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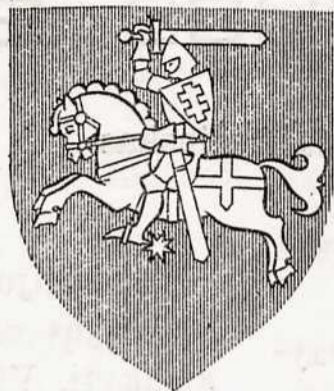
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VYTIS - KOVOTOJAS

J. E. Vysk. V. Brizgio pamokslo, pasakyto pamaldų metu Vyčių Seimo dalyviams, santrauka.

Jūsų vardas VYTIS yra labai garbingas ir jau senos kilmės. Jis siekia viduramžių kada kūrėsi įvairūs ordenai ginklu ginti užpuolamus krikščionis ir Bažnyčią. Pats vardas VYTIS — THE KNIGHT reiškia kovotoją - ritierį. Tą vardą galėdavo gauti tik tas krikščionis, kurs sutikdavo eiti kovoti už kurį nors šventą reikalą. Vieni ėjo ginti Islamo užpultą Šventąją Žemę, kiti gynė Europą nuo maurų ir totorių antplūdžio, kiti išpareigojo išpirkti į netikėlių rankas nelaisvėn patekusius krikščionis: jei negalėdavo pinigais, tai patys eidavo už juos nelaisvėn.

Jūs — Lietuvos Vyčių kova yra katalikiška - lietuviška. Čia tebūna leista pasakyti kelias mintis apie katalikišką kovą.

Palyginus su anais viduramžio krikščionimis, kurie ėjo ginklu vaduoti Šventąją Žemę, gintis nuo netikėlių antplūdžio, kūrė Vyčius iš nelaisvės išpirkti krikščionis, mūsų laiko krikščionys, ir katalikų neišskiriant, ne kaip atrodo. Savu laiku tiek heroizmo katalikų tarpe sukėlusį Šventoji Žemė, palyginus su nelaime šiandien ištikusią Katalikų Bažnyčią, nebuvo didelis dalykas. Šiandien daug didesnių katalikiškų kraštų negu Šventoji Žemė yra bedievio priešo pagrobtų. Ano meto Šventojoje Žemėje buvo kelios dešimtys tūkstančių katalikų, o šiandien pagrobtose šalyse į baisias bedieviškas rankas pateko apie šimtas milijonų katalikų. Laisvame pasaulyje šiandien katalikų yra daug daugiau, negu tada kai vyko karai už Šventąją Žemę, tačiau jie nepajuda savo brolių gelbėti. Mūsų laiko katalikai neturi to vienos šeimos jausmo, kurs rišo viduramžio katalikus, kada bet kur gresiantį Bažnyčiai pavojų nugalėti sukildavo visų kraštų katalikai.

Mums lietuviams verta atminti, kad daugelyje tų heroiškų žygių yra dalyvavę ir mūsų protėviai. Kai 1683 metais Jonas Sobieskis prie Vienos sumušė Europą užpuolusius turkus, tai šiame vyčių žygyje, kartu su visos Europos katalikais dalyvavo ir Lietuvos kunigaikščiai bei bajorai su savo pulkais. Lietuviai turėjo net savo atskirą Vyčių — Jotvingių ordeną, kurs formaliai dar ir dabar egzistuoja.

Amerikos lietuviškas jaunime. Šiandien yra reikalinga jūsų kova. Kad esate šaukiami karo tarnybai, tai ne apie tai kalbu. Esate reikalingi katalikiškai kovai: kovai prieš bedievybę, kovai prieš tikėjimo klaidas. Tačiau ir tai ne viskas. Jus esate reikalingi kovai prieš legalizuotas nedorybes, prieš nekrikščioniškus mūsų laiko papročius, prieš pagonišką nudizmą ir tt. Katalikiško gyvenimo pavyzdys ir aktyvi kova prieš visa, kas bent viešame gyvenime yra nekrikščioniška — tai yra Amerikoje Lietuvos Vytis. Kaip Katalikų Bažnyčios kovotojus jus turi jausti ta parapija, kurioje yra jūsų kuopa; kaip krikščioniškų papročių, doros ir tikėjimo gynėjus jus turi jausti jūsų miestas, jūsų valstija, visa Amerika. O ypatingai jūsų, kaip gerai organizuoto lietuviško jaunimo katalikišką veiklą turi jausti Amerikos Katalikų Bažnyčia. Paremti kiekvieną Bažnyčios kovą, kiekvieną jos reikalą, kiekvieną skelbiamą jos gerą darbą jūs turite būti veiklesni už kitus ir tai daryti savo — Lietuvos Vyčių vardu. Tada jūs atliksite tai, kas priklauso Lietuvos Vyčiui katalikiškoje dirvoje. Tada visiems bus aišku, kam jūs esate reikalingi.

Jus visus čia susirinkusius aš labai širdingai sveikinu, linkiu Dievo palaimos jūsų darbui ir kad ta palaima būtų tikrai gausi, šioje šv. Mišių aukoje susijungkime visi bendrai maldai.

ORGANIZACIJOS GALYBĖ

Alfa Sušinskas

1. Kas yra organizacijos galybė?

Gražiai ir darbingai praėjo Vyčių Seimas Daytone. Daug sumanymų ir nutarimų surašyta protokoluose...

Bet kiek šis tik ką buvęs Seimas sujudins pačią Vyčių organizaciją ir kiek jį pajus lietuviškoji katalikiškoji visuomenė, — parodys sekantieji metai: tai pareis nuo Vyčių vadų ir nuo eilinių narių. Manoma, kad po Vyčių Seimo labai tiktų ir būtų naudinga nors trumpai panagrinti organizacijos galybę: kame ji glūdi, nuo ko ji pareina ir kas ją sudaro. Šis straipsnelis būtų lyg mažasis Vyčių Seimas popieriuje visiems tiems, kurie nebuvo didžiajame Vyčių Seime, Daytone...

Pirmiausia, kas yra organizacijos galybė ir kas ją sudaro?

Kiekvienos organizacijos galybė yra jos sugebėjimas kuo daugiausia ir kuo geriausiai įvykdyti savo planus bei tikslus; organizacijos galybę sudaro jos vadų ir narių organizacinis bei idėjinis stiprumas ir veiklumas.

Kiekvieną organizaciją sudaro jos vadai ir eiliniai nariai. Jei vadai sugeba tinkamai suorganizuoti narius ir jiems tinkamai vadovauti, jei nariai moka dirbti išvien su savo vadais ir moka jiems paklusti, tada organizacija yra galinga, ir gyvenimas jaučia, kad tokia organizacija egzistuoja.

O dabar kiek smulkiau atskirai apie organizacijos vadus ir apie eilinius narius.

2. Organizacijos vadai

Kalbėdami apie organizacijos vadus, negalvojame vien apie pačius didžiuosius vadus: galvoje turime ir mažesnius kuopų vadus, visokias valdybas, įvairius kuopų pareigūnus, kuriems yra patikėta kuo nors rūpintis organizacijoje, ar šiaip kurioj nors progoj.

Organizacijų vadai — įvairūs pareigūnai savo skaičiumi organizacijoje tėra labai maža organizacijos dalelė. Kai kas galvoja, kad organizacijos galybė glūdi tinkamuose vaduose. Nors geri vadai organizacijai yra labai svarbus dalykas, tačiau negalima pamiršti ir susipratusių, veiklių narių reikšmės

organizacijos galybei. Kas organizacijai yra svarbiau: jos vadai ar jos eiliniai nariai, yra nelengva atsakyti. Vis dėlto esame nuomonės, kad organizacijos galybei tinkami vadai yra svarbesni už eilinius narius. Tinkami organizacijos vadai ir “mirusius” — neveiklius, “miegančius” savo narius sugeba “prikelti gyvenimui” — organizaciniam veikimui, darbui, akcijai...

Dėl to renkant įvairius organizacijos vadus — pareigūnus tenka labai gerai apgalvoti, kas ir kokie yra renkamieji. Ne pagal gražią nosytę ir ne pagal gražius plaukelius rinkti organizacijai vadus — pareigūnus!...

Renkamieji vadai turi tikti skiriamoms pareigoms savo charakteriu, protu, savo valia bei jausmais. Ypatingai svarbu, kad renkamieji pareigūnai pasižymėtų organizaciniu uolumu ir degtų meile organizacijai, — kad jie sielotųsi organizacijos reikalais ir siektų ne savo asmens garbės (per organizaciją), bet organizacijos gerovės bei garbės, išsižadėdami savo asmens naudos. Organizaciniai vadai - pareigūnai turi gyventi organizacijai! Organizaciniai pareigūnai turi giliai įsidėti sau į galvą ir širdį, kad jie tarnauja nariams, o ne nariai jiems. Organizacinis taktas jiems yra absoliučiai būtinas; organizacinis taktas gi yra išmanymas, kaip, kur ir kada su kuo elgtis. Organizaciniai vadai turi būti teisingi, švelnūs, bet ir tvirti, neištižę; jie turi vadovauti — valdyti taip, kad nariai nejusų jų “kietos letenos”, kad nariai jiems paklustų ne dėl jų įsakymų, bet iš organizacinio įsitikinimo ir iš meilės drausmei.

Būti vadu - pareigūnu nereiškia tebūti pagerbiamam ir pirmon vieton sodinamam; būti vadu — pareigūnu reiškia dirbti, budėti ir jausti didelį atsakomumą už patikėtas pareigas.

3. Organizacijos nariai

Organizacijos nariai sudaro patį organizacijos kūną. Jei organizaciniai vadai yra organizacijos galva, tai nariai čia yra pats organizacijos organizmas.

