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# CHRISTMASTIDE

Rev. Albert J. Contons

“Where is he that has been born, the king of the Jews? We have seen his star out in the east, and we have come to worship him.” This query fell like a bombshell in the midst of the court of Herod. The Wise Men, begrimed and weary from their long journey on camelback, did not realize the consternation which began to swell in the hearts of Herod and his courtiers. As far as the tired travellers were concerned this was a sincere and innocent question. They were in search of a great and wondrous king who would bring Truth, and Love, and Happiness to all the nations of the world. For many years they had been studying the science of the stars and examining the learned writings and prophecies of many peoples. They were fed up with the superstition, quackery and lies they observed all about them. They wanted to pierce through all these superficialities to the very heart of Truth. In their pagan world they saw coldness, brutality, cruelty, and hatred festering in hearts which their deep reflection told them were meant for love. Some day there would come the Flame of Love into the world to warm the hearts of all men. Only when Truth and Love became incarnate in the world would the yearning of the human heart for happiness be fulfilled. As the years slipped by and whitened their hair with age, these wise men never lost hope that somehow God would show them by a sign the great King who alone could satisfy their desire for happiness. That is why joy filled their hearts when they saw the mysterious star sent to guide them to the King. But, alas, before their goal was reached the

star disappeared as strangely as it had appeared. What more natural than that they should come before Herod to ask directions?

Herod was utterly confused. What was this about a competitor for his throne, the new born king of the Jews? He must learn more about this new king and liquidate him lest own throne be endangered. When Herod summoned his chief priest and learned men and inquired, “where it was that Christ would be born,” they were agreed that it would be “at Bethlehem in Juda; so it is has been written by the prophet: And thou, Bethlehem, of the land of Juda, art far from the least among the princes of Juda, for out of thee will arise a leader who is to be the shepherd of my people Israel.” Herod sent the Wise Men on their way to Bethlehem slyly adding, “And when you have found him, bring me back word, so that I too may come and worship him.” As the Wise Men resumed their journey the mysterious star appeared again and led them to the very place where the child, the new born King, lay. Mary and Joseph were with Him. The Wise Men fell to their knees, and worshipping the Child gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. At last their search was ended. They had found the King of Truth and Love. They were happy.

Christmas is a feast which should be rich in inspiration for all of us. Unfortunately for many years the Christ Child has been pushed into a corner to make way for Santa Claus, toys, gifts, trees, lights and a host of other holiday accessories. Each of these may be good in themselves, yet when they



**TEGUL KRISTAUS GIMIMO ŠVENTĖ ATNEŠA  
ŽMONIJAI DVASINIO ATGIMIMO UGNI!**

TEBŪNIE ATEINANTIEJI METAI VISUOTINĖS  
 TAIKOS IR LIETUVAI LAISVĖS AUŠROS METAI!



begin to monopolize the holiday season and so occupy Catholics, that they no longer have time to reflect about the deeper meaning of Christmas the result is bad. Christmas should be primarily a feast of joy and peace and thanksgiving for "This day, in the city of David, a Savior has been born for you, no other than the Lord Christ."

The story of the Wise Men searching for Christ is the story of every human soul. For every human being has an intellect made for knowing, a heart made for love, and soul made for happiness. Nothing earthly can ever completely satisfy these yearning of the human soul. That is why a person who knows, but does not know, God; a person who loves, but does not love God, can never be happy on this earth. His soul yearns for perfect Truth and perfect Love, that is, for God. Without God there is no happiness; with God there is joy and peace not only in heaven but in this life as well.

"Where is he that has been born, the king of the Jews?" This is the cry of every soul, the desire for Christ. Yet many people will purposely frustrate this craving of human nature for Truth and Goodness. A strange story came from the era of the Nazis in Germany. At one time the Nazis were planning to take over all Catholic hospitals. A Nazi soldier's wife was a patient in a Catholic hospital awaiting delivery of her baby. Her husband came to visit her. Together they talked about all their hopes and plans for the baby soon to be born. Suddenly the soldier's eye fell upon the crucifix which hung on the wall above the bed. His eyes flashed, his fists clenched and hatred welled up in his heart. He lunged for the crucifix, tore it down, and dashed it against the wall. He vowed that he wanted his child never to see the cross of Christ. His prayer was answered. The child was born blind!

Many people close their eyes to the mystery of the birth of Our Lord. They want to have nothing to do with Him. To them is foolishness, the fruit of superstition! Yet they cannot destroy Christ. They destroy only their own happiness which can come only from Christ.

Others do not care about Christ. They are too busy with other things. A student is absorbed in learning science and becoming an educated man. He knows too much now to love the Christ whom his parents taught him to love. Yet after pursuing learning without Christ for many years he will find that his knowledge is but an empty shadow incapable of giving him happiness. Deep down his soul cries out, "Where is he that has been born, the king of the Jews?" A young lover has forgotten the Christ Child and gone off in search of forbidden pleasure. To him romance and sinful pleasure are the things in life. Yet after several years reaping a harvest of sin a more mature judgment admits that he has been drinking the bitter dregs of life. He cannot suppress the persistent yearning of his soul, "Where is he that has been born, the king of the Jews?" Many there are who follow the example of the chief priests and learned men of Herod's court. They knew the answer to the question, "Where is he that has been born, the king of the Jews?", yet they made no effort to go in search of Him. Many there are like Herod who have hatred in their hearts and strive by cunning and deceit to destroy Christ.

Yet many more are like the Wise Men who follow God's inspirations and find the new born king. Like Mary and Joseph they are always close to the Christ Child. Often in the quiet of their hearts they pray to God and reflect on the mysteries of the life of Christ. Like the wise men they bring their gifts to lay at the feet of the New Born King: the gold of a sincere heart, the frankincense of prayer, and the myrrh of self-denial. Perhaps the road of life for them is a long and difficult one. It may be that they lose the way for awhile. Occasionally they may meet with cunning enemies who will try to betray them. Nonetheless they do not lose hope, but persevere till they find Christ.

May the Christ Child bless all the members of the K. of L. and those close and dear to them. May the Star of Bethlehem guide them to the Child of Truth and Love, to the Child who is the only source of our happiness on earth and in heaven.

# DIDYSIS DŽIAUGSMAS

Alfa Sušinskas



Religious News Service Photo

Šventų Kalėdų pirmųjų Mišių Evangelijoje mes skaitome šiuos gražiuosius žodžius:

„Atsitiko, kad atėjo jai metas gimdyti; ir ji pagimdė pirmagimį savo sūnų, suvystė jį vystyklais ir paguldė jį prakarte, nes jiems nebuvo vietos užeigoje.

Toje pačioje šalyje buvo piemenų, kurie budėjo ir sergėjo per naktį savo bandą. Štai Viešpaties angelas atsistojo prie jų, ir Dievo skaistumas apšvietė juos. Jie labai nusigando; bet angelas jiems tarė: Nebijokite! Nes štai aš skelbiu jums didelį džiaugsmą, kuris bus visai tautai, kad šiandien jums gimė Dovydo mieste Išganytojas, kuris yra Kristus, Viešpats... Ūmai atsirado prie angelo daugybė dangiškosios kariuomenės, kurie garbino Dievą ir sakė: Garbė Dievui augštybėje ir žemėje ramybė geros valios žmonėms!“ (Luk. 2, 1-14).

Žmonijos Išganytojo Viešpaties Jėzaus Kristaus gimimas (Jo atėjimas į žemę) yra pats didysis žmonių džiaugsmas. Dėl to ir Kalėdos, Jėzaus Kristaus gimtadienis, yra didžioji krikščionių šventė.

Ateidamas į žemę, Išganytojas Jėzus Kristus atnešė žmonėms išganymą ir tikrąją laimę.

Žmonės norėdami dabar galės būti išganyti po mirties, nes Išganytojas juos atpirks savo dieviška kančia bei mirtimi.

Dabar žmonės galės nebijoti velnio galybės, nes ją sunaikins Viešpats Jėzus, prisikeldamas iš numirusių.

Viešpats Jėzus Kristus atnešė žmonėms amžinąją pomirtinę laimę ir ramybę šiame gyvenime. Bet tie žmonės turi būti geros valios. Piktos, blogos valios žmonės neturės ramybės čia žemėje ir negalės būti išganyti po mirties...

Didieji kalėdinio angelo žodžiai „nebijokite“ ir „ramybė geros valios žmonėms“ yra labai prasmingi, reikšmingi ir labai svarbūs visiems, kurie yra Jėzaus

Kristaus sekėjai ir kurie gyvena pagal Jo Evangeliją. Kas nebijo, tas yra drąsus. O krikščionis savo gyvenime juk ir turi būti drąsus. Ko gi jam bijoti, jei pats Dievas yra jo globėjas... Bet drąsus žmogus tik tada gali tikrai džiaugtis gyvenimu, kai jis turi šventąją ramybę savo širdyje (savo sąžinėje); tokia ramybę jis turi tada, kai jis yra tikras krikščionis, tikras žmogus, kada jo sieloje gyvena dieviškoji malonė, kada jo sąžinės neslegia juodi darbai, — kada jis yra pilnas Dievo ir artimo meilės... Krikščioniškoji drąsa ir šventoji vidinė ramybė yra didžioji dovana, kurią žmonijai duoda tinkamai suprastos Kalėdos.

Kalbant aiškia kalba, tik tikras krikščionis tegali būti drąsiausias žmogus žemėje: juk jis nebijo mirti, nes jis tiki, kad po mirties jo laukia ne išnykimas ir ne pražūtis, bet amžinoji laimė Viešpaties draugystėje...

Visi tikrieji Viešpaties išpažinėjai pasižymi šiomis dviem savybėmis: drąsa ir vidine ramybe. Dėl to ir apaštalai nebijojo eiti mirti dėl Kristaus; dėl to ir visų laikų krikščionys drąsiai pasirenka kančią dėl Kristaus, bet ne gyvenimą be Jo; dėl to tikrieji krikščionys moka drąsiai kentėti, besidžiaugdami vidinio džiaugsmo ramybe net didžiausioje kančioje.

Šventoji kalėdinė dvasia yra drąsos ir ramybės dvasia. Kalėdos mums kas met iš naujo įkvepia drąsiai siekti tobulybės, kuri yra vidinės ramybės pagrindas.

Tegu kalėdinių varpų garsai prasiskverbia į mūsų širdį ją apvalydami dieviškąja malone; tegu jie paliečia mūsų valią ją sustiprindami kovai už didžiuosius Dievo ir Tėvynės idealus; tegu tie kalėdiniai varpai sujudina mūsų protą, kad jis galėtų aiškiai atskirti tiesą nuo melo ir nuo apgavystės!

