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KAIP BUS SU SEIMO REZOLIUCIJOMIS?

Paskutinis didysis mūsų seimas Bostone išryškino svarbiausius mūsų uždavinius ir patiekė juos savo rezoliucijose. Tos rezoliucijos yra ne kas kita, kaip konkreti mūsų darbo programa visam šitam laikotarpiui iki sekančio seimo Pittsburghe. Jau pats laikas susirūpinti jų vykdymu. Tat kiekviename susirinkime apsvarstykime bent vieną seimo rezoliucijų ir pasitarkime dėl jos įgyvendinimo.

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Šiandien net pačių katalikų tarpe jausti tendencija atitraukti mus nuo mūsų dvasios vadų ir parapijos. Galutinis tos tendencijos ir akcijos tikslas yra atitraukti mus nuo Katalikų Bažnyčios. Tokiu būdu norima susilpninti Katalikų Bažnyčią, bet dar labiau mus pačius. Kristus ir Jo įsteigtoji Bažnyčia yra kelias, tiesa ir gyvenimas taip pat mums, Amerikos lietuvių jaunimui. Todėl ryžtamės nuoširdžiai bendradarbiauti su parapijos vadovybe.

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MOKYKIMĖS LIETUVIŲ KALBOS!

Kiekvienai kuopai būtų naudinga paskaita apie lietuvių kalbos kilmę, išsivystymą, turtingumą ir grožį. Mokykimės naujų gražių lietuviškų išsireiškimų bei žodžių. Kalbėkime, kiek tai yra įmanoma, ir kiek galima tarp savęs lietuviškai. Venkime tačiau čia fanatizmo ir griežtumo. Ugdykime meilę mūsų protėvių kalbai.

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Jūsų veikimas Lietuvos labui, lietuviybės palaikymas bei lietuvių vardo pozityvus populiarinimas vertas aukšto įvertinimo.

Galvojant apie šią veiklą, matant kiek pas jus visais laikais būta ir dabar kiek yra idealizmo, energijos ir sugebėjimo, kyla mintis jums pasiūlyti panašią veiklą išvystyti katalikybės srityje. Ką ypatingo ir kartu jums prieinamo Vyčiai galėtumėte nuveikti šiandien katalikybei?

1. Religinės Veiklos Pagyvinimas. Man atrodo, kad Vyčiai galėtų efektyviai prisidėti katalikiškai veiklai pagyvinti lietuvių tarpe. Būtų galima panaudoti kaikurias progas pakelti lietuvių religinę nuotaiką ir kartu paskleisti įvairių tiek religinių tiek bendrai krikščioniškos kultūros idėjų. Kur yra silpnesnis pasireiškimas L. K. Federacijos, ten galėtų imtis iniciatyvos vyčiai kartu su kitomis organizacijomis suruošti metuose kelias katalikiškas šventes su gražiomis pamaldomis, su akademija. Tokių švenčių aš norėčiau čia užminėti nors tris.

1. KRISTAUS KARALIAUS šventė. Būtų labai sveikintina, jeigu vyčiai būtų labai aktyvūs prisidėti, kad ši šventė visose liet. bažnyčiose būtų kuo škilmingiausiai atšvenčiama, kuoplačiausiai tai išgarsinant ir skleidžiant tinkamai suprastą Kristaus visos žmonijos valdovo idėją. Tai būtų atsakymas į plačiai sklindantį racionalistinį teizmą čia Amerikoje skleidžiamą visų masonų ir daugelio protestantų. Tą dieną būtų pravartu atminti ir tą faktą, kad Lietuva ir Lietuvių tauta yra paaukota šv. Jėzaus širdžiai.

2. Kita iš tokių švenčių turėtų būti švenčiau-

sios Marijos Gimimo šventė. Lietuvių tautoje ta šventė buvo tiek prigijusi, kad nenustebo net Lietuvos laisvamaniai ar kitatikiai, kai ji buvo paskelbta net valstybine švente. Ta šventė iš senai Lietuvių tautos minima su labai dideliu pamaldumu, nes tai buvo sujungta su atminimu šv. Marijos apsireiškimo Šiluvoje. Jeigu būtų dar galima minėti ir gegužio 13 d., kuria yra atmenami trys istoriniai Lietuvių tautos faktai: pirmosios bažnytinės provincijos įkurimas Lietuvoje, antrosios Provincijos įkurimas ir Lietuvių tautos paaukojimas šv. Marijos Nekalčiausiai širdžiai, tai į aną šv. Marijos gimimo šventę būtų galima nukelti ir šių faktų atminimą. Tačiau nebūtų per daug atskirai minėti ir gegužio 13 ir tie, kurie tiek gražios iniciatyvos parodo minėti ir gegužio 13 d., yra verti didelio pagyrimo.

3. Ir dar viena iš iškilmingųjų švenčių viso pasaulio lietuvių tarpe turėtų būti šv. Kazimiero šventė. Šį pavasarį puikiai užsirekomendavo Chicago Vyčiai į tą šventę pakviesdami organizuotai dalyvauti ateitininkus ir skautus. Labai linkėtina, kad tai išsivystytų į tradiciją visoje Amerikoje, o iš Amerikos ir kituose kraštuose, kur yra lietuvių.

Vyčiams turėtų rūpėti, kad ir 16-ji vasario ne liktų be religinės dalies.

Tokių švenčių progos yra puiki dirva pasireikšti Vyčių apaštališkai dvasiai: tomis dienomis kuopdaugiausiai lietuvių priraginti eiti šv. sakramentų, akademijose yra puiki proga paskelbti Vyčiams rūpinamas katalikiškas idėjas surišant jas su lietuvių psichika, tradicijomis.

II. Katalikų teisės ir krikščioniškoji moralė. Vyčiai labai aktyvia korespondencija išvystėte reaguoti į spaudoje, Senate, Kongrese paliestus Lietuvos ir Lietuvių tautos klausimus. Būtų labai gražu ir labai naudinga pirmoje vietoje pačiai Amerikai, o ir visai Katalikų Bažnyčiai, jeigu aną savo veiklos būdą jūs praplėstumėte į reikalus liečiančius religiją ir moralę, katalikų teises Amerikoje. O tokių reikalų surastumėte labai daug. Aš priminsiu tik vieną-antrą pavyzdį.
1. Viešųjų mokyklų dvasia. Jose mokosi dauguma Amerikos jaunimo. Nuo tų mokyklų dvasios

priklausys pačios Amerikos dvasia ir jos įtaka į kitus kraštus. Visuomenė savo žodžiu - pasisakymu čia daug ką gali padaryti. **2. Konfesinių mokyklų, kaip institucijų, jų mokytojų ir mokinių nelygybė sąntykyje su viešosiomis mokyklomis.** Ir čia visuomenės balsas spaudoje, privačiais laiškais gali daug nulemti: padrašinti tas mokyklas užtariančius, papeikti nepalankius. **3. Viešosios doros reikalai.** Prieš nudizmą reaguoja kaikurios organizacijos, kaikurie vietinių valdžių žmonės, bet jie lig šiol sulaukė permažai viešos paramos iš pozityviosios piliečių dalies. **4. Vyksta labai svarbi kova tarpe tos srovės, kuriai šiandien jau duotas vardas McArtizmo ir kokios tai juodos rankos,** kuri šaukdamosi klaidingai suprastos laisvės sofizmo yra išvysčiusi labai plačią akciją ginti Amerikos išdavikus. Ta akcija labai plati. Iš to galima matyti, kiek galinga yra ta juodoji ranka. Visi pozityvūs Amerikos piliečiai, taigi ir L. Vyčiai, neturi likti pasyviais šios kovos stebėtojais, o turi pozityviai paremti ginančius Amerikos laisvę ir jos demokratišką bei krikščionišką ateitį.

III. Katalikų Bažnyčios Reikalai. Vyčiai atliktumėte savo katalikišką, lietuvišką, amerikonišką ir bendrai žmogišką savo pareigą aktyviai atsiliepdami į reikalus liečiančius visą Katalikų Bažnyčią, taigi ir kiekvieną iš mūsų. Kas šandien vyksta Rusijoje, Jugoslavijoje, Rumanijoje, Ungarijoje, Čekoslovakijoje, Lenkijoje, Lietuvoj, Latvijoje, Estijoje, Kinijoje, tai nėra tik politinis svetimų valstybių reikalas. Tai iš viso nėra politinis klausimas. Tai yra antikristijanizmo šalininkų tarptautinė akcija prieš Kristų, prieš krikščionybę ir prieš krikščioniškas tautas. Ta konspiracija yra tokia baisi, kad ji kur galėjo (atsiminkime Mexico, Ispaniją) pakartojo ir nesidrovės pakartoti praeities Gruzijos ir Armenijos istoriją, kur katalikai buvo šaltu ginklu išžudyti. Tai kas šiandien vyksta komunistų pavergtuose kraštuose, tai nėra jokia politika, o yra sąmoningas ir planingas pasikesinimas prieš mūsų tikėjimą, prieš visą Katalikų Bažnyčią, prieš mūsų natūralias teises turėti sąžinės laisvę, savo tėvynę. Tai yra pasikesinimas prieš mūsų gyvybes, vien tik už tai, kad esame katalikai. Jeigu šiandien taip skaudžiai būtų paliesti keli milijonai žydų, ar kelios dešimtys milijonų protestantų, tai pasaulis jau seniau būtų sukilęs, kaip sukilo prieš Hitlerį. Už tai kas šiandien vyksta su beveik 100 milijonų katalikų Maskvos pavergtuose kraštuose, yra atsakinga ne vien Maskva, bet visi, kurie jai padėjo tuos kraštus užimti ir šiandien tai

toleruoja. Prieš šį faktą viso pasaulio katalikai, taigi ir Vyčiai, turi kelti balsą visur kur tik gali ir kaip gali. Mes neturime būti tie avinai, kurie varomi į skerdyklą net nesubliauna, o eina galvas žemyn nuleidę. Amerikos L. Vyčiai padarysite pasitarimą pačiai Amerikai, Katalikų Bažnyčiai ir visai žmonijai, jeigu prisidėsite pabudinti ir Amerikos ir kitų kraštų katalikus.

IV. Krikščioniškas Tobulumas. Ir didžiausias jūsų uždavinys — tai **siekti krikščioniško tobulo.** Ar Vytis kasdien skaito kokį nors laikraštį ar ne, tai tas nėra labai didelės svarbos dalykas. Tačiau Vytis turi kasdien skaityti Evangeliją, turi Evangelijos minčių šviesoje galvoti, turi Evangelija gyventi. Vyčiai turi siekti Amerikoje išauginti lietuvių šventąjį. Pagalvokite, ką jūs duotumėte Katalikų Bažnyčiai, Lietuvių tautai, Amerikai, jeigu iš savo tarpo išaugintumėte šventąjį. O tai yra galima ir pasaulyje gyvenant. Aš tikiu, kad yra tikrų šventųjų Amerikos Lietuvaičių seselių vienuolių tarpe, yra labai gražių asmenybių iš lietuvių kunigų tarpo. Turi būti šventųjų ir Amerikos lietuvių pasauliečių tarpe. Ir tas pas šventas lietuvis pasaulietis turi būti iš Vyčių tarpo.

Štai kelios mano sugestijos šio jūsų Seimo proga jūsų ateities veiklai. Dievas telaimina jus visus ir visus jūsų seseris ir brolius vieminčius, kad jūsų veikla būtų šviesus žiburys ne vien Amerikos lietuvių tarpe, bet visos Amerikos gyvenime. Pasidaruokite Amerikos garbei ir gerui, Lietuvių tautos garbei ir gerui, Katalikų Bažnyčios garbei ir gerui remdami ją šiandien jos sunkiose kovose.

Dievas jus telaimina, jums tepadedą.

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KARDINOLO SPELLMAN ŽODIS PAVERGTAI LIETUVAI

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„Mes ir toliau jus atsiminsime. Mes nesiliausime meldęsi už jus. Mus ir toliau stiprins jūsų pavyzdys“.

Kardinolas Spellmanas, smerkdamas vergiją, kurią atnešė Sovietų Sąjunga Rytų Europos tautoms, pareiškė viltį, kad visos pavergtosios tautos atgaus laisvę ir kad jis meldžiasi už jų išlaisvinimą.

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L. Dambriūnas

Sportas yra visose kalbose vartojamas žodis. Todėl ir lietuvių kalboje jis vartojamas kaip savas. Be **sporto**, turime dar šiuos žodžius: **Sportuoti** (to engage in sports), **sportavimas** (sporting), **sportininkas** (sportsman), **sportininkė** (sportswoman), **sporto aikštė** (playing ground, athletic field), **sporto žinios** (sports news) ir kt.

Sportininkai sportuoja ne tik žemėje, bet ir vandeny ir ore. Tada turime **vandens sportą** ir **oro sportą**. Pavyzdžiui, **plaukymas** (swimming) yra vandens sportas, o **sklandymas** (gliding) yra oro sportas. Žmonės skraido **lėktuvais** (planes), o sklando **sklandytuvais** (gliders). Sportuojama ne tik vasarą, bet ir žiemą. Tada turime **žiemos sportą**. Pvz. **čiuožimas** (skating), **slidinėjimas** (sliding), **slidėnės** (skiing), **ledo rutulys** (ice hockey) yra žiemos sporto rūšys) **pačiūžos** — skates; **slidės** — ski; **čiuožykla** — skating rink.