Teisingai suprantant organizacijos gyvenimą, klaidinga būtų galvoti, kad eiliniai nariai organizacijos galybei nedaug ką tereiškia. Jei šitaip galvotų visi organizacijos nariai, tada pati organiza-

MES DIRBAME LIETUVAI

Lietuvos Vyčių Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos

Pirmininko Kun. J. C. Jutkevičiaus Raportas

Per seimą, kurs įvyko New Yorke 1951 metais, išdaviau raportą, kurs aiškiai liūdijo, kad Lietuvių Reikalų komisijos veikimas per 1950-1951 metus buvo geriausias, koks kada nors buvo. Tai buvo rekordiniai metai Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos veiklai. Man labai džiugu dabar šiam seimui pranešti, kad šių metų veikla viršijo rekordą, kurį padarėme pernai. Tai bus aišku iš šių faktų:

	1951	1952
Parašyta ir pasiūsta laiškų bei atviručių	apie 17,730	virš 22,000
Parašyta biūletenių	15	16
Pasiūsta biūleteniuose laiškų	389	422
Išsiūsta biūletenių egzempliorių	2635	3818
Turėta pavardžių ant "mailing list"	196	219
Veikiančių kuopų buvo	32	30
Gauta atsakymų	apie 2720	apie 3445
Iš tų faktų lengvai gali bet kas pastebėti, kad		

buvo išsiūsta apie 1200 daugiau biūletienių, išsiūsta virš 4000 daugiau laiškų, daugiau kai 23 nariai prisidėjo prie komisijos veikimo ir gauta apie 700 daugiau atsakymų. Tik gaila, kad buvo mažiau veikiančių kuopų. Nepaisant mūsų paraginimų, kelios kuopos buvo tokios aklos, kad nematė arba nenorėjo matyti Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos darbo svarbumo. Kiekvienos kuopos privalumas yra turėti savo veikiančias komisijas. Tą priminiau kiekvienai kuopai ne vieną kartą ir padariau pastabą, kad, jei jos neturės veikiančios kuopos, tai paskelbsiu visuotinam seimui. Tą dabar ir darau. Sekančios buvo apsileidžiusios šiame svarbiame reikale:

- 1 kuopa — Brockton, Mass.
- 5 kuopa — Chicago, Ill.
- 7 kuopa — Waterbury, Conn.
- 24 kuopa — Chicago, Ill.
- 36 kuopa — Chicago, Ill.

cija iš tikrųjų imtų nieko neberekšti. Kiekvienas eilinis organizacijos narys turi apie save galvoti, kad jis yra reikšmingas ir reikalingas savo organizacijai. Kiekvienas narys turi dirbti tą darbą, kuris jam skirtas; jis turi atlikti tą pareigą, kuri jam yra patikėta. Jei kiekvienas narys bus organizaciniai jautrus ir pareigingas, organizacija, turėdama dar tinkamus vadus, tikrai bus gyva, pajėgi ir galinga.

Narys savo organizacinių pareigų neturi užkrauti kitam nariui. Jis klaidingai elgtųsi, jei galvotų, kad tik pirmininkas, ar valdyba turi viskuo rūpintis. Šitaip galvojęs narys yra didžiai kenksmingas savo organizacijai ir jam ne vieta joje.

Garbingas ir sąmoningas narys nusilenkia organizacinei narių daugumos nuomonei ir savo atskira nuomone ar pažiūra neardo organizacinio gyvenimo.

Taip pat neretai pasitaiko, kad narys visko reikalauja iš organizacijos, pats jai nieko neduodamas. Šiuo atveju čia tinka šitoks gyvenimo patvirtintas organizacinis faktas: kadangi esi neveiklus ir nieko savo organizacijai neduodi, dėl to ir pats iš jos nieko negauni; duok organizacijai, tai ir iš jos gausi! Taip pat dažniausiai savo organizacija nusivilia ir lieka ja nepatenkinti tie nariai, kurie or-

ganizacijoje tedalyvauja tik tiek, kad jų pavardė narių sąrašė įrašyta... Yra psichologinis faktas: juo daugiau darbo ir rūpesčių įdeda narys į savo organizaciją, juo brangesnė ji jam yra, juo labiau jis prie jos prisiriša ir juo labiau jis ją myli.

Kiekvienas narys yra atsakingas už organizacijos žydėjimą ar jos menkėjimą. Jei organizacijai nesiseka, negalima kaltinti vien valdybos: dėl to yra kalti ir atsakingi ir visi organizacijos nariai.

Dar keletą žodžių apie stojimą į organizaciją ir apie buvimą jos nariu.

Į organizaciją testoja — tik dėl garbingų priežasčių: — dėl tikslų, kurių siekia ir dėl kurių kovoja ta organizacija. Nestoti į organizaciją dėl pašalinių, dėl kurių nors negarbingų priežasčių bei tikslų. Kas organizacijoje jį ieško kitko, negu pati organizacija siekia ir turi, niekuomet nebus joje pasitenkinęs ir nebus laimingas.

Vadų uolumas, organizacinė išmintis ir taktas, o narių pareigingumas ir protingas, drausmingas klusnumas savo vadams organizaciją padaro galingą ir reikšmingą, padaro ją tokią, kurią jaučia aplinka ir kuri tikrai pasiekia tai, ko ji iš tikrųjų siekia.

100 kuopa — Amsterdam, N. Y.
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Šios išvardintos kuopos jokio veikimo neparodė. Kai kurios gal veikė, bet raporto neprisiuntė, už tai nežinia ar veikė ar ne. Galima tokią išvadą padaryti: jos greičiausiai nieko neveikė. Man gaila jas išvardinti. Be abejo, kai kurios užpyko, nes joms nepatiks, bet tvirtinu, kad kelis kartus pranešiau joms, — taip kad jos vienos kaltos, o ne kas kitas. (Gaila visai organizacijai, kad tokių apsileidusių kuopų turime. Jos yra tikrai peiktinos ir nevytiškos. Tikiuosi, kad ateinančiais metais jos visos be išimties pasistengs atitaisyti savo klaidas.

Kaip pernai, taip ir šįmet, nuolat skatinau visus laikyti savo asmeniškų rekordus, kad kiekvienas galėtų savo asmenišką raportą prisiųsti ir iš to galėtumėme žinoti, kiek tikrai laiškų buvo išsiųsta ir kiek gauta. Daugelis taip ir padarė, bet kiti ne. Dar ligi šiol nieko nuo jų negirdėjau. Žinau tikrai, kad iš jų keli parašė laiškų, už tai esu tikras, kad daugiau laiškų buvo išsiųsta.

Kaipo šios komisijos pirmininkas, parašiau tiek laiškų visų Vyčių vardu, kiek laikas leido. Metų bėgyje teko man parašyti šio krašto prezidentui, senatoriams, atstovams, valdžios pareigūnams, laikraščių redakcijoms, kalbėtojams, kitų kraštų valdžios pareigūnams ir kitiems, kurie vienu ar kitu būdu atsiliepė apie Lietuvą, 928 laiškus bei atvirukus. Visuomet pasistengiau parašyti laišką organizacijos vardu ten, kur mačiau buvo reikalas.

Ypač turiu pasidžiaugti, kad nariai labai gražiai atsiliepė į mūsų prašymą atsiųsti man iš laikraščių bei žurnalų iškarpas, kuriose mini vienu ar kitu būdu Lietuvą. Pernai labai daug gavau, bet šįmet dar daugiau. Tai geras ženklas. Tai liudija, kad mūsų nariai daugiau skaito ir daugiau interesuojasi lietuviškais reikalais. Šįmet gavau laikraščių iškarpų, kurių niekada pirmiau negavome. Mūsų laiškai tiems laikraščiams nustebino redaktorius. Jie tiesiog negali suprasti, kodėl tiek daug jiems parašė padėkos laiškų už patalpintą straipsnį apie Lietuvą. Vienas dalykas aiškus, jie žino kad lietuviai dėkingi. Už tai jie pasirūžę daugiau straipsnių apie Lietuvą patalpinti savo laikraščiuose. Sekantieji daugiausia man iškarpų prisiuntė:

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Jiems visiems esu be galo dėkingas. Jie pasišventusiai dirbo ir jų gražus pavyzdys yra visų Vyčių sektinas. Kitiems, kurie nors ir mažiau prisiuntė, irgi esu dėkingas jų visų pasišventimas daug padėjo man komisijos darbe.

Komisijos nariai sausio mėnesyje parašė savo senatoriams ir atstovams Washingtone laiškų ir paprašė jų atsiminti, kad Vasario 16 diena, tai Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės diena. Daugelis iš jų labai gražiai atsiliepė apie Lietuvą ir jos dabartinę kovą už savo nepriklausomybės atgavimą. Visos tos kalbos tilpo Congressional Record. Valstijų gubernatoriai ir miesto majorai buvo prašyti paskelbti savo vietose Vasario 16 dieną, kaipo Lietuvos dieną. Beveik visi jie taip ir padarė. Vienas miesto majoras, kurio mieste pirmą kartą tokia diena buvo paskelbta, taip nudžiugo, kad gavo nuo Vyčių tiek daug padėkos laiškų, kad jis pasirūžo laikyti visus tuos laiškus savo "scrapbook" ir pranešė to miesto klebonui, kad jis su džiaugsmu lietuviams padės, kada tik lietuviai norės.

Šiais metais savo parapijose Vyčiai gražiai dalyvavo apvaikščiojimuose Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventės, Maldos už Lietuvą ir Lietuvos Okupacijos sukakties dienose. Keliose parapijose, patys Vyčiai ėmėsi iniciatyvos tokius apvaikščiojimus suruošti. Beveik visose parapijose Vyčiai panaudojo tas progas paruošti rezoliucijas, liečiančias Lietuvos padėtį ir reikalaujančias, kad šis kraštas imtųsi konkretesnių metodų Rusijos žiaurumams sustabdyti ir sugrąžinti Lietuvai bei kitoms pavergtoms tautoms laisvę. Tas rezoliucijas pasiuntė Prezidentui, valdžios pareigūnams, senatoriams, atstovams ir spaudai. Taip Vyčiai iškėlė laisvės klausimą netik lietuviams bet ir svetimtaučiams. Šiame svarbiame darbe, noriu ypatingai pabrėžti, kaip pavyzdį kitoms kuopoms, darbuotę 18tos kuopos, Cambridge, Mass. ir 135tos kuopos, Ansonia, Conn. Jos neseniai pradėjo dirbti tautinį darbą, bet per praėjusius metus jų pažanga buvo tokia, kad jaučiu reikalą paminėti ir pasveikinti jas už gražiai atliktą darbą. Toms ir kitoms kuopoms, kurios gražiai dirbo, turiu nuoširdų ačiū.

Sausio mėnesyje teko pasiųsti svarbių laiškų Jungtinių Tautų atstovams, jų visuotinoj sesijoje

Paryžiuje. Tuose laiškuose išdėstė Lietuvos problemas ir iš gautų atsakymų buvo aišku, kad Lietuva gavo naujųjų draugų, kurie nuolat kels Lietuvos bylą kiekviena proga. Mano nuomone, tai vienas iš svarbiausių tikslų, kuriuos atsiekėme praėjusių metų veikimu. Lietuvos bylai, tai svarbus plusas.

VLIK'ui pasiunčiau svarbiausias iškarpas ir visus biūletinius. VLIK'as labai interesuojasi mūsų komisijos veikla ir iškarpas jie panaudoja jų biūletiniuose. Štai ką VLIK'as rašo: "Kokį didelį darbą propagandos už tiesą ir savo kraštą bare gali nudirbti pasiryžėliai, parodo Lietuvos Vyčiai per savo Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos darbą".

