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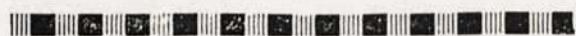




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SKAITYKITE ir PLATINKITE

“VYTI”



# SHOOT FOR THE STARS!



Rev. Albert J. Contons

I like a challenge! That's why I am happy to accept the honor and responsibility of the office of Supreme Council Spiritual Adviser of the Knights of Lithuania organization. For more than ten years I have been a part of the K of L. During that time I have known the K of L as a young organization full of life, enthusiasm, and new ideas. I have met some of the finest young people I could ever hope to be associated with. I have seen the K of L develop in its ranks hundreds of the most active Lithuanian Catholic leaders in America today. The K of L is a bulwark of strength in the day to day struggle for Lithuanian independence and Catholic ideals. Yet like every worthwhile organization, the K of L is confronted with many difficult problems: how to deepen the spiritual roots of its members; how to put across an attractive program of Catholic and Lithuanian activities; how to get K of L members to write for the VYTIS; how to make the VYTIS more interesting; how to expand the VYTIS and put it into the hands of thousands of non-members interested in American-Lithuanian activities; how to bring back K of L members who have married and dropped out of the organization; how to interest new prospects. These are only some of the problems facing the K of L in 1953. This is the challenge which faces every member interested in giving his best to the organization. I am proud of the fine role which the K of L is playing in American-Lithuanian Catholic life. At the same time I am glad to join with every K of L'er in tackling the challenge thrown out to us.

## A SPIRITUAL PROGRAM

The trouble with some young people is that they get discouraged easily. I can just imagine the reaction of some who will think about the problems I have just mentioned. Why it's enough to make some look for the nearest high bridge, close their eyes and jump. "What's the use? What can I do?" is their attitude. Perhaps they are in charge of a program. They sweat it out on the committee, make all the preparations, and stand with open arms to welcome the crowds. But nobody shows up, only a handful of super-loyal second degree relatives. What happens? Do you think they would sit down and try to figure out why the affair was not a success? Maybe that kind of affair isn't popular any more. Perhaps they forgot to advertise the affair. Possibly everyone was down the church attending the wedding of the local president. A hundred and one things might explain the failure. But instead of analyzing the problem, what do they do? "Nobody appreciates us. You have to belong to the clique. We quit." A challenge faces them; — "we quit" is the answer. This is a serious flaw in the character of such members. A real Catholic should never be discouraged. In his ears rings the warning of Christ: "Without me you can do nothing." He knows that if he drives God's grace out of his soul, he must expect failure. That's why he always keeps Christ in his heart. He is always anxious to increase God's grace in his soul. He does not hesitate to ask God to help him. God blesses his activities and assures him of success. This success may be of two kinds. It may be the



obvious, external success recognized by all people. Or it may be that the particular affair was a failure in the eyes of men, yet a success in the sight of God. God may wish to test the loyalty and devotion of a committeeman, to teach him a lesson, to bring future good from the present failure, or to give inspiration and courage to others. The K of L'er who has a deep spiritual life will always face success and failure with courage. He will be loyal to God and persevere in his organization even though he does not understand all the features of God's plan as it unravels in his personal life. In the K of L he will always be a fighter, and never a quitter.

The key to success in the K of L lies fundamentally in the spiritual life of the members. If he is spiritually alive, the K of L'er can do a great deal of good not only for himself, but for others too. I would offer the following standards for a K of L spiritual program. Each member should check himself on the following four points:

1. Monthly Confession and Holy Communion. The man who does not eat regularly will soon get sick and eventually die. A Catholic who does not receive the Sacraments of Life regularly will soon grow weak and die spiritually.

2. Spiritual Reading 15 minutes a day. The Catholic is distracted from God by the everyday events of his life. He must daily fill his mind at least for a few brief minutes with thoughts of God by reading the Bible, the Life of Christ, the Lives of the Saints, or other spiritual books.

3. The Daily Rosary. He who recites the Rosary will be praying for the peace of the world, and will receive the blessing of God and the protection of the Blessed Virgin.

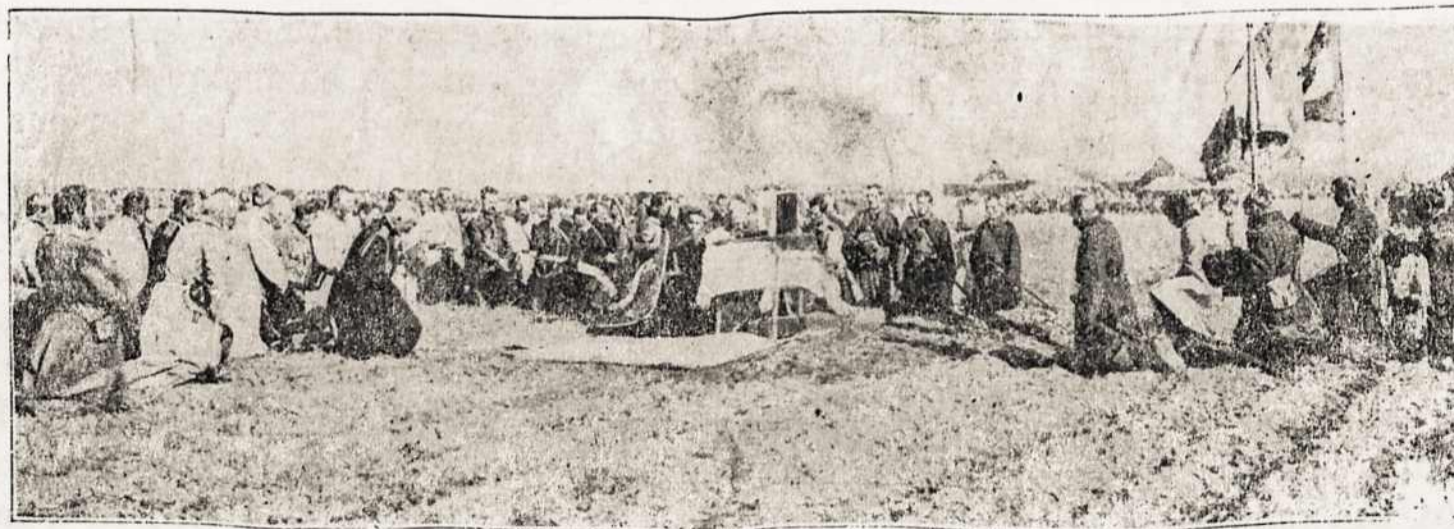
5. The Annual Closed Retreat. Each year the

K of L member should withdraw from the noise and bustle of the world to a retreat house where for a few days he can gain fresh inspiration and renew his resolutions for a good life.

I would urge every reader to adopt these points as a minimum spiritual program for his own personal life. Such a program would bring rich blessings to his own life and would enable him courageously to meet the challenge of the K of L.

#### PERSEVERANCE

There is a Latin saying: "Ad astra per aspera" (Reach the stars by the hard road). Worthwhile things in life can be attained only by hard work. The ideals of the K of L are the finest conceived: Service to God and Country. They are worth giving the very best that is in us. The American historian, Prescott, was almost completely blind when he realized that he could not finish his monumental work: "Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain" unless he learned modern languages. To do this he spent ten years of painstaking study and finally attained his ambition. Thomas Edison made many wonderful inventions. Yet he hardly had passed from childhood when he was spending long nights studying, not the latest magazines and novels, but books on mechanics, chemistry and electricity. Dante's great work, "the Divine Comedy" is still a classic of world literature. Yet he spent thirty years of hard work before he completed this poem. To live up to the best ideals of the K of L we must travel the hard road of preparation, work, and sacrifice. We must build our spiritual foundation strong. The K of L can be a powerful instrument for good. Yet we should not be afraid to aim high. We must SHOOT FOR THE STARS.





# Leonardas Simutis



## IŠ VYČIŲ IŠAUGĘS PIONIERIUS

Ketvirtis šimtmečio redaktorius, Pijaus XII pagerbtas, sulaukęs 60 metų  
Juozas Prunskis

Vyčiai gali didžiuotis, kad iš jų tarpo, iš jų organizacijos veikimo, iš jų laikraščio redagavimo išaugo asmuo, kurs šiandieną vadovauja plačiai Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos akcijai Lietuvos laisvinimo darbe, kurs jau 25 metai kaip redaguoja dienraštį ir kurį pats popiežius Pijus XII pagerbė skirdamas jam medalį "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice". Visi žinome jo vardą — tai **Leonardas Šimutis**, dabartinis "Draugo" vyriausias redaktorius.

### Idealistas

Jau dvylika metų kaip su juo beveik kasdieną tenka susitikti. Krinta į akis vienas jo būdingas bruožas, kad tai idealistas. Jo pamėgtieji krikščionybės idealai yra jam taip arti širdies, kad jisai jais sielciasi daugiau, kaip savo paties asmeniškais reikalais. Kur tik koks žymesnis katalikų veikimas, jis bus savo petį pridėjęs. Redakcijos darbas žmogų gerokai išvargina, bet jis visada randa jėgų dalyvauti Katalikų Federacijos posėdžiuose, vyčių parengimuose, ateitininkų užsimojimuose ir visur, kur tik reiškiasi lietuvių katalikų veikimas. Tiesiog nuo redakcijos stalo vykstant į posėdžius ir parengimus, dažnai žmogui tenka atsisakyti ir normalios vakarienės, ir būtino poilsio. Bet tai jo neatbaido.

Tai žmogus tvirtų principų ir be svyravimų. Žinai, kokios linijos jis laikysis ir gali pasitikėti, kad krikščionybės reikalą jis iš širdies gins.

### Lietuvos ilgesys

Nuo to laiko, kai apleido savo gimtąją žemaitijos žemę, ypač nuo tada, kai savo dukrele palaidojo Palangos kapinėse, Lietuva jam nuolat kaip gyva stovi prieš akis. Daug kartų su juo teko dalyvauti pusiau privačiuose pobūviuose, pavyzdžiui, kieno nors vardinėse ar kitoje namų šventėje. Ir kada tik jis sako kalbą, nepraleidžia progos nepriminęs reikalo mylėti visa širdimi Lietuvą, jai dirbti, lietuvybę šiame krašte palaikyti.

Niekas nesuskaitys, kiek kartų jis yra aplankęs įvairiausias JAV kolonijas nešdamas patriotinę mintį, rinkdamas aukas Lietuvos išlaisvinimui. Jau visa eilė metų, kaip užima centrinį postą Amerikos lietuvių patriotiniame sąjūdyje, ir jo darbą visi vertina.

