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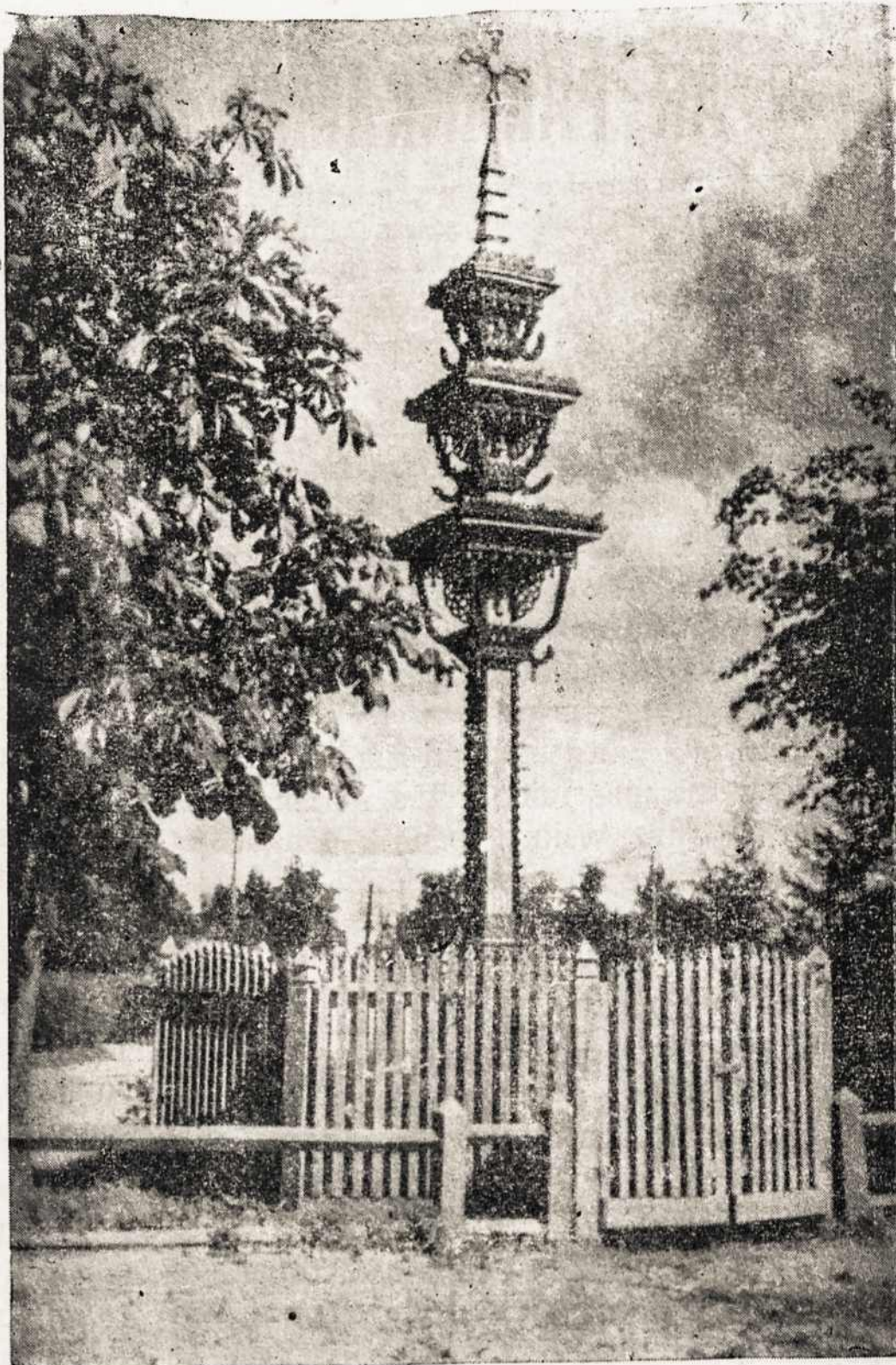
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**ŽYDINTI,
KRIKŠČIONIŠKA LIETUVA
NEPRIKLAUSOMO
GYVENIMO METU**



Organizacinis Draugiškumas

Alfa Sušinskas

Kiekvienai organizacijai priklauso įvairūs žmonės: jie yra skirtingi savo charakteriu, išsilavinimu, gabumais ir daug kuo kitu.

Bet jie yra ir panašūs vienas į kitą; jie yra panašūs tuo, kad priklauso tai pačiai organizacijai ir kad juos jungia tie patys vienodi tikslai bei siekiai, kuriuos turi jų bendroji organizacija.

Tos pačios organizacijos nariai turėtų būti lyg broliai ir seserys organizacinėje šeimoje. Bet svarbiausia — jie yra organizaciniai draugai, kuriuos tarp savęs riša organizacinis draugiškumas. Tos pačios organizacijos nariai yra vienas kitam draugai, tikri draugai. Jei taip kažkur nėra, tai yra ženklas, jog ten, organizacijos dvasia yra menka. Tikras organizacinis tarpusavio

draugiškumas parodo, kad organizacijos dvasia yra sveika ir tinkamoje aukštumoje.

Kuo pasireiškia tikras organizacinis draugiškumas?

Pirmiausia jis pasireiškia pagalba, bet kuria reikalinga pagalba savo organizacijos draugui, bet kuriam, kiekvienam organizacijos nariai, o ne vien tik tam, kurį mes mėgstame. Taigi padėti savo draugui, tos pačios organizacijos nariui! Padėdami mes išreiškiame ir artimo meilę, kuri yra labai galinga ir reikalinga organizaciniame gyvenime. Padėti draugui yra labai daug ir įvairių progų. Organizacinė tarpusavio pagalba draugus, tos pačios organizacijos narius, padaro neatskiriamus, o pačią organizaciją labai sustiprina.

Nesuversti savo darbų ir pareigų ant draugo

Elena J. Girdis

AR PAKANKAMAI DIRBAM LIETUVAI ?

Pittsburgh'o Vyčių Apskritis Lietuvos Reikalų Komiteto Pirmininkės Elenos Girdis kalba, pasakyta per Vyčių radio valandą Pittsburgh, Pa., minint birželio 14 d. tragiškuosius įvykius.

Šiandien jau tryliktą kartą minime birželio tragedijos sukaktį. Tačiau šios sukakties proga mūsų lūpose nėra šypsenos, mūsų širdyse nėra džiaugsmo. Birželio tragedija mums visu nuogumu primena tūkstančius Sibiran išvežtų, nužudytų ar alkiu numarintų mūsų brolių ir seserų lietuvių. Birželio tragedija mums neleidžia užmiršti,

pečių. Toks elgesys būtų draugo išnaudojimas. Gi organizacinis draugas juk skirtas ne išnaudoti savo draugą, bet jam viskuo padėti. Išnaudojimas yra visada žemas elgesys, ir kame jis atsiranda, ten ima nykti draugiškumo dvasia. Organizaciniai draugai turi skubėti ir net lenktyniauti vienas kitam bepadėdami. . .

Meilus ir geros širdies žodis tarpusavio santykiuose taip pat priklauso prie organizacinio draugiškumo. Geras, meilus, draugiškas žodis yra lyg vasaros saulė, kuri viską nušviečia ir atgaivina. Surūgęs veidas ir šiurkštus žodis ardo draugiškumą ir tuo šaldo organizacinį gyvenimą.

Teisingas ir nuoširdus draugo įvertinimas irgi yra draugiškumo dalis. Pikta kritika, vienoks ar kitoks pavydas tik jau nestiprina draugiškumo. Pikta kritika, nukreipta į draugą, yra labai aštrus peilis, kuris dažniausiai piauna ten, kur nereikia.

Draugo silpnybių iškėlimas, net jų padidinimas, išpūtimas taip pat nėra draugiškumo ženklas. Kiekvienas žmogus turi silpnybių. Ir organizaciniai draugai jų turi. Tad tikras draugas stengiasi savo draugą ištraukti iš silpnybių, o ne jas dar padidinti. Niekas nėra pataisomas pažeminant.

Mokėjimas išlaikyti iš draugo sužinotas paslaptis, dideles ar mažas, yra būtinas tikram draugiškumui. Tai kam gi kitam, jei ne draugui, begalima pasitikėti?.. Paslapčių neišlaikymas labai greitai suardo draugiškumą.

Čia palietėme tik svarbesnius organizacinio draugiškumo bruožus.

Baigiant tenka pabrėžti, kad organizacinis draugiškumas yra viena iš tų būtinųjų sąlygų, kurios yra reikalingos, kad organizacija galėtų gerai gyventi ir sėkmingai veikti.

jog ir šiandien ir rytoj ir vakar šimtai kitų lietuvių nuėjo tuo pačiu keliu į šaltąjį Sibirą, o daugelis jau į mirtį.

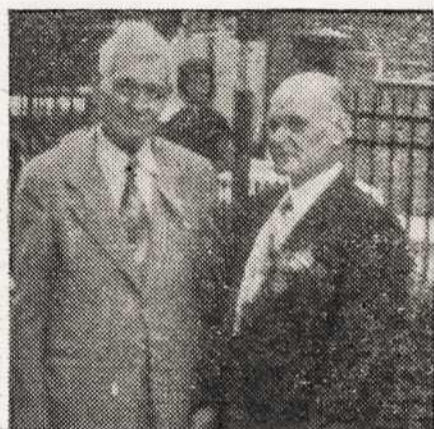
Lenkdami galvas prieš pageltusius Sibiro kankinių kaulus, mes klausiamo šiandien savęs, kokia yra bolševikų žudomos mūsų Lietuvos ateitis? Atsakymas trumpas ir aiškus: jei ir toliau jį liktų bolševikų pavergta, jai gresia išnaikinimas. Tai visiškai aišku tiems, kurie žino, kas yra bolševizmas, tas ištisų tautų žudikas. Žudyti, žudyti, tai pagrindinis komunizmo tikslas. Jau trisdešimt metų kai Sibiro vergų stovyklose 15 milijonų visokių tautų žmonių, gyvendami blogesnėse sąlygose negu gyvuliai, diena iš dienos laukia mirties, tos palaimintos mirties, kuri išvaduoja nekaltus kankinius iš mirtinų kančių. Kas metai jų miršta milijonai, tačiau jų skaičius nemažėja. Naujos ir vis naujos vergų kolonos, susidedančios iš mūsų brolių Lietuvių slenka jau seniai pramintu keliu į Sibirą mirtį. Tas kelias nužertas milijonų žmonių kaulais. Tas kelias aplaistytas milijonų nekaltų žmonių krauju. Tas kelias yra komunizmo kelias.

Lietuva, mūsų tėvų kraštas, bolševikų šiandien pažymėtas mirties ženklu. Štai kodėl tas visus šalčiu nupurtęs Geneocido žodis šiandieninėj Lietuvoj yra tapęs kūnu. Pirmosios okupacijos metu mūsų tėvynės miestuose ir kaimuose bolševikai išžudė per 5000 geriausių lietuvių. 40,000 mūsų brolių ir seserų nuėjo jau mūsų minėtuoju baisytoju keliu į Sibirą. Šiandien tą kelią nauju krauju ir ašaromis jau aplaistė trečdalis lietuvių tautos - septyni šimtai tūkstančių lietuvių. Trėmimų neišvengia nė nekalti kūdikiai, nė gyvenimo saulėlydžio sulaukę seneliai. Bolševikams jie visi kalti, nes jie myli savo kraštą, savo kalbą, savo Dievą. Jie sugrūdami kaip malkos į galvijinius vagonus ir išvežami į vergų stovyklas, kad ten iš savo kaulų pastatytų paminklą žiauriajam bolševizmui.

Taip galvodami mes iškeliamo patys sau klausimą: ar mes užtektinai dirbame dėl savo tėvų krašto? Juk mes esame tų kankinių broliai, vienos Lietuvos vaikai. Mes negalime atsisakyti, nes esame Lietuviai. Ypač mes Lietuvos vyčiai turime dar daugiau dirbti Lietuvos labui. Turime dar tvirčiau sustiprinti savo vytiškas eiles, kad galėtume dar geriau atlikti visas savo pareigas Bažnyčiai ir Tautai, kaip mus moko mūsų him-

A. A. Kastas Zaromskis

Pirmoji mirties auka iš sendraugių tarpo
IGNAS SAKALAS



Kastas Zaromskis su Vyčių tėvu Mykolu Norkūnu Vyčių Seime Chicagoj, 1950 metais.

