed by Mike Petkus and Charles Vangas. A special thanks to the mothers of the members, who worked so hard all day preparing and serving the food to hundreds of hungry people. All the members who worked are to be commended for their wonderful spirit of cooperation which helped to make this picnic a success both socially and financially. Preceding the picnic, the members attended Mass and received Holy Communion in memory our deceased members, visited the cemetery and placed flowers on the graves of our departed members.

A hearty thanks to Mrs. Goldiek and Ann Scott for the delicious breakfast served.

Parish Garden Party

Our council will have charge of the Bingo concession at the Annual Parish

New Champion

Bazaar. We're all looking forward to this traditional affair.

This writer has been informed that Father Walter is taking on any contender for Ping-Pong matches. I am told that he wields a mighty mean paddle.

Convention Reminder

If you haven't as yet, then you better start making plans now in order to attend the National K. of L. Convention in Dayton, Ohio. The committee is doing a grand job in arranging a successful convention. The committee reports that it has been successful in securing "Frankie Yankovic", nationally famous recording orchestra for the semi-formal dance. So come one, come all, meet old and make new friends at the National K. of L. Convention in Dayton in September!

See you then,

Newsie-Noze-Lu

PITTSBURGH, PA.

COUNCIL 62

Junior K. of L.

The Junior K. of L. members of Council 62, Pittsburgh, Pa., meet at the St. Vincent's School auditorium, every Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. The members participate in all kinds of sports followed by dancing until 9 p. m. Mr. A. J. Mazeika presided at our first official meeting on June 21st, and opened the meeting with a prayer. Mr. Mazeika explained to the Juniors that the Knights of Lithuania organization is a Catholic organization, that its patron saint is St. Casimir. He also gave reasons for having councils, clubs, etc. At this meeting, we elected the following officers: Paul Ewalt, president; Ernest Urbatis, vice president; Janet Schmigel, secretary; Joan Sipp, treasurer; Thomas Ewalt and Robert Miske, sgts.-at-arms; Sylvia Woshner and Anthony Mazeika, Jr., correspondents. After the meeting we had refreshments and left for home at 9:30 p. m.

Sylvia Woshner



WORCESTER, MASS.**COUNCIL 116**

Although the Fourth of July week-end pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal, Canada was sponsored by the Sodality of our parish, most of our K. of L. girls made the pilgrimage, too. The trip capably planned was under the directorship of Fr. John Jutkevicius, spiritual adviser.

Thirty-nine girls started out immediately following the 5:30 Mass and breakfast in the parish hall on Friday, July 4th, and arrived in Montreal about 4:00 p. m., the same evening. The following morning, the pilgrims attended Mass which was celebrated in the crypt of St. Joseph's Oratory. Then, under the guidance of Father Bernard, one of the Holy Cross Fathers at St. Joe's, we were shown the entire Oratory. We climbed many stairs and rode three escalators to get to the incomplete Basilica. It is expected to hold some 15,000 people all of whom will be able to see the main altar perfectly.

This Oratory was founded through the efforts of Brother Andre, who had great devotion to St. Joseph and through whose prayers to the Saint many believe miraculous cures have been granted. In the crypt of the Oratory there are many "trophies of crutches" lined against the walls.

Leaving the Oratory, the pilgrims visited St. Leo's Church, the interior of which is beautifully and intricately hand-carved out of marble and rich wood. Next, we stopped at St. Casimir's Church, Lithuanian parish in Montreal.

During the course of the afternoon, we saw the beautiful Wax Museum in which are depicted in a very, life-like fashion, the catacombs of Ancient Rome and different events in Canadian history. We also visited and attended the pow-wow at the Mohawk Indian Reservation.

After a visit to the magnificent Church of Notre Dame and St. James Cathedral (very similar to St. Peter's in Rome), a very tired but inspired group of pilgrims returned to the hotel to retire for the evening or freshen up and go out to explore on their own.