### Šaltas takto žmogus

Vadovauti veikimui, kaip Amerikos Lietuvių Taryboje kur yra net keturios labai skirtingų pasaulėžiūrų ir politinių nusistatymų grupės, nėra lengva. Tačiau jis įstengia tai atlikti derin-



damas karštesnio būdo asmenis, lygindamas galinčius kilti nesklaidumus. Visi jaučiame, kad jo žodis apskaičiuotas ir žingsnis atsargus.

Dienraščio redagavimas — sudėtingas darbas. Kiekvieną jo eilutę skaito tūkstančiai žmonių. Čia bendradarbiauja visokiausių interesų turintieji asmenys. O tačiau nelengva būtų surasti atsitikimų, kad ilgametis redaktorius Leonardas Šimutis būtų padaręs kokių neleistinų zigzagų, išsišokimų. Viskas atsargiai peržiūrėta ir patikrinta.

### Plunksnos riteris

Tiek daug valandų skiriant visuomeniniam darbui drauge beveik kasdien rasti temų vis ką parašyti — nėra lengvas uždavinys. Bet jį L. Šimutis atlieka, ir tai be įsitempimo, normaliai kasdien. Tai rodo žmogaus sugebėjimą, įstengimą įvykius reikiamai vertinti ir jų ateities raidą pramatyti.

Spaudos darbui jis pašventė kitas, geriau apmokamas tarnybas, nes jautė, kad čia jis geriausiai galės pasitarnauti savo pamiltiems krikščionybės idealams, lietuvo reikalams, Amerikos lietuviams. Tai buvo ir yra visuomenininko auka savos tautos bendruomenei, ir mes visi tai įvertiname.

### Triguba proga

Leonardą Šimutį prisiminti mums yra triguba proga: jis buvo Pijaus XII medaliu pagerbtas, jis ketvirtį šimtmečio (25 m.) redagavo "Draugą" ir jis sulaukė 60 m. amžiaus. Nuveikti darbai padarė Leonardą Šimutį plačiai lietuvių tautoje žinomą ir jo pavyzdys mus visus skatina taip pat ryžtingai kovoti dėl krikščionybės idealų, aukotis dėl Lietuvos ir pasišvesti savam pašaukimui. Vyčiuose jis užgrudino jėgas šiose srityse dirbti ir jo pavyzdys parodo, kiek daug ta organizacija žmogui gali duoti, kurs jai ir jos idealams visa širdimi pats atsiduoda.

### NOTICE

The official K. of L. pins in men's and ladies style are available at \$1.00 each, and K. of L. Constitution

## Alfos Sušinsko VIEŠAS LAIŠKAS TREMTINIAMS

### MIELI LIETUVIAI,

Jūs puikiai žinote, kad esu vienas iš Jūsų gausaus skaičiaus, į U.S.A. atvykusio.

Dėl visiems suprantamų priežasčių, mes turėjome išvykti iš mielosios Tėvynės Lietuvos į Vokietiją, kurioje daugumai iš mūsų teko įvairiais būdais gerokai pavargti. Vokietija tebuvo vienintelis kraštas, į kurį galėjome vykti, traukdamies iš savojo krašto nuo žiauriųjų okupantų.

Bet Vokietija mums tebuvo laikinė sustojimo vieta: pasibaigus karui, ėmėme dairytis ir galvoti, kur iš Vokietijos galėtume išemigruoti. Vokietijai mes buvome visai nereikalingi, nes pati Vokietija buvo perpildyta žmonių, dėl karo pasekmių. Juk iš įvairių Europos kraštų, bolševikų pagrobtų, savą valia ar prievarta Vokietijon buvo suplūde per 10 milijonų žmonių, Vokietijai nereikalingų.

Mes troškome pakliūti į Jungtines Amerikos Valstybes. Per 20,000 mūsų tautiečių, lengviau ar sunkiau, pavyko į čia atsikraustyti. Dabar šie mūsų tautiečiai, naujieji Amerikos imigrantai, (jei kokios nelaimės nekludė) yra, paprastai, gana gerai įsikūrę: sotūs, apsirengę, nevienas ir savu automobiliu važinėja, ar jau ir nuosaviuose nameliuose gyvena. . .

Kad naujieji lietuviai ateiviai stengiasi Amerikoje atsistoti ant tvirtesnių ekonominių kojų, — gerai ir išmintingai daro! Juk lietuviai nėra skirti tik vergų darbams dirbti ir pakampiuose gyventi. . . Teisingu savo darbu jie turi siekti gero ir žmoniško gyvenimo!

Tačiau lietuviai tremtiniai ne vien savo geresniam gyvenimui į čia atvyko. Jų kiekvienas paliko kenčiančią Tėvynę. **Dėl to jie, patekę į laisvę, turi didelių ir neatleidžiamų pareigų savo pavergtai tautai. Tos jų svarbiausios pareigos yra galimais būdais palaikyti lietuvių Amerikoje ir rūpintis Lietuvos laisve.** Kas iš tremtinių galėdamas šituo nesirūpina didžiai nusikalsta ir yra vertas išgamos vardo.

Atskiras, neorganizuotas tremtinys yra nepajėgus siekti šių didžiųjų uždavinių. Dėl to ir tremtiniai čia, Amerikoje, turi gyventi organizacinį gyvenimą: jie turi priklausyti organizacijoms, kad per jas stiprintų lietuvių ir Lietuvos laisvės reikalą remtų bei dėl jo kovotų.

Tremtinių dauguma yra katalikai. Ir taip pat jų dauguma yra jauni, ar apyjauniai, dar neseni



žmonės. Jų daugelis priklauso įvairioms organizacijoms. Taip ir reikia.

Bet jų nori turėti ir Vyčiai — garbingoji Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija. Tiesa, jų ji turi, bet nori dar daugiau turėti.

**Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija Amerikoje per keliasdešimt metų yra išvariusi labai gilią vagą Amerikos lietuvių kultūriname, tautiniame ir religiniame gyvenime. Ar jūs įsivaizduojate, koks būtų Amerikos lietuvių kultūrinis ir tautinis veidas, jei čia iš viso nebūtų buvę Vyčių?!**

Prieš šią didžiąją lietuvių imigraciją Amerikon, Vyčių organizaciją sudarė veik tik čia gimusieji, čia augusieji ir čia mokslus ėjusieji lietuviai. Žodžiu, beveik visi jie yra brenę Amerikos kultūroje. Dėl to visai natūralu, kad jie kai kuo ir skiriasi nuo naujųjų ateivių,

Iki neperseniausio laiko Vyčiai vertėsi daugiausia savo jėgomis, čia, Amerikoje, užaugintomis.

Betgi reikia ir naujų jėgų, sakytume, lyg naujo organizacinio kraujo.

**Vyčius ir naujuosius lietuvius katalikus ateivius jungia tie patys idealai, tie patys siekiai bei uždaviniai, tos pačios ir kovos.** Lietuvos Vyčiai siekė ir tebesiekia išlaikyti lietuvių kultūrą, lietuvių kalbą, lietuvišką dvasią. Vyčiai save laiko aiškiais lietuviais ir tokiais jie save laikys ir ateityje. Vyčiai visomis jėgomis priemonėmis rūpinasi Lietuvos laisvės atgavimu ir dėl tos laisvės daug kovoja (o jų dauguma juk nėra nė matę Lietuvos!).

Argi ne tokie pat siekiai yra ir lietuvių tremtinių, naujųjų ateivių? **Taigi vienu nuo kitų niekas esminiai neskiria, o viskas jungia!** Vyčiams tremtinių jėgos yra didžiai pageidaujamos ir mielos. Tremtiniai, įsijungę į Vyčių organizaciją, galėtų gražiai prisidėti prie kilnaus Vyčių darbo ir kartu turėtų puikią progą pasireikšti kaip lietuvių kovotojai, kaip lietuviai kultūrininkai. Skirstymasis į "mes" ir į "jūs" yra kenksmingas tiek vieniems, tiek ir antriems. Esu įsitikinęs, kad čia visi vieni kitų yra didžiai reikalingi. Juk daug naudingiau ir viskam sveikiau priklausyti garbingai organizacijai, negu šiaip niekais leisti brangų laiką ir likti nieko nereikšmingam. Mes turime daug gražių pavyzdžių, kaip darniai ir gražiai gali tarp savęs sugyventi čia gimę Vyčiai ir Vyčiai tremtiniai. Tik reikia iš abiejų pusių geros valios, vieniems ir antriems reikia atsisakyti po gerą dalį savosios neišmintingos puikybės. Dideli dalykai tepasiekiami tik visas jėgas sujungiant!

**Taigi, mes dar kartą tvirtiname: vieniems kitų**

# CLIQUEES

Phil Carter

Most of the time gangs and cliques are not of the destructive type. In cases where they are not destructive nothing should be done to eliminate them, because they add interest to the march of council activities.

In cases where they are destructive, you will find many weak followers going along with one or two leaders. Those are the members to concentrate on. They are the ones to be won over to your side. The others will follow.

What is the leader's best approach to the problem of the "clique" — that close knit little gang that sometimes forms within a group and can prove difficult to control?

A good leader will turn to the forces of the clique into a constructive unit. It is a short step from gang work to team work. It takes some good persuasive powers in the leader to show that he is willing to cooperate and "play ball" with the clique. This is where your abilities as leader will show themselves. If you as president or chairman of an activity group can do this, you will have earned the respect of the entire K of L organization.

Watch for the formation of the little groups within groups and quickly take steps to turn it into a team that is pulling in the same direction as you are.

Get the leader of the "gang" to cooperate with you. Cooperate with him in some activity. Let him lead his gang, but you lead him.

By gaining the confidence of the Knights you will be able to increase their power and guide them with greater efficiency toward one goal: **God and Country.**

**reikia ir gyvenant vieniems nuo kitų užsibarikadavus, nukenčia kaip tik tai, ko vieni ir kiti siekia, ir būtent, nukenčia bendrasis lietuviškasis katalikiškasis darbas Amerikoje, o tuo kenkiama ir Lietuvos laisvės kovai. . .**

Mieli Tremtiniai, čia trumpai tepaliečiau Jus ir Vyčius. Kaip Jūs apie tai galvojate?!