„Garbė Dievui augštybėje ir žemėje ramybė geros valios žmonėms!“

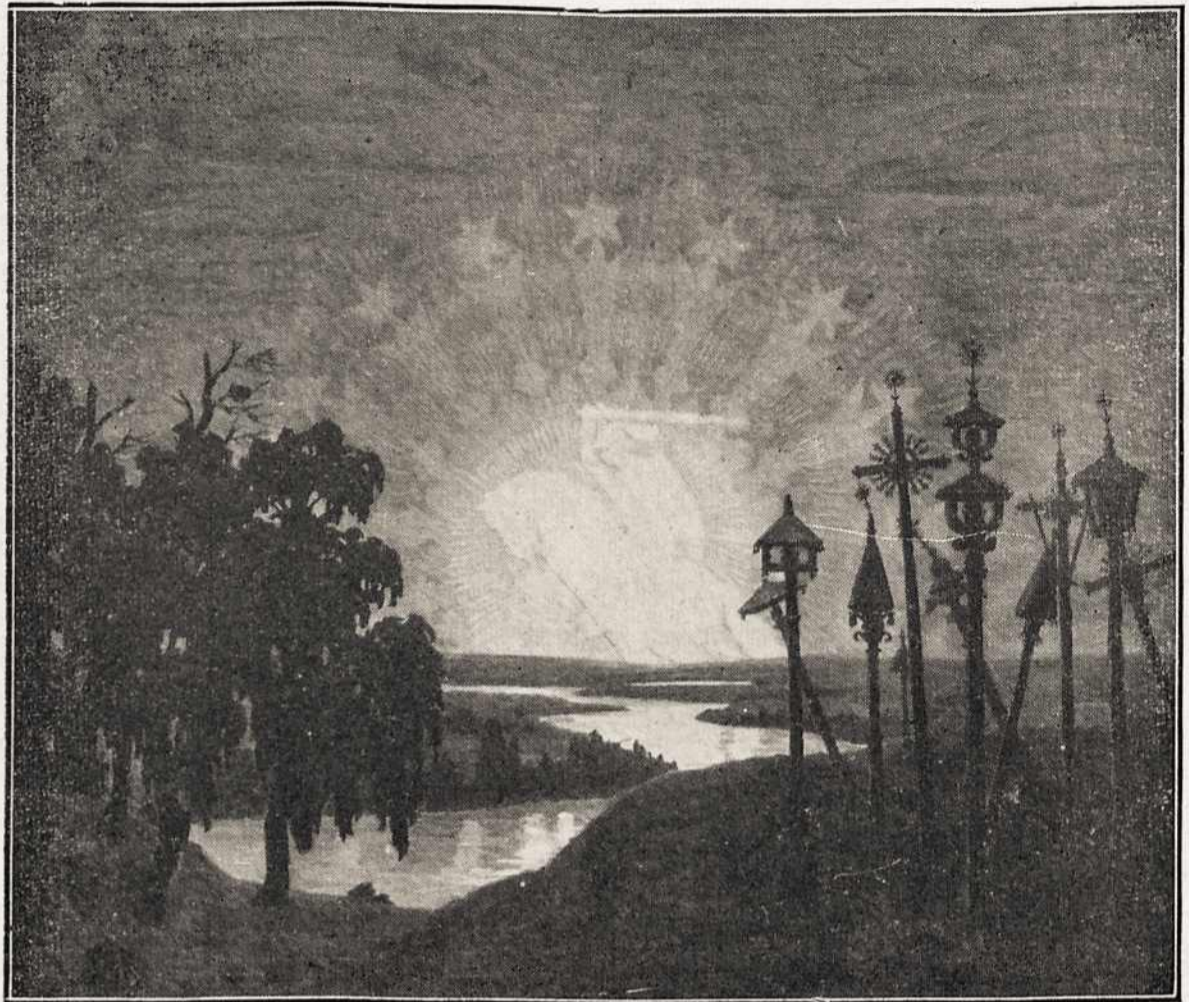
# DIEVO

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# TĖVYNĖS

# REIKALAIS

Vysk. V. Brizgys



Laisvame pasaulyje, kur ir kokiose sąlygose lietuviai begyventų, mes neturime kaip palyginti save su tautos kamienu kenčiančiu Lietuvoje ir Rusijoje. Šita mūsų šiandieninė laimingųjų padėtis mums uždeda tam tikrų pareigų tautos ir tėvynės atžvilgiu. Mažą dalelę tų pareigų mes atlekame remdami besidarbuojančius Lietuvos išlaisvinimui, lietuvių palaikymui, šelpdami vargstančius lietuvius Europoje. Joigū šiems tikslams mes atiduotume iki paskutinio cento, tai vistiek mums liktų dar labai daug—laisvė: laisvė gyventi kur ir kaip norime, laisvė gyventi savo tikėjimu, laisvė kurti visa kas telpa tautinės ir bendrai kultūros sąvokoje, laisvė kovoti ir darbuotis už Dievą, už tautą ir tėvynę, laisvai darbuotis visos žmonijos labui. Mūsų tautos dabartinės tragedijos akivaizdoje lietuviui katalikui, kartu su kitomis problemomis, turi rūpėti Lietuvoje dabar ir ateityje katalikybės likimas. Nėra ko daug aiškinti, kokia dabar jos būklė Lietuvoje: vienas 79 metų vyskupas, baigiami išnaikinti kunigai, nėra vienuolynų, katalikiškų organizacijų, mokyklų, spaudos. Net melstis reikia jau slaptomis. Jaunimo ir mažųjų sąžinės ir papročiai visai žalojami. Grėšia rimtas pavojus giliai sužaloti mūsų tautos ligšiolinę krikščionišką dvasią, tradicijas, papročius. Šicj baisioj valandoj mūsų pagelba negali jų pasiekti. Tačiau mes turime būti pasiryžę ir pasiruošę, atėjus laikui, suteikti tokią pagelbą, kokia tik bus reikalinga. Dabar laikas tai suprasti, kad efektyvi pagelba viena diena nega-

lės būti suorganizuota: ji turi būti pakankamai paruošta iš anksto. Mūsų tautos net fiziologinis gajumas, jos stiprybė, jos gyvenimo būdas, visa tautos dvasia daug priklausys nuo to, kaip greitai ir kaip stipriai laisvo pasaulio lietuviai katalikai ateis savo tautai pagalbom. Dabar mes stengiamės paruošti darbininkų, tačiau tik to nepakanka. Mes turime turėti iš anksto paruoštą ir pakankamą medžiaginę pagalbą. Be jos visos kitos ir gražiausios pastangos nebūtų reikiamai efektyvios. Tai suprasdami tremtyje esą Lietuvos Kat. vyskupai nutarėme paskelbti visame laisvame pasaulyje FONDA tikslu paremti Lietuvoje katalikybės atgaivinimą atėjus tinkamam laikui. Jis turės atitekti tiems Lietuvos Kat. vyskupams, kurie tada Lietuvoje valdys Katalikų Bažnyčią. Fondo būstinė yra Amerikos Suvienytose Valstijose. Kitų vyskupų įgaliotam man tenka būti to FONDO tvarkytoju.

Reikia tikėtis, kad laisvo pasaulio lietuviai katalikai ir mūsų tautos prieteliai ši reikalą tinkamai įvertins ir parems tiek, kad Lietuvoje ir Rusijoje kenčiantiems lietuviams katalikams mes galėtume kiekvienas drąsiai pranešti, jog tautos kančių metu aš buvau laisvame pasaulyje ne vien save gelbėdamas — buvau savo tautos labui.

Visi persiimkime, kad šis reikalas yra svarbesnis už mūsų kasdieninius reikalus. Atsiliepkime garbingai mūsų katalikiškos tautos katalikišką ateitį užtikrinti.

# LINKSMŲ KALĖDŲ!



Brcmislova Novom

„Sveikas, Jėzau Gimusis” linksmi skamba Kalėdų giesmė ir džiugina visus tikinčiuosius. Sniegas, it balta staltiese, apdengė laukus ir miestus. Kur tik akys mato, visur balta ir balta. Žmogus žmogų sutikęs nuoširdžiai sveikina: „Linksmų, šventų Kalėdų!”

O koks gražus ir linksmas lietuviškų Kūčių vakaras. Štai, baltai apdengtas stalas, apkrautas lietuviškais Kūčių valgiais. Tų valgių daug ir visi ne mėsiški. Čia kelių rūšių žuvis, juoda ir balta duona ir pyragėliai, čia mišrainės su pupelėmis ir visokiomis kitokiomis daržovėmis, čia kisielius, kompotas ir t. t. O iškilmingiausioj vietoj padėtos plotkelės. Jų tiek, kiek yra šeimoj narių. Prieš pradėdant valgyti visi iškilmingai pasimeldžia. Paskui kiekvienas pasiima po plotkelę ir ja dalinasi viens su kitu, reikšdami geriausius linkėjimus.

Paskui pradeda valgyti. Valgo susikaupę, maldingai ir linksmomis veidais. Viešpatauja nepaprastai jauki nuotaika ir kilnus pokalbis. Dar tenka prisiminti, kad Lietuvoje, Kūčių valgio metu, po staltiese ant stalo paskleidžiama šieno, kad žmonės prisimintų, jog Kristus, žmonijos Išganytojas, gimė tvartely ant šieno. Pavalgius, paprastai, kiekvienas Kūčių dalyvis traukia iš po staltiesės šieno daigelį ir žiūri kokio jis yra ilgumo. Jei ilgas, tai reiškia, kad dar ilgai gyvens, jei trumpas, tai reiškia, kad greit mirs. Taip buvo tais laikais, kai Lietuva buvo laisva, nepriklausoma.

Dabar bolševikų okupuotoj Lietuvoj to Kūčių gražumo ir linksmumo jau nebėra. Bolševikai draudžia ruošti Kūčias ir jas visaip išjuokia. Bet lietuviai



visvien Kūčias ruošia, nors tai sudaro jiems daug pavojų ir nemalonumų. Iš viso Kūčios dabar Lietuvoj yra labai liūdnos ir graudžios. Dalis lietuviškų šeimų ištremta į šaltą Sibirą ir net išžudyta, daugelis areštuota ir visaip kankinama, likusieji dar nesuimtieji neturi nei valandėlės ramybės, neturi laisvės, bolševikų propaganda baisi, vargai dideli. O jei dar prisiminsime Lietuvos didvyrius partizanus, gyvenančius miškų urvuose ir narsiai kovojančius už Lietuvos laisvę, tai mums, vyčiams, bus maždaug aišku, kokios yra Kūčios ir kokia yra šventoji Kalėdų naktis dabartinėj Lietuvoj.

Šituos dalykus mes, Lietuvos vyčiai, turime gerai prisiminti, nukreipti mūsų žvilgsnius į mūsų gražuosius idealus „Dievui ir Tėvynei” ir atlikti mūsų vytišką pareigą taip žiauriai kankinamai ir naikinamai Lietuvai. Tai mano linkėjimas vyčiams šių Kalėdų švenčių proga.

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Ignas Sakalas

(tęsa)

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Tų pačių metų lapkričio 18 d. kuopa jau suruošė pirmą vakarą su menine programa, o sekančiais metais buvo suorganizuotas choras sekmdeniais giedojo bažnyčioje ir buvo suruošęs keletą koncertų.

Daugiau žinių nei iš senesniųjų nei iš jaunųjų tos kuopos narių nepavyko gauti.

Iš senesniųjų veikėjų pažymėtini: J. K. Miliauskas (Milius), vienas žymiausių tų laikų vyčių veikėjų New York ir New Jersey valstybių apskrityje, E. V. Songailiūtė, J. Beinoras, kuris kuopai per keletą metų pirmininkavo, J. Aukštikalnis, žuvęs 1-me Pasauliniame kare, ir k.

Paskutiniu metu gauta žinių, kad yra užsilikusios kuopos protokolų knygos, tačiau istorijos redaktoriui iki šiol nepavyko jų gauti. Protokolų knygos yra vieninteliai šaltiniai, iš kurių galima nušviesti visą kuopos veikimą.

### 14-ji kuopa, Cicero,, Ill.

Kuopos įsteigimo data nežinoma. Manoma, kad suorganizuota 1914 metais, nes organizacijos 3-me seime Chicagoy 1915 metais jau dalyvavo net keli atstovai: A. Jakavičiūtė (dabar Šatkienė), K. Ambrozaitė (dabar Račkienė), S. Šlegaitė, J. Šlegaitis ir kt.