A. a. Kastas Zaromskis, Vyčių Garbės Narys

Birželio 7 d. mirties šešėlis apgaubė, o ketvirtą dieną šv. Kazimiero kapinėse prigludė a. a. **Kastą Zaromskį**, plačiai žinomą ne tik Chicagoj, bet ir visoj Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos šeimoj.

Velionis buvo šviesus, susipratęs pilna to žodžio prasme lietuvis ir dėl to visas jo gyvenimas buvo pašvęstas Dievui, tėvynei ir artimui.

A. t. K. Zaromskio liūdi Brighton Parko kolonija, kurioj velionis ilgiausiai gyveno ir veikė, kur buvo judriausias kiekviename tautiniame parapijos, draugijų sumanyme ir veikloje.

Liūdi visa Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacija, kuriai jis ilgus metus priklausė, kurios ugdymui, veikimui ir garbei jis nepaprastai daug aukojosi ir medžiaginiai rėmė ir už tai buvo pakeltas net į Garbės narius.

nas. Tėvyne mylėti ir dėl jos dirbti moko mus pats Kristus, kuris žiūrėdamas nuo alyvų kalno į savo tėvynės Jeruzalę ir žinodamas, jog ji bus sunaikinta, gailiai verkė.

Tad visi į darbą už tėvelių žemę, už jos kalbą, už jos laisvę. Rikiuokimės visi į savo tėviškėlės išlaisvinimo armiją. Jeigu reikia pinigų, duokime; reikia talkos, dirbkime. Niekas mums nepadės, jei mes patys sau nepadėsime.

Svarbiausia turėkime viltį atgimstančia Lietuva. Kaip kankinių kraujas buvo krikščionybės sėkla, taip Sibiro kankinių kraujas yra lietuviybės sėkla. Nors mūsų kraštą šimtai priešų smaugtų, ji sutraukys visus pančius ir retežius ir stosis vėl laisva ir nepriklausoma, kaip galingoji Amerika, kuri yra mūsų antroji tėvynė ir Lietuvos gynėja.

Liūdi Chicagos vyčiai, kurių tarpe, tiek ateivių, tiek čiaigimių, buvo populiarius ir mylimas dėl malonaus būdo, gražios ir tėviškos širdies, taip pat dėl nenuilstamo veikimo tiek apskrityje, tiek atskirose kuopose, joms patalkindamas kiekviename didesniame veikime.

Liūdi vyčiai sendraugiai, kurių kuopai velionis priklausė nuo pat pirmos dienos, parodė daug iniciatyvos ir tą iniciatyvą ne kartą yra parėmęs stambia auka. Jis buvo vienas entuziastų nuosavo namo — Centro Chicagos vyčių veikimui — ir įsigijus tokį namą jį visokeriopai rėmė: darbu ir pinigų. Dviem atvejais jis pats, tik kitiems patalkinant, savo lėšomis yra išdažęs namo vidų, įvedęs kitų pagerinimų ir t.t.

Bet už vir labiausiai liūdi L. Vyčių 36-ji kuopa, kurios velionis buvo vadovas, ugdytojas ir sargas, kad ji ne tik neišnyktų ar nesusilpnėtų, kaip tat yra įvykę kitose Chicagos lietuvių parapijose ir kolonijose, bet savo veikimu šviestų katalikų bendruomenėj ir būtų pavyzdžiu kitoms kuopoms. Kaikuri laiką jis vadovavo kuopos Dramos rateiui, buvo to ratelio režisoriaus ir yra pastatęs ne vieną scenos veikalą. Daugelyje atvejų ir pats yra vaidinęs pirmajies roles.

Be to, velionis buvo nuoširdus rėmėjas mūsų švietimo ir kultūrinių įstaigų. Labdarių Sąjungos, šv. Kazimiero Akademijos Rėmėjų Dr-jos, šv. Pranciškaus Vienuolyno Rėmėjų Dr-jos, Tėvų Marijonų Bendradarbių ir k. organizacijų Garbės narių sąrašuose yra ir velionies vardas. Prenumeravo net keletą katalikiškųjų laikraščių ir sekė visą lietuviškąjį katalikiškąjį gyvenimą.

Velionies pasiges LRK Federacija, tiek Brighton Parko skyrius, kurio buvo vienas vadų, tiek Chicagos apskritis; BALF'as ir kitos mūsų organizacijos, kurioms pasidarbuoti jis taip pat rėmė savo laiko.

Brangus vyti, sendraugi Kasta! Gyvendamas mūsų tarpe Tu daug esi nuveikęs gražių darbų Dievo garbei ir Lietuvos bei savo brolių ir seserų išėivių labui. Baigus Tau šią žemišką kelionę, už visa tai lai Dievas Tavo vėlei suteikia amžinąjį laimę.

VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

PAŽINKIME SENUOSIUS MŪS VEIKĖJUS

Redaguoja Ignas Sakalas

Vincas ir Ona Paukščiai

Lietuvos Vyčiuose ne tik Chicagoj, bet ir visose Amerikos lietuvių kolonijose tur būt nerasime tokios pavyzdingos šeimos, kokia yra Vincas ir Ona Paukščiai, Chicagos gyventojai, atvykę iš Lietuvos čia dar prieš pirmąjį Pasaulinį karą.

V. Paukštis yra vienas pirmųjų narių 13-tos kuopos, Town of Lake kolonijoje, o išikūrus lietuvių kolonijai ir šv. Panos Marijos Nekalto Prasidėjimo parapijai, persikėlęs čia ir sukūręs šeimą kartu su žmona įstojo nariais į jaunutę 36-tą kuopą, kuriai ilgus metus priklausė ir pasižymėjo savo veikimu ir pinigėmis aukomis. Įsisteigus sendraugių kuopai, kaip senesnio amžiaus žmonės, savo vytišką veikimą perkėlė į šią kuopą. Šiomet organizacijai minint 40 metų sukaktį, V. ir O. Paukščiai mini narystės tokią pat sukaktį.

Mylėdami Lietuvos Vyčių Organizaciją V. ir O. Paukščiai ir savo šeimą (keturias dukras) užkrėtė ta meile. Visos jos priklausė 36-tai kuopai ir visos buvo veiklios narės. Šiandien trys jų yra jau ištekėjusios ir tėvams jau davusios net septynis anūkus. Nors jų, kaip ir kiekvienos šeimos, gyvenimas yra savais rūpesčiais išmargintas — tačiau retas būna vyčių, ar tai 36-tos kuopos, ar sendraugių parengimas, kuriame jos su savo vyrais ir vaikais nedalyvautų ir neparemtų pagal savo išgales.

Daugelio yra manoma, kad organizacinio veikimo negalima suderinti su prekyba, verslu. Imkime pavyzdžiu V. Paukštį. Jis turi geležies (hardware) krautuvę 2714 West 47th St., tačiau tai netrukdo jam veikti sendraugių kuopoj, lankyti susirinkimus ir pavyzdinčiai eiti išdininko pareigas. Negana to, jis yra Vyčių Namo administratorius. Salės nuomų kalendoriaus vedimas, mėnesinės pajamų ir išlaidų apyskaitos paima daug laiko, tačiau Vincas visa tai atlieka tvarkingai ir su šypsena, neimdamas jokio atlyginimo. Šia proga reikia pažymėti, kad ir Ramovės patarnautoja H. Širvinskienė taip pat darbuojasi be jokio atlyginimo. Žinoma, Vincui Paukščiui daug padeda jo žmona. Dažnai užėjus į krautuvę randi Paukštienę patarnaujant klientams, nes vyrui

reikėjo eiti į Vyčių salę vienokiu ar kitokiu reikalu.

V. Paukštis nestovi nuošaliai ir nuo kitų mūsų organizacijų. Jis yra vietos didelės LRKSA 160 kuopos sekretorius ir LRKSA Chicago apskričio pirmininkas. Ne tik dalyvauja įvairiose komisijose, bet ir nebūdamas komisijose paprašytas mielai sutinka patalkinti betkokiam veikime.

V. Paukštis yra vienas seniausių Brighton Parko lietuvių, vienas steigėjų DLK Gedimino vardo taupymo ir paskolos bendrovės (Saving and Loan Assn.), kuri dabar pakeista į Brighton Savings and Loan Assn. Per 11 metų būdamas tos bendrovės pirmininku ir per 11 metų labai daug prisidėjo prie bendrovės išugdymo ir šimtams lietuvių padėjo lengvomis sąlygomis įsigyti nuosavybę.

Sendraugių kuopa tikrai džiaugiasi turėdama nariais Vincą ir Oną Paukščius, linki abiems sveikatos, kad dar ilgus metus galėtų darbuotis organizacijos palaikymui ir lietuvių tautos garbei.

Viktoras Jodelis po sunkios operacijos pasveikęs ir atsilankęs į sendraugių susirinkimą, padėkojęs už pareikštą užuojautą ligos metu, pranešė, kad prie sendraugių dovanos pridėjęs dar savo \$5. visą dešimkę paaukojo Namo Fondui. Tikrai gražus pavyzdys.

Andrius Daugirdas, "Draugo" generalinis atstovas, neseniai įsirašęs į sendraugius, vedė **Eugeniją Račiūnaite**, "Draugo" prenumeratorių kartotekos vedėję ir veiklią ateitininkę. Povestuvinėj kelionėj pavažinėjo po gražiąsias JAV vietas.

Sendraugių Petro ir Stasės Cibulskių sūnus Petras, Tėvų Marijonų Kongregacijos narys, birželio 7 d. atlaikė primicijas Aušros Vartų parapijos bažnyčioje. Kunigu išvestas vysk. M.D. McNamara gegužės 27 d. šv. Raimundo katedroje, Joliete, Ill. Primiciantui pagerbti banketas buvo suruoštas parapijos salėj.

P. Cibulskis yra L. Vyčių Organizacijos veteranas, vienas steigėjų 24-tos kuopos ir žymiausių veikėjų. Jo brolis Stasys taip pat buvęs 24-tos kuopos steigėjas ir veikėjas, dabar priklauso



Vincas ir Ona Paukščiai savo dukterų, žentų ir anūkų ratelyje

sendraugiams ir kartu daug darbuojasi Labdarų Sąjungos Centro Valdyboje.

Povilas Jusius sendraugių kuopoj įsteigė "banką", kurio įdėlis burtų keliu traukiamas kiekvienam susirinkime. Narys, kurio numeris ištraukiamas, turi dalyvauti tame susirinkime. Kitaip dar iš izdo pridedama \$1, kad tokiu būdu jis augtų. Pirmą kartą "bankas" buvo tekęs **O. Paukščienei**, kuopos izd. **V. Paukščio** žmonai, antrą susirinkimą numeris pasirodė **Jonučio**. Tačiau nei vienas nei kitas nedalyvavo susirinkimuose ir negavo "banko".

Žiūrėsime, kas laimės pirmąjį "banko" įdėlį

Jonas Kass, pasižymėjęs laikrodžių gydytojas ir auksinių deimantinių daiktų pasipuošimui krautuvės savininkas, 4102 Archer Ave., paaukojo dvyliką fontaninių rašomųjų plunksnių, kurias nemokamai burtų keliu laimės nariai dalyvaujant susirinkime. Jei pasitaikys ištraukti numerį nario nesančio susirinkime, tas numeris nesiskaitys laimėtojum. Sekančiam susirinkime jau bus traukiami du numeriai.

Jonas Kass yra direktorius Lietuvos Vyčių Namų Taryboj ir žymus veikėjas sendraugių kuopoj. Kartu su žmona **Emilija** labai daug pasišvenčia vyčiams ruošiant betkokius parengimus: žiemą salėj, o vasara gamtoje. Be to, **J. Kass** daug veikia ir kitose organizacijose, ypatingai **BALF'e**, kur eina **Chicagos** apskričio išdininko

pareigas. Dalį savo namo yra užleidęs sandėliui suaukotų drabužių trentiniams.

Sendraugių kuopos Tėvų dienos minėjimas ir kartu **Joninės** ruošiamos birželio 21 d. **Jack Juozaičio** ūkio sode. Išvažiavimas bus pravestas atitinkama programa. Komisijoj darbuojasi: **Ig. Sakalas**, **P. Čižauskas** ir **H. Širvinskienė**.