Sunday, we attended Mass in the famous Sailors' Chapel, the oldest church in Montreal. After breakfast; we "took to the mountains" in horse-drawn buggies. We rode to the top of Mount Royal, and viewed the city of Montreal.

Leaving Montreal, we made one more

stop at a chapel where nuns carry on a perpetual adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament for the sins of the world. It's a trip which the pilgrims will long remember!

Aldona Pauliukaitis, sporting a beautiful tan, has returned home from a vacation down Florida.

Our Social for the month of July was a scheduled trip to Ocean Park Beach, New London, Conn., July 27th. This trip was made together with Council 26. In charge of the trip were Rita Sinkavich, Aldona Pauliukaitis and Mary Klimkaitis. "Taradaika"

ANSONIA, CONN.**COUNCIL 135**

Council 135 celebrated its second anniversary on April 24th (Founder's Day) with a big celebration and doings at Evo's Restaurant in Shelton. All the members turned out for this evening of dining and entertainment. Many are still talking about it and the good time that was had by all who attended. Many thanks to Jean Brazitis and Cassie Timmons for making this event a success.

Many thanks to C-10 of Athol for being such a fine host during the district convention. Congratulations are extended to our president Johnny Sabulis who was re-elected trustee and our vice President Al. Barauskas who is in his second year as a member of the district's Ritual Committee and is interested in giving degrees to the deserving.

We welcome John Chernauskas and Vinnie Packer into our fold.

Ruth Gumbulevich and Olga Savitskas are keeping "MUM" about the fellows they met on their recent trip to Canada. We understand the fellows knew the place quite well...

Lillian Chapik and Millie Driznus journeyed to Eastover where "Chappie" has a lifetime membership and showed Millie the sights. How were the "sights" girls?

Council 135 would like to extend its best wishes and congratulations to Vinnie Grazulis of C-26 and Ann Zablaitis upon their recent membership into the "Ball and Chain Club". Lots of luck folks.

Our First Annual Outing went off as scheduled. It was good to see all the members in that picnic mood and having fun. We owe this good time to the hard working committee under the leadership of our "Red Top" friend

Joe Draugelis. Our main regret is that it all ended too soon. I was informed the reason for this is that the weather limited our outside sports. People missed at this affair were Milie Drizmus, Al Yurevich, Johnny Stefon, Ken Stokes and a few others. We'll all be looking forward to seeing you all again for a bigger and better time to be had at our next outing. Be there!

Congratulations are extended to our President Johnny Sabulis who has been appointed to the force of Ansonia's Finest. Look out for the great arm of the law now. Do you think you'll ride in the new cars?

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**COUNCIL 13****"News and Views"**

Happy Birthday to Alex Shulicke (April), Peter Grigaliunas (May) and Tony Ciplis (June)!

Our Social took place on April 29th in the Holy Cross parish hall. The results of this evening were most satisfactory since we gained six new members, namely, Frank Kancel, Mrs. Estele Karamanos, Ann Butkevicius, Marilyn Jucius, Loretta Sprainis and Clarissa Jurgaitis. The evening was climaxed with community folk singing, dancing, games and refreshments served by the committee consisting of Anne Ausra, chairman, Lucy Diktus, Pat Kamarauskas and Sally Juncius who directed the games.

We have already begun practicing BOWLING and intend to enter our best bowlers in the Midwest Contest in Cary, Indiana. We also have a nice representative group attending civic meetings in our immediate neighborhood. On June 29th, we sponsored a basket picnic under the chairmanship of Jean Tervainis and her assistants — above-named new members.

Lucy Diktus, one of our most active members in the council, is receiving wonderful cooperation from members of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee in writing letters and newspaper articles pertaining to Lithuania. Good for you, Lucy! Keep up the good work!

At our Bunco which was held during Lent at the K. of L. Center, we regrettably noticed poor showmanship from the Illinois-Indiana district. Our council has always had some representation at affairs sponsored in the district (if within reasonable traveling dis-

(ance). We hope that in the future our K. of L. affairs will be better attended by our neighboring councils.