Jūs didžiai gerbiąs

Alfa Sušinskas

**Redakcijos pastaba:** Vyčiai, kur galėdami, duokite šį straipsnį pasiskaityti ir mūsų mieiliems tautiečiams tretiniams. **Red.**



# Ignas Sakalas



**Uolus L. Vyčių veikėjas tinkamai pagerbtas jubilėjaus proga  
Pranas Gudas**

Ignas Sakalas, baigęs 35 metų sukaktį "Draugo" tarnyboje, susilaukė nepaprastų pagerbtuvių. Jisai ypatingu būdu išsiskiria iš Amerikos lietuvių katalikų veikėjų tarpo ir todėl jis užsipelnė būti išskirtu ypatingam pagerbimui, ko jis ir sulaukė. Kartu su Leonardu Šimučiu, vyriausiuoju "Draugo" redaktorium, Ignas Sakalas tapo šv. Tėvo apdovanotas medaliu "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice". Chicagos kardinolas Stritch p.m. liepos mėn. 31 d., formaliai jiems duoti įteikė užtarnautas brangias šv. Tėvo dovanas. O Chicagos lietuvių katalikiškoji visuomenė abu veikėju atsakančiai pagerbė, suruošdama banketą p. m. spalio 19 d. Bismarck hotelyje, Walnut salėje.

Šia proga paminėtina, kad "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" medalį, teikiamą už ypatingus nuopelnus Bažnyčiai, sumanė ir įsteigė Leonas XIII savo auksinio jubilėjaus proga 1888 metais. Pirmieji šios rūšies medaliai teko komisijų nariams, veikusiems minėto jubilėjaus rengimo darbuose.

Ignas Sakalo darbuotė buvo ir tebėra daugerio-pa. Visų pirma jisai yra laikraštiniukas. Na, o veik visi Amerikos lietuvių laikraštiniukai yra šimtadarbiai. Iš Amerikos lietuvių laikraštinių buvo ir tebėra tikimasi ne vien galėti visokeriopas laikraščio skyrius užpildyti, o taipgi pajėgti tam tikrus techniškų spaustuovės darbus atlikti. Formų laužymas tai vienas iš redaktorių techniškų darbų. Visuose šiuose darbuose lietuvių redaktoriai turi būti ir žinovai ir spartuoliai.

Kitas dalykas ko iš Amerikos lietuvių redaktorių ir laikraštinių yra tikimasi, tai visuomeniš-

ko darbo. Redaktoriai privalo sukurti visuomenės ratą.

Jubilatas Ignas Sakalas turėjo tų kvalifikacijų. Jų jis turėjo apščiai. Spartuolis jis buvo "Draugo" tarnyboje, toks jis buvo ir visuomeniškuose darbuose. Ypatingai žymūs jo nuopelnai Lietuvos Vyčiuose ir ALRK Federacijoje. Dviem atvejais redagavo "Vyčių" — 1920-1925 ir 1942-1945. Jisai 10 metų išbuvo Federacijos Chicagos Apskrities pirmininku, 5 metus pirmininkavo Susivienijimo Chicagos Apskričiai. Jau penki metai, kai pirmininkauja Lietuvos Vyčių Senjorams. L. Vyčių organizacija, jo veiklą įvertindama, pakėlė jį į ketvirtą laipsnį ir padarė garbės nariu. Toliau jis Lietuvių Katalikų Spaudos Dr-jos direktorių tarybos narys.

**Kada ir kaip Ignas Sakalas buvo mobilizuotas ir įkinkytas į spaudos darbą?**

Pirmojo pasaulinio karo išvakarėse Amerikos lietuvių tarpe darbavosi kun. Fabijonas Kemėšis. Jo darbo laukas buvo spauda ir organizacijos. Tiems darbams jis visur žvalgydavosi ir ieškodavo atsakančių žmonių. Tarpe tų, kuriuos kun. Kemėšis įtraukė į spaudos ir visuomenės darbus, buvo ir Ignas Sakalas. Į "Draugą" jis buvo pakviestas 1917 metais. Nuo tada jis ten tebedirba ir šiandien. Jo laikraštines išgales ir visuomeninę veiklą augštai įvertino ir vyskupas P. Bučys.

Gausaus spaudos darbo ir plačios visuomeninės veiklos Ignui Sakalui dar buvo permaža. Jis padarė save ir lietuviškų senienu rinkėju. Toje svarbioje srityje jo nuopelnai tokie, kad nedaug teras-



# Kodėl Mes Tokie Tylūs?

Rašo J. Sadauskas

Gal delto mes vyčiai pasidarėme toki tylūs, kad mūsų organizacijos paskutinis seimas praėjo gražiausioje nuotaikoje ir harmonijoje, o gal prieš kokį didesnį veikimą, nes mes turime prieš akis gana svarbaus darbo? Pavyzdin, a. a. Mykolo Norkūno statymui paminklo komisija jau pradeda išsijudinti. Clevelando 25-tą kp. gal pirmutinė, kuri jau padarė pradžia šiame darbe. Štai dar tenka patirti, kad New Yorko ir Brooklyno vyčiai rengia didžiulį koncertą, kurį išpildys mūsų išeivijos įžymiausi dainininkai: Ona Kaskas ir Algirdas Brazis, Metropolitan operos artistai. Bet kitų kolonijų vyčiai dar vis tyli šiuo klausimu.

Mums yra žinoma, kad a. a. Mykolas Norkūnas visą Vyčių Organizaciją lygiai mylėjo. Jei kuri kuopa susilpnėjo, ar koki kivirčiai kurioje įvykdavo, velionis tuojau griebdavosi plunksnos laiškus rašyti tų kuopų vadams ir net eiliniams nariams, kad susitvarkytų. Tai kodėl mes visi negalime pamilti tą mūsų organizacijos Tėvą, kuris mus visus glaudė prie savo širdies, kuris iki savo mirties dalyvavo kiekviename Vyčių Org seime ir duodavo savo tėviškus patarimus? Taigi, dabar mūsų eilė jam atsimokėti už jojo hirojiškus darbus, kuriuos nuo savo jaunų dienų aukėjo savo numylėtam jaunimui.

Gal nekurie pasakys, kad mes, jaunesnioji

tum Amerikos lietuvių tarpe tokių, kurie galėtų prilygti Ignui Sakalui. Tą darbą jis varo nuo seniai. Tame darbe jis konkuravo ir kooperavo su savo senu bičiuliu dr. Al. Račkum. To dar negana.

Jubiliatas Ignas Sakalas yra viso pasaulio pašto ženklų uolus rinkėjas. Jis yra žymus filatelistas. 1945 m. jis įkūrė lietuvių filatelistų dr-ją pavadinimu Litpex. Su savo pašto ženklų kolekcija jisai yra dalyvavęs daug sykių parodose. Už gausias kolekcijas yra gavęs ir medalių ir pagyrimo liudijimų.

Igno Sakalo archiviai nuopelnai dar tuo ypatingi, kad teturėdamas kuklias pajamas negalėjo įsigyti erdvaus namo, kur būtų buvę galima turėti tokiam dalykui tinkamas patalpas.

Galų gale apie Igno Sakalo gyvenimo pradžia. Jis šį pasaulį išvydo 1895 m. vasario 4 d., Knizlaukių k., Veprių par., Ukmergės apskrityj. Mokėsi Ukmergės gimnazijoje ir Panevėžio mokytojų seminarijoj.

karta, apie jį mažai težinome, nes su juom neteko susieiti ir pasikalbėti.

Vėliausios Amerikos kartos nematė Washington'o ir Lincoln'o; Lietuvos žmonės virš 500 metų, kaip nematė Vytauto didžiojo; Prancūzai tik iš istorijos žino, kad jų tautoje buvo garsusis vadas Napoleonas, o graikai negali ir negalės pamiršti Leonido, savo tautos didžiojo mylėtojo, kuris begindamas nuo priešų savo tėvynę paaukojo gyvybę.

Čia paminėtos tautos savo didvyriams turi pastačiusios didžiausius ir gražiausius paminklus, kad tie žmonės niekad nebūtų pamiršti. Mes vyčiai tą patį turėtume padaryti su a. a. M. Norkūnu — pastatyti jojo atminčiai gražų paminklą, nes jis mūsų organizacijai yra taip brangus savo darbais ir neužmirštamais, kaip ir visi didieji herojai, kurių vieni savo tėvynes gina su kardu, o kiti kitu būdu, didžiu meilės ir aukos darbu.

Man rodosi, kad kiekviena kuopa turėtų prisidėti šiam tikslui mažesnia ar didesnia auka. Žinau, kuopų gana pasiturinčių, jos pinigų laiko išduose ir dar nieko nepaaukoja šiam gražiam tikslui, Vyčių organizacijos Tėvui paminklui pastatyti. Kaip gi mes galime kreiptis pas kitus žmones prašydami aukų, jeigu patys pirmiausiai neparodome duosnumo? Jei kiekvienas narys tik po dolerį prisijustume, tai susidarytų didelė suma pinigų. O kas nūnais doleris? Taigi pradėkime šį dalyką vykdyti be atidėliojimo. Kitą syk bandysiu pakalbėti iš a. a. Mykolo Norkūno laiškų, kurių savo archyve turiu net kelioliką.

## GAL VYČIAI NETENKA VEIKĖJU?

Man yra stebėtina ir nesuprantama, kodėl vyčių kuopos taip mažai terašo į mūsų katalikišką spaudą iš savo veikimo, ypatingai iš Chicagos, New Yorko ir Bostono apylinkių? Tokis tylėjimas netik smukdo savų narių dvasią, ūpą. bet ir kitų kolonijų vyčiams atima energiją. Iš gyviausiai pasireikšiančių spaudoje yra: Detroito, Pittsburgho ir Clevelando vyčių kuopos. Chicaga, kurioje yra didysis lietuvių dienraštis "Draugas", o Brooklyne "Darbininkas", tos kuopos palikę tuo atžvilgiu paskutinėse eilėse.

Mums, vyčiams, nepakanka, kad mes parašome vieną žinėlę į savo mėnesį organą "Vytį", kuri paprastai tik nariai skaito. Bet mums reikia eiti



į plačiąją lietuvišką visuomenę, kad pajustų mūsų veikimą, kad ji paremtų mūsų parengimus, (jei juos rengiame) kitaip mūsų veikla merdės. Kiek žinau, tai jau dabar daug yra vietų, kur vyčiai nustoja statę scenoje lietuviškus veikalus, neruošia kitokių pobuvių su programomis, ir tik daro šokius ir piknikus.

Jaunime, jei patys nenorite skaityti bet kuri lietuvišką laikraštį, tai užrašykite savo tėveliams, kaip dovaną, tuomet jei patys neperskaitysite, tai tėveliai jums pasakys, kas lietuvių tarpe yra veikiama, ypač vyčiuose, tada jūs netik sustiprėsite lietuviškoje dvasioje, bet ir vytiškoje.