Enciklopedijos ir kitos knygos dažnai rodo žemėlapius, kuriuose nieko nematyti apie Lietuvą. Lietuvą paskaito Rusijos kraštu, už tai tie žemėlapiai nerodo Lietuvos. Kada tik gavome tokias žinias, tuojaus protesto laiškus pasiuntėme ir tikras informacijas suteikėme. Štai kaip vienas redaktorius atsiliepė į mūsų protestus:

"I am a little bit at a loss to explain where this information was obtained from, but I do want to assure you that it will be corrected immediately. Thank you for taking the trouble to give us accurate information on this matter."

Be to, dažnai matome straipsnių, kuriuose tvirtinama, kad Koščiuska, Mickevičius ir kiti lietuviai buvo lenkai. Redaktoriams visuomet iškėlėme protestus su aiškinimais, kodėl toki pasakymai klaidingi.

Iš valdžios pareigūnų teko gauti gana daug laiškų, kurie rodo jų palankumą Lietuvos bylai. Štai kaip vienas parašė:

"I am sincerely interested in the preservation of freedom in this great nation (Lithuania) and will continue to exert every effort possible while I am a member of Congress to assure that Lithuania will once again be free."

Chicagos Vyčių apskritis suruošė grandiozinį Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventės minėjimą, kuris buvo plačiai išgarsintas viešuose laikraščiuose. Apie tą parengimą ir apie Vyčių tautinį veikimą, štai kaip vienas atsiliepė:

"Kovą už tėvynės laisvę atkakliai kovoja ne tik partizanai Lietuvos miškuose ir kloniuose, bet ją kovoja ir čia, ir jau daugelį metų. Tie kovotojai yra Lietuvos Vyčiai Amerikoje... jų širdyse dega tėviškės meilė... Lietuvos Vyčiai didelių darbų yra nuveikę Lietuvos Nepriklausomybei atgauti, jai at-



Kun. J. C. Jutkevičius,
Lietuvos Vyčių Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos
Pirmininkas

sikelti ir sustiprėti. Jie ir dabar tą patį darbą dirba, dėl to kovoja. **Tegyvuoją Lietuvos Vyčiai!**"

Vienas tremtyje esantis šitaip rašo:

"Aš stebiuos Tamstų energija ir tiek daug nuveiktų darbų Amerikos lietuvių jaunimo tarpe ir lieku visados Tamstoms labai atsidaęs ir labai Jus gerbiąs."

Garsus kolumnistas, Ed Sullivan, paminėjo Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės dieną per savo televizijos programą "Toast of the Town". Į vieną padėkos laišką jam pasiųstą, jis šitaip atsiliepė:

"The Lithuanian cause is righteous cause and if there is anything I can do for that cause, just let me know. I shall be only too glad to do what I can."

Nepaisant mano patarimų, kelios kuopos reikalauja, kad jų kuopose Lietuvių Reikalų komisijos nariai patys padengtų savo veiklos išlaidas. Žinoma, jei patys nariai nori padengti, tai viskas tvarkoj, bet žinau iš skundų, kad daugeliui tas nepatinka. **Tas lėšas turėtų pačios kuopos padengti iš savo išdo!** Kuopa turėtų džiaugtis, kad yra narių, kurie nori rašyti laiškus ir dirbti komisijos darbą. Jie dirba ne sau, bet Lietuvai, organizacijai ir kuopai. Už tai kuopa turėtų apmokėti išlaidas, kaip apmo-

kama ir kitos jos veiklos išlaidos. Tai gera proga paaugoti Lietuvos reikalams. Jei kuopos išde nėra pakankamai lėšų, kuopa turėtų surasti būdus jų surinkti. Raginu ir skatinu kuopas susirūpinti šiuo svarbiu reikalu.

Taip pat patarčiau Vyčiams daugiau susirūpinti šiuo darbu. Vytės daugiausia darbo atlieka, o vyčiai mažiau. Tai gėda visiems vyrukams vyčiams.

Be to, būtų daug geriau, jei kasmet atsirastų naujų asmenų iš vyčių tarpo, kurie rašytų laiškus. Jei vienas rašo ir rašo, tai redaktoriai ir kiti su laiku mažiau dėmesio atkreipia į tuos laiškus. Kuomet nauji rašo, tada jie kitaip žiūri. Jie tada mano, kad vis daugiau interesuojasi. Tuomet jie stengiasi daugiau apie Lietuvą atspausdinti. Dėl to tariau, kad kasmet kiekvienoje kuopoje atsirastų naujų asmenų, kurie galėtų rašyti laiškus lietuviškais reikalais, panašiai, kaip mes darome.

Iš šio raporto bus kiekvienam aišku, kokį didelį tautinį darbą atlieka Lietuvių Reikalų Komisija. Tos komisijos veikla atneša daug naudos ne tik Lietuvai, bet ir visai lietuvių tautai ir mūsų garbingajai organizacijai. Dievas vienas žino, kiek jau yra žmonių, kurie pirmiau žiūrėjo į Vyčius kreivomis akimis, o dabar žiūri su pagarba ir su pasididžiavimu. Kodėl? Todėl, kad jie yra sužavėti tautiniu Vyčių darbu. Ši veikla pareikalauja daug darbo ir išlaidų. Bet ką tai reiškia tas darbas ir pinigas prie padarytos naudos, kuri yra neįkainuojamos vertės. Joki pinigai negali tos naudos nupirkti. Todėl, mano brangūs Vyčiai-Vytės, supraskite gerai šios komisijos veiklos svarbumą. Sugrįžę atgal į savo kuopas, kalbėkime joms, paraginkime narius uoliai prisidėti prie šio gražaus tautinio darbo. Kodėl negali daugiau tokių narių būti, kaip Juozapina Kuizinaitė iš Gary kuipos, kuri parašė net 420 laiškų? Kodėl negali būti daugiau tokių, kaip tie, kurie pernai parašė virš 200 ir 300 laiškų? Kodėl negali būti daugiau kuopų, taip stropiai dirbančių tautišką darbą, kaip Cambridge ir Ansonia kuopos? Kuomet visi iš vien dirbsime, tada daug daugiau padarysime, negu kad šiais metais padarėme. Kokia pagėga bus mūsų, jei visi nenuleisime rankų, bet pasišventusiai dirbsime "Dievui ir Tėvynei". Tada tikrai žinosime, kad lietuvių vardas bus žinomas visur ir Lietuva atgaus savo tikrą vietą tarpe nepriklausomų pasaulyje tautų.

Mūsų ir visų lietuvių garbė to reikalauja iš mūsų. Kadangi esame lietuviai, kadangi esame lietuviško kraujo, kadangi esame Lietuvos Vyčiai, privalome vytiškai veikti, o tas veikimas reikalauja, kad mes dirbtumėme tautai. Tas tautiškas veiki-

GIMTOJI KALBA

NEUŽMIRŠKIME VIRTUVĖS

L. Dambriūnas

Praeitą kartą vaikščiojome po visą butą, po visus kambarius ir apžiūrėjome visus baldus. Šį kartą sustokime virtuvėje ir pažiūrėkime, kokių čia daiktų esama. Pirmiausia, virėja ar virėjas (cook) negali apsieiti be puodų (pots). Puodai, keptuvės (pans), dubenys (bowls), peiliai, šaukštai, šaukšteliai (teaspoons), šakutės (forks) yra reikalingiausi virtuvės įrankiai (kitchen utensils).

Reikalingas dar kavinukas (coffeepot) ar arbatinukas (teapot).

Svarbus virtuvės baldas yra indauja (cupboard), o toje indaujoje pilna visokių indų (ne dišių). Svarbiausi indai yra lėkštės (plates). Vartojamos plokščiosios lėkštės (mėsai valgyti), giliosios lėkštės (sriubai valgyti) ir lėkštutes sviestui.

Sriuba (soup) paduodama į stalą dideliame dubenyje arba vazoje (bowl). Mažesni dubenėliai vartojami daržovėms (vegetables) ir kitiems reikalams. Mėsa paduodama pusdubenyje (platter).

Gėrimui, kavai ar arbatai, vartojami puodukai (cups) arba stiklinės (glasses). Prie puodukų ir stiklinių turi būti lėkštutės (saucers). Vartojami dar atskiri stiklai alui, sodei ir kitiems gėrimams. Yra specialūs stikliukai vynui ir degtinei (brandy).

Virtuvėje dar būna reikalingi tokie dalykai kaip kibiras (bucket), ašotis (pitcher), buteliai (bottles), stiklainiai (jars) ir kiti.

Maistui (food) ar gėrimui (drink) į stalą nešti vartojamas padėklas (tray).

Valgant stalias paprastai užtiesiamas staltiesė (tablecloth). Kiekvienam valgytojui padedama servetėlė (napkin). Ant stalo dar turi būti druskinė (salt-box), pipirinė (pepper-box) ir cukrinė (sugar-box). O kai žmonės prie stalo rūko, tai turi būti ir peleninė (ashtray).

mas pasireiškia per Lietuvių Reikalų Komisiją. Tad būkime jos nariais ir apaštalais. O kadangi esame katalikai, neužmirškime dažnai pasimelsti už kenčiančią Lietuvą ir jos vargstančius žmones. Mūsų darbas reikalingas ir didžios maldos. Su Dievo pagalba, esu tikras, kad mūsų komisija gyvuos, mūsų organizacija stiprės, o mūsų tautai prašvis ta diena, kada Lietuva galės nepriklausomai gyventi. Dieve, duok kad taip įvyktų!

Convention

HIGHLIGHTS

PHYLLIS GRENDAL

Our Theme... Free Lithuania From Communism...

Most of the delegates who attended the four-day meeting of the 39th national convention of the Knights of Lithuania at the Hotel Biltmore, Dayton, Ohio (Sept. 11-14, 1952) will agree we are members of the largest American Lithuanian Catholic youth organization in the country.

We are considered the largest American Lithuanian Catholic youth organization because there were five active districts and 1 Senior group represented at the convention, namely: New England, New York - New Jersey, Pittsburgh, Ohio - Michigan, Illinois - Indiana and this year California was represented by L. Valiukas, who is presently residing in Los Angeles, Calif. (Council 133).

Registration started Thursday morning at the Biltmore, headquarters. Officially, the convention opened with a Mass at the Holy Cross Church, in memory of our beloved founder, the late M. A. Nor-kunas, which was celebrated by Rev. Dr. Ig. Boreisis (Detroit) and assisted by Rev. Anthony Kasper, national spiritual director (Elizabeth) and Rev. V. Karalevicius, spiritual adviser of New York - New Jersey district.