“Vyčio” nr. 1. 1915 m. rašoma, kad rugsėjo 29 d. kuopa laikė susirinkimą, kuriame “dalyvavo didelis skaičius narių... Iš viso matyti, kad kuopoje yra daug veikimo.” Tų pačių metų lapkričio 7 d. kuopa buvo surengus vakarą vysk. A. Baranausko gimtadieniui paminėti. Meninė programoj kun. Ign. Albavičius kalbėjo apie vysk. Baranausko gyvenimą ir veikimą, architektas A. Žaldokas skaitė paskaitą apie “Anykščių šilėlį”, B. Šlegaitė padainavo “Kur bakūžė samanota”, o O. Vilkiūtė iš Chicagos padeklamavo iš “Anykščių šilėlio.”

Kuopoj daug veikė bei talkino kitiems žymieji anų laikų veikėjai: kleb. kun. A. Ežerskis, varg. K. Mikalauskas, Šlegaičių šeima, A. Jakavičiūtė, A. F. Pocius, studentas (dabar gydytojas) Al. M. Račkus, P. Zdankus, buvęs “Vyčio” redaktorius, vėliau išvykęs Lietuvon ir turėjęs tarnybą Lietu-



vos Banke Kaune (apie jį dabar neturima jokių žinių), A. Krencius, A. Zakaras, A. Rubliauskaitė (dabar Gabaliauskienė), J. Gudas ir k. Kai kurie iš jų, pvz. Krencius, Zakaras, priklauso dabar sendraugių kuopai.

Nuo pat įsisteigimo kuopos gyvavimas yra pažymėtas ypatingai kultūrine veikla. Rengė vakarus, vaidinimus, prakalbas, paskaitas ir kotokius jaunimo subuvimus. 1916 metais buvo įsteigti vakariniai lituanistikos ir kartu anglų kalbos kursai, kuriais naudojos ne tik nariai, bet ir nepriklausą organizacijai.

Kuopa buvo didelis ramstis savo parapijos. Visuose parengimuose, karnavaluose kuopa veikdavo, kaip atskiras kolektyvas. Ne vienas tūkstantis dolerių yra įdėtas į bažnyčios, klebonijos statybą, mokyklos remontą ir įvairius parapijos reikalus. Duosni taip pat buvo Lietuvos laisvės ir Amerikos lietuvių švietimo bei kultūrinėms įstaigoms. Stambiomis aukomis kuopa taipgi yra parėmus „Vyčio“ leidimą ir ne vieną šimtą dolerių įnešus į nuosavos spaustuovės steigimo fondą. Žymiausia kuopoj asmenybe ir žadintoju jaunimo prie viso to kas yra gražu kilnu, dora ir tautiška buvo kleb. kun. J. Vaičiūnas, keliais atvejais buvęs Organizacijos Centro Valdybos dvasios vadu. Ne tik į kuopos, bet taip pat į Chicagos apskritį ir visą organizaciją per susirinkimus, rajoninius suvažiavimus ir visuotinius seimus įnešdavo daug kūrybiškos dvasios, o savo karštomis kalbomis kiekvieną uždegdavo noru veikti ir nestoti. Už tai jau ankstyvaisiais organizacijos metais buvo pakeltas į Garbės narius.

Nuo 1924 metų kuopa pradėjo domėtis sportu, ypatingai basebolu ir krepšiniu. Ir viena ir kita rinktinės buvo stipriausios Chicagos Apskričio Sporto Sąjungoje (Lygoje) ir ne kartą yra laimėjusios pirmenybes. Sporto srityje kaip vadas daugiausiai yra veikęs J. Kasiulaitis, Organizacijos Garbės narys, ir kt. Sporto rinktinės veikė ne tik vaikinų, bet ir merginų. 1931 metais krepšinio rinktinė Chicagos Apskričio Sporto Sąjungoje nepralaimėjo nė vieno žaidimo, o mergaičių rinktinė laimėjo antrąją vietą.

Per antrąjį Pasaulinį karą JAV pašaukus nemažai narių karinei tarnybai, kuopos veikimas

buvo apsilpęs, tačiau mirčiai nepasidavė ir veikė, kiek galėjo.

1925 metais liepos 4 d. kuopą sukrėtė šiurpi tragedija Chicagos upėj. Western Electirc Co. suorganizavus darbininkų ekskursija Michigan ežeru, prie pat kranto laivui Eastland apvirtus prigėrė daugiau kaip devyni šimtai ekskursantų, jų tarpe ir viena žymiausių kuopos veikėjų Petronėlė Laurinaitė. Kitas kuopos narys Jurgis Marazas taip pat buvo laive ir tuo metu jau sėdėjo kajutėj. Pribėgus vandens jis pradėjo jieškoti išėjimo ir pats nežinojęs, kaip ir pro kur išlindęs iš laivo. Pamatęs vandenyje šimtus žmonių, šokęs jų gelbėti. Jam pavyko išgelbėti keletą moterų, jų tarpe motiną su trimis vaikais. Jo didvyriškumą plačiai aprašė Chicagos angliškoji spauda.

LV Chicagos apskričio iniciatyva šv. Kazimiero kapinėse ant P. Laurinaitės kapo pastatytas gražus paminklas. Čia reikia pažymėti viena istorinė smulkmena. LV Chicagos apskirty kilus sumanymui pastatyti paminklą ant Laurinaitės kapo, pirmoji su auka tam paminklui atskubėjo Clevelando, O., Vyčių 25-ji kuopa, kuri viename susirinkime sudėjo \$16.50 Pinigus atsiuntė buvęs tuo metu 25-tos kuopos sekretorius Ign. Sakalas.

14-ji kuopa yra laiminga vienu atveju: mirus kun. J. Vaičiūnui, klebonu susilaukė kun. Ign. Albavičių, kurio organizacinė ir visuomeniška veikla nesiriboja Cicero, bet siekia visą Amerikos lietuvių visuomenę. Kun. Ign. Albavičius yra daug prisidėjęs prie išugdymo visų mūsų organizacijų, taipgi organizacijų įsisteigusių remti mūsų švietimo ir kultūrinės įstaigas. Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba, BALF'as kun. Albavičiaus asmenyje turi nuoširdų veikėją ir pritarėją visiems darbams, kurie yra nukreipti Lietuvos laisvinimui ir lietuvių tremtinių šelpimui. Kun. Ign. Albavičius taipgi priklauso vyčiams sendraugiams ir dažnai skiriamas dvasios vado pareigoms.

14-ji kuopa iki šiai dienai gyvuoja ir veikia, kiek dabartinės jos jėgos išgali. Kaip ir seniau, domisi kultūrine veikla, suruošia vakarus, įvairius kultūrinius subuvimus, domisi sportu — daugiausiai stalo tenisu ir kegliavimu (bowling).

(bus daugiau)



# VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja Ignas Sakalas

**Kun. Petras Cibulskis, MIC., Vyčio Sendraugio sūnus**  
— Kristaus vynuogyno darbininkas

Š. m. birželio 7 d. Aušros Vartų parapijos bažnyčioj (Chicagoj) pirmąsias iškilmingąsias mišias laikė kun. Petras Cibulskis, MIC. Kunigu buvo iššvęstas gegužės 30 d. Jolieto vyskupo Martin McNamara, šv. Raimundo katedroje, Joliet, Ill.

Kun. P. Cibulskis yra gimęs Chicagoj, 1924 metais, sausio 23 d. Baigęs Aušros Vartų parapijos mokyklą ir Harrison Augštesnę mokyklą, dvejus su puse metų ištarnavo JAV karo aviacijoje antrojo Pasaulinio karo metu. Paliuosuotas iš karinės tarnybos, įstojo Tėvų Marijonų Kongregacijon, paruošiamuosius mokslus išėjo Marianapolio Kolegijoj, o teologijos mokslus — TT Marijonų Seminarijoj.

Naujas Kristaus vynuogyno darbininkas yra vienas iš gausios šeimos (septynių vaikų) **Petro** ir **Stasės Cibulskių**, gyv. 2136 West 23rd Place. P. Cibulskis yra vienas seniausių tos kolonijos gyventojų, parapijos organizatorius, draugijų steigėjas ir Vyčių 24-ji kuopa, seniau suvaidinusi didelį vaidmenį tos kolonijos lietuvių gyvenime, buvo jo ir brolio Stasio bei kitų tuometinių veikėjų įsteigta. Be to, jis buvo itin veiklus Katalikų Spaudos Draugijoj, ir jo pastangomis vyčių 24-tos kuopos patalpose veikė didelis knygynas, kuriuo naudojosi nemokamai tiek nariai, tiek nenariai.

Įsisteigus vyčių sendraugių kuopai, jis su žmona įsirašė kuopon ir iki šiol pavyzdinai veikia.

Jo žmona, nors jau čia gimus ir augus, tačiau labai gražiai lietuviškai kalba ir savo vaikus taip pat išmokiusi lietuviškai kalbėti. Ji priklauso lietuvių katalikų draugijoms, o Moterų Sąjungos 55-je kuopoje eina protokolų sekretorės pareigas.

Per primicijas pažįstantiems Cibulskių šeimą didelio išpūdzio darė, kai Ofertorijos ir Komunjijos metu primicianto sesuo **Kotrina** solo pagiedojo "Ave Maria" ir "Panis Angelicus". Ji, jos sesutė, jaunesnis broliukas, o kartu ir pats tėvas gieda Aušros Vartų parapijos chore, kuriam šiuo metu vadovauja gabus vargonininkas A. Skridulis.

Per banketą parapijojs salėj primiciantui pagerbti tarpe skaitlingos publikos, kuri supo didelę Cibulskių šeimą ir giminę, buvo ir **Andrius Radzevičius**, primicianto senelis (grandfather). Gaila, kad to džiaugsmo negalėjo sulaukti primicianto senelė, mirusi prieš porą metų.

Naujam Kristaus vynuogyno darbininkui Liet. Vyčių sendraugių kuopa linki sveikatos ir prašo gausių Dievo malonių visam gyvenime ir veikime.

**Atidarė krautuvę.** Domininkas Jurjonas, iš tremties atvykęs į Chicagoją ir čia įsikūręs, atidarė krautvę name 3524 S. Halsted St., kur galima pasirinkti popieriaus sienoms klijuoti, įvairių dažų, namų ruošos reikmenų šeiminkams, laikrodžių, siuvamųjų mašinų ir kt.

D. Jurjonas nuo pat įsikūrimo Chicagoj įsirašė į vyčius sendraugius ir savo patarimais daug prisideda prie gražaus veikimo.

Sveikiname ir linkime Jurjonui pasisekimo prekyboje, o Chicagos vyčius reikale paremti savo narij.

**Muzėjų perkėlė į vyčių namą.** Litanistikos muzėjus, priklausąs ALRK Federacijos Chicagos apskričiai, kurį iki šiol globojo J. Encheris (sendraugių narys), perkeltas į Vyčių namą. Muzėjui paskirtas atskiras kambarys. Dabar jieškomas žmogus turintis žinių muzėjui tvarkyti. Muzėjų globos specialioji komisija išrinkta iš Federacijos Chicagos apskrities ir Vyčių Namų Tarybos.

**Patenkinti seimo nutarimais.** Rugsėjo 9 d. Vyčių salėj įvyko sendraugių kuopos susirinkimas, kuriame pirmininkas Ignas Sakalas padarė platų pranešimą iš sukaktuvinio seimo S. Bostone. Pranešėjas ilgiausiai buvo sustojęs prie Centro Valdybos ir Ohio-Michigan valst. apskričio įnešimų (rezoliucijų), kurias seimas ilgiausiai svarstė. Susirinkimas išreiškė pasitenkinimą visais nutarimais, ypatingai sveikina atstovus, kurie seimo metu parodė daug susipratimo, kad mūs organizacija ir toliau liktų grynai lietuviška.

Po susirinkimo sendraugis Jonas Kerulis visus pakvietė į Ramovę ir pavaišino.