Sendraugių kuopa savo susirinkime nutarė įdėti būsimos seimo programon sveikinimą jubilėjinio seimo, taip pat seimui pasiųsti auką. Iki šiol sendraugių kuopa yra sveikinus su auka kiekvieną **L. Vyčių** seimą ir siuntus savo atstovą.

Antaną Petrulį, organizacijos veteraną ir sendraugių narį - veikėją, kuopa vienbalsiai nutarė nominuoti seimui į organizacijos **Garbės** narius. Šį sumanymą vienbalsiai parėmė 36-ji kuopa, kuriai **Antanas** taip pat priklauso.

A. Petrulio nuopelnai organizacijai iš tikrųjų yra dideli. Apie tai teks plačiau parašyti.

Jo žmona, **Kazimiera**, taip pat žymi sendraugių ir 36-tos kuopos veikėja. Sūnus taipgi priklauso vyčiams.

UŽUOJAUTA

Vyčių Garbės Nariui **Kastui Zaromskiui** mirus, nuoširdžios užuojautos reiškia jo artimiesiems ir kartu giliai liūdi —

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba
ir "Vyties" Redakcija

One Knight's Thoughts

Collected at The Beach

When the dead-line comes along and you have no matter to send to the printer, what do you do? You have to grab hold of the first thought that comes along, think it over, and write it up.

Well, today, is the dead-line for this issue. I had no thought for the month. Instead of staying home, I took off to the beach, thinking that I could get together an idea or two as the waves rolled in from the deep, cool sea.

I got to talking with the life guard, a college graduate, a very fine Catholic, and I casually mentioned the K. of L. of which I am so proud. He soon got to talking about the K. of C., of which he was so proud. Then, at last, I mentioned the fact that I had this article to write, and asked him point blank what he would write about.

This is what he told me: "Why don't you write about something I overheard the other day at a meeting of college students. The speaker made a point that in many organizations there are too many wheels and not enough axles. Maybe, your organization has the same situation."

Too many wheels

Well, such a phrase was a challenge to me. I got to thinking to see if that were true among our K. of L. And sure enough. If by wheel you mean members that are active, that do the turning, of the organization and have a spinning good time of it, we Knights of Lithuania do have many wheels.

A wheel is a thing that runs around itself . . . turns on its own axis... Just set a hoop a rolling and you will see that for a wheel to turn, it does not need an axle... Just for fun, set up a dozen wheels and set them rolling down a hill... What will the result be? No two wheels will roll along the same course. So being a wheel, a big wheel or a small wheel, is not something really beneficial to the organization. The reason is that separate wheels turning accomplish no great job.

Not enough axles

Next, I began thinking about the axles of our organization. Now, by axle I mean something that holds two or more wheels in line so that

some good can be accomplished, like pulling a cart, or providing locomotion for a car.

I soon discovered that there are too few axles in our organization. An axle would be a member who is interested in pulling together for the good of the whole . . . not just for his own good.

In our organization we do have very fine wheels in every district. There are exemplary, active members in every council. But they will not work together without axles. For instance, in one council not far from C-103 there is a rift between the old time K. of L. members and the youngsters. There is another council where the newly arrived Lithuanians—DPs have a hard time getting along with the regulars. Where are the axles that will join both wheels and provide a smooth ride for the organization? In many cases the spiritual adviser has to be the axle . . . but this should not be the case, should it?

How to become an "axle"

It is not difficult to become an "axle" and the easiest way to fall into that category is to try to think in terms of the common good of the organization. Will this plan, project or idea that I would like to see started or carried on do the most for the organization? Am I being the perfect Knight by merely rolling along? Would not my council accomplish more if all the wheels, both big and little, rolled along the same road? Thoughts like these tend to stimulate the correct attitude without which we cannot hope for a grand organization.

Vytuks Nemažiuks

V Y T I,
Tu žinai, kad Jubiliejinis Vyčių
Seimas jau arti. Jis įvyksta š. m.
rugpiučio m. 27, 28, 29 ir 30 die-
nomis Boston, Mass.

Ar tu jau ką nors padarei šio
Seimo pasisekimui? Ar tu jau
pasiruošei šiame Seime dalyvau-
ti?



Ignas Sakalas

Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

(Tąsa)

11-JI KUOPA, HOMESTEAD, PA.

11-sios kuopos senos knygos pirmajame puslapy parašyta sekančiai:

“Jaunoji Lietuva” įsteigta 1913 metais rugpiūčio 21 d.

“Jaunioji Lietuva” įsteigta 1913 metais rugpiūpavesta šv. Cecilijos globai. Draugijos steigėjais buvo tuometinis parapijos klebonas kun. S. J. Čepananiš ir parapijos vargonininkas A. Visminas. Pirmininku buvo išrinktas A. Visminas, o sekretorium E. Blazevičiūtė. Pirmaisiais nariais įsirašė: O. Pikučiūtė, V. Kriaužlys ir J. Svetkauskas.

Sekančiais metais birželio 7 d. draugija priėmė Lietuvos Vyčių vardą. Jai teko 11-tas numeris. Persikrikštijant draugijon įsirašė 18 naujų narių, kurių skaičius augo su kiekvienu susirinkimu. Tais metais į šaukiamą organizacijos antrą metinį suvažiavimą — seimą kuopa siuntė savo atstovą — A. Visminą.

Pirmieji vyčių kuopos gyvavimo metai buvo lietuviškos dainos ir vaidinimo metai. Su koncertais ir vaidinimais kuopa važinėjo po visą Pittsburgo apylinkę.

Kuopoj veikė visa eilė pasišventusių veikėjų. Be augščiau minėtų, visame veikime, taip pat ir scenos mene, ypatingai pasižymėjo: Anelė Aučiūtė, P. Svetkauskas, A. Bardzilauskas, A. Muzikauskiūtė, J. Grebliūnas, A. Petraičiūtė, A. Onaitis, Rozalija ir Petronėlė Aučiūtė, O. Dimšiūtė, V. Kazočiūnė, A. Barauskaitė ir daugelis kitų.

Su didele pagarba ir pasididžiavimu kuopos

steigėjai ir pirmieji veikėjai prisimena dvasios vadą kun. S. J. Čepananiš, kuris, kaip ir visi nariai, mokėjo metinį organizacijos mokesį (kunigai ir moksleiviai-studentai buvo paliuosuoti nuo mokesčio) ir, iki sveikata tarnavo, retai nedalyvavo kuopos susirinkimuose. Lengva buvo vyčių kuopai darbuotis, kada bažnytinė salė visuomet buvo atdara susirinkimams ir įvairiems subuvimams. Ne tik pats nuolatos vyčiams padėjo, bet dažnai ir savo parapičius paragindavo paremti kiekvieną gražią kuopos pastangą. Kaip geras tėvas savo vaikus, taip kun. Čepananiš vyčius mylėjo; pinigiskai rėmė, kur buvo reikalas; mokė, kai matė jaunosius pasukus į klystkelius; barė, kai matydavo jaunimą nusikaltus, ypatingai už vėlybus vakarus, bet visuomet protingai, tėviškai, su meile.

11-ji kuopa yra pasižymėjus veikimu įvairiose srityse. Scenos mene kuopa buvo žinoma visoje Pittsburgo apylinkėje. Ilgus metus, veik nuo kuopos įsisteigimo iki antrojo Pasaulinio karo, kuopoj nuolatos veikė Teatro Komisija, kuri, talkinama valdybos, rinkdavo scenos veikalus vaidinimui. Neskaitant daugybės mažesnių veikalėlių, kuopos Dramos Ratelis yra suvaidinęs: “Kumutės” ir “Audra giedroj” (1916 metais), “Karės metu” (1917 m.), “Mirga” (1920 m. du kartus: Homesteade ir Soho, Pittsburghe), “Genovaitė” (1921 m., tas pats veikalas 1922 m. buvo kartojamas Duquesne ir McKees Roche), “Vagys” (1922 m.), “Dešimts metų smūklėje”, “Mirga”, “Šventoji Elzbieta” ir “Pražydo nvytusios gėlės” (1923 m.), “Žvaigždių takai” ir

“Sibiro žvaigždė” (1924 m.), “Meilė visų ligų gydytoja”, “Undinė” ir “Uošvė į namus, tylos nebus” (1925 m.), pakartota “Sibiro žvaigždė” (1926 m.), “Bajoras Gaidys” ir “Bum čik-čik” (1928 m. ir veikalai pakartoti kitų draugijų suruoštuose vakaruose), 1929-33 metais buvo atvaidinti keli veikalai, bet protokolų knygoje neišvardinti. “Moterims neišsimieluosi” (1935 m.), “Balon kritęs sausas nekelsi” (1936 m.).

Be to, suruošta dešimtys įvairių pramogų išimtinai parapijos naudai, šv. Kazimiero, šv. Pranciškaus vienuolynams paremti, visa eilė vakarienių klebonui ir atvykusiems svečiams — iš kitų miestų arba iš Lietuvos šelpimo, kultūriniais reikalais — pagerbti ir t.p.

1925 metais iš vyčių veikėjų išėjo sumanymas suruošti visame mieste aukų rinkliavą (tag day), kuri gerai pasisekė. Rinkliavos komisijos vadovaujamosiose vietose buvo vyčių veikėjai.

1926 metais suruoštas didelis vakaras Lietuvos Pavasarininkų atstovui prof. Eretui priimti pagerbti. Priėmimas buvo išgarsintas net tarp sveitintaučių per anglų spaudą.

1927 m. kuopos pastangomis suruoštas Lietuvos Moterų Draugijos atstovės Pikčilingienės priėmimas ir pravestas sėkmingas aukų rinkimas Karmėlavos žemės ūkio Mokyklai steigti. Čia kuopa veikė bendrai su Moterų Sąjungos 34-ta kuopa.

1927 metais kuopos iniciatyva buvo suruoštas didingas Lietuvos nepriklausomybės 10 metų sukakties minėjimas.

1932 metais kuopa išrinko pastovią atstovybę Liet. Kambario tvarkymui Pittsburgho Un-te. Tos komisijos pastangomis universitete įrengtas kambarys su lietuviško modelio baldais ir tautinio meno įrengimais. Tais pačiais metais buvo kuopoj įsteigti Lituanistikos Kursai, kuriuos gausiai lankė nariai. Kas antrą sekmadienį susurinkę išklaudydavo paskaitos, paskaitydavo iš grožinės literatūros ir pasvarstydavo lietuvių kultūrinius klausimus. Kursuose kiekvienas narys turėdavo kalbėti vien tik lietuviškai.

1936 metais suruoštas priėmimas ir pagerbimas Lietuvos Pavasarininkų atstovams: Dr. J. Leimonui ir J. Laučkai. Jų prakalbos sutraukė labai daug lietuvių.

Geresniam kuopos veikimui pavaizduoti, kaip faktą, patieksime tikrai vienų 1924 metų veiklą chronologiška tvarka:

Vasario 28 d. balius kuopos basebolo komandos naudai.

Kovo 2 d. vaidinimas “Sibiro žvaigždė”.

Gegužės 4 d. koncertas. Tą mėnesį kuopa taip pat išpildė programą LRKSA Pittsburgho apskričio parengime.

Gegužės 15, 16 ir 17 dienomis karnavalas, paskutinį vakarą su menine programa ir šokiais.

Birželio mėn. piknikas.

Liepos 20 d. kuopos savybės išvažiavimas, o liepos 27 d. — parapijos piknikas.

Rugpjūčio 26, 27 ir 28 dienomis Lietuvos Vyčių metinis seimas su šokiais, vaidinimu, koncertu ir banketu.

Rugsėjo 23 d. kuopos šeimyniškas vakaras.

Rugsėjo 28 d. “corn roast” parengimas.

Lapkričio 13 ir 25 dienomis pasilinksminimo vakarai su šokiais.

Gruodžio 7 d. vakaras nariams pagerbti ir padėkoti už veikimą metų bėgyje.

1925 m. laukimas, vakarienė su programa. Pusė pelno paskirta parapijos reikalams.