The Presidium consisted of Joseph Boley, convention chairman (New York City), Jonas L. Jatis (Chicago) and Joseph Matachinskas (Great Neck), vice chairmen; Katherine Yakutis (Worcester) and Peggy Zakaras (Chicago), co-secretaries; Larry Janonis (New York) and Kazimieras Vangas (Dayton), sergeant-at-arms; **Resolutions** — Rev. Anthony Kasper (Elizabeth), Rev. Vladas Karalevicius (Bayonne), Juozas Sadauskas (Cleveland), Jean Walkauskas (Pittsburgh), Robert S. Boris (Detroit), and Rev. Dr. Ig. Boreisis (Detroit); **Mandate and Greetings** — Ann Mitchell (Elizabeth), Betty Tucker (Chicago), Mrs. Mildred Chinik (Pittsburgh), and Valeria Zitkus (Cleveland).

Attendance at the convention on the part of K. of L. leaders was close to one hundred per cent.

All the members of the Supreme Council were present. All standing and special committee chairmen were on hand with the exception of Rev. John C. Jutkevicius, chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee (report published in this issue) due to pressing duties at Chancery Office of Diocese of Worcester, and Rev. Albert J. Contons, chairman of Juniors and Program Committee, due to his beloved mother's death. Each of the district presidents answered "present" when his name was called with a single exception of Vincent Grazulis of New England (who was ably represented by Phil Carter of Providence, R. I.).

Honorary members present — Rev. Dr. Ig. Boreisis (Detroit), Jonas L. Jatis (Chicago), Anthony J. Mažeika (Pittsburgh), Kastas Zaromskis (Cicero) and Phyllis Grendal (Boston).

Priests — Rev. Anthony Kasper (Elizabeth), Rev. Paul. Gailevicius, O. P. (Washington, D. C.), Rev. Dr. Ig. Boreisis (Detroit), Rev. Walter Katariskis (Dayton), Rev. V. Karalevicius (Bayonne), Rev. Paul Laurinaitis (Canton), Rev. John Pakalniskis (Brooklyn) and Rev. L. Praspalius, pastor of Holy Cross Church, Dayton.

Supreme Council officer's report and progress made during the year was given by our national president Al. Wesey - Vasiliauskas (appeared in September issue).

The speeches delivered at the various business meetings and evening functions, all of which were geared to the Knights of Lithuania's theme, "Free Lithuania From Communism", were made by following guests of honor: The Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys, Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas, Lithuania (who also preached a memorable sermon during Solemn High Mass Sunday morning — published in this issue), Rt. Rev. Monsignor Harry J. Ansbury, dean of the Dayton deanery, Mayor Louis W. Lohrey of Dayton, Prof. A. Damusis, former dean of the engineering school of the University of Vytautas the Great in Kaunas, former member of

the Lithuanian Liberation committee and leader in "Ateitininkai", and Prof. Albert H. Rose, S. M., head of the department of political science, University of Dayton.

Solemn High Mass each morning during the convention was offered for deceased members and the victims of Lithuania's three occupations by foreign powers.

The Most Rev. V. Brizgys, who fought for the Church during Communist occupation (1940-41) and Nazis occupation (1941-44) and in 1944 exiled from Lithuania set before the delegates, a dual goal for the future — be loyal Americans but keep alive our Lithuanian heritage and continue to fight to free Lithuania from communism.

Prof. Albert Rose, S. M. urged that America fight against the loss of its own freedom while carrying on the fight for freedom of other oppressed lands. He also warned against the encroaching socialism in America.

The convention unanimously adopted a resolution asking the President and Congress to have the United Nations (1) investigate genocide perpetrated against Lithuanian people; (2) demand Russian withdrawal of armed forces, agents and communists from Lithuania; (3) return Lithuanian displaced persons from Siberia and other parts of the Soviet Union; and (4) force Soviet adherence to the bilateral and multilateral treaties as obliged by the Atlantic and U. N. charters.

The Dayton Journal-Herald and Dayton Daily News carried excellent write-ups, news and pictures throughout the convention, some of which appeared on first page.

Most grateful to our K. of L. photographers who to date supplied us with convention snapshots — Jerry Jesulaitis (Chicago), A. Lugauskas (Dayton), and Vito A. Kapiskas (Providence). Their photos appear in this issue.

Social Program

Thursday — reception to all delegates and guests at the Holy Cross Church hall.

Friday — concert was given in the Dayton Art Institute Music Hall by our own Algerd Brazis, baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Company. Accompanist — Alex Kuciunas, former virtuoso of the Kaunas Opera and now of Chicago. (Filled to capacity).

Saturday — Semi-formal dance, Main Ballroom, Hotel Biltmore. Music by well-known television and radio orchestra. (Filled to capacity).

Sunday — Closing dinner featured as speakers The Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys and Prof. Albert H. Rose. Presentation of trophies to Membership Drive winners and Lithuanianism contestants made by Walter Chinik, national vice president and Al Wesey national president, respectively. Joseph Boley (New York City), was toastmaster.

The Supreme Council, headed by Al Wesey-Vasiliauskas, will no doubt receive the fullest cooperation and support from all councils and districts this coming year. There are many projects to be undertaken and much work to be done. Many councils to be revived and new councils to be formed. Also Membership Drive to be considered, under the chairmanship of Walter Chinik, national vice president, and the organizing of Juniors, under the directorship of our newly-elected vice president, Robert S. Boris. (Supreme Council officers' roster appears — inside cover page of this issue).

Rev. L. Praspalius, pastor and Rev. Walter Katariskis, spiritual adviser of Ohio-Michigan district, together with Council 96, Dayton, Ohio, played hosts to the visiting dignitaries, delegates and guests. The entire Convention Committee headed by Frank Gudelis responsible for the local arrangements, received vociferous applause from the delegates to whose comfort and convenience they had so efficiently and smilingly ministered throughout the convention.

Our organization's 40th Anniversary which was founded in Massachusetts will be commemorated in 1953 in historical Boston.

AR TURITE NORKUNO NUOTRAUKŲ?

Norkuno Fondo komisija norėtų padaryti a. a. Mykolo Norkuno nuotraukų rinkinį. Jeigu kas iš Vyčių turi tokių nuotraukų ir norėtų padovanoti šiam rinkiniui, prašome atsiųsti jas, užrašant kur, kada ir kokia proga kiekviena nuotrauka buvo nuotraukta. Taip pat jei kas turi jo laiškų, prašome nenumest, bet atsiųsti juos adresu: Joseph Boley, 5 E. 62nd St., New York, N. Y. Komisija bus labai dėkinga.

Norkuno Fondo Komisija



(1) The Presidium; (2) Resolutions Committee; (3) Mandate Committee; (4) Convention Headquarters; (5) Banquet; (6) Two Artists; (7) Officers' oath. (Convention Highlights—story in this issue).

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Partisans Behind the Iron Curtain

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J. Daumantas

OUR ANTI - ELECTION CAMPAIGN

(The following is a true account of the activities of the Partisans as the date of the first elections in Communist dominated Lithuania drew near. It is an object lesson on Russian election methods and a glorious page in the Lithuanian Underground Resistance Movement. To us it becomes a concrete warning of what takes place where Communist ideas trample underfoot basic human rights.)

Return to Headquarters.

At dawn we made off into the woods again. Our guide was Astra, a young woman who, I had noticed, carried a 9 mm pistol in her sleeve. She walked ahead of us with the "Saw". The rest of us followed at irregular intervals, trying to step right into the footprints they made in the snow, so that it would seem that only two people had walked along the path. Soon, we were out of the forest and were walking along the road. It was easy to disguise our tracks here, since we could place our boots in the tracks made by the sleighs.

All of a sudden we noticed Astra's hand shoot up. This mean: Halt. Danger! We had to go back into the forest now, and lose the trail that we had been making. Astra broke off two or three pine-tree branches, placed them on the snow by the side of the road, then jumped from one fir branch to the other until she could step beyond the line of trees inside the forest. The rest of us did the same. The last Partisan took care to pickup the branches sweep the snow about so that the footprints would not show, and throw the branches under a fir tree. In the woods, we always tried to hide our trail stepping under shrubs, or near the trunks of trees, so that we could not be followed.

As we drew near our camp, we were met by our guards who asked us for the pass-word. After making the correct replies, they led us into the darkness of the woods to a spot where two or three tents were pitched and a shelter or two made of evergreen branches. I will never forget that pretty sight: tents and shelters slightly sprinkled with snow in the dim darkness of the forest! There was a small fire at the entrance of each hut, and a Par-

tisan was seated by it, keeping the fire alive. Oak logs and branches were used in the forest, because oak does not produce any smoke to betray our whereabouts to the vigilant eye of a Red who might be in the vicinity.

Inside the tents, the men were sleeping, fully clothed, and fully armed. They did not know when they would be attacked and they were taking no chances. In the hospital tent there were two wounded Partisans.

At the far end of this clearing was the commandant's bunk. Our guide went over and awakened him. He recognized us immediately:

"I never dreamed that on awakening I would look right into the faces of such welcome visitors as you are. Come in. How in the world did such decent folk like yourselves ever come across our fox-hole here. I'll bet the Commies were chasing you."

One of our group replied: "Oh no. I think it was the other way around. We've come here to make plans to put the Reds on the run. The elections, you know. We would just love to see the Bolsheviks climb tree next week."

But, we were tired and in no mood for serious conversations just then. Our host noticed this, and immediately gave orders to prepare bunks for us.

"Sorry, I do not have any better accommodations to offer you than these bear-caves. Please overlook the inconveniences."

As we got ready to get some rest we asked the commandant what the password for the next day was, just in case any trouble arose during our nap. He told us, and after that we dozed off.

We make our plans . . .

The real reason for our trip to headquarters was to make final plans on our activities regarding the fake elections that the Russians were announcing. We had decided to boycott the elections by every means possible. Our purpose was to unify the Lithuanian people and show the entire world how thoroughly the Lithuanians rejected the Communist in these "free" elections. We hoped that the Lith-

Lithuanians would make such a decisive showing in the elections that the Russians might, perhaps, adopt a policy of less severity in Lithuania. This was not to be, however.

We had to take upon our shoulders the heavy task of protecting the farmers from the force and reprisals of the Russians. To do this we adopted the following projects:

1. We were to gather up all the Soviet passports from the people in our district, so that the Russians could not have anything to stamp "VOT-ED" as they usually did.

2. We were to organize a systematic sabotage of communications so that the Russians could not call in reserves to force the people to vote. We planned to cut telephone lines, and blow up several bridges in strategic places.

3. On the night before elections we were to raid every voting place in our district, shoot off some ammunition and hand grenades, to terrify the people into staying home election day.

4. On election day, we had to be "on guard" to adapt whatever tactics that might be needed to hinder the election procedure of the Reds. If the Russians began to mistreat any villager, we were to attack them without mercy.

All the details of our campaign being settled we still had some free time, so we began singing the Partisan songs that had become very popular during the past several months... Someone began singing:

We'll meet the enemy
 With bloody hospitality,
 By the old homestead
 Near the cherry trees.
 Don't cry, Mother
 as we go off to fight
 by the old wooden cross.
 To battle, to battle, to battle, friends
 Our Fatherland is calling us.