Sportiniai žaidimai (games). Jų yra daug. Žinomiausi yra **beisbolas** (baseball), **futbolas** (football, soccer), **krepšinis** (basketball), **tinklinis** (volleiball), **tenisas** (tennis), **stalo tenisas** (ping-pong), **golfas** (golf), **boksas** (boxing) ir kiti.

Yra dar **lengvoji atletika** (athletics). Čia priklauso **bėgimas** (running), **šokimas** (jumping), **jieties metimas** (throwing the javelin), **rutulio stūmimas** (shot-put), **disko metimas** (discus throw) ir kita. Galima šokti į toli ir į aukštį. **Šuolis į toli** — broad jump; **šuolis į aukštį** — high jump; **šuolis su kartimi** — pole vault.

Yra žaidimų, kuriais lavinimas ne kojos ar rankos, bet protas, pvz. **šachmatai** (chess), **šaškės** (checkers), **kortos** (cards) ir kiti. **Šachmatininkams** (chess players) reikalinga **šachmatų lenta** (chess board). **Kortavimas** (card playing) irgi seniai žinomas lošimas arba **žaidimas**. **Kortomis lošti** — to play cards; **kortas dalinti** — to deal the cards).

Yra žinoma, ir dar kitokių sporto rūšių, pvz. **arklių lenktynės** (horse race), **dviračių ar automobilių lenktynės**, **medžiojimas** (hunting), **buriavimas** (sailing), **laipiojimas į kalnus** (mountain climbing).

Sportininkai paprastai yra susiorganizavę į **sporto klubus** (sports clubs). Vienos sporto šakos žaidėjai sudaro **komanda** (team), pvz. **fut-**

bolo komanda, **krepšinio komanda** ir kt.

Sporto organizacijos organizuoja **žaidimus** (games). Žinomi yra **Olimpiniai žaidimai** (Olympic games). Žinotini čia šie sporto terminai **žaisti** — to play, **žaidėjas** — player, **žaidimas** — game, **žaidynės** — tournament, a series of sport contests.

Žaidėjai žaisdami **varžosi** (compete, contest). Kelių komandų ar **varžovų** (contestants) **varžybos** (contest) vadinamos **rungtynėmis** (match). Gali būti **futbolo rungtynės** (football match), **bokso rungtynės** (boxing match) ir t.t. Žodis **lenktynės** (race) vartojamas tada, kai kalbama apie bėgimą, pvz. **arklių lenktynės**, **automobilių lenktynės**. **Lenktyniuoti** — to run a race; **lenktynių kelias** — race track.

Žaidėjai ar komandos, dalyvaudami rungtynėse, **varžosi dėl pirmenybės** (championship). Tas, kuris pirmenybes laimi, vadinasi **meisteris** arba **championas**. Kai žaidėjas nugalėjęs visus varžovus, sakoma, kad jis **pasiekė rekordą**.

Football player lietuviškai galima sakyti **futbolo žaidėjas** arba **futbolininkas**. Kaip bus lietuviškai: basketball player, volleiball player, tennis player, chess player, boxer?

Atsakymas į klausimą: krepšininkas, tinklininkas, tenisininkas, šachmatininkas, boksininkas.

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PADEKA

Didžiai gerbiamam kun. Mykolui Vembrei už padovanotas „Vyties“ platintojams dešimts knygų apie Fatimą „Marija Kalba Pasauliui“ nuoširdžiai dėkojam.

L. Vyčių Centro Valdyba
ir „Vyties“ Redakcija

KNYGA JAUNIMUI

Hardy Schilgen, S. J. Tu ir ji. Jaunuolio santykiai su mergaite. Išvertė Antanas Bieliūnas, S. J. Chicago, 1953 m. T. T. Jėzuitų leidinys. 212 psl., kaina 2 dol. Knyga tokio turinio: Ižanga. Žvilgsnis į Kūrėjo Apvaizdos planą. Tau nepridera. „Amžinas moteriškumas“. Šunkeliai: savęs silpninimas, jaunystės meilė, „draugavimasis“?, santykiavimas, atsitiktinis santykiavimas. Sirenų giesmės: skaityba, kino-teatras ir tt., mados, alkoholis, šokiai, sportas. Riteriškumas. Gyvenimo draugė. Skaistumas. O tu?

Knyga patartina įsigyti kiekvienam jaunuoliui.

NORKUNO GIMTADIENIS

(GRUODŽIO 1 D.)

Dar nelabai seniai, atėjus gruodžio 1 d., mes nuoširdžiai sveikindavome mūsų brangios organizacijos steigėją Mykolą Norkūną. Parsinešdavo jis visą pundą laiškų iš pašto ir tais sveikinimais ir dovanėlėmis jis džiaugdavosi ir tegyveno didesnę dalį metų. Jo gimtadienis virto lyg mūsų švente.

Deja, laiškais jo dabar jau nepasiekiame. Vien tik malda jo intencija galime pasiūsti. Malda ir auką, kad jo pradėtas gražus lietuviškas darbas būtų tęsiamas toliau.

Brangus Vyti-Vyte, prisimenant mūsų mylimą tėvą a. a. Mykolą Norkūną, prisidėk nors maža auka prie jam paminklo pastatymo. Norime šį projektą būtinai užbaigti šią žiemą. Pasiųsk nors dolerį ar du, prisidėk prie įamžinimo Norkūno vardo. Savo auką pasiųsk komisijos pirmininkui Joseph Boley, 34 Beekman Place, New York, N. Y., čekį ar money orderį išrašant vardu Norkunas Memorial Fund.

Norkūno Fondo Komisija

DECEMBER 1 — NORKUNAS' BIRTHDAY

For a long time December 1 has been an important date. It was the date when we heaped our good wishes on our founder, Mykolas Norkunas. The greetings and little gifts that he received on the occasion of his birthday he treasured far beyond their intrinsic value, for they came from people he loved most — his fellow Knights.

Even now he is not beyond our reach. We can remember him in our prayers. His birthday can continue to be a festive day in our organization. On this occasion to let us help to perpetuate his name by sending a contribution for the erection of a suitable memorial on his grave. He certainly deserves at least this modest contribution on our part. Let each one of us share in this work. Send a dollar or two this week, so the committee can proceed with its plans to finish the monument this winter. Send your contribution to the committee chairman, Joseph Boley 34 Beekman Place, New York, N. Y., making out a check or money order to Norkunas Memorial Fund. Many thanks.

Norkunas Memorial Fund Committee

NORKŪNO FONDUI AUKOS

(1952—1953)

Liet. Vyčių 25 kp., Cleveland	\$ 109.00
Anonymous	100.00
New Yorko koncerto pelnas	55.75
New York—New Jersey apskritis-rinklava	30.90
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Liet. Vyčių 17 kp., Boston	7.00

Po \$ 5.00:

Anna Mae Uznis, Detroit; Jack J. Stukas, Kearny; A. J. Aleksis, Waterbury; Wm. Kolocius, Pittsburgh; Liet. Vyčių 10 kp., Athol; Frank Vaskas, Newark; kur. Albin Yankauskas, Gardner, Mass; Loreta Hushka, Chicago; Victor G. Mathieu, Central Falls; Bernice Novom, Chicago; Longinas Svelnis, Boston; Antanas Mažeika, Brooklyn; Barbara Walkauskas, Pittsburgh; Vytautas Jucevičius, Pittsburgh; Martin Gaputis, Boston; kun. J. Pakalniškis, Brooklyn.

Po \$ 3.00:

Ruth L. Guzauskas, Cleveland; John A. Vilkišius, Chicago.

Po \$ 2.00:

Helen Sirvinskas; Nellie A. Maceina, Waterbury; Jonas Melys, Chicago; kun. V. Katarskis, Dayton; Juozas Iškauskas, Paterson; Angela Sarapas, Worcester; Katie Wilkiene, Cleveland; Frank Gudelis,

IS OUR SUPERSTITION SHOWING?

William V. Gorski

In the Ozark Mountains of Missouri and Arkansas, witch women make dolls of dirt and beeswax and name them after their enemies. Then, they drive nails into the bodies to hurt the corresponding part of their enemies' bodies.

Children there are taught that babies come out of the big gall on Black Oak trees. And when someone dies, a black cloth on hives tells the bees not to swarm. If they did, bad luck would hit everybody.

Chuckle if you will. But first be sure the last laugh isn't on you. Maybe you, too, nurse odd beliefs and misconceptions as exist in isolated mountain districts, in marginal farms of the great open spaces, in homes of share croppers, and among poverty-stricken laborers.

Superstition, in a wide sense, means acceptance of a notion or belief that is disproved by science or has no support in fact. In a more limited usage it ties up with an element of the supernatural — such as the howling of a dog portending death.

It is often thought that superstitions are the particular possessions of the ignorant. This is not true. Educated, or literate, persons as well as the illiterate cherish peculiar and unfounded ideas regarding many aspects of their lives.

Winston Churchill, for example, never travels on a Friday. Eddie Rickenbacker used to carry around a dried bat's heart. A "must" for the Fred Allens is to eat pickled herring on New Year's Eve. Eddie Cantor is touchy about the number 13. And, jolly Lauritz Melchior would

get a swift kick from his wife before performing at the Metropolitan.

The beliefs of superstitious persons are numerous and often openly admitted. Others, however, will perform little acts which secretly they believe may be connected with some unseen power, but, which openly they'll deny as a superstitious practice. It is possible to draw from all sorts of examples.

A person avoids walking under a ladder. Secretly, it could mean bad luck; openly, he'll say, a ladder or a bucket of paint can fall on you. A man carries a buckeye in his pocket. Secretly it may prevent rheumatism; openly, he'll tell you it's just a pocket piece. You knock three times on a piece of wood. Secretly, well there may be something to it; openly, just joking.

But then, what about the standard practice in hotels of never having a "13th" floor?

Going along further, there are beliefs in astrology, through which human affairs supposedly are influenced by heavenly bodies. There is telepathy, which involves perception beyond the senses. There is clairvoyance, the power of "seeing" objects and actions beyond the natural range of vision.

To this you can add numerology, natology — predicting the best time for birth, occultism, witch-doctoring, rites, dreams, amulets, ghosts.

And, if that isn't enough, there are superstitions about luck, tombstones, and mystic numbers. The gamut runs wild in odd beliefs about birds, quicksand, lightning, sour milk and thunder, animals, fish, and determining sex.

Admittedly, there are some aspects of our daily lives hard to explain. Take certain dreams for instance. People have them all the time — some during the day, others at night. Probably everyone has had an idea, at some time or seems utterly familiar. He recalls seeing the same occurrence once before — somewhere, maybe in a dream.

another, that a scene being enacted before him

The idea that we live two lives is as old as man. Well-authenticated tales from the world of dreams raises the question of "which is reality."

A woman in a hotel, one night, had a dream in which the hotel suddenly was enveloped in

Dayton; John Razauskas, Dayton; Mary A. Undraitis, Waterbury; Mrs. Anthony P. Liakas, Chicago; Regina L. Couble, Cicero; Lucy Diktus, Chicago; Ellen Dirzius, Seymour; Alfonse A. Barauskas, Ansonia; Patricia Kamarauskas, Chicago; Anne Schwabas, Brooklyn; Mrs. M. Kekelis, Cleveland.

Po \$ 1.25:

John W. Yocus, Dorchester.

Po 1.00:

Alg. J. Kasulaitis, Cleveland; V. Kulbokas, Boston; Frank Baltakis, Pittsburgh; Ursule Zemaitis, Chicago; Ellen Pavlovsky, Pittsburgh; Jos. Mikalauskas, Dayton; Jonas Mikeliūnas, East Chicago; Petras Balčiūnas, Cleveland; J. P. Kscenaitis, Bronx.

fire and destroyed. She became uneasy and frightened and persuaded her husband to leave the hotel with her during that early morning hour. Not unnaturally, he thought she was being immature and silly.

The next day, in a town farther up the line, she read in a newspaper that a hotel nearby burned to the ground after a truck loaded with dynamite crashed into it. It was the same hotel they had left the night before.

Other mysteries also occur which defy explanation. In England, for example, a famous opera singer was in the habit of coming home each evening after a performance and rapping on the glass pane of the front door.

That was always a signal for her 6-year old daughter to come downstairs to let her mother in. The opera star then would wrap the girl in a cloak and carry her to bed.

One night, in her haste to reach the door, the girl knocked down a table near the staircase. But she ignored it in her anxiety to see her mother again.

The next morning the young girl confessed to the maid that it was she who knocked down the table while running to greet her mother. The maid was astounded! The girl's mother never did return home the evening before. She had died in her dressing room at the theatre after giving her last performance.

During wars fortune-telling picks up speed. People look for, or try to find, glimpses of the future. If it isn't fortune telling by reading tea leaves, it's palmistry, or astrology, or spiritualism. Man wants to see something of his future on earth.

In dealing with superstition, you reach a point where you wonder whether having odd beliefs or nurturing peculiar practices is harmful.

Often, when no other way is known for securing "good" conduct, the use of superstition appears to make its case for a considerable number of persons.

A child sometimes is told that if he drops crumbs of bread on the floor, he will bring poverty into the family. And, never burn food, for those who do will go hungry.