Panašiai ir kiekvienais metais Seimo metu suruoštas basebolo turnamentas. Svečiais buvo Chicagos vyčių basebolo komanda, kurios kelionės lėšas kuopą padengė iš savo išdo. Be to, į seiminį koncertą kuopa buvo pasikvietus solistus iš Clevelando, kuriems taip pat apmokėjo kelionės lėšas ir už sugaištą laiką. Pajamų kuopa turėjo daugiau kaip \$900. Gale metų sudėjus išlaidas pasirodė, kad izde pasidarė \$258.68 skolos, kurią sekančiais metais reikėjo išlyginti.

Sporto srityje anais metais iš lietuvių tikrai vyčiai pasireikšdavo. Veikė ir apylinkėje buvo žinomos basebolo, tinklinio (teniso), kėglininkų (bowling), krepšinio (basketbolo) ir “mushball” rinktinės.

Buvo įsteigus nuosavą knygyną, kuriuo nariai naudojos nemokamai.

Organizacijos bendriems reikalams paremti kuopa daug yra aukojus: “Vyčiui” palaikyti, nuosavai spaustuvei steigti. Šiems reikalams kuopa yra sukėlus daugiau kaip \$600. Nemažai taip pat aukota ir Gen. Žukausko Aukso Kardo Fondui.

1925 metais iškėlus sumanymą įsteigti Lietuvos Vyčių Pittsburgh apskritį, kuopa entuziastiškai stojo į darbą. Apskritis buvo įsteigta, tačiau neilgai gyvavo. 1927 metais pasitarus su V. E. Pajauju, Youngstown'o, O., vyčių veikėju, įsteigta Vyčių Vakarinės Pennsylvania ir Ohio valstybių apskritis, kuriam priklausė Pittsburgho, Youngstown ir Clevelando kuopos. Per porą metų apskritis gražiai veikė, bet toliau, dėl nuotolio tarpe vienos ir kitos kuopų, bendras

veikimas pasidarė neįmanomas ir apskritis paliovė gyvavęs. 1934 metais kuopa vėl buvo išrinkus komisiją apskričiui atgaivinti, taip pat kai kuriose lietuvių kolonijose įsteigti naujas vyčių kuopas, tačiau vienur dėl nešilto klebonų pritarimo, kitur dėl kitų priežasčių pastangos nedavė vaisių.

Nuo įsisteigimo kuopa veik kasmet stengėsi siųsti atstovus į metinius vyčių suvažiavimus — seimus ir skirdavo aukų.

Su parapija ir parapiinėmis draugijomis vyčiai palaikė tamprius ryšius. Bet kuriai draugijai ruošiant vakarą, vyčiai visuomet sutikdavo išpildyti programą. Parapijos reikalams kuopa yra sukėlus tūkstančius dolerių. Kaip pavyzdį galima paimti 1935 metų parapijos suruoštą karnavalą, kuriame kuopa loterija išleido šaldytuvą, tuo būdu sukeldama \$400, neskaitant pajamų kuopos stande.

Lietuvos laisvės ir kultūriniam reikalams kuopa taipgi ir darbavosi ir buvo dosni. Lietuvos Laisvės Paskolos bonų nariai išpirko už \$1,500 ir iš izdo nupirkta bonas už \$100. Lietuviams nukentėjusiems nuo karo šelpti per Tautos Fondą kuopos nariai yra suaukoję \$1,942.00. Kalėdiniam Tautos Fondui — \$213, Aukso-Sidabro Fondui \$100, Lietuvos Kat. Universitetui steigti, Krikščionių Demokratų partijai paremti ir kitiems Lietuvos reikalams kuopa taipgi dešimtimis yra aukojus. Visi nariai buvo įpareigoti priklausyti Tautos Fondui ir mokėti metinius mokesčius.

Kuopoje buvo įvesta tradicija du kartus per metus — Kalėdose ir Velykose — bendrai eiti prie šv. Komnijos, kartu užprašant ir šv. mišias. Tose dvasinėse puotuose ne tik nariai pasipuošdavo gyvomis gėlėmis, bet ir bažnyčios altorius paskandindavo raudonose rožėse.

Nariui ar narei kuriant šeimą, kuopa nupirkdavo atminimo dovaną.

Nariui sergant — už jo sveikatą, o mirus — už jo sielą buvo užprašomos šv. mišios. Narių meilė savo klebonui kun. Čepananiui buvo tokia didelė, kad jam susirgus (1930 metais) kuopa ne tik užprašė šv. mišias, bet nariai dažnai ligonį lankė, nunešdami rinktinių vaisių, gi 1934 metais užprašytose mišiose už klebono sielą kuopa "in corpore" ėjo prie šv. Komunijos.

Veikimui impulso davė ir tam veikimui vadovavo visa eilė žinomųjų veikėjų: J. Bulevičius (Boley), Alb. Onaitis (buvę organizacijos Centro

Joseph Matachinskas of Carle Place, New York, spoke at the 31st national convention of the Oil Heat Institute of America (April 20 - 23, 1953) held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago. An article



on the subject matter appeared in the June issue of "Fuel Oil and Oil Heat", national trade magazine, and is the first Lithuanian to receive this high honor in the industry. Mr. Matachinskas was also convention chairman of the 1st national convention of the National Association of Oil Heating Service Managers held at the Hotel Lexington, New York City (March 10-11), and as national secretary has been organizing local groups in Buffalo and St. Louis. This past January, he organized the service managers of Metropolitan New York City and was elected chairman of the group. While residing in Boston (1949) he organized the service managers of Boston area and was chairman of the group until he moved to New York. At present, he is conducting weekly classes for his employees and dealer employees. Mr. Matachinskas (U. S. Army Reserves) is currently attending the "Command and General Staff College Course" and plans summer training at Fort Rodman, Mass. Both he and his wife are active K. of L's. We wish Joe continued success in the field of industry.

Valdybos pirmininkai), P. Svetkauskas, A. Bardziliauskas, A. Aučiūtė, J. Bukauskas, J. Misiūtė, J. Grebliūnas, K. Bardziliauskas, O. Dimsiūtė, A. Petraičiūtė, O. Jenulevičiūtė, S. Kimutis (parap. vargonininkas), V. Kazočiūnė, A. Žaliaduonis (buvęs Clevelando 25-tos kuopos veikėjas), A. Muzikaukaitė, A. Barauskiūtė, Anelė Barauskiūtė, O. Bardziliauskiūtė, A. Jankaitis, A. Baliukas, K. Onaitis, S. Onaitis, A. Bulevičius, J. Stankus, M. Kimutytė, A. Liutviničius, A. Bendaravičius, U. Račkauskaitė, A. Davidauskaitė, J. Kazočiūnė ir visa eilė kitų. Išvardintųjų daugelis atvejų atvejais buvo valdyboje ir įvairiose komisijose. Vėlesnieji kuopos veikėjai buvo sūnūs ir dukterys kuopos steigėjų ir pirmųjų veikėjų. Jie tęsia savo tėvų pradėtą darbą, didindami kuopos įnašą į bendrą Amerikos lietuvių kultūrinį lobyną.

THE MONTH *in* BOOKS



Nuostabioji Maldaknygė

Vyčių Organizacijos Maldos. Žmogaus Dvasios Atgaivintoja ir Kėlėja.

Ne dažnai patenka "VYTIES" redakcijai knyga recenzijai. Todėl, kai neseniai mums į rankas buvo įteikta maža, juodais viršeliais auksuotomis raidėmis, raudonais šonais knygelė, tiesą pasakius, nežinojome, kaip su ja elgtis. Lapus pavartėme, paveikslus pažiūrėjome, bet to, žinoma, nebuvo gana. Knygą reikėjo perskaityti. Tai ir pradėjome.

Knygos titulas: SVEIKA MARIJA — Mažasis maldynas, parengė kun. Statys Yla, Immaculata leidinys, 1953.

Pirmieji žodžiai: "Viešpatie, išmokyk mane melstis", po kurių seka tokia graži maldelė, taip skaisčiai lietuviškai sustatyta, kad buvome priversti ją antrą kartą perskaityti. Tik tada, maldos gale, patėmijome mažą numerėlį "1". Ką tai galėtų reikšti? Vėl lapus pradėjome versti iki suradome prie pat knygos galo: **Maldų šaltinius ir Autorius**. Paaiškėjo, kad šią maldą parašė tulas Nino Salvaneschi, ir kad visame rinkinėlyje yra net 64 kitos maldos paimtos iš įvairių amžių ir kalbų, neįskaitant bendrąsias visuresančios Bažnyčios oficialias maldas.

Dirstelėjome į turinį ir atradome, kad šios maldaknygės padalinimas yra nepaprastai nuostabus. Maldos štai kaip sustatytos: Dieninės, savaitinės, mėnesinės, metų, Mišių — liturginės ir neliturginės — sakramentinės, įsakymų, litanijos. Po to seka asmeninės, šeiminės, mokyklinės, organizacinės, tarp kurių malonu buvo užtikti ir Lietuvos Vyčių maldas.

Čia tai turėjome ilgiau sustoti, kiek atyčiau tas maldas peržiūrėti.

Pirmoje vietoje yra bendra malda: "Dieve, mūsų Viešpatie, sustiprink Vyčių dvasią... ir šarvuok ją Vyčių dorybėmis." Po to, duodamos įvairios priesaikos ir centro valdybos ir paprastų narių. Toliau, ketvirto laipsnio Vyties malda: "Viešpatie, priimk mūsų vytiškas širdis..." Dar yra maldelės prieš ir po susirinkimų, ir galop malda į šventą Kazimierą.

Ar tik nebus pirmas kartas kai maldų knygoje galima surasti ir mūsų organizacijos ypatingas maldas? Jau vien tik dėl to Lietuvos Vyčiai turėtų būti didžiai dėkingi kunigui Ylai. Vyčiai, kaip ir visas lietuviškas jaunimas, šiame maldyne ras modernų, pilną, patogų maldų šaltinį, kiekvienai progai ir kiekvienai aplinkybei.

Bendras įspūdis, kuris pasiūkio mūmuse perskaičius SVEIKA MARIJA sunkiai užrašomas nevartojant būdvardžius aukščiausiam laipsnyje! naudingiausia, tinkamiausia, moderniausia šios rūšies knyga, kokią mes esame matę.

Kaip gera melstis Visagaliui Dievui sava kalba. Žinoma, Dievas įžiūrėdamas žmogaus širdį, daugiau jieško širdies negu žodžių; Jis laukia minties pakilimo, širdies, valios užsidegimo. Bet kas geriau gali lietuvišką širdį uždegti ir lietuvišką protą pakelti virš žemiškų rūpesčių ir vargų, kaip tiksliai, tobula, grynai lietuviška malda?

Šiame rinkinėlyje, kuriame telpa daugelis išverstų maldų, buvo ypač reikalinga dėmesio kreipti į kalbos grynumą (tai buvo padaryta žymiam kalbininkui prof. Skardžiui padedant).

Vienu žodžiu, SVEIKA MARIJA, be perdėjimo, yra tobuliausias lietuviškas maldų vadovėlis, tinkamiausias dvidešimtojo amžiaus kataliko reikalams. Jis vilioja žmogų prie dažnesnės maldos, artimesnio santykiavimo su Dievumi visose be išimties gyvenimo sąlygose.

Šis kunigo Ylos "mažasis maldynas" gerai, net labai gerai užsirekomandavo. Kad tik lietuviška visuomenė (įskaitant ir Lietuvos Vyčius) mokėtų prideramai atsiliiepti, platindami šią maldų knygą skersai ir išilgai lietuviškame pasaulyje.

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Onai Staboris, veikliai Elizabeth, N. J., 52 vyčių kuopos narei mirus, nuoširdžios užuojautos reiškia jos artimiesiems ir kartu giliai liūdi —

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The Sacrament of Matrimony

St. Paul, the great Apostle of the Gentiles, recognized the sublime sacredness and the eminent beauty which God had given to matrimony. To describe the mutual and unselfish love that exist between husband and wife, he could find no better example than that of the love which Christ has for His Church. "Husbands, love your wives as Christ also loved the church . . . as the church is subject to Christ, so also let the wives be to their husbands in all things." (Eph. V 25, 24).

This sacred character of matrimony was enhanced by Christ when He elevated the contract of marriage to the dignity of a sacrament. Thus the contract from then on infused upon those entering the married state grace common to all sacraments and in addition special graces which would ever aid them to fulfill faithfully the sacred and at times arduous duties of the marital state. Through the contract, they obtain the right to receive these special graces whenever they are needed.