We Begin Our Work

The first thing I had to do was to mimeograph all the instructions that had to be given to the people. Of course, the main advice was: **Under no circumstances may a Lithuanian vote for the list proposed by the communists. Not a single vote for the communists!**

Besides my work on the leaflets, I had to visit a certain number of farmers personally and explain our policy by word of mouth. We had to insist again and again that the Red elections were a comedy and a farce, no matter how the Russians themselves explained the forthcoming elections.

It was encouraging to the Partisan High Command that our people followed our advice and were determined not to vote at all... come what may.

On Saturday, February ninth, at twelve o'clock midnight was to begin our actual work of sabotage. We wanted to disrupt communications and keep the Reds guessing as to our real intentions. Furthermore, we wanted to keep the Russians up all night, so that on the day of the balloting, they would be tired and less apt to be vigilant. Part of our plan was to machine-gun every voting place, and make it very dangerous to the citizens to appear to vote. We were providing a good excuse for our people, in case they were asked why they did not vote. They could truly say that they were afraid of the Partisans.

Early that Saturday night we cleaned our guns, were given extra rounds of ammunition, and then set out to our different destinations. It was a nasty night, dark, rainy, cold. Silently slushing through the mud, we found our positions, set up our machine guns and awaited further orders. Our instructions were to fire off fifty shots each, then retreat.

After some minutes the command came: "Open... Fire!" Our guns spat fire and bullets. The Red sentries very quickly returned the favor. Tracer bullets showed us our targets, but the Reds merely shot in our direction. The bullets whistled harmlessly over our heads. In a matter of a minute or so, the Commies opened up with their machine-guns. These bullets seemed to get closer to our ears. We hugged the good earth, the mud, I should say. Some of our men tossed out several hand grenades. Then one of our group got the idea of swinging around to the other side and "toast the Ivans on the back". This we did until our fifty shots ran out. By this time the Reds had lighted up their searchlights and were shooting really close to us, too close for comfort. We heard the command to withdraw. And we did.

Translated by A. A. Jurgelaitis.
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(See next page).

A. Lugauskas

AT BANQUET, (top, left — Mrs. Tillie Gerulis, national financial secretary; head table guests — Phyllis Grendal, asst. editor of "Vytis", Jonas L. Jatis, chairman of Ritual committee; Prof. A. H. Rose, University of Dayton, speaker, Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys, Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas, Lithuania, principal speaker, Joseph Boley, toastmaster, Al. Wesey, national president; Rev. Walter Katarskis, spiritual director of Ohio - Michigan district; greeting Staff Sergeant Frank Petrosky of Du Bois, Pa. 86) — Mary Kober of Great Neck, N. Y.; Pat Zelinskas, convention secretary; Ann Klem of Kearny, N. J.; Mary Lucas, convention secretary and Josephine Rusas, immediate past national recording secretary of Great Neck, N. Y.; Frank Gudelis, having served as treasurer for past 15 years, received a set of bronze book ends (with K. of L. coat-of-arms) from the organization, presented by the president; Rev. J. Pakalniskis of New York and Anne Klem chatting with Al Brazis, baritone, Metropolitan Star; BIG FOUR — Lithuanian parley leaders; bottom, left — Louise Grazulis of Worcester, Mass. (26) presented with a trophy in behalf Council 26, winner of 1952 Membership Drive; right: The Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys surrounded by K. of L. memorary members — Anthony Mazeika, Pittsburgh, Pa., Rev. Ig. Boreisis, Detroit, Michigan, Jonas L. Jatis, Chicago, Illinois, Phyllis Grendal, Boston, Mass. (Missing in the picture is Kastas Zaromskis, Chicago, Ill.)

FINANCIAL DRIVE

Following are the donations received and credited to the 1951 - 1952 fiscal year:

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Illinois - Indiana District	150.00
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Chicago, Ill. (112)	50.00
Chicago, Illinois (5)	10.00
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APOSTOLIC DELEGATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3339 Massachusetts Ave.,

Washington, D. C.

Sept. 17, 1952

Mr. Joseph Boley, Convention Chairman
Knights of Lithuania
Holy Cross Church
1922 Leo Street, Dayton 4, Ohio
My dear Mr. Boley:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of September 13th bringing greetings and felicitations from the 39th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania at Dayton, Ohio.

You may be sure that your kind and noble sentiments expressed to me are most sincerely appreciated, and you have the assurance of my prayers for the relief of the suffering and persecution to which the people of Lithuania are now subjected.

With sentiments of esteem and every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Signed)

A. G. Cicognani

Archbishop of Laodicea
Apostolic Delegate

Amsterdam, New York (100)	10.00
Linden, New Jersey (113)	10.00
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Chicago, Illinois (24)	5.00
Athol, Mass. (10)	5.00
Great Neck, New York (109)	12.30
Dayton, Ohio (96)	25.00
Ansonia, Conn. (135)	10.00
Bayonne, New Jersey (67)	25.00
Cleveland, Ohio (25)	50.00

John A. Stoskus, Chairman.

ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

SESSIONS, DAYTON, OHIO

Delegates and Alternates

- PHILADELPHIA, PA. (3): Hedy Sarcewicz, Theresa Mazeika, Joseph Yanulaitis, Mary Grebloski.
- CHICAGO, ILL. (5): Lucille Yucius, Loretta Macekonis.
- HARTFORD, CONN. (6): Mavis Kirtis, Sue Bairunas.
- WATERBURY, CONN. (7): Peter Drevinskas, John Urbon.
- CHICAGO, ILL. (8): John D. Dauginas, Tony Rashinskas.
- NEW YORK, N. Y. (12): Larry Janonis, Frances Baskis.
- CHICAGO, ILL. (13): Eleanor Laurin, John Trevainis, Al. Zemaitis, Aldona Lukosius, P. Kamar.
- CICERO, ILL. (14): Jeanne Pavis, Marie Andris.
- SOUTH BOSTON, MASS. (17): John Olevitz, Longinas L. Svelnis, John Daniels, Roland Martinkas, Aldona Norvilas, Phyllis Grendal.
- PITTSBURGH, PA. (19): Nell Kuntz, Marcella Onaitis, Stephen Onaitis, Walter Chinik, Mildred Chinik, William Kolicius, Anne Kolicius, Lorraine Puzas, Ruth Greblunas, Tom Unitis.
- CLEVELAND, OHIO (25): Nellie Arunski, Joseph Sadauskas, Valeria Zitkus, Anthony Kunigiskis.
- WORCESTER, MASS. (26): Tillie Gerulis, Emily Ceraska, Adele Ceraska, Angela Sarapas, Louise Grazulis.
- NORWOOD, MASS. (27): Edward Tarutis, Daniel Perednia.
- NEWARK, N. J. (29): Eleanor A. Sakevich, Joseph A. Sakevich.
- CHICAGO, ILL. (36): Helen Sirvinskas, John Dedinas.
- BROOKLYN, N. Y. (41): Rev. John Pakalniskis.
- GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (43): Josephine Cizauskas.
- ELIZABETH, N. J. (52): Charles Oskutis, Ann Mitchell, Ann Staboris, Stanley Valatka, Norbert Wysocki, Charles Rusteika.
- PITTSBURGH, PA. (62): Anne M. Markunas, Helyne Palecki.
- BAYONNE, N. J. (67): Alphonse Jakupcionis.
- LAWRENCE, MASS. (78): John Zemis, George Unick, Jr.
- GARY, IND. (82): Stella Kuizin, Joe Juris, Jr., Joe Kurpalis, Mikalina Shirvinski, George Agurkis, Joe Yaros, Donna Kuckson.
- HARRISON-KEARNY, N. J. (90): Ann Klem, Mildred Grinewich, Anthony Skripstunas.
- ROCHESTER, N. Y. (93): Richard Pauzas, Freda Rimkus.
- DAYTON, OHIO (96): Charles Vanagas, Sally Miller, Dorothy Miller, Stanley Waitkus, Charles Petkus, Leonard Valiukas, Mary Lucas, Pat Zelinskas.
- DETROIT, MICH. (102): Robert Boris, Bronius Polikaitis, Anna Mae Uznis, Mary Plunkett, Betty Brinza, Juliane Paplinskas, Theresa Bender.
- PROVIDENCE, R. I. (103): Joseph Nazaka, Helen Avizynis, Joseph Gumaska, Vyto Kapiskas, Peter Walaska, Ruth Savickis.
- GREAT NECK, N. Y. (109): Mary Matachinskas.
- CHICAGO, ILL. (112): Julie Greicius, Gordon Gudas.
- LINDEN, N. J. (113): John Tratulis, Vincent Cupevich.
- WORCESTER, MASS. (116): Ann Miller, Helen Daltwas, Shirley Miller.
- CINCINNATI, OHIO (134): George Mezur, Catherine Grant.
- ANSONIA, CONN. (135): John Stefon, Jr.
- ILLINOIS-INDIANA District: Helen Gudauskas, John Jesulaitis, Josephine Kuizin, Betty Tucker.
- NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT: Phil Carter, Katherine Yakutis.
- NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT: Joseph Matachinskas, Joseph Boley.
- OHIO-MICHIGAN DISTRICT: Frances Vanagas.
- PITTSBURGH DISTRICT: Jean Walkauskas, Andy Rozger, John Miller, Helyne Palecki.
- SENIORS — DRAUGOVÉ: Peggy Zakaras.
- HONORARY MEMBERS:
- Jonas L. Jatis, Chicago, Ill.
A. J. Mazeika, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Kastas Zaromskis, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Ig. Boreisis, Detroit, Mich.
Phyllis Grendal, Boston, Mass.
- SUPREME COUNCIL:
- Rev. Anthony Kasper, Elizabeth, N. J.
Al. Wesey, Great Neck, N. Y.
John Stoskus, Chicago, Ill.
Walter Chinik, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Tillie Gerulis, Worcester, Mass.
Frank Gudelis, Dayton, Ohio.
Anna Mae Uznis, Detroit, Mich.
Mary Waitonis, Providence, Rhode Island.

CONVENTION GREETINGS

In Person

Hon. Louis Lohrey, Mayor of Dayton;
 Rt. Rev. Mgrs. Harry Ansburry, Dean of Dayton Deanery;
 Rev. Walter Katarskis, spiritual advisor C-96, behalf of Rev. L. Praspalius, pastor of Holy Cross Church;
 Rev. Pakalniskis, Brooklyn, in behalf of Studentų Ateitininkų.