**Laimingieji nariai.** Stankienė, Sakalas ir Pavis buvo laimingieji nariai sendraugių kuopos susirinkime rugsėjo 9 d. Pirmoji laimėjo "banką", o pastarieji — "amžinąsias" plunksnas. Kiti laimingieji buvo P. Čižauskas ir B. Cicėnienė, tačiau jie nedalyvavo susirinkime, todėl jų dovanos paliktos sekančiam susirinkimui. **Jonas Brazauskas**, organizacijos veteranas ir Garbės narys, naujo "banko" sąskaiton paaukojo \$5.

**Jonas Kerulis**, vyčių sendraugių ir visos eilės lietuviškų organizacijų narys, taip pat stambus veikėjas ir rėmėjas besikūriamųjų lietuvių parapijų P. Amerikoje ir Lietuvių Kolegijos Romoje, pastarame susirinkime Jaunimo Namų Fondui paaukojo \$50. Šia proga reikia pažymėti, kad būdamas vandentiekio įvedimo specialistas, J. Kerulis nemokamai sumodernino vandentiekį Lietuvos Vyčių name. Šiaip tas darbas būtų kainavęs keletą šimtų dolerių.

#### SUSILAUKĖ NAUJO ŠEIMOS NARIO

Inž. Antanas ir Marijona Rudžiai spalio 1 d. susilaukė naujo šeimos nario-sūnaus, kuris pakrikštytas Mark-Anthony vardais. Jie jau augina tris vaikus — dvi dukteris ir sūnų.

A. ir M. Rudžiai yra didelės įmonės Rockwell Engineering savininkai ir pavyzdingi vyčiai, sendraugių kuopos nariai.

Inž. A. Rudis neseniai grįžo iš Europos, kur buvo palydovu JAV kongresmano Kersteno, renkančio medžiagą Sov. Sąjungos Pabaltijo valstybių pavergimui ir prijungimui įrodyti. Europoje praleido penketą savaitių, lankydamas ten gyvenančių lietuvių organizacijas ir veikėjus.

**E. Motekaitienė ir T. Norbutienė**, nepamainomos šeiminkės sendraugių, taip pat ir vyčių jaunių parengimuose, į svarbesnį sendraugių susirinkimą visuomet atvyksta su dovanomis. Ir pastarame susirinkime, J. Keruliui susirinkusius pakviestus į Ramovę, tos dvi narės visus pavaišino lietuvišku sūriu.

**Gali suorganizuoti sendraugių kuopą.** Rapolas Baliauskas ir Povilas Jūsis, vyčių sendraugių kuopos nariai, neseniai persikėlė į Kenosha, Wis., kur žada ilgesniam laikui įsikurti. Jaunystėje abu yra gyvenę tame mieste ir buvę vieni pirmųjų narių ten veikusios L. V. 38-tos kuopos. Kenoshoje yra nemažai vyčių veteranų, kurie gali su-

siorganizuoti į sendraugių kuopą. Rapolas ir Povilas gali būti organizatoriais.

**B. ir S. Jonučiai**, vyčių sendraugių nariai, pardavę Chicagoje namą, įsigijo gražų ūkį Wisconsin valstybėje. Nors ūkis tolokai nuo Chicagos (už 100 mylių), tačiau sendraugių kuopa ateinančią vasarą gali suruošti ekskursiją—pikniką. Prieš išsikeldama iš Chicagos Jonutienė buvo "Draugo" skelbimų skyriaus tvarkytoja. Jonučiai ir toliau palieka sendraugių kuopos nariais.

**P. ir B. Čižauskai** rugpjūčio mėnesį buvo išvykę į New Yorką, kur dalyvavo savo giminės (Čižauskienės sesers dukros Bajorynaitės) vestuvėse. P. Čižauskas yra ne tik vyčių organizacijos veteranas (steigėjas Sheboygan, Wis., kuopos ir atgaivintojas Chicagoje 16-tos kuopos), bet žymus veikėjas Katalikų Federacijoje ir Susivienijime. Keliais atvejais pirmininkavo tų organizacijų Chicagos apskrėčiams.

**Ign. Sakalas** su žmona po vyčių sukaktuvinio seimo keletą dienų viešėjo pas savo dukrą Aldoną, kuri yra vyriausioji technikė laboratorijos Mt. Kisco, N. Y., ligoninėje. Jų sūnus Vytautas, grįžęs iš Korėjos, šį rudenį pradėjo lankyti De Paul universitetą Chicagoje.

**Matas Zizas**, organizacijos veteranas ir sendraugių kuopos narys, yra vienas žymiausių ir stambiausių namų statytojų pietvakarinėje Chicagos dalyje. Jo vedamoje namų statyboje dirba kelios dešimtys įvairių statybos amatininkų. Namus parduoda lengvomis sąlygomis. M. Zizas gyvena adresu 7139 S. Mozart St.

Šia proga reikia pažymėti, kad M. Zizas yra vienas direktorių didžiausio lietuvių banko (Standard Federal Savings and Loan Assn). Nežiūrint daugelio atsakingų pareigų, jis randa laiko dalyvauti ir sendraugių veikloje, kurią kartu ir finansiniai paremia.

**Sveikina sendraugių organizatorius.** Vyčių sendraugių kuopa savo susirinkime rugsėjo 9 d. išgirdusi iš pirmininko Igno Sakalo, kad S. Bostone įsikūrė nauja sendraugių kuopa, džiaugsmingai sveikina jos organizatorius ir linki kuopai sutraukti po vyčių vėliava ne tik buvusius narius, bet ir senuosius veikėjus, taip pat visus naujuosius lietuvius, kurie remia vyčių sąjūdį.

Chicagos vyčiai sendraugiai taipgi džiaugiasi girdėdami, kad ir Clevelande, Ohio, einama prie įsteigimo sendraugių kuopos.

# Gimtoji Kalba

## Kai kurie skirtumai tarp lietuvių ir anglų kalbos

L. Dambriūnas

Kiekvienas beveik lietuvių kalbos žodis turi ne vieną galūnę (ending), bet kelias, o kartais net ke- liolika. Pavyzdžiui, į klausimą **kas** (kalba) atsakome žodžiu — **tėvas**. Į klausimą **ko** (nematau) atsakome — **tėvo**. Į klausimą **kam** (rašau laišką) atsakome — **tėvui**. Į klausimą **ką** (matau) atsakome — **tėvą**. Į klausimą **su kuo** (einu) atsakome — **su tėvu**. Į klau- simą **kur** (kas yra) atsakome **tėve**, name, sode. O kai kreipiamės į ką, tai sakome: **tėve**, prašau patari- mo. Iš viso tad čia turime šešias galūnes. O jei pridė- sime to paties žodžio daugiskaitos (plural) galūnes (pvz. **tėvai**, **tėvų**, **tėvams** ir t. t.), tai gausime dar šešias galūnes. Vadinas, vienas žodis gali turėti 12 skirtingų galūnių.

Tas keitimas galūnių vadinas **linksniavimas** (de- clension), o žodis su kuria nors galūne vadinas **linksnis** (case).

Pažiūrėkime, kaip tas pats žodis atrodo įvairiuo- se linksniuose (su įvairiomis galūnėmis) ir ką vietoj tų galūnių vartoja anglų kalba.

Vienaskaita	singular	daugiskaita	plural
1. tėvas	the father	tėvai	the fathers
2. tėvo	{ father's of the father	tėvų	{ fathers' of the fathers
3. tėvui	(to) the father	tėvams	(to) the fathers
4. tėvą	the father	tėvus	the fathers
5. (su) tėvu	with the father	(su) tėvais	with the fathers
6. tėve	in the father	tėvuose	in the fathers
7. tėve	father	tėvai	fathers

Matome, kad anglų kalboje tėra tik 4 galūnės (father, father's fathers ir fathers'). Vietoj kitų galūnių čia vartojami 4 prielinksniai (prepositions — of, to, with, in). Taigi 4 galūnės ir 4 prielinksniai atstoja 12 lietuviškų galūnių.

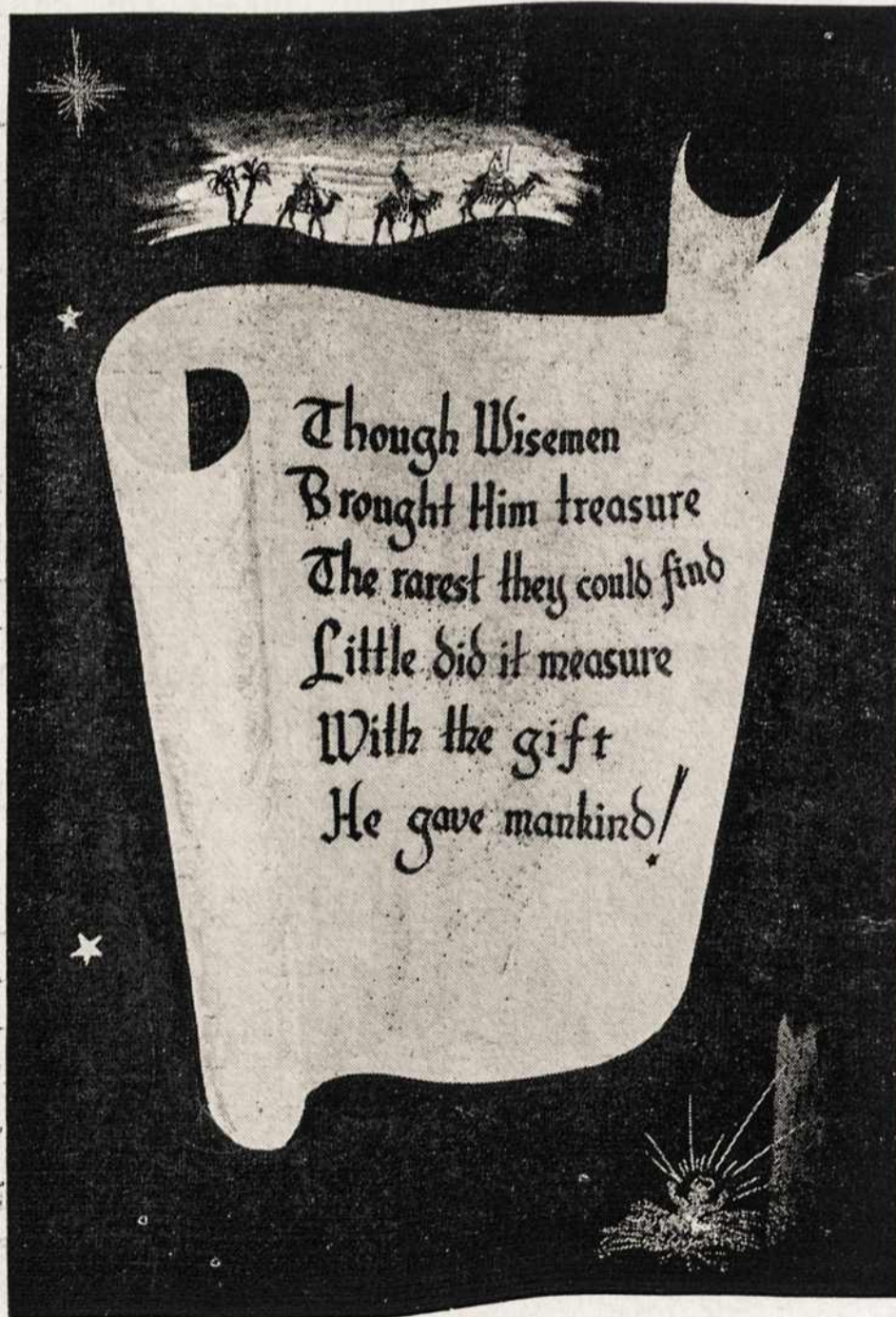
Tai yra pagrindinis skirtumas tarp senų ir naujų kalbų. Senosios kalbos, kaip lietuvių, lotynų, sen. graikų, vartojama daugiau linksnių, tai yra, žodžio galūnių, o naujosios kalbos, kaip anglų ar prancūzų, vietoj galūnių vartoja daugiau prielinksnių.

