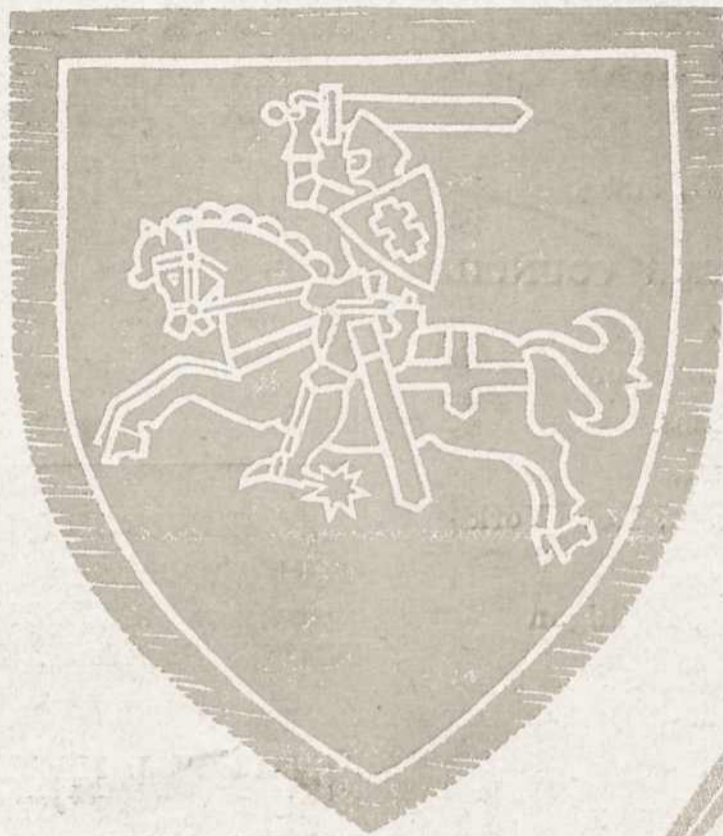


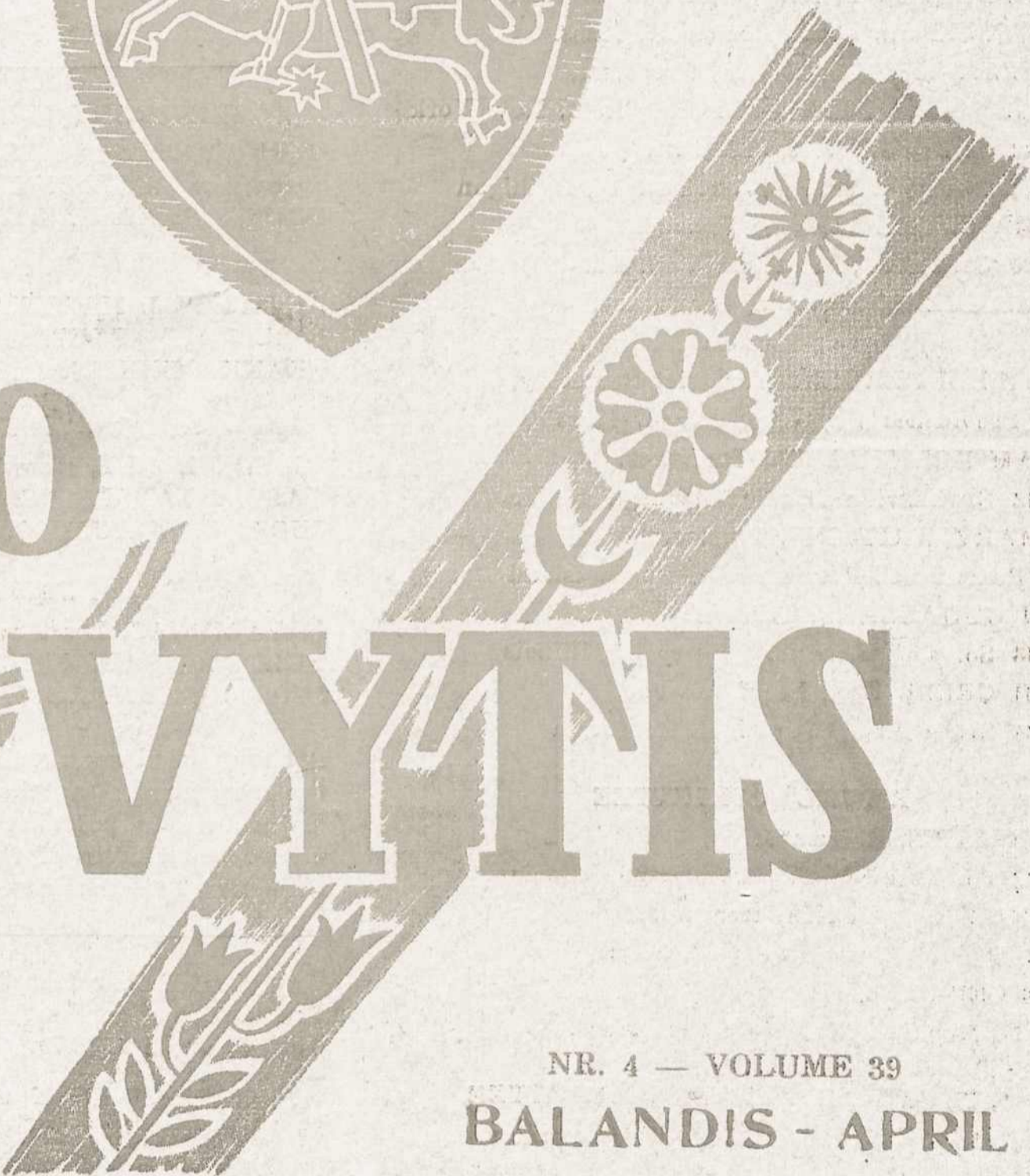
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ALELIUJA!

Alfa Sušinskas

Didžiojo šeštadienio mišiomis Katalikų Bažnyčia užgieda linksmą ir nuotaikingą aleliuja, kuris yra hebraiškas žodis, reiškias "garbinkite Viešpatį." Visas velykinis laikotarpis Bažnyčios liturgijoje įvairiomis progomis dažnai vartoja šį džiaugsmo žodį.

Kodėl Bažnyčia džiaugiasi Velykomis? Todėl, kad Velykos yra ypatingasis krikščionybės įvykis, primenąs Viešpaties Jėzaus Kristaus prisikėlimą iš numirusiųjų.

Prisikeldamas iš numirusiųjų, Dieviškasis Išganytojas parodė, kad Jis yra Visagalis Dievas, savo rankoje turįs visą galią ir valdžią danguje ir žemėje.

Katalikai švenčia Velykas labai iškilmingai. Taip tikrai tinka, taip ir reikia.

Po gražiomis velykinėmis apeigomis ir po šviesiomis velykinėmis iškilmėmis glūdi labai gili prasmė.

Velykos yra ne vien Viešpaties Jėzaus prisikėlimas iš numirusiųjų; jos yra ir nurodymas kiekvienam krikščioniui, kad jis prisikeltų iš savo buvusio gal ir nevisai šviesaus gyvenimo ir kad jis savo prisikėlusiu nauju gyvenimu galėtų šviesti kartu su Viešpačiu... Tikra evangelinė Velykų dvasia yra tampriai susijusi su dvasiniu žmogaus prisikėlimu iš savo praeities. Dėl to negali džiaugtis tikru krikščionišku džiaugsmu tas, kieno tik lūpos gieda aleliuja Velykose, o širdis su visu savo gyvenimu lieka nepasikeitusi ir neprisikėlusė iš nuodėmės gyvenimo; tikras krikščionis sutinka Velykų rytą persikeitusia ir paruošta širdimi. Tik šitoks būdamas, jis gali džiaugtis tikruoju velykiniu džiaugsmu.

Velykos yra laimėjimo ir gyvenimo šventė.

Viešpaties Jėzaus dieviškoji kančia ir kryžiaus mirtis nenuėjo niekais: tuo Jis atpirko žmoniją. Savo dieviška mirtimi Išganytojas įrodė, kad po Jo mirties mirtis nebeteko savo galios. Jis taip pat įrodė, kad žmogaus šventai kenčiamos kančios veda žmogų į šviesų amžiną pomirtinį gyvenimą. Viešpaties prisikėlimu iš numirusiųjų tapo sunaikinta nuodėmės ir mirties galia. Dabar žmogus gali aiškiai suprasti, kad jis yra skirtas gy-



venimui, ir ne vien laikiniam, bet ir, svarbiausia, amžiniam, neturinčiam laiko pabaigos.

Viešpaties Jėzaus žodžiai "kas tiki į mane, tas gyvens per amžius" yra gražieji ir linksmieji gyvenimo žodžiai, kuriuos Jis pats patvirtino savo prisikėlimu iš numirusiųjų.

Mūsų džiaugsmas Velykomis yra didis ir šventas. Velykos atidaro mums naujo gyvenimo duris.

Velykos mus padrąsina ir įkvėpia nebijoti tų, kurie užmuša kūną, bet sielos negali paliesti. Velykos yra tikroji dieviškoji šviesa, kuri nušviečia mums rytojajus kelius; o tas kelias yra tas, kuriuo mes turime eiti naujais žmonėmis, apsiplovusiais Dieviškojo Avinėlio krauju ir apsišvietusiais Jo prisikėlimo spinduliais. Aleliuja!

One Knight's Thoughts

About Conventions

I've been thinking recently about conventions, that is, K. of L. Conventions, both district and national. The conclusions that I've reached are a bit on the dark side, but I promise you I'll try to throw some light on them at the end of this article. But first, one word of warning. These are my own opinions and the Editors of "Vytis" must not be held responsible for them.

Do you know, I consider conventions as get-togethers for a very definite purpose, namely, to discuss and make plans and discover ways and means of carrying out our organization's ideals. Yet, you know as well as the next K. of L'er that 85% of the delegates act as though meeting old friends, pleasure, the dance is the main idea of the convention. Right?

Hours are wasted in greetings and speeches wishing us success that there is no time for the hard work of planning and discussing that will bring about the success that these well-wishers wish us!

I don't know . . . but we've got to be practical!

Officers' reports are usually well prepared, but many times you can see as clearly as the nose on your face, that they are **padding**. It is unjust to **pad** an expense account, it is not fair to **pad** an officers' report. Do you want to know what I mean by padding? Well, "dirbau, kiek galėjau" is one famous fluffy pad. Get what I mean? That phrase or sentence says nothing, yet **tells** a lie.

At Old Business, debate will get snarled at some insignificant point and business will halt for an hour or so. Precious time goes flying away.

New Business is perhaps the best joke of them all. No one has any New Business. Everybody just looks at each other and just keeps "MUM." Frequently, there are no new ideas, no new plans, not even discontentment with old plans. The Resolutions Committee comes to the rescue and a few resolutions are rushed through . . . and we have had a successful convention!

Oh yes, then comes the election of officers. Almost always, a terrific struggle ensues to get someone to accept a nomination. No one seems to want to serve, or want to sacrifice themselves for the ideal.

All in all, the proceedings lack the spark of life, that touch of the high ideals of youth in our conventions.

Now, having seen the darker side, let's get a flashlight and take a look at what a convention could or should be. Please remember, these ideas are mine. They may not be worth two cents. Yet any idea is worth considering once. Think them over, before discarding them. . . . but I hope they will not be discarded.

Point One: There should be a strict time limit on oral greetings. If greetings come in written, they should be tacked on an appropriate bulletin board. Now, do not get me wrong. We respect our elders and we appreciate their remarks. But, I feel that if they would be with us for the session and take the floor six times for five minutes each on six different issues, and give us the fruit of their experience and wisdom . . . they would feel happier, and we would be wiser and make greater progress.