Letters, Telegrams

Vincent Grazulis, president of New England District K. of L.;
 Gerald Sherry, Religious News Service;
 Senator John Bricker, (Ohio);
 Hon. Thomas Dewey, Governor of New York; York;
 L. Valiukas, "Lietuvių Dienos" publication (Los Angeles, California);
 Paul Schenk, Representative 3-rd District Ohio;
 Canon Felix Kapocius;
 Lithuanian Consul Peter Dauzvardis of Chicago, Illinois;
 Pasaulio Lietuvių Katalikų Organizacijų Sąjunga, Germany;
 Association of Lithuanian Students;
 Adlai Stevenson, candidate for President;
 Pranas Razvadauskas, hon. member of K. of L. (Boston, Mass.);
 Congressman John McCormack, House Majority Leader (Mass.);
 Matas Zujus, editor of GARSAS and hon. member of K. of L. (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.);
 Nekalto Prasiđėjimo Seserys (Connecticut);
 Rev. Al. Contons, chairman of Program Committee (Boston, Mass.);
 Joseph Lola, of Lithuanian Melody Hour, announcer (Boston, Mass.);
 Congressman John Kennedy (Mass.);
 William Kvetkus, LRK Susivienijimo Amerikoje Sekretorius; and
 Dr. A. Damusis, Ateitininkų Federacijos Vardu.

DONATIONS

Rev. John C. Jutkevičius	\$10.00
Chicago, Ill. (13)	10.00
Newark, N. J. (29)	30.00
Frank Vaskas, Newark, N. J.	2.00
Attorney Joseph Grish, K. of L. legal adviser, (California)	5.00

Helen Motekaitis, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
*Prof. Alexander Aleksis of Waterbury, Conn. hon. member	5.00
Kastas Zaromskis of Chicago, Ill., hon. member	5.00
Illinois - Indiana District	25.00
Jack L. Jatis, Chmn. Ritual Committee, hon. member	10.00
Cicero, Illinois (14)	5.00
Chicago, Illinois (5)	25.00
Teklė Norbut	5.00
Peggy Zakaras, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
Rev. P. A. Gailevičius, Washington, D. C.	15.00
**Helen Sirvinskas, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
Gary, Indiana (82)	20.00
Stella Kuizin and Josie Kuizin, Gary, Ind.	5.00
Rochester, N. Y. (93)	5.00
South Boston, Mass. (17)	20.00

*Prof. Alexander Aleksis also donated \$5.00 for the M. A. Norkunas Memorial Fund, making a total \$10.00.

**Helen Sirvinskas also donated \$2.00 for the M. A. Norkunas Memorial Fund, making a total \$7.

No Mandates received from following Councils:

Brockton, Mass. (1).
 Lewiston, Maine (2).
 Chicago, Illinois (16).
 Cambridge, Mass. (18).
 Chicago, Illinois (24).
 Westfield, Mass. (30).
 Indiana Harbor, Ind. (55).
 Paterson, N. J. (61).
 Amsterdam, N. Y. (100).
 Maspeth, L. I., N. Y. (110).
 Kankakee, Ill. (132).
 Los Angeles, Calif. (133).

OPEROS ARTISTAI NORKUNO

FONDO KONCERTE.

ANNA KASKAS, pagarsėjusi Metropolitan ir Europos operose ir koncertuose, dalyvaus Vyčių ruošiamoje programoje Brooklyn Academy of Music, 18 d. sausio, 3-čią val. po pietų. Drauge su p. Braziu ji išpildys keletą įdomių duetų.

ALGIRDAS BRAZIS, Metropolitan Operos baritonas, kurs sužavėjo publiką savo koncertu per Lietuvos Vyčių seimą Dayton'e, dainuos Norkūno Atminimui Fondo koncerte, sausio-Jan. 18, Brooklyn Academy of Music.

THE DEMAND FOR LEADERS

Why the Demand?

It is hardly possible to segregate how much associated group action there has to be in the modern world. In at least three quarters of his waking hours every adult now lives and moves and has his being in a succession of group efforts.

There are groups in which we work, corporations, institutions, governmental and the K. of L.; those in which we play golf, bowling clubs, athletics and leisure time associations of all sorts: those in which we do civic work-political parties; sodalities those in which we are educated; those in which we worship.

The vital problem is how to make group activity in our great organization the K. of L. happy and satisfying experience for all members. On every side people are coming to recognize that one crucial factor in the solution of this problem is the quality of leadership displayed in the councils they join.

Why is this so?

The answer is to be found in facts like these. Organizations today are typically found to be growing by division. They also assume the effective participation of hundreds of individuals who are continually joining them with little prior knowledge of what the Knights are striving to do. They tend, moreover, toward a more and more complex functionalizing of individual duties. They tend finally toward building up a wide gap of administration.

So recently has this problem come upon us in every walk of life that it is easy to ignore its unwholesome and artificial consequences. The combination of these factors separate the individual member more and more from a vivid personal connection with the organization he joins. The tie becomes impersonal, cold and uninspiring. Instead of a warm feeling of group solidarity which our members want, they want, they find a tepid and formal relation to a corporate person. Such impersonalities are abhorrent to our human nature. All its natural impulses rebel against a way of life so far removed from the blood stream of friendliness and personal devotion.

Consider more specifically what happens. Typically in many organizations.

Each council has its leader and the contact of workers with the organization as such comes from that leader as head if it comes at all. Yet each in-

dividual's efforts are expected to fall into place as a related part of a whole large plan of pooled collaboration. Here is a problem which never solves itself spontaneously. However eager, a "joiner" a person may be, he only comes to a sense of oneness with his several groups as he experiences some deliberate unifying summons and personal quickening.

Whether it is joining a new church, entering a school or joining the K. of L., everyone has had the painful experience of feeling unacquainted and unrelated of feeling he "doesn't know what it's all about," of "not feeling wanted" of "not knowing where he fits into the picture!"

It takes a special effort on the part of some one in the organization to overcome this feeling. That effort toward unifying of the desires and efforts of its members is a distinctive task of the leader.

Only the leader can keep the group committed to that unity of aim which alone produces the best results.

Look moreover at the many organizations which branch out from small local units to district units to a national headquarter.

In every such instance leadership at the top is not enough any more than authority at the top is enough. Both have to be divided and stepped down until every last member is effectively tied into the whole operation. Because of our need our idea of leaders must change. The leader is no longer to be looked upon as a unique individual set apart from humanity by unusual personal qualities. The leader in one organization is often the follower in another. Most of us are normally followers in many activities.

Some of us are leaders in one field only-while the more capable are found to be leaders in several fields simultaneously. Some are leaders temporarily—as when they are elevated by election; others are leaders more permanently by appointment or by personal eminence and occasionally one is in fact a leader although he carries no title and works wholly behind the scenes.

In short, organization need command and executive direction plus leadership. The leader is demanded as a releaser of the energies of his followers, as the summoner to attainment at levels they had not suspected they could reach.

PHIL CARTER



PORTLAND, OREGON

COUNCIL 137

Tautos Diena

Jaukų Tautos Dienos minėjimą rugsėjo 21 dieną surengė vietos Lietuvos Vyčių kuopa. Gražios pamaldos ir lietuviškų giesmių melodijos bažnyčioje, bendri visų dalyvių pietūs, įvairi atsiminimų, eilėraščių, patriotiškų dainų ir tautinių šokių programa salėje sutraukė netik visus Portlando lietuvius ateivius, bet taip pat daugelį senų vietos lietuvių bei amerikėnų. Lietuvos trispalvė vis daugiau pagarbos įgauna šiame gražiam Pacifiko pakraščiu didmiestyje. Lietuviai gi ateiviai gražiai rikiuojasi po Vyčių vėliava.

DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

Šiais metais Lietuviškumo Palaiškymo Programos vajuje surinkta 652 taškai, iš jų 170 taškų už lietuviškosios spaudos platinimą ir 240 taškų už narių lietuviškus straipsnius lietuvių žurnaluose bei laikraščiuose.

—Paskutiniu metu kuopa padidėjo 11 naujų narių. Šiuo metu kuopa turi virš 70 narių.

—Visuotino Suvažiavimo proga kuopa išleido lietuviškų dainų rinkinį. To leidinio po vieną egzempliorių įteikta visiems suvažiavimo dalyviams. Išleidimą finansavo kuopa ir spaudos platinimo kioskas.

—Buves Cincinnati miesto burmistras (mayor), o paskutiniu metu miesto tarybos narys Albert Cash, parodęs nemažą prielankumo vyčiams ir bendrai lietuviams, liepos mėn. pabaigoje nuskendo viename Michigan steito ežere. Cincinnati ir kartu Daytono vyčiai neteko tikrai puikaus savo prie-telio. Bent porą kartų didžiuliame

Cincinnati mieste, vyčiams prašant, buvo paske'bes Lietuvos D'e-ną, dalyvavęs apskričio suvažiavime, pasakęs vyčiams kalbą.

J-nas

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT .

First of all, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Dayton, Ohio (96) for being such a grand host and making the national convention most enjoyable. THANK YOU.

Everyone commented about the strong gust of wind that swept the city of Dayton Thursday afternoon, although it was nothing to be alarmed about. It was only the Pittsburghers heaving a sigh of relief when TOM UNTERES arrived in Dayton via Greyhound Bus of his trusty ole motorcycle.

Julia Aleshunas, Lori Puzas, Nell Kuntz and Jean Walkauskas thought they were being very smart by traveling all Wednesday night and getting into Dayton early Thursday. They were going to be the first ones at the convention, or so they thought. When they arrived they found New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, and Massachusetts already well represented. Maybe next year, girls.

Can you picture 41 grown adults in ONE small hotel room singing — and get this — dancing the "Noriu Miego" and "Klumpe Kojis?" Well, if you can't, I have news for you, it was done, ask some of the people that were in Pittsburgh's party. When things got a little too warm there was always Chicago's air-conditioned suite to escape to.

Julia Aleshunas finally found those shoes she was hunting for all during the convention and where were they? In her room, naturally. Seems Cartwright was on the loose again, or was he, Julia?

One of our members had quite a bit of trouble with his mea's. Vie, I suggest you stick to your horses — you always seem to pick winners there.

Andy Rozger had a very spacious closet in the room — it contained twin beds and dresser. Came in handy, huh, Andy?

Marcie and Steve Onaitis barely made their train because it seemed Marcie had quite a few people to wish Happy Birthday to.

Nell Kuntz and Julia Aleshunas found a tall blond sleeping in their room Monday morning. Lori, did you lose your key or room number?

Funny, Marge Potts didn't once complain about being tired or hungry. Wonder why?

Ruth Greblunas' birthday is still a week away and she's had four birthday parties given in her honor, so far. This girl really believes in doing things up right. It's a lot of fun though, isn't it Ruthie?

Rev. Magnus Kazenas did an excellent job for Council 19 in recruiting new members and as a result won for himself Third Prize for Individuals in the Membership Drive. We were all very sorry, indeed, when Father wasn't able to be at the convention for the presentation, therefore, we have made plans for a dinner at THE PALMS at which the award will be officially presented to him. Congratulations and thank you again, Father, in behalf of all the members of Council 19.

