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SKAITYKITE ir PLATINKITE

## Pasiūlymai Vyčių Organizacijai

Kun. Kazys Mažutis

Vyčių organizacija mūsų tautai yra labai reikalinga. Ji yra lyg tas pylimas, kuris sulaiko mūsų jaunimo nutautējimą il lyg tas sodas, kuriame gražiai auga ir bręsta mūsų ateitis. Šitoje organizacijoje mūsų jaunimas ugdo taip pat savo tautinį ir religinį susipratimą.

Tačiau tai organizacijai priklauso ne visas mūsų jaunimas. Tenka apgailestauti ypač tuos, kurie gan anksti nutolo nuo savo tēvų kalbos, papročių, o kartais ir tikējimo. Bet lietuvių tauta praranda šiandien daug jaunimo ir todēl, kad neturime aiškiai lietuviškos ir kartu aiškiai katalikiškos VAIKŲ organizacijos. Labai didelis nuošimtis mūsų nutautējusio jaunimo jau vaikystēje atitolo nuo viso to, kas kiekvienam lietuviui turētų būti brangu ir šventa.

Mūsų tautos vadai jau seniai jaučia reikalingumą turēti aiškiai lietuvišką ir aiškiai katalikišką vaikų organizaciją. Turint mintyj dabartines sąlygas ir nuotaikas, vaikų organizavimu turētų, atrodo, susirūpinti jau esamos jaunimo organizacijos. Kitaip tariant, ir Vyčių organizacija turētų praplēsti savo veikimo plotą ir įsteigti lygnaują savo organizacijos šaką— vyčių jaunučius. Vyčių jaunučius vyčių jaunučius. Vyčių jaunučius, stoja į Vyčių organizaciją. Pereidami į 6 ir aukštesnius skyrius, nariai automatiškai pereitų į vyčius juniorus. Iš Vyčių juniorų, baigę mokyklą, įeina į Vyčius.

Marijos Vaikelių organizacija yra nepakankama. Tai grynai religinė vaikų, sakyčiau, brolija. Ji neturi nei tautinės, nei kultūrinės nei auklėjimosi tokio masto programos, kokią turėtų turėti Vyčių jaunučiai. Be to, toji organizacija neturi organiško ryšio su Vyčių sąjunga, o tas ryšys yra labai reikalingas.

Vyčių jaunučių organizavimu turētų susirūpinti pirmoj eilēj patys vyčiai. Jiems į talką ,ateis, be abejo, gerbiami kunigai ir darbščiosios mūsų seselēs.

Tiek dēl pirmo pasiūlymo.

Vyčių organizacija eina su gyvenimu. Jos idealas yra, be abejo, pilnutinis žmogus, pilnutinis jauno žmogaus auklējimas. Ugdydama meilę katalikybei ir lietuvybei, ji turētų ypatingą dēmesį atkreipti ir į socialines mūsų dienų jaunimo

problemas. Tokiu būdu ji būtų dar gyvenimiškesnē ir patrauklesnē pačiam jaunimui.

Mes, lietuviai katalikai, neturime jaunų darbininkų organizacijos, kai tuo tarpu daugumas esame arba darbininkai arba darbininkų vaikai. Vyčių organizacija, kreipdama daugiau dēmesio į socialines jaunimo problemas, atstos jaunų lietuvių darbininkų organizaciją.

Labai rekomenduotinas dalykas yra bendradarbiauti, užmegsti glaudesnius ryšius, su pagarsējusia jaunų darbininkų organizacijaj, kuri vadinasi JOC, žosistai. Ji, ta organizacija, plinta Kanadoje ir kelia koją į Ameriką. Tos organizacijos darbo metodai yra labai įdomūs ir verti ypatingo dēmesio. Siūlau Vyčių organizacijai užmegsti glaudesnius ryšius su JOC organizacija, siųsti savo atstovus į jų suvažiavimus, dalyvauti jų kursuose, studijuoti jų metodus ir t.t. Vyčių sąjungos centro valdyba turētų galimai greičiau susisiekti su žosistų vadovybe ir išdirbti bendradarbiavimo bei studijų planą.

Vyčių organizacija žengia į penktąją dešimtį. Praplēsdama savo organizaciją Vyčių jaunučiais ir įnešdama į savo veikimą socialinį žosistų budrumą, ji taps dar didesne pajēga Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenėje ir atliks didelius darbus bei uždavinius Dievui ir Tevynei.

Lietuvių Visuomenei Amerikoje

Jubiliejinis Vyčių Seimas, kurs įvyksta š. m. rugpiūčio mēn. 27, 28, 29 ir 30 d. Boston, Mass., yra kartu ir visos lietuvių katalikų visuomenės, o ypač jos jaunuomenės, didžioji šventė. Tat šio Seimo pasisekimą kuo galėdami paremkite ir kas tik galite ruoškitės jame dalyvauti.

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# One Knight's Thoughts About The Convention

If you read my last column (and I would guess that you did not) you will remember that I promised some thoughts AFTER the N. E. District Convention "with no punches pulled."

So, here goes.

I forecast that this convention would be about 85% social activity and 15% business. Let's see how right I was. By actual count there were about 16 hours of convention activity. Of these one hour was spent in purely religious activity—the Mass Sunday morning. Two hours were spent at meals, (which were excellent, let me say in passing), five hours were spent at sessions and SEVEN in dancing!

Well now, the actual record shows that 30% of the convention time was spent on business, and 42% dancing. And only 6% on religion.

Someone missed a wonderful chance to suggest that we change our name — to Knights of the Dance!

Anyway, during the session itself there was a good spirit in evidence. One thing, though, made me think. At times the delegates would start tripping over motions, amendments, points of order and so on. It seems that our conventions have much to learn about parliamentary procedure. At least, there should be a Parliamentarian on duty at all times. Other organizations have them, and their business meetings run along very smoothly. (A Parliamentarian, by the way, is an expert in correct procedure of conducting a meeting.) Why can't our councils and districts have parliamentarians who would study up on rules and become "experts" to help the rest of us along.

But, to get back to the convention. . .

If you check back to last month's "Thoughts", you will come across four suggestions recommended there. Let's see if they were acted upon.

- 1. Time limit on greetings NO. There was no need for a limit, because all the greetings were short.
- 2. Digest of business to be treated prepared by executive board. YES. Each council received two pages of points to be discussed at the pre-convention meeting, on which to base their resolutions and suggestions.

The sad part of this was that only two of the councils used the outline at all.

So, in fairness, it must be said that the district officers scored well on that point, but the councils failed.

- 3. Mimeographed or written reports by the officers. NO. With the exception of two officers, the spiritual adviser (who must have read my column) and the treasurer, no other officer handed in a written report, nor was anything mimeographed.
- 4. Healthy rivalry between councils for executive office. NO. There was no contest for the offices. It must be pointed out that there was more than one nominee for most of the offices, but on the whole, there was no spirit of sacrifice, no volunteer spirit shown.

Anyway, from what I could hear, on my charger up there in the picture of the "VY-TIS", the delegates were pleased with their new officers. And I join in with the rest, wishing council president, Joe Nazaka, a most successful year in office as district president.

VYTUKS NEMAŽIUKS C-103 Providence, R. I.

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### 40TH K. of L. NATIONAL CONVENTION

Time: August 28, 29, and 30th, 1953 Place: Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass. Host:Council 17, South Boston.



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## Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

(tąsa)

8-ji kuopa, Chicago, Ill. (Roselande)

8-ji kuopa Roselande (Visų šventųjų parapijoj) buvo viena veikliausių Chicagos apylinkėje. Gaila, kad iki šiol kuopos organizatoriai ir žymiausieji veikėjai nepasistengė pateikti Lietuvos Vyčių Istorijai aprašymo nuveiktų darbų parapijai, lietuvybei ir Lietuvai. Net negalima pasakyti, kuriais metais kuopa buvo įsteigta. Iš pirmosios korespondencijos, įdėtos "Vyčio" nr. 4 (kovo mėn. 1916 m.) galima spėti, kad įsteigta 1914 metais.

Kuopoje veikē meno sekcija: choras, orkestras, veikējai: J. Pivoriūnas, J. Jagminas, Iz. Čepulis, J. Ramanauskas, J. Puodžiūnas, J. S. Mockus, varg. V. Nickus, J. Misiūnas, S. Piktužis, O Deveikaitē, S. Kačinskaitē, O. Janušauskaitē ir kiti.

Kuopoje veikē meno sekcija: choras, orkestras, kuriems vadovavo varg. muz. V. Nickus, dramos ratelis, kurio režisorium buvo žymi aktorē O. Janušauskaitē. Dramos sekcija yra atvaidinus visa eilę veikalų, pradedant komedijomis, baigiant istoriniais, kaip "živilē" ir k. Pasižymējo ir sporto ratelis.

Vyčių veikimas parapijoj buvo vadovaujamas. Prakalbos, paskaitos įvairiais klausimais, temomis, kultūriniai subūvimai išeidavo iš vyčių iniciatyvos. Narių dosnumą parapijai, Lietuvos ir kultūriniems reikalams rodo kad ir šis faktas: 1916 metais spalio mēnesio susirinkime nutarta, kad kiekvienas dirbantis narys privalo Tautos Fondui paaukoti \$5. Anais laikais penki doleriai jaunimui buvo didelis pinigas. Sekančiais metais

Kalēdiniam Fondui, kurį globojo Tautos Fondas, kuopa suaukojo \$800. Daug dēmesio kuopa kreipē ir į katalikiškos spaudos platinimą. Kiekvie nais metais dalyvaudavo Katalikų Spaudos Draugijos vajuje, platindami laikraščius ir knygas. Kai kurie nariai, pvz. J. S. Mockus ne tik čia rēmē katalikiškąją spaudą, bet įsirašē garbēs nariu ir šv. Kazimiero Draugijos Kaune.

Tikiuosi, kad augščiau išvardintieji veikējai ne tik patikslins tai, kas čia parašyta, bet ir žymiai papildys.

Kuopos dvasios vadais buvo kun. P. Lapelis, kun. B. Serafinas, abu žinomi jaunimo ir moksleivių veikējai,, taip pat žurnalistai ir rašytojai, ir kan. J. Paškauskas.

Po antrojo Pasaulinio karo užējus ekonominei krizei, kaip kitose vietose, taip ir Roselande 8-ji kuopa buvo nutraukus veikimą. Prieš porą metų J. Juozaičio, buv. Chicagos apskričio pirmininko, pastangomis, kuopa atgaivinta. Dvasios vadu ir globēju bei akstinu jaunimo prie kilnių darbų, kuriuos plačia vaga varē jo tēvai, yra dabartinis kleb. kun. J. šaulinskas.

### 9-ji kuopa, Pittsburgh, Pa.

9-ji kuopa buvo įsteigta ir veikė Dangun žengimo parapijoj Pittsburghe, Pa., tačiau kuriais metais buvo įsteigta — negalima pasakyti. 1918 metais balandžio 28 d. kuopa buvo suruošus pirmą vakarą, kuriame vaidino "Namai pragarai" ir "Naujas kelias", o choras išpildė meninę programą.

1918 metų "Vyčio" nr. 8 įdēta kuopos nuotrau-

ka, kurioj matosi didelis būrys narių.

Gera būtų, kad kas iš pittsburgiečių veikėjų, buvusių tos kuopos narių parašytų platesnę ir išsamesnę kuopos istoriją.

### 10-ji kuopa, Athol, Mass.

Kuopa įsteigta 1914 metais gegužės 14 d. Steigiamajam susirinkime įsirašė 55 nariai. Tais pačiais metais kuopa jau siuntė savo atstovą į organizacijos seimą Brocktone, Mass.