Kaip jau matėme, lietuviai sako sode, name, anglai in the garden, in the house, kur lietuvišką ga- lūnę **-e** atstoja prielinksnis **in**. Tačiau lietuvių kal- boje tam tikslui vartojama ne ta viena galūnė **-e**, bet dar ir **-yje** (pvz. kelyje, akyje, vandenyje), **-oje**, (rankoje), **-ėje** (kertėje), **-uje** (danguje). Visur čia anglų kalba vartoja tą patį **in**. Dėl to naujosios kalbos, vartojančios mažiau linksnių, o daugiau prie- linksnių, kitataučiams išmokti yra truputį leng- vesnės.

Norint lietuvių kalbą išmokti, reikia mokėti linksniuoti, tai yra žinoti visus linksnius, visas žo- džio galūnes. Paskui reikia mokėti tuos linksnius ir vartoti. Tie linksniai yra surašyti kiekvienoje gra- matikoje.

Kad jų nesumaišytume, jie turi savo vardus: 1 — vardininkas (nominative case), 2 — kilminin- kas (possessive or genitive) 3 — naudininkas (da- tive), 4 — galininkas (accusative), 5 — įnagininkas (instrumental case, denoting means or agency), 6 — vietininkas (locative, denoting place), 7—šauks- mininkas (vocative, denoting person or thing addressed).

Pabandykite išlinksniuoti šiuos tris žodžius: vaikas, namas, kaimynas (linksniuojami kaip tėvas):





## Father Antoninus Jurgelaitis, O. P.

WRITES ABOUT

### A MOST ILLUSTRIOUS ATHLETE OF THE CHURCH

Truly remarkable had to be the man of whom Pope Leo wrote: "He is the glory of the universal Church and a wondrous bulwark in the defense of the truth." Exceptional, indeed, had to be the writer who, according to Pope Clement VIII "did not write a single error" and whose "every article was a miracle" in the words of Pope John XXII. Cardinal Bessario called this wonderful man: "the holiest of the most learned of the holiest." It was Pope Paul V who gave him the title of athlete of the Church: "He was the most illustrious athlete of the Church in the attacking error."

For the past six hundred years praises such as these have been heaped upon a man who was a university professor, a writer, a preacher and a Saint. More than sixty popes have officially confirmed his teachings. There is no Doctor of the Church who is held in higher esteem.

Whose works were placed upon the altar beside the inspired Work of God during the Council of Trent, as a sign of the secondary source from which the Bishops and priests and theologians could draw the pure Truth of doctrine to guide them against heresy?

Whose teachings does the Church place into the hands of seminarians as safest guides in philosophy and theology, so that they, in turn, might fashion unbreakable weapons for the present day battle against error?

Whose words does the Church use when it wishes to express infallible teachings in faith and morals?

The answer to all these questions is: the books, the teachings, the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

Saint Thomas Aquinas is this genius, this "illustrious athlete", this Knight of God's Truth. His feast day falls on the seventh of March each year. The Church has proclaimed Saint Thomas Patron of Schools, Universities and Academies, and thus has given over to young minds in search of Truth a powerful and attractive guardian and guide.

Many of our Knights of Lithuania are students and it is to them in particular that I wish to introduce this saintly teacher of the Church who is their special patron.

#### A boy is born in Rocca Sicca

In the huge fortress of Rocca Sicca in 1225 Count Landolph of Aquino and Countess of Theodora were blessed by God with a third son who was soon baptized and given the name Thomas.

One of the earliest records of the childhood of this boy shows him quite obstinate. Once when the nurse came in to bathe him, she found that he had something clenched in his pudgy fist. It looked like a piece of parchment. She tried to take it away from him, but he clenched his little fist all the tighter, as if defending a most precious jewel. When the nurse tried again, the boy began to cry and howl so loudly, that his mother, the Countess, came rushing in to see what was the matter. When she was told, she herself unclenched the little fingers and, true enough it was a scrap of parchment that fluttered to the floor. She picked it up and saw that the words 'Ave Maria' were written upon it. That was Thomas' precious jewel. In later years, he would inscribe those words on all his writings, his way of showing love for the Mother of God.

#### Monte Cassino and school

When Thomas was about five years old, he was taken to the famous Benedictine monastery of Monte Cassino, the same that is being rebuilt after the horrors of the last war. There he was an average child; he learned to read and write. If anything, he was a bit more silent than the rest and loved to be alone. His teacher, the Benedictine Fathers, shook their heads approvingly and thought: he will make a fine Benedictine.

#### What is God?"

One day in the catechism class Thomas raised his hand and asked his teacher the following question: "Father, what is God?" They elderly Benedictine must not have heard the question, because he began answering it: "My son, God the Creator of Hea—..." But, Thomas interrupted him. "Yes, I know that: God is the Creator of Heaven and earth. I know WHO God is, but what I want is WHAT is God?"

Whether little Thomas knew it or not, he was asking the question that he would dedicate his whole

lifetime to answer. Thomas was thinking about God as a Spirit, infinitely perfect. The years would pass. Later, as professor at the University of Paris he would ask that question again and give the answer that would be the clearest man's mind could devise.

#### Young Thomas returns home

Thomas continued his studies, and matured to young manhood. There were wars in those days, round about Monte Cassino, so when the fighting came close to the monastery, the monks had to leave, and Thomas returned home to his family. His mother, as all mothers do, rejoiced to have him home again. And as all mothers, she began to plan her favorite son's career for him: She would have him join the Benedictines; in a short time her influence would bring about his election as abbot. After that, it would not be too difficult to have her son be made a Bishop, or even a Cardinal. And after that, who knows, perhaps it was in God's plan to bless the Aquinas family with the highest dignity on earth: that of the Pope. These were his mother's plans. Thomas did not take them too much to heart. He wanted to continue his studies and kept begging his parents to send him to Naples, to the university there. Finally, this permission was granted, so one fine day Thomas with a retinue that befitted his rank set out on horseback to Naples.

#### Thomas — University Student

In those days, Naples was a typical university town: beautiful, attractive, noisy and rather dissolute. Into such a town Thomas Aquinas stepped, as into a field of battle. Up until now, his education was completed in the quiet and seclusion of a monastery, completely surrounded by sanctity and solitude. Now, by his own choice he steps into the turbulent life of a wild university city. One glance at the laughing, joking, time-wasting, pleasure-seeking students showed him that he would have to have the strength of ten to overcome the temptations that surrounded him.

The first thing Thomas did was to set down in writing a daily program of classes and studies and prayer. He took courses in grammar, logic, rhetoric and poetics; after three years of this, he continued with mathematics, geometry, astronomy and music. To all this he added daily reading and study of the Holy Bible and of the works of the Fathers of the Church. Even though his days were crowded with study and reading, he found plenty of time for prayer.

#### The mysterious emblem — VERITAS

In the course of his daily walks, Thomas used to come across a church in which he noticed a black and white shield with a single word: Veritas. This

word intrigued him. This little church was the church to which several of his university professors belonged. These were learned men. They would come to the university dressed in white habits of rough wool over which they would wear a black cloak. Their classes used to be the most popular on the campus, usually philosophy and theology classes.

Thomas used to come to this church daily to pray, and the more often he came, the more often his eyes fell upon that mysterious word — Veritas and that black and white shield that symbolized the clash of truth and error. He made the acquaintance of several of the Fathers, who were members of a new Order, founded by Saint Dominic. Bit by bit, from conversations with the Fathers and from the help he received from prayer, Thomas solved the mystery. **Veritas** means TRUTH. These Dominicans were members of the Order of Truth: they studied it, they preached it, they wrote it, they loved it. They were Knights of Divine Truth.

No wonder Thomas Aquinas, a lover of God's Truth from his earliest days, fell in love with the Order of Friars Preachers, and asked to be admitted into the Order. At the time, he was too young to join. He was told to continue his studies and his prayers and to return in three years with his request. Then they would give him an answer.

Three years passed. Thomas was now of age. He again came to the Superiors, the Prior of the Dominicans, and begged to be received into the Order. This time his request was granted. In a matter of days, Thomas put aside his rich clothing and began wearing the rough, white wool of the Friars Preachers. This took place in 1243.

#### Countess Theodora flies into a rage

As soon as Brother Thomas' mother, the Countess Theodora heard of this step her son took, she became terribly angry. And why not? All her plans were overturned, her hopes were dashed to the ground. Just think: her son was living with the Mendicants—Beggars! In those days the Dominicans lived from what they could beg, their poverty was very strict. It was unthinkable that the son of the nobles of Aquino should stoop so low, should disgrace the illustrious family. And those Dominicans! They must have bewitched her son. She would show them what it was to cross the will of the Countess Theodora. Off she goes to Naples, herself, to save her son from what she thought to be a disgrace.

But the Dominicans quickly learned of the Countess' trip and sent Brother Thomas off to Rome. When the Countess came to Naples and found out that she had been tricked, her anger knew no bounds. Off she went to Rome in pursuit of her runaway son.

She sent letters of complaint to the Master General, to the Archbishop of Naples and even a letter to the Pope. They just could not do this to her son.

The Pope replied that he would be willing to let her son be Abbot of Monte Cassino, the dignity the Countess had her mind set upon, even while Thomas was a Dominican, but that Brother Thomas refused this arrangement. Thomas wanted nothing more than to be a Dominican, to follow the ideal of VERITAS — Truth.

When the Countess Theodora finally reached the Eternal City, Thomas was on his way to Paris. What a chase this was! A proud mother chasing her son all over Europe, writing letters to Bishops and Popes. When Thomas' mother learned that he was on his way to Paris, she immediately sent letters to her two other sons who were in the army to get leaves of absence and start immediately to track down their brother somewhere on the Rome to Paris highways. They were more obedient to the Countess' wishes than their younger brother. Soon they were in hot pursuit. At the well of a little town called Acquapendente the brothers came upon Brother Thomas and his Dominican companions resting from their journey. They had been walking from Rome to Paris, while the Aquino brothers were on horseback. On the express orders of the Countess, Brother Thomas was actually arrested, and taken forcibly to San Giovanni, where he was shut up in a tower to think things over. His brothers wanted to tear off the white habit Thomas was wearing, but he resisted them and insisted so strongly, that they let him continue wearing it.

#### **Brother Thomas escapes from San Giovanni Tower**

The Count and Countess used to visit their son in the cold tower of San Giovanni where he was held prisoner and tried to persuade him to leave the Dominican Order. Their pleadings, commands and threats did not disturb Brother Thomas in the least. He just would not change his mind about his vocation.

Then the Countess sent her daughters Theodora and Marietta to try and convince their brother that it was not right for an Aquino to belong to the poor, lowly beggars of Dominicans. And what happened? Instead of Marietta convincing Thomas to drop his Dominican vocation that she, too, had a vocation to be a nun. and his other sister, Theodora, was convinced that her life in the world was not what God expected of her, so she changed her outlook and mode of life, and became truly holy in her calling as mother of a family.

As a last resort, the brothers decided to take a hand in this battle of wills. Not saying a word to

anybody, they invited a pretty, young girl to the tower, and explained to her that she should break Brother Thomas' will by her feminine charms.