Previous to the time of Christ, the sacredness of matrimony had been forgotten among many of the people of the ancient world. The position of womanhood in addition had become low and debased. A woman was considered by many peoples, as even today, as a mere chattel, subject to the whims and fancies of her husband who had complete dominion over her. Christ restored woman to her rightful and proper place in the home and in society. He also restored the dignity of the home by giving the natural contract of marriage the dignity of a sacrament.

Throughout the entire history of man, no other institution has so interested the majority of men and women as that of marriage. Marriage is the state in life to which most people are inclined and which most individuals choose. This is not surprising for the human race is bound by the natural law to propagate and thus preserve itself. Otherwise, God's wish that the human race be multiplied would be frustrated and the human race would rapidly die out. Marriage, therefore, is most important to the individual as well as to the state for without the individual family which is the foundation of the state, no government could exist.

God Himself instituted marriage. "And God created man to his own image . . . male and female he created them. And God blessed them, saying: Increase and multiply and fill the earth". (Gen. I 27 & 29). God created Adam and Eve and blessed them. He blessed them in what? In holy matrimony and by making use of the privileges of holy matrimony, they were to increase and multiply and thus fill the earth.

Purposes of Matrimony

No individual, endowed by the Creator with an intellect and will, acts without a purpose. In instituting matrimony, God did not act without a purpose.

The primary and most important purpose of matrimony is the procreation and education of children. "Increase and multiply and fill the earth". (Gen. I 28). God planted in the heart of every person a strong desire for parenthood. It is one of the deepest instincts of human nature. Husband and wife join together as it were "in one flesh" and beget children. According to the plan of God, it is through matrimony that children are born for the perpetuation of the human race. God gave men and women a certain natural attraction for each other. Husband and wife enjoy certain spiritual and natural endowments in their marital life. The intense pleasure that exists in the procreative function is not to be sought as an end in itself. It is merely a means to the end which is procreation. One does not marry to enjoy the pleasures of the flesh; rather one enjoys the pleasures of marriage because one fulfills to the utmost the functions and duties of the marital state. This truth was nobly expressed by Tobias in the Old Testament: "Lord thou knowest that not for fleshly lust do I take . . . a wife but only for the sake of posterity." (Tobias VIII 9). To seek the pleasure for the sake of the pleasure itself and not for the end would be to pervert God's plan and thus to sin grievously against God. It would be to subvert the order between means and end and would be basically unreasonable and unnatural.

Newborn babes can hardly take care of themselves. They must be nourished and protected for a long time. They must be educated both intellect-

ually and spiritually. They are not equipped to take care of themselves. Therefore, it is not enough for parents merely to procreate children. They must educate them, for without this physical, moral and religious education, children can hardly be expected to grow up as loving children of God and useful citizens of the state. Hence the primary purpose of matrimony is the procreation and education of children.

One sex is a complement of the other. Each one has qualities and gifts peculiar to itself. Thus when husband and wife unite as life companions in the marital state, there is an adequate source for the qualities needed to make a happy home. That is why, after creating Adam and making him the master of all created things, God said: "It is not good for man to be alone: let us make him a help like unto himself." (Gen. II 18). God then created Eve and Adam, seeing her, exclaimed: "This now is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; . . . Wherefore a man shall leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife and they shall be two in one flesh." (Gen. II 23-24). Mutual love and their mutual assets aid the husband and wife in the daily trials of life for their eventual salvation.

The education of children becomes extremely difficult unless the parents are joined in a stable union and live a common life. Such a life presupposes a life in harmony with each other, mutual love and concern for each other. This idea is brought out beautifully by Sara, Tobias' wife, who prayed: "Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us and let us grow old both together in health." (Tobias VIII 10). The fostering of mutual love is another reason why God instituted matrimony. It is a purpose secondary to the primary end and is best fostered by the founding of a family.

God had still a third purpose in instituting matrimony. To attract man to food which is necessary for the sustentation of life, God placed a pleasure in the act of eating. To attract husband and wife to beget children for the prolongation of the human race, God placed a pleasure in the marital act. For that reason, man, just as he has a strong natural passion for food and drink, has also a strong sexual urge. Procreation would be rendered difficult without it. To serve as a lawful outlet for this sexual urge, God instituted matrimony. This urge can never be lawfully satisfied outside of matrimony. Within matrimony, its satisfaction is something essentially sacred, meritorious and human.

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Any wilful act, thought or word contrary to this three-fold purpose of marriage is a sin against the sixth and ninth commandments of God. Consequently, everyone is solemnly bound to uphold the sacred character of matrimony by fulfilling the purposes of marriage and by avoiding everything contrary to them. Sins against the ends of marriage act always against marital bliss and happiness and have brought disaster of many a marriage.

Properties of Matrimony

Christian marriage is the permanent, indissoluble union of one man and one woman in lawful wedlock. To be kept on the high and noble level that God Himself placed it, matrimony must enjoy two particular qualities: unity and indissolubility.

When Eve was presented to Adam, he said: "Wherefore, a man shall leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife and they shall be two in one flesh." (Gen. II 24). Adam did not say: shall cleave to his "wives" but to his wife. Neither did he say: they shall be three or four or five in one flesh but "two in one flesh." God instituted matrimony as a union of one man and one woman.

When the Pharisees asked Christ whether it was lawful for a man to put away his wife for any cause, Christ stated emphatically that God Himself was the author of marriage and "What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put as under." (Matt. XIX 6). When they put it up to Him that Moses permitted a bill of divorce, Christ answered that Moses did it because of the hardness of their hearts but from the beginning it was not so. "Whosoever shall put away his wife . . . and shall marry another, committeth adultery." (Matt. XIX 9). Hence God is witness to the fact that the bond existing between husband and wife in a consummated marriage can never be broken by any human power. Death alone of one of the contracting parties can dissolve the bond of matrimony even though a serious breach of contract is made by adultery.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes that the greater the friendship, the stronger and the more lasting it should be. No greater friendship can exist than that between husband and wife. Therefore, this friendship must of necessity be more lasting and stronger than any other friendship. Consequently, from the very nature of the marital union, matrimony must be indissoluble. Furthermore, in no other way can children be reared.

except in a permanent institution like that of marriage.

God definitely forbade divorce and the Church, the ever faithful servant of God, does the same. She condemns and abhors divorce from a valid marriage because it attacks the indissolubility of matrimony, destroys the mutual love between husband and wife and makes the proper education of children extremely difficult. For certain, valid reasons, the Church does permit a couple to live apart from each other, to separate from bed and board but both are reminded that, though separated, the marriage bond between them continues to exist and neither can remarry until death overtakes one or the other of them. The reason for this is that they married for better or for worse until death do them part.

Marriage is a contract in which two people promise to be faithful to each other, to love and help each other and never to forsake each other. In this, the marriage contract differs from all other human contracts. Any other contract may be set aside by mutual agreement, but not so marriage because God established its nature and its law. God has ruled that, once the marriage vows are made, no human power had the right to dissolve it.

Sacramental Character of Matrimony

When Adam and Eve were blessed in matrimony, their union was not a sacramental one but it was sacred, for God had instituted it for sacred purposes. It was a contract which they freely and mutually entered into for the purpose of establishing a spiritual and physical relationship between themselves to fulfill God's will to propagate the human race. Matrimony existed as a natural contract from the time of our first parents to the time of Christ. Christ changed this, however. Realizing the difficulties that married persons have in the faithful fulfilment of their marital vows and the need they have for special help, Christ took the natural contract of the Old Law and elevated it to the dignity of a sacrament. That explains why it is now impossible for two validly baptized persons to enter into a contract of marriage without at the same time receiving the sacrament of matrimony. If they wish to be married, they must receive matrimony both as a contract and as a sacrament for they are one and the same.

As a sacrament, matrimony became official channel by which those receiving it would be blessed with the graces and blessings of matri-

mony. It not only increases sanctifying grace within the soul but at the same time it confers upon the ones married a special sacramental grace which aids them in the fulfilment of the duties of the marital state.

This special grace is given not only for the day of the wedding but also for their entire married life. It perdures and operates to their assistance precisely when it is most needed. It fortifies them against the sins of matrimony which do so much to deprive married persons of the bliss they hoped to attain when they entered that holy state. This grace together with prayer and self-control are the most powerful weapons one can use to safeguard his marital happiness. The example of Tobias is ideal. The night after their marriage, he said: "Sara, arise and let us pray to God today . . . for we are the children of saints and we must not be joined together like heathens that know not God. So they both arose and prayed earnestly both that health might be given them." (Tobias VIII 4 seq.).

Those who have this sacramental grace have the right to expect divine aid whenever needed. The better and the holier the preparation for matrimony, the more abundant will be this sacramental grace. This is a truth which all those contemplating marriage should never forget. They should ever remember that in time of trial they have the right by the contract of matrimony to these special graces which will be of immense aid to them in solving their problems.

Ceremony

As the Apostle of the Gentiles emphasizes, matrimony is a great sacrament. That is why the Church, the Good Mother that she is, attaches fervent prayers, symbolic rites and solemn warnings to the marriage ceremony. Since matrimony is a sacrament of the living, those receiving it must be in the state of sanctifying grace. For that reason, the Church exhorts them to go to confession before the wedding to cleanse their souls of everything displeasing to God so that they receive the sacrament with a pure heart and clear conscience.

Certain material preparations for the wedding must no doubt be made but the spiritual preparation is of much greater importance. Those entering matrimony must never lose sight of the fact that they are about to receive a sacrament and that God must be given His proper place if their marriage is to be successful. Hence, prayer and meditation must make up this spiritual pre-

paration which is so necessary for the worthy reception of the sacrament.

The Roman Ritual calls for the celebration of the marriage at the altar. This may be either within the sanctuary or at the very entrance of it. There the groom and bride stand with their official witnesses of which there must be at least two. They are approached by the priest who is dressed in the vestments of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass if he is to say the mass after the ceremony. Other, he will be clothed in cassock, surplice and white stole.

Just as at an ordination ceremony, the Bishop in an allocution solemnly calls to the mind of the ordinands the dignity and grandeur of the priesthood, so does the priest remind the groom and bride of the divine origin, the importance and the sublimity of matrimony. He reminds them that the future is uncertain, that the obligations of the married state are serious and that self-sacrifice, made easy by love, must be the basis for security in their wedded life. They are reminded that pure undying love alone can bring upon them the blessings of God and that they must place their confidence in God who will ever be ready to aid them in their married life with His many graces.

After this meaningful allocution, the ceremony itself begins. Their consent is separately elicited and as the two answer "I will", the marriage union is contracted — a union that forever binds them as husband and wife. It is the giving and accepting of this consent which constitutes the contract and sacrament of matrimony.

After this mutual consent, both join their right hands and each one repeats after the priests:

"I N.N. take thee N.N. for my lawful wife (husband) to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health until death do us part."

This is a solemn promise made by both before God Himself that they will have and love each other for all days, under all circumstances, despite adversity of any kind whatsoever for as long as God will keep them on this earth.

It is a sad and pitiful observation of today of how many fail to live up to this solemn promise made by them in good faith on their wedding day. The world of today is a selfish, pleasure-seeking world. The loss of the religious viewpoint, egoism, fear of children, selfishness, lack of restraint of the passions, conjugal infidelity, breaking of the principles of christian morality, con-

flict with one's aims and aspirations, these and many other causes at times make marriages turn out "for worse." Rather than rely upon the graces that God most certainly offers to them, rather than bear with their marital trials and difficulties purely out of love for God, rather than live "for worse" in accordance with their promise, they rush to the divorce courts in open defiance of God's law and in clear violation of the contract they made with Him on their wedding day. By falling victims to the pernicious modern craze of seeking divorce as a way out of a marriage that has turned "for worse", they place themselves in danger of contracting a sinful invalid marriage and of jeopardizing their eternal salvation.

Proceeding with the ceremony, the priest then officially witnesses and states in the name of the Church that the sacrament has been properly conferred upon both parties by each other.