Point Two: The permanent Executive Board of the convention in question (either Supreme Council or District) should send out to the local councils a brief digest of the questions to be treated and discussed at the convention, so that each council could instruct their delegates on how they should vote on certain matters. As it stands now, the delegates by voting commit their councils, yet nothing is done by the council to carry out the conclusions adopted by the convention.

Point Three: Officers' Reports should always be mimeographed and distributed before the first session, so that the delegates can see exactly what was accomplished and be prepared to question the officers on specific points.

Point Four: There should be a healthy rivalry between councils and districts to put their own members into District or Supreme Council executive positions. Suitable candidates should be found beforehand, who have expressed their willingness to serve, who will accept nomination without question. Election of officers should not be a two-hour job, the last session or hour of the convention. A list of members willing to serve on the Supreme Board should be available at the beginning of the convention, so that delegates may get to know the persons involved and judge their capabilities as they participate in the convention activities.

There may be other points that need looking into . . . but my batteries have run down. Maybe, I'll give you a report of the New England district convention, with no punches pulled.

Vytiškai, VYTUKS NEMAŽUKS



Ignas Sakalas

Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

(tęsa)

5-JI KUOPA, CHICAGO, ILL.

5-ji kuopa Chicagoj (North Side) įsteigta 1914 metais gegužės 7 d. būriui tautiečių susirinkus spaudos atgavimo Lietuvoje 10 metų sukakčiai paminėti. Sumanytojais to buvo: kun. F. Kudirka, studentai: K. Pakštas, P. Juras, A. Rakauskas; veikėjai: M. Mažeikaitė, A. Rugienis, A. Bacevičius ir k.

Pirmam susirinkime susirašė 16 narių, iš kurių išrinkta valdyba: pirm. J. Žiekaitis, vicepirm. A. Rugienis, sekr. K. Pakštas, išd. M. Dambrauskaitė, fin. sekr. M. Stankevičiūtė, išdo glob. J. Sodaitis, tvarkdarys M. Mažeika. Dvasios vadu pakviestas kun. F. Kudirka.

Susirinkimus nutarta laikyti kas savaitę ir juos pajvairinti prakalbomis bei skaitymais žymesniųjų rašytojų veikalų, pav. Maironio "Jaunoji Lietuva." Įteigti vakariniai kursai, sudarytas choras. Sekančiais metais įsteigtas knygynas, kuriuo galėjo naudotis ne tik vyčiai, bet visi parapiečiai.

Kuopa buvo nepaprastai didelis parapijos ramstis. Neskaitant vakarų, kuriuos ruošdavo parapijos naudai, 1919 m. parapijos bazare kuopa padarė gryno pelno \$515.00.

Lietuvos nepriklausomybės darbuose kuopa su savo veikėjais buvo vadas kolonijoj. Į Lietuvių Politinį Seimą, (1914 m.) New Yorke, kur buvo įsteigtas Tautos Fondas, kuopa buvo pasiuntus net penkis atstovus, ir paaukojo pirmą auką \$52. (100 rublių). Kuopos ir narių dosnumą Tėvynės aukurai pavaizduos faktas, kad 1918 m. aukų

sudėta \$527.00, o vėliau, sudarius Lietuvos Pas-kolos Bonų Komitetą iš 19 narių, kurių 11 buvo vyčiai, jie patys išpirko ir kitiems pardavė bonų už \$3,500.00.

Kultūriniais, labdaros ir organizacijos reika-lams kuopa taip pat buvo dosni. Yra aukojus Lie-tuvių Kolegijai steigti, Labd. Są-gai įnešė \$100 nario mokestį. Aukojo Lietuvos Pavasarinin-kams, Gen. Žukausko Kardo Fondui, Laurinaitės Paminklo Fondui ir k. Savo laikraščiu "Vyčiui" palaikyti, taip pat spaustuvei steigti kuopa irgi šimtus dol. yra paaukojus.

Scenos meno — vaidinimų srityje 5-tai kuopai nebuvo lygios visoj organizacijoj. Iš didesnių scenos veikalų galima suminėti sekančius: "Nas-tutė" (atvaid. 1915 m.), "Betliejaus stainelė" (1916 m.), "Politika" ir "Genovaitė" (1917 m.), "Jono širdis", "Kantri Alena" (1919m.), "Bolše-vikai" (1921 m.), "Nervai" (1922 m.), "Gyveni-mo verpete", "Avinėlis nekalčiausias", "Nepap-rastas siuvėjas" (1923 m.), "Betliejaus stainelė" ir "Į balą kritęs sausas nekelsi" (1924m.), "Inte-ligentai" ir "Dėdė atvažiavo" (1925 m.), "Prohi-bicijos darželis" (1926 m.). Daugelį šių veikalų kartojo kitose kuopose. Žymiausiai aktorais bu-vo: P. ir E. Maskolaičiai, P. Sriubas, A. Rugie-nius, J. Lebežinskas, A. Bacevičius, V. Rėkus, P. Mureika, J. Valaitis, F. Nausėdaitė, E. Urboniū-tė, Mikužiūtės, V. Strioga ir k. Režisoriais buvo P. Maskolaitis ir P. Sriubas. Kuopa taip pat yra išleidus kun. J. Juro parašytą scenos veikalą "Kantri Alena", kurią nekarta ir atvaidino.

40TH K. OF L. CONVENTION COMMITTEE



South Boston, Mass., Council 17, hosts. (Left to right, standing) Rita Shatas, Eleanor Daniels, Aldona Jacobs, Alice Laudausky, Diane Shatas, Patricia Akluė, Larry Svelnis, Winny Skudris, Lillian Romanskas, Julian Arlauskas, Aldona Norvilas, Alexander Akule, (Seated) John Daniels, Joseph Ginkus, Father Albert J. Contons, Father A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., John Olevitz and Dr. Juozas Leimonas. Hotel Statler, Boston, convention headquarters. Time — August 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1953.

Kuopa taipgi turėjo stiprią sporto sekciją, kurioj veikė atskiros basebolo, krepšinio ir bowlingo rinktinės, nekartą laimėjusios pirmenybes Lietuvos Vyčių Chicagos Apskrities Lygoje. Sportininkams vadovavo Al. Manstavičius, J. Kaminškas ir k.

Kuopai pirmininkavo sekantieji veikėjai: A. Bacevičius, klier. P. Juras, A. Mureika, kun. F. Kudirka, M. Mažeika, A. Rugienius, Al. Manstavičius, P. Valaitis, adv. K. Savickas, J. Kupčiūnas, E. Sinkevičiūtė. Iš jų ilgiausiai yra pirmininkavęs A. Mureika, o išdininku, ir dabar tebėra — J. Lebežinskas.

Kilus Antram pasauliniam karui ir JAV pašaukus jaunus vyrus į ginklo gretas, kaip daugelis kitų kuopų, taip ir 5-ji buvo apmirus ir taip išbuvo keletą metų iki paskatintas jau čia augęs jaunimas 1949 metais kuopą atgaivino. Dabar iš naujo, senųjų narių pavyzdžiu, kuopa gražiai darbuojasi obalsiu Dievui ir Tėvynei.

6-JI KUOPA HARTFORDE, CONN.

Kuopa įsteigta 1913 m. sausio 19 d. Iš pradžių vadinos šv. Kazimiero Jaunikaičių Draugija, bet sekančių metų gegužės 18 d. priėmė Lietuvos Vyčių vardą ir centras jai davė nr. 6.

Įsisteigus kuopa turėjo 40 narių. Iki Pirmojo pasaulinio karo narių skaičius buvo išaugęs iki

170. Karui užsiliepsnojus ir JAV jin išitraukus, daug narių buvo pašaukti į kariuomenę ir kuopa buvo gerokai sumažėjus.

Susirinkimus kuopa laikydavo kas mėnuo. Kasmet suruošdavo po keletą vakarų, prakalbų, buvo įsteigus knygyną, veikė vakariniai kursai.

Lietuvos laisvės reikalams kuopa yra aukojus šimtus dolerių, taip pat Lietuvos kultūrinėms reikalams. Lietuvos Laisvės Paskolos bonų nariai buvo išpirkę už daugiau kaip \$2,000.

Pastoviai veikė dramos sekcija, sporto rateliai.

Kun. Dr. J. Navickas, MIC., dr. J. J. Bielskis, Ant. Kneizys, buv. "Darbininko" redaktorius, kun. S. Kneizys ir kiti žymūs Amerikos lietuvių veikėjai yra buvę šios kuopos nariai.

Kuopa ir atskiri nariai daug yra prisidėję prie steigimo "Vyties" spaustuvės.

Prel. J. Ambotas, parapijos klebonas, nuo pat jaunų organizacijos dienų buvo vienas didžiausių rėmėjų žodžiu ir pinigineis aukomis. Kiti kuopos ir organizacijos šulai: A. Pateckis, J. Šiaučiūnas, kun. A. A. Vaškelis, M. Pateckaitė, T. Motiejūnas, R. Žekiūtė, O. Stravinskaitė, V. Jurnas, J. Kamauskaitė, M. Labeckiūtė, V. Lebeckas, K. Tamošiūnas, Ivanauskas, K. Kručas, S. Rinkevičius. Didžiuma jų buvo žymūs scenos mėgėjai.

(Bus daugiau)



GOVERNOR HERTER, after administering the oath of office to Susanne R. Shallna, who is starting her third term as member of the Board of Review, Massachusetts Division of Employment Security, and Special Justice Harold S. Magnuson, wishes them success in their positions. Mrs. Shallna, wife of the Lithuanian Consul of Boston, was the first woman lawyer of Lithuanian descent in the United States and the only Lithuanian woman now serving in a quasi judicial position. Her activities are nation wide as speaker and lecturer. She had been Chairman of International Relations for the National Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, and had been their delegate to the International Congress in Paris and recently in Holland. She is also a past president of the Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers and is listed in "Who's Who is the East."

THE THREE-DAY INSTITUTE

The Boston Institute on National Immigration Policy, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston and Boston College, took place at the John Hancock Hall, Boston, February 6, 7 and 8, 1953. At the Saturday afternoon's Panel Discussion, those participating were Rev. R. J. McEwen, Boston College School of Business Administration, V. P. Wright, Rev. P. W. Facey, S. J., Department of Sociology, Holy Cross College, Rev. W. L. Lucey, S. J., Department of International Relations, Holy Cross College. Rev. Albert C. Abracinskaskas of St. Peter's Lithuanian parish, presided over the Panel Discussion and Attorney John J. Grigalus, graduate of B. C. Law School, presented the Lithuanian point of view on the McCarran-Walter Act. In some respects, it appears that the Act is detrimental to us as a nation and needlessly disadvantageous and discriminatory in regard to peoples of certain nationalities who are in dire need of the help we might give them. at the opening session, The Most Rev. R. J. Cushing, D. D., Archbishop of Boston, stressed the purpose of the Institute and his general topic was Europe's Tragedy. The three-day Institute was enthusiastically attended by various nationality groups.



THE CROWN OF THORNS

Though thorns of sorrow often pain,
May they purge all thoughts that are vain;
May all the motives in our mind
Be for God's glory, and mankind.

Let us compare Christ's thorn-filled years
With our small part of pains and tears.
May all our fears, from doubts attained
Find confidence in Christ regained.

May human wills unite with Thine
Through sacrifice and grace divine.
May all souls find frequent reunion
With our Creator in Communion.

All thorns, through history reknown
Teach us the value of that crown.
Beyond our thorns, bloom out our roses,
For, through sorrows, true joy reposes.

