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One Knight's Thoughts

About Saint Casimir

(A note on how this column started.

In the Christmas issue there was an article by Father A. A. Jurgelaitis, O. P., Spiritual Adviser of the New England District on **One Knight's Thoughts about Christmas**. Vytuks Nemažuks, who is one of the correspondents for Vytis from Council 103, Providence, R. L. received permission to start a regular column in our magazine to be entitled **ONE KNIGHT'S THOUGHTS**.

We hope that our readers will follow these thoughts with interest, because they promise to be vital and timely. **The Editors**)

How good it is, how consoling to have a saint of our very own. Saint Casimir is Patron and Guardian of all Lithuanian Catholic Youth. Now, this is not an empty honor for him. It is a definite charge and responsibility. With God in Heaven where Saint Casimir is now, he has under his special care you and me, our Lithuanian neighbors, our relatives in Lithuania, the Lithuanian DP's all over the globe. As I see it, his great task is, in strictest accord with God's Will, to see to it that all Lithuanian youth so live on this earth that they will be worthy of the unending rewards and joys of Heaven. Saint Casimir was a ruler on earth. He knows full well the problems of guiding people to the common good. And he was a Saint even while on earth so he knows full well the problems that face a young Lithuanian. a Knight of Lithuania, for example, on his journey to God.

If there is any one virtue that is outstanding in the life of Saint Casimir, if there is one aspect of his life that is truly inspiring it is his example with regards to worldly pleasures Saint Casimir knew, as any right thinking person does, that too much pleasure, worldly pleasure, is dangerous to the soul. Of course, it goes without saying, that sinful pleasures are out, **ABSOLUTELY OUT**. There is no question about that in his life, and there should be no question about sinful pleasures in the lives of us Knights of Lithuania.

Too much pleasure, that is the problem Saint Casimir faces. Too much pleasures is the problem

we Knights of Lithuania face. As we look over our K. of L. activities, do we not sometimes find that pleasure, good times, and even healthy sports, at times outweigh the other activities that are called for by the ideals of our organization? Face the issue squarely. Is it not true that at times in your council these pleasure activities throw the whole program out of balance? So you see, there is a problem here.

What is the solution?

Let's look to our Patron for a solution..

What did he do about the mad whirl of pleasures in the palace where he lived? He very early learned to **CONTROL THEM**. That is our answer. If we want to be worthy of Saint Casimir, worthy of the K. of L. organization to which we proudly belong, we, too, must learn to control our good times, to limit them so that they do not take more than a certain percentage of our time and effort.

Open up that little blue book called "Lietuvos Vyčių Įstatai" to page 18 and read as follows:

"To pursue the aims of the organization the Knights of Lithuania: organize youth into councils and councils into districts; . . . arrange plays, lectures, concerts and other clean and temperate affairs; evening courses for the study of the Lithuanian language and history, and the expositions of handicraft work . . . establish libraries and clubs . . . publish newspapers, pamphlets, books and other publications..." and so on.

Notice not one of these activities are beer-parties, card-parties, dances and so forth. Why must most of our efforts be expended in the three words: "other clean and temperate affairs?"

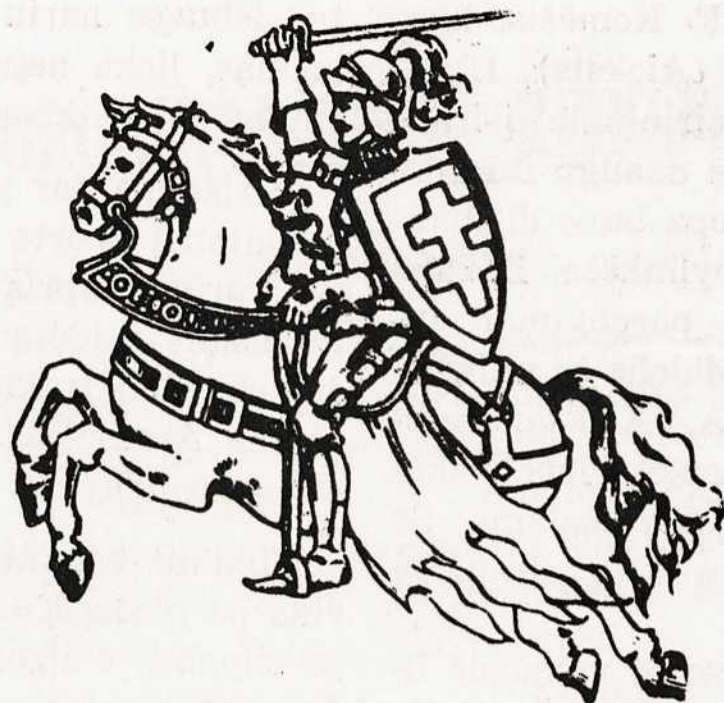
There is the challenge this 350th anniversary of the canonization of Saint Casimir.

Why not give the Blue Book another glance, a steady, studious glance and launch out on new activities, worth while activities which will be a higher, nobler kind of fun, than the ordinary run of the mill kind we have been seeing up till now?

Yes, why not give this idea a try?

Vytuks Nemažuks

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Ignas Sakalas

Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

(tąsa)

3-ji kuopa, Philadelphia, Pa.

3-ji kuopa įsteigta 1913 metais šv. Kazimiero parapijoje, kurioje tais laikais klebonavo žymusis Amerikos lietuvių veikėjas kun. J. J. Kaulakis. Nuo pat įsisteigimo visais laikais kuopa pasižymėjo veikimu ne tik savo organizacijos, bet parapijos labui ir lietuvių tautos reikalams. 1919 metais kun. P. Česnos pastangomis buvo įsteigtas ir vyčių jaunių (jaunamečių) skyrius.

Kuopa yra suruošus kelias dešimtis vakarų — vaidinimų koncertų, visą eilę prakalbų—paskaitų įvairiomis kultūrinėmis temomis. Vienas vakaras buvo suruoštas Lietuvos kariuomenės naudai ir gautas \$114 pelnas pasiūstas Lietuvos prezidento A. Stulginskio vardu. Trys vakarai buvo suruošti šv. Vincento Dr-jos našlaičių prieglaudos reikalams, pelno padaryta \$440.00. Kuopa daug yra aukojus Tautos Fondui, išpirkus Lietuvos Laisvės Paskolos bonų, aukojus Liet. Raud. Kryžiaus Draugijai, Pavasarininkų Sąjungai, gen. Žukausko Aukso Kardo Fondui ir kitiems kultūrinėms reikalams.

1917 metais buvo įsteigti vakariniai lituanistikos dalykų kursai, kurie veikė keletą metų. Buvo įsteigus net nuosavą spaustuve.

Į kiekvieną organizacijos metinį seimą kuopa siūsdavo atstovus ir apmokėdavo jų kelionės lėšas ir kitas išlaidas.

Per kelioliką metų veikė sporto rateliai.

Nėra rekordų, kas nuo 1913 iki 1919 metų buvo kuopos valdyboje. Centro sekretoriaus pranešimu ("Vytis" nr. 6, 1916 ir nr. 17, 1917)

kuopos sekretorium paskelbtas J. Hodelis, tais metais buvęs parapijos vargonininkas. Pradedant 1919 metais kuopai pirmininkavo: Jonas Rimgaila (1919-1920), Ona Unguraitė (1921), J. Brazys (1922).

Nuo 1923 iki 1941 metų kuopa nepasižymėjo didesniu veikimu.

1941 metais kun. I. Valančiūno pastangomis buvo pažadinta kuopa ir prasidėjo veikimas, išrinkus sekančią valdybą: kun. V. Martusevičius — dvasios vadas, J. Gurgždis — pirm., M. Bigenis — vicepirm., M. Peldūnaitė — sekr., K. Baltukonis — išd.

Kuopos valdybose buvę ir šiaip veikime pasižymėję sekantieji: kun. J. J. Kaulakis, kun. I. Valančiūnas, kun. J. Karalius, kun. J. Čepukaitis, kun. V. Martusevičius, kun. P. Česna, kun. S. Raila, kuris šiuo metu yra kuopos veikimo vadas, O. Unguraitė, J. Rimgaila, M. Baublaitė, M. Kazlauskas, adv. M. M. Šlikas, buv. ALRK Moksleivių Susivienijimo Centro pirmininkas, ir "Plea for the Lithuanians" redaktorius, aktorius S. Kvietkus (dabar marijonas vienuolis), J. Imbrazas, A. Grigaitis, J. Bražys, S. Klapatauskas, J. Navickas, J. Briedžiūtė, J. Valčiukas, P. Matukas, J. Butkaitė, M. Valašiūniūtė, P. Utkus, V. Rimgaila, J. Zikaras, S. Olbikas, J. Laskas, varg. J. Hodelis.

4-ji kuopa, Chicagoj, Ill.

4-ji kuopa Chicagoj (Dievo Apvaizdos parapijoje) įsteigta 1914 metais balandžio 14 d. Kuo-

pos organizatoriai buvo: kun. F. Kemėšis, kun. M. Krušas, A. Aleksandravičius (Aleksis), L. Šimutis, ir k. Steigiamajam susirinkime įsirašė 85 nariai, o vėliau narių skaičius daaugo iki 200.

Pirmaisiais keliais metais kuopa buvo didžiausia ir veikliausia Chicagoj ir apylinkėse. Dažnūs vakarai, koncertai, kultūriniai parengimai sutraukdavo daug žmonių. Veikė didelis ir pajėgus choras, vadovaujamas komp. A. Aleksandravičiaus, didelė dramos sekcija. Kasmet vieno vakaro pelną kuopa skirdavo parapijos reikalams. Be to, kuopa išpildydavo programas kitų draugijų suruoštuose vakaruose.

Nuo pat įsisteigimo kuopoj veikė vakarinė liuanistikos mokykla, kurioj buvo mokoma lietuvių kalba, Lietuvos istorija, geografija; buvo ir anglų kalbos pamokos. Be to, dažnai buvo ruošiamos prakalbos, paskaitos ir įvairūs kultūriniai subuvumai. Vėliau buvo įsteigtas didelis knygnas, kuriuo naudojosi nemokamai tiek nariai, tiek narių bičiuliai ir besidomį organizacija asmenys.

Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atgavimo darbe ir vėliau susikūrus valstybei jai palaikyti kuopa nepaprastai yra daug padėjęs. Peržvelgus tų metų kuopos susirinkimų protokolus, randama, kad Lietuvos reikalams sudėta sekančios sumos:

Tautos Fondui— Lietuvos laisvės reikalams daugiau \$4,000.

Lietuvos Laisvės Paskolos bonų nariai buvo išpirkę už \$2,700.

Lietuvos Demokratų partijai paremti paaukota \$100.

Lietuvos kultūrinėms reikalams — organizacijoms bei įstaigoms — \$500.

Įsirašė Garbės nariu Labdarių Sąjungose, įmokėdama \$100.

Saviems, t. y. organizacijos reikalams kuopa taip pat buvo nepaprastai dosni. "Vyčiui" palaikyti, spaustuvei pirkti nariai yra suaukoję daugiau \$1,000. Vienas narių būtent Antanas Petrusis, jau spaustuve nupirkus, krizės metais, buvo paskolinęs \$1,000, neimdamas jokio nuošimčio; ne tik nuošimčio neėmė, bet, atjausdamas organizacijos sunkumus, dar dovanojo \$200. Tai buvo vienas ideališkiausių narių ne tik kuopoj, bet ir visoj organizacijoj. Jis ir dabar su savo žmona Kazimiera priklauso senjorų kuopai ir visuomet pasižymi dosnumu tiek Vyčių Namų—Salės, tiek kuopos reikalams.

Savo organizacijoj mes turime narių, kurie meteorais sušvitę buvo pakelti į Garbės narius. Šiandie jų nematome organizacijoj, nei kuopos veikime. Gi čia minimas A. Petrulis per 39 me-

tus išbuvęs nariu ir visą laiką veikęs, ir dabar veikias, lieka neįvertintas. Tokių Petrulių senjorų kuopoj Chicagoj turime net keletą.

Griškime dar prie 4-tos kuopos. Ji buvo viena iniciatorių sporto Chicagos vyčių tarpe. Ypatin- gai turėjo stiprią basebolo rinktinę, kurioj žymiausias žaidėjas buvo J. Martinonis, broliai Laurinaičiai ir kiti. Daug kartų kuopa yra laimėjus Apskričio Sporto Lygos basebolo ir krepšinio pirmenybes.