If the fears of future torture, now or in the hereafter, are the only motives for restraining cruel, wicked, debasing acts such fears may serve an immediately useful purpose.

Spill salt and you'll lose a friend. Lose or destroy a wedding gift and unhappiness will follow

in later married life. Take a ring from another's finger and it will result in broken friendship. The morals: don't be clumsy, or careless, and leave alone the intimate personal property of others.

Parents and adults often have used superstition to direct and control behavior of children. If a child is told that whistling in the home will bring bad luck, the fear of misfortune may be more effective than mere admonition in stopping the practice.

The daughter is warned that if she takes the last piece of bread on the plate she will become a spinster. She should offer the last piece to others. Turning back for something after having started a journey invites bad luck; therefore, be sure you have everything before you start out.

Using fear to produce desirable conduct is a very old human device. In many countries it has been believed that the ghost or spirit of a murdered person would haunt and persecute the murderer.

But, the fact that superstitious beliefs have served some useful purposes during primitive and modern times, and among ignorant people, does not justify their continued existence.

Their usefulness ceases in a day when the slogan should be "What are the facts and what do they mean?" The cost of superstition is now measured in terms of human fears, ignorance, misery, and suffering. Happiness, welfare, and human lives also have been sacrificed.

Most superstitions and many other fallacies are of ancient origin and have become heritages of the race. Through the home and other social institutions these beliefs are transmitted from one generation to another, often with no thought of the origin.

Thus, persons acquire strange beliefs and apply them as guides for action in a complex world. Unwittingly, they build themselves up for a future letdown.

Ignorance and superstition contribute toward the extension of one another. Knowledge is the enemy of both. In childhood as in adolescence, as with older persons, the attitude of desiring knowledge is an insurance policy against superstition. Facts properly interpreted and used make for greater freedom.

If you will, chuckle at the Ozark witch-women or at the Allens and their dead herrings, or at the guys with buckeyes in the pockets.

But, be careful! Maybe your own superstition is showing.



M. Norkūnas ir K. Zaromskis, didieji vyčių vadai paskutiniai savo gyvenimo metais.

Kastas Zaromskis

IS NO MORE!

Shocking was the news, that the Knights of Lithuania Honorary Member Kastas Zaromskis passed away June 7, 1953 after a long and lingering illness.

Tears of the youngster, the young man and lady, the elders and olders could be seen in the eyes of those who packed the chapel where his remains rested. They came from everywhere, from every walk of life, to pay their final respects to "a small old man" of Brighton Park.

Kastas was an active Honorary Member of the K. of L.; a life member of the Marian Fathers and St. Casimir's Academy; a 3rd degree member of Cardinal Mundelein Knights of Columbus Council 3024; a member of the Immaculate Conception Parish Holy Name Society, Parish Choir and was a parish usher; besides Brighton Park Council 36, he also was active in the Chicago K. of L. Senior group and the Lithuanian Keistutis Club.

He also found time for the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation; the L.R.C. Susivienijimas; Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba; BALF; Lithuania's Independence Day commemorations; Aid to the Lith. Displaced Persons; member of the K. of L. Dainos Choir later the Chicago District Choir under Pocius, Sauris, Rakauskas and Šimutis directions. He also was a member of the K. of L. Council 36 Choir, who then in the past was the Parish Choir. He was a regular contributor to the VYTIS and Draugas.

In Council 36, he was a life long structure as its treasurer; drama group director and member of various committees.

In the Chicago District he was a trustee, a member of various committees, K. of L. Youth Center, etc.

In the Supreme Council he was a past Supreme Treasurer, chairman of the K. of L. Press Directors; and at the time of his death, he was a member of the Norkūnas Memorial Fund and Honorary Membership Committee.

Much can be added here of the contributions "K. Z." made in aiding to build Chicago as the Lithuanian center of the world with its Lithuanian parishes, hospitals, home for the aged, monuments, etc. Much more can be added of the donations he made "For God and Country."

His life was well lived as an outstanding Catholic gentleman, who loved the Lithuanian youth, aiding them financially, rendering timely suggestions and giving his best efforts to the very end. He set an example for others to follow but few understood his effort for unity, by which greatness is attained. His life was full of charity, for all good endeavors. He exemplified fraternity by always speaking out, what he thought to attain the goal we all strive in our organization. No man showed better patriotism then he for all America, forgetting not, our fatherland, Lithuania.

We all will feel a great loss, especially Brighton Park Council 36. His judgment was responsible for the continuous existence of this council without interruption of its activity through World War I, World War II, the Korean patrolling effort, etc. "Kastuk's" biggest pride and boast was Council 36. He always said, "No council will have or do what we already have done."

Yes, "the little old man" is no more. He was buried June 10th. Burial services were read at Immaculate Conception Church. Burial was in St. Casimir's Cemetery. And, as always, the late Kastas Zaromskis invited the many who came to bid him "adieu" for a little something in the K. of L. Youth Center. May his memory live forever. May all councils of the Knights of Lithuania with its members take his example of a REAL CATHOLIC. May his soul rest in peace. And, may the Heavenly Father find a little room for "a little old man." He was deserving and we'll all miss him!

—RED CHERRY

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 36

As of May 31, 1953, our council reports a paid-up membership of 90 members, including eight servicemen. The goal is to exceed the 100 mark before the end of the year.

To date, the council activities have been as follows: February 14th. The Hearts Dance; March 8th, Bingo-Card Party; April 18th, Council Get-To-Gether Party; June 20th, a wiener-roast and in July, a beach party at the Dunas. Besides the council affairs, members have attended the Illinois-Indiana district activities and some of the Ohio-Michigan district affairs.

For future activities the council is planning a dance in November and a Christmas Party in December.

Under the chairmanship of Antanas Balcytis, the Lithuanian Affairs Committee has become more active. The Committee is striving to increase the interest of the council in its works.

During the 38 years of our council's existence, the sportsmanship of the members has been proven in the many trophies received in different sports activities. The latest trophies were won in the Mid-West Bowling Tournament by Sophia Zukas and Bernadette Paukstis.

New ideas — After each meeting, the members sing the K. of L. hymn. Then they celebrate the members' birthdays with a social.

C-36 members (formal attire and all) took time out from a wedding party to attend our district's 4th of July celebration held at the Youth Center.

Our delegates, Vyto Gestautis and Tony Putis came back from Boston with reports of a successful convention (business and social). Vyto went to Boston by way of Canada and Nova-Scotia, but he managed to get to Boston on time. Another member,

Sophia Zukas went as far as Pittsburgh, Pa. and no further. Wonder what was so interesting?

At our September meeting, members received a most pleasant surprise. We were notified that we were awarded third place in the national Membership Drive. Congratulations to Irene Sankus, membership chair-lady and Sophia Zukas, financial secretary.

It was with much sorrow that we learned of the death of Philomena Rekasius' mother (August 26) and Msgr. Brisko, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church and 4th Degree K. of L. member. We extend our deepest sympathies.

Report of our servicemen! Al Sirvinskis is stationed in Munich, Germany and Frank Petkunas, in Florida. Recently Casimir Petkunas was home on a furlough. Also Zeke Meizis has been honorably discharged from the Army. (Now if Zeke will only stay in Chicago for awhile instead of Detroit!).

\$64. Question of the month! It has been observed that C-36 members spent much time in Canada this past summer. Wonder if there is a branch of the council up there?

Our last beach party was held at the Indiana Dunes on Sun., September 13th. Only a few persons braved the cold breezes. Among the group was Steve Grenshaw, a Marine just home from Korea. We understand Steve had a little trouble with his car (no reverse gear). Notwithstanding the cold weather and the difficult driving, we all had a wonderful time ushering out the summer season.

A very different officers' meeting was held in September at the home of Vyto Gestautis. In addition to the meeting, the officers enjoyed seeing all of Vyto's treasures from Canada, and movies taken not only at the recent Boston Convention, but also the NEW JERSEY Convention from way

back. A very interesting meeting indeed!

The council's 38th Anniversary Banquet was held on Sunday, September 27th at the Youth Center. It was a very successful affair. We wish to thank all Knights and friends who attended. They all helped to make the affair a very memorable one. We are now looking forward to the time when we will celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

After the October meeting a birthday social was held for Philomena Rekasius. But the most surprised person of the evening was Scotty Zukas. After helping with the plans for Phil's party, she discovered that we were also celebrating her birthday. Both girls looked lovely in their party hats.

The Illinois-Indiana District has organized a bowling league for Sunday afternoons. C-36 plans to enter two teams. The ladies' team consists of: Philomena Rekasius, Emily Sikorski, Mrs. K. Latonas, Bernadette Paukstis and Irene Sankus. The men's team has not been completed as yet. We started bowling on October 11th. Hope the venture will meet with great success!

Another \$64. Question! Who was the handsome gentleman from Washington, D. C., who visited Scotty on her birthday?
Red Wing



ELIZABETH, N. J.

COUNCIL 52

AČIŪ

We wish to thank the Convention Committee for the wonderful 40th National K. of L. Conclave planned in order to commemorate the historical event. Everyone of us enjoyed our stay in Boston and it will long be remembered. May the Knights of Lithuania live to see Boston celebrating the 50th Anniversary as a national convention site. (Suggestion — start the get-together night on Wednesday, begin the conclave on Thursday morning so that the Sunday evening's banquet should conclude all the activities of the convention). We returned home safely and with cherished memories of a good time in Boston; also encouraged us all to plan the next convention in Elizabeth in 1955, providing the delegates desire to select Elizabeth.

Charles Oskutis was re-elected council president for the fifth term at a meeting held on September 20th, St. Joseph's Hall. Other officers elected were: William Senkus, vice president; Ann Mitchell, secretary; Marion Wycosky, financial secretary; and Ann Baronas, treasurer. Committees named were: Sports, Charles Rusteika and Veronica Krezonis; Social, Raymond Zabita and Edward Anilonis; Welfare, Daniel Degutis, Mary Motecus and Miss Baronas; Publicity, William Senkus, Frank Kidzus and Aloysius Rudzitas; Trustees, Frances Balandis (3 years); holdovers — Charles Grinchis and Mr. Zabita.

Ann Mitchell, immediate past national secretary, gave a detailed report on the national convention held in Boston. William Senkus was convention secretary and did a fine job.

Our council voted a \$50. donation towards St. Peter and Paul's Church Property Repair Fund. A letter of thanks was received from Virginia Petrauskas, winner of our councils award for scholastic record at St. Peter and Paul's Grammar School. The award was presented to her by Rev. John Starkus, former administrator of the parish (recently transferred to St. Michael's Church, Bayonne).

Father Michael G. Kemezis, assigned to SS. Peter and Paul Church, pastor, was tendered a testimonial

dinner on October 4th by the parishoners of Bayonne as attribute to his faithful service and devotion to them and for his many accomplishments while in Bayonne. Frank Gelenitis was Toastmaster; co-chairman in charge of arrangements were Dr. Stephen A. Mickewich and Edward Brogan. Rev. J. J. Starkus was honorary chairman.

Father Kemezis becomes the third pastor our parish has had in its almost 60 years of existence. Our first pastor was Father Zindzius, founder of the parish; Fr. Joseph Simonaitis (honorary K. of L. member); and Father John Starkus, administrator. Father Kemezis will be assuming many and heavy responsibilities in the parish. We are certain that he is eminently capable in shouldering all of the responsibilities.

Our parishioners also tendered a testimonial dinner on June 24th to Rev. John Starkus (now transferred to St. Michael's Parish in Bayonne). More than 300 filled the parish hall to pay tribute to Father John, who spent nearly 12 years in our midst. Toastmaster of the evening was Charles Grinchis. We bid a fond farewell to Father John, wishing him the best of success in his new parish. We shall always remember his helpfulness especially in our council.

On July 18th, our council's bus ride to Seaside Heights was most enjoyable. Little Susie got a beautiful tan. Could it be the copper tan that V. K. brought from Florida?

Capping exercises marked the completion of pre-clinical studies for twenty-four members of the class of 1955, Elizabeth, N. J. General Hospital School of Nursing. Several members of the class were: Sally R. Brazaitis, Lillian E. Karius and Maryanne Kauneckis, who is a scholarship student.

An exhibit depicting foreign family backgrounds of students attracted considerable attention from the student body, faculty and visitors to Battin High School (Eliz., N. J.). The exhibit included Lithuanian and other nationality needlework; Catholic and other religious ceremonial articles. The display was prepared by Evelyn Kaminskis and other students.

Vincent Warkala of the Singer Mfg. Co., personnel office, presented a check for \$1,176.00, representing

Singer employees' contributions to the Heart Fund. It was the biggest employee group gift in the drive.

Detective George Wycosky (Vitkauskis) of the Elizabeth, N. J. Police Dept. and former president of the Elizabeth Council 52, Knights of Lithuania, has two daughters now enrolled in the Elizabeth council, Marion, who is the present council financial secretary and Dolores, a beautician.

Frank Kidzus, a student at Seton Hall University, plays basketball on the Elizabeth Police Athletic League team (PAL).

Ben Mattis (Matulaitis) and Al Koblis bowl with The Singer team in the YMCA Industrial Bowling League. Al and Ben have been consistent high score bowlers for the entire season.