Frank N. Pensive (C-78, Lawrence)



CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Mayor Joseph A. DeGuglielmo issued a Proclamation February 16, 1953 on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Declaration of Lithuania's Independence. Standing (l. to r.) are Rev. Joseph Naudziunas of the Immaculate Conception Church, spiritual advisor; John Towski, president of Knights of Lithuania Council 18, Peter Puzin, treasurer, John Zukas, vice president, Mildred Wilcinski and Al Marcin of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja Ignas Sakalas

Su šiuo numeriu "Vytyje" pasirodo Vyčių Sendraugių Skyrius. Jis atsirado Vyčių Garbės nario ir Vyčių Istorijos Redaktoriaus Igno Sakalo iniciatyva. Jis sutiko šį skyrių ir redaguoti. Už tai mes esam p. Ignui Sakalui giliai dėkingi. Visų Vyčių prašome jam nuoširdžiai talkininkauti.

"Vyties" Redakcija

VYČIAI SENDRAUGIAI ČIKAGOJE

Lietuvos Vyčių sendraugių (seniors) kuopa Chicagoy yra stipriausias vienetas Illinois-Indiana valstijų apskrityje. Kuopon yra susibūrę ne tik pirmieji organizacijos steigėjai, jos ugdytojai Chicagoy, bet daug ir senosios lietuvių kartos veikėjų. Šiomet, minant organizacijos gyvavimo 40 metų sukaktį, sendraugiai žada dėti pastangų sukviesti kuopon visus Chicagos vyčių veteranus, kurių dar apščiai yra visose lietuvių kolonijose.

Kaip vienetas tvarkosi

Sendraugių kuopa laikosi organizacijos konstitucijos, kaip ir visos kuopos. Taigi ji yra pilnateisis organizacijos vienetas. Tačiau sendraugiai turi ir savo statutą, kurio laikosi narių priėmimo, mokesčių ir kaikuriuose kituose reikaluose. Pavyzdžiui, sulyg statuto, nariais į sendraugius primami asmens ir jaunesnio amžiaus. Jaunesniams patariama rašytis į jaunių kuopas ir jose veikti. Jei kandidatas į sendraugių kuopą gyvena kolonijoje, kur veikia jaunių kuopa, jam patariama pagrindinį organizacijos mokesčių mokėti per ją, tai yra jis skaitosi tos kuopos narys, o sumokėjęs nustatytą mokesčių sendraugių išdui, jam suteikiamos nario teisės. Jei kandidatas gyvena kolonijoje, kur nėra jaunių kuopos, tuomet jis tiesiog įsirašo į sendraugių kuopą, organizacijos mokesčių moka per sendraugių išdą. Kiekvienas narys nemokamai gauna "Vyti". Sendraugių žmonos tik-

tai pirmą metą moka organizacijos ir sendraugių nario mokestį. Toliau jos moka tikrai organizacijos mokestį, o nuo sendraugių mokesčio yra paliosuotos, tačiau kuopoj turi visas teises, taip ir vyrai.

Realizuoja vyčių svajonę

Įsisteigus vyčių sendraugių kuopa tuojau pajuto, kaip neturėjimas savo būklo (namo, salės) trukdo visokį organizacinį ir kultūrinį veikimą. Vadovaujančių narių tarpe kilo mintis įsigyti nuosavą namą, apie kurį vyčiai pradėjo svajoti prieš dvidešimt penkeris metus ir buvo net įsteigę Namų Fondą. Svajonė tačiau paliko svajone, o Namų Fondo pinigai buvo sunaudoti kitiems organizacijos reikalams.

Sumanymas įsigyti nuosavą namą rado pritarimą ir Chicagos apskrityje, todėl sudarytas komitetas nupirko nemažą namą (2451-3 West 47th St.), kurį galima betkada praplėsti—pratesiant ir dastatant antrąjį augštą. Iš dviejų didelių krautuvų padaryta salė, o iš trečios paskutinėmis dienomis baigta įrengti Vyčių Ramovė (poilsio užėiga). Vyčių namas šiuo metu pasidarė lietuvių (senosios kartos ir naujųjų) organizacijų susirinkimų, pobūvių ir kulūtrinių subūvimų centras. Ateityje namas bus, kaip minėjau, praplėstas, salė ir kitos patalpos padidintos. Kiek girdėti, į Chicagos vyčių namą bus perkeltas ir visas organizacijos archyvas. Šiuo metu namas įkainuojamas \$30,000.00.

Namą globoja sendraugių ir Chicagos apskričio sudarytas penkių asmenų direktoriatas: Vincent Ed. Pavis (jaunosios kartos veikėjas, priklausęs sendraugiams) pirmininkas, Jack Juozaitis (taip pat jaunosios kartos veikėjas, buvęs Centro pirmininkas ir Ritualo Komisijos narys, taip pat priklausęs sendraugiams) sekretorius, Jonas Kass (veiklus sendraugių valdybos narys) išdininku, Ignas Sakalas (sendraugių steigėjas ir J. Jasulaitis (dabartinis Illinois-Indiana apskrieties pirmininkas) nariai. Namų-salės užvaizda—menedžerium yra žymus Brighton Park veikėjas ir sendraugių valdyboj ilgametis išdininkas Vincas Paukštis, o Ramovės patarnautoja — kita uoli brightonparkietė veikėja ir pavyzdinga sendraugių Vaišių Komisijos narė E. Širvinskienė.

Salės ir Ramovės remontui daugiausiai yra laiko pašventę ir už tai jokio atlyginimo nereikalauję: J. Juozaitis, K. Zaromskis, A. Petrulis, J. Kerulis, V. Paukštis, Vincas Ed. Pavis, K. Petrulienė, E. Širvinskienė, E. Motekaitienė, T. Norbutienė ir kiti—visi sendraugiai nariai-ės.

Naujoji valdyba

Praėjusiais metais sendraugių kuopai gražiai pirmininkavo P. Čižauskas, vienas pirmųjų organizacijos veikėjų Chicagoj ir Sheboygane (Wis.) ir atgaivintojas 16-tos kp. Chicagoj (po Pirmojo pasaulinio karo) ir jai pirmininkavęs, vadovavęs. Finansų sekretorė per keletą paskutiniųjų metų buvo P. Zakaraitė, sendraugių ir jaunių 36-tos kuopos veikėja.

Šiomet P. Čižauskui atsisakius, pirmininku išrinktas Ign. Sakalas, sendraugių kuopos steigėjas, o finansų sekretorės pareigos atiteko S. Pavieni, žymiai Cicero vyčių jaunių ir sendraugių veikėjai. Vice pirmininkai taip pat nauji: A. Bacevičius, vienas žymiausių senosios kartos Chicagos lietuvių veikėjų, ir E. Širvinskienė, Brighton Parko veikėja. Savo pareigose pasiliko sekretorius Kaz. Paukštys, kuris neseniai atvykęs iš tremties ir įsirašęs į sendraugius tiek susigyveno su senaisiais lietuviais, kad nebegalima jo atskirti nuo senesniųjų lietuvių veikėjų. Išdininku pasiliko taip pat ilgametis tose pareigose prekybininkas V. Paukštis, kurio žmona priklauso sendraugių kuopai, o vaikai — jaunių 36-tai kuopai (koks pavyzdys!). Išdo globėjais išrinkti E. Motekaitienė ir Jonas Kass, taipgi žymūs sendraugiai. Ritualo Komisijos pirmininku išrinktas Garbės narys K. Zaromskis, o jam tose pareigose talkins abu kuopos sekretoriai. Pramogų Komisijon išrinktos T. Norbutienė ir E. Motekaitienė, kurios dažnai po susirinkimo suruošia vaišes. Sendraugių susirinkimai būna trumpi, rimti ir pravedami gražioje tvarkoje. Išdo stovis taip pat geras. Nežiūrint stambių aukų (Namų Fondui \$250, įvairių organizacijų kulūrinei veiklai paremti), metai baigti su netoli \$300 kasoje. Pajamų praėjusį metą sendraugiai turėjo daugiau \$700.

Užuojautos sergantiems ir mirusiųjų šeimoms

Sendraugių kuopos statute pažymėta, kad sergantis narys Ligonijų Komisijos būtų dažnai lankomas ir kartu su užuojauta įteikta ir sendraugių kuopos pinigine dovana, o nariui mirus — prie užuojautos šeimai pridedama ir mišių auka už velionies sielą.

Sveikinimai Vliko pirmininkui ir vyčių bičiuliui

Naujųjų (1953) Metų proga sendraugių kuopos susirinkime nutarta pasveikinti prel. M. Krupavičių, Vliko pirmininką, palinkinti jam sveikatos ir ištvermės atsakingose pareigose. Su sveikinimu kartu pasiūsta ir maža dovanėlė \$25. Gi vyčių bičiuliui prof. J. Eretui, Lietuvos Pavasarinin-

kų žymiam veikėjui, kurį daugelis ir senųjų vyčių pažįsta iš jo lankymosi Amerikoje (1925-26 metais), pasiūstas taip pat sveikinimas ir užprenumeruotas dienraštis "Draugas".

Džiuginanti žinia

Paskutiniame sendraugių kuopos susirinkime pirm. Ign. Sakalas pranešė, kad chicagiečių pavvyzdžiu organizuojasi vyčiai sendraugiai Detroito ir Clevelande. Ši žinia visų buvo džiaugsmingai sutikta, o vienas narių net pareiškė vilčių, kad už metų kitų gali būt sušauktas ir Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio ir Pennsylvania valstybių sendraugių suvažiavimas vidurvakarų rajonui įsteigti.

Visose lietuvių kolonijose dar daug yra organizacijos veteranų. Šių dienų jaunimui — jo susirinkimuose, sporte, pasilinksminimuose — jie jau

perseni. Bet susiorganizavę į sendraugių kuopas jie galėtų daug padėti ne tik savo kuopos jaunimui, bet ir visai organizacijai.

"Idealas — yra kuris nors didelis mūsų meilės, pagarbos ir karščiausių norų objektas", rašo P. Penkauskas savo knygoje jaunimui "Mūsų jaunuomenės idealai". Pabaigoje jis sako: "Ryte augštai iškilę skriskite prie idealo visą gyvenimą".

Ryte (jaunystėje) šių dienų vyčių sendraugių idealas buvo Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacija. Jie ją puoselėjo, jai dirbo, nes per ją dirbo Dievui ir savo krašto šviesesnei ateičiai.

Šiandien daugelio vyčių sendraugių galvas puošia jau rudens šalna, tačiau širdys tebėra tvirtos. Jos dar liepsnoja ryto (jaunatvės) troškimais. Tad susiorganizavę jie dar kartą suvaizdintų reikšmingą rolę Amerikoje lietuviškumui ir savojo krašto laisvinimui.



New England District Convention

On behalf of the New England District K. of L. I wish to extend an invitation to all district members and their guests to attend our semi-annual convention to be held at Cambridge, Massachusetts on April 26th.

A K. of L. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a. m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Windsor St., Cambridge, followed by a dinner at noon at the Lithuanian Catholic Club, 163 Harvard St. The business session will take place immediately after the dinner.

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

Vincent J. Gražulis, President
New England District

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 — Gala convention dance,
S. Boston Lithuanian Citizens' auditorium,
W. Broadway.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 — Social get-together,
Lithuanian Catholic Club hall,
163 Harvard St., Cambridge, Mass.
Open House — Cambridge Council 18
clubroom.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 —

10:00 — High Mass, Immaculate Conception Church,
Windsor St., Cambridge.
12:00 — Catered dinner, Lithuanian Catholic Hall,
163 Harvard St., Cambridge.
2:00 — Business sessions (same headquarters).
6:00 — Buffet supper and entertainment.



BASEBALL

Phil Carter

Since there is so much to write about this game of baseball, I'll just try to stick to most of the highlights and the game as we know it today.

Probably the first ballplayer was a monkey hitting a coconut with a branch or banana stalk. **Stoolball** was played in England and the name comes from milkmaids stools which were placed behind the hitter. The object was for the pitcher to try to strike the stool on a bounce before the batter would lash out at the ball and hit it.