Tais pačiais metais sēkmingesniam savo veikimui išnuomavo salę. Vienas kuopos steigējų, kleb. kun. P. Meškauskas, tam reikalui paaukojo \$25. Kiti nariai sudējo po \$1.

Kun. P. Meškauskui, kuris buvo veikimo vairininkas, daug talkino: A. Lasius, J. Gailiūnas, D. Karoblis ir eilē kitų narių. Tais pačiais metais kuopa suruošē keletą vakarų, suvaidindama "žilē galvon, velnias uodegon", "Užkerētas Jackus" ir kitus. Vēliau įsteigtas pastovus Dramos ratelis, kuriame ypatingo veiklumo parodē: P. Kvederaitē, A. Norkūnaitē, A. Vaitkevičiūtē, M. Stasinaitē, M. Paliulis, S. Baltrenaitē, M. Dovidonaitē, A. Zigauskaitē ir k. Dramos ratelis suvaidino visą eilę didesnių scenos veikalų.

1916 metais kuopa įsteigė Sporto sekciją, kurioj veikė basebolo, kreipšinio, teniso, keglininkų (bowling) ir k. komandos.

1918 metais buvo įsteigtas orkestras, kuriam vadovavo muz. V. šereika.

Kuopa daug aukų yra sudėjus ir surinkus Lietuvos laisvės reikalams per prakalbas, paskaitas ir kitais būdais, daug taip pat yra aukojus Lietuvos Raud. Kryžiaus Rėmėjų Draugijai, steigiamam Lietuvos Katalikų Universitetui, Krikščionių demokratų partijai, pavasarininkams ir įvairioms kultūrinės veiklos organizacijoms. Aukų rinkime ypatingai pasižymėdavo Grigaliūnaitė ir Jusinskaitė.

1919 metais kuopa buvo įsteigus knygnyną — skaityklą, kurioje narių aukomis ir kitais būdais buvo sukrauta daugiau kaip 400 knygų. Skaitykla galėjo naudotis nariai ir nenariai.

Kasmet kuopa suruošdavo piknikus, karnavalus ir kitokias pramogas parapijos naudai ir savo organizacijos reikalams. Narių vieningumas ir darbštumas visas tas pramogas padarydavo sēkmingas.

Kun. P. Meškauskui įstojus į Tevų Marijonų Kongregaciją ir išvykus į Chicagą, jo vieton buvo paskirtas kun. A. Petraitis, kuris taip pat reme vyčių veiklą ir visame padedavo.

(Bus daugiau)

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Kas iš narių arba buvusių narių čia aprašomųjų kuopų turi kokių patikslinimų dėl datų, veikimo ir t.p., nuoširdžiai prašau surašyti ir man atsiųsti. Daugelio kuopų aprašymai buvo surankioti iš senųjų laikraščių, todėl galėjo įsibrauti ir stambių klaidų.

Visą medžiagą Lietuvos Vyčių Istorijos reikalu prašau siųsti šiuo adresu:

#### Ignatius Sakalas

2334 So. Oakley Ave., Chicago 8, Ill.

### Kaip Malolnu Būtų!

šį nuoširdų Amerikoj gimusios ir augusios lietuvaitės, vytės žodį su malonumu spausdiname "Vyties" skiltyse. Mes tikime, kad tai bus nepaskutinis.

"Vyties" Redakcija

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Ar esi kartais pagalvojęs, kaip malonu būtų, jeigu jaunimas šią dieną iš Amerikos galētų orlaiviu nuskristi į Laisvą Lietuvą pamatyti senolių gimtinės, pailsėti jos miškuose — ir pievose ir pasigerėti didžiomis jos upėmis?

Negalēdami tuo tarpu tai padaryti, galime betgi nors mažesniu maštabu turēti sau lietuviško džiaugsmo, skaitydami įspūdingas istorines lietuviškas knygas.

Pasiskaičius knygų, galima lankyti gražius, įdomius lietuviškus vaidinimus, šokius, išvažiavimus bei kitokius parengimus, ir tuo čia pat Amerikoje stiprinti save bei remti lietuvių tautą ir jos gražius darbus.

O kaip malonu būtų žinoti, kad Lietuvos priešo ant šio svieto jau nebēra, kad lietuvių tauta vēl laisvai gyvuoja ir dirba ir yra stipri, rami ir linksma. Tai draugēs-ai Vyčiai, su drąsa, tikru pasiryžimu, su gerais darbais ir malda stenkimēs šių dalykų nuoširdžiai siekti!

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Redaguoja Ignas Sakalas

Mes labai atsiprašome, kad šis straipsnis telpa kiek pavēluotai. Bet jis savo iškeltais klausimais visuomet yra aktualus. Red.

Chicago, III. — Prieš dvidešimt penkis metus Dievo Apvaizdos parapijos bažnyčia, kuri tuo metu globojo didžiausią visoj vyčių organizacijoj 4-ją kuopą, šv. Kazimiero dieną per vienas mišias pražydo raudonomis rožēmis. Tai buvo pirmoji Lietuvos Vyčių Chicagos apskričio dvasinė puota savo globėjui šv. Kazimierui pagerbti. Daugiau kaip 700 narių užpildė bažnyčią. Rožių kvapas, susiliejęs su nepaprastai gražiu LV Chicagos apskričio choro, vedamo komp. J. Saurio, giedojimu, darė nepaprasto įspūdžio visiems šventės dalyviams.

Tos, tradicijon įėjusios, šventės sumanytoju ir organizatorium buvo plačiai žinomas veikėjas S. Šimulis, kuris šiuo metu priklauso sendraugių kuopai, ir kurio nuopelnai organizacijai, ypatingai Chicagos apskrityje, yra neapskaičiuojami.

Toji jubilējinē šventē šiemet buvo suruošta šv. Antano parapijos bažnyčioje, Ciceroje. Vyčių gretas, šiemet kažkodēl mažiau skaitlingas negu pernai, papildē skautai. Nors buvo skelbiama, kad šventēj bendrai dalyvaus ateitininkai (moksleiviai, studentai ir sendraugiai) ir skautai, tačiau pirmųjų buvo tiktai keletas, o pastarųjų nedidelis būrelis iš Ciceros vieneto. Kaip ir praējusiais metais, iškilmes papuošē Amerikos Legiono Dan Varnas posto uniformuota grupē su savo vēliava ir garbēs sargyba. Reikia pažymēti, kad ši posta sudaro veik vieni katalikai ir didžiuma jų, inimant patį šių metų komanderį p. Joniką, priklauso vyčiams — 112-tai kuopai. Čia yra nuopelnas J. Juozaičio, žinomo Chicagos vyčių veikė jo ir Centro Ritualo Komisijos nario. Jis taip pat priklauso postui ir yra buvęs komanderiu.

Mišias atlaikē LV Illinois-Indiana val. dvasios vadas kun. J. Grinis su asista, o šventei pritaikytą pamokslą pasakē vysk. V. Brizgys Per mišias gražiai giedojo parapijos vargonininko muz. A. Mondeikos dukters Marijonos vedamas 9-jų mišių mergaičių choras. Ypatingai gražiai skambējo a capelo sugiedotas Revenelo "Panis Angeli-

cus." Marijona Mondeikaitē yra vargonų virtuozē ir vis dar toj muzikos šakoj specializuojasi pas garsų De Paul Universiteto muzikos profesorių Becker'į.

Bažnyčioj iškilmēs baigtos Vyčių himnu ir vēl, vēliavoms: JAV, Lietuvos, Am. Leg. Dan Varnas posto ir Vyčių plevesuojant, ilga eisena suējo į parapijos salę užkandžio.

Suvalgius skanių sumuštinių ir užgērus kavos, kuriais vaišino vietos vytēs, prasidējo kalbų — sveikinimų pynē. Įžangos žodį tarė kun. S. Gaučias, sveikindamas vyčius, ateitininkus ir skautus kleb. kun. Albavičiaus (išvykusio Europon) vardu.

Lietuvos konsulas dr. P. Daužvardis palinkējo vyčiams parodyti daugiau "karingumo", laiškais, rezoliucijomis ir kitais būdais bombarduojant savo valstybēs senatorius ir kongresmanus, kad jie kiekviena proga užtartų komunistų kryžiuojamą Lietuvą ir kitus okupuotus kraštus ir reikalautų grąžinti jiems nepriklausomybę, taip pat ragino įsigyti "Congresional Record" leidinį, kuriame Vasario 16 proga yra apsčiai kalbų apie Lietuvą.

L. šimutis iškēlē sumanymą, kad vyčiai atskiru leidiniu išleistų Bostono arkivyskupo Cushing pasakytą kalbą pastarajame Balfo seime. Tai bū tų didžiausias paakstinimas Amerikos lietuvių jaunimui dētis prie L. Vyčių Organizacijos, gerbti, mylēti savo tēvų kalbą ir visas gražiasias tautos tradicijas.

Kun. J. Vaišnys, SJ, skautų dvasios vadas, palinkėjo,, kad veikdami paskirai vyčiai, ateitininkai ir skautai palaikytų stiprų tarpusavio ryšį.

Vysk. V. Brizys palinkējo trijų dalykų: 1) kad visas Amerikos lietuvių katalikų jaunimas priklausytų vyčių organizacijai, 2) kad Illinois-Indiana apskritis būtų stipriausias organizacijos vienetas, vadovaujantis visam jaunimui visose kolonijose, 3) kad Amerikos lietuvių jaunieji kunigai ranka rankon eitų su vyčiais, kaip pvz. kun. Jutkevičius, kun. Katarskis, kun. Raila ir k. "Jei kurio nepajēgiate rankomis į savo gretas įtraukti, tai pulkite jiems ant kaklo", sakē garbusis Svečias. Tuomet vyčiai galēs apjungti visą Amerikos lietuvių jaunimą ir didelius darbus

Nepaprasta šventēs dalyviams buvo staigmena, kaip pirmininkaujantis pranešē, kad puotoje dalyvauja vyčių iš Cleveland, O., Onsonia, Conn. ir Providence, R. I. Paprašius svečius pasirodyti, visi buvo labai šiltai pasveikinti.

Pusryčių programą pravedē apskričio pirmininkas J. Jasulaitis.

Be augščiau minētųjų, pasidairius po salę jau nimo tarpe matēsi visa eilē žilagalvių organizacijos veteranų: M. Kubilius, vienas organizacijos steigējų, pirmasis 1-sios kuopos Montello, Mass., narys su žmona, S. šimulis, M. Zizas, adv. C. Kal, K. Zaromskis, J. Vilkišius, J. Kass su žmona, P. čižauskas su žmona, Ig. Sakalas su žmona, V. Pavis su žmona ir dukterim, E. Misius su žmona ir visa eilē kitų, kurių krūtines puošē Ketvirtojo laipsnio — šv. Kazimiero medalis.

šventē baigta vakare Lietuvos Vyčių salēj banketu, kurį suruošē sendraugių kuopa pagerbimui narių pakeltų į Tretį į laipsnį. Čia taip pat pasakyta eilė kalbų, o laipsnių įteikimą pravedė J. Juozaitis, Centro Ritualo Komisijos narys. Programai sumaniai vadovavo sendraugių pirm. Ignas Sakalas.

#### KELIOS PASTABOS

Prel. M. Krupavičius savo padēkoj už sveikinimus vyčiams sendraugiams davē tēviškų patarimų: "kaikur padažyt, kaikur varžtelį pasukt, kaikur paremt . . . bet visa tai daryt lietuviška intencija."