Congratulations to both Walter R. Chinik, re-elected national vice president, and William Kolicus, Jr., treasurer, Mrs. Mildred Chinik represented our district as member of Mandate Committee during convention sessions, and Jean Walkauskas as member of Resolutions Committee. Both did a fine job.

Pittsburgh district cordially invites you to be present October 18-19 in Pittsburgh for a concert by the Ciurlionis Ensemble. We anticipate a nice turn out from all you out-of-towners.

Sako-Pasako



Mrs. Stella Kuizin and daughter Josephine Kuizin

Mrs. Stella Kuizin, president of Council 82, for three successive years, is a member of the Knights of Lithuania organization of long standing. She first joined in 1922 and conscientiously served on all committees to which she was appointed. After several years of inactivity (1934-1950), the council was again revived in 1950. This time, Mrs. Kuizin together with her daughter, Josephine, made a house to house canvass in Gary. Their efforts were not in vain because in April, 1950, Council 82 again was formed with Mrs. Kuizin as president, and Josephine as financial secretary, which positions they both retain to date.

As in all councils, getting started was a bit rough, members were slow joining. Finally, Josephine organized a Junior Girls' softball team which soon developed in to a Junior Council. Mrs. Kuizin financed these Juniors until such time as the council was financially set to reimburse her. These Juniors went out flaunting the name of the K. of L. on their uniforms, making the somnulent Lithuanians realize that the Gary council was definitely established and here to stay. That first year boasted the victory of obtaining two championship trophies won by the Juniors which also helped increase the council membership. Recently, Mrs. Kuizin has turned her face eastward, seeing that the homefires are steadily burning, and is now hard at work organizing a new council in Michigan City, Indiana.

Josephine, like her lovely mother, is a busy little lady. At the age of 14 (when the council was reorganized), she held three jobs in the Senior council and two in her Junior council. She ably served as financial secretary, corresponding secretary, and secretary of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. In her Junior council she is recognized as the president and official captain-manager of the ball teams, which,

We are proud of our Mother-Daughter Team. They have proved to be diligent workers not only in their council but also in the Illinois-Indiana district.

Anthony Valenas

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 116

The September meeting brought with it much serious business and a good attendance. Father John Jutkevicius got back in the time for this gathering after a trip to Yellowstone National Park. A portion of the meeting was spent listening to his account of the grandeur and splendor of our United States in the West. He plans to illustrate his talks with some of the 300 slides he took at the October meeting—which undoubtedly will help further increase our attendance.

Delegates to the district convention (Brockton, Mass.) were also elected at this meeting: Edward Grigas, Joe Krasinskas, Grace Raekauskas, Richard Polaski and Louis Totilas.

Bernice Burdulis and Aldona Pauliukaitis urged all members to sell Christmas Cards and announced the grand prizes to be awarded the winners: radio, camera and a sterling silver dresser set. Beautiful cards, religious articles, etc. are for sale at 90 cents a box containing 21 cards.

Sports

Joe Krasinskas once again took upon his shoulders the burden of organizing our bowling team. So far, the bowlers have been divided into six teams, and the roll-off was designated for September 16th.

Good news. Jack Kasper is home from Alaska, on furlough 25 days. It's good to see Jack and Aldona Pauliukaitis together; nice couple!

We extend a WELCOME MAT to the following new members who have joined recently: Irene Jonaitis, Anna Pucilauskas, Eleanor Vizbaras, Caroline Willins, Virginia Miller, Dorothy Pasquwitz, Geneva Luikey, Rosemarie Stapeckas, Biruta Trunce, Mary Kasheta, Thomas Walsh, Bill Lauzonis, Richard Valenskis, Joseph Savage, Philip Beinor, Walter Luikey, Peter Lapinskas, Robert Butkevich and Joseph Zalansky.

If you notice a halo around the heads of Rita Kersis, Millie Koskie, Helen Gvazdauskas, Edith Tamulevicius, Marion Siaurys, Rosemarie Stapeckas and Mary Klimkaitis, you can credit it to the fact that the girls made a Retreat on the week-end of September 12th.

"Taradaika"

WESTFIELD, MASS.**COUNCIL 30**

At our September meeting, council activities opened up in full swing. Final arrangements for a card party (held on September 9th) were made with Mrs. Dolores Lingaitis, as general chairwoman.

The New England district convention was a topic for discussion. Marion Coach, delegate and Irene Bartkus, alternate, represented our council.

Delicious refreshments were served after the meeting by the committee, Nellie and Dolores Lingaitis.

Vic Juknewicz is home for good. How does it feel to be back in "civies", Vic? Also, home for a visit are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jonaitis. It's nice to see you all!

Some more interior decorating has been done in the church parlors. That yellow paint is an improvement. It's such an unusual shade of yellow. Where did you ever find it, Father Puidokas?

M. C.

AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK**COUNCIL 100**

September found our council together for the first time after the summer vacation. Father Baltch opened the meeting with a prayer. Helen Gustas, president, carried on the business matters.

Our annual Halloween Masquerade Dance held on October 25 at the American Lithuanian Club, was ably handled by Sophia Gavry, Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis.

The topics of fortune telling, astrology and spiritualism were discussed by Father Baltch.

Pauline Urban, who had been hospitalized in Boston, is back with us. Glad to have you around, Pauline!

Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis were in charge of the Social Hour.

If it is a car that you need, be sure to see our Vice President, Ed. Bablinskas. He has just opened up his own place, The East End Motors. Good luck, Ed.

It seems the Sophia Gavry, financial secretary, has gotten The Holy Name Society to ask her to make "Mexican Hots" for their annual picnic.

"Convention News"

We've heard nothing but praises galore regarding the Dayton Convention from Gene Gobis. The National Convention Committee, composed of Mary and

Stan Lucas, Pat Zelinskas, Frank Gudelis, Mike Petkus, Father Katariskis, L. Valiukas, A. Gudelis, C. Vangas and M. Ambrose, deserves a big hand for the splendid management of the entire affair.

John Daniels of South Boston provided the necessary mirth in the midst of the banquet. As he was about to snap the photo of Lorraine Puzas (Pittsburgh), there was a terrific blast. The flash-bulb exploded! His Excellency, Bishop Brizgys, guest speaker, really enjoyed the episode.

Jean Walkauskas' room, "807", (Pittsburgh, Pa.), will never be forgotten by all council members.

A successful year is wished by the Amsterdam Council to the newly-elected officers for the coming year.

Smile and Sparkle

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**COUNCIL 41**

We plan to keep ourselves pretty busy during this fall and coming winter.

Adele Bobin suggested we put on a play. The members feel most enthusiastic about presenting a play, and as soon as we find a suitable script, we shall get started on it.

This past summer, several of our members attended a concert at Lawison Stadium, and enjoyed listening to "Beethoven's Emperor Concerto". Plans are now being made to hold another theater party in the very near future.

A pat on the back to Eugenia Karpus for her fine work on the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

The highlight of the winter season will be the Christmas Day dance to be held at the Annunciation church hall. Our council is making final arrangements may be a this annual dance so that memorable affair. We hope the members will insure its success by giving the committee 100 per cent support.

J. A.

BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY**COUNCIL 67**

In commemoration of our 25th Silver Anniversary, which was one year ago, our council had a stained glass window with a picture of the "Knight" installed in our parish church. Upon the occasion of our 26th Anniversary, the

window was blessed and our members, together with the Junior K. of L., received Holy Communion en masse. Prayers were offered for those of our nation under the Communist rule. It was an impressive and heartening event.

Council 67 was plus 3 at our last meeting. We welcomed Mary Morkevich, Anne Patmore and Robert Amses as new members. We were delighted over the fact that our membership has grown somewhat because the more you have to work with, the greater results are attained. We hope they're here to stay.

May I ask you to set aside November 29th on your calendar, as on that day Council 67 will hold its Fall Dance? Marguerite Peters, chairlady, will be assisted by an able committee. We are hoping for the same cooperation that has been shown to us in the past. We will be looking forward to greeting you.

Connie

ANSONIA, CONN.**COUNCIL 135**

Lake Quassapang, the setting for many of Ansonia's K. of L. outings saw us wind up our last one for the season in real fashion. This one seemed to be the best ever. All you folks who were busy doing something else on that date should hang your head and cry like the little white cloud. Boo Hoo...

All the members were never so glad to see Vic of Waterbury (C-7) as they were that day. He saved the day for the gang and prevented them from going hungry by bringing the grill. Thanks to you Vic from all of us. Sorry Johnny for all the abuse you took from us in regard to this matter. It wasn't your fault we found out later.

Joe "Chernie with the cigar" Law couldn't keep his mind on the events of our recent meeting due to his reading of a true confession story by a priest with Millie Driznus at the outing. The pair both agree that the priest did right by letting the public in on the scoop.

Olga "Dirty Knees" Savitskas was seen "batting the breeze" along with Floyd "Party Pooper" Trap in the Volley Ball game. They claim the ball was too small. That isn't what we heard.

Pete "Money Mad" Pusvaskis was seen on the bench with some pretty girls making a hit. Who were they?

Vinnie Packer, our newest and most active member at the tables did a good job keeping busy with all the stuff near him. His only regret was that he had to leave when he did. He'll make up for it next time.

Congratulations go out to our newest member to make good in the city. Miss Vitalia Pusvaskis has been hired by the local Board of Education to serve as assistant principal at three grammar schools. Lots of luck from all of us. It looks like our members are really getting places these days and the local Lithuanians are taking notice to see that they all belong to the K. of L.

Ruthie and Isobel are now behaving themselves since Johnny Sabulis is patrolling around their homes late at night.

The elections will soon be here again and this is a good time to say a few words regarding this matter.

During the year you have been attending meetings (if you haven't been, do better this coming year) and you have seen other members who have been attending regularly as it should be. You notice who tries to do the most for the Council, who gets things done and doesn't just talk about doing the job. The persons who do this, don't think of themselves first, but place other members first, and work for progress.

When the nomination of officers comes due, give your vote to the deserving ones who really work and keep the council from dying a natural death as many have done in the past.

This one council isn't any different than any other. We must have officers who work and not take the office because they are good talkers. Talk is cheap, but action gets things done.

Inactive members are just "dead wood" and do not have any place in the office of the Executive Board. Many members are like big wheels who promise good leadership and talk it but don't practice it. Let's cast these to the wayside and keep the active ones in office for the good of the club.

This item above does not pertain to C-136 alone but to many councils along the way who while reading this will agree as it is things like this that has led to their downfall. Many of our present weak councils were once strong and due to the election of such officers have not regained their strength of years gone by. Just remember if anything happens we told you so and you didn't heed our word.