The game of rounders was developed and brought to this country. Three players could play this game which later was called, "One Old Cat", "Town Ball", "Soak Ball", etc.

The pitcher or bowler who tossed the ball underhand to the batter or bitter, the catcher was called behind because he was behind the batter. Since bases were not invented at that time, posts or rocks served as bases. When the batter hit the ball, he ran for the post or base and back home. The player retrieving the ball would throw it at the batter and he would be out if he hit him. As more got interested, more played.

The ball caught on the first bounce was called out and if one was fortunate enough to get the ball on the fly, he was the batter and the bitter was the bowler.

The more players, the more bases were used. In some games, it was not unusual to see over thirty boys playing. The bat used was a stick or wagon spoke which the batter swung with one hand. The ball was made of yarn with strips of rubber to hold it together. There wasn't any systems, each community had their own set of rules until Alexander J. Cartwright on Sept. 23, 1845 proposed an organized league with rules, many of which he received from Carver's "Book of Sports", some of which are still being used in our modern game.

1. Bases shall be from home to second and first to third, 42 paces equidistant. (A pace is three feet)

2. The game is to consist of 21 counts or aces, but at the conclusion an equal number of hands must be played. (An ace was a run, hand out was an out, twenty one runs was the game)

3. The ball must be pitched, not thrown for the bat. (This was underhand pitching only)

4. A ball knocked outside the range of first or third base is a foul.

5. Three balls struck at and missed and the last one caught is a hand out, if not caught is considered fair and the striker bound to run.

6. A ball being struck or tipped and caught either flying or on the first bound is a hand out.

7. A player running the bases shall be out if the ball is in the hands of an adversary on the base and the runner is touched by it before he makes his base, it being understood, however, than in no instance is a ball to be thrown at him.

8. A player running who shall prevent an adversary from catching or getting the ball before making his base is a hand out.

9. Three hand outs, all out.

10. No ace or base can be made on a foul strike.

11. No base allowed when the ball bounds out of the field when struck.

The first game of baseball was played at Elysian Fields in Hoboken, New Jersey, Sunday, June 1845 in which nine men on each team participated. The umpire with a long frock coat stood near the catcher, about one third of the way to first base.

Since the pitcher had to lob or throw the ball underhand and let it go before it reached his waist, they finally got around this by hitching their pants under their armpits.

At one time, it took nine balls for the batter to get on first base and he was credited with a hit. The batter could wait and even ask for a pitch where he wanted the ball to be thrown.

Bunting was very popular. The first and third baseman stayed on the bag and let the pitcher get the ball. A square bat was used for a while. The batters used to chop down at a pitch or try to golf the ball. One year an extra player was

added and called the right shortstop, between the first and second base, but he could move around and even went behind the catcher to get at the foul balls.

In 1844, the first overhand pitch was allowed. The first players to use gloves were of flesh color and had the fingers cut out. A. G. Spalding used a dark brown glove and kept adding padding to it. The first ball player to use a mask was Fred Fyng of Harvard, a sort of fencer's mask and a few years all catchers used them.

On March 10, 1858, the first league was formed, "The National Association of Baseball Players". The National League was formed in New York on Wednesday, February 2, 1876.

That season, a league consisting of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Hartford, Chicago, Louisville, Cincinnati and St. Louis played 70 games, 3 games a week, admission 50 cents. After the third inning, 10 cents.

It wasn't unusual for a pitcher to pitch thirty or forty games. Later when Providence was in the league, Radbourne had a record of 60 wins, 18 losses, pitching in 38 consecutive games. He was 30 years old at the time and was called "Old Hoss."

Ban Johnson formed the American League on Wednesday, April 24, 1901.

This brings us up to the present time. The Boston Braves will move to Milwaukee and St. Louis Browns to Baltimore. It is the first change in 50 years of baseball.

Next month, Football.

Lietuvių Laimėjimai Šachmatuose

P. VAITONIS—Ontario Meisteris

Buvęs Lietuvos ir dabartinis Kanados meisteris Povilas Vaitonis, Hamilton, Ont. laimėjo 1953 m. Ontario provincijos pirmenybes. Dalyvavo 10 žymiausių Ontario varžovų.

Pasekmės:

1. P. Tautvaiša, Chicago 5½ - 1½
2. F. Anderson 5 - 1
3. E. Krestini 4 - 2
4. Suk, ukrainietis 4 - 2

Vaitonio laimėjimai Kanadoje, neša gražią garbę lietuvio vardui. Jo pergalių grandinė auga iš metų į metus: 1950 m. jis laimėjo Ontario pirmenybes, 1951 m. — visos Kanados p-bes, 1952 m. įveikė 1951/52 m. Ontario meisterį F. Andersoną 4½ - 1½ ir 1953 m. antrą kartą laimėjo Ontario pirmenybes.

P. Vaitonis, kaip Kanados reprezentantas, praeitą rudenį dalyvavo tarptautinėse pasaulio pirmenybėse, Švedijoje. Tiesa, jis pasirodė tenai labai kukliai, atsistodamas trečiuoju iš galo, bet pelnyjo 5 taškus iš pasaulio žinomų meisterių. Vaitonis laimėjo prieš Barcza (Vengr.) ir Sanchez (Columbia), be to su 6 baigė lygion: su Taimanov (Sov. S-ga), H. Steiner (JAV), Golombek (Angl.), Unzicker (Vok.), Wade (N. Zelandija) ir Pilnik (Argentina).

F.I.D.E. (Tarp. šachmatų federacija) suteikė P. Vaitoniui "International Master" vardą. Tokį vardą Kanadoje turi tik 2 meisteriai: Vaitonis ir Yanofsky (1946 m.).

P. TAUTVAIŠA—Illinois meisteris

Povilas Tautvaiša, Chicago, Ill., puikiai užbaigė praeitus metus, antrą kartą laimėdamas Illinois open pirmenybes. Dalyvavo 37 varžovai iš 9 valstijų.

Štai pasekmės:

- 1, P. Tautvaiša, Chicago 5½ - 1½
2. Ang. Sandrin, Chicago 5 - 1
3. Prof. Young, Madison, Wis. 5 - 1
4. A. Ludwig, Omaha, Neb. 4½ - 1½

Amerikoje, P. Tautvaiša skina pergales, kaip Vaitonis — Kanadoje. 1949 m. Tautvaiša buvo Bostono meisteris, 1950 m. — Factor Memorial turnyro laimėtojas, Chicagoje, 1951 m. Chicagos miesto ir Illinois open meisteris ir 1952 m. antrą kartą Illinois open meisteris.

K. MERKIS—Eastern Division Meisteris

Kazys Merkis, So. Boston, Mass., užbaigė 1950 m. GRAND NATIONAL korespondencinių pirmenybių antrąjį ratą, laimėdamas pirmą vietą Eastern Division su 10 1 taškų, kartu laimėdamas aukso medalį.

Šitose pirmenybėse dalyvauja daugiau 700 Amerikos žaidėjų. Į GRAND NATIONAL pirmenybių baigmę (trečią ratą) įeis tik 8 Divisions nugalėtojai nuo Southern, Western, California, New York - Pennsylvania ir kt. Taigi, Amerikos pirmenybių baigmėje kovos ir mūsų tautietis Kazys Merkis, Eastern meisteris.

R. ARLAUSKAS baigia laimėti Australijos pirmenybes

Romanas Arlauskas, Grassmere, So. Australia, dalyvauja Australijos korespondencinėse pirmenybėse ir eina pirmuoju. Jo paskutinė partija su Darragh, greičiausia, baigsis lygiomis. Arlauskas turi daug vilčių tapti Australijos meisteriu.

Oficialus Skyrius

A New Council

On March 14, 1953, Knights of Lithuania Council 92 of Niagara Falls, New York was re-established. This council had been out of existence for more than a quarter of a century, with the exception of a brief period in 1941-1942 when it was nominally on the rolls with 3 members in good standing. The reorganized council will also include members from Buffalo, New York and Niagara Falls, Canada, thus bringing the K. of L. back to an international position for the first time since the council at Montreal, Canada was active many years ago.

Credit for the re-organization of Council 92 goes to Frank Petrauskas. Although he is a comparatively recent K. of L. member himself, he has the spirit of Lithuanianism which is rarely found even in our veteran members, and spent much time and effort in re-activating this council.

This accomplishment should make us reevaluate our position in general. In recent years, how many of the leaders of our organization, particularly those holding the positions of authority and prestige, have anything to show in the way of organizing or re-organizing councils? The names are few indeed. Herein lies the reason why we are not progressing, although the field is wide and the need is great for expanding the activities of our worthy organization. This question should receive the most serious attention at the forthcoming national convention.

It was the writer's privilege to be of some assistance to Frank Petrauskas in his fine work. We are very proud of him and the good Lithuanian people of the Niagara Falls — Buffalo area who are joining us, and we extend to them a very hearty welcome.

Frank Gudelis

— ATTENTION —

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

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THE DRIVE IS ON

The K. of L. membership drive has passed the half-way mark and is fast approaching the end, which is **May 31, 1953**. This year there will be three council and three individual awards. All members writing up five or more new members will be awarded Certificates of Merit. I might just remind all the K. of L'ers that acquiring new members can help them in earning your Ritual.

Who will win the "Tėvas Norkūnas Trophy" this year? Council 26, Worcester, Mass. is determined to retain the trophy for the second consecutive year. Last year's close runner-up, Council 19, Pittsburgh, Pa. will not be out done this year. Worcester Council 116 did a great job last year and I am sure will give Council 26 a good fight. Our good host of the coming convention, South Boston, Council 17 declared itself not be overshadowed by anyone in the New England district. The weather forecasters have been telling of a great disturbance over the Illinois-Indiana area and are hesitating to make any predictions, except to say that there is a great deal of activity going on. Tribes from Ohio and Michigan are gathering for a great Power with the intent of winning the wampum. I have been informed that the suppliers are having difficulty in meeting the demands of councils in New York and New Jersey for application cards. All the rumbling in the Niagara Falls locale is not all due to the falls alone, but also to the engineering work for a new council. At last we have competition for Rochester, New York (93).

Just a tip to the smaller councils, you have the same chance to win as a larger council because all councils have been assigned quotas to be met. Winners will be judged percentage-wise.

And so to all K. of L. members — Don't Delay —sacrifice a little time and exert some effort to help our organization grows. The work you do will show at the time of reckoning. Let us all be able to point with pride to a job well done!

Walter R. Chinik, Chairman
Membership Drive

Delegating Responsibility

K. of L's are members of an organization that calls for team-work for God and Country. Responsibilities have to be shared and knowing how to share, or delegate responsibility comes under the heading of sound leadership.

Your K. of L. reputation depends upon the performance of your council. When you delegate responsibility — to the man or woman who can handle it — you are promptly multiplying your own effectiveness as a leader and raising the reputation of your group.

Free yourself from time to time of some of the load you are carrying. Delegate your responsibility. You will be able to take on other responsibilities for which you may be better suited. In the meantime, other members are practising lesser responsibilities. You will find that when you give responsibilities to likely members, the spirit of cooperation takes hold better with beneficial effect on the morale of the whole council.

Remember these points:

1. Develop the habit of looking for leadership traits in others. Be on the look-out for future leaders who can take some of the responsibilities of the Knights of Lithuania.

2. Don't cling to your own responsibilities. Don't be afraid to trust others. The man who believes that no job can be done without him, is destined to land in a dead end job.

3. When you free yourself from some of your load, be sure you take on other, perhaps more exacting and important responsibilities.

4. You encourage your members and build up a stronger morale every time you delegate responsibility.

Phil Carter

NOTICE — MEMBERS

Are your dues paid? Check your membership status with your council financial secretary immediately because VYTIS will be mailed only to paid-up members.