šieji patarimai — tai mūsų savikritika, kurią reikētų į "Vyčio" skiltis įvesti ir kuopose, susirinkimuose pravesti. Kas gera pagirti, kas peiktina — pastebēti, taisyti. Protinga savikritika gali ne tik daug dalykų pataisyti, bet kartu ir pačius narius pamokyti, daugiau supratimo įgyti.

Drausmē. Chicagos vyčių kuopose pastebima stoka drausmēs. Pav. šioj šventēj iš kaikurių kuopų dalyvavo po keletą narių. Ar tiktai tiek beturima narių? Ne, sakysite. Tai kur jie buvo? Jei Jonui, Marijonai nesunku buvo iš vakaro sąžinēs sąskaitą padaryti, tai tą patį galējo padaryti ir visa eilē kitų narių. Jei pirmiesiems nesunku buvo atsikelti aštuntą valandą ryto (o rytas buvo toks gražus), tai tą galējo padaryti ir pastarieji. Ar tai tokie vyčiai? Ar ne lepšiskumas? Vieną kartą į metus, ir dar tokion šventēn, negali visi nariai suvažiuoti. O gal stoka buvo paraginimo: iš kuopos valdybos, kuopos dvasios vado, apskričio dvasios vado? Kur-ne-kur, bet pas vyčius to neturi būti.

Bažnyčioj. Jau pernai buvo pastebēta, kad bažnyčioj vienas kitas, pradējus artintis prie Dievo Stalo, pasilieka suole. Vadinas, svečias ne vestuvių rūbuose. Kas nepasipuošia tai šventei, tegul nestoja į pasipuošusiųjų gretas. Geriau tegul lovoj dribso, kad pašaliniai žmonēs nemanytų, jog vyčių, ateitininkų ir skautų yra šiaudinių narių. Skautai čia turima galvoje tie, kurie pripažįsta savo dvasios vado autoritetą.

Salēj. Per pusryčius kun. Gaučias, kun. Grinis, kun. Vaišnys, dr. P. Daužvardis, L. šimutis, vysk. V. Brizgys — visi kalbējo lietuviškai, o pusryčių toastmasteris kiekvieną perstatē angliškai. Mes žinome, kad apskričio pirmininkai puikiai moka ir lietuviškai, tad kaip būt buvę gražu, jei svečiai būtų buvę perstatyti lietuviška kalba, juoba, kad visi šventēs dalyviai buvo lietuviai ir visi moka lietuviškai. O juk mes gyvenam Tautai.

Rūkymas. Gal nēra nusižengimas mandagumui, bet gražiau ir kultūringiau būtų, jei tokiuose šventiškuose pusryčiuose, ypatingai kai dalyvauja garbingi svečiai, nerūkyti. Išauklētas žmogus vis tik palaikys storžieviu ta, kuris sēdēdamas prie stalo, vyskupui kalbant, išrietęs galvapučia dūmus į lubas. Juk cigaro ir cigarečių vergai nebūt numirę, jei pusvalandį būtų palaukę. Kultūringumas būt buvęs išlaikytas 100 nuoš.

Jei esame vyčiai, tai visur pasirodykime vyčiais, tikrais vyčiais: drausmingais, mandagiais, kultūringais, kad visiems būtume pavyzdžiu.

#### SENDRAUGIŲ KRONIKA

Pastarame sendraugių susirinkime kuopon įsirašē A. Daugirdas, dienraščio "Draugo" generalinis atstovas ir ateitininkų sendraugių narys.

P. Norkaitis, S. Rudys, T. Samienē ir P. Lubertienē šių metų šv. Kazimiero dienos minējime pakelti į Antrojo laipsnio narius. Lubertienēs du sūnūs gražiai darbuojasi jaunių 112-je kuopoje Marquette Parke.

Viktoras Jodelis, vienas pirmųjų narių 4-tos kp., veikusios Dievo Apvaizdos parapijoj, žymus rēmējas visų vyčių sumanymų ir darbų, po sunkios operacijos jau pasirodē susirinkime. Kuopa sveikino ir džiaugēsi pamačius jį pasveikusį.

E. širvinskienē, vyčių Ramovēs bufeto vedēja, neseniai išleido sūnų Albertą į JAV kariuomenę. Jos vienturtē duktē neseniai įstojo į seserų pranciškiečių vienuolyną.

## Gimtoji Kalba

### BARBARIZMAI LIETUVIŲ KALBOJE L. Dambrūnas

Barbarizmais vadinami svetimi, iš kitos kalbos paimti ir vartojami žodžiai. Seniau Lietuvoje nemažai buvo vartojama lenkiškų ar vokiškų barbarizmų, o Amerikos lietuvių kalboje įsigalėjo angliški barbarizmai. Suprantama, kad barbarizmai nevartotini, nes jie kalbą gadina, padaro ją žargonišką. Barbarizmai kalboje yra tai tas pats, kas šiukšlės kambaryje. Jas reikia šluoti lauk. Todėl kas nori gryna lietuvių kalba kalbėti, turi

E. Motekaitienē, nepamainoma šeimininkē sendraugių banketuose ir kitokiuose subūvimuose, buvo išvykus poilsio į Hot Spring. Grįžusi vēl įsisuko į tas pačias pareigas. Kita vyčių pamēgtoji šeimininkē yra T. Norbutienē, kuri paskutiniu laiku buvo sunegalējus, bet dabar vēl tokia pat smagi, kaip ir buvo.

Kun. Ig Albavičiui pagerbti jo kunigystės 40 metų sukakties proga, Federacijos Chicagos apskričio suruoštame bankete Vyčių salėj sendraugių kuopa įteikę Organizacijos Ketvirtojo laipsnio. Šv. Kazimiero ordiną. Medalį prisegė sendraugių pirmininkas Ig. Sakalas. Kun. Ig. Albavičius yra vienas organizacijos steigėjų, ugdytojų, keliais atvėjais buvęs Centro Valdyboje (dvasios vadas), yra Garbės narys ir sendraugių kuopos dvasios vadas. Į Ketvirtąjį laipsnį buvo pakeltas dar tuomet, kai nebuvo suprojektuotas ordino ženklas — medalis. Banketas suruoštas jam grįžus iš Europos.

Pranas ir Beneta Cicēnai, ilgamečiai Town of Lake veikējai, neseniai Brighton Parke (4544 S. California Ave.) pirko nuo J. Petkūnienēs maisto krautuvę. Abu priklauso sendraugių kuopai ir pasižymi aukomis, taip pat ir J. Petkūnienē. B. Cicenienē taip pat yra veikli ir kitose organizacijose.

P. Jusius, vyčių veteranas, sendraugių narys, paaukojo \$5. "bankui" įsteigti. Kiek kuopoj yra narių, tiek bus atspausdinta numerių ir kiekviename susirinkime loterijos būdu vienas numeris bus laimingas bankui laimēti. Jei to numerio narys nedalyvaus susirinkime, laimētasis "bankas" vēl bus gražinamas į kasą ir sekančiame susirinkime iš naujo bus traukiamas jau didesnis "bankas".

vengti šių barbarizmų:

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Blanketas —		i antklodē,
bučeris	"	mēsininkas
bučernē	"	mēsinē
čenčiuoti	"	keisti
čežyti	"	kainoti
diferens	"	skirtumas
diferent	"	skirtingas
drinksas	"	gērimas
drugštoris	"	vaistinē
draiverys	"	vairuotojas (šoferis)
ekspensai	"	išlaidos
farma	"	ūkis
feras	"	biletas
fūlinti	"	mulkinti
grynorius	"	žaliukas (naujokas)
imprūvinti	"	pataisyti
inšiurensas	**	drauda (draudimas)
inšiurenso	***	draudimo
kompanij	a	bendrovē
karpenteris	"	dailidē
kontestas	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	varžybos (lenkytnēs)
kostiumeris	"	pirkējas (klientas)
lojeris	"	advokatas
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lotas	"	sklypas
nursē	"	gailestingoji sesuo
		(slaugē)
ofisas	"	įstaiga
pēdē	"	alga
penteris	"	dažytojas
pysvorkas	"	gabalinis darbas
praisas	,,	kaina
praspendyti	,,	išleisti
renda	,,	nuoma
saidvokas	,,	šaligatvis
saliūnas	"	smūklē
selsmonas	"	pardavējas
sitizenas	"	pilietis
steidžius	"	scena
steitas	,,,	valstybē
strytkaris	"	tramvajus
šapa	"	dirbtuvē, krautuvē
šēras	"	dalis, akcija
šērininkas	"	dalininkas
televiženas	,,	televizija
vakēšenas	,,	atostogos
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## A. A. Advokatas Juozapas Grish

Jonas A. Stoškus



Advokatas Juozapas J. Grish gimē 1893 m. rugpiūčio 18 d., Chicagoje. Jis yra Juozapo ir Barboros Grišių sūnus, gimusių Lietuvoj, Telšiuose. Jis nuo mažens griebēs mokslo — South Chicago išējo pradinę ir aukštesnę mokyklą.

1914 m. vasario mēnesy priēmē moterystēs sakramentą su Monika Misevičiūte, šv. Jurgio parapijos bažnyčioj, Chicagoje. Dievas laimino jauną katalikišką šeimą. Jiems gimē trys dukterys ir du sūnu: Gertruda, Genovaitē, Rita, Theodoras ir Juozapas, jr. Dēja, Genovaitē mirē vos sulaukus pusantrų metų amžiaus. 1924 m. birželio mēnesy, po sunkios ligos, Dievas pasišaukē ir devynių metukų sulaukusę pirmgimę dukrą Gertrudą.

Jausdamas didį patraukimą į teisių mokslus ir advokato profesiją, jis tiems mokslams ruošiasi, — dienomis dirba Peoples National Banke, kad sutaupius pinigų savo šeimos reikalams ir mokesčiui už mokslą. Jis įstoja į Chicago Kent College of Law vakarinius kursus. Juozas baigē teisių moksla 1927 m. ir išlaikē Illinois State Teisiu egzaminus. Jis savo studentavimo dienomis rado laiko veikti ir Amerikos lietuvių oerganizacijose: dalyvauja jų suvažiavimuose, ruošia nepiliečius pilietybės, mokina anglų kalbos mūsų ateivius, rašo teisių klausimais straipsnius mūsų laikraščiuose, stoja į jaunų Vyčių eiles, ir uoliai veikia mūsų organizacijoj iki mirties. Kad galētų suteikti mūsų lietuviškai visuomenei didesnę paramą teisių reikaluose, jis grįžta vakarais vēl i 10

mokyklos suolą ir gauna teisių mokslų Magistro laipsnį.

Juozapas Grish daug dirbo Vyčių organizacijoj. 1927 m. jis persikēlē iš Gary, Indiana 82 kuopos į naują savo parapijos 112-tą kuopą Marquette Pk. Čia jisai padeda jaunimui tverti sporto ratelius, ragina jaunimą siekti aukštesnio mokslo, dalyvauja apskričio veikime ir nepraleidžia progos kelti lietuvių vardą. Jisai dave teisinius patarimus, kai Vyčiai pirko apskričio namus, pavadintus "Jaunimo Centras" ir prieš vykstant į Kaliforniją sutvarkē visus jų reikalus. Sutvērus seniorų kuopą, jisai pilnu atsidėjimu veikia jųjų tarpe. Jis dalyvavo mūsų organizacijos centro seimuose ir čia duoda daug gerų patarimų, ruošia rezolucijas, duoda visą reikalingą teisinę pagelbą, Jis vyčių seimus visuomet pasveikindavo ir su pinigine auka. Jojo paskutinis dalyvavimas Vyčiu seime buvo 1949 Elizabeth, N. J., 1951 m., centro valdybos kviečiamas, jisai su didžiu malonumu užēmē centro teisių (legalaus) patarējo vieta ir ta darba dirbo iki savo mirties.