After the blessing of the ring, the priest gives it to the groom who places it on the third finger of the bride's left hand, saying "with this ring I thee wed and I plight unto thee my troth" and the priest adds "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

The ring is a symbol of love. The groom, in giving the ring, and the bride, in accepting it, both pledge that they will henceforth be two hearts in one love and one loyalty and that they will entertain no thought or desire for anyone or anything that may be contrary to their holy vow. The ring symbolizes that pledge. It signifies that the bond uniting them is so strong that it represents, as St. Paul states, the union that exists between Christ and His Church. "The husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church . . . as the church is subject to Christ, so also let the wives be to their husbands in all things. Husbands, love your wives as Christ also loved the Church and delivered Himself up for it." (Eph. V 23-25).

In Europe, two rings are generally used and the custom is rapidly spreading here. The groom's ring serves as a constant reminder to him of his promise of total fidelity to his bride.

In some countries, during the ceremony the priest hands a coin to the groom who gives it to the bride. This signifies that henceforth the wife is to share in the worldly goods and possessions of the husband who willingly agrees to share them with her.

The closing prayers of the ceremony itself call upon God to bless and protect the couple and to

assist them in their duties as married persons.

In the final exhortation which may be said after the nuptial mass, the priest reminds the couple to be grateful to God for the graces granted them and to cherish those graces which will direct them in every difficulty, comfort them in every trial, give them peace and joy on this earth and a pledge of eternal life in heaven.

The nuptial mass follows. The prayers of this mass, especially composed for the benefit of those entering matrimony, are so beautiful and rich that it is not easy to understand why anyone would want to be married without the full liturgical ceremony. The nuptial mass, said particularly for the groom and bride, is a part of this full liturgical rite. Without doubt many graces are lost by those who insist on marrying non-Catholics in a mixed marriage. The prayers of the mass are particularly directed to God Who is beseeched to bless, protect and guide the couple in their married life.

After the Pater Noster, the Church interrupts the Holy Sacrifice of the mass to invoke the special nuptial blessing upon the bride. On only one other occasion does the Church interrupt the Holy Sacrifice and that during the mass of ordination. The nuptial blessing may be given only during mass and is given to a woman only once in her life. This beautiful prayer beseeches God to protect and bless the woman with a long and fruitful life. The priest prays that she may follow the example of the saintly models of her sex like Rachael, Rebecca and Sara of the Old Testament. This blessing, while directed to the bride, redounds to the happiness of the groom also.

During the mass, both should receive holy communion for at this sacred moment they become most intimately united with Our Lord Who is the source of all graces and blessings. In union with Christ, they make up a trinity which in a good many aspects is not unlike the Blessed Trinity Itself.

Just before the blessing of the people, the priest, in the second part of the nuptial blessing, invokes God to bless the couple with wedded happiness and contentment. This prayer is followed by the sprinkling of both with holy water by the priest.

The two parts of this nuptial blessing outline in a most admirable way an ideal program of life for a truly Catholic wife. It would be very pro-

fitable for her to meditate often during her married life on the thoughts expressed in this most beautiful prayer. It will bring down upon her and her family God's graces for true joy and happiness in the married state.

Such is the sublime beauty of the matrimonial ceremony. The divine origin of this holy state, the symbolic rites and the solemn warnings of the ceremony should move everyone to look upon matrimony with the seriousness and gravity that it deserves. The perpetuation of the human race is vitally important to the world. Matrimony which has that for its primary purpose is, therefore, very important.

It is a life that one should enter only after serious thought and careful consideration. Married life is attractive to many but often its difficulties and hardships are overlooked. As a result, many rush into it without sufficient preparation and consideration. Then, when those difficulties and hardships arise, they seem to be insurmountable and the marriage is far from being a happy one.

The Church realizes that there are difficulties but She also knows that with God's grace, they can be overcome and happiness can result. "My grace is sufficient for thee for power is made perfect in infirmity." (II Cor. XII 9).

God will supply those who enter the married state with the spiritual transportation necessary but they will have to pay their own fare by making a sincere spiritual preparation and by doing their part in marital life. This entails a life of virtue, of good deeds, of constant spiritual progress. It means that the emotions and passions should be kept in check and common sense should be used.

Everyone enjoys a piece of wedding cake but too much wedding cake is no good for anyone. No one would want to live on a diet of wedding cake. Weddings are festive and joyous occasions and rightly so but it is wrong to think that this gaiety and feasting will every remain throughout the married life. Differences, misunderstandings, trials and even quarrels will creep in. These must be firmly faced and successfully overcome by love which has to be made by married persons themselves. Love in marriage should be motivated by the love of God Himself. Only thus can they assure for themselves true happiness in the holy state of matrimony.



WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

Katherine Yakutis, active member and past secretary of the district became the wife of Daniel Perednia of Norwood, Mass. (27) on May 30th. We wish both a happy wedded life.

Vyto Adomaitis, veteran, and his sister are touring the West Coast.

Joe Drumstas, recently discharged from U. S. Army, has found himself a nice job with the Pratt Whitney Co., Hartford.

Our council was well represented at the district convention held the latter part of April in Cambridge. Vinnie Grazulis, veteran of world War II and outgoing president of the district received a tremendous ovation for a super job done during his term of office.

Here and There

We thank all our friends from Athol, Cambridge, Lawrence, Norwood, Providence, South Boston and South Worcester for attending our spring dance held at Maironis Park, May 16th.

Helen Gvazdauskas (So. Worcester) and Charlie Rimas (Lawrence) were crowned Queen and King of the dance and were presented trophies as a remembrance of the occasion.

Dan Shimkus, chairman, is grateful to his committee of Anne and Al Rutelonis, Rita and Ted Pinkus, Adele Ivaska, Tillie Gerulis, Franny Nockunas, Eddie Daniels, Bill Gengston, Tony Morkunas and Joe Sakaitis for making the affair a success!

On May 24th, at the N. E. District Sports Day held on the beautiful spacious grounds of Marianapolis, Conn. our council, as usual, did its share of work. Eddy Daniels worked at the wheel which was supervised by Joe Sakaitis, and cashiered by Rita Barnatavičius and Dorothy Chuplis.

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SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 17

We have been negligent in our correspondence during the past few months but now we will try to bring you up-do-date on activities and news.

Thirty-nine strong, Council 17 invaded the Bal-a-Rue roller skating rink for a merry evening as the monthly social committee had planned. Every once in a while those of us who were resting on the sidelines would catch a glimpse of the star skater of our group — none other than Father Zuromskis. A few swooshes later, Pete Bizinkauskas came chugging along with two girls on either arm for moral support. Looking over to one corner, at the bottom of a heap-big pile of fallen skaters, we saw wee Elie Daniels, poor kid! All who attended agree that it was a highly successful venture.

Among the K. of L'ers who sang with our church choir at a Jubilee Mass in Lawrence were: Milly Vallis, Ann Chaplik, Ted and Lis Vallis, Albina Yankuns, John Starinskas, Romualas Leimonas, Diane and Rita Shatas, Rita Stakutis, Ann Kudarauskas and Elie Daniels. Somehow the bus left without Joan and Virginia Kleponis, who claim they were only a minute late. At a reception which followed the Mass, our choir members were tendered a turkey and ham has been assigned to a teaching position of the choir singing at the Mass.

Among those graduating from Boston Teachers College were Eddie Zaleskas and Peter Bizinkauskas. Ed has been assigned to a teaching position in Quincy, Mass.

It is good to see John Starinskas around again. He has just spent a few weeks in the hospital.

From what we hear, Mike Marklis was home on leave recently.

We wish to welcome Geraldine Prall into our council.

Our National Spiritual Director, Father Contons, has left for a trip to Europe. He is expected to be home just in time for our National Convention.

Our deepest sympathy to John Chetkauskas on the loss of his mother.

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ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

Our delegates and guests at the district convention, held in Cambridge, April 25 and 26 were: William Wisnauskas, Mary Ann Rodski, Nellie Melaika, Rita Besseck, Casimir Pini-gis, President Mary Gauronsky, Barbara Milosh and Dorothea Gulezian. They all returned home with much "food for thought." It was a well attended convention.

Mother's Day Program

The annual program took place May 10th in the parish hall. Guests, welcomed by Father Bruno, spiritual adviser, enjoyed the delicious luncheon, followed by a program. Frank Anoris acted as M. C. and Helen Ambrose and Rita Besseck were in charge of refreshments. Tables were attractively decorated with flowers from Mary Gauronsky's garden. Later in the evening, members gathered at Frank Anoris' camp — and enjoyed a boat ride around White Pond with Lennie Davidonis. Diane entertained those present with her accomplishments at the piano.

Mountain Climbing

The trip to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain was finally undertaken. Our would-be mountaineers were not frightened off by the cold damp, drizzly day. Although the trip proved to be invigorating, the pioneers seemed mighty pleased to return to the warmth and cheerfulness of Frank's camp.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

COUNCIL 103

Turning back the sands of time . . . we of C-103 have had a busy month or so. It was a month of wedding bells, let me tell you. We mentioned the Anne Uždavinis-Buddy Allen nuptials last time. This time the honors go to Helen Avizinis - Stan Vaitkus who exchanged the sacred vows on June 13th, at a Solemn High Nuptial Mass. Maid of honor was Ruth Savickas, bridesmaid — Biruta (that is how she likes to be called nowadays) Ciocys. Ruthie came back from Chicago, you must know. The choir chalked up 100% attendance on this happy occasion.

It was the feast day of Saint Anthony that day, and all the Anthonies in Providence seemed to be at the altar! Fr. John ANTHONY Vaitiekunas, the pastor, sang the Mass; Father Anthony Kacevičius, now stationed at Rumford, R. I., formerly district spiritual adviser of the K. of L. was Deacon; Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, O. P. present spiritual adviser of the N. E. District was Subdeacon. (I wonder if one of the altarboys was named Tony?)

The reception later at Frobel Hall was just about perfect.

The business end of last meeting was eclipsed somewhat by the fact that it was the birthday anniversary of three members: Anne Allen (nee Uždavinis), Julia Meciuonas and Fr. Jurgelaitis, our spiritual adviser. "Happy Birthday" was sung in English, "Ilgiausią Metų" in Lithuanian and then Father John (our pastor) and Vito Kapickas and Algird Straznick and some others ganged up on Father J. to give him the traditional triple heave ho with shouts of "Valio! Valio! Valio!"

If anyone wondered why the crowd adjourned early and headed to Helen Belconis' house, let it be known that there was a second party for the "kaltininkai" of the day. Helen B. seemed very much pleased to invite the hungry horde, because, it helped with the left-over problem.

You see, the Sunday previously there was a reception at her home to welcome home her brother and his charming bride. Bill Belconis came back from overseas a few days previously, so that was the first time we all could welcome back a staunch K. of L'er and extend to him

and to his wife, Ellen, our fondest wishes for all the happiness possible in their life together. During that Sunday afternoon and evening, it seems that the K. of L'ers monopolized the breezy front porch. The most hospitable Belconises had so much around in tasty refreshments that the guests could not put them away in one session. So, when Tuesday rolled around and the gang made for Helen's house, she was so glad. She had just about had enough of the cheese-cake and ham sandwiches. So the party helped to solve the left-over problem.

There were more notes in my little book, but I have misplaced it somewhere, so that is why this column is so short this month.

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BROCKTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 1

Greetings from the new correspondents of Council 1. We are happy once more to be sending our news to the Vytis. We introduce ourselves as Marilyn Wallent and "Pat" Gutauskas.

Minstrel Show

On May 17, Brockton K. of L. along with the much appreciated aid of the Young Ladies' Sodality, presented a very enjoyable minstrel show at St. Casimir's parish hall. It turned out to be a great success.

On May 24, Council 1 boarded a bus headed for the annual N. E. District Sports Day and Picnic at Marianapolis. During the day, we enjoyed walking and admiring the beautiful grounds and eating the delicious hamburgers and "hot dogs" excellently prepared by the "handsome chefs." In the evening, we danced to the music of the wonderful orchestra of Joe Thomas. After a long and enjoyable day we boarded the bus for home tired but happy.

Thursday, May 28, our monthly meeting was held at the parish hall. We were sorry to hear of the resignations of two of our able officers, Sylvia Shukis, president, and "Ernie" Wallent, treasurer. We want to say that Sylvia and "Ernie" have done a marvelous job serving as officers of Council 1. Our vice-president, Bertha Gutauskas moved up to the position of president and James Condon was elected treasurer. Best of luck to our new officers.