Just a reminder to financial secretaries. — Please send council dues without unnecessary delay (no matter how little) directly to:

Mrs. Tillie Gerulis, Financial Secretary
38 Providence St., Worcester 4, Mass.

40TH K. of L. NATIONAL CONVENTION
Time: August 28, 29, and 30th, 1953
Place: Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass.
Host: Council 17, South Boston.

“...Ir Tēvynei”

Evelyn Bender

You can change the world! Do you realize that? We've all heard this motto of the Christopher movement, but do you realize that it applies to each one of us, right here and now? Specifically, you can change the local attitude toward Lithuania for better or for worse, and this is the only possible start for improving her status in the world. First of all, as we said before, it is important to make known the fact that you are Lithuanian. Now let's see what happens when people do know you are Lithuanian.

Then you have a responsibility to live up to, for your speech and actions are going to reflect on all Lithuanians. Perhaps you're the only Lithuanian in your shop, office, or class in school. If so, then you are probably the only contact your means they're going to judge us all by you. If there are several Lithuanians in the office, then even more attention is going to be paid to you—the rest will have a chance to see how you get along together, as well as with the whole crowd. If you're friendly, honest, mature, generous, then you're giving us all a big build-up — you're making friends for Lithuania. On the other hand, if you're not all you should be, if your good qualities don't more than outnumber the bad, then you're giving Lithuania a black eye.

But you say, people won't judge a whole nationality by just a few individuals. Maybe they shouldn't, but they do. I once met an Irishman who told me he had always thought of Lithuanians as a very peaceful, friendly people, because of his friendship with one particular Lithuanian family, which was evidently an ideal family group. And the same thing works in reverse. How many of us, for instance, think of all Irish people as very quick-tempered just because we've known one or two who were?

So, remember, one way or another, you are forming your acquaintances' opinions of Lithuanians and Lithuania. Let's make them good opinions!

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

ST. CASIMIR'S DAY OBSERVED by Lawrence, Mass. (78). Council members attended Mass. and received Holy Communion at St. Francis' Church, which was celebrated by Very Rev. Msgr. Francis M. Juras, honorary member. A program of music and speeches marked the afternoon's festivities (March 1st) in honor of St. Casimir, patron saint of the Knights of Lithuania. Taking part in the musical program at St. Francis' parish hall were: Pauline Rimas, Pauline Oroski, Dorothy Jukins, Joan Jukins, Helen Marcinkevich, Leo Gaidis, George Unick, Peter Wilan, John Zemis, Anthony Padvaiskas and Charles Rimas. Prof. Algis Shimkus accompanied at the piano. Leo Gaidis, president of Council 78, welcomed the guests and introduced Father Albin J. Janiunas as Master of Ceremonies. Speakers included Msgr. F. M. Juras, Fr. V. Paulauskas, Fr. J. Zielauskas, provincial of the Lithuanian Saliessian Fathers. The main speaker was Father Albert J. Contons, national spiritual director. Refreshments were served by Sally Laycock, Mrs. Rimas and the Ladies of the council. Alice Calkowski and Ann Marie Buycik served as usherettes. A Solemn High Mass was also celebrated March 4th, feast day of St. Casimir by Msgr. Juras, for the living and deceased members of the Knights of Lithuania.

— SUPREME COUNCIL RESOLUTION —

The Supreme Council of last year passed a resolution at one of their Executive Board meetings which was overlooked and not presented at the National Convention for action. In order to fulfill the activity and opinions of the Supreme Council of last year, the Supreme Council of this year too studied this resolution and passed it so it would be brought up for action at the convention this year at Boston. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLVED: That any resolution which affects or changes any fundamental principle on which the Knights of Lithuania Organization was founded, in order to be presented to the National Convention Assembly for action, must first have the approval of at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of the active councils; such approval must be submitted to the Supreme Council in writing, prior to the opening session of the National Convention at which such resolution is to be presented; the term "fundamental principle" as used here, shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Change of motto.
2. Acceptance of non-Lithuanians.
3. Acceptance of non-Catholics.
4. Change of name of organization.
5. Affiliation or merger with other organiz.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Wesey,
Supreme Council President

K. of L. Calendar

- 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 9 — New York, N. Y. (12) Party.
- May 16 — Worcester, Mass. (26) Spring Dance,
Maironis Park, Shrewsbury.
- May 16 — Cleveland, Ohio (25) National Bow-
ling Tournament and Dance.
- May 17 — Worcester, Mass. (26) Lithuanian
Play "Moterims Neišsimeluosi", St. Casi-
mir' Church Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- May 17 — Cleveland, Ohio (25) Bowling Tourna-
ment Banquet.
- MAY 23 — Providence, R.I. (C-13) Dance,
Roger Williams Park Casino,
Joe Thomas Orchestra of New York City
- May 24 — New England District K. of L. AN-
NUAL PICNIC — Sports Day at Marianapo-
lis, Thompson, Conn.
- May 24 — Pittsburgh District, 3rd Annual Radio
Banquet.
- June 28 — Norwood, Mass. (27) Annual K. of L.
Picnic, Grape Arbor, Walpole (in case of
rain — July 12th).

— 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 vast membership today, four decades after it was organized by the late Mykolas Nor-kūnas, founder and first president. All councils and district — send in your annual contribution to William Kolicius, Jr., treasurer, 2002 Browns ville 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.

New England District Initiates New Type Leadership Course

St. Casimir's Church Hall, Providence, Rhode Island, was the scene of the first "Officers Work Shop" for New England district and council officers.

Over 100 leaders (10 out of the 13 councils in the district) registered and were given an identification badge — yellow, green, red.

President Joseph Nazaka (103) welcomed the group and turned the formal business session over to District President Vincent Gražulis. Vinnie introduced Father A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., District Spiritual Advisor, who led the opening prayer and the singing of the Vyčių Hymnas. He then called on Father John Vaitekūnas, pastor and honorary member, to say a few words.

Immediately following Father Vaitekūnas' talk, the "work shop" took place. Four panel discussions, namely, Lithuanianism, "Vytis" Membership and "Ways and Means" were participated in by each and every member. For one hour, the panels discussed important issues such as:

1. Ideas that could be given to the Editors of "Vytis" to make it more to our liking; the weakest and strongest points of our magazine; ideas for articles in future issues of "Vytis" which our members would like to see;
2. Attracting new members to our K. of L., retaining the ones we have, Juniors and Seniors;
3. Using more Lithuanian at our meetings; a correspondence course in Lithuanian, and participating in more Lithuanian plays, song and dance groups, obtaining points for Lithuanianism in our councils and districts;
3. Fulfilling all purposes of the K. of L., such as sponsoring religious activity, holding lectures, plays, dances, establishing Lithuanian libraries, publishing bulletins; the possibility of an inter-council debating team, monthly cultural programs at meetings, new sports activity for inter-council participation, collaborating more Sodalities, Holy Name Societies, more work for Catholic Action; and many other points vital to the continued success of our organization.

When the panels were closed, each chairman summarized the findings of his group and reported them to the body. An open forum took place, giving everyone an opportunity to present their frank opinions on subjects of the panels in which they did not participate. Lively discussions ensued and many a new idea was brought forth. General questionnaires were distributed and collected for later review by the district executive board.

After the forum, Father Al Contons, national spiritual director, gave a brief talk. Meetings of council presidents and vice presidents, financial secretaries, Ritual and Lithuanian Affairs Committees were called upon and problems were presented and solved.

Father Martinkus, curate at St. Casimir's Parish, closed the meeting with a prayer.

After a buffet supper, prepared and served by Council 103, Father Jurgelaitis acted as quizmaster in K. of L. Lithuanian vocabulary and Religious quizzes which were very interesting and enjoyable to the audience as well as the participants.

All in all, the district's new venture proved to be a complete success, and another is planned for the Fall, thanks to the untiring efforts of Father Jurgelaitis, our spiritual adviser, and to all the members of Council 103 for all their hard work and cooperation.

Louise Gražulis, Secretary





PORTLAND, OREGON

COUNCIL 137

Vasario 16 minėjimas

Jubiliejinės šių metų Lietuvos nepriklausomybės sukaktuves Portlando lietuviai, L. Vyčių Kuopai vadovaujant, gražiai paminėjo vasario 15. Ryte 10:30 val. šv. Vincento ligoninės bažnyčioje kan. P. Aleksa atlaikė pamaldas ir pasakė šventei pritaikytą pamokslą. 12:00 val. dalyviai susirinko į šv. Rožančiaus parapijos salę bendriems priešpiečiams ir programai, kurią sudarė Amerikos ir Lietuvos himnai, V. Juodeikos kalba, nuoširdūs latvių ir estų atstovų žodžiais, jaukus vaidinimas, tautiški šokiai, dainos ir gyvasis paveikslas. Vaidinimą vykusiai atliko V. Šateikis, Kostė ir Algis Garoliai. Tautiškų šokių ir gyvojo paveikslo — Kenčianti Lietuva — bei dainininkų grupę sudarė J. Kananavičius, St. ir J. Steponavičiai, studentės Irena ir Zėnaida Steponavičiūtės, studentė Ingrida Juodeikaitė, Marija Jagelavičiūtė ir Algis bei Kostė Garoliai. Gyvajam paveiksle Lietuvos rolę gražiai suvaidino J. Steponavičienė. Jos gedulo šydu apgaubtas veidas, ją dengianti juodu kaspiniu perrišta trispalvė vėliava, dainininkų grupės jautriai ir sutartinai niūnuojama Maironio "Lietuva brangi, mano tėvynė" tiesiog religiniai nuteikė šventės dalyvius ir nevienam išspaudė gailią ašarą. Tautiškiems šokiams, dainoms bei gyvojo paveikslo grupei su dideliu atsidėjimu ir pasišventimu vadovavo Kostė Garolienė. Visam posėdžiui vadovavo V. Juodeika. Priimtos atitinkamos rezoliucijos Valstybės Prezidentui, Valstybės Sekretoriui ir kitiems. Taip pat padaryta sėkminga reikliava krašto laisvinimo reikalams.

CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 36

Mūsų kuopos susirinkimas įvyko vasario 5 d., Vyčių Jaunimo patalpose. Pirm. V. Gestautas atidarė

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susirinkimą malda. P. Rekašius, raštininkė, perskaitė protokolą.

Buvo pranešta, kad visi nariai dalyvautų apskrities Valdybos ruoštaime šv. Kazimiero Dienos minėjime, kurs įvyks šv. Antano parapijos bažnyčioje, Cicero, Ill. Klebonui Ig. Albavičiui išvykstant į Europą, jo padėjėjai, kun. St. Petrauskas, kun. St. Gaučius, kun. B. Urba ir kun. J. Karalius maloniai priims visus svečius.

36 kp. šiomet švenčia 38 metų sukaktį. Ji ir toliau ketina gyvuoti ir veikti. Kuopa nutarė prisidėti prie 35 m Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės minėjimo iškilmų savo auka, taip pat atstovais — P. Rekašius, A. Balcitis, Al. Mikalinas.

Sekantiems nariams įteikiamas 4-tas Ritualo laipsnis: Antanas Cherry, Adele Cherry, M. Jakaitienė, Juozas Kilkus; 3-čias Ritualo laipsnis — St. Barkauskas, A. Barkauskas, St. Kane. Kuopos ritualo komisijos nariais yra S. Žukaitė, Petronelė Zakaras, Kastas A. Zaromskis ir valdyba.

Prel. A. Briška, parapijos klebonas ir 4-to laipsnio narys, šiomis dienomis pergyveno didelę operaciją. Kuopa užprašė šv. Mišias už jo sveikatą.

Buvo pranešta per Al. Mikalūną, Knygų Revizijos Komisijos narį, kad mūsų kuopos knygos vedamos tvarkingai. Po susirinkimo įvyko vaišės, kurias skaniai pagamino H. Šervinskienė. Pirm. V. Gestautas rodė krutomus paveikslus.