Laikui bėgant ir daugeliui veikėjų išsiskir- čius po plačiąją Chicago, kuopos veikimas pradė- jo silpnėti, o ilgainiui ir visiškai užgeso. Illinois- Indiana apskritis dabar daro pastangų kuopą at- gaivinti. Pasitikime, kad taip ir bus, nes para- pijos klebonu yra kun. A. Martinkus, kuris jau studentaudamas priklausė jaunimo organizaci- joms — Vyčiams ir Moksleivių Susivienijimui — ir jose veikė. Taigi, supranta svarbą jaunimo or- ganizacijos. Vikarais yra jauni kunigai: Šanta- ras (atvykęs iš tremties) ir Grinis (Amerikos lietuvis).

Trumpai perbėgus 4-tos kuopos gyvavimą randame, kad ji išviso turėjo daugiau kaip 15 pirmininkų, iš kurių ilgiausiai yra pirmininkavęs Stasys Šimulis, vienas žymiausių kuopos veikė- jų, taip pat vienas žymiausių Lietuvos Vyčių Chicagos Apskričio choro palaikytojų, ugdytojų ir rėmėjų ir organizacijos Garbės narys. Jis pir- mininkavo penkerius metus. Trumpiausiai pir- mininkavo A. Petkiūtė — tik tai du mėnesius.

Didžiausias narių skaičius kuopoje buvo 1924 metais, kuomet pirmininkavo minėtas S. Šimu- lis.

Kuopa savo tarpe turėjo visą eilę žymių vei- kėjų: kun. Ign. Albavičius, L. Šimutis, K. Pakš- tas, dail. Iz. Ilekis, solistas J. Kudirka, V. Jode- lis, A. Benaitis, F. Savickas, P. Varakulis, bro- liai Grišiai, Martinonis, broliai Laurinaičiai, D. Šulckaitė, A. Benaitis ir visa eilė čia neišvardin- tų.

(Bus daugiau)



ORGANIZACIJOS REIKŠMĖ

Alfa Sušinskas

1. Organizacijos yra būtinos

Tiek seniau, tiek ir dabar atskiras, neorganizuotas žmogus maža ką tereiškia, arba net ir visai nieko jis nereiškia. Jei kas svarbaus, didingo ir naudingo norima pasiekti, steigama organizacija. Natūraliausia organizacija yra šeima: ji yra pačios gamtos parūpinta ir įsteigta. Toliau, tam tikra prasme, natūrali, iš žmogiškosios prigimties kylanti, organizacija yra kiekviena atskira tauta ir net kiekviena valstybė. Religijos taip pat turi savo organizacijas, kurias sudaro jų išpažinėjai.

Organizacijų yra labai daug ir labai įvairių. Organizacijos atsiranda dėl to, kad jų reikalauja žmogaus prigimtis.

Organizaciją žmogus pasirenka pagal savo troškimus, pagal įvairius savo nusistatymus ir siekimus.

Jei organizacija tinkamai gyvuoja, ji yra didžiai reikšminga tiek savo nariams, tiek ir kitiems žmonėms.

2. Esi organizacijoje — daugiau reiški

Atėjęs į organizaciją žmogus pasijunta esąs labiau reikalingas ir daugiau naudingas. Ko jis negalėjo padaryti ir pasiekti vienas būdamas, tai jis dabar pasiekia per savo organizaciją.

Organizacijoje žmogus pasijunta esąs daug galingesnis. Jei jo atskiro vieno balso visuomenė nė girdėti nenori, tai jau per organizaciją jo balsas pasidaro galingesnis ir kitų klausomas: jo organizacija kalba ir veikia visų narių, kartu ir jo, vardu!

Nekartą žmogus, jokioje organizacijoje nedalyvaudamas, jaučiasi vienišas, lyg ir užmirštas. Gi būdamas organizacijos nariu, jis turi tikrų draugų: jis klausosi kitų, o kiti klausosi jo. . . . Posėdžiai, susirinkimai, suvažiavimai, įvairūs organizaciniai išvykimai į gamtą vis yra progos, kuriose narys su žmonėmis bendrauja, — ir jis nebėra vienas. Iš tikrųjų, bendravimo progų organizacija savo nariams teikia daug ir įvairių.

Kai pasirenki organizaciją, tuo pačiu pasirenki ir žmones, kurie savo nusistatymais yra į tave panašūs, kuriems rūpi tai, kas ir tau rūpi, kurie siekia to, kas ir tau yra brangu, ką ir tu pasiekti trokšti. Būdamas organizacijoje, tu turi

neapgaulingą globėją. O kiekvienas žmogus iš prigimties yra linkęs turėti globėją, užtarėją ir net ginėją.

Kai organizacija ką nors laimi, iškovoja, tu jauties, kad laimėjimų dalis priklauso ir tau, nes organizacijos laimėjimai juk yra kartu ir tavo laimėjimai.

Toks jau yra žmogus, kad jis nori ką nors reikšti. Negalėdamas kuo nors geru pasireikšti, jis ima reikštis blogio kelyje. Organizacija kaip tik ir yra tas didysis, gerasis kelias, kuriame žmogus su visais savo talentais gali pasirodyti: čia jis gali būti naudingas kitiems, ir tuo pačiu gali pats sau suteikti džiaugsmo ir laimės. Mūsų didesniame įsitikinime prisiminkime šitokius palyginimus. Atskiras šluotos virbalėlis beveik nieko nereiškia. Bet daug virbalėlių į krūvą su rištų jau sudaro šluotą, kuri savo vietoje yra naudinga ir reikšminga. Taip pat ir atskiras vienas kareivis nieko neužkariauja, nes vienas jis beveik nieko nereiškia. Bet daug organizuotų kareivių jau sudaro pulkus ir armijas, ir jie kartu yra didelė jėga.

3. Organizacija auklėja ir šviečia

Tikrai yra didelis skirtumas tarp žmogaus ilgą laiką aktyviai priklausančio kuriai nors organizacijai ir tarp nepriklausančio jokiai organizacijai. Visai klaidingai galvoja tie, kurie mano, kad tik vaikus ir jaunos žmones tereikia auklėti bei šviesti, mokyti; ir suaugę, jau net ir pasenę žmonės, yra reikalingi auklėjimo ir auklėjimosi, švietimo ir švietimosi! Tik žmogaus karstas užbaigia jo auklėjimą ir švietimą.

Organizacija yra didelė mokykla kiekvienam savo nariui, kuris tik gyvai joje dalyvauja.

Organizacija savo įstatais, įvairiomis tradicijomis, siekiamais tikslais, visa savąja dvasia formuoja savo narių charakterį. Narys organizacijoje aiškiai pramato, kad yra ir kitų žmonių, su kuriais jis turi sugyventi; čia jis įpranta pagerbti kito žmogaus kitokią, negu jo, nuomonę. Organizacijoje žmogus turi atsisakyti bent dalies savo savimylės, ir savo ambiciją nekartą jis turi priderinti prie organizacijos linijos. Organizacija narį sudrausmina, nes jis turi pasiduoti orga-

Gimtoji Kalba

MOTERIŠKI DRABUŽIAI IR DAR KAI KAS

L. Dambrūnas

Pagrindinis moterų drabužis yra **suknelė** (dress); **balinė suknelė** — ball-dress. Nors žodis **suknelė** ir nelietuviškos kilmės, bet lietuvių kalboj jau seniai vartojamas ir yra prigijęs.

Vietoj suknelės moterys dėvi dar **bliuzę** (blouse) ir **sijoną** (skirt). Dėvi moterys ir **kostiumus** (suits), kuriuos jos paprastai vadina mažybiniu žodžiu (diminutive form) **kostiumėliais**. Jį sudaro **švarkelis** ir **sijonukas**. Dažnai nešioja moterys **megztinį** arba **megztinuką** (sweater, knitted jacket). Apron lietuviškai vadinasi

nizacinei drausmei; kitaip jis nė negalėtų būti jos nariu.

Organizacinis gyvenimas žmoguje sukelia iniciatyvą ir ją ugdo; žmogų padaro apskresnį ir žvalesnį; organizacinis gyvenimas labai ugdo orientaciją; žmogus įgauna sugebėjimą lengviau viską suprasti, lengviau ir greičiau susivokti esamoje aplinkoje; organizacijos narys išmoksta greičiau ir aiškiau galvoti, greičiau ir tiksliau veikti.

Organizacija ne vien tik auklėtis padeda; ji ir lavina, šviečia, prusina savo narius, kurie yra jai atsidaavę. Dažnai organizacija leidžia savo laikraštį ir šiaip įvairius spaudinius. Susirinkimuose būna įvairios paskaitos, diskusijos, visokie pasitarimai. O ir ekskursijos, išvažiavimai kiekvieną kartą duoda vis ką nauja saviesiems. Bet koks organizacinis veikimas ir net pats narių tarpusavio bendravimas žymiai prisideda prie narių švietimo.

Jei žmogus aktyviai dalyvauja savo pasirinktoje organizacijoje, jis turi tikrą nuolatinę gyvenimo mokyklą.

Įdomus faktas: komunistai bolševikai labai neapkenčia ir bijo nekomunistinių organizacijų ir jas, kur gali, labai persekioja ir naikina. Jų pagröbtuose kraštuose jie pirmiausia puola ir naikina nekomunistines organizacijas. Kodėl? Dėl to, kad organizuoti žmonės yra labai didelė jėga!

Tikrai didelę organizacijos reikšmę pilnai supranta tie, kurie patys jau yra išbuvę ilgesnį laiką organizuoti organizacijoj.

prijuostė, overcoat — paltas arba apsiaustas, furcoat — kailiniai.

Ant galvos moterys nešioja **skrybėlę** arba **skrybėlaitę** (hat). Vietoj skrybėlaitės dažnai moterys pridengia galvą **skarele** (kerchief). Anglišką scarf lietuviškai galima vadinti **kakline skarele**.

Prie apatinių drabužių priklauso **marškiniai**, **liemenėle** (brassiere), **kelnaitės** (knickers), **korsetas** (corset).

Moterys vartoja taip ir **pižamą**, **naktinius marškinius**, **rytinį apsiaustą** (dressing gown), **maudymosi kostiumą** (bathing dress) ir kita.

Batai arba **batukai** (shoes) moterims taip pat reikalingi; taip pat, žinoma, ir **kojinės** (stockings). Amerikoj dažniausiai perkamos **nailoninės kojines**. Vakare kambary avimos **šliurės** arba **šlepetės** (slippers).

Reikia paminėti dar **pirštines** (gloves), kurias moterys dėvi netik žiemą, bet ir vasarą. Kai lietus lyja, reikalingas **skėtis** arba **lietsargis** (umbrella).

Būtinai kiekvienai moteriai daiktas yra dar **rankinukas** (handbag), kur nešiojamos tokios grožiui palaikyti primonės kaip **puodra** (powder), **lūpų pieštukas** (lipstick), **kvepalai** (perfumes) ir kita. Moters grožį žymiai padidina **žiedai** (rings), **apirankės** (bracelets), **karoliai** (necklaces) segės (brooches) ir kitokie **blizgučiai** (tinsels).

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Victory Through Sacrifice

Rev. Albert J. Contons



"Jesus now has many lovers of His heavenly kingdom, but few bearers of His Cross." These words of St. Thomas a Kempis written more than 500 years ago, are just as true today as they were when first written. Personal sacrifice still remains one of the stumbling block in the following of Christ.

Strange as it seems Catholics are not against sacrifice itself. How often we see young fellows giving up smoking, late hours, and leisure time to make the ball team. What about the young student who sacrifices dances, shows, autos and good times to pour over books night after night to prepare for a career in life? Perhaps we know of young ladies who inflict upon themselves a fast more austere than that of the desert monks to satisfy what they consider the Laws of Beauty. Yet when it comes to sacrifice for God we stop and ask, what's the purpose? St. Paul gives us the answer. He compares life with its sacrifices to a race. To the Corinthians he wrote, "Everyone in a contest abstains from all things—and they indeed to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable"

The ashes of Ash Wednesday have a two-fold symbolism. First they symbolize death. When the priest applies the ashes to the forehead and makes the sign of the cross he reminds the Catholic, "Remember man that thou art dust,

and unto dust thou shalt return." Our body has its origin in Adam, who was created from the dust of the earth. In death our body is buried in the earth and returns to dust. The thought of death should be a warning to every follower of Christ to beware the attractions of worldly pleasures for life is short. Secondly, the ashes symbolize penance. In ancient times a public sinner was required to make public expiation for his sin. On Ash Wednesday morning the public sinner appeared at the doors of the Church and was clothed in sackcloth, a coarse, baggy garment, and sprinkled with ashes. He was not allowed to attend Church services until his period of penance ended on Holy Thursday. Death and penance—this is the true meaning of sacrifice.