Pat and Mal

GARY, INDIANA

COUNCIL 82

At the Midwest Bowling Tournament held May 16th and 17th, Cleveland, our council bowlers were awarded trophies — Donna Kuckson, first place, and Elizabeth Shirvinski, second place. Members who attended the tournament were Joe Kurpalis, Julius Gudinas, Anthony Ulozas, Joe Yaros, Joe Juris, Jr., John Palsaitis (guest), Mickey Shirvinski, Donna Kuckson, Elizabeth Shirvinski, Helen Zudak, Phyllis Burger (guest).

At our May meeting, a full report of our April dance was given and Father Vichuras was pleased to receive one-half of the proceeds, amounting to \$161.00 for the benefit of the church. Tony Jank, who helped to achieve our goal was not present at the meeting due to illness.

Joe Shirvinski gave a favorable report on our Junior Councils activities, and Josephine Kuizin, financial secretary, informed us as to our membership standing (dues). In consequence of our Treasurer's report given by Joe Juris, Jr., we were able to reimburse Mrs. Stella Kuizin the money she advanced us in payment of baseball uniforms.

Following members were elected delegates to the Indiana-Illinois district meeting: George Agurkis, Stella Kuizin, Joe Juris, Jr., Mrs. Matilda Valenas, Henry Kurpavičius and Tony Jank.

Our duly elected officers for the year 1953-1954 are: John Kaminkas, president; Joe Kurpalis, 1st vice president; Mike Valeckas, 2nd vice president; Martha Balkan, financial secretary; Mickey Shirvinskis, recording secretary; Viola Geanchos, corresponding secretary; George Agurkis, treasurer; Anthony Valenas, sergeant-at-arms; Mary Kukas and Helen Zudak, trustees; Joe Juris, Jr., sports director.

Ritual degrees were conferred upon the following members: Josephine Kuizin, Viola Geanchos, Mike Valeckas, Elizabeth Shirvinskis, Helen Zudak, Henry Kurpavičius, Ben Alešaukas. Joe Kurpalis and Mickey Shirvinskis were bestowed second degrees by Peggy Zakaras of Chicago, Illinois and Father Vichuras. Following the initiation of degrees, a delicious meal was served.

Martha Balkan has just returned from a week's vacation in Pennsylvania.

Viola Geanchos

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

COUNCIL 93

At our March meeting, Bernie Stukas, vice president, presided. It was suggested to hold a picnic on June 13 at Webster Park, with Lucy Ap-ton and Virginia Pauza, as committee members.

During the March 8 meeting, Bruno Kraukauskas spoke on what he thought were the main duties and objective of the Rochester K. of L. members. He gave the following duties and objectives:

1. To know and practice our religion;
2. To be good Lithuanians;
3. To have a feeling for our Lithuanian brothers and the oppression which they are suffering;
4. To try to do something to help to make the home of our fathers, Lithuania, free; and
5. To be active in cultural activities.

At our April meeting, Rev. Dominic Mockevičius answered several questions on Religion. Father Mockevičius enlightened the group as to whether there was a hell before God came, and if a divorced Catholic could partake of the Sacraments.

One activity which the Rochester members enjoy doing in unison is singing Lithuanian songs. Freda Rimkus enthusiastically sings her heart out in "Oi Kur Buvai" and "Buvo Gera Gaspadinė" — more power to you, Freda!

In April, Freda Rimkus spoke on Lithuania's history, language and culture. In advance, one is asked to prepare a talk on an interesting topic each month. This helps us provide for more interesting and informative K. of L. meetings. Joan Gudas contributed to the agreement by giving a talk on Thaddeus Kosciuszko.

President Dick Pauza and George Zlotkus attended the bowling tournament in Cleveland. Dick spoke of the affair with glowing superlatives. These fellows are just building themselves up for the Boston convention. From all reports so far, Rochester will be well represented in Boston by Mary Vezelis, Joan Gudas, Bernie Stukas, Freda Rimkus, Virginia Pauza, George Zlotkus Gertrude Welikes and Dick Pauza. Our new member, Dolores Bartash, is also planning to attend the 40th national convention. Welcome to the Knights of Lithuania, Dolores!

Flower City Sue

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Pittsburgh District Knights traveled to Cleveland on May 16 for the Bowling Tournament and even tho' they didn't come back with the prize (they thought they had the booby in the bag!) all 21 of them had an entertaining week-end and met new faces and renewed old acquaintances among their fellow members. But just about the time one is beginning to make new friends along comes that demon "Time" and everyone is in a scramble to hurry and leave the last affair for the home-ward bound trip.

On May 24 the district held its annual Radio Banquet. It is to this annual affair the Knights look to for ready cash to keep its program on the air—every Sunday over radio station WLOA from 1:30 to 2:00P.M. A nice group attended but not nearly enough to help us in our radio program. We were fortunate indeed to have many out of town guests that Sunday afternoon and greetings from some who were not able to attend. John Jesulaitis came in all the way from Chicago; and from Cleveland, Mrs. Susan and her daughter, Joan; Ben Brazis, Gene Kunsitis, Henry Kaszewicz and Andy Palsis. From Dayton, Petronella Zilinskas and Anne Gudelis sent greetings. The food was excellently prepared and served in abundant portions and the short program of songs and dances prepared by C-19 Knights was well applauded. Father Sadauskas from Donora, Pa. was the guest speaker and briefly outlined the duties of our young men and women as Knights. After the banquet and program all remained to sing and dance and to further make merry! We understand the banquet committee was most successful in its ad book. Perhaps the complete return from the event will not be too small. Vyto Jucevičius, district president and his committee assure us the banquet was a success even tho' the crowd was not a tremendous one.

On June 7, under the leadership of Charles Bazys, the C-19 Knights again appeared in concert form — they sang at a banquet which the St. Casimir parishioners with Father Walter Karaveckas as chairman, held for their pastor, Reverend Magnus J. Kazenas, on his 40th Anniversary in the Priesthood and the church's 60th Anniversary. The highlight on the program, however, turned out to be

Father's "babies" (the first graders) — the little boys baked a very special cake right on the stage and the little girls did a flower dance!

On June 14, C-19 Knights held a picnic at South Park for their parents and C-62 Knights were invited guests.

On June 21, the C-19 Knights received Holy Communion in a body. Traditionally we get together at least four times a year instead of just once in March on St. Casimir's Day.

The district picnic to be held at the Lithuanian Country Club on August 2nd is the next big affair and we'd like to see Knights from other councils from nearby cities (or from afar!) attend.

Congratulations are in order for Pittsburgh Knights in the news! (C-19) Quoting from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette "Frank Baltakis, instructor in mechanical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh, has been appointed a Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Jet Propulsion Fellow at Princeton University for the academic year 1953-54.

Baltakis received a bachelor of science degree cum laude in mechanical engineering from Pitt in 1952, and is a candidate for a master of science degree this June." Congratulations, Frank, from all of us.

David Palmer, our English announcer on the Catholic Radio Hour, received his commission of second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force on Friday afternoon, June 4 in the Campus Theatre of Duquesne University, and on Sunday afternoon, June 7, he was formally graduated from Duquesne University and received his degree. We know we'll soon be losing David to the Air Force and we'll surely miss you. Dave, in more ways than one. Your fellow Knights from C-19 and C-62 wish you the best of luck in your new phase of life and judging from the good job you've turned in as announcer, we are sure you'll do as well or even better in the Air Force. Happy landings, Dave!

Mildred Chinik

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COUNCIL 27

Belated Summary

St. Casimir's Day was celebrated by receiving Holy Communion in a body followed by a communion breakfast. Our guest speaker was Miss Zita Zaronka, displaced person and college student, who gave a very interesting talk on the life of St. Casimir. We were also honored to hear inspiring words from Mr. Charles Holman, State Representative of Massachusetts, Mr. Joseph Tulis, first mate Merchant Marine, with many years of overseas duty and last but not least Fr. Norbut and Fr. Peter. Much of the success of the affair was due to the orderly planning of Helen Kazulis, Millie Tulis and Ann Kudirka.

We extend our congratulations and thanks to the Providence members for their wonderful hospitality. It is the unanimous vote of the members who attended the leadership course that it was the most interesting and well organized affair ever attended.

A new member, Shirley Stepanowich, has been added to our council and we heartily "Welcome" her.

Congratulations and much happiness to Dan Perednia and Kathie Yakutis (Council 26) who were married on May 30th.

Also, congratulations and much happiness to George Tarutis and Joan Meau who were married on Easter Sunday.

The Spring Dance proved to be a successful event. We were very happy to see K. of L'ers from Cambridge, Providence, Lawrence and way out yonder, Hartford, Conn.

Our chests have swollen so high we can hardly button our coats over the fact that our boys' bowling team brought home a trophy and came in third place. Wonderful teamwork, fellas! (The team consisted of Fred Picard, Dan Perednia, George Tarutis, Fran Novick, Ed Tarutis and Vin Kasauskas).

A sincere "Thank You" to the Cambridge Council who were hosts at the district convention.

Our Big Day

Sunday, June 7th, was a great day for Council 27 and a new page for its history book. After thirteen years, preparations were made and nineteen members were awarded the First Degree, namely: Anne Balutis,

Anne Kodis, Eleanor Peshin, Amelia Tulis, Vincent Kasauskas, Helen Pazniokas, Jasper Pazniokas, Nellie Pazniokas, Joseph Glebauskas, Helen Kazulis, Albert Kazulis, Kathryn Saulen, Bertha Bechunas, Jennie Babel, Fred Picard, Katherine Wilkes, Michael Marks and John P. Navickas.

The group marched into church led by our President, Vin Kasauskas, and third degree members. A short service was conducted after which time the group proceeded into the church hall and were awarded the degree.

It was an honor indeed to have with us as guest speaker, Mr. Anthony F. Kneizys, honorary member, who gave a most befitting talk. Our Spiritual Adviser, Fr. Peter and third degree members, Fran Nevins and Brownie Kudirka also extended their congratulations.

After the ceremony, refreshments were served by our up and coming Junior Council. We extend our thanks to the Ritual Committee which was comprised of Ann and Brownie Kudirka, Nel Pazniokas and Kay Wilkes.

We are sure this event will be a long remembered one and add a new shine to our suits of armour. May this spark of new life and God's blessings help us to work diligently for our second degree.

Note from the President

Summer here, bringing with it many activities that tend to distract you from your monthly meeting. The season, too, offers a wide variety of doings in the council — beach parties, weenie roasts, treasure hunts, picnics and baseball games. These could all be made better social affairs if more of you participated in formulating the plans at the monthly meeting. Let's make a special effort to attend these meetings in the warmer months and prove to ourselves that it is worth while.

K. OF L. CALENDAR

August 2 — Pittsburgh District Picnic, Lithuanian Country Club.

August 27, 28, 29 and 30. — 40TH NATIONAL K. of L. CONVENTION, Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass.

September 26 - 27 — New England District Convention. Host, Hartford, Conn. (6).

LAWRENCE, MASS.

COUNCIL 78

Father Albin Janiūnas continued his film series on the Sacraments at our June meeting. The quiz program which followed proved interesting to all the members.

Dorothy Jukins reported she sent out eleven letters and received replies in regard to Lithuanian Affairs Committeework this past month.

John Balinas and Leon Gaidis volunteered to be our delegates to the National K. of L. Convention.

Edward and Marion Paulauskas of Lawrence St., Lowell, Helen Andrews of Howard St., Lowell and Vyto Mockevich have recently joined our council. Welcome!

The members sang in the Church choir and banquet commemorating our St. Francis parish 50th Golden Jubilee May 30 and 31st. Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, D. D. of Boston sang a Pontifical High Mass at the throne and preached the sermon.

The annual Weenie Roast and Dance was held Saturday June 20 at St. Francis Grove, Forest Lake, Methuen, Mass. Half the proceeds will go to the support of St. Francis Church. Leo Gaidis and his committee worked hard to make this a happy occasion for all. Many guests from other councils attended.

Remember — our meetings are held the first Wednesday night of each month at 7:00 p. m.