Juozapas buvo nariu Lietuvių Advokatų Sąjungos, Chicago Bar Association, Illinois Bar Association, Kolumbo Vyčių Cardinal Mundelein kuopos organizatorius ir pirmas tos kuopos Didysis Vytis 1947-48 m., šv. Vardo draugijos veiklus narys Panelės šv. Marijos Gimimo parapijoj, L.R.K.S., Lietuvių Katalikų Federacijos narys, padėjo suorganizuoti moterų šv. Teresėlės Vardo draugiją Marquette Pk., Namų savininkų klubo veikėjas ir daugelio kitų organizacijų narys bei stambus rėmėjas.

Su Amerikos sportininkų grupe 1935 m. jam tenka lankyti Lietuvą, tą žemę kurioj gimė jojo mylimi tēveliai. Sugrįžęs iš Lietuvos ruošė prakalbas apie mūsų brangų tēvų kraštą, ragina jaunimą Lietuvą mylėti ir daugiau veikti, užlaikant josios papročius, dainas, kalbą. Jam apsilankius Lietuvoj, jisai mums asmeniškus pasikalbėjimuos sakė, kad jo akys atsivėrė neaprėpiamiems darbo plotams, ir atsirado dar didesnis pasišventimas dirbti Dievo ir Tevynės naudai. Jo pasidarbavimo dėka mūsų organizacijoje įkvėpta stipresnis pasiryžimas ginti Lietuvos teises į laisvą, nepriklausomą gyvenimą.

Juozapas buvo vienas pirmųjų organizatorių

šv. Panelės Marijos Gimimo parapijos, ir virš dvidešimt tris metus ją uoliai lankė ir rėmė medžiagiškai. Prieš mirtį jisai pasiryžo suteikti savo dešimtą šimtinę, kad jojo auka naujos bažnyčios statymo fondui būtų \$1,000.00 dolerių. Šį jo norą išpildė jojo žmona jam mirus. Kiek stipendijų jojo duota lietuviškam besimokinančiam jaunimui, mūsų lietuviškoms įstaigoms, sunku visa ir suskaityti. Pažymėtina, kad šv. Kazimiero seselių išlaikoma mergaičių aukštesnioji mokykla ir kongregacijos reikalai ypač jam buvo arti prieširdies.

Didžiosios savaitēs trečiadienį gaunam linksmą žinia iš Kalifornijos sostines, kad balandžio 8 d. gaus šioj valstijoj pilnas advokato teises. Ta vakarą su žmona nuvyksta į šv. Kazimiero parapijos bažnyčia pareikšti Dievui padēka už parama, atlieka išpažintį. Rytojaus dieną dalyvauja šv. Mašiose ir priima kartu su žmona šv. komunija, pilnas didžio širdies džiaugsmo. Didįjį penktadieni, po pamaldų vyksta pas gydytoją sveikatos patikrinti. Gydytojas sako jam, kad kraujas 10 punktų žemesnis, kad jis ramiai laikytųsi. Su tomis žiniomis keliauja i namus. Sustojes kavinēj pietu, gauna kraujo smūgį. Greit nuvežamas i ligoninę. Balandžio 7 d. 3:12 val. ryto aprūpintas šv. sakramentais, atiduoda savo sielą gerąjam Dievui. Kūnas buvo pašarvotas Los Angeles miesto laidotuvių įstaigoj iki balandžio 8 d. Vakare jo kūnas buvo nuvežtas į šv. Kazimiero parapijos bažnyčia ir čia paliktas per naktį. Ryte klebonas kun. Kučingis atlaiko gedulo mišias už jojo sielą. Los Angeles lietuviai ir Juozo draugai gausiai lanko ji pašarvojus ir pamaldose. Sulig Juozo noro, jo kūnas orlaiviu buvo sugrąžintas i gimtine Chicago laidojimui.

Kanauninkas Jurgis Paškauskas, 4-to laipsnio Vytis, antradienį, balandžio 14 d., atlaikė iškilmingas gedulo šv. Mišias P. šv. Marijos Gimimo parapijos bažnyčioj, kur didinga žmonių minia dalyvavo apė̃igose. Kolumbo Vyčiai palydė̃jo mūsų didį veikė̃ją į jojo amžino poilsio vietą, greta savo mylimos dukrelė̃s Gertrudos, šv. Kazimiero kapinė̃se.

Juozapas Grish gimē Amerikoj, buvo ištikimas josios sūnus; vieną kartą laikē Lietuvą. Jis mums tikras pamokinimas, kaip mes visi, čia ar Lietuvoj gimę, turime vieni kitiems padēti ir bendrai veikti ir šiam kraštui ir Lietuvai.

Jojo mylimai žmonai Monikai, kuri daug skatino jį veikimui bei jo sūnams ir dukrai, mes organizacijos vardu reiškiame mūsu gilia užuojauta.

### How About You?

The Norkunas Memorial Fund Committee recently received a \$5.00 check accompanied by the following note: "Here's a small contribution to Norkunas Memorial Fund. Had it not been for Norkunas' great love of Lithuania and Lithuanian youth, we wouldn't be making plans each year to attend those wonderful conventions that he too loved."

That is one member's appreciation of what our beloved Tēvas Norkunas means to our organization. Were it not for him and other like-minded men and women, we would not be thinking of gathering in Boston this summer for a 40th jubilee convention. Norkunas is a symbol of Lithuanianism — strong, militant, uncompromising — a quality that is becoming to every Knight worthy of his name. The name of Norkunas must ever be our rallying point for ourselves in our faltering moments and for those who will succeed us. If his name and his spirit live among us, nothing will ever tempt us to turn aside from the straight Lithuanian line that has been our glory and our strength these past 40 years.

The first of the project to memorialize the Norkunas' name is now in preparation. It will be a bronze tablet with a suitable inscription to be placed on Norkunas' grave. It will be a specially designed tablet with appropriate Lithuanian and K. of L. motifs. If the committee receives a unanimous support from the membership, this project might even be finished before the convention. We, therefore, urge every member to make an immediate contribution to the Fund. It can be only a dollar or two, but what would be very meaningful is that every member participate in this undertaking. Mykolas Norkunas loved us all. Let us reciprocate in this small way be showing our appreciation his life and work among us. Let us build this and other memorials to remind us for years to come that we are dedicated to preserve and advance the cause for which he labored a whole lifetime. Let us not be indifferent or forgetful. Let us all be included in the building of this memorial. Send your donation at once and urge others to do so. The address is:

Joseph Boley, 5 East 62nd Et., New York, N. Y.

Norkunas Memorial Fund Committee

### 40TH K. of L. NATIONAL COMMITTEE



Al Wesey, national president, Rev. F. A. Virmauskis, pastor, Dr. J. Leimonas, Rev. A. J. Contons, P. Grendal; J. S. Alexander; W. Skudris, J. Daniels, A. Norvilas; Phil Carter; R. Shatas; J. Ginkus, J. Olevitz; E. Daniels, D. Shatas, A. Laudansky, A. Jacobs; A. Akule, Virginia and Joan Kleponis, L. Romanskis, R. Stakutis; Atty A. J. Young, Al. Ivaska, Mrs. A. M. Yelmokas and L. Svelnis. (Several missing in above picture.)

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### PLAN TO ATTEND 40TH K. of L. NATIONAL CONVENTION NOW!

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The Fortieth National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania will be held in Boston, Mass.,

August 28 to 30, 1953.

ATTENTION — many interesting and worth while events will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, August 26 and 27, preceding the opening sessions August 28. A WORKSHOP is being arranged for all delegates and guests at the beautiful grounds in Marianpolis, Thompson, Conn. Make reservations (accommodations directly with Al Wesey, national president, 72 Steamboat Road, Great Neck, N. Y. Resolutions must be mailed to President Wesey by August 1st.

Requests for hotel reservations should be addressed directly to Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass. Be

sure to give definite date of arrival as well as probable departure date.

Additional data and information may be received by writing to Misses Rita and Diane Shatas,

784 East Broadway, South Boston 27, Mass.

Registration fee of \$15.00 for each delegate (payable to KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA CONVENTION) should be mailed to: Miss Alice Laudansky, Registration Co-chairman, 1 Mather Street, Dorchester, Mass.

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### "...lr Tevynei"

### Evelyn Bender

On June 14, people of Lithuanian blood everywhere observed another sad anniversary; twelve years ago on that day there began the arrest and deportation of some 30,000 Lithuanians into Russia. It took only five days.

What led up to it? Why this seemingly sudden outburst of fury against the Lithuanian people? The oppression had started over a year before. In June, 1940, the Soviet authorities started accusing Lithuania of forming a secret military alliance directed against Russia with the other Baltic nations. The truth is that the only pact concerning all these countries was a treaty of Good Will and Collaboration (not military) signed in 1934, while Latvia and Estonia had a defensive military agreement dating from 1923, in which Lithuania had not taken part. Both these treaties were public documents, well-known to the world, and holding no special enmity toward Russia.

On June 14, 1940, the Soviet issued an ultimatum demanding the immediate formation of a new government "acceptable" to the Soviets and the granting of free passage into Lithuania of unlimited numbers of Russian troops. The President (Smetona) and Cabinet of Lithuania met in a special session to try to form an "acceptable" government, in order to preserve some trace of Lithuanian independence. Their efforts failed, and Smetona and other officials fled to Germany in protest. At noon on June 15, the Soviet army marched into Lithuania and quickly took over the main cities; on June 17, the Soviet government appointed Justin Paleckis, a pro-Russian journalist, Prime Minister of the country.

Thereafter the occupation followed the pattern that has since become familiar to us: the way, more recently, Russia took over Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland — it all happened earlier, thirteen years ago, if only the world had watched as carefully! The same "dummy" elections, outlawing of all organizations and political parties, the incorporation of Lithuania into the U. S. S. R. republics, the nationalization of land, schools, banks, factories, means of transportation, the strict censorship, the usual reign of terror — arrest, exile, deportation and execution for thousands — they all took place in Lithuania not so long ago.

Even then, the people did not submit. An underground organization, the Activist Front, was formed and issued its own (secret) newspaper. The people even tried to celebrate publicly Lithuanian Independence Day, and many times replaced the Russian flag with their own national banner, and sang "Lietuva, Tēvynē Mūsų"—both of which had been proscribed.

Then came the dread mass deportation, starting on June 14, 1941 — not really so unexpected after all. The triumph of the Soviet was shortlived at the time, however — for a week later, on June 22, Germany and Russia were at war, and the Lithuanian underground seized the opportunity to revolt. The battle spread all over the country — Kaunas, Vilnius, šiauliai — all were soon taken over by the insurgents; a new declaration of independence was proclaimed; and a provisional government headed by Joseph Ambrazevičius was formed. By June 27, the Russians had been driven out of Lithuania — but not by the Lithuanians alone, unfortunately. German forces had helped in the defeat, and soon Nazi Germany was ready to demand its price. After a short six weeks of liberty, Lithuania again became a victim — this time to the Nazis.

The second Russian "liberation" came in 1944. Lithuania has not been free since.

May God have mercy on our "tēvynē"!

### DID YOU KNOW THAT?

CULTURE has grown and flourished in great strides since Feb. 16, 1918, when Lithuania first became Independent. Notwithstanding this fact, there are very few historically famous preserved monuments due to the fiercesness of the invaders of this peaceful country.

LITHUANIA has no awe inspiring gorges, mountains, or waterfalls but is considered the "perfect vacation ground" for the traveler seeking an idyllic, quaint, charming atmosphere of wonderful seacoasts of white sand, sturdy pines, and gently sloping wooded hills.