Vytis Z.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Pagerbtas L. Šimutis ir Ig. Sakalas

Mūsų apskritis ir Seniorių grupė pagerbė du veteranus, garbės narius ir DRAUGO redaktorius, Leonardą Šimutį ir Ig. Sakalą, jų 25 metų darbuotės spaudoje proga. Lietuviški laikraščiai ir VYTIS gražiai aprašė apie jų darbuotę ir lietuvišką veikimą. Laike bankieto, mūsų didvyriai buvo apdovanoti Vyčių Erbu per H.

Gudauskaite, rašt. Sveikinimo žodį pasakė kun. Ig. Albavičius (Cicero), garbės narys; kun. J. Grinius, dvasios vadas; kun. V. Bagdonavičius, M.I.C.; B. Pivarūnienė (biznierių vardu); Snarskienė; St. Kuzin, pirm. 82 kp., Gary, Indiana; K. Zaromskis, garbės narys; kun. K. Baras ("Draugo" narys); ir J. Stoskus, buvęs Vyčių vice pirmininkas. Dalyvavo daug žymių žmonių, — Dr. A. Rudokas, Kasmauskas, Cecenai (biznieriai) ir St. Simulis, garbės narys. Sveikinimą (telegrama) prisiuntė Vyčių Centro Pirmininkas Al Wesley, kun. A. Jurgelaitis, O. P., N. A. apskrities dvasios vadas, ir eilė kitų kuopų. Vakaro vedėjas buvo J. Juozaitis, garbės narys. Meninę programą išpildė Solistė H. Valenčiūtė, akompanuojant p-lei Mundeikaitei.

Pagerbimo komisija susidarė iš J. Juozaitis (apskrities), p. Cizauskas (Senioriu), H. Gudauskaitė, St. Pajaujienė, J. Jesulaitis, T. Norbutienė, H. Matukaitienė, V. Raukštis, K. Zaromskis.

Illinois-Indiana Apskrities Valdyba (1953): J. Jesulaitis, pirm.; Ed. Stoskus, vice pirm.; A. Lubertas, prot. rašt.; Al. Bruzaitė, pagelb. rašt.; Albina Kuodaitė, narė; Betty Tucker, išd.; J. Stoskus ir p. Naujokas, išd. globėjai; p. Shamis ir J. Širvinskas, tvarkdariai.

Šv. Kazimiero Diena atšvęsta kovo 1 d. Cicero, Ill. (14) kuopa šeiminkai.

Naujų Metų sutiktuvės įvyko L. Vyčių svetainėj. Šeiminkais buvo Pranas Čižauskas, Ig. Sakalas, Mrs. St. Pavis, Mrs. E. Beinoris.

Vytis Z.



ILLINOIS-INDIANA VYČIŲ

Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės 35 minėjimas įvyko vasario 15 d. Šv. Jurgio bažnyčioje, buvo iškilmingos šv. Mišios. Po Mišių parapijos svetainėje įvyko bendri pusryčiai. 16-ta kuopa gražiai visus pavaišino. Kvietimo komisija susidėjo iš Aldutė Bružaitė, raštininkė ir J. Jesulaitis, apskričio pirm. Bažnyčioje ir vaišėse buvo daug atsilankę vyčių. Jų tarpe buvo matyti Chicagos Apskritis ALT. Pirmininkas Dr. St. Biežis su žmona, Teisėjas Alfonsas Wells, Vyčių Garbės Nariai: kun. A. Valančius, St. Šimulis, K. Žaromskis, Ign. Sakalas, J. Juozaitis, J. Brazauskas ir kiti.

Vytis Z.

CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 13

New and Views

Happy Birthday and may the future be bright with all your plans turning out just right . . . To: Bernice Novom (Jan. 16), Anne Ausra (Feb. 8), Paul Kurpis (Feb. 5), Ann Butkevičius (Mar. 9), Loretta Sprainis (Mar. 5), Marilyn Jučius (Mar. 8), Aldona Lukošius (Mar. 13), Clarissa Jurgaitis (Mar. 20) and Pat Kamarauskas.

Council 13 has turned over a new leaf for the year of 1953 by promising to be more active not only in Lithuanianism and Religion, but in good wholesome cooperation with parish activities. To start with, members will attend 9:00 A.M. in "corpore" the last Sunday of March, June, September and December.

A "Question Box" dealing with social, religious and Lithuanian problems will exist throughout the year with Rev. J. Grinius in full charge. Therefore, members can expect very interesting meetings for the entire year.

Council meetings will now take place on the third Tuesday of each month with discussions, or a social following the business of the evening.

Another "Feather in our cap" for the wonderful cooperation of our members on the St. Casimir's Day celebration in Cicero, Ill., with council 14 as host.

Our election of officers were held the Midwest Bowling Tournament in Cleveland, Ohio, May 16-17, by Jerry Jesulaitis, Frank Kancel, Richard Jurgaitis, Patricia Kamarauskas, Jean Tervainis.

Our election officers were held

two months late, but here are the results which we feel sure will add much towards furthering the good of our council: Rev. Julian Grinius, spiritual adviser; Patricia Kamarauskas, president; Eleanor Laurin, 1st vice president; Frank Kancel, 2nd vice president; Jean Tervainis, recording and corresponding secretary; Anne Ausra, financial secretary; Lucy Diktus, treasurer; Jerry Jesulaitis and Al Zemaitis, trustees; Alex Shulicke, Sgt.-at-Arms; and Lucy Diktus and Richard Jurgaitis, back of the yard delegates.

Delegates to Illinois-Indiana district: Bernice Novom, Loretta Sprainis and Clarissa Jurgaitis. Alternates: Ann Butkevičius, Mrs. Valerie Jurgaitis and Richard Jurgaitis.

With this final article, as secretary, wish to thank each and every member who cooperated with me in any way throughout the two years of my service for Council 13. I enjoyed writing "little news" about our wonderful members and humbly apologize to anyone I have unintentionally omitted. May God bless and help the new officers towards "success" beyond their wildest dreams: may we be able to boast of a "doubled membership" this time next year.

Bernice Novom

CICERO, ILL.

COUNCIL 14

A belated congratulations to our new officers for 1953: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Stanley Gaucias; President, William Vasaitis; Vice President, Edward Anderson; Secretary, Mary Blanford; Financial Sec., Marie Andris; Trustees, John Bart and Marianne Kelpsas; Sgt.-at-Arms, Jack Blanford; District Delegates, Helen Gudauskas and Jeanne Pavis; Sick Committee, Marianne Kelpsas and Alice Good; Vytis Correspondents, Jeanne Pavis and Marie Andris.

On March 1, we had the honor and privilege of being hosts to the Illinois-Indiana District St. Casimir's Day commemoration — Mass and Communion Breakfast which took place at our parish.

Approximately 250 members and guests attended Mass which was celebrated by Rev. Julian Grinius, spiritual adviser of the district, assisted by Rev. Stanley Gaucias, spiritual

adviser and Rev. Vainys, spiritual adviser of the Lithuanian Scouts.

The sermon was inspiringly delivered by His Excellency, Bishop V. Brizgys on the life of our Patron, Saint Casimir. At the consecration, arms and colors were presented and taps sounded by the Don Varnis American Legion Post.

Saint Anthony's girls' a cappella choir, directed by Mary Helen Monleika, sang at the Mass. Flowers were placed at the statue of Saint Casimir by little Eileen Kishkunas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kishkunas.

Among the distinguished speakers at our breakfast were Consul Peter Dauzvardis, His Excellency Bishop V. Brizgys, Rev. Julian Grinius, Leonard Simutis, Jack Jatis and the district's president, John Jesulaitis.

A presentation was made to Florence (Mom) Arbir in appreciation for her 18 consecutive years as Treasurer of our council. How's that for real K. of L. spirit?

Other organizations attending were the Don Varnis American Legion Post, Ateitininkai and the Lithuanian Scouts.

We were happy to note that several K. of L. out-of-towners from Providence, R. I., Ansonia, Conn., Cleveland, Ohio and Gary, Indiana were present.

In the evening, at a banquet sponsored by the Senior Council (K. of L. Youth Center), four of our members: Ruth Daukas, Stelle Waitekus, Jeanne Pavis and John Bart received their 3rd Ritual degree.

Congratulations to Sue and Charley Raudonis on their new addition to the family, Charley, Jr.

On April 18th, Alice Good will become Mrs. Ted Rurik. Loads of happiness on their forthcoming marriage.

Helen Gudauskas national trustee, is planning to attend the Ohio-Michigan district convention, Detroit, Michigan on April 11th and 12th.

WELCOME home Father Albavičius! Father, honorary member of the K. of L. and also our beloved pastor, has just returned from a trip to Rome where he commemorated his 40th year in the priesthood.

We wish all K. of L.'ers a Holy and Happy Easter!

"Inky and Pinky"

AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

COUNCIL 100

On Sunday, March 1, we attended 9:00 a.m. Mass. at St. Casimir's Church and received Holy Communion in a body. This has become a two-in-one event: commemorating the reorganization of the Amsterdam council, also paying homage to St. Casimir, Patron Saint of K. of L. organization, whose feast day is celebrated on March 4.

A Communion Breakfast at the Hotel Montgomery was attended by the following members: Rev. Robert K. Baltch, spiritual advisor, Helen Gustas, Edward Bablinskas, Bernard Gustas, Sophia Gavry, Sadie Karbus, Marion Jakaitis, Ann Tamoliunas, Sopic Olbie, Edna Gustas, Ann Kabasin, Eleanore and Edward Baranauskas, Valentine Kerbelis and Gene Gobis.

Preceding the breakfast, the annual election of officers took place. The newly-elected officers are:

President, Helen Gustas; Vice President, Edward Bablinskas; Secretary, Pauline Urban; Financial Secretary, Sophia Gavry; and Treasurer, Sadie Karbus. The Lithuanian Affairs Committee will be headed by Sadie Karbus and Gene Gobis, and assisted by Ann Kabasin and Val Kerbelis.

We congratulate Ann Tamoliunas, past secretary, for her good job last year. We also express our deepest sympathy to Ann and her family on the death of her beloved father.

Here's wishing a rapid recovery to Sophie Olbie's mother, who recently underwent an operation.

Lithuanian Night was sponsored by the local Elks Club on February 14. It proved to be a very delightful affair. The entire St. Casimir's choir attended and rendered a number of lively folk songs. Over two hundred people were on hand for the occasion. Spotted among the guests were the following K. of L'ers: Rev. Robert Baltch, Professor Joseph Olsauskas, Sophie Olbie, Val and Theresa Kerbelis, Edward Bablinskas, Bootsie Jakaitis, Sadie and Charles Karbus, Eleanore and Ed Baranauskas, Pauline Urban, Gene Gobis, Matt and Nancy Kazlauskas and Ann Tamoliunas.

Smile & Sparkle

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

COUNCIL 93

The great success of the smorgasbord supper sponsored by the Rochester Knights in November warmed the hearts of the tired but happy group who worked on the affair. Freda Rimkus, Virginia Pauza, Mary Vezelis, Lucy Apton and Gertrude Welikes played a new role as cooks. Other diligent workers were Dick Pauza and Bernie Stukas. A great amount and variety of good food pleased a gathering of over 150 people. The supper was followed by dancing. An even larger gathering is hoped for at another supper after Lent (a definite date is not set).