### REIKIA JAU PRADĖTI KLABENTI

Visi gerai žinome, kaip kiekvienais metais pravedamas mūsų organizacijos naujų narių vėjus, bet tai ne visuomet mums pavyksta. Vajaus metu mes prirašome tiek ir tiek narių, bet metų pabaigoje pažiūrėjus į sąrašus matome, kad mūsų organizacija visai mažai skaičiumi paaugo. Mano manymu, prirašant reikia žiūrėti ne tiek į narių kokybę, kiek į kiekybę.

Mums reikia netik "Vytyje" pranešinėti Vyčių organizuojamus naujų narių vėjus, bet ir kituose katalikškuose laikraščiuose. Kitų organizacijų didesnė ar mažesnė veikla užima mūsų spaudoje išstisęs ilgas špaltas, tai kodėl taip negalima padaryti vyčiams? Būtų gal geriausia ir praktiškiausia, kad naujų narių vėjus vadai rezultatus praneštų spaudos komisijai, kuri, be abejonės, išpopuliarintų per spaudą.

O Vyčių Centro vadovybė, kai bus pradėtas šis didysis darbas, kad atsikreiptų į J. E. Vyskupą Vincentą Brizgį, kuris vyčiams yra tiek prilankus ir nuoširdus, kad J. E. parašytų tuo reikalu vieną kitą rašinį, kurio žodžiai tikrai labai daug reikštų. Ir šiandien atsimenu J. E. Vyčių Seime pasakytą pamokslą ir bankieto metu kalbą, kurie ir manyje ir kituose Vyčiuose paliko labai gilaus įspūdžio.

Taip pat vadovybei reikėtų kreiptis į visus redaktorius, Vyčių Organizacijos garbės narius, kad ir jie ateitų tuo metu mums į pagalbą su savo plunksnomis. Girdėti, kad Vyčių Centro Valdyba turės savo suvažiavimą balandžio pradžioje Detroit, Mich. Būtų gera ir šiuos mano išskeltus klausimus turėti savo darbotvarkėj.

## The Lithuanian People

by Donald Petraitis

O Lithuania, your trees and seas,  
Are beautiful as I stand in the  
morning breeze,  
Watching your people walk slowly by,  
And they never, never sigh,  
Because they have faith in Jesus Christ  
and Thee.

After a hard day's work with the soil,  
They have finished a hard day's toil,  
Into their hands they clasp some sod,  
And kneel and say "thank you dear Lord  
and God,  
For the strength that you have given us,  
To work and pray instead of fuss.

Before they retire each night,  
They kneel before the altar which is  
in sight,  
And lifting their tired hands toward  
heaven they say,  
O Lord, protect us from all evil,  
So that we may praise you again  
tomorrow for another day.

To their soft beds they creep,  
And hustle in for a good night's sleep.  
And while the angels gloriously sing,  
The bells of heaven loudly ring.  
And when the Angels of heaven sing Gloria,  
Our Lord and His Blessed Mother send  
their everlasting proection upon the  
people of Lithuania.







J. Daumantas

## Partisans Behind the Iron Curtain

### Another narrow escape

We got back to our regular work of spreading information and patrolling the outlying districts, protecting them from the Red robbers. Because of the fact that we had transferred the publication of "The Spy of Freedom" to a neighboring district, we had no paper of our own. Feeling that we should start a new publication for our own district alone, we began "The Path of War". We distributed hundreds of copies and sent exchange copies to other districts.

One morning, while we were discussing future plans, Ruta rushed in with the news that there were Russians in the yard. We quickly gathered our papers together, grabbed up our guns and quickly went down into the potato cellar. No sooner had we shut down the trap door, when we heard voices at the door, asking for the owner of the house. The farmer took his own sweet time in opening the door, so as to give us plenty of time to get ourselves safe and quiet. This potato cellar into which we tumbled had a narrow tunnel that led to the outside, so that if we had to leave, we could have crawled out and made our way to safety. But we could not do this in daylight. Not with twenty or thirty Reds all around the place. Since we could not escape, we just had to stay

put. Curiosity made us glue our ears to the trap door and listen to what was going on up above.

"Well, now, old timer, tell us, just where in the world are we?" We could hear the rustling of some papers. It was a map the major had. We gathered from the conversation that followed that the Reds were NKGB agents.

Their voices seemed kindly and polite enough. This, for sure, was not a Russian raid. Then the voices faded as the farmer led his visitors into another room, where they could carry on their conversation, and incidentally, give us a chance to breathe again.

Ruta came in a few moments later and gave us the news.

"Don't be afraid. They don't seem to be dangerous. They'll go away. They are mostly officers, one major, two captains, five lieutenants and a radio-man. Just be quiet, and stay "underground" . . . we'll take care of things up here! At night, when it gets dark you can sneak out the tunnel and go into the forest."

We were lucky again, and thanked God for protecting us right under the noses of the Communists. I felt like a mouse under a broom, seeing a cat, waiting for its claws to come right down on my head. Although, now, we were not afraid of a raid, nevertheless, there was still the



possibility of some Russian taking it into his head to do a little "exploring", for a bottle, perhaps. We made a quick decision that if some Red snooper did lift the trap door we would play a little game with our bullet spitting hardware.

Several hours passed. The Reds upstairs were perfect gentlemen. They did not bother us a bit. Following their good example, we, too, acted like gentlemen. "Live and let live" was our motto for the time being.

It was late in the afternoon when the officers decided that this house was not the best suited for their purposes. They asked for something to eat, before they left. While they were eating Ruta noticed on the table lists of names, dated January 30th, and she recognized several of their neighbors' names. But, she could not figure out what they were for.

That day was the seventeenth of the month. The next day, the eighteenth, hundreds of NKBG swarmed over the countryside, with copies of that list in their hands, visiting the addresses indicated. Because of the great numbers of Reds in the district we had to withdraw into the woods. We soon discovered what the Communists were up to. They were arresting people to be deported into Siberia.

#### Mass Deportations to Siberia

The Russians had decided as long ago as January 30th (that was the date on the lists of names) to carry out a Mass Deportation of undesirable elements, but for some reason or other they postponed the execution of the plan until after the elections. Perhaps, this was to show the Lithuanians how those who did not vote in the elections were treated. At least, that was the excuse the Russians gave for the deportations. The lists contained names, mostly of the richer people, or of those families whose sons and brothers were fighting in the Partisan ranks. The Russian dragnet fell upon the older people, men and women, and the young children. Every able-bodied man did his best to escape; only those who could not run away were caught. At the first sign of Red Army trucks in the neighborhood, everyone who had two stout legs under him ran for hiding places. At a time like that, there was no sense at all for men to stay with their wives, or fathers with their children. From past experience they knew that they would be separated en route to Siberia, as they had seen earlier, during the first Russian occupation. It was a question of saving your own skin.

It was a tragedy that defies description. Elder-

ly, sickly men and women, innocent children being herded together in the cold of winter, being driven in open trucks to the town railroad depot, being jammed into cattle-cars, nailed in from the outside and sent rumbling on their way to the East, to the frigid wastelands of Siberia. These deportees were given only fifteen minutes to pick up what few belongings they would want to take with them, a warmer coat, or sweater, a piece of bread or cheese. It was heart-rending to see and hear the children shrieking in their mothers arms, clinging to their skirts as the Mongolian soldiers tore them from their heart-broken, weeping mothers and lifted or threw them into the waiting military convoys. It was brutal, savage, cruel. When the people reached the station, their belongings were searched, and if there was anything of value there, the Russians stole it. And sad to relate, many Lithuanian Communist sympathizers divided up such plunder with the Reds. In a matter of ten days more than 20,000 Lithuanian people were torn from their homelands, for no crime of theirs, and no one in the wide world, except ourselves among Partisan circles learned of this mass enslavement of a peace-loving populace. While this was going on, — it breaks one's heart to recall — the Allies were drinking toasts for the victory of that country that was so ruthlessly exterminating a subjugated people.

We partisans could do nothing to hinder this mass deportation. There were too many Russian agents in the area for us to start any uprising. Besides, even if we did attack a convoy or a train, the Communist guards would machine-gun these poor people on the spot, as they had done on previous occasions.

After thousands of families were deported, their farms were left abandoned. For a while no one took any interest in them. Soon, the Communists began to take over and tear down these empty homes and barns, taking the lumber to other locations where they were building barracks or other official buildings. Some houses were wrecked, just for fire-wood. Of course, any machines, wagons, and personal property and tools left on the farms was soon taken care of by our "friends" the Russian bandits. Sometimes, the Lithuanian neighbors would go next door and take away whatever they could find of value. Many times, they took it to their farms for safe-keeping but there were thieves among our own people, too.

When this became a serious problem, the Par-



tisan leaders issued orders to all the inhabitants to keep away from the abandoned farms, and under no circumstances was anything to be removed from such property. We Partisans took it upon ourselves to discover the next of kin to whom we would turn over that property. It soon became evident that the Communists were not inclined to obey our edicts. We were forced to adopt sterner measures. We mined the doors and entrances to the farmhouse and posted signs: "No trespassing". So one fine day, when the Commies came along with a wagon looking for "fire-wood" they chanced upon that sign. Paying no heed to it, they tried to force the door. They were greeted by a terrific explosion. The horses, and one soldier were killed on the spot. Two others were severely injured. The Commies were very slow to learn that the Partisans meant business when they issued orders.

#### Nasta — Partisan Heroine

Nasta was the assumed name of one of our valiant woman Partisans. Heroic deeds of self-sacrifice such as hers, deserve to be recorded and propagated far and wide.

Towards the end of February, one of our nurses in the Partisan region of the Viesula informed us that the Eagle had been gravely wounded in a skirmish with the Russian Secret Police. Gangrene had set in his leg, so our doctors had to amputate his leg. But when it became clear that our men in the forest could not give him proper care, our "counterfeiters" got to work and prepared false documents and brought him into Kaunas to the Red Cross Hospital there. We had declared that Erelis had been kicked by a horse. because, previously, the Communists had discovered Partisans in the hospitals being taken care of by faithful doctors and nurses, recovering from bullet wounds. Somehow or other the secret agents suspected that Erelis was a Partisan, but were waiting for some bit of clear cut evidence before arresting him. Nasta was a nurse at

the hospital at the time, and she knew that Erelis was a Partisan. When she got wind of the suspicions in the minds of the Reds, she took things into her own hands, and secretly, at night, arranged to have Erelis brought to the home of her relatives, and there she arranged to have the Partisans of her district take Erelis back to the forest hideaway. Her plan was so successful that not only did Erelis get out safely, but in the sleigh with him was a huge bundle of medical supplies that might be needed by the Partisans.