LITHUANIANS with all their modern progress are a song-loving people who have preserved their folklores, folk dances, and above all their wonderful ancestral songs that still ring anywhere that you can find a gathering of Lithuanians.

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## CALLING WKOX FRAMINGHAM

The following editorial was published in the "Catholic Free Press", official publication of the Diocese of Worcester, on May 22, 1953. Its substance was reprinted with comments in a number of secular newspapers. It had its intended effect. The program was taken off the air on Sunday, May 24, 1953.

We are grateful to the Editor of the "Catholic Free Press" for the editorial. Our own Committee on Lithuanian Affairs is to be commended for the magnificent response it made by sending many letters of protest to the Manager of Station WKOX. The combined efforts of the "Catholic Free Press" and of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee were instrumental in the removal from the air waves of a program which was definitely a disgrace to all Lithuanians.

Probably many of our readers never have occasion to hear Station WKOX in Framingham and most of our readers would not understand its Lithuanian program even if they listened to the station. It is our belief that the owners and operators of WKOX do not listen to this program themselves or, at any rate, do not know what is being said on it. We hope they will take the trouble to find out.

In order to give the management a little head-start in their researches, we offer them the following reports which have come into us from numerous Lithuanian people who consider, as do we, that the present Lithuanian program of WKOX is an affront to the Americanism and the Christianity of the Lithuanian people. In our opinion, the Lithuanians deserve a better spokesman on WKOX and WKOX deserves a more loyal use of its facilities.

Sunday morning, 9 to 9:30, is the time WKOX gives to Marie Zavis' program, the spirit and ideology of which may be judged from the typical broadcast concerning which listeners have written us.

In her broadcast of Dec. 7, 1952, Marie Zavis "panned" the Christian idea of the soul, an idea which sustains the real Lithuanians in the midst of the violence inflicted on their bodies by those whom she seems to consider her nation's "liberators".

Obviously someone objected to this program and so in a subsequent broadcast the "Lithuanian" speaker assailed her critic as a "jackass" (asilas), and added: "Anyone who says anything against present-day Lithuania and denies that everything is fine there is also a jackass (asilas)."

As part of her effort to glorify Lithuanian "progress" under the Soviets, Marie Zavis offers stuff like this as representative news from enchained Lithuania: "3000 young Lithuanians finished college in two years. Many football teams, tennis teams and boxing champions . . . Kam patinka, kam ne bet tokios yra žinios; i.e., Whether you like this or not, such is the news."

Frequently she pleads: "Don't forget to renew your subscription to "LAISVE" (pro-Communist Lithuanian newspaper published in New York).

In her broadcast of Jan. 18, 1953, the WKOX "Lithuanian" speaker twisted her line around Lithuania's tragic misplaced persons. She implied that the displaced persons are "criminals" for "deserting" their country or were already "criminals" and so fled their country.

Christmas and Easter seasons found WKOX's Lithuanian program sneering at the "religious cyclone" (sukurį) of the one and at the pagan origins of the other, and this in the language of a people second to none in love for these Christian feasts!

Jan. 25 Marie began a three week course in religion. It was straight "party line": religion created God and invented the soul; religion is not for workers but only for the "middle classes"; priests shift their teachings with the shifting times; heaven is an illusion, only this world matters; there is no God but the ones we create; etc, etc.

Plugs for a pro-Red paper recur in the broadcasts, as does the false claim that Marie and her "Lithuanian" hour are sponsored by the Lithuanians of Massachusetts.

The fact is that only anti-religious Lithuanians and Red sympathizers are happy about this affront to the Lithuanian people and their most prized traditions.

Take the broadcasts of Feb.15 and 22 as samples of what WKOX offers as "Lithuanian" thinking:

"Today the Lithuanians in America are celebrating the Independence of Lithuania proclaimed in 1918. Wouldn't it be better to face it realistically? Lithuania was never independent for it was governed by rich capitalists. Now that Stalin has come, there is new hope."

"The enslavers of the people and the followers of Smetona ran away to the West. The Government fell into the hands of the true sons of Lithuania and then Lithuania began to breathe more freely". (Antanas Smetona was President of free Lithuania).

"This program doesn't please some people for there are some brainless babblings against us. One priest even told his parishioners not to buy from our advertisers."

"Read the "LAISVE" where the news is not distorted."

"The people in Lithuania live much more freely and much more happily now that they have discarded all kinds of ecclesiastical superstition and tomfoolery. That superstition has come here to America. Those who suffer fear that they may have to suffer even more after death, for it is said: On earth as it is in heaven. So they believe in all kinds of gods to whom they pray for help. We here in America live well because when other countries fought in war, the Americans became richer and they think that it will be good for them even after death. That is why disbelievers came into being and priests prepare heaven for them. There is no need to go to church for when a disbeliever or an atheist dies, priests swarm about him, cleanse his soul of the devil by holy aspersions and incense and present him with a real passport to heaven. Then his soul goes to heaven."

On March 1, Marie made fun of the authority of God and ridiculed Catholicism and Christianity. On March 8 she expressed sorrow that the liberator of free peoples, Stalin, had died. The glories of the Soviet occupation were the themes of her talks March 15 and 29 and have been rehearsed frequently since, together with anticlerical crudities of like inspiration.

Why do we publicize this situation? First of all, because Lithuanian-speaking people have asked us to do so and because we appreciate their sense of indignation that an American-franchised radio station should make time available to the "party line" of the unscrupulous cynics who have so tragically betrayed the land of their fathers.

We take up their protest for other and broader reasons, however. Some one might say that the harm done by a broadcast in the language of a single group and over a small station may be evil, but that it is not a general problem; the scope of the damage would seem restricted. But this is not the case. Communism is a cancer and it operates in the body politic with a sickening and unpredictable pattern comparable to that of cancer in a physical body.

We have no way of knowing what, if any, is the political party of Marie Zavis. She may have no formal party affiliations of any kind but her "line" is clear; it is the "line" which is welcomed by Communism even, indeed particularly, when it is spun by non-mebers of the party.

Doctors tell us of the dread metastasis by which cancer, seemingly localized in one area of the body, suddenly and inexplicably flares up in another, apparently unrelated, part of the body. There is a like vicious vitality to the cancer of Communism; neglected in a Lithuanian, Italian, intellectual or workers' group, it spreads its fatal infection to other groups and other areas of the social body. The place to protest Communism is the first place it reveals its party line; the way to prevent its spread is to expose its earliest and most limited manifestations. There is no such thing as a little of this evil; it's like garlic in the salad, either it's not present at all or it's present entirely.

Nor should WKOX tell us that because this is a free country there should be room on the airways for various opinions, even mistaken ones. Communism is not an opinion, it is a program. It is a program which, again cancer-like, consumes whatever gives it room. The same sneer which WKOX's speaker now gives Catholicism, religion, America and democracy would be turned tomorrow on free radio broadcasting and private ownership of the station itself if the program behind the sneer could once take over—a point which WKOX would do well to meditate.

## Report on K.of L. National Archives

The K. of L. National Archives are now housed in a special room at the K. of L. Illinois-Indiana headquarters, 2453 West 47th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Two steel cabinets were purchased on February 10th at a cost of \$58.06 for this purpose.

Letters are being mailed to all honorary members, and members of long standing, asking for their assistance in procuring valuable K. of L. historical material — old "Vytis" publications, minute books of districts, councils, community K. of L. choirs, sports leagues, drama groups, old photographs of K. of L. activities, medals, program books, flags, convention programs, etc. Also all members are being asked to collect such K. of L. material and send same to above head-quarters.

Up to date, valuable material has been received from three honorary members — Kastas Zaromskis (500 single items); John Brazauskas (120 items); Jack L. Juozaitis (500 items); and collection of the Illinois-Indiana district (consisting of programs, convention photos, new photo albums with pictures of K. of L. and Lithuanian activities) through the personal collection of Jack L. Juozaitis.

No material from original K. of L. Archives have been received yet. However in January, 1953, Msgr. Francis M. Juras sent by express, nine crates of VYTIS issues (dated mostly from 1944 to 1947), many of which are duplications.

We want to stress the importance of collecting K. of L. material NOW. Send in your own personal collections and that of your respective districts and councils.

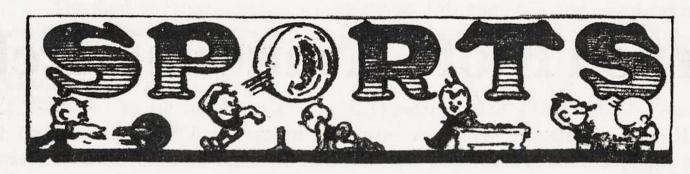
We hereby request that the Supreme Council officers and the special Archives Committee appointed at the Dayton national convention (1952) consisting of Frank Razvadauskas, Larry Svelnis and John Zemis, execute their duties by the securing of the original K. of L. Archives (formerly in Boston, now in Brockton). Information has been ascertained by conferring with Jack L. Juozaitis-Jatis and other members, that an inventory of the original archives held in Boston, 1950-1951, contained these valuable items which we now are seeking:

- 1. Thirteen bound volumes of VYTIS for the years 1917 to 1942:
- 2. Complete sets of VYTIS for the years 1942 to 1950;
- 3. Miscellaneous issues of VYTIS 150 (copies unassorted);
- 4. 12 complete collection of convention items, consisting of badges, programs, photos, tickets and reports covering 1938 to 1950 conventions:
- 5. 2 sets of M. A. Norkunas' personal collections of photos, snapshots of Lithuanian leaders and K. of L. material;
- 6. 1 Norkunas' handmade special cane (wood);
- 7. 20 sundry items, consisting of books, badges, Lithuanian sash, wreath, photos, paintings, dies, cuts, etc;
- 8. 1 Steel cabinet size 72" x 48" x 36".

NONE OF THE ABOVE LISTED ITEMS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AS YET.

An inventory (catalog) of all articles received is now being prepared together with the names of donors and classification as to their historical value.

Helen Gudauskas, K. of L. National Archives



### New England District Bowling Banquet

Imagine the most beautiful country club that you have ever seen, one where you can look out the huge picture windows and see far away in the distance a pleasant valley, a winding river, the greens of an excellent golf course. Imagine a dining hall with mirrors and modern fixtures, set up with tables to form a huge letter "E" (with an uodegutē that had to be added on when a few extra guests arrived). Well, into that picture (the Wachusett Country Club) stepped over a hundred K. of L. bowlers, the winners, the losers, their guests and friends, on Sunday, May 3rd. After greetings and getting acquainted in the anteroom, where huge sail fish swim upon blue-green painted walls, the Banquet got under way.

Eddie Rudis, District Sports Co-ordinator and host for the evening, led the honored guests to the head table. There were Father A. Contons, National Spiritual Director, Fr. A Jurgelaitis, O. P., District Spiritual Adviser, Fathers J. Jutt, M. Tamulevich (Worcester, Mass.) at the very top of the list. N. E. District's new President Joe Nazaka sat along with past president V. Grazulis.

As is customary, with the tinkling of glasses, silence was established and grace was said by the Supreme Council Sp. Director, Father Contons, and part one of the program commenced: the finest roast beef you ever did taste. Why some of the portions were fully two inches thick!

Round about dessert time, the magic tinkling of water glasses brought another spell of silence over the thoroughly satisfied dinner guests and Eddie Rudis introduced the Toastmaster for the evening—Father Jurgelaitis. Some of his stories did go over, and some of his jokes produced only groans from the audience, like the one that he let slip when he asked if there was any "rye" in the house . . . so that he as toastmaster could toast it on his mixmaster toaster! (He did get mixed up on that one.)