From the proceeds, our council was enabled to sponsor a cabin party at Powder Mill Park (January 17). Skating and tobogganing were planned as outdoor activities, but the weather prohibited it due to lack of snow. Instead, an inviting fire in a large cabin served a dual purpose of warmth for the group and was also found to be a quick way to bake potatoes which were furnished by Bernie Stukas. Bernie displayed many of his fine talents at the party as he showed his abilities at popcorn popping, ballet dancing with Freda Rimkus (just for fun), and making smoke producing fires (choke, choke). Dick Pauza was unbeatable in the log rolling contest. That fellow can really balance himself on a rolling log. The group enjoyed dancing, singing, eating, and the antics of George Zlotkus, plus the company of two guests, Steve Burimauskas (Amsterdam) and Frank Petrosky (Tonowanda).

On March 8 our members received Holy Communion as a group in commemoration of Saint Casimir, followed by a breakfast at the Sheraton Hotel

New officers for 1953 are: President, Richard Pauza (re-elected); Vice President, Bernard Stukas; Secretary, Gertrude Welikes; Treasurer, Freda Rimkus; Fin. Treasurer, Freda Rinkus; Fin. Treasurer, Bruno Kraukauskas and Al Apton were elected members of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. The aim of the officers for the coming year is to offer more cultural and religious information at meetings.

Flower City Sue

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

COUNCIL 133

Florence Korsak, corresponding secretary, met with an accident on Ash Wednesday (leg in cast) and it will be some time before she will resume her many duties.

We ended the old year by having a dinner party at which time the installation of new officers took place at "The Trails", owned by Ben and Esther Gage (Esther Williams); Joe Guest was re-elected president; Anthony Skirius, vice president; Ann Laurinaitis, re-elected treasurer; Marcella Petrauskas, secretary and Florence Korsak, corresponding secretary.

We are happy to have Peter Kupraitis with us again after a serious surgery was performed on his optic nerve.

At our annual Valentine's Dance (February 15) ham dinner was served and a lovely program was put on under the supervision of our professional singer Florence Korsak. The Lithuanian children in native costumes, danced several folk dances, and the little ballet dancers made a nice showing. Florence rendered several lovely romantic Lithuanian and English songs. During the evening we had a waltz contest which went over very well. The winners were new residents, Dauguole Pulkauninkaitė and Rimtautas Dabšys. Prizes awarded during the affair were donated by our staunch K. of L'ers. Atty. and Mrs. Joseph Grish (card table) and several bottles of wine by kind-hearted people.

Council 133 is very happy that even before we got to work on a new Membership Drive we gained four new members: Leonard Valiukas (formerly of Dayton, Ohio), Michael Wisneski (formerly of Worcester, Mass.), Sylvania Wilkas (Encino, Calif.) and Alfred Monovas (resident of sunny California a couple of years). We're also being assisted by married couples in obtaining new members. On March 1st, Stanley Rauskin (formerly of Chicago, Ill.) phoned during the meeting to tell us he was unable to attend the meeting inasmuch as he was taking Esther to the hospital and within two hours he was a proud daddy of daughter, Dorothy.

On March 8th our members attended Mass and received the Sacraments in honor of St. Casimir.

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.**COUNCIL 17**

Our annual Communion Breakfast in honor of Saint Casimir was held on Sunday, March 1st. We were honored by the presence of Bishop Raymond (from India) and Monsignor Balkunas (Maspeth, N. Y.) who gave very inspiring talks. The Committee co-chairman were Aldona Jakubauskas and Virginia Kleponis, who wish to thank the following members for making the affair a success: Rita Stakutis, Lillian Romanskis, Winifred and Marie Skudris, Frances Poskus, Dianne and Rita Shatas, Alice Laudansky, Evelyn Bender, Eleanor Daniels, Joan Kleponis, John Daniels, and Eddie Rudis; last but not least, our dishwashers Peter Dravinskas and Butch Venis.

Council 17 sends its best wishes to Marie Skudris and John Kleponis who are to be married April 12th, and to Edith Sanda on her recent engagement to Robert Boris.

A Mardi-Gras was held in our clubroom on Tuesday, February 17th, for the Junior K. of L's and the Religious Discussion Group. Edith Sanda, Veronica Yotts, Ann Kleponis and Peter Bizinkauskas did a wonderful job in keeping everyone amused and well fed.

The Leadership Course at Providence (March 8th) was unlike any other Leadership Course held. The four panels on Lithuanianism, Membership, New Ideas and the "Vytytis" had everybody expressing opinions and ideas. If it hadn't been for the time limit imposed, the discussions would have lasted all night. We were proud of John Olevitz when he was declared the winner in the "know your Lithuanian" part of the program. Rita Shatas came in second and Peter Bizinkauskas third in the "religious questions". Mary Kleponis, good sport that she is, had to pay a consequence — which was to lead everyone in singing any song she desired. The song turned out to be "Kai Aš Turėjau." Mary's consequence was easy compared to the fellow who had to solicit a penny from all present and deposit the total sum in the poor box of St. Casimir's Church.

Flo Zaleskas and Eleanor Daniels were very much impressed with the "Workshop" since it was their first attendance at the district's Leadership Course. Žalių Akių

Coming events: members plan to attend the Ohio-Michigan Convention, Detroit, Michigan and the Bowling Tournament, Cleveland, Ohio.

\$64 Question of the month! Three council members plan to become engaged in the month of June. I wonder who they could be??

Red Wing

tis. The people who donated prizes were: Mr. and Mrs. Metricks, Mr. and Mrs. Liakas, Tony Putis, Mrs. Gestautis, Mr. and Mrs. Petrulis, Kastas Zaromskis, Sankus Family, Mrs. Sirvinskas, Mrs. Balis, Mrs. Mikalauskas, Paukštis Family, Mrs. Kvietkus, J. Brazauskas, F. Valancius, J. Kilkus and Philomena Rekasius.

Throughout the day, C-36 members managed to meet many potential K. of L's. The day was profitable in more than one way.

On April 18th (Saturday night) our council will hold a Get-together party at the Youth Center, at which time a photo of all attending will be taken for future use. All members are invited to join the festivities.

CHICAGO, ILL.**COUNCIL 36**

Spring has finally arrived and "whisperings" have been heard concerning the summer activities. The social committee has made tentative plans for the following activities: a wiener-roast, a beach party at the Indiana Dunes, a picnic and a moonlight picnic. The committee feels that these plans will please all members.

The Membership Drive is now in full swing. At the last meeting, four new members joined. Our council is striving to bring its membership enrollment up to the former standards.

We wish speedy recovery to Philomena Rekasius' mother, who had a long and serious illness.

The Bingo-card party held on Sunday, March 8th at the K. of L. Youth Center was a great success. The council thanks the committee, the donors and all who assisted, including John Pocius (112) for his help with the "mike." The committee consisted of Bernadette Paukštis, Mrs. Sirvinskas, Irene Sankus, Antanas Balcytis and Vyto Gestau-

NEW YORK, N. Y.**COUNCIL 12**

Greetings from your new correspondent.

We wish to extend our thanks to Council 109, Great Neck, for the lovely Communion Breakfast on March 1, in observance of St. Casimir's Day.

At our last meeting, plans were discussed to hold a good old-fashioned Party on May 9, at Our Lady of Vilna Church hall — remember the date. A select committee was chosen to work on the plans and it promises to be a gay occasion.

Let's see some of our members down at the meetings.

Happy Birthday to Stella Kolesk — (March 21) and Lorraine Rechill (March 25.)

A beautiful baby girl, Susan Mary, was born to Evelyn and John Bell on the 4th of February.

Lots of happiness to Betty Kscenaitis and Leon Waskiewicz who were married on January 31.

Sunshine

DAYTON, OHIO**COUNCIL 96**

Council 96 observed St. Casimir's Day on March 8th with a Solemn High Mass and breakfast. In late afternoon a program was given to further commemorate the day, followed by a small reception. We were very glad to see guests from our neighboring cities and also a good attendance of our own council members.

Our monthly card party socials have been a tremendous success. A combination of a good game of cards, a cup of coffee and a chat with fellow Knights has attracted quite a few members to these affairs.

The forthcoming Ohio-Michigan convention to be held in Detroit in April sounds quite inspiring. The convention will include a business session plus a Leadership Course.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mary Lucas who was recently hospitalized, as we do miss having her around.

Congratulations are extended to Stanley Vaitkus of Dayton upon the announcement of his engagement to Helen Avizynis of Providence, R. I.

A winter vacation was spent in Florida by Ada and Joe Sinkawitz and Charlie Petkus, all of whom came back sporting lovely Florida tans:

A. & P.

LAWRENCE, MASS.**COUNCIL 78**

After two months in office, it appears that our council has elected four excellent officers. Congratulations to President Leo Gaidis, loquacious and garrulous Pauline Rimas, Pauline Oroski and Dot Jukins (new member) as vice pres., secretary, and treasurer respectively. Dot was elected to office at the March meeting, subsequent to the resignation of our old treasurer.

The council sponsored a successful whist party for the benefit of the parish jubilee fund, and followed it up with a St. Casimir's day program on March first. Guest speakers at the latter included Msgr. Francis M. Juras, Rev. Venclovas Paulauskas and Rev. Joseph Zielauskas. The main speaker was Rev. Albert J. Contons, national spiritual director. One of the highlights was a solo by our own Fr. Albin Janiunas. I wouldn't be surprised if he even received a few offers from the Met. At the conclusion of the affair, the cast received a tumultuous ovation from a very appreciative gathering. The gals, led by Helen Marcin, Anne Marcin, and Pauline Oroski, baked some voluptuous pastry, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The council has added some new members, another of the Rimas family named Marion, Tony Padvaiskas (discharged Marine hero) and Dot and Joan Jukins. As far as the latter two are concerned, they have been placed behind a Lawrence iron curtain, with the primary builder Leon Gaidis.

Pete Wilan, the busiest man in the parish, is doing a good job on the Ritual, Lithuanian Affairs and Art committees. P. Rimas liked Athol so much she decided to carry a permanent souvenir with her. . . Leo Gaidis went five blocks out of his way—WHY? well, it seems a black cat crossed his path...Chuck Rimas was grounded in Worcester a few weeks ago by another fast boy named 'Flash' — Lesson No. 1 — When flying high keep your head out of the clouds, and feet on the ground. Rumor has it that the bowling team is going to be rejuvenated next year. Any one want to trade? As far as the girls team, hah... Five of the males are starring in a Holy Name Musical, they are: J. Zemis, P. Wilan, C. Rimas, L. Gaidis and G. Unick Jr....

By Voodoo

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Sunday, March 8, 1953 the Knights of Lithuania of the Pittsburgh district received Holy Communion in a body at the St. Casimir's Church on the South Side. A Communion Breakfast was served at Hotel Webster after which followed the Ritual ceremonies and presentation of degrees. Last of all, along about the middle of the afternoon, the election of new district officers took place!

The two guest speakers were Rev. Joseph A. Kopecky from the Chancery of the Pittsburgh Diocese and Attorney Edward Schultz, a fellow Knight. Father Kopecky gave a short but a most inspiring talk befitting the solemn occasion. He brought out quite a few examples of how different points of view affect our actions — as priests, doctors, laymen and as Catholics, too. He stressed our specific duties as Catholics and made his thoughts strike home. Edward Schultz picked up his line of thought from Fr. Kopecky's "eloquent" talk as he described it and continued to stress our duties as Catholics but added that we also have obligations as Lithuanians. Father Walter Karaveckas also spoke. Pittsburgh District Knights left for home without any doubts in their minds that each one has duties to perform as Catholics and as Lithuanians no matter how unimportant or time consuming the duties may seem to be. The whole occasion was a well planned one and I'm sure all the members who attended felt it was most worth while. A big THANKS to the committee responsible — The officers, Ruth Greblunas and Julia Aleshunas, Walter Chinik and the Breakfast Committee, Margaret Papaeka, Tillie Kaupinis, Anne Kolicus and Alice Beacon. We are all going to carry on for the next year imbued with new incentive and inspiration "Dievui ir Tėvynei!"