When Nasta undertook this task, she knew that she was saying good-bye to the hospital for good. She could not return. So, she made up her mind then and there to offer her services as nurse to the Partisans and join their ranks officially.

Once in the forest hideaway, Nasta took care of Erelis. She did come back secretly to a doctor friend and took him into the woods where he set the leg and dressed it properly, so that in a matter of two weeks, Erelis, although minus a leg, was well on the road to recovery. In a few more days, Erelis was strong enough to travel, and it was decided to move him back to his own sector. Again it was Nasta who made the preparations. But this time the ending was not a happy one.

On her way back to the forest to get Erelis, she was followed by a detachment of Secret Police. They attacked Nasta and the group of Partisans with her. In the shooting she was shot in the legs. The men took cover along the roadside trees, but Nasta could not run. She could crawl a bit, however; so when a Russian came out of his hiding place to set up his machine gun in the middle of the road, Nasta was able to crawl around the wagon and wound him before he could open fire. The Partisans escaped, but the Russians immediately turned upon the dying Nasta and riddled her with bullets.

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# The Christian Democratic Union of Central Europe

## ORIGIN

The Christian Democratic Union of Central Europe (CDUCE) is an international political organization of exiled Christian Democratic parties from behind the Iron Curtain. Formed in New York in the summer of 1950, the Union consists of representatives and followers of the Christian Democratic parties of Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Yugoslavia.

Before World War II these parties worked for true democracy and social justice in their respective countries. When the Germans invaded and occupied this area, Christian Democrats took part in the underground resistance movements. After World War II they fought openly against communism and the regimes the Soviet Union forced on all Central Europe. Within a few years, the Christian Democratic parties — like all other free political forces — were banished. Many of their members were killed or imprisoned by the communists. Those who escaped found refuge in the countries of Western Europe.

## THE UNION

In 1950 several representatives of the Christian Democratic parties of Central Europe left Europe and came to the United States. Unable to carry on the fight at home they decided to form a union abroad, through which they could work together to liberate their people from communism. In this Union they could prepare together for the democratic reconstruction of their homelands, once their countries were again free.

These political exiles know from bitter experience that communism is a powerful and expanding force in the world. They believe that the

tyranny with which communism now rules a vast part of the world endangers the lives of all liberty loving people. Since no real security can exist in the world while tyranny rules in any one part, the members of the CDUCE urge that no effort be spared in hastening its defeat.

## MEANING

### WHAT IS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY ?

Christian Democracy is essentially an effort to weave Christian ethics and principles into government and to apply these principles to all phases of political, social and economic life. Based upon the fundamental tenets of Christianity, this movement is a powerful challenge to the materialistic and atheistic ideology of world communism. The Christian Democratic parties welcome members of all denominations.

### WHY CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY ?

Anti-communism is not enough. One cannot win the battle of ideas if one is merely against communism. One must be anti-communism and pro another ideology. In this decisive struggle, Christian Democracy offers a positive political philosophy that can defeat communism on its own ideological ground.

Christian Democracy provides a rallying point for diverse anti-communist forces. Derived from all that is best and most cherished in Western Civilization, it has been reinforced and enriched by modern political, economic and social thought. Christian Democracy is neither static nor exclusive. Unlike communism and socialism which appeal to a specific class, group or economic interest, Christian Democracy does not divide



society into separate airtight compartments, but looks upon society as an organic unit. It encompasses and appeals to all classes and groups.

### THE EXAMPLE

In Western Europe Christian Democracy has met with phenomenal success in these post-war years. Christian Democratic parties and statesmen are a leading force in all the governments of Western Europe. One has only to point to Robert Schuman and Georges Bidault of France, de Gasperi of Italy, Adenauer of Germany, Figl of Austria and Van Zeeland of Belgium, to give evidence of the tremendous impact which the Christian Democratic Movement possesses. Although young and still relatively inexperienced, the Christian Democratic Movement in Western Europe has made great strides in the face of tremendous odds. It has come a long way in the brief space of a few years — and there is still far to go.

### CDUCE AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

In the Discussion Club of the Union, members of the Christian Democratic parties meet to discuss the problems and needs common to all their countries, which will confront them after liberation. This effort represents a new and encouraging trend in the traditionally troubled relations among Central European peoples. Questions such as federations, economic cooperation, participation in the framework of United Europe are discussed.

The members of the Union study how the reconstruction of their countries can be accomplished through the application of Christian

moral and social principles in public life. Those associated with the Union have the opportunity to study Western achievements in government, social and economic problems. These people will return to their homelands to offer their experience and study in the democratic rebuilding of their liberated countries.

### CDUCE YOUTH PREPARES FOR FUTURE

Many young people have fled from Central Europe since World War II. Those who believe in the Christian Democratic political movement work within the Youth Section of CDUCE in Paris. Branches of the Section are located in London and in Brussels.

Educating youth for future political responsibilities is one of the most vital tasks of the Christian Democratic Union. Their period of exile may well constitute the chief means of future contact between Central Europe and the West.

### LATIN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS

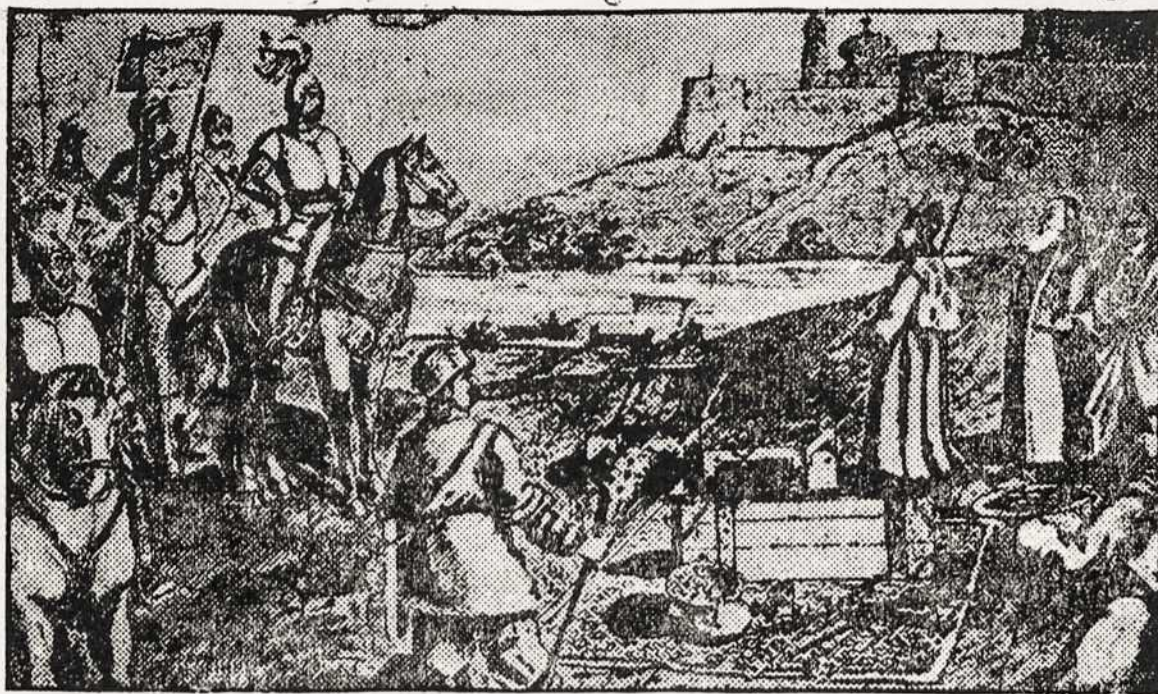
CDUCE also conducts an exchange of ideas with the Christian Democratic parties and groups of Latin America, especially with those of Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Uruguay and Venezuela.

### CDUCE FAVORS UNITED EUROPE

CDUCE hopes for a United Europe in which the countries of Central and Eastern Europe will be politically and economically integrated. Only in this way can a balanced Europe be achieved. Thus the Union strives for closer cooperation with those organizations aiming at the unification of Europe.







## Valkio Pilies Legenda

Tarp Merkio ir Gelužės upių santakos buvo kadaise, senais neatmenamais laikais, graži garsaus Dainavos bajoro Valkio sodyba. — Taip pradėjo senis neregis vaikučiams poringę poryti. — Bajoras Valkis iš savo žemių, didžiųjų girių, plačiųjų, praturtėjo ir tenai gražiai įsikūrė, įsistiprino. Laikui bėgant jis iš paprastos savo sodybos įrengė stiprią pilį ir jau manė jokiam priešui nepasiduoti.

Sumanus bajoras iškasęs didelį griovį perkasą ir paleidęs Merkio vandenį kitu savo sodybos šonu. Tokiu būdu Valkio pilis atsirado saloje. Iš visų pusių apie ją melynavo vanduo. Už griovio perkaso, kuriuo buvo paleistas Merkio vanduo, ir dabar dar yra kaimas, vadinamas Užperkasiu. Nūnai vien tik kaimo vardas pasilikęs, kitados buvusios Valkio pilaitės liūdininkas.

O praeitie! kaip tu greitai nyksti ir slepiesi nuo ateities! — Senelis šiuos žodžius ištaręs užsikosėjo ir tik po valandėlės paklausė vaikaičius:

— Ar girdite, vaikaičiai?

Jie vienu balsu atsakė:

— Girdime, girdime!

Ir vėl senelis porino pradėtą poringę. — Tada Merkys, Gelužė ir kitos upės buvo daug vandeningesnės, ir Valkio pilaitė, aplinkui vandeniui apjuosta, buvo sunkiai prieinama. Be išorinio sustiprinimo, joje nuolatos būdavo ginkluotų vyrų būrys, kurie dieną naktį budėjo, stropiai saugojo pilaitę nuo piktų užpuolikų ir reikalui esant ją gynė, skandindami nevidonus upių ir tvankų vandenyse.

Kartą keli susitarę priešai užėmė Vilnių, Trakus ir apsupo Valkio pilaitę. Lietuvos kariuome-

nė, priešų sumušta ir išblaškyta, pamažu miškais traukėsi į Dainavos stipresnes pilies.

Valkio pilaitės vadas Anišius su keliais karžygiais, prasilaužęs pro gausingų priešų eiles, dešiniu juo Merkio krantu lėkė Merkinės linkui. Juos kelyje, ties Pavykšio ežeru, užklupo tamsi naktis, ir, jie turėjo sustoti. Sulindo į mišką ir, pasirinkę saugesnę vietą tarp klampių pelkių, didelių raistų, malkas rinkdami kariai pamatė mažą žiburėlį ir pasistatė palapines. Jau rengėsi kūrėti ugnį, bet grįžę papasakojo, kad žmonių gyvenama. Vadas įsakė ugnies nebekūrėti, bet greitai vykti trims žvalgams ir sužinoti, iš kur tas žiburėlis.