One by one the speakers had their say: Vinny Grazulis, Joe Nazaka, Father Jutkevičius (to give him his full name for once in this article). And incidentally, Father John turned out to be the principal speaker; not only did his jokes rate one thousand on the laughmeter, but his serious remarks were very much to the point, especially when he called for the right outlook on bowling . . . it should not be played for the trophy, but to develop K. of L. spirit.

Noticing that the speakers were all priests and Knights . . . and not a single Lady of Lithuania was on the program, the Toastmaster turned upon a nearby table to invite "the most prepared and the most fortified girl K. of L'er who had put away a dozen rolls, who had swiped the salad from the priests' table, and who had taken most of the French cookies and even had tackled a second helping of roast beef to say a few words. And guess what? Winnie Skudris from C-17 South Boston got right up! Evidently, she was guilty of all the charges mentioned in Father's introduction.

Then, the Sports Chairman took over to award the trophies. After the citation was read, the team captain came up to pick up the wonderful trophies selected by the chairman. Ladies came up before Gents. Girl Champions were So. Worcester; second, Worcester; third, Providence; fourth, South Boston. In the men's section: Champs were Worcester with 29 victories and seven losses; second place was a tie between So. Worcester and Cambridge; and third place went to Norwood.

It was a fine banquet to close a fine season and everyone felt that Eddie Rudis did an excellent job all the way through.

One last word: CONGRATULATIONS to all the trophy winners! Dar-Link

## Convention is set for Massachusetts The Latter Part of August

The 1953 convention of the Knights of Lithuania national organization has been officially called to meet in Boston, Massachusetts, August 28, 29 and 30, at the Hotel Statler.

Al Wesey, national president, issued the call, and urged every council and district to elect its delegates as soon as possible in order to qualify its delegates to the national convention. Mandates, duly signed by the spiritual adviser, president and secretary of each council and district, must be mailed to Mrs. Tillie Gerulis, 38 Providence St., Worcester 4, Mass., by August 1st, for verification.

### Agenda Is Full

Business will include resolutions and reports, election of national officers.

A \$15. registration fee will be charged each delegate to help defray convention expenses. This will cover a reception the night of August 27; an official luncheon; two evening entertainments, including a Clambake at historical Plymouth, Mass., transportation to and from this event and convention business sessions.

A meeting of the Supreme Council officers will be held at the Hotel Statler at 8 p. m. August 27, preceding the convention.

Mr. Al Wesey has asked all national officers, district and committee chairmen to send in their reports to him directly as soon as possible, also resolutions must be mailed by August 1st.

### MOKSLEIVIAI ATEITININKAI SVEIKINA VYČIUS

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Moksleivių Ateitininkų Sąjungos Centro Valdyba

### - SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT -

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 Norkūnas, founder and first president. All councils and districts - send in your annual contribution to William Kolicius, Jr., treasurer, 2002 Browns ville Rd., Pittsburgh10, 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.

### NOTICE

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

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

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### Ritual Committee Report

Degree presentation, this year, reached its highest point just around St. Casimir's Day (March 4, 1953).

### Presented

First degree	68
Second degree	47
Third degree	26
Fourth degree	0
(Several applications are pending and a cl	ass
is expected at the national convention in	
Boston (August 28 - 30, 1953).	

Districts which participated in the above Ritual presentations were:

New York - New Jersey; Ohio-Michigan (Councils 25, 96 and 102); Pittsburgh (Council 19); and Illinois-Indiana (Councils 5, 8, 13, 14, 16, 36, 82, 112 and SENIORS).

We have not printed new Rule Books, because of lack of finances, time involved and mostly because we have received considerable material — over 40 copies of old Rules from James Cherry, former Ritual secretary (1942-1945). These amendments and corrections we have compiled together with the recent changes and now use them to inform all Ritual committees.

Our treasurer, L. Svelnis, has recently ordered 100 additional Third degree medals through Mrs. Mary Waitonis, national trustee, who is affiliated with a concern that makes such medals. Mr. Svelnis will soon have a financial standing report to give, after he clears all the current presentation of medals to respective districts and councils.

Adele Ceraska, Ritual secretary, is very busy these days with all records of Initiations, recording and preparing of Degree cards, etc.

We admit being lax in our publicity and notifications in VYTIS but expect to remedy this shortly.

Jack L. Jatis, Chairman

### ATSPĒK!

O kaip bus lietuviškai: dertinas, džabas, farmeris, pikčeris, pleisas, stešenas, strytas, štoras, treinas?

Atsakymas: nešvarus, darbas, ūkininkas, paveikslas, vieta, stotis, gatvē, krautuvē, traukinys.

L. Dambriūnas

### New England District Spiritual Adviser-



Rev. Anthony Antoninus
Jurgelaitis, O.P., A.B., S.T.L.
and Litt. D., is a native
of South Boston. Upon
graduating from Boston Latin School and Providence
College, he entered the

Dominican Novitiate in Springfield, Kentucky in 1938; matriculated at St. Thomas College, River Forest, Ill. and Dominican Studium, Washington, D. C. In 1945 Fr. Jurgelaitis was sent to Lima, Peru for advanced studies in Spanish where he received his Doctorate in Letters in 1948. Prior to his being assigned to the Modern Languages Department at Providence College, Providence, R. I., (where he is now stationed) he also taught in San Domingo College, Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic for one year.

### Prisiminkime Norkuną

Norkūno Fondo Komisija yra jau pradējusi ruošti paminklinę lentelę, kuri bus įrengta ant a. a. Mī kolo Norkūno kapo. Talkon ji yra pasikvietusi žymų dailininką, V. Jonyną. Norkūno šeima komisijos patiektą projektą yra užgyrusi. Darbas yra varomas sparčiai, nes norima jį užbaigti prieš Lietuvos Vyčių seimą Bostone.

Jeigu ne tie pirmieji pijonieriai, kurie sušaukē pirmajį seimą 1913 metais, nesirinktume šiemet į 40-tajį. Pagerbkime pastangas to viso ankstyvų metų kolektyvo, pagerbdami atmintį mūsų pirmojo pirmininko Mykolo Norkūno. Su meile jam ir dēkingumu už progą priklausyti šiai gražiai lietuviškai organizacijai, pasiūskime kiekvienas nors vieną ar du doleriu Norkūno Fondo Komisijai, kuri rūpinsis, kad būtų tinkamai įamžintas mūsų organizacijos steigējo vardas.

Ta bronzinē lenta, kurią uždēsime ant Norkūno kapo, bus daug reikšmingesnē, jei to sumanymo įvykdime dalyvaus visi mūsų nariai. Lai nebūna nē vienoj kuopoj nē vienos išimties. Tikimēs, kad valdybos prižiūrēs, kad neatsiliktų nēvienas narys neišpildęs šios garbingos pareigos. Aukas siūskite:

Joseph Boley, 5 East 62nd St., New York, N. Y.
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ir Kastas Zaromskis



### LAWRENCE, MASS.

COUNCIL 78

In such columns as these, we usually discuss individually the merits or activities of members. However, this month we would like to deviate from the usual script and scrutinize the Lawrence council over the past several months.

There was a time when C-78 was a dormant council. Its membership was minute, its participation undistinguishable, its meetings lifeless, and its spirit lay in the arms of a few hard working members. One may ask why these sordid details are revived, for they are memories that belong in the dark alcoves of the past. We speak of these facts so that we may compare the present with the conditions that had existed previously.

Lawrence now is represented by a NEW council. Members have been added and attendance is up at least 100%. This radical change has brought about a bubbling enthusiasm in council affairs. New members must be credited with a great portion of this success. Also we believe that the social program is responsible for most of the change. Perhaps we sacrificed some of the religious ideals in an effort to attain this goal, but the Board of Trustees felt it was the one unit by which we could improve our situation. We feel that we were justified and hope to add more religious functions in order "to balance the books."

There was, too, a motive for our efforts. While we adhered to all the beliefs of the constitution of the K. of L., we had an ulterior motive. Realizing we, of this organization, were the youth of the parish, we understood that the positions in its future may probably lie in our hands. And because of this youth, will some day perhaps assume the reins of leadership in St. Francis parish.

Maintaining the standards of the K. of L. gives us experience in running affairs, organizations and the sense of responsibility that goes with it.

The future plans of the Lawrence contingent are numerous, however I would care to discuss some of those contained in our segment on religion. We would appreciate more comments and lectures from our pastor, Monsignor Juras, as well as from other guest speakers discussion groups and our final aim is a monthly Communion Sunday for the council. These would give us unity and a more stable position. These latter things can be readily accomplished for our members partake in numerous parish affairs even at the present time. The fair damsels are Sodality members, the males Holy Name members, and together constitute a large percentage of the church choir.

We write these things to express the club's appreciation to both the new and old members for a job well done. Let's hope that Lawrence may continue on their ascending path for God, the parish, the K. of L. and lastly, for themselves.

By Temperance

### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

COUNCIL 5

Highlight of the January meeting was the installation of new officers and the presentation of awards to John Lebezinskas, for his faithful service as treasurer of our council since 1914, and to Albin Planchunas, financial secretary of long standing. Both of these men retired from office in 1953.

For the first time, members of Council 5 who had attended 75 percent of the previous year's meetings, in other words 9 out of 12 meetings, received a council award in the form of an official K. of L. pin for good

attendance. Recipients of this award were: Loretta Macekonis, Lucille Yucius, Dolores Stankus, Laura Yucius, Helen Zimmer, John Lebezinskas, Edward Lukosaitis and Ben Nauseda. These awards will be presented each year. Those who have received the award in any prior year will have their names placed on the honor roll.

The Illinois-Indiana District Ritual Committee recently conferred degrees upon the following members: 1st degree—Frank Pranckevičius, Daniel Serpetis, Dolores Stroga and Helen Zimmer; 2nd degree — Loretta Macekonis and 3rd degree — Laura Yucius.

The Bingo Party held on March 22 was a great success. Many thanks to Dolores Stankus and Loretta Macekonis, co-chairmen to the fine committee who assisted and to the jolly folks who attended.

A hearty welcome is extended to Ann Marie Januska who has just joined Council 5.

Our monthly bowling on March 8 produced these winners: 1st prize — Leo Juraitis, Dolores Stroga and Daniel Serpetis; 2nd prize — John Stephen (guest from the Ansonia, Conn.) and Diana Rekus; and 3rd prize — Edmund Daugird and Eleanor Pajunas, a prospective K. of L. member.

The April bowling meet was held on April 12 with a good representation, however, the results are unavailable at this time.

There were quite a few Council 5 witnesses to Ben Nauseda's complete and perfect surprise at a "Surprise Birthday Party" recently given him by his mother.

By coincidence, the same evening that Edward Lukosaitis, Roger Biggus and Ben Nauseda left for a two-week Florida motor trip, our president, Laura Yucius, "trained" to Detroit to attend the Ohio-Michi-

gan District Convention. Our president had some interesting comments to make regarding the convention discussions and activities.

Our April meeting was dedicated primarily to the opening of a Membership Drive in our council. Each member was asked to bring a new or prospective member to the meeting, which was followed by an Easter theme social, including an eggbreaking contest.

Once again, we commemorated Mother's Day by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion. Following breakfast in St. Michael's parish hall, all mothers were presented a lovely medal in a case. Other parish organizations that participated in the annual event were Holy Name Society and St. Theresa's Young Ladies Club.

Sunday, May 3 was membership day for Council. 5. The day began with Mass and Communion for all the members. Following a breakfast-luncheon in the parish hall, an official picture was taken of all the members. Shortly after the session with the photographer, the members drove to the Fireside Bowling Alleys for the May council bowling meet.