They opened the door and let her into the room where Thomas was reading. She began to speak to Brother Thomas so sweetly and gently, so temptingly, that almost any other man would have fallen for her charms. But not Thomas. He was no longer a child. He knew that temptations of this kind cannot be overcome by politeness. It took Thomas one half second to realize that truth, and in the other half of the self same second, Brother Thomas reached into the fire place, snatched up a burning branch turned back and thrust it forward in the terrified face of the temptress.

There was a shriek as the girl reeled backwards and ran from the rooms, as if chased by a thousand devils.

Then Thomas took the smoldering firebrand, went over to the stone wall and marked it with a huge sign of the Cross, as big as a man, and falling down on his knees thanked Almighty God for that courageous decision that brought him victory over the temptress and preserved his purity unstained.

It was after this prayer that St. Thomas Aquinas saw angels at his side, fastening a cord around his waist. He was told that the cord would be the perpetual protection of his purity. And the angels pulled the cords so tightly, that Thomas cried out in pain. When the guards came in, they noticed the cord, but, of course, Thomas would not say a word about where it came from. Only at his deathbed did he tell his confessor about this incident.

When the Countess saw that her attempts failed and that Thomas would not change his mind, she arranged to allow her son escape from the tower. One night she sent word to the Dominicans that Thomas would be free, and it is said that Brother Thomas escaped by being let down in a basket.

Thomas Aquinas had spent about a year in the tower of San Giovanni, so we can imagine the joy that was his when he returned to the priory of the Dominicans.

#### **Saint Thomas' university career**

Immediately, St. Thomas began his studies for the priesthood, and went on for advanced work and received the Doctorate and began teaching and writing books. He worked in Paris, and was summoned to Rome by the Pope.

Saint Thomas Aquinas rose to the heights of popularity among students and was held in highest regard by the professors. When William of St. Amour attacked the rights of the Dominicans to

## A Challenge to Young Lithuanians

**Vyčiai!** Do you love your parents? Of course you do. Then it would stand to reason that you love the language your parents speak and the land from which they came. Yet this can hardly be the case: for, if this were so, our chairman would not have such a hard time gaining recruits for his Lithuanian Affairs work. Surely we all would like to see the homeland of our parents free once again. But there are those who say, "I would like to help out, but I just haven't the time." These people should hang their heads in shame. What they really are saying is, "I don't care enough to exert myself."

Last year, I, as a high school junior, holding office in my clubs at school, being an officer in the K. of L., having my time taken up by school and K. of L. activities, school studies, music and art lessons and a part-time job, still managed to find enough time to write over 400 letters for Lithuanian Affairs. I am proud to be a Lithuanian and am not afraid to say so in my letters to editors, Congressmen, etc.

It is not impossible and should be comparatively easy for a person to average at least 100 letters per year. If I can do it so can you. I hereby issue this challenge to any K. of L. member reading this article. **I DARE YOU TO TRY TO TOP MY LAST YEAR'S RECORD OF OVER 400 LETTERS WRITTEN FOR LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS!** Let's see the mettle of **your** backbone. How many letters will you write before you chicken out? Let's show Al Wesley, chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee that we are behind him all the way!

**Josephine Kuizin**

teach in universities, Thomas Aquinas defended this right so brilliantly, that the matter was settled for all time.

In 1274 the Holy Father summoned a General Council at Lyons, and Saint Thomas was ordered to be present. Even though he was failing in health, the famous Paris university professor obeyed. In the midst of this journey to Lyons, at a town called Fossa Nuova, our Knight of God's Truth became seriously ill. The Benedictines of that place received him into their monastery, where he remained for a month, unable to get out of bed. It was there that he received a summons from the Eternal Father. Saint Thomas died on the seventh of March in that year.

For Knights of Lithuania who are students, St. Thomas Aquinas is their very own special Patron.

## OUR READERS WRITE

I thought I'd give my "penny's worth" of wisdom (?) while the thought of the VYTIS still remains fresh in my mind.

The VYTIS has improved greatly in the past few issues. Poems like "Don't Quit" and others are gems of thought. Also interesting articles by such capable K. of L'ers as Phil Carter have helped greatly to make the VYTIS a really enjoyable magazine to read.

Since the first Lithuanian immigrants came to these United States some 80 years ago, they have established over 100 churches and have really made great strides. On the other hand, there is always some ground for pessimism. According to an article in THE MARIAN (May, 1953) 66% of the Lithuanians don't marry Lithuanians.

From what I've seen of the Lithuanian churches, they are works of art. And each year, they grow in strength and beauty. The newly-built Saint Casimir's Church in Brockton, Mass., whose pastor is Rev. Francis Strakauskas, is a beautiful example of the strides the Lithuanians are making. (Council 1 of the K. of L. is quite active in the parish.)

My personal opinion is that the youth organizations of the parishes (including Knights of Lithuania) don't entirely reflect the growth and vigor of the parishes themselves — and it is about time they did.

I'm pretty much of a "dead" member myself, but exchanging viewpoints on such matters gives one enthusiasm to the problems at hand.

I hope others will write in and express their views.

**John W. Yarus**

Saint Casimir whose feast day is but three days earlier, is patron of all Lithuanian Catholic Youth in general. So, we K. of L'ers who have dedicated our lives to study must look upon Thomas of Aquin as our guide and inspiration.

He lived the Faith. He was consecrated to Divine Truth.

We can see, even in his life, a dedication to God and Country, although country for him meant, in the first place, Heaven, which is our true, eternal country. Maybe, that is what all Knights of Lithuania need a little more of a zealous activity for God and Heaven, that land eternal of which we are all future citizens. Saint Thomas and Saint Casimir both, served God and Country for Heaven first; then, strengthened and enlightened they could be of service to their earthly country.



## JUST FOR TODAY

Just for today . . . I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once.

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful and I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort . . . thought and concentration.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways. I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out because if anyone knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least TWO things I don't want to, just for the exercise.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becoming, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve nor regulate anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a PROGRAM. I may save myself from two pests, hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half-hour all by myself, and relax. During this half-hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world . . . so the world will give to me.



**ENGAGED.** Mr. and Mrs. Peter Romanskis of South Boston, Mass. announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian P. Romanskis to Pfc. Gilbert K. Gailius, son of Mrs. Mary K. Gailius of Dorchester. Their engagement was officially announced at an engagement party given in their honor in San Francisco, California, when Miss Lillian Romanskis and Miss Vivian Gailius took a trip to see him in California. He is a graduate of the Bentley School of Accounting and is now serving in the Finance Section of the U. S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco. She is a graduate of the Stenotype Institute of Boston, presently employed by the Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation, and also a teacher of piano.

## VYTIES PLATINIMO VAJUS

### VISI VYČIAI IR JŲ PRIETELIAI Į DARBĄ!

- Vyčių Centro Valdyba ir VYTIES Redakcija skelbia VYTIES platinimo vajų nuo š. m. gruodžio 1 d. iki 1954 m. kovo 1 d. Daugiausia surinkusiems VYTIES prenumeratorių paskirta 13 dovanų: trys dovanos pinigais — \$ 25, \$ 15, \$ 10 ir dešimt dovanų knygomis.
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- Tenelieka 1954 metais nė vieno jaunuolio-ės, kuris neskaitytų jaunimo laikraščio VYTIS!

# OFFICIALUS SKYRIUS

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According to the constitution, all regular members pay \$3.00 yearly for dues, with the exception when more than one in a family belong. Then, one pays \$3.00 and the others \$2.00; newly — joined married couples pay \$5.00 for the first year and \$3.00 thereafter. We have on our record members who belong and only pay \$2.00. Please check your records thoroughly and abide by our constitution. Also, conforming with the constitution, please adjust your records in regards to non-Lithuanians who are listed as members. In order to correct the Supreme Council files, please send in names of all members who are married to non-Lithuanians.

Your immediate attention to these matters will be greatly appreciated. Please send in your corrections before December 25, 1953.

**Tillie A. Gerulis,**  
Supreme Financial Secretary

## CLEVELAND'AS PIRMOJ VIETOJ

Stipriausia iki šiol parama Norkūno Fondui yra atėjusi iš Cleveland. Pati Lietuvos Vyčių 25 kuopa kojo \$77.00 sekančiai:

paskyrė iš savo izdo \$50.00, gi kuopos nariai suau-  
P. Glugodienė — \$10, J. Sadauskas — \$5, A. and V. Mačiokai — \$5, A. Banys — \$5, F. Judis — \$5, A. Kunigiškis — \$5, M. Trainauskaitė — \$5, A. Buknis — \$5, Al. Jutskas — \$5, M. J. and D. Susin — \$5, A. Arunskienė — \$3, R. Sadauskienė — \$3, R. Gužauskienė — \$3, V. Vilkaitienė — \$2, J. Kuzas — \$2, A. Grybauskaitė — \$1, M. Liutkienė — \$1, B. Brazis — \$1, S. Laniauskas — \$1, B. Smitas \$1, A. Neimaniene — \$1, M. Galdikienė — \$1, A. Kasulaitis — \$1, P. Balčiūnas — \$1.

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## HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED?

The modest memorial stone that is planned for the grave of our founder, Mykolas Norkūnas, ought to be a joint effort of all our councils and every single member in our organization. Your contribution is urgently needed. Please send it now, to: Joseph Boley, 34 Beekman Place, New York, N. Y.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

It is with great pride that we announce the publishing of a new council periodical by Council 27, Norwood, Mass. Its staff consists of Rev. P. Shakalis, Adviser; John Chervokas, News; Katherine Perednia, Typist; and John Vaikasas, Artist. We are informed that this bulletin (C-27 members are invited to name its K. of L. paper) will strive for originality; that is, material that will not only appeal to the reader, but that will differ from the usual matter that is found in organization journals.

## L. A. COUNCIL SENDS DONATION

The Norkunas Memorial Fund is happy to announce the receipt of a \$25.00 contribution by Council 133 of Los Angeles, California. Many thanks.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Bernice Novom (13)

1. The American Lithuanians sent a Liberty Bell to the Republic of Lithuania in 1938 as Commemoration of her 20th Anniversary of Independence. It now hangs in the Tower of the Cultural Museum of Vytautas the Great in Kaunas.
2. The Patron of Lithuania, St. Casimir, as well as the Grand Duke Vytautas, are buried in the Cathedral of Vilnius.

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Readers are advised that Vincas Ramonas' **CROSSES**, translated into English by Milton Stark, will soon be available in a special edition. Lithuanian Days Publishers are proud to be the first to give this striking and unusual novel to the American public. **CROSSES** is the only Lithuanian novel in history to appear in the English-speaking world. Orders for this narrowly limited edition of **Crosses** are now being accepted. Pre-publication price: \$3.00. Publication price: \$4.50.

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## GREETINGS

FROM THE

GREAT NECK,

COUNCIL 109



Our council has been extremely active this year under the leadership of our board of officers. They are President Joseph Remenchus, Vice President Anthony Kober; Recording Secretary Gladys Banks; Corresponding Secretary Josephine Rusas; Financial Secretary Mary Picardi; Treasurer Alexander Wesey; Sgt.-at-Arms Lillian Remenchus.

It is worthy of note to mention that even though we do not have our own Lithuanian church, we continue to maintain our Lithuanianism and display it whenever the occasion presents itself.

This past year we sponsored the spring convention of our New York — New Jersey District at St. Aloysius Church. A Mass was said for the Knights of Lithuania and many Knights received Holy Communion "in corpore." It was an inspiring sight to see.

Our Knights participate in local parish and civic affairs, always keeping our name in the eyes of the people. For example: our knights sponsored a food table, manned it and sold food during the entire St. Aloysius Parish Festival. At a Bazaar conducted by the Great Neck Health League our knights erected a booth, donated foods and cakes and manned this table during the entire Bazaar.