Clarence Thurston has been greatly missed at our regular meetings. We sincerely hope that all is well with him and soon we shall be seeing him at our meetings.

Mrs. Adeline Jasaitis is receiving congratulatory notes and gifts from many friends and members on the recent birth of a daughter. Pat Kamar and Mrs. Sally Juncius visited the proud mother and expressed good wishes in behalf of our council.

Frank Kancel, new member, surprised us all by receiving a score of 252 at his first bowling game with the other members.

Violet Baltutis is deserving a medal for being the "most helpful" in everything she undertakes. No matter what the job may be — "VI" is there pitching in. We could do with a lot more charity such as yours, "VI" in this world!

Tony Ciplis, we miss you! Although you have moved away, we do hope you will find time to attend some of our meetings.

Girls, Take Note!

Entrust your Beauty and Charm to our new member Mrs. Estelle Karamanos, who is proprietor of Estelle's Beauty Shop at 1724 W. 47th Street. Estelle specializes in hair cutting, shaping and tinting and has recently attended classes on the newest hairdos. We sincerely thank Estelle for having donated a door prize — PERMANENT WAVE — to the winner at our council's Bunco Party.

Fellow Members, Attention!

You are being outnumbered by the young ladies in our council not only in membership but in good attendance, too. Can you better the situation in the very near future?

Rev. J. Grinius, spiritual adviser, regularly gives us an inspiring talk and advice on how to run our affairs. As usual, every time Father closes the meeting with words of wisdom and prayer, the members leave the hall with a lighter step, more determined look and with higher ideals. We are so grateful to Father Grinius.

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GARY, INDIANA

COUNCIL 82

We played host to the Mid-West Bowling Tournament here in Gary. In spite of a few set backs, the whole af-

fair went off quite well. We hope our guests enjoyed their stay in the Steel City. We would like to thank Detroit and all the other councils for their wonderful cooperation and for coming out and making the Tournament a success. We would also like to thank those members of our own council who worked so hard to see that everything went along smoothly.

Because of the Tournament, our regular May meeting and the election of officers was put off until June. Our new officers are as follows: President — Stella Kuizin (re-elected third term); vice-President — Joseph Kurpalis, 2nd Vice-President — Michael Veletsky; Recording Secretary — Mikalina Shirvinski; Corresponding Secretary Viola Geanchos; Treasurer — Anthony Valenas (re-elected, second term); Financial Secretary — Josephine Kuizin (re-elected, third term); Trustees — Joseph Juris Jr. and Edward Kaminski; Sgt.-at-arms — Joseph Shirvinski. Joe Juris Jr. was also appointed as Sports Director. Good luck to these new officers. We know that they will do as good a job as did their predecessors.

At the July meeting, the officers were installed in the parish hall, immediately after which, the members drove out the Lacrosse farm of Mickey Shirvinski's parents where they amused themselves by fishing, boating, weiner roasts, etc. The councils from surrounding area were invited and a good time was had by all.

They Did It Again!

At the annual 4th of July Baseball Tournament at Vytautas Grove in Chicago, our Gary Junior Girls and Boys beat the Chicago Juniors and became the Indiana - Illinois Softball Champions. Council 36 Girls lost to our girls by a score of 30-8. This is the third time in a row that Chicago has crumpled beneath the might of the gals' booming bats. The defeat of the Boys of Council 36 by a score of 19-6 was the second time in a row that the Gary Boys have wrested the Championship from the Chicago fellows. We're mighty proud on our Junior Council and of what they are able to accomplish and may we wish Chicago better luck next time. In a way, you might say our Juniors have avenged us the defeat we took when Chicago's Council 112 walked away with the trophy from the Bowling Tournament.

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HARTFORD, CONN.