Penance and sacrifice are not old fashioned practises,—they are as up to date as the living martyr, Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty of Hungary. It is four years since this modern Catholic martyr suffered persecution and torture for his faith in God, and was sentenced to life imprisonment in a Communist prison. Today Cardinal Mindszenty still endures the rigors of a prison cell. His only visitor, besides his jailers, is an aged and devout mother. The only books permitted him are those dealing with Marxist theory. His only consolation is the daily Mass which he is allowed to celebrate. Yet in spite of the hardships of imprisonment this saintly prelate daily spends many hours in prayer. As if the austerity of jail were not enough, he refuses the bed in his cell and sleeps on the bare floor. Once a week he refuses even the meager prison food to fast on bread and water alone. Cardinal Mindszenty teaches us many valuable lessons through his self-imposed penances. Even in our own day sacrifice is necessary if we are to be Christlike, if we are to win mastery over self, and if we are to do our part in saving souls.

St. Thomas a Kempis wrote a small book entitled, "The Imitation of Christ". The title summarizes the purpose of every Catholic, to imitate Christ. Christ is the perfect man, for he is at the same time God. He is our Leader. It is easy to accept the joy of Christ at the Wedding Feast of Cana, the glory of Christ on the Mount of His Transfiguration, or the consolations of

Christ in His sacraments. It is hard to accept His Cross on the hill of Calvary. Yet Christ tells us, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." If we would follow the Whole Christ, we must not reject the Cross in our own lives.

Sacrifice is also indispensable for growth in virtue. Ashes are symbolic not only of the death by which the soul leaves the body, extinguishing the last spark of life in the human frame, but also of death to the desires of the body. By refusing to indulge lawful desires of the body the will is strengthened so that in time of temptation it can reject unlawful desires. There is nothing wrong in having three square meals a day. There is nothing contaminating about meat on Friday, or any other day. A few extra hours of sleep on a free day is a perfectly enjoyable relaxation. But when a person denies himself these desires out of love for God, he is gaining mastery over self, and merit in the sight of God. There is a strange paradox in matters spiritual, that life comes through death. When we die to self, we live for Christ. This idea is found in St. Paul, "for if you live according to the flesh, you shall die; but if by the Spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live." It is a hard saying, but true, that there can be no growth in virtue without self-denial and sacrifice.

Penance and sacrifice, also symbolized by the ashes, are an important part of God's plan for saving our souls. We are startled to read St. Paul's words, "I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up those things that are wanting of the sufferings of Christ, in my flesh." What could be missing in the sufferings of Christ? Doesn't our religion teach us that Christ's Sacrifice on Calvary is of infinite value of Christ's death. What he does emphasize is that God's plan for salvation combines Christ's death and man's cooperation. God's creatures can only share in the salvation merited by Christ if they acquire it through their own moral efforts, helped by God's grace. Calvary is reenacted in miniature form in each soul every time it accepts suffering or makes voluntary sacrifice for God. Our sacrifices can be a source of grace not only for ourselves, but for others as well. Cardinal Mindszenty realizes that his sufferings not only benefit his own soul, but gives strength to other Catholics persecuted behind the Iron Curtain,

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and may win the grace of conversion for his persecutors.

Two valuable lessons may be pointed out for the K. of L. in this discussion of sacrifice. First, an organization is only as good as the sacrifices made for it. Anyone who has a checking account in a bank, knows that he cannot write off more money in checks than he has deposited in his account. The same goes for an organization. Members cannot get more from an organization than the sacrifices they put into it. At a time when Americans are always looking for the easy way, for the comfortable way, it requires determination to choose the hard way of personal sacrifice. Yet if the K. of L. is to grow stronger, its members must be anxious to do more and more for the organization.

Another lesson is this: the sacrifices entailed in working for God and Country through the K. of L. are meritorious in the sight of God. Every active K. of L'er is making sacrifices for his organization: whether it be attending meetings, accepting office, writing letters, planning programs, working on committees, or teaching others. These sacrifices should be offered to God in our prayers. Their merit should be remembered when we become discouraged. Their role in Christ's plan for world conquest should be realized. For as Catholic youth we must have a world vision of restoring all things of Christ. Only then will we realize that the smallest sacrifice made in the pursuit of K. of L. ideals is important in the sight of God.

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Archbishop Cushing's Message To Lithuanian-American Youth

(One of the most inspiring addresses ever delivered before a Lithuanian audience was given by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, D.D. of Boston at the biennial convention of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc. in the Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass. on Jan. 10, 1953. This speech is of particular interest to members of the Knights of Lithuania because it was prepared by the Archbishop with Lithuanian-American youth in mind. Before beginning his prepared address the Archbishop reminded to the audience:

"I am a little disappointed in your meeting because I think you should have more young people here. In order to perpetuate the glorious tradition of Lithuania you must captivate and inspire the youth. So I have prepared an address for you tonight that can give to the youth, give to your children and their children to the end that the young folk will be interested in the mother country. I hope that this address that I have prepared for you, inspiring as it is, will be placed in the hands of all the young men and young women who trace their origin to the land that is Lithuania."

The Knights of Lithuania are grateful to Archbishop Cushing for an inspiring message and for permission to reprint it in the VYTIS.)



"THE STARS STILL SHINE"

One of the most beautiful chronicles of the sayings and sufferings of the early Christian martyrs recounts the story of a devout mother condemned to cruel death. It is an authentic story; one of the most moving in all human literature.

Deprived of all her possessions, repudiated by her loved ones, doomed to savage mutilation and disgraceful death, there would seem to be nothing which could possibly console this tragic mother. And yet, as she lies on the floor of her prison cell, awaiting destruction and surrounded only by hatred, fear and foreboding, she glances through the narrow slits which serve as windows to her jail.

As if to match the melancholy terror of the prison within, it is night outside. The inky depths of the heavens lie beyond the narrow prison cell. But the unhappy Christian woman sees with eyes of faith, not fear. She speaks with hope, not horror. She turns to her companions in doom and remarks: "The stars still shine!"

What the effect of her words may have been

on those who clustered about her awaiting death, I do not know. But I do know that for centuries since, her single sentence has been an inspiration to millions left destitute by enemies, betrayed by their friends, abandoned by their allies and condemned to lonely torment. "The stars still shine!"

I have often thought that parallels like these apply particularly to Lithuania, devout mother so cruelly deprived of so many children, martyrdom so ruthlessly persecuted by her neighbors. Few are the peoples so victimized by the evil fortunes of political history — and none more constant in the deep faith, undying hope and divine charity which enables her to repeat, where others see nothing but darkness, defeat and grounds for discouragement, the words of the Christian mother and martyr in the pagan prison: "The stars still shine!"

To be able to see the stars still shine, stars of hope and faith, from the place of imprisonment and abandonment in which Lithuania finds herself, this indeed requires a special grace from God. When we consider the things of which Lithuania has been deprived the legitimate as-

pirations in which she has been frustrated and the mighty possessions, alike of a material and a moral kind, which have been stripped from her, then we appreciate how closely she resembles the mother and martyr in the pagan prison.

The Story of Lithuania

The older people among you know the story of Lithuania by that same consciousness with which you know yourselves. It is well that we repeat it, all the same, so that the younger folk may understand something of its dignity and point.

The Lithuanians are surrounded by Slavonic and Germanic peoples, but they are not of the same racial stock as these. Despite their isolated position in Northeastern Europe, they belong to the same physical family as do the peoples of Western Europe. Their history in the middle ages is one of the most colorful chapters in the story of Christian chivalry. Lithuania was literally born as a nation out of the struggle against aggression, an aggression in which crowds of adventurers and mercenaries joined with German knights in the effort to subdue the proud Lithuanian people.

Conversion to Catholicism

In those days the Lithuanians were not yet Christian. It was not until the 14th century that your ancestors embraced Christianity. When they did so, their decision was typical of their independent spirit. On the one side of them there were Germans who were Christians but from whose political and military domination the Lithuanians were resolved to remain free. On the other side there were the Russians who professed the Orthodox religion and were influenced by the culture of the Byzantine Empire, a religious and cultural tradition by which the Lithuanians were not impressed. Spiritually and intellectually they wished to be identified with the world of Roman Catholicism; politically and socially they wished to remain independent of those who dominated that part of Europe nearest to them.

It was a typically heroic decision which they made: To become Catholic Christians despite the intrigues, perfidy and hostility of their immediate neighbors who were playing politics with religion and who were using it as an instru-

ment of conquest; to resist Eastern orthodoxy despite the blandishments of those who sought to impose it.

Eventually Lithuania became Catholic not through the example of the German warlords but through the apostolic zeal of the neighboring Poles, with whom at that time the Lithuanians were united by bonds of great sympathy. Lithuania was proclaimed a Catholic Christian state in 1387 after her powerful ruler Jogaila married the Polish Queen Hedwig and became, by virtue of the marriage, King of Poland as well as ruler in Lithuania.

A Romantic Chapter in History

Thus began one of the most romantic chapters in the history of Eastern Europe and of Christendom. The Teutonic Order of German Knights who had molested Lithuania for years was now overthrown, their power broken and their religious pretensions exposed. Eventually most of the members of the Order abandoned Catholicism entirely and became identified with the militant aggression, Prussian in its politics and Protestant in its religion, which has so tattered Christendom in these last 400 years.

Lithuania, by then isolated between Protestant Prussia and Orthodox Russia, remained, so far as her own desires are concerned, independent of both and united with Western Christendom.

This is not a history class. My purpose tonight is not to instruct but to inspire, and so I shall merely touch on the high points of Lithuania's story from the days of the break from union with Poland down to our own day. That story is characterized by the same spirit of independence which revealed itself in the very first pages of Lithuanian history. It is symbolized in the persons of many great Lithuanian heroes, among them men like Thaddeus Kosciuszko. I mention Kosciuszko, the leader of the Polish-Lithuanian uprising against the Russian occupation in 1794, not only because he took part in the American War of Independence and befriended George Washington and the American people, but because he typifies that Lithuanian spirit which believes in freedom not merely for one's own people but for others as well.

A Century of Bitter Trial for Lithuania

The 19th century, the generation of the parents of many here present, was a century of bitter trial for Lithuania, but in God's Providence it may prove to have been a period of spiritual preparation to withstand the calamities which we are presently witnessing at the hands of the Russians. In an earlier generation, Lithuania had lost her upper class leadership to Polish influence, but at least the soul of the common people was still Lithuanian and Catholic. In the 19th century the Russian Government closed the country's schools and attempted to force the children of Lithuania's common people into Russian schools where even religious instruction was not permitted in Lithuanian. Russian was everywhere made the official language. All organizations and meetings were prohibited. In fact, everything was prohibited which could possibly hinder the Russification of the country and alienate it from Russia or the Orthodox Confession. Thus no permission was granted to build new Catholic churches or to repair old ones; no way-side crosses, which had so far been such a characteristic feature of the country might be erected. All church processions were prohibited and the priests forbidden to deliver public sermons. Besides, 32 churches, 52 chapels, and about 20 monasteries were closed at one swoop, the accusation being that they were suspected of having taken part in the revolt. Everywhere Russian colonists, imported in ever growing numbers, were given privileges.

Lithuania's Stars: A Free Press

It sounds like a dress rehearsal for the struggle against the much more merciless Russian Imperialism which is now waged against Lithuania by the Communists. Yet many lessons were learned in that rehearsal. Mother Lithuania, looking out from her prison cell, could see stars still shining. They were the stars which have been the beacons of her survival. One of the stars which kept up her spirits was the ideal of a free press, in Lithuania, of the national language written and spoken as a means to survival. Here, too, we see a parallel to the despotic things which are happening in so many parts of Eastern Europe today. When the liturgical books of Lithuania were not merely published in Russian characters but began to include Russian

Orthodox idea, an intense struggle for the Lithuanian printed word began. No one would even touch the books that were either very cheaply or even gratuitously distributed by the Government. Parents refused to send their children to school and taught them in their mother-tongue, at home, although they were persecuted and severely punished if caught doing so. Since no Lithuanian books could be printed openly, steps were taken to print them in secret, and they were soon being smuggled from abroad, mostly from neighboring East Prussia, and privately sold among the people.

During a period of forty years until the prohibition was lifted, hundreds and even thousands of devoted patriots made book-smuggling their life-work. What a remarkable thing this is: some people smuggle arms, some money, some food, some indecencies. But this people smuggled books, ideas, memories. Although many a Lithuanian "book-carrier" suffered imprisonment or deportation to far-off Siberia, this activity never ceased, but on the contrary, gained in intensity. During forty years, the whole country was secretly supplied with religious and secular literature as well as with periodicals from abroad, which not only gave the Lithuanian movement its particular character, but even directed it. It is only natural that the men and women who produced, smuggled and circulated Lithuanian books, at the risk of their lives, are greatly honored by the people.

Dedicated Professional Life

Another star which imprisoned Lithuania could see through the bars of her prison window was that of the dedicated Professional life of her sons. The 19th century Lithuanians were denied access to political life and so could not directly influence the direction of national interests. It was a blessing in disguise not only because it kept them out of the corrupt areas of partisan politics, but also because it channelled the best Lithuanian blood into those non-political professional vocations which endure permanently and therefore matter most.