Žvalgai apie pusiaunaktį sušlapę, išsipurvinę grįžo ir pranešė vadui Anišiui, kad netoliese, bet už klampių pelkių, sunkiai prieinamų raistų, kitoje Pavykšio ežero pusėje, aukštoje saloje, ant gražaus medžiais ir krūmais apaugusio kalnelio yra sena sena, samanomis ir žolėmis apžėlusi pirkelė, kurioje gyvena trys žilaplaukiai seneliai: vienas žynys ir du vaidylos.

Anišius, klausydamas žvalgų pranešimo, atsiminė apie savo tėvelio kitados pasakotus, panašioje saloje gyvenančius garsius žynius. Todėl jis nudžiugęs skubėjo pas tuos žilaplaukius senelius pasiklausti apie savo ir Lietuvos ateitį. Kariai greitai pasirengė kelionei ir žvalgų vedami klampiomis pelkėmis nuklampojo ant salos, kur gyveno žynys. Įėjo vadas pirkutėn ir maloniai pasveikino senelius. Tada jie visi trys išėjo, vaišino karžygius midumi, visokiais vaisvyniais ir kuo turėjo valgydino. Paga'liau seneliai atnešė savo svečiams iš minkštų samanų ir žolių gultus ir paprašė ilsėtis. Bet nei vadas Anišius nei jo karžygiai tą naktį negulė ir nemigo.





### Mūsų garbingoji senovė

Pavykšio Aukštojoje saloje gyvenęs žynys buvo garsus burtininkas. Apylinkės gyventojai visokiais reikalais kreipdavosi pas jį, kad pasakytų, ar greit ir laimingai jų sumanymai įvyks, ar žygiai pasiseks. Ir jis visuomet klausiantiems teisingai išpranašaudavo. Tai pat tokį žynį atvyko ir Valkio pilaitės gynėjų vadas Anišius.

Abu vaidilos ištisą naktį kanklėmis skambino ir dainavo apie garbingą Lietuvos praeitį ir jos narsių kunigaikščių žygius. Narsieji karžygiai visą naktį, prie skobnių sėdėdami, rankomis galvas parėmę, klausė kanklių gaudžios muzikos ir gražių skambių žygio dainų. Į rytą Anišius paprašė išpranašauti Lietuvos ateitį ir lietuvių tautos lemtį.

Bet vyriausias senelis-žynys nieko nesakė ir nuo suolo pasikėlęs išėjo. Tik saulei pradėjus žemėn berti pirmuosius spindulius, jis liepė pašaukti iš pirkelės karžygius ir abu kanklininkus. Jiems išėjus ant kiemo ir kanklininkams pradėjus skam-

binti, žynys Anišiui pranašavo, taip kalbėdamas: Lietuva daug kentės. Svetimieji ją užplūs.

Silpnadvasiai ištautės, o stipriadvasiai milžiniais taps. Stipriadvasius žavės prabočių sukurtos dainos, gražios pasakos, padavimai apie karžygius, didžias kovas, jų garsius žygius, garbingus darbus. Jeigu tik lietuviai klausys ir viso to nepamirš, bus kas jiems apie tai pasakoja, bus kas dainų išmoko, garbingą praeitį primena, didžius žygius daro.

— O ar yra vilties, kad lietuviai vėl sukurs savo nepriklausomą valstybę, nusikratys svetimųjų globos? — Dar paklausė Anišius žynį.

— Taip, Lietuviai turi nenugalimos dvasios būti laisvais ir jų nieks nenugalės. Lietuva vėl bus laisva, graži, galinga.

Tai išgirdęs, Anišius, šoko ant arklio ir nulėkė Valkio pilaitės link. Pakeliui jis sutiko lietuvių karių pulkus ir su jais sumušė priešą.







# Oficialus Skyrius

## BALF'o Seimas

įvyko š. m. sausio 9-10 d., Statler viešbutyje. Seimas buvo gausus ir sėkmingas.

Seime dalyvavo daug žymių asmenų ir gausus būrys Vyčių vadų, pav: Vysk. V. Brizgys, Arkiv. R. J. Cushing, D. D., Bostono miesto majoras Hynes, Lietuvos Garbės Konsulas adv. A. O. Shallna su žmona adv. Suzana P. Shallna, kun. Pr. Virmauskis, šv. Petro lietuvių parapijos klebonas So. Bostone, kun. Albertas Kontautas, L. Vyčių Dvasios Vadas, Prel. Pr. Juras, Prel. J. Balkūnas, Pranas Razvadauskas, Seimo Rengimo Komisijos Pirmininkas, Dr. I. Leimonas, "Vyties" Redaktorius, p-lė Felicija Grendelytė "Vyties Redaktoriaus padėjėja, Leonardas Šimutis "Draugo" Redaktorius ir ALT'o Pirmininkas, Matas Zujus, "Garso" Redaktorius, A. F. Kneišys, adv. J. J. Grigalius, banketo pirmininkas, kun. A. Abračinskas, S. K. Griganavičius, adv. A. J. Young -Jancauskas, Lioginas Švelnis, Dr. J. Antanėlis, Jonas Spranaitis, kun. Juška ir dar daug kitų asmenų.

Kun. A. J. Kontautas, Vyčių organizacijos vardu įteikė 25 dol. auką. Vyčių Centro Valdybos Pirmininkas Al. Wesley - Vasiliauskas prisiuntė Seimui sveikinimą. Iš viso aukų Seimo metu įplaukė apie 5,000 dol.

Jau tik iš anksčiau paminėtų asmenų matyti, kad praėjusiam BALF'o Seime Vyčiai gausingai ir aktingai dalyvavo.

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### NOTICE TO ALL "VYTIS" CORRESPONDENTS

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### NOTICE

The official K. of L. pins in men's and ladies style are available at \$1.00 each, and K. of L. Constitution booklets at 25 cents each. These items are in the custody of the Building Fund, and the revenue derived from their sale goes into that fund.

Orders may be placed with the treasurer of the Building Fund Committee,

FRANK GUDELIS,  
129 Rita Street, Dayton 4, Ohio

### ATTENTION

We would appreciate receiving copies of all bulletins and newspapers published by councils and districts.

VYTIS Editorial Staff  
P. O. Box 29, South Boston (27) Mass.

### BALTIC SOLDIERS ARE SERVING IN URALS AND SIBERIA

According to reports from Sweden, newly-enlisted Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian soldiers are generally not permitted to serve in their respective countries. Enlistment takes place twice a year, and most of them are sent to military duty in the Volga district, the Urals, to Omsk in Siberia or to southern Russia.





## SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

### COUNCIL 17

Our monthly meeting was held on Sunday, December 14th. The following members were elected officers for 1953: Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Contons; President, John Olevitz; Vice President, John Daniels; Recording Secretary, Rita Shatas; Board Secretary, Evelyn Bender; Financial Secretary, Mary Kleponis; Treasurer, Joseph Ginkus; Asst. Treas., Nellie Ginkus and Alice Laudansky; Board of Directors, Milly Vallis, Diane Shatas, Joseph Lola, Virginia Kleponis, Aldona Jakubauskas, Patricia Akule and Lillian Romanskis; Trustees, Al Akule and Edmund Rudis; Marshall, Winifred Skudris. We congratulate them and wish them lots of success in their undertakings.

A farewell party was held for Roland Martinkus who has entered the Army. Many of his K. of L. friends were on hand to wish him luck and to present him with a military k't.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Markuns on their new addition—a boy.

A shower party was given for Lillian Arcekauskas and Teddy Vallis. We wish them much happiness in their forthcoming marriage.

Irene Prusik has returned from Germany. Irene, it would be wonderful to have you come to our meetings soon and tell us all about your trip.

Many of our members attended a farewell party for Stanley Yelmokas. He is headed for California and overseas duty.

Our annual dance, held at the Vendome November 29th, was quite successful financially and socially. It was wonderful to see many of our old members there. We would like to see more of you at our affairs.

It is heartwarming to see the enthusiasm shown by so many of our members over the plans for the

forthcoming national convention. Keep up the good work and the convention will be a memorable one.

We wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Žalių Akių

## CHICAGO, ILL.

### COUNCIL 36

Wish all K. of L. members a most prosperous New Year.

C-36 had a "Fall Festival" Dance on Saturday, October 25th at the Youth Center. The music was furnished by the Wee Three. Although the dance was not a financial success, all who attended had a wonderful time.

The Illinois-Indiana District held a banquet in honor of L. Simutis and I. Sakalas on Sunday, November 31st. Many C-36 members attended and assisted.

Zeke Meizis (Army), who is stationed in Germany, sent Season's Greetings to all K of L'ers.

A Christmas party for council members and their friends was held on Saturday, December 13th at the home of the Sirvinskas'. At the beginning of the party the girls were having quite a "hen party", but the boys soon broke that up. Johnny Meizis was a very quiet boy all evening. Wonder if it was because 'Boo' Paukstis was missing? Many thanks to Mrs. Sirvinskas and Al for a wonderful time.

1953 election of officers was held on Thursday, December 4th. President, Vyto Gestautis; 1st Vice President, Irene Sankus; 2nd Vice President, Anthony Balytis; Recording Secretary, Philomena Rekasius; Financial Secretary, Sophie Zukas; Treasurer, Kastas Zaromskis; Sgt.-at-Arms, John Meizis; Trustees, Bernadette Paukstis, Alex Mikaliunas and Lillian Kodis. Also a social committee consisting of B. Paukstis, S.

Zukas, I. Sankus, Al Sirvinskas, John Meizis and J. Kilkus was selected. Good luck to all the new officers!

Interesting notes as to the election results; Vyto, Irene and Philomena were re-elected. Also Vyto is the first Council 36 president to be elected to a third term. Going in politics, Vyt? Another interesting note is that Kastas Zaromskis has been Treasurer of C-36 for approximately TWENTY years. Can anybody beat that record? If you can, please let us know.

The \$64. Question of the month! Are congratulations in order for that certain girl who mentioned wedding plans during the last meeting?

Red-Wing

## NEW YORK, N. Y.

### COUNCIL 12

The council extends to all its friends everywhere, warm wishes for a wonderful and good New Year.

#### OFFICERS for 1953:

President, Larry Janonis; Vice-President, Al Monkawitch; Treasurer and Financial Secretary, Helen Zindzius; Secretary, Lillian Zindzius; and Sgt.-at-Arms: Connie Stutsky. We wish the Executive Board success in 1953.