COUNCIL 6

After the tedious work put into our play, we had an outing at McLean Park in Granby on June 22nd. As everyone knows, we had rain per usual on that Sunday but it cleared off in the afternoon, and out to the park we went bag and baggage. Some of the members played volleyball and some pitched horse shoes. The rumors have it that everyone had a little muscle trouble Monday morning. Naturally, the outing wasn't complete without Danny starting a bridge game. He had a little competition — Father Paul started the afternoon by playing Canasta with Louise and Ann. What happened Danny? You're generally first when it comes to cards. About five o'clock, Vince, our chief firemaker, started the fireplace going and the dogs started sizzling and the assembly line started. After all the exercise, they sure tasted good. Even though Old Mr. Sun disappointed us again, we all had a nice time. Let's do it more often.

Nice to see you around again, Johnnie Pikow. Johnnie was hospitalized a couple of weeks ago. Guess you were quite the ladies' man from the rumors! Seems that all the girls decided to visit Johnnie the same night. After that, the nurses would have nothing to do with him.

Congratulations to Reggie! She passed the road test and was issued her license a couple of weeks ago. Ella has her own car now, too. So beware when you are on the highways. Don't get me wrong — they're both good drivers.

Buskey is sporting a new Catalina. No wonder we haven't seen too much of him lately. Where are you keeping yourself?

Terry Povolon got herself a Studebaker. The gang is really coming up in this world of ours.

Stella, Reggie and a couple of their friends have rented a cottage for the next weeks at Babb's beach. Vinnie Grazulis and his wife Ann are back from their honeymoon. Ann has taken up her duties as housewife. Now that they are living in Worcester, we hope they won't forget us.

Best wishes and congratulations are in order for Dottie Yankauskas and Joe Krancunas on their recent engagement. Loads of luck from your friends.

We extend our deepest sympathy to

Dan Medeska in the recent loss of his father.

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OHIO - MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The annual district convention was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 20 and 21 at the Sts. Peter and Paul Auditorium. The newly organized Council 43 was host. Delegates from Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit and Grand Rapids attended as well as visitors from Illinois - Indiana district including the officers, Jack Jatis and Jerry Jesulaitis.

The dance and Monte Carlo party held Saturday night was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and the banquet on Sunday afternoon was an epicurean's delight.

We were sorry to learn that Frank Gudelis would not accept the re-election for District President. His wisdom and leadership will be greatly missed by everyone.

The following were elected to office for the coming fiscal year:

Spiritual Adviser—Rev. Walter Katariskis; President — Mary Lucas; 1st Vice President — Andrew Palzis; 2nd Vice President — Charles Vangas; Recording Secretary — Josephine Cizauskas; Treasurer — Michael Petkus; Sergeant-at-arms — Robert Boris; Trustees — Anna Mae Uznis and Mary Trainy.

Many thanks to Council 43 for its untiring effort in making the Ohio-Michigan District Convention a success.

Mary Lucas, President

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

A beautiful Sunday afternoon brought a good-sized crowd to our annual picnic at Maironis Park. Guests from Hartford, Lawrence, Norwood and So. Worcester attended. Our staff of cooks and workers were on the job all day, most of them without relief. Bill Bengtson, chairman, heartily thanks Emily and Adella Ceraska, Louise Grazulis, Olga Kersis, Adele Ivaska, Frannie Nockunas, Rita Pinkus, Angie Sarapas, Kathie Yakutis, Ann and Al Rutelonis, Joe Baccys, Sr., Eddie Daniel, Joe Delonis, Joe Grigaitis, Tony Jackmauh, Tony Morkunas, Joe Sakaitis and Joe Sepas. An extra special thanks to Mrs. Anthony Yakutis and Mrs. Anna Ivaska, Kathie's and Adelle's moms, who worked in the kitchen all day long.

The council extends belated congratu-

lations to Ann and John Bender on the birth of their daughter, Patricia.

June Brides and Graduates

Theresa Jurgelonis walked down the middle aisle on June 28 to become the bride of lucky Dick Cody. Evie Grudzinskas was matron-of-honor for her sister. We wish Terry and Dick much happiness. After their honeymoon, they plan to reside in Barre, Mass.