John A. Patrick, Jr. (Petrikas) and Charles J. Grinchis are two Lithuanian lawyers active in Lithuanian fraternal organizations.

Adolph B. Brazinskas, a mortician and former star basketball player with the Elizabeth K. of L. team, has a daughter Zoe Ann Brazinskas, now enrolled as a member in the Elizabeth K. of L. council. Zoe Ann is studying also to become a mortician.

Frank Yankin (Jankunas) former president of the Elizabeth K. of L. council is Ass't. Dept. Manager of the Shipping Dept. at The Singer Mfg. Co. in Elizabethport, N. J.

Joseph J. Akulionis, Jr. is a Certified Public Accountant of the State of New Jersey (C.P.A.) and a resident of Elizabeth, N. J.

Dr. William F. Blazis and A. Albert A. Degutis are two Lithuanian-American dentists in the city of Elizabeth.

Dr. Joseph J. Butenas (Bone Specialist) and Dr. A. B. Schilling (Schillingas) are two well known Lithuanian-American M.D.'s in the city of Elizabeth.

Thirteen members of the Future Nurses' Club at Theodore Roosevelt Junior High School (Eliz.) were capped in ceremonies at the school. The caps were made by the girls in home economics class of which Veronica Makutenas is the instructor.

Mrs. Joseph Grygotis was appointed to represent the Girl Scout Council of Elizabeth, Hillside and Linden, on the Community Welfare Council of Eastern Union County, N. J.

**"Dark Eyes" and
William Senkus**

AMSTERDAM, N. Y.

COUNCIL 100

We added a new member to our council at the June meeting. Gene Gobis invited Connie Zygel to attend and she readily accepted saying she would join. — Just for the records— Connie has a lovely soprano voice!

Father Baltch recalled to us the beauty of the Baltic seashore, the huge sand dunes, the various resort hotels, and also the band concerts that once took place in Lithuania during the summer months.

Purgatory was the subject of Father Baltch's religious discussion.

News Bits

Sophie Olbie's apple fritters were the highlight of our Social Hour.

Bucky Bakucionis has been seen quite frequently in the company of Greta Schell. How about a little persuasion in getting Greta to join our council, Bucky? We need a pharmacist in our group.

Matt and Nancy Kazlauskas are planning to spend their vacation in Canada this year.

Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, K. of L. member, assisted in getting our local radio station, WCSS, to present a daily Lithuanian program on the air. We are also grateful to Mr. Walter Gaines, manager of the station, who is a good friend of the Lithuanians.

Pauline Urban is the latest member to be taking driving lessons.

Helen Gustas spent Memorial weekend in New York City. Helen also went to Rochester the following week end to pick up her brother who attends St. Andrews Seminary.

Bootsie Jakaitis spent a few days in New York City and attended Stanley Saddles' graduation from Columbia University. Stanley took up dentistry. He will be practising in New Hyde Park, Long Island, also teaching part-time at Columbia University.

Bootsie plans to spend her vacation in Atlantic City this year.

We wish to thank the Ansonia and Rochester councils for sending in letters to our local station regarding our new Lithuanian program. Mr. Gaines, the manager, was quite surprised and very pleased on receiving them. In fact, the letters were read during the program by our Lithuanian announcer, Leonard Hartvigas.

July 12th found a large group of K. of L'ers and their friends attend-

ing the annual outing at Steve Rimkunas' camp at Lake Galway, New York. The weather was fine and bathing was enjoyed by many. Sophia Gavry once again prepared her most popular dishes. She was assisted by Sophie Olbie, Bootsie Jakaitis and Gene Gobis.

Father Baltch joined our large party, having just returned from Kennebunk Port, Maine. Then, Matt and Nancy Kazlauskas were heartily welcomed as they, too (just returned from a tour of Canada). Peter Sargalis, our friendly undertaker, and his family joined in the merrymaking. Bootsie brought her friends Jane Schedlbauer, Larry Miller and Ken Guyan. Val and Theresa Kerbelis had their lovely daughter, Pat with them.

Once again we enjoyed the melodies played by Ann Tamoliunas on her accordion. Group singing started by Father Bob and Prof. Olsauskas was greatly aided by Bubbles Kutchis, Helen Druziak, Gen Zoal, Matt and Nancy Kazlauskas, and Isabel and Peter Hayes.

While the Major League ball game was being broadcasted, Steve Janekunas was unable to get Steve Mikolaitis away from the radio.

Then, Steve Rimkunas, Ben Kroup, Frank Zoal and Ed Strycki could not be coaxed to join the rest of the crowd as they were too busy playing pinochle.

We missed Ed. Baranauskas during the course of the day. Eleanore, his wife, Pauline Urban and Sophie Strikol came across Eddie fast asleep on the open field.

Bob Kutchis sported the loveliest cast on his left hand. A few days before the party, Bob had been playing baseball when, alas, he broke his arm.

Helen Gustas, Leo Druziak and Gene Gobis had a bit of trouble finding ice in the immediate neighborhood. When they returned to camp, their quest accomplished, Helen Druziak had about given up hope of seeing her husband again.

As the sun slowly began to set, our group started to disperse. Helping the committee in cleaning up were Val Kerbelis, Joe Didziulis, Jane Schedlbauer, Leo and Helen Druziak.

Our council is once again very grateful to Mr. Rimkunas for allowing us to hold our outing at his camp.

Smile & Sparkle

CLEVELAND, OHIO

COUNCIL 25

Iš Vyčių Susirinkimo

Liepos 14 d., Lietuvių svetainėj, Vyčių 25-tos kp. turėjo savo mėnesinį susirinkimą, kuriam pirmininkavo Al. Jackas. Nutarimus skaitė ir užrašinėjo kp. gabioji nut. rašt. Mag. Liutkienė.

Sekė įvairių komisijų raportai.

Vytė Vilkaitienė patiekė raportą iš Liet. Kul. Darželio veiklos. Ji pažymėjo, kad birželio ir liepos mėnesiuose skirtingų tautų kultūrinuose darželiuose buvo net dvi iškilnės, kuriose ir lietuviai dalyvavo, gražiai pasirodydami su tautiškais šokiais bei dainomis.

Kuopos pirmininkas pranešė, kad liepos 19 d., naujos parap. sode, vyčiai rengia parap. naudai pikniką. Šiam darbui buvo išrinkti darbininkai. J. Sadauskas pranešė kad jis ir P. Balčiūnas lankėsi pas p.p. Mekaličius pasiteirauti apie gavimą vietos jų viloje - ūkyje, kurioje: vyčiai, ateitininkai ir skautai bendrai nori suruošti šeimynišką išvažiavimą. J. ir O. Mekaličiai, maloniai pasitarę šiuo klausimu su komisija, paspyrė šiam išvažiavimui rugpiūčio 23 dieną.

Toliau buvo papildyta veikiančioji komisija šiais nariais: A. Bukniu, V. Žitkūtė ir M. Trainauskaitė. Dabar veikiančioji komisija susidaro iš šių narių: A. Kunigiškio, A. Jankauskaitės, V. Smižo ir K. Gužauskienės. Ir aukščiau čia pažymėti trys nariai įeina į šią komisiją. Ši komisija yra 25-tos kp. veikliausias narys ir gyvumas. Ji susidaro iš sumanių ir veiklių narių. Be abejonės, kad šių šešių mėnesių bėgyje, ji įneš kuopon daug veiklos.

Po visų pasitarimų ir svarstymų buvo renkami delegatai į jubiliejinį Vyčių Org. seimą, kuris šiais metais įvyksta Bostone. Sekanti nariai tapo parinkti delegatais: Joana Sušinskaitė ir J. Sadauskas, o jų pavaduotojais: R. Gužauskienė ir Al. Jackas. Be šių delegatų dar rengiasi vykti į Bostoną vyčių seiman: Adelė Neimanienė, M. Galdikienė ir M. Susin - Sušinskienė.

Malonu pažymėti, kad šiame susirinkime prisirašė prie kuopos du nauji nariai: p-lė L. Braziūtė ir p. Meškauskas. Abu čia augusiu ir lietuviškai labai gražiai kalba, kas yra retenybė Clevelando jaunimo tarpe. Sveikiname savo naujuosius narius.

Piknikas

Liepos 19 d. švč. P-lės N. Pagalbos parap. sode Vyčių 25ta kp. buvo surengusi parap. naudai pikniką. Diena buvo graži, bet publikos visai mažai teatsilankė. Gal delto, kad šis piknikas buvo mažai išgarsintas. Vienok apie šimtas dolerių susidarė pelno.

Vyčių ir Ateitininkų Bendra Gegužinė

Rugpiūčio 23 d., Vyčiai su Ateitininkais buvo suruošę bendrą gegužinę Jono ir Onos Mekaličių gražiajame ūkyje. Nors p. p. Mekaličių ūkis yra gana tolokai nuo Clevelando, bet kaip Vyčiai taip ir Ateitininkai gegužinėje gausiai dalyvavo. Viso buvo apie 150 asmenų.

Gal delto toks skaičius buvo iš miesto į laukus išviliotas, kadangi ta diena buvo labai graži, saulėta ir p. O. Mekaličienė jau nuo seniau buvo šias organizacijas užkvietus suruošti gegužinę josios ūkyje.

Ona Mekaličienė - Žvingeliūtė yra 25tos kp. narė. Nors ji yra ištekėjusi už kitataučio (slavoko), kuris jau kelinti metai yra teisėjo pareigose, bet pas juos nėra nė mažiausia išdidumo.

Netik Žvingeliūtė - Mekaličienė yra savo tautiečiams maloni ir palanki, bet taip pat vyras Jonas myli ir gerbia lietuvius. Vyčiai ir Ateitininkai tai žinodami su malonumu ir padarė šiai parbingai šeimai tokį gražų, skaitlingą vizitą.

Svečiai visą popietį gerėjosi gražiai sutvarkytu ūkiu ir kvėpavo tyru oru, o vakarop buvo suruošta programėlė, kurios metu kalbėjo Al. Jatskas, 25tos kp. pirmininkas, kun. Sugintas, S. Laniauskas, Ateitininkų draugovės pirmininkas, Ona Mekaličienė, josios vyras ir J. Sadauskas, kaipo programėlės vedėjas. Visų kalbos buvo pilnos nuoširdumo, ypatingai Onos Mekaličienės ir kun. Suginto.

St. Barzdukui vadovaujant, visi gegužinės dalyviai p.p. Mekaliečiam sudainavo ilgiausių metų ir dar kelio-lika liaudies dainų. Tas šeiminkės lietuvišką širdį taip sujaudino, kad net akyse ašaros ištriško. Vytė O. Mekaličienė kvietė ir ateinančiais metais ruošti gegužinę jų ūkyje.

Iš Vyčių gegužinės ruošimui daugiausiai pasidarbavo: Uršulė Jankauskaitė, kom. pirm. M. Trainauskaitė, V. Žitkutė, A. Grybauskaitė, A. Buknis ir dar keltas narių. **Senelis**

DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

Our long overdue column is here! Quite a bit has transpired since our last column appeared in the "Vytytis."

The parish's annual garden party was held on July 18th and 19th. Our council was in charge of the Bingo tables and some of the booths on the grounds. Dinner was served cafeteria style. The food was excellent thanks to the planning of Mary Lucas. The mothers and council members should be commended on their splendid cooperation with Mary in preparing and serving the dinner.

Picnic — August 2nd

The day started out with all members receiving Holy Communion in a body. After Mass. Mrs. Goldick served a buffet breakfast. Following breakfast, members journeyed to the cemetery and placed wreaths on the graves of deceased members. The picnic started later in the afternoon. Cooking for the affair was under the supervision of Frances Vanagas and Eva Leasure assisted by Ann Scott helping. The home-made "kugelis" was delicious.

Very belated news is our Mother's Day program which was well planned. The mothers and members all received Holy Communion in a body at the eight o'clock Mass. Mary Lucas, Pat Zelinskas, Mary Ann and Rose Ann Ambrose, Elinor Sluzas and Fran Petkus sang a few Lithuanian songs. The dinner consisted of: kugelis, košelena, žalių barščių, kilbasų and kopūstu. The mothers enjoyed every bit of it. Mary Lucas and her husband, Stan did a marvelous job in making all arrangements.

Ritual Degrees

Father Walter Katariskis, Mike Petkus and Charlie Vangas are now third degree members; Rose Ann Ambrose, first degree member of the K. of L.

Sunday, August 9th, our council held a picnic at the Old Mill Stream in Waynesville for all the members and their family. Thanks to Charlie Petkus, chairman, this proved to be an overdue party and a very successful one. The clouds overhead didn't discourage many to go swimming. Phyllis and Barbara Leasure just couldn't wait to get in the water. Rosalie and Ronnie Vangas, Marilyn

and Elaine Lucas and the Pietrazak children sure had their fun diving, playing tag,, etc. There was quite a bit of competition over the horse shoe games. Charlie Vangas and Ted Sluzas finally beat Mike and Pete Petkus as champs. Jake Goldick and Alex Pietrzak put up a good fight for awhile. Polly Pietrzak had some influence over the group near us. She had her eye on their corn and golly if she didn't get some. How did you do it? John and Ann Scott had their hands full with the children. Stan Lucas spent most of the day relaxing. Pat Zelinskas and Elinor Sluzas won't forget Waynesville — they got their share of jiggers. Oh, itchy day! Mary Ann Ambrose beat everyone on the watermelon! It was good to see Andy August at the picnic. Also to see Joe and Ada Sinkawitz even if they couldn't get there till later.