Possessing very little — they were the children of hard-working peasants — these people sacrificed the little they had for the common cause. The conditions of life were hard. No Lithuanian, no matter what his profession, was

allowed to hold a public appointment in his native country. Prospects for various specialists to live in the Russia of those days were excellent, because the country was very backward, but Lithuanian students used to choose only professions which gave them the hope of staying in Lithuania thus having the possibility of participating in the national struggle. Thus most of the young people studied medicine, law or theology and became physicians, lawyers or priests. None of these occupations was very profitable, but they enabled people to reside in Lithuania and to work for the good of their compatriots.

There is a lesson here for our day. Sometimes the long range interests of a people are best served when they choose or are obliged to abandon political action, above all partisan, and prefer to dedicate themselves and to equip their children so that they may become leaders in those professions which are concerned with the basic elements of the common good.

Catholic Religious Faith

Above all, 19th century Lithuania, looking out from her prison cell, saw the star of her Catholic religious faith and from it she derived her greatest inspiration and most enduring hope. You should be very proud of the nature of these stars which have kept aloft the spirit of Lithuania during her generations of political imprisonment. They are all stars associated with the things of the spirit; Freedom of the press, education of the young, progress in professional life, religious ideals. There is nothing mercenary, strictly material or vulgar about the motives of Lithuania.

Lithuania Still Has Her Stars

And now in these latter years there comes another and even more cruel trial. Again it came both from her neighbors to the East and from her political enemies to the West. It is difficult to imagine perfidy greater than that from which Lithuania suffered at German and Russian hands at the outbreak of World War II. It is difficult to imagine a prison more appalling than that in which Lithuania presently finds herself — or destitution more pathetic, particularly when we remember the hard-won prosperity, the high standard of living and the proud prog-

ress on every human level which Lithuania had made prior to her rape at the hands of the Communists.

And yet she still has her stars. For her the stars still shine, and she can see them clearly as she gazes out her prison window. She has the star of respectful friends abroad. Above all, she has loyal sons and daughters who, even though they have established their own homes and acquired new loyalties elsewhere, have not forgotten their mother in the Old Century. She still has the star of a free press to plead for her wherever men remain able to speak or write without despotic restraint. She still has the star of her cultural vitality. Above all, she still sees the star of her Catholic Faith.

Seven hundred years ago Lithuania became an Island of Western Civilization surrounded by Teutonic and Russian aggression. She remains just such an island today. Her position in the world has not changed one bit; the direction of her loyalty has not altered by one degree. It has only intensified.

We may well pray that the Western World will prove worthy of the fidelity of the Lithuanian people to the Western cause.

Be Worthy of Your Ancestors

"The stars still shine!" We have no reason to believe that the darkness will lift in the immediate future. Quite the contrary: there is every indication that things will be very much worse before they can possibly be even a little better. If our interests were purely political and strictly temporal, this would be ground for despair. But they are not. As Catholics, as friends of Lithuania, as believers in the ideals of faith and freedom which Lithuania shares with all of Catholic Christendom, our interests are in those spiritual, supernatural and eternal values which are symbolized by the stars — the stars which the Christian mother saw from her pagan prison; the stars which have guided the Lithuanian people in their heroic march across seven tortured centuries; the stars toward which I direct your gaze at the dawn of this New Year.

May it be a blessed year for you — a year of proud progress, of true happiness, of prosperity, peace and sanctity. You are the children of people who follow stars. Lift your eyes from the earth and your hearts to God. Be worthy of your ancestors and make your children worthy of you.

GUBERNATORIUS HERTER SKELBIA LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS DIENĄ



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Gerbk Tėvo Vardą!

Namuose kalbėjo tik lietuviškai. — Sūnus nori būti karys. — Gal pakeisti man pavardę? — Aš paliksiu Benediktas Jakobynas. — Visas miestelis išmoko Jakobyno pavardę. — Ji nesukliudė laimėti pasisekimo. — Eisiu ir padėsiu Lietuvą išvaduoti.

Stasys Yla

Gyveno Kanadoje žinoma Jakobynų šeima, atkilusi iš Dzūkijos su mažais vaikais — sūneliu dviejų metų ir dukrele keturių. Darbštūs ir blai-vūs būdami, jie greit susitvarkė, sukūrė savo namų židinį, paaugusius vaikus leido į mokslą, patys gerai išmoko naujo krašto kalbą. Namuose tačiau kalbėjo tik lietuviškai ir vaikus pratino mylėti Lietuvą. Jakobynai skaitė lietuviškus laik-

raščius, dalyvavo lietuviškose organizacijose, rengė vaidinimus. Vaikai matė tėvų gilią meilę viskam, kas sava, lietuviška. Jie girdėjo dažnas jų kalbas apie Lietuvą. Paaugę, jie patys dalyvavo lietuviškuose susirinkimuose, skaitė lietuviškas knygas ir laikraščius.

Sūnus Benediktas svajojo būti kariu, net gi Lietuvos kariu. Bet iki jis atėjo į metus, Lietuvą ištiko didi nelaimė. Tada jis stojo į karinę Kanados organizaciją ir po kiek laiko pasiekė puskarininkio laipsnio. Pulkininkas, kurs tai organizacijai vadovavo, parašė jam puikų pagyrimą.

Kanadai įstojus į karą, jaunas Jakobynas panorio stoti į karininkų mokyklą. Jis kiek svyravo, ar jį priims kaip lietuvi. Bandė, pristatė pulkininko pagyrimą, ir dideliu jo nustebimui — buvo

priimtas. Jaunuolis negalėjo nuslėpti savo džiaugsmo.

Vieną vakarą, grįžęs vėliau į namus, jis priėjo prie motinos, kuri jau gulėjo lovoj, atsisėdo ant lovos krašto, apkabino ją ir ėmė iš tolo kalbėti:

— Klausyk, motule, tu žinai, kad aš jaučiuos lietuvis ir myliu Lietuvą. Bet tu žinai, kad labai noriu būt karininku. Kaip tu manai, ar kanadiečiai nežiūrės keistai, jeigu aš vadinsiuos taip, kaip ligi šiol — Benys Jakobynas. Viena, jie mano pavardės neištars. Antra, jie greit atpažins, kad esu ne tikras kanadietis ir man neleis kilti tarnyboje. Mažiausia, jie padarys mane leitenantu ir toliau neleis pasiekti aukštesnio laipsnio. Gal pakeisti, sutrumpinti pavardę, sakysim, Jacobyn ar Jacoby.

Motina labai nustebė. Niekad jos Benys nebuvo susvyravęs. Niekad jis nesigėdyjo esąs lietuvis ir nešiojęs lietuvišką pavardę. Mokykloje jis buvo labai geras mokinys ir kiti vaikai nedrįsdavo juoktis iš jo lietuviškos pavardės.

Ji paėmė sūnui už rankos, pažiūrėjo į jo akis ir tarė:

— Sūnau, juk tu tebemyli savo močiutę — senelę. Tu ją be galo mylėjai visą laiką. Įsivaizduok, kad tu, tapęs Jacoby, pasidarysi labai garsus karys, šio karo didvyris. Apie tave rašys laikraščiai. Ir tavoji močiutė skaitys apie tave ir nieko nežinos, kad tu esi jos mylimas sūnaitis (anūkėlis).

Sūnus suvirpo, jo veidu perbėgo susimąstymo banga ir jis pažvelgė drąsiai motinai į akis, pasilenkė, pabučiavo ją ir pasakė:

— Gerai, aš paliksiu Benediktas Jakobynas.

Po metų, kai sūnus jau buvo karo mokykloj, motina nuvyko jo aplankyti. Prie kareivinių vartų ji atrado sūnų su savo draugu anglu. Sūnus supažindino jį su savo motina, o šis pradėjo jai pasakoti apie jos sūnų.

— Įsivaizduokit, poniai, kiek mes vargo turėjome su juo. Niekas negalėjom ištarti jo pavardės. Vos išmokdavom ir vėl ją užmiršdavom. Sugalvojom tokį būdą. Vienas mūsų parašė dainą, kurios kiekvienas posmas baigėsi žodžiu Jakobynas. Daina buvo puiki, ir mes ją vis dainavom. Dainavom ne tik kareivinėse, bet ir eidami miesto gatvėmis. Taip išmokom ne tik mes, bet ir visas miestelis išmoko Jakobyno pavardę.

— Ir, žinot, poniai, mes Jūsų sūnų labai pamėgom. Jis puikus draugas — šitai galiu Jums pasiūlyti.

Benys Jakobynas tapo leitenantu, dalyvavo praėjusiame kare ir anglai pakėlė jį iki kapitono laipsnio, net apdovanojo įvairiais pasižymėjimais.

Pavardė jam niekur nesukliudė kilti ir laimėti pasisekimo.

Po karo jis išėjo į atsargą. Vieno jam betrukė: surasti sau mergaitę ir sukurti šeimą. Ir kai į Kanadą pradėjo atvykti mergaitės iš tremties, jis paėmė jų vieną, apsivedė ir jautėsi laimingas sukūręs lietuvišką šeimą.

Jo žmonelė didžiavosi juo ir labai mylėjo. Korėjos karas jai nedavė ramybės. Baiminosi, vargšė, kad jos Benys vėl bus pašauktas.

— Tu atsisakyk tos karinės tarnybos. Kas bus su dukrele, jei tu vėl išeitum į karą ir žūtum? Kas bus su manim?

Benediktui buvo sunku klausytis šios kalbos, bet kartą jis pasakė:

— Stase, tu žinai, kad be karo Lietuva nebus laisva. Jei karas kils, aš eisiu ir padėsiu Lietuvą išvaduoti.

Užtektų tik vieną kartą išsižadėti savo tėvų kilmės, o toliau jau nebebūtų sunku nutolti nuo visko, kas lietuviška. Kartą išsigynęs, kas esi — išsigynęs laisvame krašte, kur tau nieks nedraudžia būt tuo, kuo esi — toliau turi veidmainiauti ir taip savo sąžinę, savo principus išduoti. O tautos, kuriose mes esame, kaip tik labiau vertina garbingus ir tiesius žmones. Ne pavardė pagaliau jiems svarbu, bet žmogus — ko jis vertas, ką jis gali ir kaip sugeba.

Lietuva, tėvyne mano, tu esi kaip sveikata, tik tas gali tai suprasti, kas tavęs neteko.
Adomas Mickevičius

DVI BITELĖS



Iš vaidinimo: „Naktis Miške“, paruošto šv. Petro lietuvių parapijos seselių, So. Boston, Mass., š. m. kovo m. 1 d.

Tave Mylėsiu Dvigubai

(Here is a simple story, simply told in simple Lithuanian. It was written especially for those of our readers who would like to get some practise in reading in Lithuanian. We hope you'll enjoy it. The Editors).

Magdutė sėdėjo prieš veidrodį ir žiūrėjo į savo atvaizdą. Ji matė gana gražų veidą, linksmas akutes, raudonas lūpas. Bet jos atvaizdas jai nepatiko, ir gana. Ji nusigręžė, paėmė į rankas iliustruotą mėnraštį ir atydžiai žiūrėjo į paveikslą ant viršelio. Ten buvo fotografija gražios merginos, kino žvaigždės, kuri neatrodė storesnė už šluotos kotą.

Magdutė vėl pakėlė akis į veidrodį. Šį kartą jos lūpos pasidarė mažiukės ir jos akys užsidegė pasiryžimu. Ji galėtų pasidaryti tokia plona, kaip toji mergelė paveiksle.

Vakare ji savo vyrui sutaisė puikią vakarienę, bet sau pasidarė tik tai puodelį sriubos ir pasidėjo vieną sausainį. Tai pamatęs Pranas šiek tiek susirūpino.

“Kas tau, širdelė? Ar sergi?”

“O, visai ne, Praneli. Aš tik tai susimislinau truputį svorio numušti. Nieko tokio.”

“Tu man atro dai taip graži, kaip visuomet,” pasakė Pranas, dar kartą žiūrėdamas į savo mylimos žmonos akis. “Jau bus beveik metai, kai mes vedę, ir aš nematau jokios permainos.”

“A, nebūk durnelis. Tu nepamatytum permainos per tokį trumpą laiką. O, beje, ar tu nežinotum gero būdo mankštintis, kad galėčiau greičiau kelius svarus prarasti?”

“Hmmm. Geri žmonės sako, kad geriausiai tai būtų galvą kraipyti iš vieno šono į kitą, kada siūloma antrą kartą pyragaičiai ir saldumynai.”

“Na, dabar, Praneli. Nejuokauk iš manęs. Aš tikrai rimtai klausiu.”