Stephen Onaitis, chairman of the Ritual Committee presented the following qualified candidates for their degrees: First Degree — John Gailys, Lillian Gailys, Benediktas Karklius, Mary Ann Keefe, Bernard Labuskis, Adam Marculaitis, Adelaide Marculaitis, Mrs. Agnes Miller, Algerd Martinaitis, Jerry Naujokas, John Palmer, Ann Palmer, C. K. Pikiel, Amelia Pikiel, Alice Potts, Joseph Pakutinskas, Ellen Pavlosky, Martha Pikeunas, Ben Russlan, Mrs. Laura

Simon, Joseph R. Saliunas, Robert E. Senulis, Anne Shimkus, Edward A. Schultz, Sr., Edward A. Schultz, Jr., Pat Ann Valenta, Florence York, Peter York, Ruth Ann Milewski, Bronius Petraitis, Leonardas Budginas, Ona Dzvinkaitė, Genevieve Nespojohny and Amelia Drokneris.

Second Degree: Eleanor Allen, Marian T. Bartkus, Pat Bartkus, David Palmer, Dolores Papaeka, Al Prizmante, John Miller, Ruth Rapolis, Lucille Shimkus, John Skemundris, Alberta Vale and Frank Wenslovas.

Third Degree: Mildred Chinik, Vytautas Jucevičius, Marcella Onaitis and Jean Walkauskas.

1953 district officers are: Father Walter Karaveckas, spiritual adviser; Vytautas Jucevičius, president; Helyne Palecki, vice president; Antoinette Naujelis, secretary; William Kolicus, treasurer; William Marculaitis and Andy Rozger, trustees; Mildred Chinik, correspondent and Joseph Allen, sgt.-at-Arms.

In the very immediate future, new officers must make plans for two important scheduled events, May 24 —The Third Annual Radio Banquet; August 2—Pittsburgh District K. of L. Picnic at the Lithuanian Country Club.

Mildred Chinik

WORCESTER, MASS.**COUNCIL 116****25th Anniversary—April 18 and 19**

On Saturday, April 18, a play is being presented, to be followed by a dance. The play has been written by one of members, our talented Dave Vaskas. This event will take place in Our Lady of Vilna Church Hall, Sterling Street, at 8:00 p. m. Admission \$1.00.

Sunday morning, council members and guests will attend special Mass held at 9:30. We hope to have Fr. Albert J. Contons, national spiritual director, deliver the sermon.

Sunday evening, April 19, a banquet will take place at Putnam - Thurston Restaurant, 5:00 p. m. sharp. Our guest speaker will be the Honorable John F. Kennedy, Senator from Massachusetts.

Al Krasinskas, general chairman of the Silver Jubilee celebration is receiving 100% cooperation from the entire council, and it is hoped it will long be remembered.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.**COUNCIL 3**

On March 8, our council commemorated St. Casimir's Day by attending the 10:00 Mass and receiving Holy Communion in a body, together with the Scouts and Ateitininkai. Immediately after Mass, breakfast was served in the school hall. A word of thanks to our cooks who certainly made a delicious meal! Both Monsignor Valanciunas and our president, Joseph Yanulaitis gave very interesting talks on the life of St. Casimir's. Our members attended the Holy Hour in church at 3:30, and at 5:00 P. M. a program was scheduled in St. Casimir's Hall at which our members participated. Among the participants were Sophie Salnaitis who recited a prayer to St. Casimir and a group who sang "Sventas Kazimieras" accompanied by our pianist, Alice Zemaitis. After the program, a report of our council's activities throughout the year was read and Ritual degrees were bestowed on eligible members.

Reports from our Dance Committee indicate that our pre-Lenten Dance, held February 8, was a success. Our thanks to the committee for its work.

The Philadelphia Lithuanians commemorated Lithuanian Independence Day at Allegheny Hall, February 15. Joseph Yanulaitis acted as Master of Ceremonies and did a splendid job! The dance group performed beautifully.

In January, our president undertook the job of organizing and editing a council newspaper. He has accomplished his undertaking with great success and is commended for the excellent work. However, he is asking the members to contribute to the paper. Those interested in submitting articles for publication, kindly send them to the following address by the 10th of each month: Joseph Yanulaitis, 723 Pine Street. As yet, our paper has no name. Any suggestions?

On February 22, a Farewell Party was held for Joseph Budelis, who is now in the service. Thanks to the Budelis family for such wonderful hospitality. It looks like Uncle Sam has called another good member into his fold. If this keeps up, we won't have many members left.

We've heard that Mary Grebloski is getting a CAR. Don't forget to take us to the District affairs, Mary!

Dolores Meron and Vyt Bakuckas have set the date — July 5th will be

the day. We're looking forward to a real Lithuanian wedding.

Birthday Greetings to the following members: Richard Kolojeski (April 1), Edward Lasis (April 4), Dolores Meron (April 8), Vyt Bakuckas (April 10), and Raymond Ruskus (April 22).

Plans are in effect for summer activities. Won't you attend the next few meetings and listen in on the discussions concerning these activities? We'll be looking forward to seeing YOU there. Remember this is your organization.

"CRUNCH — CRUNCH"

BROOKLYN, N. Y.**COUNCIL 41**

No, that wasn't an earthquake last February. It was bowling balls and pins colliding down the alleys. Credit goes to Anthony Snieckus for having organized the bowling teams and for suggesting those excellent Rego Park alleys. After bowling, the group replenished its energy with refreshments and went roller skating. Mūsų sportininkai enjoyed bowl-

ing and roller skating so much, it has been decided to meet regularly each month.

We are highly honored to have Anthony Mazeika, honorary member, transfer his membership from Pittsburgh to our council, since his family is now residing in our district. We know he together with his lovely wife Sue can help us in our activities and increase our membership, just as they did with the Pittsburgh district.

We also extend a warm welcome to Ann Schwabas, who joined at our last meeting.

Our council had the biggest turnout in years for the annual district Communion Breakfast, in honor of St. Casimir, held in Great Neck, March 1st.

Adele Bobin has sponsored several new members into our council. Keep up the good work, Adele.

We plan to have a busy spring. Included in the activities are: play, theater party and bowling.

J. A.

IT'S COMING
SOONER THAN YOU THINK

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT PICNIC AND SPORTS DAY

It is about time we told you what is being planned for the 1953 Annual New England District Picnic at Marianapolis on Sunday, May 24.

First of all, let everybody clearly understand that RAIN OR SHINE the Picnic will take place! But definitely! Remember last year? We DID have fun, even though we could not play water-polo because of the torrential rainfall.

But, seriously, now, the picnic committee chairman has been busy writing letters, making contacts, drawing up plans for this greatest event.

For instance, with the fraternal cooperation of the New York-New Jersey District, a softball championship game of the East will be played between its "All-Stars" and our New England "All-Stars." The chairman will donate a trophy to the winning team. Other sports events, also, are being arranged. You will hear about these in due time.

After the game, for some soothing Hawaiian music you will be able to hear Billy Stritch's Hawaiian Trio. There will be Lithuanian folk dances, of course. Later in the afternoon, a choir concert is planned.

In the early part of the evening dancing will begin. Joe Thomas' orchestra from Brooklyn, N. Y. will furnish the best music this side of Chicago.

So far as refreshments are concerned, they will be varied and plentiful.

This year's picnic promises to be better than last year's, better than ever before! So... bring all your friends!

Phil Carter, Picnic Chairman.

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ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

The annual Valentine party was held in Gardner at the home of Mary Ann Rodski. The delightful and amusing games were certainly enjoyed by all. As usual Frank Anoris and his amusing songs and skits were the center of attraction. The movies shown by Lennie Davidonis were greatly appreciated. (Aldona Butkus was in charge of producing the sound effects — which all bore a strange similarity to "Ah Happy Day"). The luncheon that was served was delicious, especially the beautiful cakes baked by Mary Ann and her mother. By the way "Slip" it seems a strange coincidence that you arrived at the party just as lunch was served. After lunch we were entertained by Alvin Rodski, who played everyone's favorite polkas on his accordian. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Rodski and Mary Ann for a most delightful party.

Communion Breakfast

Members received Holy Communion in a body Sunday, March 1st, at the eight-thirty Mass in honor of St. Casimir. A communion breakfast was held at Cedar Lodge. Frank Anoris and Rita Besseck were in charge of arrangements.

Skating parties

Since the Winter Carnival, it seems that our members have developed a sudden enthusiasm for ice skating. Two skating parties were held at Frank Anoris' camp on White Pond within the past month. All the ladies were seen cutting a pretty figure under the expert tutorage of Stanley Sargut. Lennie Davidonis made the most of his opportunity by putting his movie camera to work. Make-shift sails fashioned out of cardboard helped Bill, Stanley, Mary Ann and Nicky to go swimming across the ice with the agility of a bird. We can't help wondering who Mary Gauronsky was falling for or was she just testing the strength of the ice. Stanley and Penny are to be congratulated for remaining on the ice hours after the rest of us had retired to the warmth of Frank's living room stove. Marie Sienkewicz as usual displayed her talents at the piano. Alvin Rodski made an excellent teacher of the Schottische — although Stanley Sangut claims he still prefers waltzes.

"Workshop"

On March 8th a group of delegates represented our council at the New England District's "Workshop" held at St. Casimir's Church in Providence. Members who attended were Mary Gauronsky, Stanley Sargut, Rita Besscok, Nellie Melaika and Dot Gulezian. This new way of conducting the Leadership Course was met with great approval as it was a way of accomplishing much more work in a limited amount of time and kept every member interested and actively participating in the program. The district officers and Fr. Jurge-laitis are to be congratulated for their initiative in handling the workshop in such an excellent fashion.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to C-103 for the wonderful hospitality.

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

Our council announces Sunday, May 17th, as the big day for the coming play which is a comedy entitled "Moterims Neišsimeluosi." Hope that everyone will come to see Council 26 displaying their well-known (?) theatrical abilities.

Here and There

The service is good for something at least. It gave us back Vitty Adomaitis who was discharged recently. Welcome home, Vitty!

Most vacations from the K. of L. usually end up like this: Marie Carr has returned back to our chummy little clan after changing her name to Mrs. Robert Brodeur and what a guy goes with that name!

We extend a most cordial welcome to Janina Vaitkevičius who has recently joined our council. Janina, bring some of your friends to our meetings.

Bill, we kept wondering why is it that you haven't been seen at many of our affairs, we see that Mary Farrar from council 103 at Providence, R. I. has been keeping you busy, careful I hear those girls down there are dangerous.

We celebrated St. Casimir's Day by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion, followed by a breakfast. Fr. Mike Tamulevičius was greatly surprised by such a large turnout. Mr. Marsellis of the "Telegram and Gazette" was guest speaker. "Barney & B"

PITTSBURGH, PA.

COUNCIL 19

We finally got word from Jeannie. She's stationed in Virginia. Her address is: Jean Walkauskas, American Red Cross, USAH—Camp Pickett, Va.

Fr. Walter is back from his trip to Florida and all points South, including the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Fr. Alphonse Susinskas, who has been at St. Casimir's for the past 3 years, is being transferred to another parish. Fr. Alphonse, worked hard in our council and various other Lithuanian organization, and was tendered a Testimonial Dinner on March 1st. He'll be missed by all of us. Wish him continued God's assistance in his new parish.

The Brothers—Ed & Bill Marculaitis — entertained the Bowling Gang last month. There was a singing session — as usual, and in all it proved to be a very eventful evening because we have found another musician. Now, besides Vyt. Jucevičius on the accordion, we are featuring Alex Krapavičius on the violin. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Marculaitis and the boys.

Mr. Alex Kuntz, father of Nell Kuntz, our Lithuanian Affairs Committee chairman, has been confined to the hospital for several weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be able to return home soon.

Thanks to Marge Potts for the snacks served the gang after bowling.

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