We wish Elinore and Ted Sluzas lots of luck and happiness in their new home.

Rose Ann and Mary Ann Ambrose's vacation trip to Michigan was cut short by an automobile accident. Their mother and dad were with them at the time. Thank God no one was seriously hurt.

We are glad to hear Al Lugauskas' mother is better. He just got back from New York after being with her a couple of weeks. Al told us of the wonderful hospitality he received from the Great Neck council when he visited them. Since Al left us permanently September 4th it looks like the Great Neck council will have a new member.

It's good to see Mary Lucas up and around after her operation. Stan sure missed her cooking.

Belated congratulations to Stan and Helen Vaitkus on the marriage. Say that's the second Daytonian to win an eastern girl's heart!

We wish Ada and Joe Sinkawitz lots of luck with their cherry farm in Kewadin, Michigan. If you need any berry pickers, just let us know.

Very belated congratulations from the Dayton council to Evelyn and John Bell and their new daughter. Also to Brenda (Bell) and Tony Pazickas and their new daughter. Both couples are members of Council 12, New York.

With vacations in style Fran and Charlie Vangas spent theirs riding through Pennsylvania, Niagara Falls and Canada. The Lucas' also made a

trip to Niagara Falls. Mary Miller spent hers in Canada. I guess everyone wanted to cool off a bit from our hot summer.

With Mike Razauskas taking his new diet seriously it looks like the other bachelors of our council will have to watch out. This means you, too, Frank Gudelis.

For Labor Day week-end Stan and Helen Vaitkus, Joe Petkus, Mike and Fran Petkus motored to Chicago. Their hosts were Dudley and Barbara Klevinsky of Council 112 and Barbara's mother. On Sunday, they attended the "Draugas" picnic at Justice Park, Chicago. At the picnic they met some of the members from Councils 26 and 112. Betty Tucker of Council 112 gave them the scoop of the National Convention held in Boston.

While in Chicago, Mike and Fran Petkus took a train over to Milwaukee to visit Pat Zilinskas' sister Ann and her family. Pat and her folks had been up to see them the previous week. Ann sends her regards to all her friends in the Dayton council.

Enjoying the most successful season on the golf links, Anne Scott won a Flight Championship in the Ohio State Women's Golf Tournament, also finished as runner up in the Women's Community Country Club Championship. In the final round of 7 holes, Anne scored at 81, while her opponent, a wife of a golf pro, had a startling 79. Better luck next year.

Also represented as Flight Winner at the Community Golf Course was Polly Pietrzak, who won her flight scoring on 88 for the 18-hole round.

Anadell and Sally Miller, from all reports, had a grand time on their vacation trip to the Pocono Mountains and New York City.

Following in the footsteps of the members, Fr. Katarskis took a short trip to Toronto, Canada.

After the last meeting our council gave Al Lagauskas a going-away gift. Don't forget to keep us posted on your activities in the New York-New Jersey district, Al.

We wish Frank Petrauskas, formerly of this council and organizer of the Niagara Falls council, lots of luck in his first year at the University of Syracuse, N. Y.

Congratulations to Rose Ann Ambrose on her graduation from Nurse's Training! **The Petkus'**

WATERBURY, CONN.

COUNCIL 7

Convention Bits

Sally Barkauskas must have had a wonderful time in Boston during the Convention — she's going back — to school. Was Mary Undraitis nervous or absent-minded during the Convention banquet? She was using her spoon instead of her fork. Lillian Paulauskas finally realized her goal — seeing the Boston Public Gardens (with the cooperation of Elizabeth, N. J.). Does Louie Blinn make it a practice of knocking on doors at 6:00 a.m. just to say good morning? Joe "Eye Docs" is holding a bus ticket — never did make that bus home Sunday night. Dotsie Budris had a most restful week-end — she got the most sleep of any of the Conventioneers. Julius Weise of Bridgeport looked sad when he visited us the Sunday after the National Convention — seems he left his heart in Boston. Barky has been sort of quiet lately for the same reason. Could be he went back to Elizabeth, N. J., Sally? Cousin "Weakeyes" didn't need his glasses in Boston — there's nothing wrong with his eyesight. Do you all remember the elevator boy who said we were the friendliest Convention the Statler has ever had? He so wanted to join our organization. In case there's another coffee shortage we know whom to blame — Sally and Lillian. You should have seen them drinking cup after cup of the stuff at the Convention luncheon. When are you going to get that Convention picture developed, Gene Grincunas? Professor Aleksis started bragging about the wonderful attendance from Waterbury at the Convention little realizing that he was talking to a Waterbury girl. It's a small world, Professor.

Bridgeport may be the next new K. of L. Council according to rumors. They have seen the fun we all have and want to be part of it. Glad to have you, anytime.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Zailskas were visited by the stork for the third time. It's a boy! Congratulations and thanks for the cigar.

Some like it — some don't. I'm speaking of Agnes Zdanis' new hairdo. When are you getting that new Cadillac convertible, Aggie?

Our council hasn't been too active during the summer months. Many

members spent their time at Sandy Beach and at the Golf courses. But comes the Fall, and we'll all get together again for that grand sport we all enjoy — BOWLING. Incidentally, our officers for the coming Bowling season are: Chairman, Edward DiNapoli; Secretary, Patricia Richards; and Treasurer, Ann Krunglevich.

Vinnie and Joe Stankus will be able to retire soon — seems they discovered some deep treasure in Lake Quassapaug and have been diving for it all summer. Speaking of the Lake, who was Mary U. writing to one night at Sandy Beach so soon after the Convention and on Blue Stationery too?

Nice to see Eddie Orantas with us again.

Adele P. is getting to be quite a cook. She cooked a delicious spaghetti supper the other night but what happened to the biscuits?

Want to have a good time? Ask "Mort" to start a singing session. He has quite a repertoire.

How about the weight control, boys? John Stokes and Leon Farr have been fighting a losing "Battle of the Bulge." The only one really trying is Peter Drevinskas — lost ten pounds at least — such will power!

Nellie Maceinas is really in the "Chips." Have you seen that brand new Pontiac? Hear she's planning a trip to Europe next year!

Looks like Mike finally convinced Dotsie to say yes. Congratulation and best wishes to them both.

We express our sincerest sympathy to Father Dillon upon the death of his beloved father. **M.S.D.**

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Vasaros laiku,
Miestely šiltam —

Ežerėlis šaukia,
Ežerėlis laukia.

Ežerėlis mėlynasis,
Ežerėlis mylimasis —

Vieni mėgsta plaukinėti,
Kiti nori žuvinėti.

O aš spoksoju paukštelius
Ir valgau gardžius ledelius.

Gene Gobis
Amsterdam, N. Y. (100)

PHILADELPHIA, PA.**COUNCIL 3****ATTENTION CONNECTICUT**

Note: To the "photographer" who took pictures on the boat ride during the Convention: Would you please send us negatives and / or pictures to — 1526 So. Second St., Phila., Pa.

The delegates, alternates and guests from Council 3, wish to thank the Host Council, South Boston, for the wonderful Convention this year. We all had a terrific time and we loved every minute of it. Two of our delegates, Theresa Mazeika and Alice Zemaitaitis, stayed on a little longer after the Convention to look over the city and the Cape. They had a wonderful time and are firmly convinced that New England is the place to live. Since the convention, Joe Bigenis is receiving quite a bit of mail from Boston!

Now that the Convention is over, Council 3 is full of ambition and ideas and is making new plans for the coming fall and spring. In the offing is a Halloween party for our members and their friends.

At the official blessing of our new St. Casimir's Church, the Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Brizgys. Archbishop O'Hara (of our diocese) blessed our church and congratulated the Lithuanian people on the beautiful structure of our new church. A few of our K. of L. members including Helen Shields, Theresa Mazeika, Joe Yanulaitis and Joe Bigenis, joined in on the choir singing which completed the beautiful ceremony.

At our Annual Parish Carnival, a good many of our K. of L. members worked at the stands.

Congratulations to Xenia Podjunas and George Budelis on their recent engagement.

Theresa Mazeika is now the proud aunt of a 7-pound bouncing baby boy.

Alice

CHICAGO, ILL.**COUNCIL 13**

We are proud to be members of such a great organization as the Knights of Lithuania. Since it has been in existence it has made us get together to work for a common goal. Seeing all work, play and pray together, we know that we can succeed

in anything we undertake. May another 40 years see it grow and flourish as never before, always remembering our motto: For God and Country!

On May 10th, the societies of Holy Cross Parish combined forces to honor their Mothers. We began with hearing Mass and receiving Holy Communion "in corpore." Breakfast was served in the lower hall. Preparations were started weeks in advance when the presidents of the various parish organizations met with Father Julian Grinius to arrange a gala Mother's Day breakfast. The cooperation of all was splendid. Each society took upon itself some service that would aid in preparing a breakfast for several hundred people. Orchids to everyone who gave a helping hand. A golden "Hail Mary" to Father Julian for his assistance.

Ever get caught in a parade? Ask Eleanore Laurin, Pat Kamarauskas and Frank Kancel who jockeyed them into the Grandstand position they held where they viewed the goings-on. The cavalry proceeded them with a Beauty Floats behind. All this on a sunny Sunday in May going home from Council 5's monthly Communion Day.

The most recent addition to the staff of Station WGES is our own Father Julian. All were tuned in to hear the eloquence of Father's speech on behalf of the Holy Family Villa Benefit Dinner held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. We're proud of you, Kunige!

The last in the round of Farewell Parties for Frances Petrauskas was given at the American Legion Hall several days before she left on her thrilling tour. Hostesses Eleanore Laurin, Jean Tervainis and Pat Kamarauskas claimed that "her tears flowed like wine", caused by the surprise she experienced when she found a happy gang of well-wishers assembled there. First stop is England and a reunion with brother Connie who is stationed there. Among other sights which she is eagerly anticipating is the visit to Lourdes and the audience with our Holy Father. Bon Voyage, Fran!

May 16th was the fateful day! After endless journeying we discovered that even though the Bowling team wore their "Lucky 13" bowling shirts, it had no effect on others. Consequently, the trophy was

taken by Cleveland. A well-deserved hand goes to them. Valio! Our team consisted of such stalwarts as: Jean Tervainis, Pat Kamarauskas, Jerry Jesulaitis, Frank Kancel and Casey Gubista. Our chief rooster Eleanore Laurin who survived this ordeal by sheer will power wants to state that the day of reckoning will come in Chicago in 1954. We're determined to "bring home the bacon"! Thanks to chairman Joan Susin and Cleveland for such a wonderful week-end!

Congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baltutis. It's blue for a boy!

Due to the untiring efforts of chairman Ann Ausra and capable assistance from Eleanore Laurin and Bernice Novom, the splash party held on June 4th at the Valentine Boys Club was a tremendous success. It seems that everyone got wet, even Johnny Stefan. Ah, sweet revenge! Undisputed claim in the fancy diving class goes to Florian Simanonis, while Casey Gubista rates high with his novel "Dead man's Float." Afterwards all adjourned to the Youth Center where Council 36 joined in the festivities. Someone is still looking for the "poor angels", Pat Kamar!

That gigantic grey streak seen speeding down 46th Street is now the property of Lucy Diktus — a Chrysler. We hear that people are clearing the streets so she can have more lee-way? Shrugging her shoulders, Lu only says: What are garages for, if not for their cars? Incidentally, Lucy is doing a superb job on the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Her interest and go-getting is infectious. Good work, Lu!

Donna Lukosius is California bound. We strongly suspect a very forceful motive is behind this move. Want to give us an exclusive, Donna?

WELCOME HOME to Al Rimkus who is back to stay after spending time in Uncle Sam's Army. It's great having you back. We notice you've gotten into the swing of things already.

The welcome mat is out for new member Casey Gubista. His initiation was the Cleveland Bowling Tournament. Any comments, Cas?

Glad to see Cecile Kincie around with new ideas and loads to tell of the Airlines. We're a-listening. Many delegates traveled via American, 'cause that's her boss. Angeliukas

WORCESTER, MASS.**COUNCIL 116**

Just call me "Lazy Bones" 'cause I've been negligent in getting my report on our council into the VY-TIS.

In April we celebrated the 25th anniversary of our council with a "Knightmare Show", dance and banquet. U. S. Senator John F. Kennedy (Mass.) was the main speaker at our banquet.

May was a comparatively quiet month. A social was held at Trow's Farm where our members gathered for square dancing, games and naturally, food.

June, as usual, was the month of weddings: Rita Kersis and Robert Paluses exchanged vows. Both are active K. of L. members and we hope will continue as such. Joseph Balukonis also entered into the marital state. Also, Eddie Tarutis of Norwood council became engaged to our Lillian Katkauskas, recently.

Our energetic members went on a mountain-climbing social to Mt. Monadnock, New Hampshire. This was followed by a weenie roast for the very hungry mountain climbers.

Our annual trip to Fenway Park to see the competition between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox took place during the month of June. Because most of our "Red Sox members" attended, they won; just for them.