Ir iš tikro. Magdutė tikrai rimtai pradėjo kovą prieš svorį. Sunkiai mankštinosi. Pasnikavo iki galva sukosi iš alkio. Viena savaitė praėjo, antra, ir trečia. Ir jai pasisekė numušti keleta svarų! Kiekvienas svaras, kuris išnyko buvo tikras triumfas Magdutei. Bet su kiekvienu triumfu jos džiaugsmas mažėjo. Ji pasidarė aštri ir šiurpi kalboje, net ir su Praneliu. Ji pradėjo bartis su kaimynais. Jos draugutės pradėjo neateiti į jos gražius namelius.

Praėjo gal penkis savaitės. Kartą Pranas už-

tiko Magdutę prie veidrodžio.

“Magdute, ką Tu ten matai?”

“Aš matau gražią, ploną moterėlę. Žiūrėk, Tu.” Pranas pažiūrėjo į veidrodį ir galva pakraipė.

“Ne, širdelė, tenai į mane žiūri pavargusi, išbadėjusi boba.”

“What do you mean, boba? suriko Magdutė.

“Tik pasižiūrėk. Riaukšlės subraižė visą veidą. Akys neturi linksmumo. Pažvelgk į plonas, sučiauptas lūpas. Aš galvoju, kad reikės padėti tokį skelbimą į “Vytį”.

PRARASTA. Neseniai prapuolė mano Magdutės buinūs veideliai. Kaž kur dingo jos melsvų akučių linksmumas. Kartu išnyko jos protingumas. Jeigu kas tas brangenybes surastų, prašau man tuojaus sugražinti, nes jos man labai, labai reikalingos.

Magdutė išgirdus Pranelio planą tylėjo.

“Bet, aš norėjau tau geriau įtikti. Aš norėjau būti kaip anoji kinų žvaigždė,” rodydama į iliustruotą mėnraštį.

Pranas meiliai nusišypsojo.

“Klausyk, mano miela, tai jų darbas. Tavo darbas yra būti linksmas ir mane padaryti laimingu. Žinai, aš Tave mylėjau tokią, kokia Tu seniaus buvai. O dabar, paklausyk manęs. Eikime į miestą, į Džiovo Džiūsy Steik House, kur mes pavalgysime karališką vakarienę. Pasakyk Gudbai tai sudžiūvusiai bobai veidrodyje.”

Magdutės akys nušvito.

“Eime. Tu nežinai, kaip aš alkana. Nuo dabar aš nepaisysiu. Aš dusyk tiek svarų uždėsiu, kiek numušiau.”

“Gerai,” atsakė Pranelis, “nuo dabar aš Tave mylėsiu dvigubai.”

—AMJ

So. Boston, Mass.



Oficialus Skyrius

NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS: for your vacation.

The Supreme Council wants to announce to all its members and friends that the Annual Convention—40th Anniversary — will be held this year on August 28, 29 and 30th. Host, Council 17, South Boston, Mass.

Al Wesey, President

PRANEŠIMAS — Jubiliejinio Vyčių Seimo Reikalai.

Šiuomi pranešame, kad Jubiliejinis Vyčių Seimas šiais metais įvyks rugpiūčio m. 28, 29 ir 30 dienomis Bostone. Jo rengėjais yra 17 Vyčių Alg. kuopa, So. Boston, Mass. Visi vyčiai kviečiami jau nuo dabar šiam seimui ruošti ir atitinkamai susitvarkyti savo atostogas, kad galėtų į seimą atvykti.

L. Vyčių Centro Valdyba

The Most Rev. V. Brizgys, D. D., Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas with residence in Chicago, Ill., has undertaken a project to publish a monograph of the Most Rev. Joseph Skvireckas, D. D., first Metropolitan of the Lithuanian R. C. Ecclesiastical Province and Archbishop of Kaunas, Assistant of the Pontical Throne, Count of Rome, Knight of the Order of Gediminas, who will celebrate his 80th Birthday—September 18, 1953. A committee has been formed to present His Excellency with an appropriate greeting, a spiritual bouquet and some material gift; all as a token of the deep gratitude and filial affection of his fellow Lithuanian Catholics for his nearly 60 years of devoted service to his people.

Al Wesey, our National President, has appointed John A. Stoskus to serve on Bishop Brizgys' committee, representing the Knights of Lithuania organization. John A. Stoskus accepted the honorable duty of serving on the aforesaid committee, and his appointment was confirmed by the Most Rev. V. Brizgys, D.D., on Friday, February 6, 1953 in the City of Chicago. Complete information concerning the committee's project will be mailed to all K. of L. Councils. All inquiries should be addressed to: John A. Stoskus, 6550 South Fairfield Avenue, Chicago 29, Illinois.

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— Membership Report —

According to a quarterly report submitted by our national financial secretary, Mrs. Tillie Gerulis, at the Supreme Board meeting held in New York City, January 17th, it appears that the New England district has most members; second, Illinois-Indiana; third, New York-New Jersey; fourth, Ohio-Michigan; and fifth, Pittsburgh district.

Registered veterans, members in service — a total of 128 to date.

— IN MEMORIAM —

The Rev. Joseph Simonaitis pastor of SS Peter and Paul Church, Elizabeth, N. J., passed away at Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago, Ill., on Wednesday, February 4, 1953. Vespers of the Dead were chanted at Nativity of B.V.M. Church in Chicago, Ill., Wednesday, February 4, 1953 at 7:00 p.m. The Very Rev. Canon George Paskauskas (4th Degree) served as celebrant; The Very Rev. Canon Zakarauskas served as Deacon and the Rev. Edmund Budrecki, M.I.C., assistant of SS Peter and Paul parish Kenosha, Wisconsin served as Sub-Deacon. Fr. Budrecki is a product of Father Simonaitis' parish in Elizabeth. The Most Rev. V. Brizgys and the Right Rev. Balys Urba led the Lithuanian Secular Clergy, the Marion Fathers and the Jesuit Fathers in the chanting of the responses. Two members of the K. of L. organization served as active pall-bearers: George Jonikas and John A. Stoskus. Don Varnas Post 986 of the American Legion served as military escort, Jack L. Jatis, K. of L. honorary member and Edward Pocius participated with the Legionnaires. Anthony Lubert, Vyt. Lubert and Gordon Gudas served as honorary pall-bearers representing the Knights of Lithuania. The remains of Fr. Joseph Simonaitis were escorted to Elizabeth, N. J. by Dr. and Mrs. John J. Simonaitis. Father Joseph was an honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania and host to the national convention last held in Elizabeth, N.J.

Lithuanian Drive Contest

A Nation is being destroyed. Lithuania, the land of our fathers, at this hour is undergoing the pains of crucifixion. A deadly, diabolical enemy is draining the last drop of life-giving blood from the body of our beloved Lithuania. The unspeakable crime of genocide is being committed against Lithuania.

But Lithuania must not die . . . she will not perish. We, the Knights of Lithuania, have been divinely called upon to help Lithuania in her darkest hour. True, we cannot cross the ocean and crush the enemy who occupies that country. It is for us Lithuanian-American living outside the boundries of our beloved Lithuania to do all that we can to save that Nation from extinction. If we can't go to Lithuania, we must keep Lithuania alive and strong here in this country. Therein lies our calling. To work, sacrifice and labor for the Lithuanian Nation and its culture. It is for us to preserve the Lithuanian language, its customs and traditions. We must do our share . . . we must keep the Lithuanian spirit alive, so that when the day of Freedom dawns we could proudly take our places among those who preserved Lithuanianism the world over.

We have undertaken this duty and in a very practical way we shall attempt to fulfill it. What was said above constitutes the heroic foundation for the Lithuanianism Drive which we are now conducting. This is a practical way in which we can and are helping suffering Lithuania.

Councils will be given a newly revised Point System for the campaign. The necessary details is being published in VYTIS (both in English and Lithuanian).

At the recently held Convention in Dayton, Ohio, it was voted to extend the **Lithuanianism Drive** for a period of two years. All inquiries and questions concerning the Drive will be gladly answered by the Chairman of the campaign.

Everything we do that has any relation to Lithuania will immeasurably aid Lithuania. Every Lithuanian song sung, every play presented, every book sold . . . are some of the methods in keeping the Lithuanian soul alive in the United States. We are not at liberty to decide whether or not we will participate in the Lithuanianism Drive. **We must** all of us, go all out in this campaign. All Councils, Knights must do their utmost to promote Lithuanianism in the community. Whatever someone else may leave



JOHN KATELLA, who graduated the latter part of January from the Pittsburgh Art Institute, was announced the winner of the cover contest for the "Page One" book of the Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh. His winning cover shows a flying saucer from Mars arriving on the earth and a Martian photographer being interviewed by a reporter. The "Page One" book was published by the Guild in connection with its "Page One" ball and an enlargement of his "Page One" cover on a billboard (13 x 23') was the main decoration at the Schenley Hotel on February 14. Over 100 artists at the Art Institute competed in the "Page One" cover contest. John Katella, veteran of World War II and member of Council 19, is a brother of Mrs. Walter R. Chinik, wife of our national vice president.

undone, we must not fail. The entire purpose of the Knights of Lithuania and its Lithuanianism Drive is to keep the name, culture and traditions of Lithuania vibrant and real in the world of today. May this brief reminder stir within all of us a sincere resolution to work and sacrifice ourselves for our beloved Lithuania. A nation that is hanging on a cross is pleading us for help! Dear Knight, can you or I say no?

Ann Mitchell,
Co-chairman

Question Box

Several months ago, in September of '52 to be exact, "Vytis" announced that soon to appear was a "Question Box". "Vytis" asked for questions from our members, pertaining to religion, Lithuanian culture, language, grammar, council activities, social life, etc. etc. etc. and again etc. From the million questions we did NOT receive we select the following as being of general interest to all K. of L'ers.

Q. "Why have a Question Box in 'Vytis' anyway?"

(submitted by Man of Many Queries.)

A. Well, there are a million reasons for starting this feature: first of all, because almost every other good magazine has such a column. . . 999,999th, because the Editors want to be of service to the organization, and answering the questions is a great service, and 1,000,000th because the K. of L'ers who write in to ask, might possibly learn something interesting, useful and worthwhile.

Q. "What kind of questions will the "Box" be able to answer?"

(sent in by Cautious Charlie)

A. Our Magic Brain Question Box (latest deluxe model) is equipped to answer any question that has to do with our organization's ideals and purposes: about God and Country, about religion and Lithuanian history, about the K. of L. organization

Q. May several questions be sent in at the same time?

(from Wondering Willie)

A. Yes, of course. Our non-electronic sorting system assures perfect distribution, — in other words, the more the merrier.

Q. "Will a penny post-card do to send in my question?"

(presented by Pinchpenny Petronilla)

A. No. Please use a two cent postcard. New Postal Regulations, you know.

Q. Who was it who answered all the above questions?

(asked by Audacious Alexander)

A. Why, the KNIGHT-GUARDIAN OF THE QUESTION BOX, himself.

Q. Who is he?

(requested by the same A. A.)

A. To tai negalime pasakyti.

The Editors

Contributing Ideas

You as a far-sighted leader can advance the K. of L. greatly by encouraging the members of your council to come forward with ideas. True, many of them may be impractical and will not be used. But it is great fun to sift the ideas for usable ones. Like the forty-niner panning gold by the river bed. He might wash away a ton of sand, but he comes up with a bag full of gold nuggets. Ideas are gold nuggets.

If you can keep these ideas flowing, you create a feeling among the members that they really belong. And you have a good chance of finding a real 24 carat gold idea.

Talk to your council about bringing in new ideas for activities, or new ways of doing old things. Point out the many advantages to the K. of L. of a steady flow of good ideas.

Be ready to listen to an idea from any member of your council. Listen to the idea while it is still hot, while the one who proposes it is really excited about it. Think over all the angles. If you let it cool, the enthusiasm of the member who brought it forward will soon wither away and die. And so will the idea.

Follow up the ideas a few days later and see if it still clicks. Ask the "idea man" if he has seen any way of putting it into practice, or of making it still a better idea. Call the committee together and discuss the idea. By group thinking ways and means will be devised to put the idea across.

Always give full credit to those who suggest ideas. The K. of L. has as much respect for the man who thinks up the idea as for the one who puts it over.

Show me what ideas your council brings up and I will show you the kind of a council it really is: vital, half-alive or defunct!