The somewhat annual Council 5 square dance — hayride — wienie roast will be held again this year at Stalford Stables. The party is destined to be a success with Loretta Macekonis in charge of the planning.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Knights to attend our Spring Social and Dance in the K. of L. Youth Center on Saturday, June 13 at 8:30 p.m. The proceeds from this affair will be used exclusively by the council for magazine subscriptions and miscellaneous gift items for Loretta Hushka, our hospitalized council member. Remember her with a card whenever you think of it. Her address is Cook County Hospital, Ward 66, Chicago, Illinois.

Here's another date to fill in on your 1953 calendar. Our annual fall dance will be held on Saturday, October 31 (Halloween night) in the Walnut Room of the Lions Building, where all who attended last fall enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

Two Dolls

### GARY, INDIANA

COUNCIL 82

While your correspondent was vacationing down Florida during February and March, I am informed that our council members participated in the following activities: St. Casimir's Day commemoration consisting of Mass and communion breakfast (meal served by Mrs. Kuizin); Chicago, Ill. (112) v. Gary, Ind. (82) bowling meet with our team being victorious. Following the bowling meet, Council 112 entertained our bowlers at the Don Varnas A. L. Post in Chicago.

Prior to our April 12th dance, Tony Ulozas, Joe Juris, Jr., Joe Yaros, Tony Jank, Father Vichuras, Donna Kuckson and Mickey Shirvinski helped to paint our parish hall, and did a nice clean job of it.

Mrs. Kuizin did a beautiful crocheting job on the altar cloths which were displayed during Easter Services.

Sophie Jonaitis is back with us again. Before long, we have hopes of Joe Klevickas (now serving Uncle Sam) returning to Gary. Vladas Ruzgas, D.P., after being discharged from service, married Marie Nenios. We wish both Mr. and Mrs. Ruzgas happiness and invite them to become active members of our council once more.

We also welcome into our fold the following news members — Philip Hoskins, Alphonse Galenas, Motiejus Zudelis, Patsl Yaros, Jonas Uždavinis and Helen Dudak.

Our recent dance was quite successful, thanks to the committee consisting of Mike Valetskas, Chuck Daniels, Tony Alozas, John Bakas, Joe Juris, Jr., George Agurkis, Donna Kuckson, Phyllis Burger and Mickey Shirvinski. Refreshments were donated by Joe Juris, Martha Balkan, Donna Kuckson, Phyllis Burger, Father Vichuras, Tony Jank, George Agurkis, Joe Kurpalis, Mickey Shirvinski, Viola Geanchos, Tony Alozas, Donna Kuckson, Mrs. Kuizin and Mrs.Geanchos. Martha Balkan was top seller of raffle tickets for OUR DOLL. John Kaminskas made a wonderful M. C.

At our regular meeting held on April 19th, report of the dance was given, and plans for a banquet were discussed. This banquet will be given in honor of Father Vichuras in July. All church organizations will be invited to participate.

It was also decided to give a donation to the Illinois-Indiana District, and the Loyalty Day Parade Committee towards a Float. Invitations from the West Side Political Club and Roseland Bowling group were read and accepted.

Following members participated at the Bowling Tournament, Cleveland, May 16-17: Martha Balkan, Mickey Shirvinski, Donna Kuckson, Elizabeth Shirvinski, Helen Dudak, Joe Kurpalis, Steve Baltis, Lou Gudinas, Frank Gudinas, Jim Atkosh, Tony Alozas, Joe Juris, Jr., Joe Yaros and George Agurkis. (Results — in next issue.)

On the agenda for our next meeting (May 24th) — election and installation of new officers and initiation party, with John Kaminskas acting as chairman.

We wish Joe Yaros a speedy recovery.

We welcome Henry Karpavičius, recently back from service!

Viola Geanchos

### WORCESTER, MASS. COUNCIL 26

Specials:

Leo Bankit has just returned from Europe!

With open arms we welcome Stanley Barnatavičius and George Sakalauskas into our council.

Council 26 extends its deepest sympathy to Joseph Drumstas and family on the death of their beloved father.

We also extend our sympathy to Mrs. Tillie Gerulis on the death of her beloved mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinkus took a motor trip to North Carolina with their son Ted Jr. and daughter Elana.

Anne and Vinnie Grazulis decided to take a trip to Palm Beach, Miami and Havana.

Have you heard the latest? Angie got herself locked in the U. S. Envelope Company Vault! After such an experience Angie decided to spend a week in Florida in order to recuperate.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Jankowski on the birth of a bouncing baby boy. They are proud K. of L. parents of a girl and boy.

Barney & B.

#### PROVIDENCE, R. I. COUNCIL 103

New England K. of L. headquarters has shifted from Worcester, Mass. to Providence, R. I. with the election of our council president Joe Nazaka to District President, and the promotion of our competent council secretary, Marion Cyronak, to District

Corresponding Secretary.

Besides these two District posts. our council spiritual adviser Father Jurgelaitis, O. P., is slated to continue as district spiritual adviser, pending approval by the Lithuanian Priests League.

let's not forget our dele-And . gate to the national convention, Al Vaitkunas who has come back to active status in our council. "Little Rhody" did well at the District Convention, ar ne?

There's talk of a Providence-South Boston axis to be formed, seeing that John Olevitz, Veep, and Rita Shatas, Recording Secretary are from C-17! But, we are going to be good to Worcester, because all the -cash is there!

Past achievements in our council include an illustrated lecture -Tramping through Peru given by our spiritual adviser. The part about "stairway to the stars" left a lasting impression on the audience. Strange, that no one started singing "Don't let the stars get in your eyes." One Sunday during Lent the council sponsored a movie: Peace Plan From Heaven, the story of Our Lady of Fatima. The girls set about popping popcorn and the boys took to selling it. Joe Waitonis, chief popcorn vendor, sold out completely by the end of the second reel. The corn committee included popping Belconis, H. Avizinis, June Lucas, Joan Nazaka and Marion Cyronak.

Personalities . . . Ann Uždavinis is now Mrs. "Bud" Allen, ever since May second. Helen Avizinis, we hear, will not have to have her bridal gown altered one stitch. It's a perfect fit, of late, she has been losing weight. She must be aiming for the title: the most perfect K. of L. Bride of 1953). Wedding bells will ring for her in June. And to conclude our Matrimonial Column, we must mention the Ed Wilkins - Rita Slater wedding to take place June sixth.

Needless to say, we wish all these couples God's blessings in a limitless way. Algird Straznick was named sports chairman in our council. He is keeping his secrets for next year a plan. (Editor's not: I guess this means: He is keeping his plans for next year a secret). Lithuanian Affairs committee gets a new head, Vito Kapiskas by name. A good man in a responsible position.

U. S. Navy loses experienced Wave. Julia Meciunas, ex-USNR Wave, is back in civies. She was released from her post at Quonset Point where she had a position in X-Ray therapy. Now that she is home again, we will see much more of her at meetings and activities. Ay, ay, sir.

We're proud of our girls' bowling team . . they came home from the bowling banquet in (or near) Worcester with a trophy for third place. Congratulations, girls. Next year, settle for nothing less than first place.

One reason why we did not see J. Beinoris, Joe Waitonis, Joe Kiela and Al. Straznick at the district convention was that they were in a little play presented at St. Casimir's church that afternoon. Me thinks, next year those dramatic talents be used for some K. of L. theatrical. Waitansee.

Former council president Joe Gumaskas, now in Uncle Sam's service, was home once or twice, (we heard, but did not see). We do know that he is stationed in New Jersey, and that he is doing well.

We end with a note of sympathy. Council 103 was saddened recently to learn of the death of Tony Gudaczauskas' mother. For several years Tony was our efficient treasurer. Our sincerest sympathy to all the bereaved members of the family. Vytis ir Vytē

### NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. COUNCIL 92

After having such a wonderful time in Detroit at the Ohio-Michigan District Convention, the members of C-92 who attended, would like to thank Frank Peterson and his committee for making the affair a success. Everything ran smoothly and not one note of dissention was heard from the many delegates and guests.

The three members of C-92 who attended were Casey Normand, Tony Lauzonis and Frank Petrauskas. This was the first time our council was represented at any K. of L. doings since being reactivated. I'll grant you all, it won't be the last because we are formulating plans for this summer. The bowling tournament in Cleveland and the national convention in Boston are two affairs which will both see and feel C-92 representation. On our team are some of the best clutch bowlers in Western New York so don't be astounded should we walk off with top honors.

We were very sorry to hear about the plight of the Grand Rapids council. We hope its troubles are only temporary and the situation will be cleared up shortly. Remember the Dayton fellows with the straw toppers at the Ohio-Michigan district convention in 1952? Let's not allow jovial times like these cease in the fair city of Grand Rapids. Albina, Fran, Pat, Joan and the rest of the gang have been doing a fine job and know they will continue to do so in the future.

Three of our members being enthusiastic golfers, a good many lovely Western New York summer days will be spent on the fairways by these gentlemen. An interesting thought just entered my mind. Since we have bowling, softball and various other tournaments, why not have a golf tournament! We could have an elimination round in each district and then have the finalists play eighteen or more holes the day before the national convention convenes. If that doesn't meet your approval - don't have any district eliminations, just have a tournament the day before the national convention and allow members to enter. The city that is host to the convention will also be host to the tournament. I know it would involve less expense and trouble than any of the other tournaments so why don't you give it a thought and bring it before the national convention?

Sunday, April 26, was a big day at St. George's - Annual Parish Banquet and Dance. Following a delicious turkey dinner, there was dance music furnished by a very able band. Refreshments were served throughout the program. The benefit drawing for a thousand dollars was won by a lady who really was in need of the money and all in attendance were happy to see it go to such a worthy person. Some of the members of C-92 were partly responsible for the mand and Frank Petrauskas were two of the able and active bartenders. Frank, much to Casey's dismay, seemingly spent more time on the dance floor than behind the bar. Stanley Wisch, Tony Lauzonis, John Tubinis and Kostas Grudzinskas gave their moral and physical support. But the hardest worker was none other than our spiritual adviser, Fr. "Joe" Augunas. We are all looking forward to the Parish Lawn Fete a few months hence Father!

Should you decide to spend any time at scenic Niagara Falls, don't forget to stop in at St. George's on 19th and East Falls St. Father Joe and the rest of us would be very glad if you did so.

Curley

### PITTSBURGH, PA.

COUNCIL 19

On April 23rd, we celebrated Orgavariation Day, which proved very successful. Both members and guests venjoyed the evening of square dancing, ping-pong and, of course, singing. Thanks to our committee, Anne Navickas, Antoinette Naujelis and Betty Ann Navickas.

The Bowling season came to a close with John Katella's team on top. Congratulations are in order for John, Chuck. Eddie Marculaitis, Bill Kolicius, Lori Puzas, Marcie Onaitis, Nell Kuntz and Eleanor Allan.

Plans were put in force with success for the Third Annual Radio Banquet which was held on Sunday, May 24th. We had the pleasure of greeting many out-of-towners in Pittsburg for that weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chinik celebrated their Wedding Anniversary on May 8th. Best wishes from the entire council and extended to them.

May has come and gone, and with it many birthdays: Frank Baltakis (5), Eddie Marculaitis, (17), L. Budginas (18), Mildred Chinik (20) and Mary Ann Keefe (23).

In June Tillie Kaupinis (10), B. Karklius (12) and Helen Girdis (29) will chalk up another year.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anne Navickas for the marvelous job she did in selling greeting cards to help bolster our treasury. THANKS Anne.