#### PREDICTIONS:

Just about a year ago, I made three predictions, among which I stated that one of our most confirmed bachelors, meaning Steven Montvidas, could not resist the challenge of Leap Year and a pretty Pennsylvania blonde, and I am delighted to say that Ann Sobolesky and Steve were married in a lovely ceremony in September.

Then, when I went out on a limb and said further that "one of our nicest married couples would be blessed-eventing in 1952", I had no idea how successful this prediction would prove; and happily announce



the arrival of Joan to Mildred and Walter Kranowski on February 19th; Leona to Florence and William Kale- da on June 22nd; Cathy on September 24th to Frieda and Frank Samu- lenas; Stephen on September 30th to Stella and Henry Kolesk; and on November 16th, Robert, happy arrival at the home of the 1952 Polka King and Queen, Nell and Stanley Borus; and By The Time You Read This — Ann and Michael Sera and Evelyn and Johnny Bell should also be proud parents! We wish for all these youngsters born in 1952 — and those soon to arrive — long, happy and successful lives in this really wonderful world! This looks like a real upswing in membership in 1970!

It is said that things run in three's, but my third prediction in 1952 has not quite proved true — I did say that one of our pretty brunette sisters would be saying, "I do" — so please girls, keep it in mind for 1953, and save ye ol' tradition of the lucky three's!

#### Happy Anniversary

Nell and John Genis celebrate their first wedding anniversary on January 20th, and Evelyn and John Bell also celebrate their first anniversary on February 24th. Good wishes to both couples.

#### Happy Birthday:

Al Yatkaskas is one year near Social Security on January 16th; and Johnny Bell ditto on February 24th; Many Happy Returns to you all!

#### Wedding Announcements:

Congratulations and best wishes for much happiness to Ann Sobolesky and Steven Montvidas, who were married on September 28th; and to Frances Baskis, one of New York council's most active members, and Michael Petkus, of that very lively Dayton council, who were married on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, in New York. Ann and Steve honeymooned in Canada, and I thank them dearly for remembering me in their prayers at the famous shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, which Tony and I also visited on our honeymoon in 1950. Fran and Mike Petkus had a second wedding reception in Dayton on November 30th, and then went down Florida way on their honeymoon. Lots of luck to four grand people.

#### Bishop Sheen:

A reminder again that Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, one of the great men

of our time, speaks weekly on a local Television network. Try to hear him as you will enjoy and benefit greatly from his discussions.

#### Au Revoir:

With this column, I complete my term as "Vytis" correspondent, and although I do not know who will succeed me, I wish that person as much pleasure in reporting to you in 1953 as I enjoyed in this past year; and to all, near and far, may God bless and keep you.

Brenda Razickas

#### ATHOL, MASS.

#### COUNCIL 10

The December meeting was filled with action — the result of which will keep the council busy for many weeks.

Election of officers was held and the following people were re-elected to their respective positions: Mary Gauronsky, president; Frank Anoris, secretary; Marie Sienkewicz, finan. secretary and Casimir Pinigis, treasurer.

We extend our sincere congratulations to these people for the excellent work they did during the past year and we look forward with confidence to a successful and prosperous New Year under their able leadership.

The Children's Christmas Party was the best Christmas Party the children had ever attended. It was preceded by a "gift wrapping party" to which all members were invited to decorate the hall and help Santa wrap the many gifts which were distributed to the parish children. A special trip to Fitchburg was made by Mary, Charlie and Dot to purchase the gifts. Movies were presented by Lennie Davidonis and Frank Anoris. We especially thank Fr. Bruno for all his help and assistance. The children loved Paul Shatos in the role of Santa Claus.

Our WINTER CARNIVAL will be held Jan. 31st and Feb. 1st. Those who attended last year's affair enjoyed it so much that we chose the same place — TULLY BROOK INN. We plan an even bigger and better carnival this year and we hope to see EVERYONE there! Lennie Davidonis, Helen Ambrose and Rita Bessec are in charge of arrangements, while Charlie Pinigis, Frank Anoris and Dot Gulezian are in charge of invitations and publicity, and Stanley Sargut, Bill Wisnauskas and Dot are in charge of entertainment. Mary

Gauronsky heads the reception committee.

Miss L. Towe

#### CHICAGO, ILL.

#### COUNCIL 13

#### News and Views

Belated Happy Birthdays to: Al Žemaitis (Nov. 30), Jean Tervainis (Dec. 8), Sally Junčius (Dec. 28) and Albina Žemaitis (Dec. 29).

Congratulations are in order for our newly weds: Richard Jurgaitis, who brought his wife Valerie into our council directly after the honeymoon.

We are proud to mention some of our accomplishments during 1952: 1. Writing letters to further the Lithuanianism program.

2. Attending meetings and socials regularly at the YOUTH CENTER and the national convention!

3. Taking care of our members in the service with Christmas gifts.

4. Our "yearly treat" to members of good standing, which the entire membership enjoyed taking in SONIA HEINIE ICE SHOW.

5. Our donations (small as they were) whenever solicited.

6. Our cooperation and support where doings of other councils were concerned! (This we can, and do brag about!)

7. Our yearly Christmas party with carol singing, games and a Santa Claus!

Our many thanks and profound respect to the officers who had served us well during the past year . . . it had not been a profitable year for us financially, due to circumstances beyond our control . . . but our officers have done much to further GOOD FEELING, LOVE OF OUR NEIGHBOR and COOPERATION . . . which after all . . . is the most important thing after all!

"Ring out the bells and truly rejoice" . . . for our council has another great honor medal to hang on its walls . . . our president, Jerry Jesulaitis was elected president of the Illinois-Indiana district! May the district flourish to new heights under his inspiring leadership!

Happy New Year to all K. of L. councils throughout the United States!

B. NOVOM  
(Busy Bee)





**QUEEN RADIATES HAPPINESS**

Being crowned queen of the Knights of Lithuania Council 5 (Chicago, Illinois, Northside), **LORETTA HUSHKA** radiates happiness as shining silver crown is placed on her head by Laura Yucius (right), Council 5 vice-president and chairman of recent council dance. Presenting "Lorry" Hushka with a regal bouquet of long-stemmed American Beauty roses is Loretta Macekonis (left), council president and who was also a member of the dance committee. Queen "Lorry", who has been paralyzed from the neck down from a swimming accident that occurred three years ago and who has been since hospitalized, was the winner of a program—ad book contest held in connection with the council's dance. Lorry's aunt, Pauline Ross, turned in the highest total dollar value in ads and patrons in her niece's name. The actual coronation took place in Lorry's room at Cook County Hospital — in the background is part of her physical therapy equipment. A repeat coronation ceremony and announcement took place that same evening at the dance — with Lorry's aunt as her representative. (A suggested act of charity for your council — as a whole or individually — would be to write congratulating her for her never-ceasing K. of L. spirit. Her address is: Miss Loretta Hushka, Cook County Hospital, Ward 66, Chicago, Illinois.)

## CHICAGO, ILL.

### COUNCIL 5

Just about the happiest person in Council 5 these days is Laura Yucius, chairman of our recent Autumn Interlude dance, because the dance was tremendously successful. It took ten months of planning and a great deal of hard work, but we feel it was worth while. Other diligent members on the committee were Loretta Macekonis, Lucille Yucius, Dolores Stankus and Edward Lukosaitis.

For the first time in the history of Council 5, our members solicited ads and patrons for a program book which was distributed to everyone attending the dance. To make this project more interesting, the ad book committee, consisting of Loretta Macekonis and Laura Yucius, revealed plans for a contest. The girl or young

man selling the highest dollar value in ads and patrons would be crowned the king or queen of the council on the evening of the Autumn Interlude.

Everyone was quite surprised and pleased to learn on November 1 (the night of the dance) that Loretta Hushka had won the contest, and the coronation had taken place that afternoon at County Hospital.

The Chicago newspapers expressed a great deal of interest in the Autumn Interlude and published announcements, in addition to pictures of Loretta Macekonis and Laura Yucius. The papers were also very much interested in Loretta Hushka being named queen of the dance and sent photographers to the hospital to take photos of her for publication. A few days after the dance, the members who worked at the dance met at the home of Lor-

retta Macekonis and celebrated the success of their efforts.

A hearty welcome extended to our new members: namely, Valerie Nauseda, Anna Marie Pupinik, Leonas Juraitis, Algis Kuinys, Eugene Kucinas and Robert Andrews.

Boys who have been away from council activities far too long will soon be joining us again. We are all looking forward to seeing Leonard Serpetis (Army) who had been stationed in Austria for a year. Algird Oleskevicius, Army Military Intelligence in Germany (1 year) and Edmund Daugird, cook on the Korean front (1 year).

Alphonse Masis and John Kuinys recently left our city and won't be participating in council activities for a short spell since they left to serve the U. S. Army.

Bowling on designated Sunday afternoons has been resumed by the council with Roger Biggus acting as chairman. Look for the bowling notices in the mail every couple of weeks.

The council held its second Communion Sunday and breakfast recently. Since it wasn't as great a success as the first Communion Sunday, our sincere hope is that the next time, the attendance will be improved.

The council cooperated with the Holy Name Society of the parish again at Christmas time and shared the expenses of a Christmas party for the children of the parish.

A delegation of council members went down to the hospital to pay a special Christmas visit to Loretta Hushka, bearing a token of remembrance from the council. Among those who visited with "Lorry" were Loretta Macekonis, Edward Lukosaitis, Lucille and Laura Yucius. Monthly visits to "Lorry" by our council members will become a special project for 1953. Her regular visitors are Jean and John Norvillas, Dolores and Lillian Stankus (who incidentally are also related to Lorry).

The December council meeting consisted of the following business: election of officers for 1953 and a Christmas party for all the members.



New officers will be announced in the next issue of VYTIS. Special Christmas party for all the members, sent to the members, and the attendance was better than usual. Since the party was held the Tuesday evening after Christmas, the members were able to enjoy the refreshments to their fullest and to partake in the dancing. A special program of Christmas games was planned for everyone. Later on, we all got together and harmonized our favorite Christmas carols in both English and Lithuanian.