Our monthly meetings are well attended and

discussions are always lively. These meetings are climaxed by some activity arranged by our Social Committee. The committee members Bill Bernatowich, Starcy Wesey and Mary Picardi, arrange different programs for each meeting. For example: after the last meeting everyone drove to a local pizzeria and had pizza pies and refreshments.

I think our council is unique in that the bulk of our membership is made up of young married couples. To mention a few, we have the Remenchuses, the Kobers, the Wesseys and the Matachinskases. These couples tend to give stabilizing, down to earth outlook on all the points discussed during the meetings. Ours is a proud council. Proud of the fact that we continue to remain active and maintain our Lithuanianism under conditions that caused many other councils to become extinct. We feel that by our own humble efforts we've set an example for others to follow and hope that our example will inspire dormant councils to regain their life and become active again. For never before has there been a need for an active and strong K. of L. as there is at the present time. Lithuania's hope for Freedom and Independence lies in the hands of our organization's leaders and members.

"Correspondent"

"Are you an active member,  
the kind that would be missed?  
Or are you just contented  
that your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings  
and mingle with the flock?  
Or do you stay at home and  
criticize and knock?  
Do you ever go and visit  
a member who is sick?"

Or leave the work to just a few  
and talk about the clique?  
"Come to meetings often  
and help with hand and heart.  
Don't be just a member  
but take an active part.  
Think this over, member,  
you know right from wrong.  
Are you an active member,  
or do you just belong?"

(The author is anonymous)

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

### CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

#### LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

##### COUNCIL 133

Kuopa metinį susirinkimą turėjo pasponus A. F. Skirius, Reseda, Calif., lapkričio mėn. 8 d. Susirinkimas buvo vienas iš gausingesnių. Iš susirinkimo nuotaikų atrodo, kad kuopa pasiryžusi žengti spartesniu žingsniu pirmyn, praplėsdama veiklą ir pritraukdama daugiau naujų narių. Anthony F. Skirius, „Lietuvių Dienų“ leidėjas ir buvęs „Vyties“ redaktorius, išrinktas kuopos pirmininku. Vice-pirmininkais išrinkti: J. Barder ir L. Valiukas. Maloni ir energinga lietuvaite, viena iš naujesnių narių, Helen Nashlenas išrinkta sekretore, gi panelė A. Laurinaitis perrinkta finansų sekretore. Milton Stark išrinktas k-pos korespondentu. Tvarkdariais išrinkti: P. Bogin ir J. Petrauskas.

Susirinkime dalyvavo Vyčių bičiulis kun. L. Jankus, dirbęs kitataučių parapijoje. Tikimasi, kad jis įsijungs į kuopa.

Kuopa vasario mėn. 7 d. parapijos salėje ruošia vakarą su šokiais ir programėle. Dalis pelno pramatyta skirti Centru ir parapijai. **L.R.**

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Newly-elected officers: Anthony F. Skirius, president; Leonard Valiukas and Joe Bardar, vice presidents; Helen Nashlenas, secretary; Ann Laulinaitis, treasurer (re-elected); Joe Peters and Peter Bogin, sgts.—at—arms; Milton Stark, correspondent.

Among the various proposals passed during the meeting was Installation Dance and Christmas party, to be held on December 5th. The Knight's annual dance will be held on February 7, 1954, at St. Casimir's parish hall, a portion of the proceeds to go for the support of the national organ — VYTIS.

### ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

#### CHICAGO, ILL.

##### COUNCIL 112

Spalio 3 d. suėjo 29 metai, kai šv. P. M. parapijoje įsisteigė Lietuvos Vyčių 112 kuopa. Pirmutinis kuopos susirinkimas įvyko šv. Kazimiero Vieniūno mokykloje. Susirinkimą vedė studentas Viktoras Balanda. Susirinkime dalyvavo šie nariai: kun. dr. K. Reklaitis, Emilija Deksnitė, Juozapina Deksnitė, Ona Bakaitis, Elena Stradomskaitė, Harriet Stradomskaitė, Juozas Pentis, Pranas Sedemka, Juozas Martišius ir Liudvika Tirminaitė.

Per tuos 29 metus kuopos vyčiai drąsiai ir ištikimai laikėsi savo užsibrėžto tikslo dirbti Dievui ir Tėvynei. Pirmaisiais kuopos gyvavimo metais uolūs kuopų steigėjai buvo a. a. kun. Aleksandras Baltutis, a. a. Vincentas Jonaitis, a. a. Juozas Mickeliūnas, Pranas Čižauskas, Donna Gustaitis, Bronė Vaitkus, Marijona Svenciskas, J. Grish.

Per ištisus 29 metus Lietuvos Vyčių 112 kuopa ruošė lietuvišką jaunimą kovai prieš nutautėjimą ir subedievėjimą. Sunki paskirtis, bet mūsų vadai visuomet turėjo tą lietuvišką ugnį, kuri giliai degė jų krūtinėse.

Gražius kuopos darbo rezultatus galima rasti visose gyvenimo srityse. Nepaisant kasdieninių darbų, vyčiai randa laiko dalyvauti kuopos ir Čikagos lietuvių veikime. Šios kuopos nariai nuo pirmutinio susirinkimo buvo nusistatę supažindinti mūsų jaunimą su savo tėvų kraštu, dainomis, papročiais, kalba.

Atjausdama ir suprasdama sunkią lietuvių tautos padėtį, 1949 m. kuopa išrinko Sylviją Rackutę, Barborą Motiejus, Antaną Lubertą ir Joną Stoškų rūpintis ir veikti Lietuvos reikalais. Kas mėnesį kuopa siųsdavo pabėgėliams studentams maisto siuntinius. Reikšdama Amerikos spaudai dėkingumą už jos dėmesį Lietuvos klausimui, kuopa rašo jiems padėkos laiškus.

Kuopos veiklos 29 metų apyskaitoj

randame, kad kuopa yra aukojusi parapijos reikalams, L. Vyčių centro reikalams, L. Vyčių Čikagos apskrities reikalams. Davė stipendijas šv. Kazimiero akademijai, Marijos aukštesniajai mokyklai ir parėmė kitus lietuviškus reikalus.

Kuopos nariai buvo centro valdybos ir Čikagos apskrities valdybos nariais.

Kuopai priklausė šie dvasiškiai: a. a. kun. Aleksandras Baltutis, kleb. kun. J. Paškauskas, prel. B. Urba, kun. S. Valuckas, kun. Makaras, a. a. kun. L. Lapelis, kun. P. Činikas, M.I.C., kun. S. Petrauskas, kun. Vladas Urba, kun. A. Valančius, kun. Katauskas, kun. A. Zakarauskas ir kun. P. Lukošius.

Kuopos veteranai yra: Jonas Juozaitis, Ona Juozaitis, Jonas Vilkišius, Agnes (Šaučiūnas) Jocius ir didž. gerb. kan. J. Paškauskas.

Kuopa dėkoja dvasios vadui kleb. kan. J. Paškauskui, kurio paraginimų ir pagalbos dėka kuopa galėjo gražiai veikti, augti narių skaičiumi ir sulaukti šio minėjimo.

1953 m. spalio 4 d. nariai dalyvavo susikaupimo metinėse, melddamiesi už mirusius kuopos narius ir žuvusius karius. Marijos Aukštesn. mokyklos kapelionas kun. Jonas Malinauskas atlaikė pamaldas ir pasakė pamokslėlius šv. šeimos Vilos koplyčioje, Orland Park, Ill. 1953 m. spalio 16 d. kuopa turėjo 29 metų jubiliejinę pramogą-vakarienę su šokiais Midlothian Country Club; Midlothian, Ill. Garbės svečias buvo teisėjas Jonas T. Zuris ir jo žmona Elena, abu Vyčių organizacijos nariai ir duosnūs mūsų kuopos rėmėjai. Uolus kuopos pirmininkas Antanas Lubertas ir valdybos nariai daug dirba šios kuopos ir organizacijos labui.

Šiais metais kuopos valdybos nariais yra: kan. J. Paškauskas, dvasios vadas; Antanas Lubertas, pirmininkas; Gaudentas Gudas, vicepirmininkas; Dolores Kuksta ir Eugenija Krueger, raštininkės; Jonas Stoškus, finansų raštininkas; Gloria Cibulskis ir Carol Masiliunas, kasos globėjos; Jonas Po-

cius ir Julius Kazunas, maršalkos; Irena Masiliunas, Lietuviybės Reikalų komisijos vedėja.

Kuopa turėjo gerų, darbščių pirmininkų, kaip pavyzdžiui: Jonas Juozaitis, J. Vilkišius, Andriejus Yuknis, A. Leberis, D. Jocius, J. Pocius, J. Stoškus ir dabartinis pirmininkas, baigęs antrus pirmininkavimo metus, Antanas Lubertas ir kiti.

Vyčių organizacija yra stipri lietuvių jaunimo organizacija. Mes šio jubiliejaus proga raginame lietuvių jaunimą stoti mūsų kuopų eilėms.

**Jonas A. Stoškus**

#### CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 36

**Christmas greetings to one and all from Council 36.**

Our birthday socials are proving to be a great success. At our November meeting our President, Vyt Gestautis, was pleasantly surprised. For some reason he didn't think we would remember his birthday. Too bad we didn't have a party hat for him!

Our bowling teams have finally been organized and everyone is meeting on Sundays to determine the victors. Revision of our girls' team is as follows: Boo Paukštis, Phil Rekasius, Peggy Zakaras, Bunny Miller, Irene Sankus and substitute, Scotty Zukas. Our men's team: Jim Valancius, Peter Zanzitis, Al Petrulis, Stasys Radzionis, Ted Mikus and substitute, Al Pratt.

Our bowling team traveled to Gary, Indiana a few weeks ago and we all had a wonderful time. After bowling, C-82 played host. They were most hospitable.

Although the membership drive is over, C-36 is still going strong. Many new members have joined in recent months, including five members during the November meeting. Welcome to all of them!

Coming social events! A sleigh ride sometime in the month of December or January. A Valentine Dance on Saturday, February 13th. And a bingo party in the month of March.

With the coming of the Christmas Holidays, C-36 members are looking forward to many events, social and spiritual. Among them will be a Christmas party, which will be sponsored by the Illinois-Indiana District. We hope all of our members will support the affair and make it a tremendous success.

\$64 Question! Is the newest twosome of our council Helen B. and Zeke M.?

**Red-Wing**

#### NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

AMSTERDAM N. Y.

COUNCIL 100

October 5th found the K. of L's gathered for their regular meeting at the school hall. Helen Gustas, president, called on Gene Gobis to report on the annual Halloween Masquerade dance to be held at the A. L. C. Hall, Halloween night. Other members on the committee were Sophia Gavry, Sophie Olbie, Helen Gustas, Marion Jakaitis and Pauline Urban.

Our council had the honor and the pleasure of having the Rev. Dr. Matthew Cyvas, who is associated with the Matrimonial Tribunal in Albany, as guest speaker. Father Baltch introduced him to the members. Father Cyvas gave a most interesting and enlightening talk on the many problems of marriage. He advised the members to read, "It Takes Three To Get Married" by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. Also an open forum was held, where all K. of L's had the opportunity to ask questions on matters pertaining to Matrimony.

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Our next meeting was held November 2. Plans were set in motion for our Christmas party. Father Baltch spoke on the virtue of Patience. It is through humility that one can acquire patience. He then gave a short resume on the life of the author, Jonas Biliūnas.

At the close of the meeting cookies (Sophie Olbie's) and coffee were served.