Phil Carter

— ATTENTION —

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

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K. of L. Calendar

- March 20, 21 and 22 — Detroit, Michigan (102) PASSION PLAY, Holy Redeemer's auditorium, W. Vernor Highway.
- April 11-12 — Ohio-Michigan District Convention. Detroit, Michigan (102) host.
- April 12 — Gary, Indiana (82) Easter Dance.
- April 18-19 — Worcester, Mass. (116) SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION.
- April 25-26 — New England District Convention Cambridge, Mass. (18) host.
- April 25 — Elizabeth, N. J. (52) MINSTREL SHOW and DANCE.
- May 2 — Elizabeth, N. J. (52) MINSTREL SHOW and DANCE.
- May 2 — Norwood, Mass. (27) May Dance, Runeberg Hall.
- May 16 — Worcester, Mass. (26) Spring Dance, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury.
- May 16 — Cleveland, Ohio (25) National Bowling Tournament and Dance.
- May 17 — Worcester, Mass. (26) Lithuanian Play "Moterims Neišsimeluosi", St. Casimir Church Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- May 17 — Cleveland, Ohio (25) Bowling Tournament Banquet.
- May 24 — New England District K. of L. ANNUAL PICNIC — Sports Day at Marianapolis, Thompson, Conn.

— SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS —

40th K. of L. NATIONAL CONVENTION to be held at the Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass., August 27, 28, 29 and 30th, 1953.

On April 27, 1913, the Knights of Lithuania organization was founded. The first K. of L. convention took place in Lawrence, Mass. To mark the occasion, we will devote the AUGUST issue of VYTIS to the story of how the Knights of Lithuania was organized, the purpose and ideals for which our organization was formed, how it serves its vast membership today, four decades after it was organized by the late Mykolas Norikūnas, founder and first president. All councils and district — send in your annual contribution to William Kolicus, Jr., treasurer, 2002 Brownsville Rd., Pittsburgh 10, Pa.; also pictures of your council officers and spiritual advisers accompanied by a brief resume of your activities directly to the VYTIS Editorial Staff, 395 W. Broadway, South Boston, Mass.

"...Ir Tēvynei"

Evelyn Bender

What are you doing for Lithuania? We all know the K. of L.'s motto "Dievui ir Tēvynei"; we all know that one of the main purposes of the K. of L. is to make us better Lithuanians. But just what does that mean? Just how good a Lithuanian are you, anyhow?

Let's take a look at the evidence. First, do people know you are a Lithuanian? And do your actions give them a good or a bad impression of Lithuanians in general? Do you associate with Lithuanians and take part in Lithuanian activities? Do you speak Lithuanian at home — or anywhere else? Can you read and write Lithuanian? Do you know anything of Lithuanian history, literature, music, art, or general culture — besides her food, I mean? And do you help perpetuate and spread this culture — by singing and playing Lithuanian music, whether informally or in choral groups, by attending Lithuanian concerts, plays, or lectures, by doing the folk dances, by reading Lithuanian books?

How about her current situation? Do you know what to say when people ask you "Isn't Lithuania one of the Communist countries?" or, and this is harder, "Lithuania wasn't a democracy anyhow when it was taken over by the U.S.S.R., was it?" Can and do you come to her defense when she is attacked in your presence? Do you help the Lithuanian needy and dispossessed by working in such relief organizations as BALF? And how are your relations with newly-arrived Lithuanians in this country — do you help make them feel at home here, or do you wish (and, unfortunately, show it) that they would "go home?" And finally, are you doing any work on the Lithuanian Affairs Committee or anything comparable?

Well, how do you stand? Couldn't — and shouldn't? — we all do a little more. . . "ir Tēvynei"?

NOTICE TO ALL COUNCIL SECRETARIES

Please send names and addresses of newly-elected officers to our national financial secretary:

Mrs. Tillie Gerulis
38 Providence Street
Worcester 4, Mass.



DETROIT, MICHIGAN

COUNCIL 102

During our annual meeting in December, the following members were elected to office: President, Robert Boris; 1st Vice Pres., Bruno Sinkus; 2nd Vice Pres., Clem Bosley; Correspondent Secretary, Jean Vagonis; Financial Secretary, Anna Mae Uznis; Recording Secretary, Eileen Stankunas; Treasurer, Frank Peterson; Trustees, Lory Hokner and Tony Brinza; Sgt.-at-Arms, Eddie Raymond; "Kardas" Editor, Betty Brinza; and "Vytis" Correspondents, Mary Plunkett and Ann Yursis. We hope to have a bigger and better council this year because qualified officers were elected. Congratulations to each and everyone of them and may they live up to our expectations.

All that buzzing your hear in and around Detroit isn't due to our automobile factories but to the furor created by the district convention committee which is headed by Frank Peterson. We hear that the committee has a well-planned week-end in store for all attending the district convention on April 11 & 12 in Detroit. It promises to be a good time for all. Don't forget to jot April 11 and 12 down in your little black books.

Our annual Christmas Dance, under a very capable committee headed by Bruno Sinkus, was a huge success not financially but in the line of good clean fun for all. At a recent Catholic youth convention, which two of our K. of L. members attended, Cardinal Mooney stressed the point that we shouldn't judge the success of our affairs by the amount of money we make but by the amount of good, clean, wholesome fun we provide for our Catholic youth. According to this, our dance was very successful. As a novelty, a dance contest was held and many of our K. of L'ers walked away with the trophies. Lillian and Carl Gobis won the Polka contest,

while Ann Yursis and Tony Brinza copped the waltz honors. But the stars proved to be Tom Plunkett and Joan Norton, who won the fox trot and were chosen as the best all-around dancers. How about some lessons, Tom and Joan? The holidays brought out Dan Cupid, who was seen aiming at several of our members. Jody Lenkaitis received a beautiful diamond from Chuck Steppe, who was home on furlough for Christmas. . . Terry Bender and her brother Joe are planning a double wedding in August. Terry is engaged to Pete Lopez and Joe was accepted by Isabell Perez. Best wishes to all and may God bless their union.

Marie and Joe Petraitis are the proud parents of a baby boy, Gerald Joseph.

As an incentive for bowling, extra prizes were offered during the holidays. Pat Norkunas and Lowrey Hofner walked off with the first prize for high averages and our dancing champ Tom Plunkett got the booby prize as did Jody Lenkaitis. . . We were sorry to hear that Edna Klucens, Helen Andrews and Ann Valtka had to quit our bowling league, We'll miss them and hope they will rejoin soon. . . Bruno Sinkus, Eddie Raymond, Joe Zane and Stan. Zvirblis joined our league and most heartily welcome them.

Following are newly-elected officers of the Catholic Lithuanian Vets, many of whom are also active K. of L'ers: Commander, Cy Grybas; 1st Vice, Tom Plunkett; 2nd Vice, Ray Medonis; 3rd Vice, Geo Sinkus, Adjutant, Ralph Valatka; Treasurer, Chuck Mishkis; Welfare Officer, Walter Baron; Historian, Andy Stokas; Officer of the day, Ed. Raymon; Judge Advocate, Pete Peters; Trustees, Bill Yursis, John Stanwich and Joe Miller; and Medical Officer, Dr. Sack.

Our council is presenting its second passion play on March 20, 21, 22 at

Holy Redeemer's auditorium on W. Vernor Hwy. Our play this year will be "The Fantasy of the Passion" by Rev. Lord, who is well known for his plays. We are hoping the performance this year will again equal the beautiful and heart touching performance of last year. Joe Slavinski is in charge and Ray Wyborski will direct it.

We hope that some of our fellow K. of L'ers from other councils will attend.

On January 25 ten members attended the Southern deanery communion breakfast at St. Anne's. Among those who enjoyed the wonderful repast were Anna Mae Uznis, Bob Boris, Jean Vagonis, Louise Simonis and Betty Brinza. After breakfast, Fr. Arthur Karey delivered a brief message and the theme of his speech was ABC. — ALWAYS, BE CATHOLIC. I believe we K of L'ers across the nation would do well to always keep this motto in mind ABC.

Dan Cupid has been at work again! Eleanore "Eli" Slavinski received a beautiful diamond from Don Reid. No plans for marriage will be made until Eli finishes her nurse's training. Bob Sinkus, recently home from service, is also engaged and plans to wed in June. Congratulations to both happy couples and may God shower His graces on them.

Mr. Stork has also paid a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were blessed with a baby girl, Patricia Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Medonis and their little son have moved into their home in Inkster Village. Brain Paukstys — (Army) has returned to civilian life. He was an instructor at Camp Ruchar, Alabama. We also welcome home Stanley Jeckewicz, who returned from Korea. We are now looking forward to seeing Stan and Brain at our K. of L. activities once again.

Merrie Annie

PITTSBURGH, PA.

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'ers, 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 gown 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 in to attend a Supreme Council meeting at the Chinik home on October 19th was accompanied by Lorry Hoffmann, 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, the Supreme Council 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 Walter 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 (Bowling on Sunday nights is 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 of necessity to be such a short stay. The weather was made to order — perfectly beautiful sunny fall days with just a little nip in the air. Julia Aleshunas, Lori Puzas and Jeannie Walkauskas were quite active in entertaining the Detroiters, especially those who did not attend the meeting at Chiniks Sunday afternoon. Anne Kolicius was a wonderful help to Mildred Chinik in preparing the evening meal for those present. Those who attended the meeting were Al Wesey (President) Bob Boris (1st V. P.) Walter Chinik (2nd V. P.) Bill Koljcius (Treasurer) Father Walter Karaveckas, (C-19 Spiritual Advisor) Jean Walkauskas (Pittsburgh District Pres.) and Anna Mae Uznis (former K. of L. Supreme Officer) who took the minutes of the meeting in the absence of the secretary Ann Mitchell. We know that many important affairs were discussed and we'll probably all read about them in the "Vytis".

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 Jucevičius and Vladas Čivas 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. Julia Aleshunas, C-19's program chairman was one of the "native" Lithuanian maids in the wedding party and many other K. of L. members were present at the festivities.

A semi-formal dance on November 26th, the evening before Thanksgiving did not turn out to be a sell-out (And we were not really surprised with all those turkeys at home to be prepared for Thanksgiving dinners).

The profit was turned over to St. Casimir's Church as a Coal Fund Contribution.

November birthdays — Mrs. Barbaro Walkauskas, John Skimundris, Nell Kuntz, Flo York, David Palmer, John Miller, Anna Navickas, John Kattella, Walter Chinik.

November Anniversaries — Madeline and Bob Petraitis.

The 36th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Girdis, parents of Helen Girdis and of Rev. Joseph Girdis, spiritual advisor of the Pittsburgh District, was not a very happy one for Mr. Girdis was seriously ill. It is with deep regret that we must announce the death of Mr. Joseph Girdis.

PITTSBURGH, PA.

COUNCIL 19

On December 21st the members received communion in corpore followed by a breakfast in the school hall, during which our new officers were officially installed. Thanks to Mrs. A. Puzas and Mrs. A. Smith, our chief cooks and bottle washers for this occasion, and to Julia Aleshunas and her committee — Nell Kuntz, Ann Navickas and Lori Puzas.

The annual Christmas party was held on the 29th of December with a large turn out. The grab bag was quite a success. Julia Aleshunas admits that she always did want a screwdriver. It may come in handy, Julia, especially when Nell Kuntz is around with her key bending act. Frank Baltokis looked stunning in his all silk babuska and we finally got Alice Beacon to admit that smoking pipes were just the thing for this spring.

It was good to see the Duquesne girls (Marion & Pat Bartkus, Anne, Lucille & Cecil Shimkus) and their participating in the Christmas carol singing.

Ruth Greblunas was hostess for the Bowling gang a few weeks ago. Had a wonderful time — thanks to Ruth and her mom. The coffee, cakes and sandwiches were delicious and so was the singing that followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt (Albina & Sparky) and Andy Rozger were our hosts at another grand Sunday evening. Getting to be quite a good habit. Besides having a grand time, I think our Bowling League players will become the best singers because the evening always ends up with Lithuanian folk songs (from the handy little book brought back from the Dayton Convention).

At our January 8th meeting, the Refreshments Committee for the Variety Show was appointed. We know Jean Walkauskas, Marcie Onaitis, Bill Marculaitis, Audrey Gatauskas, Madge Papeaka and Eddie Schultz will do a good job taking care of all those hungry people after the show.

The committee for our Annual St. Casimir's Day breakfast consists of Tillie Kaupinis, Madge Papeaka, Alice Beacon, Audrey Gatauskas and Ann Kolicius. At our Social Meeting

dis on December 22nd. On Tuesday evening, December 23rd, our members recited a rosary for the repose of his soul at funeral parlors.

We are most happy to announce that after a serious operation and a long stay in St. Joseph's Hospital, Antoinette Naujelis is now at home and on the road to recovery. Get well soon, Antoinette, for the K. of L. needs its good workers.

The Bowling Season is in full swing and every Sunday evening there are about thirty members who gather between 7 and 7:15. Quite a few of the younger K. of L. members and their friends (prospective members) are coming and we are delighted.