### Message from the New England President



My heartiest congratulations to all the outgoing officers of the New England district for a job well done. Headed by Vincent Grazulis, their accomplishments were attained through hard work, and much of their spare time that would otherwise have been utilized towards their families or whatever might have been, was given to the K. of L. Ačiū and

Godspeed from all the Knights of the district. May your K. of L. work continue to benefit us all.

In behalf of the newly-elected district officers, I take this opportunity to thank the district Knights for the trust and faith they have put upon us. We will do our utmost to fulfill your confidence and expectations in us.

In the short time that I have been directly concerned with district affairs, a rather discouraging situation has come to my attention: individual discouragement within councils. Such a situation cannot only be fatal to a council but to the entire organization. An individual's membership to a council is likened to the importance that the council is to the district and the district to the Supreme Council. If it is true, that such a situation exists within your council, let's remedy the fact as soon as possible. If help is required with problems, don't hesitate to bring them forward. Somewhere, someone is available with a good solution.

To the executive board of each council I have this word to say: How high are you setting your standard of K. of L. accomplishments within your council regarding Lithuanian Affairs, Religion, Ritual and Membership? There is ever so much that can be done and all that is needed to get started is just a bit of effort on the part of one member to start things rolling. You on the executive board, talk things over at your board meetings, make a definite plan of work and start working. Only after you, yourself, have done something substantial, should you expect other council members to work. Try it.

At the present moment there are five disbanded councils within the New England district that should be revived. This disbanding of councils should never have happened. Where was that one person that was necessary to hold the council together? He's still around, bring him to light.

In the near future you will be reading and hearing much to do with Junior and Senior K. of L. membership. In regard to our Juniors, now is the time for orientation. They are our future leaders in the council, district and Supreme Council, therefore we must receive your special attention and guidance as an assurance of a successful future. Our Seniors are sorely needed for their counsel and advice. They have been our forerunners and only because of their invaluable experience and knowledge that they have passed on to us, do we carry on the important work now.

JOSEPH P. NAZAKA, President

### AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

COUNCIL 100

At the April meeting, Helen Gustas read a letter from Phil Carter, chairman of the Program Book — pertaining to the 40th K. of L. National Convention which is to take place in Boston (August 28-30). Your reporter hopes that there will be a good representation from our council, this year

Father Baltch read an article on the Christopher Movement. Among other things, we learned that Mr. George Lamb received the Christopher award in April for what ONE MAN can do. "God's Float" in the Inauguration Parade for President Eisenhower, was Mr. Lamb's idea.

The legend of čičinskas written by Maironis, was related by Fr. Baltch. He also informed us of the legend of "Jurate ir Kastytis", the lovely mermaid goddess and a handsome fisherman. Because Jurate fell in love with an ordinary fisherman, the god, Perkunas, destroyed her Amber Palace at the bottom of the sea. He also killed Kastytis. They say, if one is near the shores of the Baltic Sea at night, one can still hear Jurate crying for her lost love. At the conclusion of business, snasks were served by Gene Gobis.

At our May meeting, Fr. Baltch's religious talk was on HEAVEN and HELL. He defined heaven as a clear vision and perfect possession of God. He also spoke about the famous Bishop Valenčius of the 19th century, who started the "Blaivybēs Draugija." Bishop Valenčius is also credited with promoting parish schools. He is listed as one of our great Lithuanian patriarchs.

We are planning to hold an Annual Outing on July 12th at Steve Rimky-nas' camp. Everyone is most welcome to attend. "Ko daugiau, to linksmiau." Our super-chef Sophia Gavry will prepare as an added treat, her famous "Lithuanian Hots." Sophie Olbie, Bootsie Jakaitis and Gene Gobis will assist her.

Following the May business meeting, we enjoyed a social hour, especially the banana cream pies which Edna Gustas baked and served. It is no wonder that Edna's husband, Peter, does not frequent restaurants since his wife is such a good cook.

#### News Bits

It's a girl, Diana, for the Ed. Bablinskas'! Congratulations on the newest addition.

At long last, our Sadie Karbus, treasurer and Sophia Gavry, financial secretary, attended the same meeting. The books are now in order.

We missed Sophie Olbie. She has changed jobs — works on the second shift.

Regina Maksym's daughter, Edwina, has certainly had her share of illness (tonsilitis and scarlet fever). Here's to a brighter and healthier future for Edwina!

We miss seeing Matt Kazlauskas, lately. Metropolitan Life Insurance business must be booming! Many policies written?

Sgt. Michael Kerbelis (1st class) who just returned from Korea, is now convalescing at the West Point Hospital. All K. of L'ers wish him a speedy recovery.

Ann Tamoliunas made a lovely MAY QUEEN on May 13th at St. Casimir's Church. Bootsie Jakaitis acted as Queen Ann's maid-of-honor, and Gene Gobis represented the virtue of Hope. During the services, Father Baltch gave a most inspiring sermon on Our Lady of Fatima. Sophie Olbie could not participate in the festivities, because of an auto injury sustained the early part of May.

Belated birthday greetings to Pauline Urban, secretary (April 26). Bucky Bakucionis has been seen in the company of Greta Schell, lately.

Father Baltch's parents will soon be making Amsterdam their permanent residence. They plan to leave Binghamton; their new landlords to be the parents of Helen Gustas, council president. Smile and Sparkle



Kun. Albertas J. Kontautas

Lietuvos Vyčių Dvasios Vadas š.m. birželio mēn. 5 d. išvyko dviems mēnesiams Europon.

Linkime geriausios sekmēs.

#### K. OF L. CALENDAR

JUNE 14 — Athol, Mass. (10) Picnic, Gabr's Park, Tully.
JUNE 28 — Norwood, Mass. (27)
 Annual K. of L. Picnic,
 Grape Arbor, Walpole (in case of rain — July 12th).
JULY 5 — New York, N. Y. (12)

Picnic, Hoffman's Park,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

JULY 12 — Amsterdam, N. Y. (100) Annual Outing, Steve Rimkunas' camp.

SEPTEMBER 26-27 — New England Host, Hartford, Conn. (6).

District Convention.

### Padēka

Naujosios Anglijos Apskrities vyčiai, 40 metų vyčių jubiliejaus proga, savo pusmetiniam seimely, įvykusiam š. m. balandžio mēn. 25-26 d. Cambridge, Mass., nutarė ir paaukojo specialiam "Vyties" numeriui išleisti 500 dol. Tai yra pirma stambi vyčių auka "Vyties" reikalams šiais jubiliejiniais metais. Mes tikime, kad jų gražiu pavyzdžiu paseks ir kitos vyčių vienetos. Naujosios Anglijos vyčiams už tai nuoširdžiai dėkojam. L. VYČIŲ CENTRO V-BA

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LIETUVOS VYTI.

Neužmiršk, kad bolševikai, vos tik okupavę nepriklausomą, laisvą Lietuvą tuojaus pradėjo jos naikinimą ir lietuvių žudymą. Jie lietuvius gruda į kalėjimus, šaudo, deportuoja į Rusijos gilumas, kad čia juos sunkiais darbais ir badu pribaigti. O į Lietuvą gabena rusus. Tai eina visą laiką, nepaliaujamai..

Tegul tai skatina tave, Lietuvos Vyti, visomis tavo jaunomis pajegomis be atvangos, veikti, kol lietuvių tautos naikinimas bus sustabdytas ir Lietuva vēl taps laisva, nepriklausoma.

CHICAGO, ILL.

8-TA KUOPA

Lietuvos Vyčių 8-tos kuopos, visų šventųjų parapijoj, veikla.

šiemet jau išrinkta nauja Valdyba: Pirm. Juozas Barisas, pirmas vice pirm. Julija Passen, antras vice pirm. Ed. Zolpe, iždininkas Juozas Aliošius, raštininkē Julija Ratkus, fin. raštininkē Bernice Zabrauskas, maršalkai: J. Jagminas ir Jurgis Shamis. Patikētinai: Lorina Juknis ir Juozas Noreikis. Dvasios Vadas kleb. kun. J. šaulinskas.

Tame susirinkime buvo daug kalbēta dēl veikimo gerinimo. Buvo prašyta, kad būtų aiškinama religiniai klausimai. Dvasios vadas patiekē naudingų skaitymų iš šv. Rašto. Kostas Bružas, tremtinys, įnešē, kad būtų mokinamasi lietuvių kalbos. Tam visi pritarē. Taip pat buvo įnešta, kad kiekvienas narys turētų pasiruošti lietuviškai kalbēti. Tam irgi visi pritarē ir nutarē lavintis gražiai lietuviškai kalbēti. O kas maišys svetimus žodžius, turēs mokēti 10 centų už kiekvieną pasakytą svetimžodi.

Kovo 22 d. L. Vyčių 8 kuopa turējo dvasinę puotą. 8 val. buvo šv. Mišios, o po Mišių turējo bendrus pusryčius ir įteikē savo Dvasios Vadui vertingą dovaną. Dvasios vadas už tai nuoširdžiai padēkojo, palinkējo vyčiams geros kloties ir pažadējo su vyčiais bendrai veikti.

Inžinierius Leonardas Juško pranešē gautas iš Vyčių Centro taisykles lietuviškai veiklai vystyti per Vyčių organizaciją. Visiems tos taiskylės patiko ir nutarė vieningai jos vykinti.

J.M.J. PATERSON, N. J.

COUNCIL 61

Our council has been inactive for the past year, but we are trying hard to get back into circulation again.

We would like to welcome the new members who have joined our council, namely: Tillie Schultz, Ethel O'Conner, Alphonse Zickus, John Bielunas and Joseph Ishauskas. We hope by next month to have more.

As for activities: we took a bus ride to Bear Mountain, N. Y., and in spite of the rain, we can safely say it was a very enjoyable day. Many thanks to John Bielunas and Dot Dutkus who were on the committee.

We received word from Helen Lugaillo in Fairbanks, Alaska, that the weather has been cool, only 40 degrees below.

We are wondering why -

Helen's ears always perk up when Boyonne is mentioned?

John B. is always busy around 7:00 p. m. on Sundays?

Dot was rowing the boat at Bear Mountain?

John S. and Ethel didn't go on the bus ride?

Tillie wasn't at the last meeting?

Joe isn't going to make anymore phone calls?

Al slept all the way home from Bear Mountain?

From now on we hope to keep all the councils informed of our activities.

M. & T.

ELIZABETH, N. J.

Council 52

The PTA of St. Peter and St. Paul's Grammar School and the Holy Name Society of St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth, sponsor weekly card parties on Tuesdays in St. Joseph Hall. The profits realized by the PTA are used to repair the school and by the HNS to keep up the parish St. Joseph Hall as a meeting place and for all sundry activities of the parish. Mrs. Bernice Zack is president of the PTA and Attorney Charles J. Grinchis, former City Planning Board member, is president of the Holy Name Society.

Rev. John Starkus, was appointed Administrator by the Newark Archdiocese for St. Peter and St. Paul's Church. Father Starkus was assistant for the past 10 years and is a priest 35 years. Father is also an author of a Lithuanian Grammar book published during his stay as a professor at Marianapolis, Thompson, Conn. Rt. Rev. Monsignor Ignas Starkus (brother of the new Administrator), Rev. Joseph Shestauskas (uncle of the late pastor) and Rev. Joseph J. Simonaitis, now assist the temporary pastor. Father Shestauskas observed his 50th anniversary as a priest in April, 1953.

Rev. Vincent Andriunas, S.D.B., assistant, is one of honorary chairman to serve a six-month program of events to be conducted at St. Anthony's Church (Italian), Elizabeth, N. J. to mark the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the church building and the ordination of Rev. Aloysius Trifari, S.D.B., the pastor.