#### EVENTS TO BE REMEMBERED.

— Bruno Videckis won first prize in the bowling tournament held at Gary, Indiana. Council outing at Camp Bemis on August 3 forced our members to run in and out of cars with all of their belongings in hand (hot dogs, mustard and all) to escape the sudden showers that sprang down all day. . . The detailed accounts of summer vacations were provided by Dolores Stankus and Loretta Macekonis who vacationed at Jack and Jill Ranch in Michigan; Jean and John Norvillas who went on a fishing trip; and Laura Yucius who spent eleven days at Saugatuck, Michigan, an artist colony-resort town. . . Dolores Stankus, surrounded by red roses in her room at St. Mary's Hospital after her appendectomy, told everyone of her visitors about her "operation". . . New faces gracing the Chicago campus of Northwestern University were those of Dolores Stroga and her best friend, Roberta Benus, who began their college careers this fall. . . Laura Yucius, a new student at Wright Jr. College (two evenings a week), compared notes with former Wright students, Edward Lukosaitis and Ben Nauseada. . . Loretta Macekonis and Lucille Yucius, Council 5 delegates, returned home from the national convention at Dayton, Ohio, breathless and exhausted, but managed to give a detailed and complete report of convention activities. . . Our fall wienie roast at Lake Avenue West forest preserves was attended by a majority of the younger members of the council who as a result of the strenuous games of tag were stiff of limb for several days.

A Happy, Holy New Year to K. of L. members everywhere!

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### PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Events have been crowding upon us so quickly that there is hardly time to write up everything and still be present at all the scheduled affairs and parties. The week-end of October 18th was a crowded one for C-19'ers and some C-62'er, too. The Ciurlionis Concert on Saturday evening attracted very many Lithuanians from far and near and a brief but excellent concert was presented. Among the K. of L. "debs" ushering were Julia Aleshunas, Margie Potts, Ruth Greblunas and Betty Ann Navickas and we must admit the girls looked lovely in their formal gowns and blended with the formal atmosphere of the Stephen Foster Memorial Hall. After the concert a large number of knights swarmed in upon Jeannie (upon invitation of course) and partied in honor of the Detroit guests who were in town for the week end. Bob Boris, who had come to attend a Supreme Council meeting at the Chinik home on October 19th was accompanied by Lorry Hoffner, Anna Mae Uznis, Ann Jursis and Mary Plunkett. Needless to say refreshments, singing and dancing were the agenda for the evening and early morning. Frank (Du Bois) Petrauskas and his friend Mike also attended the festivities and the party was permeated with their gayety. On Sunday morning Al Wesey, national president flew in from New York for the afternoon meeting. The meeting got a late start and continued until 7 o'clock and "things" began to happen all at once — Father Karaveckas had to eat on the run to get to 7:45 church services — We never did find out how many members got to the Bowling Alleys (scheduled from 7 to 9:30). — Did Bob Boris make all the proper turns on Pittsburgh streets (so confusing to out-of-towners) (to say nothing of what Bob calls those Pittsburgh mountains) to get back to Jeannie's to pick up his troop to drive them back to Detroit! It was grand, tho', having guests from a fellow council and we are only sorry it had to be for such a short time. The weather was made to order—perfect sunny fall days with just a little nip in the air.

Many Pittsburgh K. of L'ers had a chance to visit with members from Cleveland and Dayton when out-of-town guests attended the typical Lithuanian wedding of Beatrice Ju-

cevicus and Vladas Civas on October 25th. Yes, your reporter was there and had a darn good time and why wouldn't one at a wedding? The Cleveland Octet sang some lovely hymns at the church service and also entertained the guests at dinner that evening. Oh, for more of these wedding celebrations! Among the C-19 lassies helping serve at tables were Jeannie, Lori, Martha, Antoinette, Helen Girdis, Madeline Petraitis and Ruthie. Mitzi

### CLEVELAND, OHIO

Apkalbos ir Meilė

#### COUNCIL 25

November 23rd was a big day for our council, it was time for "Apkalbos ir Meilė". The curtain rises and we see a beautiful flower garden and a home. Best of all were the players, their speech, action, singing and dancing, all in general it was just wonderful. The following members took part in the play: Tėvas — J. Sadauskas, Motina — M. Goldick, John (son) — K. Paskones, Rožė — V. Zitkus, Raulas — J. Rakauskas, Paulina — M. Traĩny, Barbora — Fr. Vidugeris, Magdė — A. Neimanas. Vysniauskas was responsible for "Jaunimas". Mr. Pesys song instructor and J. Sadauskas play director. G. Kuzas program "vedėjas".

The highlight of the play was "Raulas". Everytime he appeared there was laughter, together with his "Paulina", they sure were a good comedy team. "Raulas" sure would make a fine runner-up for Jackie Gleason. "Rožė" ir "Jonas", a pair of lovers were good. Fine singing Valeria. "Barbora" and "Magdė", the village newspaper and gossip, just couldn't be beat. "Motina" with her songs was very good and of course "Tėvas", always does his part. "Jaunimas", their dancing and songs were good. So all in general the play was enjoyed by all. The compliments were galore. Thanks to the theatrical committee for such a splendid program. How about another one?

The members of our council all worked hard to make this evening a success. The busy bees buzzing around were N. Aronski, J. Baltrus, G. Brazis, Suzin girls, Buknis, A. Jatskas and many others. If we all work together, play together, then our council will be bound to grow in members and finances. So let's keep it that way. "Iona"



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## AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

### COUNCIL 100

At the December meeting, Father Baltch based his talk on Christ's childhood. Many interesting facts, such as the actual day of Christ's birth, were brought up.

Following the religious talk, Father Bob explained one of the Lithuanian legends, "Raseinių Magdė". No doubt many of the girls have been reprimanded by their mothers, something to this effect — "Na gi, Birute, pradedi elgtis taip kaip Raseinių Magdė!"

Sophie Olbie and Edna Gustas brought some of their prize homemade "goodies" at the social hour. We made certain that Pauline Urban took a piece of apple pie home to her mom.

#### News Bits

Father Baltch attended the wedding of Bernie Stukas' brother in Rochester on Thanksgiving Day. He was not the only Amsterdamian in Rochester that week end. We hear Gertrude Welkes (Rochester) entertained Steve Burimaskas of our city. This fine couple met at our Annual Halloween dance.

Our deepest sympathy to our former member, Mel Jankunas and her family in the loss of their beloved mother.

There will soon be a "wee" family addition to the Bill Nikstenas'.

The K. of L. Card Party, held on December 14, was well attended. The committee is very grateful for the help given by the Holy Name Society in setting up the card tables and chairs for the affair, including the Door Prize. The Committee, composed of Sophie Olbie, Sophia Gavry and Gene Gobis, wish to thank the following members and friends for their assistance in making this event a success: Pauline Urban, Bootsie Jakaitis, Sadie Karbus, Ann Tamoliunas, Helen Gustas, Matt Kazlauskas, Valentine Kerbelis, Prof. Olsauskas, Eleanore Baranauskas, Attorney Anthony Stokna, Carmen Constantine, Peter Hays, Gambardella's Market and the Acme Meat Market.

During the course of the card party, Bucky Bakucionis became an official member of the K. of L.

Last year the card party was a sad affair for Helen Druziak and the rest of us, as we bid Tony Degutis farewell. It had been his last

day of leave before departing for the West Coast and KOREA.

This year the affair was a very happy one for his sister Helen and us too, as Tony just returned from the Far East and was with us once again as a civilian.

We drafted Tony and his Army buddy Ed Fahey to help clean up at the close of the card party.

Edna Gustas and Sophie Olbie head the committee in charge of our annual dinner party to be held on January 24.

Professor Olsauskas is busy arranging a program, consisting of a score of songs to be sung by the St. Casimir's Church Choir and a one act play. Keep January 25 an open date, as a number of our K. of L'ers will be participating.

Greetings were received by Helen Druziak from the Al Jankauskas' who spent a few months in Amsterdam last year. They are now residing in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At the Halloween Party in 1951, Al won a fishing reel for the most comical costume. We enjoyed having this very pleasant couple in our group.

Here's to a brighter 1953 for all the Knights of Lithuania.

Smile & Sparkle

## ANSONIA, CONN.

### COUNCIL 135

Another year has begun! Following officers were elected: Johnny Sabulis, president (3rd term); Al Barauskas, 1st vice president (re-elected); Lil Chaplik, 2nd vice president; Olga Savitskas, secretary (re-elected); Joe "Red" Draugelis, treasurer; Ann Barauskas, financial secretary (re-elected); Johnny Stefon, marshal. The entire council extends its best wishes and success in 1953.

Lil Chaplik is happy to be on the Executive Board. Lil says she can now talk at ease and be heard by all instead of a few.

Ann Barry was appointed Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee by President Johnny Sabulis. Everyone agrees that Ann has been doing fine work in the past. We pledge our full cooperation regarding this important matter.

Our Ritual Committee has been working late evenings getting up eligible candidates for degrees.

The new K. of L. sound equipment is really getting a workout and everyone is glad we have it because our

attendance has improved greatly. All you folks who have been missing our affairs should drop around for an evening of fun and entertainment.

Pete Gumbulevich claims to have been Ansonia's Ambassador of good will at the recent national convention in Dayton. He and Johnny Stefon gave a fine report and mentioned that the only thing wrong with conventions is that they are so far apart.

Everybody is still talking about the pre-Thanksgiving dance. A report from all the different towns and cities that were represented says that a good time was had by all. Everyone complimented upon the good music that was supplied for dancing. Welcomed to the dance by our President was Mayor and Mrs. Wm. Sheasby who expressed best wishes and luck in the future.

For all who didn't hear Floyd Trap remark on how he lost on a big deal we repeat it here. He was sorry that he didn't sell any Eisenhower jackets around election time as he thinks business would have been good. Keep it in mind next time Trap.

Joe Law recently told his brother one sure way to get a girl in the local K. of L. was "Guided Mistletoe". How did it work boys?

Many thanks to Johnny Sabulis for his creation of our Christmas that was sent out by the council. Thanks.

The big event of the year will be the gala Parish Supper that will be sponsored by our council in May, with all proceeds going to the parish. Let's all work hard and make this an outstanding event.

"Nakties Peleda"

## K. of L. CALENDAR

- January 24 — Amsterdam, N. Y. (100) Annual Dinner Party.
- Jan. 31. — Feb. 1 — Athol, Mass. (10) Winter Carnival, Tully Brook Inn.
- April 11 — Norwood, Mass. 27th Annual Spring Dance, Runeberg Hall.
- April 18-19 — Worcester, Mass. (116) 25th Jubilee Celebration.
- May 16 — Cleveland, Ohio (25) National Bowling Tournament and Dance.
- May 17 — Cleveland, Ohio (25) Bowling Tournament Banquet.
- May 24 — New England District K. of L. ANNUAL PICNIC—Sports Day, at Marienapolis Thompson, Conn.