High Women—Ruth Greblunas 166;		Nov. 9	Dec. 7	
High Men—Eddie Braze 199				Bill Kolicius 105 106.5
Team standing (Captains listed for we never did get around to baptizing our teams).				Joe Allen 101.4 98.8
				Sparky Ewalt 100.7 104.4
				Jean Walkauskas 100.2 100.7
	Won Lost			Ruth Greblunas 99.5 99.1
No. 3 — Bill Marculaitis	19 8			Bernie Labuskes 96.8 96.5
No. 4 — John Katella	16 11			Margie Wozniak 95.4 98.1
No. 2 — Eddie Braze	11 16			Marcy Onaitis 94.5 93.5
No. 1 — Andy Rozger	8 19			Dorothy Wozniak 94.4 97.3
				Albina Ewalt 93.1 92.9
		Nov. 9	Dec. 7	Lori Puzas 93.1 93.4
Andy Rozger		133.6	133.4	Vyto Jucevicius 92.6 96.2
Eddie Braze		128.2	125.4	Father Walter 91.7 93.6
Richard Smith		126	128.1	Steve Onaitis 89.9 95.2
Eddie Marculaitis		120.5	115.8	Mildred Chinik 74.9 76.4
Bill Marculaitis		119.9	118.8	Margie Potts 71.4 74.
John Katella		118.5	118	Julia Aleshunas 70.5 76.
David Palmer		117.2	120.2	Mary Ann Keefe 68.3 72.2
Gerry Marculaitis		110.5	111.3	Nell Kuntz 64.8 67.8
Walter Chinik		105.8	116.1	Eleanor Allen 58. 65.2

We've been so engrossed in so many K. of L. affairs that we have neglected to extend a cordial welcome to all our new members. In the new drive (started January 1), we hope our new members like us so well they'll write up all their friends, too and keep our council growing. Remember, we'd like to bring back the trophy cup to Pittsburgh, the home of its purchase!

Welcome to all — Alice Potts, Adelaide and Adam Marculaitis, Anne and John Palmer, Mrs. Laura Simon, John and Lillian Gailys, Algert Martinaitis (known to his friends as Scotty), Flo and Peter York, Joseph Pakutinskis, Ellen Pavlosky, Genevieve Nespojohny (who was signed up as Genevieve Sabaitis but on October 4th was married to Harry Nespojohny—Congratulations to the newlyweds), Bob Senulis, Ann Shjmkus, Mary Ann Keefe, Amelia and Charles Pikiel, Bernie Labuskes, Ben Russlan, Jerry Naujokas, Edward Schultz and Mrs. Barbara Walkauskas.

On Sunday, December 21st, Pittsburgh District K. of L. received Holy Communion in a body as a Christmas offering. They met after mass for breakfast served at St. Casimir's school hall.

December Birthdays — Jean Walkauskas, Jerry Naujokas.

January Birthdays — William Kolicius, Father Susinskas, Martha Braze, Beatrice Civas and Bob Senulis.

Results of election of officers for 1953: President — Ruth Greblunas; Vice-President, Julia Alechunas; Fin. Secretary, Margie Potts; Rec. Secretary, Marcy Onaitis; Cor. Secretary, Anne Kolicius; Treasurer, Eddie Marculaitis; Lithuanian Affairs, Nell Kuntz; Ritual, Steve Onaitis; Program, Walter Chinik; Correspondent, Lori Puzas; and Sergeant-at-arms, Tom Unites.

Congratulations to all the new officers and may we have a prosperous year under the new regime.

Mitzi

(January 22) we celebrated three birthdays—with three cakes. The fortunate ones were Father Susinskas, Bill Kolicius and Eddie Schultz. Helen Girdis baked one of the Birthday cakes — much to everyone's surprise. But, Lori insists upon knowing which cake mix you used, Helen. We were glad to have Tillie Kaupinis in our midst. Welcome back stranger.

Julia Aleshunas—Our Traveler of Travelers — was hostess to the Bowling group several weeks ago. It was quite a trip to make but everyone arrived safely without any mishaps. The game of Charades was revived by one of our more fun-loving members and has taken over C-19 by storm. Sparky's version of "Dial M. for Murder" will not be forgotten for months. But, as they say — Give credit where credit is due — and in this case it belongs to our hostess, Julia.

Council 62 held a Bingo for the benefit of the Lithuanian Catholic Hour on Sunday, February 1st in St. Vincent School Hall. Heard member of C-192, who is leaving us several of the prizes.

Our Variety Show was a tremendous success. Everyone enjoyed the Lithuanian songs and dances. We thank our Program Committee — Vyt Jucevicius, Alex Krapavicius, Walter Chinik, C. Bazys, S. Onaitis and our Pastor Father Kazenas, who helped to put this affair across.

A Spaghetti Dinner was held on February 12th for Jean Walkauskas, district president and active member of C-192, who is leaving us to work for the American Red Cross. We don't know exactly where she'll be stationed but, no doubt, it will be far from Pittsburgh. She was presented with a portable radio as a gift from the Pittsburgh District. Good Luck, Jean, those two years will pass by quickly and you'll be back with bigger and better ideas for us.

Sako - Pasako



PROVIDENCE R. I.

COUNCIL 103

Everybody's doin' it, everybody's doin' it, and so are we. Doin' what? Why, rushing in to the "Vytis" with the lists of the new officers for 1953. We are proud to tell the world that Joe Nazaka is our new president; June Lucas is VEEP; Marion Cyronak is secretary; Pete Walaska — treasurer; Tony Gudas and Joan Nazaka are trustees and Joe Gumaskas is sergeant-at-arms.

Our share-the-work idea is taking root this year. Instead of one social committee to labor month in and month out we have a rotating committee. Mary Farrar and Barbara Cyronak did the honors in January; Peter and John Walaska will be on deck in February; Marion Cyronak and Charlie Karpovitz take over in March; in April we expect great things from Anne Uzdavinis and Joan Nazaka. May will be the month of our zealous youngsters — Irene Wasilewski and June Lucas, while June will see veteran K. of L'ers at the helm: Joe Waitonis and Jonas Beinoris.

No long-bearded scholar being available we chose from among the ranks of our students Joan Nazaka to be council historian.

And not well! When you all come to Providence for our dances you will see how well Helen Belconis and Vito Kapiskas can engineer these important social events.

We plan to have everybody on our "One - O - Three" staff. ("One - O - Three" is our council monthly bulletin, in case you were wondering.) However, in charge of production is Helen Belconis, who is a veteran newspaper girl by now. She is just about ready to take over the management of the Luk — Laif - and Pyk chain of magazines. Asst. Editor is John Walaska.

Looking around, we see that all our servicemen are back with us. Algird Straznick is about to be discharged. Our council still has one valiant member in Uncle Sam's Navy. She . . . yes, the defense of our country is in her hands! is Julia Mecunas, a Wave, stationed at Quonset Point, R. I. She will be in service until August.

Bill Belconis, who received his dis-

charge on December 8th in Germany, was married on January eleventh. We are most anxiously awaiting his return to welcome both him and his bride. Best wishes, Bill.

Plans discussed at the January meeting: the nicest way to welcome the N. E. District officers and other members who will come to the "Officers' Workshop" in Providence in March; a good method of attracting new members; a special Saint Casimir's day celebration; and, oh yes, some active K. of L. participation in the parish commemoration of February 16th.

Promise fulfilled; Our Spiritual Adviser promised us a Religion Period each meeting some time ago. In January, our first meeting, it was fulfilled. We had a discussion — all participated — about "Why I am a Catholic". Next month and every month there will be a "Question Box". Some month we will play "Twenty Questions" with religion as central theme.

A Mystery. Who is "Mybo"? Remember? That was the pen name of the reporter who sent in the news from our council in December. Whoever it was, a good job was done. I hope they sneak in a few surprise items every month. It will make this writer's job easier.

Vytis Nemažiuks

CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 112

Anthony F. Lubert was re-elected president of Council 112, Marquette Park. He is also vice president of the Illinois-Indiana district.

New Arrivals:

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yuknis blessed with a son, Robert Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. A. Vitkauskas blessed with a son, Anthony Jr. Mr. and Mrs. W. Klevinsky blessed with a daughter (name?).

Our former Financial Secretary Lucille Venckus is now Mrs. Stasiūnas, and our Lithuanian Affairs Chairlady Josephine Cibulskis is now Mrs. Brazen. Her husband is serving in the Armed Forces of the U. S. Army.

John A. Stoskus, past national vice president and his wife Bertha (former active member of Providence, R. I.) are expectant parents some time in May.

GARY, INDIANA

COUNCIL 82

We opened our meeting with a prayer and proceeded with the business of the day. First, we accepted the policy of giving our members a gift (remembrance) in case of marriage, sickness or death. George Agurkas made the motion that we make a special assessment of one dollar from each member for the year towards the Remembrance Fund.

Our council voted to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Declaration of Lithuania's Independence on Sunday, February 15, and to attend Mass, celebrated by Rev. Salicius of Indiana Harbor, Indiana. The Program Committee consists of Donna Kuckson, George Agurkas, Joe Yaros, Tony Jank and Mrs. Kuizin.

St. Casimir's Day was celebrated on March 1st; members received Holy Communion and breakfast was served after Mass. Mrs. Kuzin volunteered to prepare the meal. As in the past, we were lucky to enjoy her delicious breakfast, again. We suitably commemorated the Feast Day of St. Casimir (our Patron) the following Sunday, March 8th, which is sponsored by the district and to be held in Chicago.

Mrs. Kuizin is awarding five dollars for the "gražiausi margytę kiaušini" brought to our Easter Dance, April 12th. The Dance Committee consists of Tony Jank, Donna Kuckson, Joe Juris, Jr., and Martha Balkan.

Our Initiation Party, held January 25th, was most enjoyable. The committee that made the party a success was made up of John Kaminskas, Tony Jank, Joseph Kurpalis, Joseph Shirvinskis, Mrs. Raymond Kuizin and Michalene Shirvinskis. We mixed business with pleasure, and discussed our forthcoming dance to be held April 12. The refreshments served after the Initiation Party were donated by Joseph Shirvinskis, Michalene Shirvinskis, John Kaminskas, Tony Jank, Joseph Kurpalis, Donna Kuckson and Martha Balkan.

We express our sincere condolence to Martha Fuller (bowler) on the death of her beloved father.

Viola Geanchos

NORWOOD, MASS.**COUNCIL 27****Better Late Than Never**

December was a month of gay events for our council. A Christmas party more exciting by showing children of the parish and thanks goes to Ed Tarutis who made the party more exciting by showing some very comical moving pictures.

Another party was held for the council members. It was good to see so many former members in attendance and acquaintances being renewed.

After our January meeting, two teams were formed and we all ventured out through a snowstorm to the bowling alleys. Can't recall who some of the star bowlers were but do remember seeing a few goose eggs tabulated on the sheet. Not to mention any names but — "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Al Kazulis, our good samaritan, gave a group of girls a ride home after the match.

It looks as if the love bug has bitten one of our members. Joe Kudirka became engaged to Patty Packard. Much happiness to you both.

We have two, new members in our council — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smelstor. Welcome!

Happy Birthday Helen Sidlauskas and many more of the same (Feb. 24).

Our Ritual committee is working very diligently in an effort to make it possible that each member hold a degree. Last degrees were bestowed some years ago; therefore, the committee would greatly appreciate it if each member gives his and her fullest cooperation to lessen the work. It will take a lot of time and effort but guarantee the result will be a very satisfying one and a step in the right direction toward making our council a much stronger one.

Hear that Ed Tarutis, Vin Kasauskas, John Vaikozas, John Balunas and Stan Wasiliauskas had a very enjoyable time at the Athol Winter Carnival.

This is supposed to be on the Q.T., b-u-t we hear that Father Peter is quite a figure skater! We'll be waiting to hear more about it.

Fran Nevins is speculating for an oil well (gas station) at the corner of Union Street and Route 1, Walpole.

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Sorry to hear Eva Jurgelevich is in the hospital and trust her health will be restored very shortly.

Our "Sportster" Kay Wilkes spent a week-end in Jackson, N. H. shoo-shing down the slopes of Thorne Mountain. Had a wonderful time!

Tentative plans have been made to commemorate St. Casimir's Day by receiving Holy Communion in a body and a breakfast to follow.

Attention Knights and Ladies of Council 27: To make this column a more interesting one, your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Scribbling Scribes

PHILADELPHIA, PA.**COUNCIL 3**

February, the month which brings with it warm sentiment also brings warm and sincere congratulations from Council 3 to Joseph Wilkus and Mary Ann Budtikis who were married on January 18.

The Jubilee held in Brooklyn, N. Y. and Concert sponsored by the Nor-kunas Memorial Fund was greatly enjoyed by Theresa Mazeika, Helen Shields, Hedy Sarcewicz, Mary Greblowski, Alice Zemaitaitis, Joe Yanulaitis and Joe Budelis.