Anthony

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

COUNCIL 24

Many thanks goes to Ann Berzanskis, Mel Kamm, Rita O'Connor, Ronald Powell, Marguerite Sraga, Janet Wallace and Nancy Waitkus, the committee for our JUKE BOX JAMBOREE, which was held on May 23rd, 1953. We all worked hard to make it the success that it was.

It wouldn't be the same if we didn't have our annual picnic, so we're having it, rain or shine and here's hoping that it's the latter.

We're planning a hay ride. We're just rarin' to go and have a wonderful time with a lot of activities.

Happy Birthday to the following: Marguerite Sraga (April 6), Evelyn Guzik (April 25), Chuck Kowalski (May 8), Ronald Powell (July 11), Lorraine Juska (July 15), Wally Cibulskis (July 23) and Nancy Waitkus (July 26). "Giggles"



CHANGE IN SCENERY. Loretta Hushka, member of Council 5, Chicago, Illinois, pictured here in one of her usual gay moods, has changed her residence from that of Cook County Hospital to Bethany Hospital, 5025 North Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois (Room 272).

If you haven't done so recently, how about remembering our "Lorry" by sending her your greetings the next time you sit down to write a letter or are selecting a card of some sort down at the corner drug store.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

COUNCIL 36

Greetings to all Knights from Council 36.

The Council Get-to-Gether Party held on Saturday, April 18th was a success. The surprise of the evening was the delicious buffet supper prepared by the NEW cooks, Philomena Rekasius, Sophia Zukas, Bernadette Paukstis and Irene Sankus. During the evening the council photograph was taken by Ernie Sutkus, member.

We congratulate Cleveland, Ohio (25) for winning the Mid-West Bowling Tournament. Many members traveled to Cleveland for the tournament: John Meizis, Bernadette Paukstis, Vyto Gestautis, Sophia Zukas and John Kilkus, Irene Sankus and Peggy Zakaras. Although our council did not win the traveling trophy, two trophies awarded were, Sophia Zukas (high series for women) and Bernadette Paukstis.

At the close of the Membership Drive we find C-36 near the top in the Standings. A warm welcome is extended to all new members. In

conjunction with the Supreme Council, C-36 also had a membership contest. The winners were: Tony Putis, Sophia Zukas and Antanas Balcytis. All received beautiful gifts for their efforts.

The June meeting was very unusual. C-13, Town of Lake, joined C-36 after their Splash Party for a combined social. All who attended had a wonderful time.

Wiener Roast was held on Saturday, June 20th at Swallow Cliffs in Palos Park, Ill.

The National Convention, which is to be held in Boston, Mass. this year, is fast becoming the main topic of conversation in the council. All are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones this coming August.

Our most active member (number of years), James Cherry, is extremely ill. We hope he will recover soon and be with us again.

Congratulations to Balys Bradzionis on his engagement to Josephine Anderson. They plan to be married on July 4th at the Holy Cross Church. We all hope Josephine will join the council.

It is with deep sorrow we announce that Kastas Zaromskis, our father and friend of all Lithuanian youth died on Sunday, June 7th at 2 a. m. During the two-day wake, more than 600 persons paid their respects to Kastas. On Wednesday, funeral services were held at the Immaculate Conception Church, where five masses were held simultaneously. Then his body was taken to the St. Casimir's. Cemetary for its eternal rest.

To you, Kastas Zaromskis, the members of Council 36 wish eternal peace and we shall always remember you in our prayers!

Red-Wing

NEW YORK, N. Y.

COUNCIL 12

It gave us great pleasure to see the wonderful turnout at the bowling tournament of the New York-New Jersey district which was held at Kannen's Bowling Alleys in New York City on March 22nd. We bowled with mixed teams and Council 12 as host, held a social in Our Lady of Vilna Church hall, where the winners and prizes were announced. Dan Lang (Newark), John Dobilas (Linden) and Jeanne Janonis (New

York) won the first place team trophies and Vito Barker (Newark and again Jeanne Janonis (New York) were awarded prizes for the three-game high series. All in all, the tournament was a success. Larry Janonis, district sports chairman, wishes to thank Helen Zindzius and Joanne Shinkunis, who assisted him in making it a memorable affair.

On May 9th, we held our Spring Dance. We thank all those who attended.

Council 12 members were very sorry to hear that Father Ruzaitis of Our Lady of Vilna Church was hospitalized recently by a heart attack. We sincerely hope that by the time this article is published, he will be home and well on the road to recovery.

This and That

Birthday Greetings to: Evelyn Bell (May 9th), Ann Montvedas (May 19th), Tony Razickas (June 4th), Henry Kolesk (June 9th) Lillian Zindzius (June 12th).

Anniversary Greetings to: Jeanne and Larry Janonis (May 12th), Brenda and Tony Razickas (June 4th) and Stella and Henry Kolesk (June 10th).

We recently learned that the most eligible bachelors of Council 12, George and Vinnie Yatkauskas, Steve Andryauskas, Al Monckawitch, Joe Kscenaitis will again have open house at their summer bungalow at Nino's in Jefferson Valley, N. Y. We'll be looking forward to some enjoyable week-ends at "Yamke Lodge."

Incidentally, if there's ever a prize awarded for the fastest Easter Egg eaters, we nominate George Yatkauskas and Al Monckawitch,mmm—Boy!

We have been hearing lately from Fran (Baskis) Petkus, who now lives in Dayton, Ohio. She tells us that she has become a member of the Dayton council . . . you lucky people. See you in Boston, Fran.

It was nice to see Evelyn and John Bell at Maspeth's Spring Cotillion on April 17th, their first social appearance since the birth of their little daughter. We must say that being parents certainly agrees with them.

Brenda and Tony Razickas recently changed their address and we wish them the best of luck in their new apartment.

Lorelei

CLEVELAND, OHIO**COUNCIL 25**

Although a little late, we would still like to commend C-102, Detroit, Mich. for the wonderful way they handled the past district convention. The Leadership Course was one of the highlights discussed at our council meeting. The entire week-end is one that will long be remembered by those who attended.

Midwestern Bowling Tournament

In spite of the rain, a nice representation of fellow Knights from neighboring councils journeyed to Cleveland for the annual bowling tournament. Our own Council 25 was presented the K. of L. trophy this year. Individual trophies were awarded to the following: Sophie Zukas, Pittsburgh, Pa. (19); Donna Kuckson, Gary, Ind. (82); Elizabeth Sirvinskas, Gary, Indiana (82); Vic Palsis, Cleveland, Ohio (25); Hank Kascewicz, Cleveland, Ohio (25); and John Eizones, Detroit, Mich. (102).

Congratulations To All

A large orchid to the following people, who were not on the committee, but gave us a hand at the dance: Mr. Buknis, Mr. Sadauskas, Mr. Kunigisky, Eddie Kunigisky, John Arunski, Mary Trainy, Adele Greb, Mary Susin and Mrs. Neimonas. Their help was greatly appreciated.

Cleveland was represented at the Radio Banquet held in Pittsburgh on May 223rd. Gene, Benny, Hank and Andy drove up on Sunday, Mary and Joan Susin spent the week-end there as did Jerry Jesulaitis, president of Illinois-Indiana district. Everyone had a splendid time and want to thank C-19 for being so grand. An unscheduled spaghetti dinner, at which Jerry played host, was especially enjoyed by Margaret Papecka, Julia Aleshunas, Mary and Joan Susin.

2nd Lieut. Ed. Strazdas, (Linden, N. J.) surprised the Susins with several visits during the past month, while on leave from Lockbourne Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio, where he is stationed. By now he will probably be on his way to Africa, where he will serve Uncle Sam for about one year. We wish him the best of luck.

The next affair on the agenda will be the National Convention. Most of us are busy making plans, and hope to see all of our old friends and meet new ones in Boston this August. Jo

BAYONNE, N. J.**COUNCIL 67**

On June 7th, our council had the honor and privilege of being host to the regular N. Y. - N. J. district convention. At the commencement of the meeting, the Junior K. of L., under the direction of Father Karalevičius, presented a little program about Lithuania and the significance of each letter in the word. I'm sure everyone enjoyed it, as much as the Juniors enjoyed presenting it to you. Some thanks are justly due to Stacia Razilawech, Danny Dombrauskas and Marty Rusgi, also to Joan Glombecki, Joycelan Santa Maria and Marguerite Peters who helped out on the Refreshment Committee. We thank the Juniors for their assistance.

Now that summer has set in, our council is planning a joint picnic with the C.W.V. We are contemplating on going to one of our two favorite havens; either Sokol Camp or Forest Hills Lake. How do you like our arrangements?

Happy to hear that Millie and Ralph Alonis have reached their destination in Alaska and hope they soon become acclimated to the Artic weather.

We were all grieved to hear the passing of Blanche Chepinski's father. We wish to offer our sincere condolences.

The members of the American-Lithuanian Citizens Club are being kept busy pulling up stakes and moving into their new quarters. After a few details are taken care of, we will all soon be celebrating its opening.

Connie

ELIZABETH, N. J.**COUNCIL 52****People in the News**

Daniel Degutis, active K. of L. member, Downtown War Veterans and Holy Name Society membership chairman, is a super salesman in securing advertisements for lodges besides being employed by Jersey Central R. R. Lines.

Paul Krevetski (s), vice president of St. Peter and St. Paul's Benefit Society, is a Stock Chaser at The Singer Mfg. Co. plant, E'port, N. J.

Veronica Krizonis, treasurer of the Immaculate Conception Sodality of St. Peter and St. Paul's parish, is employed by the Diehl Mfg. Co. at FINDERNE, N. J.

Arthur Potts (Pocius), secretary

of the Lithuanian Libert Hall, member of the Elizabeth Elks and outstanding city bowler, was promoted to Night Supervisor at the Diehl Mfg. Co.

Walter Drescher (Drescheris), treasurer of the Lithuanian Liberty Hall, is a Patrolman of the Elizabeth Police Department.

Michael Yurgeles, Jefferson High School violinist, entertained the student assembly with violin selections at Benjamin Franklin School, 13 (Eliz., N. J.).

Diane Kablis placed a miniature cabin on flannelgragh illustrating new Girl Scout camp site at Swartswood Lake.

Mrs. Monica Samalonis and Mrs. Dorothy Vangritis were accepted as new members in the Ladies' Auxiliary of Dean Martin Gessner Council, 3310, Knights of Columbus.

Ignacz Budrecki, Balys Vyliaudas and Casimir Jankunas were named members of a temporary committee for the establishment of an Elizabeth chapter of the World Community of Lithuanians, a cultural organization to perpetuate Lithuanian traditions.

Lithuanian Knights of Elizabeth, N. J. paid homage on March 15 to the late Rev. Joseph J. Simonaitis, honorary member and pastor of St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, by receiving Holy Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass. During the Mass Aloysius Rudzitas sang several solos with Joseph Zilevicius accompanying at the organ.

Raymond Zabita is the Sea Scout Master for a troop sponsored by The Singer Mfg. Co., Elizabeth, N. J.

Anthony Zvirblys was re-elected president of the Elizabeth, N. J. Downtown World War Veterans, Inc.

Stephen Dobilas was elected president of the Holy Name Society of St. Peter and St. Paul Church.

John Kugis, John Pecukaitis, Anthony Papalis and Michael Luksis, charter members of St. Peter and St. Paul's Benefit Society, observed the society's 50th Golden Jubilee on February 7. A banquet was held in Lithuanian Liberty Hall to commemorate the event.

Kazys Bernotas was re-elected president of St. Peter and St. Paul's Benefit Society for the 29th consecutive year; Romalda Dzviolis, recording secretary, for the 30th consecutive year and George Budris, treasurer, for the 26 consecutive years.

William Senkus

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To thousands of K. of L'ers from Maine
to California that word in August will
mean a national event.

Four hectic days in Boston Massachu-
setts, and its environs, beginning August
27, are expected to leave hundreds of dele-
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die resolve to prove that **STRENGTH OF
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—“Vyčių Stiprybė - Lietuvos Galybė.”

Quantities of air mail, piles of special
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long distance phone calls by convention
planners have been coming in since the 1st
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CONVENTION PLANS WELL IN HAND

Plans are progressing for the gala 40TH ANNUAL CONVENTION to
be held in Boston on AUG. 27 - 28- 29 - 30. Reservations are being made at the Hotel
Statler in order of application and all delegates and those planning to attend are
urged to get their applications in as soon as possible. The Convention Committee,
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