The square dance and mountain trip were planned by a fine Social Committee consisting of Bernice Burdulis, Ronald Valinski, Billy Burdulis and Rosemarie Stapcinskis.

During the month of July, our council together with C-26, took a trip to Ocean Park, New London, Conn. The majority of the members attending were from the younger set of our council. A beautiful day and warm water helped to make it an enjoyable day.

The Social Committee consisting of Dot Sinkavitch, Grace Rackauskas, Lil Katkauskas, Frank Ciras, Felix Jason and John Puras planned another grand beach outing to Misquamicut in Rhode Island on August 16.

One of our most loved members, Helen Gvazdauskas, left in September to join the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows in Brockton. Her prayers for us, I'm sure, will help us and

our council. God bless you and help you, Helen.

News has come our way that Ed Daunis, formerly of C-116, has taken the marital step. He is now located in Trenton, New Jersey.

"Hats off" to Vivian Wackell who is doing a wonderful job editing our council's bulletin "THE EQUESTRIAN."

Some of our members (the fairer sex) went to Quebec on a pilgrimage during Labor Day week-end with the parish Sodality.

Taradaika .

CICERO, ILL.**COUNCIL 14**

As the autumn season approaches, Council 14 is busily planning its many activities for the coming year. First and foremost, is our Annual Gobbler's Hop, which is going to be held on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25, 1953, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall. Music will be furnished by the Wee Three. The committee consisting of: Marianne Kelpas, Stelle Waitekus, Helen Gudauskas, Jeanne Pavis, Marie Andris and Bill Vasaitis is going all out to publicize and make this dance one to remember. Among the highlights of the dance, will be the selecting of the best Polka couple and the presentation of a loving cup. Also the most ambitious fellow and gal from the council who collect the most ads will be crowned King and Queen. A turkey will be awarded door prize for some lucky person's Thanksgiving table. We hope that all our K. of L. friends will help us make this affair a huge success.

Bowling is again in full swing this year headed by league captain Bill Vasaitis and secretary Ruth Daukas. Each of our six teams is aiming hard for first place.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Bart on the birth of their second daughter.

We wish to express many thanks to Council 17, South Boston for its hospitality extended to our delegates at the 40th National Convention. Our delegates included: Mr. and Mrs. Maxim Couble, Marianne Kelpas and Jeanne Pavis. Others attending the convention were: Regina Couble and Helen Gudauskas re-elected national trustee.

During our September meetings, Father Stanley Gaucius, spiritual adviser, gave an inspiring talk on Lithuanianism and expressed his plans to start Lithuanian classes and lectures in order to give us better knowledge affection for the Lithuanian language and customs.

Following the meeting, came our long-awaited social given yearly by the men of our council. The kitchen was strictly out of bounds for the girls and the fellows enjoyed being hosts. THANKS boys, we all had a swell time. Inky & Pinky

CHICAGO, ILL.**COUNCIL 24****Juniors****Report of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee**

On August 17, Donald Petraitis and David Plesic visited several foreign Consuls and discussed the mutual fight of the various European nations against Communism.

On August 22, Donald Petraitis spoke over the Sophie Barcus' Lithuanian Radio Program. The subject was *Vienybė už Lietuvą*. Two other members David Plesic and Walter Cibulskis escorted Donald to the studios.

Donald Petraitis and David Plesic have received letters from the Lithuanian Minister in Washington and from Monsignor Mykolas Krupavičius, congratulating them on their fine work that they have been doing.

On September 5, Donald and David were interviewed on television. They discussed present day Lithuania, the past, customs, etc.

John Deveikis and Vivian Šimkus modeled the Lithuanian National costumes.

Two of our members represented our council at the National convention. They were David Plesic and Walter Cibulskis.

With the beginning of the school year, we said "IKI PASIMATYMO" to Donald Petraitis. He left for Connecticut to continue his studies for the priesthood. He is staying at the Marian Fathers Monastery. We shall miss him because of his active interest in Lithuanianism. While he is gone, Dave Plesic will carry on the job of Lithuanianism alone until Donald returns. Together they make a strong team fighting for our Fatherland. The Under Ground

ATHOL, MASS.**COUNCIL 10**

The feature attraction at our picnic held at Gabr's Park (during the summer) was the group of contests and races under the direction of Casimir Pinigis, Dot Gulezian and Frank Anoris. Congratulation to John Yaris of South Boston, who won first prize in the potato-sack race; to Joseph Vaitkunas and his team who won the tug-o-war; to young Joseph Stone who won first prize in THREE of the children's races, namely: the bubble gum contest, pie-eating contest and alphabet race. The audience was quite amused when Frank Anoris "cracked a yolk" during the egg-throwing contest (was it really meant to be funny, Frank?). An unexpected show in the afternoon was the sight of Alvin Rodski paddling a rowboat, canoe-fashion, using an old broom for an oar. The hamburgers, kapusty, seemed extra delicious when served by Mary Gauronsky, Nellie Melaika, Mary Ann Rodski, Barbara Milosh, Helen Ambrose, Rita Besseck, Leonard Davidonis, Stanley Sargut, Bill Wisnauskas, John Talakowski and Anthony Nevins, all members of the refreshments committee. The loud speaker was certainly put to use by special announcer Casimir Pinigis. A special vote of thanks goes to Stanley Sargut, General Chairman.

At our June meeting, Leonard Davidonis re-showed the Winter Carnival movies for the benefit of those who missed seeing them at the first showing in February. Thanks Leonard. MAIS OUI

As a special treat — fifteen members (who worked so hard at the June picnic) enjoyed a bus trip to Hampton Beach on August 16th. Dot came from Lawrence and took some "candid shots."

Joe Vatkevich is now enjoying civilian life, after spending some time with the Engineers in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shatos and family spent their vacation visiting relatives in Detroit.

A person isn't really suntanned until people mistake you for an African. So says "Slip" Talkowski.

Dorothy Gulezian "deserted" our council during the school vacation to be playground instructor in Lawrence.

The winds of Mt. Washington were too much for Lennie Davidonis. He came within several yards of the summit before being turned back by their ferocity.

New addition at Frank Anoris' summer home — a boat wharf, almost big enough to dock SS Queen Mary!

July 22nd was the date of our council's weenie roast at Mt. Grace State Park. Marie Sienkewicz and Rita Besseck had opportunity to exercise their mountain climbing ability.

We express our deepest sympathy to Helen Ambrose on the death of her beloved mother.

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.**COUNCIL 17**

For our June social, a weenie roast was held at Houghton's Pond in the Blue Hills. We were surprised that we weren't greeted by a rainstorm (remember last year?). We had a grand time toasting hot dogs and marshmallows (that sometimes caught on fire), singing all the songs we could think of, and watching the merry antics of a few who played hide-go-seek by moonlight.

The following Saturday, a few of us journeyed to Palanga to attend Lawrence's weenie roast. Boy, what are they feeding the mosquitoes out in Lawrence? They certainly did a job on our members. June certainly was the month for weenie roasts, for on June 26 we attended the weenie roast that the Cambridge council held at Lynn Beach. Some of the hardier members went in swimming, while others, after filling up on the food, spent their time playing cards. Steve Palaima seemed to enjoy "I doubt it" more than anyone else. It was a very enjoyable evening and we are looking forward to the next social held by Council 18.

Roland Martinkus was home on furlough recently. He is now on his way to Japan.

Due to the fact that the newly-elected New England District President, Joe Nazaka, has resigned because of ill health, our own Council President, John Olevitz, is now District President. We wish John the best of luck in his new position.

Aldonna Norvilas and Phil Carter have announced their engagement.

Steve Contons and Helen Gasson have also recently become engaged. Congratulations and much happiness to both couples!

John Daniels spent the first two weeks of July at Camp Drum in New York on maneuvers with the National Guard.

Mary Yelmokas was home from Washington during the 4th of July week-end.

Florence and Eddie Zaleskas are getting plenty of fresh air and sunshine these days. Both are employed as playground instructors.

News on the 40th National Convention to be published next month.

Žalių Akijų

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**COUNCIL 133**

Mėnesinis kuopos susirinkimas įvyko spalio mėn. 23 d. pas panelę Ann Laurinaitis, finansų sekretorę. Aptarta visa eilė einamųjų reikalių Norkūno Paminklo Fondui paaukota iš kuopos kasos 25 dol. Numatytas viešas parengimas prieš užgavėnias parapijos salėje. Numatyta praveisti naujų narių vaju. Kitas susirinkimas, kuriame bus renkama 1954 metų valdyba, šaukiamas kitoje miesto pusėje — pas A. F. Skirių ar P. Bogin.

Solistė Florence Korsak, aktyvi kuopos narė, spalio mėn. 11 d. turėjo surengusi viešą pasaulinės muzikos ir lietuviškų dainų koncertą Wilshire Ebell Concert salėje. Amerikiečių muzikos kritikai ypač gerai įvertino jos atliktas lietuviškas liaudies dainas ir taip pat puikiai atsiliepė apie pačias dainas.

J. J. Bardar ir M. J. Wisneski, neseniai įsijungę į kuopos veiklą, aktyviai reiškiasi ir uoliai dalyvauja susirinkimuose.

J. Petrauskas (Peters) laikinai eina kuopos sekretoriaus pareigas. Buvusi sekretorė M. Petrauskaitė (Peters), jo sesuo, neseniai ištekėjo. Iš kuopos veiklos pasitraukusi. Tikime, kad tik laikinai.

A. Manovas, kuopos narys, neseniai atidarė laikrodžių taisymo dirbtuvę.

Joe Guest, kuopos pirmininkas, dirbęs vienoje miesto mokykloje kaip mokytojas, šiuo metu pasiekiamas šiuo adresu: 2506 Griffit Park Blvd., Los Angeles 26, Calif. L. A.

NORWOOD, MASS.**COUNCIL 27**

During the October meeting, the members who attended worked like proverbial bees making plans. A dance on November 28th and a council newspaper were the two biggest items decided upon. Committees were formed for both activities and action commenced following the meeting. Any items for the paper will be welcomed by Kathie Perednia, Millie Tulis, Johnny Vaikožas, onny Cervokas and Father Peter. The Christmas parties for both the children of the parish and members of the council as well as a Minstrel Show and skiing week-end were discussed with definite plans to be made at the November meeting.

A group from the Junior council were present at this meeting and are considering merging with the Senior group. The Senior members present were in favor of such a move.

It was good to see Kathie Perednia at our meeting and wish to express our sympathies to Worcester who had to lose her. We are sure that her enthusiastic spirit will add "umph" to the council.

"Those Wedding Bells are sure breaking up That Gang of Ours". We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ed Tarutis who will say "I do" in Novembes and Bertha Bechunas who said "I do" in October.

Can Your Imagine —

Nel Paz speaking in a loud voice?
Johnny Vaikožas with curly hair?
Ann Kodis walking slow?
John "Shipper" not smiling?

Those of us who attended the district convention in Hartford wish to express our sincere "Thank You" to that council for the courtesies shown. The most famous words uttered upon entering the Hotel Bond elevator during this week-end were "Chivalry is dead." How do you do, Ansonia!

Good Old Uncle Sam has "snatched up" our Junior council president, Fred Piccard, who is probably singing away the Navy Blues. "Lots of Luck" Fred and hope you will be back with us in the not-too-far-off future with plenty of yarns to spin.

Two of our very eligible bachelors, Vin Kasauskas and Johnny Vaikožas, spent their summer vacation in New Hampshire doing a bit of fishing (so

they said). Are any of you gals interested in learning about the sport? Here's your chance. I'm sure they would be very obliging instructors. (Handsome ones, too).

Quite a few of the Junior members are back to the books again; namely, Francis Kaseta in his Junior year at Boston College while his sister Lillian, in the Boston College School of Nursing. Everybody feels the loss of the poignant remarks of Richard Mills. Richie is now studying at Fordham.

Attention all neighboring councils! The Intermediate kitchen-women, namely, Agnes K., Patty S. and Lillian K. have discovered a new type of coffee "a la mud." Samples are available to anyone who has the courage.

Helen Paz flew to Windy City (Chicago), to spend a three-week vacation and Godmother to her brother's new arrival. Have a nice time, Helen!

This year your Scribbling Scribe, K. W., ventured through the Sunny South down as far as Miami Beach, Florida. Had a very enjoyable trip and am looking forward to going back some day. "Home was never like that."

Members of C-27, please note: Don't make any plans for December 10th. Why? 'Cause there's a meeting scheduled for that date. See you there!
Scribbling Scribes

ROCHESTER, N. Y.**COUNCIL 93**

All our delegates and guests who attended the national convention in Boston returned home tired but inspired to carry on for a greater and stronger Knights of Lithuania.

We are especially proud of our Joan Gudas for the work she has done on the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. She was commended for writing over 550 letters to notables for the cause of Lithuania. Rev. John C. Jutt presented Joan with a book in recognition of her fine work. Joan also did a thorough job of taking notes during the convention.

For some time, at our monthly meetings, we have made it a point to hear one member give a speech on a topic concerning Lithuania. The

last two speakers were Dolores Bartash and Joan Gudas. Dolores Bartash gave a talk on Lithuanian history, and Joan Gudas on Lithuanian mythology.

All members are busy planning and working for a successful smorgasbord supper to take place on November 14 at Saint George's Parish Hall in Rochester. After dinner, dancing will take place. Two out-of-town guests from Boston have already promised to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you again, John Daniels and John Olevitz!