Five gals and one fellow also walked down the aisle this June, but they all wore caps and gowns. Diane Alex and Mary Zemaitis received their diplomas from High School of Commerce, and Anne Marie Pallys, Eleanor Greska, and Madeline Zalauskas will claim St. Steven's High for their Alma Mater. These girls all graduated with honors, and Madeline was awarded a scholarship to Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee, Mass.

Joe Sepas bade farewell to St. John's High, and is entering a Pharmacy School in Boston this Fall. Best of luck in all your future undertakings to each one of you.

In and out of Worcester for the summer

John Liubauskas got back from St. Bernard's Seminary in June. Before he returns in September, he promised to teach us the fine art of playing bridge.

Eddie Gruzulis came home from University of Louisville for one short week, then left again for the Naval Air Base in Corpus Christi, Tex., for three weeks of NROTC training. He'll spend three more weeks at the Naval Training Center in Norfolk, Va., and return to Worcester in August.

Bob Yakutis finished off his Junior year at Clark and is now spending the summer at Harwichport, on Cape Cod. Bob works at Howard Johnson's. During his spare time he takes in swimming and practices music. Bob sings solos at Holy Trinity church each Sunday.

Sgt. Joe Drumstas (U. S. Air Force) is winging his way back home after a 3-year stay in the Phillipines. Joe was with an Air Rescue Squadron.

Bill Thompson (U. S. Army) during his two-week furlough returned home with his lovely bride, Dolores. Bill and Dolores were married recently in Washington, D. C. Hearty congratulations and best wishes to you both.

Welcome Wagon

Membership continues to soar upward, as old members re-join and new folks sign up. Our members have put their noses to the grindstone and have really

worked hard to put Council 26 in the lead in the national drive for members. Welcome, one and all, to Dottie Burdulis, Ann Grazulis, Mrs. Anthony Yakutis, Mrs. Anna Ivaska, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Walinsky, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ginkus, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kamendulis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kulakusky, Adam Bugushinskas, Joe Grigaitis, Tony Jackmauh, Joe Langone, Ted Pinkus, Dan Shimkus, Al Struckus and Alphonse Mikalaitis. We're proud to have so many of you abroad.

The "Wheel of Fortune" went spinning around as C-26'ers did their share to help the Marian Fathers' annual picnic at Marianapolis, Thompson, Conn. on July 4th. As in past years, our council took charge of the money wheel, and Louise Grazulis, Angie Sarapas, K. Yakutis, Bill Bengtson, Eddie Daniels, Joe Ginkus, Jr., Tony Jackmauh, John Liubauskas, Tony Morkunas, Joe Sakaitis and Joe Sepas lent their time and voices to keep it turning. Special thanks to Alice Laudansky and her friend of South Boston, and Danny Peredna of Norwood who also gave us a hand. St. Casimir's Choral Club (99-44-100% K. of L'ers) sang during Mass and later in the day sang folk songs.

Paul Walent entertained visitors from New York and New Jersey over the 4th of July week-end: Helen Zindzius of New York (12), Joanne Shimkunas of Maspeth (110) and Casimir Cheponis of Elizabeth (52). Jo even took an unexpected dip into the beautiful waters of Lake Quinsigamond. Was it those handsome scull crewmen practicing for the Olympic trials that encouraged you?

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K. of L. CALENDAR

September 11-14 — 39th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, Biltmore Hotel, Dayton, Ohio.

Sept. 27-28 New England District K. of L. Convention, St. Casimir's parish hall, Brockton, Mass. Host, Council.

October 11 — Hartford, Conn. (6) Annual Formal.

October 11 — Bayonne, N. J. (67) Fall Dance.

October 25 — Worcester, Mass. (26) Annual Harvest Dance, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.

November 1 — Chicago, Ill. (5) Annual Fall Dance.

November 29 — South Boston, Mass. (17) Annual Dance, Hotel Vendome, Boston.

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