"Nakties Peleda"



Anthony Edmund Diktus

CHICAGO, ILL. — Anthony Edmund Diktus, 34, former vice president of Council 13, K. of L., and veteran of World War II, died of a heart condition on July 20, 1952 and was buried on July 26th with military honors by Darius Girenas, American Legion Post 271 at St. Casimir's Cemetery. Requiem High Mass was officiated by Rev. Julian Grinius, spiritual adviser, Rev. Anicetas Linkus, pastor of Holy Cross Church and Rev. John Vysnauskas.

Anthony Edmund, active member of K. of L. for a number of years prior to his late illness, was well liked by all who came in contact with him. His death is a great loss not only to the community but to the entire organization. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Diktus family and his sister Lucy, who is an ardent K. of L'er.

ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

Lost and Found

Vacation is over and this correspondent has returned to work to report the doings of the summer months. The season was opened with a trip to Palanga in Methuen, Mass., where Council 78, Lawrence, held its weenie-roast-dance. After much searching and many misleading directions, one car full of travelers consisting of Frank Anoris, Marie Sienkewicz, Mary Gauronsky, Rita Bessie and Janice Melaika managed to find the picnic grounds where the Lawrence affair was held. Perhaps it would have been easier to find it if someone had not left the map at home. With the unexpected addition of another passenger the group left Lawrence to make its way to Hampton Beach, N.H. where they spent the rest of the weekend. Imagine their surprise when they met some more C.10 members walking the boardwalk at 1 A. M.! It seems that Bill, Penny and Stanley had also planned to attend the weenie-roast-dance at Palanga, but someone neglect-

ed to send them a map! (Stanley is still trying to find the right culprit.) After being hopelessly lost, they too, decided to go to Hampton. Unfortunately Sunday brought with it not the glorious sunshine associated with the beach but —RAIN! — first a drizzle, then torrents! Although a couple of hearty souls braved the water (enough to get their feet wet) the group soon decided that the rain was not conducive to producing a suntan so the two cars headed homeward.

Corny Capers

The big social of the season was the CORN ROAST held at the home of Aldona Butkus in Gardner. The members enjoyed the company of Rev. Albin Yankauskas of Otter River and of course our own spiritual advisor Rev. Bruno Mazukna. We hear that Fr. Bruno displayed his culinary abilities and that the hamburgers he roasted were a RARE delicacy,

We congratulate Maryann Rodski for winning first prize in the blueberry pie-eating contest. Her reward was a three strand "pearl" necklace. Helen

Ambrose, who gave Maryann some stiff competition, came in second place. It's too bad, Helen, but that last hamburger must have been the one that slowed you up. John Talakowski also took a prize.

Meeting at Frank's

We thank Frank Anoris for the frequent use of his summer cottage on White Pond. All of our meetings the past few months have ended with a social at Frank's.

At the September meeting, (which was also held at Frank's) the following people were elected as delegates to the Brockton Convention: Mary Gauronsky, Lenny Davidonis, Bill Wisauskas, Stanley Sargut and Aldona Butkus.

On the Ball

Our bowling teams were also formed at this meeting and the following were elected captains — Lenny Davidonis of the men's team and Helen Ambrose of the women's. Many of the members on our teams bowl with other leagues in town as well as with the K. of L. This looks like a promising season ahead — so all competition — BEWARE!

New Members

We wish to congratulate Rita Bessie who has just joined our council this summer. We also lay the welcome mat for Maryann Rodski who promises to become a member in the near future.

Autumn Attraction

Plans are being made for a weenie-roast at Mary Gauronsky's camp on Queen Lake to begin the Autumn season. It is to follow an afternoon of bowling so all should have healthy appetites by the time the dogs are cooked.

Chalk Dust.

Jerry Jesulaitis

K. OF L. CALENDAR

- November 1 — Chicago, Ill. (5) Annual Fall Dance, Lions Bldg.
- November 15 — Norwood, Mass. (27) Annual Dance, Runeberg Hall.
- November 29 — South Boston, Mass. (17) Annual Dance, Hotel Vendome, Boston.
- November 29 — Bayonne, N. J. (67) Fall Dance.
- December 25 — Brooklyn, N. Y. (41) Christmas Dance.

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- January 18 — Brooklyn Academy of Music, Norkunas Memorial Fund Concert.



DELEGATES from Council 13, Chicago, Ill., who attended the 39th K. of L. national convention, left to right — Jean Tervain's, Aldona Lukosius, Jerry Jesulaitis, Cele Kincie, Eleanore Laurin; front, Pat Kamarauskas. (Al Zemaitis missing in the picture). Photo taken in the airconditioned Penthouse of the Dayton Biltmore Hotel where Council 13 played host to many delegates during the convention.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

COUNCIL 102

A very important pre-convention meeting was held on August 27th in which delegates were chosen and our dream, "a K. of L. Youth Center Building", was discussed in much detail. It was also decided that our Council organize a choir in co-sponsorship with Ralph Valatka and invite Anton Kvejaras as director. Also, the "Kardas", our wonderful little paper with the beautiful art work done by Bill Kucens, will continue to thrive again under the able editorship of Betty Brinza. We were all very pleased to have a visitor present from South Boston (17) in the charming form of Rita Shatas, delivered to us by "Ever Ready To Greet A Pretty Face" Tom Plunkett. Rita made us quite envious when she told us about the hall and bowling alleys her council owns. Some day we'll show you Rita. Mary Ann Turner and Clement Bosley were accepted into the council as new members and a Great Big Welcome to you both. After the meeting, Joe Miskinas showed us a very entertaining and interesting movie produced by the Christopher movement. The film featured quite a collection of top Hollywood stars and by various examples showed

how much one person can do to change conditions in his community, his country, or even in the world. The picture was endeavoring to prove how effective perseverance can be when one is trying to change something for the better.

Since our bowling season opened September 4th, the team will surely miss George Sinkus for a while. Our sincerest condolences George, and our heartfelt best wishes for a quick recovery.

Bob Boris and Anna Mae Uznis represented Council 102 at the Lithuanian American R. C. Federation Convention September 26-28. M. and J.

CHICAGO, ILL.

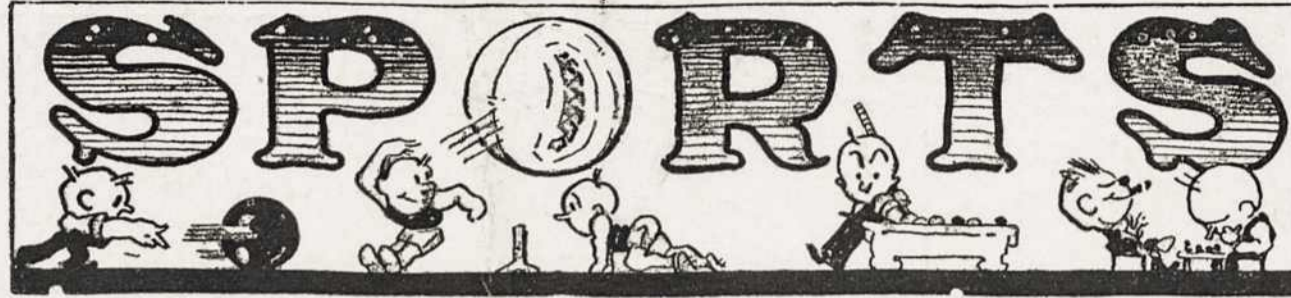
COUNCIL 13

It is our sincere hope that the acquaintances made in Dayton, during the convention, will develop into friendship, and help to further increase our membership in the Knights of Lithuania organization.

Congratulations are in order to the Committee on Arrangements and the entire Convention Committee for the fine manner in which all business was conducted, and to the delegates and guests for their fine attendance.

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BOWLING

Bowling is one of the oldest sports in the world.

A full set of bowling equipment was found in one of the tombs in Egypt. At one time though, bowling was forbidden in England because it was too frivolous and did not prepare the individual for war, like archery and hunting. The word is from the Latin "bulla" for bubble because of the appearance of the ball.

The origin of the modern game of bowling is and always has been a debatable point, another version is that it originated in Italy a thousand to fifteen hundred years ago as a sport now known as bowls or bowling on the green.

The original bowls (or balls of the game) were stone boulders and were as near round as possible, this explains the bias or curves the ball takes in the lawn game of bowls.

Bowling appears to be very simple, but as Shakespeare said, "there is more to this than meets the eye." The game is confined to an alley sixty feet long by forty-one or forty-two inches wide.

In ten pins or the large pins only two balls are used for each box. It consists merely of knocking down ten pins set erect at the far end of the alley by rolling a ball weighing no more than sixteen pounds and not exceeding twenty-seven inches in circumference.

Duck pin bowling originated about forty years ago, an offshoot of the lawn game of bowls with the balls and pins almost identical in size.

Pins are nine and three quarters inches high, four and one-eighths in the middle, one and three-eighths at base, ball five-inch diameter, weight three pounds nine ounces.

It is more difficult to roll up a high score in duck pins than it is with the big pins.

The targets and the ammunition are smaller.

It is a simple matter to take the lightly weighed duck pin ball and heave it down with terrific force. The ball is easy to throw, but strangely enough, duck pins are a game of control of accurate hitting and careful aiming.

Too much speed will work against that and despite the fact that the ball is light and lends itself to a firm grip.

The game is intriguing. Because of its high

competitive flavor women have gone in our duck pins in a big way, and practically all the bowlers in the country turn to duck pins as a charge now and then.

Candlepins are mostly bowled in Massachusetts with Boston as the center.

The pins are fifteen and five-eighths high, two inches in diameter at each end and two seven eighths in the center with a stripe in the center these can be set up on either end.

As in duck pins, the rules permit a player three shots with a strike awarded the first ball, spare the second, and ten in the third ten boxes — consist of one string in all bowling. The ball is four and one-half inches in diameter and two pounds seven ounces.

Candlepins are the most difficult of the three types mentioned because of the size of the balls and pins. Only in candlepins is the dead wood left on the alleys if the pin is within fifteen inches above the number one pin and if the pin is hanging over the gutter providing the half is on the alleys, that is why the stripe is in the center of the pin.

Now for the records — Large pins, plenty of perfect scores of three hundred too numerous to mention. Averages about one seventy.

MEN — Duck pins high single 239 — world record.

WOMEN — Duck pins high single 201 — world record.

High average at present time 130.

MEN — Candlepins high single 184 — world record.

WOMEN — Not available at present.

Averages for men about 112.

Averages for women not available.

Women high team total 1560.

Approximately 20,000,000 Americans bowl and there are 70,000 lanes in the United States. A survey of recreation programs among a large number of leading industrial firms ranked bowling first in popularity among employees, followed by softball and golf.

There is a saying in bowling which goes thus "Don't try to knock the building down, just the pins."

PHIL CARTER