We look with pride to our member, Lucy Apton, who is going to enter the convent. Our sincerest wishes for your happiness, Lucy.

A friend of the Rochester and Amsterdam Knights of Lithuania members, Stephen Burimaukas, is now attending the University of Illinois. Good luck, Steve!

Flower City Sue

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

The 40th anniversary of the K. of L., finds Brooklyn 41 in a better position than it has been in a long time. The membership is increasing. We also find many avenues of fruitful activity open to us.

Joseph Boley, our president, conducts our meetings in a truly Lithuanian fashion. All our meetings are held in LITHUANIAN. Members who have difficulty in understanding or speaking Lithuanian, are given a special course following our meetings. Our favorite sport is bowling. We also sponsor occasional theater parties.

Our major interest at present is to organize a JUNIOR K. of L. in our council, under the capable leadership of Adele Bobin and Anthony Mazeika. A Junior group would greatly benefit our council in the future, since it would bring into the senior group new members who are already familiar with the purposes and ideals of our organization.

We sincerely hope that other councils, too, will continue to keep the spirit of Lithuanianism alive in our youth for many years to come.

John Andrews

CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 8

Vardan tos Lietuvos

Ginant Lietuvos teises ir laisvę, JAV įtakingiems asmenims pasiūsta 377 laišškai. Vieniems išreikšta pagarba už Lietuvos reikalų gynimą, kitiems priminta komunistų elgesio baisumai Lietuvoje ir t.t.

Naujas Pirmininkas

Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos Pirmininkui inž. L. Juškai iš tų pareigų Chicago, Ill. pasitraukus, jo vieton išrinktas jaunas, energingas vytis Eduardas Dagis. Kitais komisijos nariais yra: B. Zebrauskaitė—sekr., o J. Ratkevičius, J. Barisas ir K. Bružas pasiliko savo ankstyvesnėse pareigose.

Revanšas

Š. m. gegužės 2 d. įvykęs kėglių turnyras Roselande buvo mums sėkmingas. Gary, Ind. vyčių grupė 8-tos kuopos vyčiams pralaimėjo tokiu rezultatu: Roseland 7336 taškai, Gary 6974 taškai.

Išvyka

Lietuvos Vyčių kėglių turnyre Clevelande dalyvavo 8-tos kuopos 9 pirmaeiliai žaidėjai.

Auka

Vyčių žurnalui "Vytis", B. Žebrauskaitei pasiūlius, nutarta aukoti \$10.

Naujose pareigose

Sekretorei B. Žebrauskaitei pasitraukus iš Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos, toms pareigoms pakviesta 8 kp. vicepirm. J. Šatkauskaitė - Passen, kuri su visu uolumu ir lietuviška meile stoji į aktyvų darbą. Šalia savo kasdieniško darbo, ji, birželio įvykių minėjimo proga naktimis parašė įvairiems aukštiesiems pareigūnams Lietuvos reikalais 2 rezoliucijas 8-tos kuopos vardu ir 13 rezoliucijų minėjimo dalyvų vardu. Be to ji parašė dar apie 200 atviručių Lietuvos laisvės reikalais Atstovų Rūmams, kuriuos buvo išdalintos minėjimo dalyviams, kad šie jas pasirašytų ir išsųstų. Kartu ji parašė šiais reikalais daug ir kitų laiškų.

Auka BALF'ui

J. Šatkauskaitei - Passen paaiškinius Europoj esančių lietuvių tremtinių būklę ir pasiūlius BALF'ui skirti 10 dol. auką, tas pasiūlymas priimtas.

Pavykęs išvažiavimas

Vasarinis išvažiavimas — gegužinė įvyko liepos 19 d., Marquette Park (Miller's Beach, Ind.). Išvažiavimas puikiai pavyko. Išvažiavimo komisiją sudarė: L. Juknytė, F. Sarokas ir B. Dunn.

Išpūdingas minėjimas

Š. m. birželio mėn. 21 d. Roselande buvo suruoštas išpūdingas baisiojo birželio minėjimas.

Šv. Mišias atnašavo ir tai dienai pritaikytą pamokslą pasakė tėvas K. Peškys S.J. Per pamaldas giedojo solistas St. Kernagis ir Visų šventųjų parap. choras, dirig. vargonininko R. Sabonio. Vyčiai giliai atjaučia teriojamą Lietuvą, už ją meldės ir ėjo priimti šv. Komunijos. Pamaldos baigtos Lietuvos himnu.

Po pamaldų minėjimo aktą atidarė 8 kp. pirm. J. Barisas, pakviesdamas lietuviškų reikalų komisijos pirm. E. Dagį vadovauti minėjimui, kuriam talkino K. Bružas. Į prazidiumą pakviesti: kun. kleb. J. Šaulinskas, tėvas K. Peškys S.J., dr. P. Kisielius ir J. Šatkauskaitė — Passen. Minėjimas pradėtas malda, kurią paruošė — pritaikė tai dienai ir atkalbėjo Liet. Vyčių 8 kp. dvasios vadas kun. J. Šaulinskas. Prelegentas dr. P. Kisielius pasakė turiningą kalbą. Apie Rainių miškelio kankinius kalbėjo mokytojas J. Gulbinskas.

Priimta 13 rezoliucijų, be to, išdalyta dalyviams apie 200 atitinkamų atviručių, kad jas pasirašytų. Jos su rezoliucijomis buvo išsiųstos Atstovų Rūmams dar tą pačią dieną.

Suruošta kukli 4 grupių parodėlė: Lietuvos kankinių nuotraukos, Lietuvos partizanų — miško brolių šių dienų užrašai, Lietuvos rezistencijos spauda nacių laikais ir Liet. politinių kalinių parašytos knygos.

Kelių pasišventėlių—Vyčių: Dagio, Šatkauskaitės, Bružo ir kitų pastangomis padarytas didelis darbas Dievui ir Tėvynei. Deja, atsirado ir tokių Vyčių, kurie pačių surengtame minėjime nedalyvavo.

Nežiūrint karščių, minėjime gausiai dalyvavo vietos lietuviai ir svečiai, jų tarpe ir Illinois Liet. Vyčių pirm. J. Jasulaitis.

Kalbėtojai, svečiai ir kai kurie dalyviai rengėjams pareiškė viešą padėką.

Rengėjai — Lietuviškų Reikalų komisija, yra dėkinga visiems atsilankiusiems, o ypač tiems, kurie prašomi neatsisakė dalyvauti ir atlikti viešokias ar kitokias pareigas. Vytis

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Visų šventųjų parapijos Lietuvos Vyčių 8-ta kuopa yra veikli ir daug dirba Lietuvos labui.

Pereitame mėnesiniame susirinkime spalio 12 d. buvo aptarta daug gerų dalykų. Kasto Bružo pasiūlymas dėl lietuvių kalbos vartojimo susirinkime yra vykdomas. Susirinkimo metu buvo kalbama lietuviškai apie lietuviškas pavardes ir jų galūnes. Lietuovs žemėlapiu, kurį buvo atnešusi p. Julija Passen, visi susirinkę labai domėjosi, studijavo ir per rankas vienas kitam leido.

Dvasios Vadas kun. J. Šaulinskas kalbėjo ir suteikė vyčiams daug naudingų nurodymų. Visi buvo labai dėkingi.

Buvo nutarta duoti \$10 „Vyties“ žurnalo palaikymui.

L. Vyčių 8-ta kuopa turėjo balling sporto rungtynes su šv. Mykolo parapijos vyčiais. Roselandiečiai laimėjo. Daugiausia pasidarbavo šie nariai: Julia Ratkus, Bernees Zebrauskas, Ed. Dagis ir J. Noreikis — jie yra Bowling Committee.

Lapkričio 15 d. L. Vyčių 8-ta kuopa nutarė bendrai visi eiti prie šv. Komunijos per 8 val. šv. Mišias, o po pamaldų turėti bendrus pusryčius.

Sie nauji nariai prisirašė kuopon: Juozas Mikolaitis, Juozas Sakevičius ir Jonas Sakevičius.

J. M. Jagminas

K. of L. CALENDAR

- NOVEMBER 14 — Rochester, N. Y.
(93) Smorgasbord Supper,
St. George's parish hall.
- NOVEMBER 21. — Worcester, Mass.
(26) DINNER DANCE,
Wachusett Country Club,
West Boylston, Mass.
- NOVEMBER 25 — Cicero, Ill. (14),
GOBBLER'S HOP, Fraternal
Order of Eagles Hall, Cicero
Ave. & 13th St.
- NOVEMBER 28 — Norwood, Mass.
(27) DANCE.
- NOVEMBER 28 — Elizabeth, N. J.
(52) ANNUAL DANCE.
- NOVEMBER 28 — So. Boston, Mass.
(17) DANCE, John Hancock
Bldg., Boston.
- DECEMBER 19 — Linden, N. J.
(113) CHRISTMAS PARTY.

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(Following poem written during an inspired moment at the N. E. District Convention in Hartford, Sept. 27, 1953.)

LET'S

Treading through
routine, daily obsessions,

Let's introduce occasional
spiritual possessions.

As blossoms exceeding
threatening weeds,

Let's cultivate our
dire, divine needs.

Crushing any ugly
destructive inroad,

Let's aim at heaven's
rewarding abode.

Remember our priceless
parental foundation,

Let's perpetuate their
courageous nation.

So, grasping this beacon
devotedly aflame,

Let's supply it with
fuel to spare.

For observers seeking
standards of our banner,

Let's draw members by
an unselfish manner.

Work to make results
a spiritual candle,

Let's spare it for a
new flock to handle.

John Vaikasas,
Norwood, Mass. (27)

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CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 112

The summer months were newsworthy in many ways. Bishop Vincent Brizys blessed the robes, cross and ring of a Canon and presented them to our spiritual director the Very Rev Canon George Paskus.

Algerd Brazis' concert at Orchestra Hall on Sunday; September 27th was indeed a success. This coming fall marks the 3rd season Al will be with the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York.

Three C-112 members were installed as officers of Don Varnas Post 986 and Ladies Auxiliary, of the American Legion. The retiring Com-

mander George Jonikas is the new chairman of the board of directors. His gracious wife Bernice was installed as 1st vicepresident of the Ladies Auxiliary. Our vicepresident Gordon Gudas is the post historian.

Our council was represented at the K. of L. National Convention held in Boston by delegates Gordon Gudas and Julie Greicius. Betty Tucker was one of the Illinois-Indiana District delegates. Augusta Gudas attended the convention as a guest.

Sick and Vigil Committee reported the hospitalization of prexy Anthony Lubert, Mrs. Anthony Giedraitis and Julianne Skaminas. Anthony Lubert was a surgical patient at Hines Veteran's Hospital.

Anthony Lubert and John Stoskus have been busy recruiting new members and reinstating former members into the council. We sincerely welcome Dr. Kazys Bobelis, Joe Shagzdas, John and Eleanor Evans, Violet Krisciunas, Frances Pauksta, Richard Butchas, Al. Mockus, Al. Stasiunas (transferred from C-36), Richard Jurgaitis and Peter Mazeika into our ranks.

Council's best wishes for their mutual success in marriage to Stanley Balzekas, Jr., with Irena Radvilas; Regina Benaitis (our council choir directress) with George Endrukaitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mathieu (103) came to Chicago to serve as Godparents for their nephew Paul John Stoskus. Five Daytonians visited their many K. of L. friends over the Labor Day week-end; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Vaitkus; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Petkus and Joe Petkus. Julie Bender and three of her Detroit friends attended our monthly meeting.

Our past activities included: two social outings to Marquette Park Beach in Gary, Ind.; Rev. John Malin, chaplain of Maria High School conducted our annual day of recollection at Holy Family Villa in Orland Park, Ill.; Midlothian Country Club was the scene of our anniversary semi-formal dinner dance; Judge Alfonse Wells delighted the members of our council and visiting Knights with his experiences as a member of the FBI.; our annual "Autumn Knights" dance was held at Darius-Girenas Legion Hall.

Eugenija (Strisko), Krueger, secretary of our council, has moved to 7811 West Center St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Executive Secretary Dolores Kuksta was promoted as a ticket agent for the United Air Lines. She celebrated her promotion by flying to New York and then taking a train to Providence, R. I., where she visited with the Sisters of St. Casimir.

Alexander G. Kumskis and members of his family motored to California and points west. They enjoyed five weeks of sightseeing.

Shiela Cernauskas the recipient of C-112 annual scholarship has entered Maria High School. J.A.S.

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

Our annual Harvest Dance, held October 24th at Maironis Park, was a great success. Bill Grigas and Bob Ridick, co-chairmen deserve much credit in drawing such a representative group from all parts of New England.

We are now looking forward to our semi-formal dinner-dance to be held at the Wachusett Country Club, West Boylston, Mass., on Saturday, November 21st. This affair is to be chaired by Mrs. Anne Buckley and assisted by Mrs. Frances Kulakausky, Mrs. Mary Jankowski, Olga Kersis, Rita Brazauskas, Bill Bengston and Eddie aniels.

Our Military Whist party (October 1st) for the benefit of the children's Christmas party, held in the parish hall was greatly attended. Anne and Vin Grazilis, Rita and Joe Daniels were winners of first prize; Rita Barnatavicius — second prize.