On February 8, our council held a pre-Lenten dance at St. Casimir's parish hall. Prizes, consisting of a corsage for the girls and a tie bar for the fellows, were awarded to the couple who were the best dancers and to the last couple remaining in the elimination dance. We thank the dance committee and members in the sale of tickets.

Why Does:

. . . Helen Shields always blush when a certain party's name is mentioned?

. . . The name of the Hotel New Yorker always bring a smile to the faces of Theresa Mazeika and Alice Zemaitaitis?

Why Do:

Dolores Meron and Vyt Bakutskas look like they are in heaven when you mention July 5th?

. . . Xenia Podjunas and George Budelis stay away from the meetings as of late?

Council 3 would like to know the answers! Note to Bob Boris: How did you get back to Detroit on January 18? We heard all planes were grounded because of poor visibility.

"Windy"

AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK**COUNCIL 100**

Monday, February 2nd, found our council members gathered together for a monthly meeting, at which Helen Gustas presided.

It had been decided that our annual St. Casimir's Day communion breakfast be held at the Montgomery Hotel preceded by a Mass held at the Parish Church, March 1st, 9:00 a.m.

Father Baltch explained the Sacrifice of the Mass to a most attentive group.

The American translation of "Lietuva Teyvne" by Father Jurgelaitis, O. P. of Providence, Rhode Island, was read by Father Bob.

Some interesting facts were also brought forward by our spiritual adviser.

1. The first large group of Lithuanian immigrants arrived at Plymouth, Pennsylvania (first Lithuanian settlement) eighty-five years ago.
2. There are 123 Lithuanian churches in America.
3. America has 650 Lithuanian priests.
4. The United States has 1,200 Lithuanian Nuns.

Congratulations to the Bill Nikstenas' — January 30th brought them an addition to their family—a son, William Walter!

Thanks are in store to Edna Gustas and Sophie Olbie for the planning of a very successful banquet, held on January 24, 1953. Lanzi's will not be forgotten. The following attended: Rev. Robert Baltch, Helen Gustas, Robert Kuchis, Edward and Marjorie Bablinskas, Sadie and Charles Karbus, Ann Tamoliunas, Marion Jakaitis, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Sophie Olbie, Edna Gustas, Val and Theresa Kerbelis, Edward and Eleanore Baranauskas, Greta Schell, John Bakucionis, Donald Thomas, Gene Gobis and Bill Nikstenas.

Sophia Gavry popped in for a few minutes. She had assumed the duties of Chief Chef for another banquet which was being held the same evening, and thus, she could stay but a short time.

A speedy recovery is wished to Father Baltch's sister who underwent a major operation.

Smile and Sparkle

ELIZABETH, N. J. COUNCIL 52

Our beloved pastor, Father Joseph J. Simonaitis, died February 4, 1953, while visiting his brother, Dr. John Simonaitis in Chicago. Fr. Simonaitis was an honorary member of the K. of L., and most active Knight in our organization for years. Members of our council paid their last respects by offering Masses for the repose of his soul, recited the Rosary, and formed a Guard of Honor at his bier in the rectory and church. We deeply feel the loss of a true Knight and friend. May God grant him eternal happiness. *Sudiev, brangusis Vyti.*

Our council was represented at the district communion breakfast held in Great Neck, New York on March 1st. Also many of our members participated at the exercises commemorating 35th Anniversary of the Declaration of Lithuania's Independence.

Our council's communion breakfast will be held March 15th. Schedule — Mass at 8:00 a.m. in the parish church; breakfast to be served in the Bavarian Room, Elizabeth. Committee in charge of arrangements includes Ray Zabita, Casimir Cheponis and Charles Rusteika.

We have been presenting a Minstrel Show every two years. This year's Minstrel will take place on Saturday, April 25th and May 2nd at the Lithuanian Liberty Hall. Admission \$1.00. The experienced and well-versed Charles Oskutis, General Chairman will direct the Show. Bill Senkus is in charge of the Ad and Booster Committee, with Raymond Zabita, Casimir Cheponis and Charles Rusteika, assistants. Refreshments Joseph Degutis; Ticket Committee headed by Ann Mitchell and Ann Staboris; **Publicity** — Bill Senkus and Aloysius Rudzitas; **Stage Committee** — John Oskutis and Victor York. Minstrel rehearsals to begin Sunday, March 15th and every Sunday afternoon thereafter (3:00 p.m.) and Tuesdays (8:00 p.m.).

We expect all members to attend our council's annual mass on April 19th.

Plans for organizing Juniors and to visit the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville, N. Y. were discussed.

Rev. Dr. John Starkus was appointed Administrator of our parish by the Newark Archdiocese, due to the death of our pastor. **Little Susie**

DAYTON, OHIO COUNCIL 96

The first official meeting of 1953 resulted in the following election of new officers: Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Walter Katarskis; President, Michael Petkus; Vice-President, Charles Vangas; Recording Secretary, Mary Ann Ambrose; Financial Secretary, Petronella Zelinskas; Treasurer, Frank Gudelis. Congratulations! We know that each of you will do your part.

Our council began the New Year with a party at Charlie and Frances Vangas' home.

Congratulations are extended to Michael and Fran Petkus on their recent marriage. We are very happy to have you in our midst Fran.

Another nice Lithuanian marriage is resulting from our Dayton convention, Stanley Vaitkus of our council to Helen Avizinis of Providence, R. I. (103). They will be married some time in June.

Our recent visitors were Betty Tucker and Johnny Dugan of Chicago and Carl Gobis and Rudy Sakal of Detroit. We hope they enjoyed their stay.

A & P

BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY COUNCIL 67

May we thank all those who attended our Harvest Dance. The turnout was marvelous and we are very grateful for the splendid cooperation.

Kay Miskewitz has temporarily resigned from the K. of L. until such time as she has completed her studies at the Bayonne School of Nursing. Kay has chosen a wise career and we all wish her lots of luck in her new endeavor.

To Beatrice Krizenowski: Hurry up and get well, we all miss you a great deal.

Congratulations to:

Mildred Brunza on her engagement to Ralph: (hope her happiness is as bright as her ring).

Ruth Sedvydis on her marriage to Vyt Kavlious on December 27th, 1952.

Gloria Mack on her birthday January 8th.

Helen Maculaitis on her birthday January 11th.

Stacia Razilawech on her birthday January 22nd.

Connie

ATHOL, MASS. COUNCIL 10

The first and biggest social of 1953 was the Winter Carnival held Feb. 1st at Tully Brook Inn. At the pre-carnival dance held Saturday evening, Lithuanian Club, there were members from So. Boston, Cambridge, Providence, Norwood, Lawrence, Worcester and of course Athol. A special hall was reserved downstairs for K. of L. members. It was here that kapusty and hot dogs were prepared by Aldona Butkus and Mary Anne Rodski, chief chefs, and are complimented for it.

We thank Lennie Davidonis for playing host to a group of party-seekers after the dance. It was here that Frank Anoris proved himself to be the life of the party. Everyone enjoyed his "demonstration of the use of firearms" — except poor John Talakowski.

The Carnival opened officially Sunday with a dinner. Father Bruno Mazukna, spiritual advisor, was the guest speaker.

Congratulations to John Towski and his partner for winning the balloon race and to Angie Sarapas for showing such dexterity in finding and putting on her own shoes blindfolded!

We sympathize with Pauline Rimas, Anne Marcinkevich and Stanley of Norwood for injuries received on the ice.

We thank Lennie Davidonis and Frank Anoris for the lovely movies which were shown after supper. The most popular reel was the film taken at last year's Winter Carnival. The group singing between reels was enjoyed by all. The songs were led under the versatile directions of Aldona Butkus and John Towski — with Frank Anoris soloist.

Personality of the month

We extend our congratulations to Stanley Sargut (Gardner), our newly-elected vice president. He joined our council only a year ago and from the very outset proved to be a man with enthusiasm and ability. During the year he served on several committees and was delegate to the district convention in Brockton. Much of the success of the winter Carnival was due to his efforts as chairman of the Entertainment Committee. We realize that our council has a valuable asset in its new vice president!

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SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 17

At our February meeting many members donated toys for the children in Jamaica, B.W.I. At a recent whist party, Fr. Jackmauh stated that his parishioners' children didn't have any toys to play with so our council came to the rescue.

Florida had a special attraction for several of our members: Frank Yonika and Larry Svelnis spent a few weeks tanning themselves; Aldona Norvilas spent the month of February in the land of sunshine.

Mary Yelmokas left for Washington, D. C., to take a Civil Service position; Rita Stakutis has been appointed by Governor Herter to his staff of secretaries. Best of luck to both our career girls.

News about our servicemen — Roland Martinkus (Fort Dix, N. J.) spent a few days' leave in New York; Stanley Yelmokas arrived safely in Korea; and Vyto Markelionis left for overseas duty.

For once no one broke a leg or an arm during the Ski week-end held at Woodbound Inn. Of course, there were many bruises. In going down an icy slope, Ed Rudis suffered minor bruises as well as a broken ski. John Contons looked like a professional skater cutting out figure eights on the ice. Tobogganing enthusiasts were Frannie Poskus, Virginia Kleponis and Joan Kleponis. Working up good appetites by hiking through the woods were Evelyn Bender, Alice Laudansky and Mary Kleponis. Richard Lizdinis, John Olevitz, John Daniels, Milly Vallis, Albina Yankum and Ann Kleponis spent most of their time skiing.

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.

COUNCIL 41

Our Christmas Day dance was a big success. Thanks to all our members who pitched in and worked hard.

It was a pleasant surprise to notice that six prospective K. of L. members attended our January meeting, namely: Albina Jesinskas, Anne Schwabas, Joanne Brazionis, Anthony Kiveta, Anthony Snieckus and Joseph Zaltuskey.

Several members are interested in bowling, so we intend to get together in the very near future to test our skill.

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Officers for 1953 (elected in January) are: Rev. John Pakalniškis, spiritual adviser; Joseph Boley, pres.; Adele Bobin, vice president; Johanna Zemaitis, secretary; John Andrews, treasurer. We hope, with God's help, the newly-elected officers will work faithfully to achieve the aims of the K. of L. and make 1953 a banner year for Brooklyn 41.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Al Cilcius and Florence Valungis on their marriage January 10th.

J. A.

CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 36

Easter greetings to all K. of L.'ers! It was a cold, rainy night in February when our council held its regular meeting, but the members who attended were rewarded. They saw an excellent movie, "Campus Rhythm" and a Woody Woodpecker cartoon. Our thanks to Ernie Petkunas for the movie.

We had many convalescent members this past month: Boo Paukstis, Aldona Kaminskas and Irene Sankus.

Congratulations to Adolph Staisunas and his bride, Lucille of Council 112. We now hope she will be most active in our council.

The membership drive is on again. We want our council to be on the top this year, so let's all bring a new member to the next meeting. Remember! There is a surprise in store for

the member who sponsors the most new members.

\$64 Question of the Month! Is it true that Aldona Kaminskas plans to be wed this June? Congratulations, Al and Gar! **Red-Wing**

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 116

St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast. Those in charge of the affair were Billy Burdulis, Marion Siaurys, Eddie Tamulevicius, Dorothy Sinkavich, Phil Beinor, Walter Luikey and Richard Yucatonis.

A banquet was held in the church hall for the parish choir members. Those attending from C-116 were Frank Butkevich, Helen Gvazdauskas, Aldona Pauliukaitis, Mary and Irene Balukonis, Dot Sinkavich, Irene Platukis, Al Krasinskas, Julia Sinkavich, Mr. and Mrs. Aiksnoras, Bernice Burdulis and Mary Klimkaitis.

It was good to see Al Beinor, just out of the Navy, at our February meeting. Welcome back, Al.

It is reported that Dick Wackell, honor graduate from Holy Cross College, has been made head of one of the departments at Montgomery and Ward's Hagerstown, Maryland. Wish you continued success, Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hart (Evelyn Paluses) were blessed with a baby girl. Congrats to you three from all of us. **"Taradaika"**

Ohio-Michigan District Convention

April 11 and 12, 1953

HOST: Detroit, Michigan (102)

SATURDAY 10:00 a. m. REGISTRATION

12:00 noon — LEADERSHIP TRAINING and GET-TOGETHER SOCIAL

6:30 p. m. — OPERETTA and DANCE

"APKALBOS ir MEILĖ presented by CLEVELAND, OHIO (25) THEATRICAL GROUP.

SUNDAY 11:00 a. m. — SOLEMN HIGH MASS.

Commemorating 40th Anniversary of Knights of Lithuania.

2:00 p. m. — BUSINESS SESSION

5:00 p. m. — BANQUET, commemorating 40th Anniversary of K. of L.

Registration — Get-together — Leadership training Business Session to be held in the Sheraton — Cadillac Hotel (formerly Book - Cadillac)

Council 102 cordially invites every K. of L. member, both in the district and outside, to participate in this enjoyable week-end.