Congratulations: Mr. and Mrs. Al Rutelonis are proud parents of a baby boy. Anne Rainikaitis recently married Eddy Kowalcheck in St. Casimir's Church. Frances Nockunas was one of the bridesmaids and Angie Sarapas and Rita Brazauskas were attendants during the impressive Sodality ritual.

Bob Ridick is freshman of Holy Cross College. Bob Yakutis, graduate of Clark University is now taking up graduate work in Fine Arts at the New York University.

Bowling: Rita Pinkus bowled so strenuously that she obtained a black and blue mark on her leg. She aimed for a strike. Never take one of Charlie Tagman's bowling balls by mistake! Joe Sakaitis can certainly bowl. Amazing! Barney & B

LINDEN N. J.**COUNCIL 113**

Election of officers was held at our September meeting which was very well attended. Father Kasper (Elizabeth) will continue as our spiritual adviser. Other officers are: Victor Guzewicz, president; Steve Bundonis, vice president; Agnes Dobilas, corresponding sec.; Algirdas Bundonis, recording sec.; Aldona Cesnovich, financial sec.; John Tratulis, treasurer; Vincent Cuprewich, sgt.-at-arms; Dominick Budrecki, publicity chairman; Joe Sable and Vincent Cuprewich, Sports co-chairman.

At this meeting George Martis, one of our founders and still an active member, presented our president with the original K. of L. charter issued to the Linden Council back in 1924.

Our two delegates to the national convention in Boston, Victor Guzewicz and John Tratulis submitted a detailed report of the convention. Several of the national resolutions drew quite a bit of discussion from our members.

Larry Janonis, president of the New York-New Jersey District was present at this meeting and gave out bowling trophies to three of our members for their fine showing in the district tournament. They were Joe Sable, John Dobilas and Vincent Lucas.

We are planning to hold a Christmas Party on Dec. 19. In the past this has been one of our most successful social functions.

During the summer we ran a bus ride to Lake Swartswood and had a fine turnout. Swimming and games were enjoyed by all and our female members were well pleased as the food they prepared was consumed long before the end of the day.

Because of the fine turnout and the enthusiasm shown, we followed it up by having a car caravan to the seashore several weeks later. Swimming, softball, volley ball were enjoyed.

One of our most active members, Kay Tratulis was married to William Conradi on Sept. 19. Almost our entire membership attended the fine reception. Our congratulations!

Random Ramblings: Joe Sable of Jersey City has transferred to our council. Welcome to Linden Joe. — The social that followed the September meeting was handled by the four boys who attended the Boston con-

vention! Victor, Vince, John, and Joe. . . . a convention session, strictly on the light side was re-enacted. A party in room 1306 was also on the program . . . a Boston bean and frankfurter social followed . . . Larry Janonis and his portable phonograph were much in evidence later in the evening . . . Helen and Lillian Zindigus journeyed down from New York for the social . . . at our beach party the girls defeated the boys at volley ball . . . claimed that they were in better shape . . . Joe Sable unveiled his Bikini bathing suit . . . Joe Krotulis had his usual toothache.

V. O.

BAYONNE, N. J.**JUNIOR COUNCIL**

Our Junior Council began its fall activities with a meeting in St. Michael's Lithuanian parish hall on September 21, 1953.

New disciplinary by-laws were proposed by our spiritual advisor and organizer Father V. Karalevičius. Pictures were taken of the entire council and the newly-elected officers. Games were played after the meeting. We will also have games after every meeting in the future. The winners of prizes at our first meeting were: Carol Gelenites, Amelia Buonaiuto, Elena Miskewitz and Thomas Sekel. Our spiritual adviser is teaching us the Lithuanian National Anthem — "Lietuva, Tėvyne mūsų" and the "Vyčių Himnas". We also read something about Lithuania at every meeting. Our members were asked to find out from their grandparents or parents from what part of Lithuania they come. We locate the places on the Lithuanian map. All our members belong either to the Junior Sodality or the Altar Boys' Society and therefore receive Holy Communion every month.

The newly-elected officers for the 1953-1954 schoolyear are as follows: Kathleen Burke, president; Elena Miskewitz, vice president, correspondent and historian; Carol Gelenites, recording sec.; Amelia Buonaiuto, financial secretary; Gloria Svercauskas, treasurer and William Stasiulaitis, candidate.

Ellie

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

The convention is over but its memories will always linger on. We sincerely thank the Boston Council for the hospitality it displayed during the convention. Those who attended were Larry Janonis, Joe Stelmok, Lillian and Helen Zindzius.

The council's only summer activity was an all-day social held at "Yamky Lodge" in Jeffesron Valley. The surprise of the day was the greeting by Talouse Latrec — could he have been G. Y.?

Congratulations are in order for Brenda and Tony Razickas who on June 14 became proud parents of a baby girl.

Birthday greetings are extended to Connie Stutsky (Oct. 5) and Al Monkawitch (Oct. 12).

Best wishes to our popular polka bandleader, Joe Thomas and Theresa Janulis who were married on Sept. 26. Also birthday greetings for the next day, Joe. Sunshine

BROCKTON, MASS.**COUNCIL 1****Special Meeting — School Hall**

On July 30, Ruth Greaves and David Wallace were chosen as delegates and Ernest and James Wallent, alternates at the national convention.

We also welcomed a new member, Ronald Zinkevicz. With such an enthusiastic member as "Ronnie", Council 1 ought to start growing real fast.

A surprise birthday party was given for Rita Tamulevich in the form of a wienie roast. Many of our K. of L'ers were on hand to wish Rita many happy returns of the day.

National Convention

We express our appreciation to Council 17, South Boston, for the wonderful hospitality shown our delegates during the convention. Brockton was well represented at both dances which were held at the Hotel Statler. After the formal, Friday night we saw many people visiting Rooms 518, 532, and W-518.

The sessions were attended by our delegates Ruth Greaves and David Wallace, and Marilyn Wallent, as guest.

Marilyn and David started out for the Clambake Saturday night, but strangely enough ended up at White Horse Beach. After 2½ hours of riding, they finally arrived at their destination. Oh, well, better late than never!

Sunday morning, it was most inspiring to see so many delegates and guests attending Mass in a body. The evening of the same day, many attended the Banquet. A delicious steak dinner was served. We wish to thank Council 17 once again for making this a momentous occasion which will be well remembered by all who attended.

Students at College

Ernest Wallent is entering his Freshman year at Tufts College this fall and will major in Dentistry. As much as we hate going to the dentist, Ernie can be sure that we K. of L's will help him along in his profession.

Our president, Bertha Gutasukas is entering her Sophomore year at Northeastern University. We are sure Bertha will keep up her high grades as she did as a Freshman, keeping an all "A" average.

John Gutasukas has chosen the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for his place of study for the next four years. Johnny is going to major in Mechanical Engineering and we are sure he will succeed in his chosen field.

We all wish Ernie, Bertha and Johnny great success in the future.

Pat and Mal

NOTICE

Supreme Council will hold its second Board meeting in South Boston, on Saturday, November 28th (parish hall on E. 7th St.). Following the meeting all national officers plan to attend the annual dance to be held that same evening at the **Dorothy Quincy Suite, John Hancock Bldg., Boston, Mass., 8:00 p. m.** All members from the entire New England district are cordially invited to attend the annual dance, and meet with the national officers. Music to be furnished by well-known Al Stevens Orchestra.

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COUNCIL 102

Many apologies to council members for neglecting their favorite column in the "Vytis", but as I told some of the members that during the summer my one-celled brain goes into hibernation. Another weak excuse for my procrastination is that Merrie of Merrieannie Inc. deserted the cause, and Annie isn't merry about it. . . Just in case you haven't heard, Merry Plunkett is the proud owner of a beautiful solitaire, and the envy of us diamondless gals. Lorry Hofner and Merry were wed on September 19 by Fr. Boreisis in St. Anthony's Church. Our best wishes and prayers go with them.

Just to prove to my council that before my brain went to sleep, I had the following notes typed up in June, but failed to send them in. The news is old, but don't you like to reminisce? I do.

Now that Detroit has returned to its usual pace, and C-102 is back to normalcy, we will endeavor to relate some of the exciting events that have transpired these past months. The biggest flutter around this city was caused by the Ohio-Michigan district convention. We were happy to see so many of our friends from other councils. Chicago was well represented by Laura Yucius, the Luberts and Johnnie Stockus. We all enjoyed the very nice party given by Luberts and Stockus Saturday evening in their suite. Then there was Jack Jatis, who presented our members with their well-earned third degree medals; "Jupe" Kazenas, who acted as chauffeur and thrill driver for a couple of our girls; and Helen Gudasukas, one of the Supreme Council Trustees. . . Dayton sent Pat Zelinskas, who acted as secretary for one of the group discussions; and Dottie, Sally and Anna Dell Miller took part at the convention. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Petkus and we spotted Chuck Petkus in a corner trying to talk one of our girls into a date for some week-end. Stanley Lucas and his wife, Mary, the former district president were also present. . . Cleveland wouldn't be outdone by anyone. They sent their talented group of actors, who entertained us royally Saturday eve with "Apkalbos ir Meilė" under the very capable leadership of Juozas Sadauskas. Our parishioners and K. of L. members enjoyed the musicale very much. Thanks for repeating the performance here in Detroit. Do come again. . . Mrs. Susin and Joan were seen at various places having a gay time. Al Yatskas, Cleveland K. of L. president was taking in all of the proceedings seriously. Andy Palzis and Gene Kunsaitis were given a warm welcome by our girls. Grand Rapids sent their cream of the crop—Josie Cizauskas, district sec.; Joan Renis, a caretaker of Josie and Al and Fran and Albina Kamsickas. By the way, that was some party they had in their rooms before the concert. . . Talking about the Kamsickas, our Vets. were very impressed with the Kamsickas clan who entertained them during the CWV convention in G. R. . . Welcome to the new council recently formed in Niagara, N. Y. Casimir Normand and Anthony Lauzonis were guests at the convention and we enjoyed having them. Do come again. We understand that Frank Petrauskas is chiefly responsible for organizing the new council. . . Last but not least, were the fine group from Pittsburgh. Julia Aleshunas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chinik, who entertained us Sunday afternoon on Ralph Valakas' "Lithuanian Melodies Hour". Mr. and Mrs. William Kolicus were present to take part in the Supreme Council meeting; we were happy to see Antoinette Naujalis. . . Al Wesey, national president, gave quite an inspiring talk at the banquet. Vince Banonis, center for the Detroit Lions was our guest speaker, and we were pleased to see Revs. Boreisis and Dagilis at the banquet. . . The following members from C-102 were presented third degree medals: Bob Boris, president; Frank Peterson, district president; Tom and Merry Plunkett, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Medonis, Louise Simonis, Sylvia Vance, Ann Aleks, Vincent Boris, Edna Klucens, Betty Brinza, Eillen Stankunas, George Sinkus and Clem Galenas. May each of them prove worthy of the honor. . . That covers the period before my brain went to rest.

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Now for the present — we are happy to see that Betty Brinza's mother, who recently underwent a very serious operation, is on the road to recovery. . . C-102 has rolled out the WELCOME mat for Al Gaize and Edward Medonis, both have retired from the service of Uncle Sam. His loss is our gain. . . That black and white image seen around Detroit recently was Sister Mary Ignatius, home on her first vacation from St. Francis Convent. She is a former K. of L. member and we are proud of her. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bender and to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lopaz (Terry Bender). Both couples were joined in holy matrimony by Father Boreisis. May they enjoy a long, happy married life. Incidentally, Joe made both wedding cakes and they were delicious besides beautiful. . . Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Klucens and Vincent junior recently welcomed baby, Robert Peter into their midst. . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miskinis now have a baby girl to complete their little family. Congratulations to all. . . Musn't forget to say "AČIŪ" to Cleveland for a perfectly super time during the bowling tournament. Our only regret is that we didn't bring the trophy home with us. Twenty-four of our members travelled to Cleveland for the howling tournament. . . Our new bowling season started the first week in September at Hall's Rec. at 9:30 on Friday nights. The officers are Stanley Zvirblis, Helen Dailyda and Edward Russell. It promises to be the largest league C-102 has had. . . Our annual picnic, which this year was held in conjunction with St. Anthony's society and the Holy Rosary proved to be a financial as well as a social success. Tony Brinza, Anna Mae Uznis and Bob Boris deserve commendation. We extend congratulations to Sister Mary Veronica, a native of Detroit, teacher of many K. of L's and loved by all at St. Anthony's, on her silver jubilee in the religious life. . . On July 19, Edna Klucens, Anna Mae Uznis, Robert Boris, Ann and Bill Jursis and Betty Mikel sponsored an open house at Miss Uznis' lovely home in honor of Sister Veronica's anniversary. With the wonderful cooperation of Fr. Boreisis, it proved to be great success. The committee extends its appreciation to Fr. Boreisis, Mr. Valatka, who made an announcement on the Lithuanian Melodies and dedicated a song to Sister Mary Veronica and to all who helped to make the affair a happy and memorable one for Sister Mary Veronica of St. Francis Convent.

NOTE: We extend our sincere sympathy to the Damako Family and Evelyn Galines on the death of their beloved father. Merry less annie

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