#### News Bits

The Halloween dance was most successful. We saw Sophia (Dagmar) Gavry busy dishing out the cider and donuts with Sophie (Hawaiian Hula girl) Olbie at her side. Gene (Pocahontas) Gobis greeted all the guests, while Pauline (the mysterious gypsy) Urban read the crystal ball. Matthew (the Sultan) Kazlauskas and his wife, Nancy, brought along two prize-winners in their party. Eleonore Kindar, the harem girl, received a prize for the female costume. Dr. Andrew Fleck (Matt's son-in-law) wearing the costume of a Viking, received a prize for the best male outfit. Matt's daughter, Gloria, came as a Greek goddess. Then, too, there were the gay Mexicanos, Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar. Edna Gustas brought along her Indian tribe.

Pudging for the event were Carmelo

Constantine, T. Barker, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Balloch.

Other winners were, Mrs. Kazimiera Orodecka for the most original-Blind Justice; Jackie Zeno, as the female impersonator, for the funniest; Senor and Senora Mack Kalonowski as the best couple.

Those who helped to make the dance a success were Carmelo "Mingo" Constantine, Regina Maksym, Sadie Karbus, John Hartvigas, A. C. Stokna, and the John E. Larrabee Company.

Ed and Eleanore Baranauskas were seen at the dance for the first time since the latest addition arrived. It was a boy. They christened him, George.

Connie Zygel was soloist at the wedding of Bucky Bakucionis and Greta Schell. They were married on October 17th. Other members present at the reception were Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis. They toured the West, stopping in Canada, Detroit, Michigan, Grand Canyon, Texas and California. On November 6th they sailed for Hawaii.

**Smile & Sparkle**

ELIZABETH, N. J.

COUNCIL 52

#### Highlights- News

Eleanor Kesolitis, winner last year of Elizabeth Council 52, K. of L. graduation gift at SS. Peter and Paul Grammar School, received a typing certificate for typing thirty words or more a minute at Grover Cleveland Junior High School (Eliz.).

We pause to pay tribute to the memory of the late Ann Staboris who was so untimely and grimly taken from our midst on June 2nd. The impact of her passing left all of us heavy and sorrowful at heart. Ann-Onutė was a personality who was set apart. Words are a poor means to describe the depths of her character, loyalty, self-sacrifice and amiability. Her deeds will always live as memorials to her dedication to give her all that she might be of some help and assistance to others. We lost a true friend in Ann ... a void, an emptiness was created when God called her to Himself. May the Good Lord, whom she served so devotedly all her life, smile on her and receive her into the abode of everlasting happiness. May our Blessed Lady, whom she loved so fondly shower upon her for all Her fullest affection and love. May her soul rest in Peace.

Charles Oskutis, president of Elizabeth Council 52, K. of L. and producer of our council's Minstrel Show „South Sea Island Capers" held last spring, was also General Chairman of the show and dance. Other committee chairmen were: Ann Mitchell, tickets; William Senkus, program booklet; and Joseph Degutis and Daniel Degutis, refreshments.

Mrs. Mary Baranauskas, secretary, employed by the Elizabeth Board of Education, is active welfare member of the Union County Unit for the Mental Retarded Children.

After the Forty-Hours' devotional services, the trustees, ushers and choir members were the guests of Rev. Dr. John A. Starkus, Administrator of St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, at a buffet supper held in our parish hall.

Detective George Wycosky (Vitkauskas), former national vice president of K. of L., has in his possession a delegate's badge dated back in 1925 (convention held in South Boston). The badge is a little worn but he cherishes it very much. Detective Wycosky also was president of our council during 1925.

Fireman Victor V. Grigoza, is a member of Engine Company 8 in the City of Elizabeth Fire Dept.

St. Mary's High School basketball team of Eliz. N. J. recently won third State Catholic Class B title — first county team to score a consecutive State triple. The 1953-54 squad will contain four Sophomores, who stand 6-1 or better and Bill Buza is one of them.

August Lenkus is the Rear Commodore of The Singer Yacht Club, Elizabethport, N. J.

Mrs. Alice C. Zabita, Needle Dept. employee, retired after 33 years with The Singer Mfg. Co. E'port, N. J.

Monica Barcas, a member of Girl Scout Troop 29, attended with other members a matinee performance of the musical, "On Your Toes," at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, N. J.

Raymond Anilonis, an employee of the Bayway refinery, was recipient of \$50 cash award from the East Coast Coin Your Ideas Committee of the Esso Standard Oil Company (N. J.)

Miss Mary Viscaski is business agent of Local 126, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Johnny Allen (Zelinskas), former band leader, is a well known and popular fishing enthusiast. He also conducts a tavern business in Elizabeth.

**Bill Senkus**

## OHIO - MICHIGAN DISTRICT

### DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

Our first Fall social was held on September 18th, with Ann Scott as hostess. She had quite an interesting snack table set up. As usual, Frank Gudelis, our host, had the cooler well filled. There was a good attendance. Hope our future socials will continue to bring out more of our membership.

Thanks to Charles Petkus our juke box has been installed. This will help to make our socials more pleasant.

Fran Petkus was pleasantly surprised by Frank Misakavicius' visit to the home. He is a member of Council 52, Elizabeth. He brought her up to date on the activities back home.

**Vacation.** Joe and Bea Noreikas and family spent theirs at Houghton Lake, Michigan. This was their first vacation in twelve years and Bea really enjoyed it!

John Razauskas is still talking about his trip to Joe Sinkawitz's cherry farm in Michigan. There's nothing like the air there to cure asthma, right John?

Our council wishes Mary and Lucas lots of luck in their new business. Any member needing gifts or novelties for special occasions contact the Lucases.

It's good to hear that Frances Zilinskas' mother, Mrs. Latos, is coming along so well after her operation.

What's this we hear that Joe Noreikas had his brain operated on? At the last monthly meeting Helen Vaitkus was formally entered into the council books as member. Welcome to the fold, Helen.

As a means for raising funds for the district treasury the council members are being asked to sell Christmas cards. Let's go members and make this venture successful!

#### **Birthday Greetings to:**

Mary Lukas (October 23); Eleanor Mantz (October 26); Joe Noreikas (October 30); Anadell Miller (Oct. 28); Polly Pietrzak (November 2); Ted Sluzas (November 29); and Ada Sinkwitz (November 27).

Belated Anniversary wishes to Joe and Bea Noreikas who celebrated their fourteenth on September 4th; John and Ann Scott — November 6th and Kay and Stan Sluzas who celebrated theirs on October 18th.

With the football season in full swing Stan and Helen Vaitkus took a trip to Columbus, Ohio to see Ohio State University play Michigan State. Much to their regret Ohio State lost. Fran, Mike, and Charlie Petkus took a trip to Detroit to see a pro game. While there, they stopped to see Bob Boris. His mother cooked a delicious meal for them. They also called Frank Peterson up to set plans on selling Christmas cards for the district. Got to talk to Anna Mae Uznis, too. Hope your operation proved a success, Ann!

Pat Zilinskas spent her vacation in Miami Beach, Florida. When she got back she made some of us look quite pale near her tan!

Best news in a long time was the return of Kitty Prasmantas' husband. He had been stationed with the Army in Germany for fourteen months. There is one happy family now that it is united again.

Activities coming up will be our regular monthly social that falls on the third Friday of each month. Also a Christmas and New Year's Eve Party. Fran and Charlie Vangas have again invited the council to hold the New Year's Eve party at their home. (C. Petkus bring your own pots this year.)

At the last monthly social, we had a very good attendance. One thing is for sure Mary Lucas and Fran Petkus just can't beat Ada Sinkwitz and Mary Ann Ambrose in Canasta! What's this we hear Dorothy Miller couldn't remember what was wild at times in poker, how come? Eleanor Sluzas was in charge of the November social!

**The Petkus**

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

#### **New Spiritual Adviser**

The welcome mat was laid for Rev. Albin Jankauskas who began his duties as our new spiritual director at the September meeting. Father Jankauskas, who is a native of Worcester, was previously stationed in Otter River. Many of our members had the pleasure of meeting Father at a K. of L. weenie - roast in Gardner last year. Our spiritual adviser brings with him a healthy enthusiasm which already threatens to be contagious.

#### **More Members**

A cordial welcome is extended to Mary Piragis, Stanley Yuksta, Bronislaw Kukauskas, Joe Watkewich who has just recently returned home from Korea and Robert Posk, ex-serviceman.



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## N. E. District Convention

The New England District Convention which was held in Hartford, Conn., was well attended by members of C - 10. Our official delegates were Lenard Davidonis, Nellie Melaika, Rita Besseck and Stanley Sargut. They were accompanied by Mary Gauronsky, Mary Ann Rodski, Ann Norgard, Dot Gulezian, Charlie Pinigis, Bill Wisnauskas and Gediminas Penny.

## Parties

On October 4th a spaghetti party was held at Queen Lake at the summer camp of Mary Gauronsky. Music was provided by Rita Besseckis phonograph. The favorite game of the evening seemed to be "Hearts." We wonder what strange attraction Mary Ann Rodski had for the Queen of Spades?

The get-together at Frank's camp after the October meeting was the gayest party we have had in a long time. Bob Posk and Marie Sienkewch, pianists, really gave Frank's piano a workout while the rest of us capitalized on their talents to enjoy dancing and group singing. Once again we would like to thank Frank Anoris for his generous hospitality.

Our Halloween Party was held at the Lithuanian Picnic Grounds in Gardner, Mass. The strange "characters" that appeared at the party bore absolutely no resemblance to the members of Council 10. Pirates and long-nosed detectives danced with ladies dressed in the most outlandish styles. Congratulations to John Talakowski who was the first to brave the icy depths of a tubful of water. He was rewarded with a rosy apple which he had retrieved from the bottom of the tub. Doughnuts dangled temptingly from a string but the girls discovered they were not easy to

obtain when they had to get one by jabbing a straw through the hole with their hands behind their backs. Nellie Melaika was one successful lady. Was there ever a doughnut so delicious, Nellie? One would hate to encounter Charlie Pinigis in the dark after watching him flaying his way to victory in the Swat game. Poor Frank Anoris proved that his old factory senses were not too keen and was duly punished for this lack of talent. The weirdest part of the evening was when the group sat in a circle in the pitch darkness while Mary Ann Rodski told a spine-tingling ghost story and passed around slimy, slithery props to add to the horror of her tale. Once again the Virginia Reel proved its popularity. With Charlie doing the calling even those who had never done this dance before were soon skipping and reeling quite expertly. The committee deserves a hearty vote of thanks for the fine work they did. Congratulations Mary Ann Rodski, Barbara Milosh, Bill Wisnauskas, Stanley Sargut and Brownie.

## November Social

Under the leadership of Frank Anoris, the meeting adjourned to the Vikings Hall. Here the group quickly took advantage of the facilities available to play ping-pong and pool. The juke-box consumed an enormous amount of nickles until Bob Posk came to the rescue by playing the piano for group singing. Bill Wisnauskas had the group wracking their brains all evening over a riddle involving cannibals and missionaries. Refreshments were served by Mary Gauronsky.

## On the Go

Seen at the dance in Lawrence were Stanley Sargut and Bill Wisnauskas. The Harvest Dance in Worcester was visited by a number of Atholites.

The change of scenary in the hall at Maironis Park was enjoyed by all. We were happy to see Bob Zinkus back in the bandstand after his stretch in the service.

## Children's Christmas Party

Plans are already made for the Children's Christmas Party which the local K. of L. gives to the parish children each year. A committee of four: Lennie Davidonis, Bob Posk, Barbara Milosh and Dot Gulezian traveled to Fitchburg in order to purchase toys for the children.

## Winter Carnival

Plans are being made for the Athol Winter Carnival which will be held again this year at Tully Brook Inn. The date is January 24. We have a solemn promise from the weatherman that there will be snow this year. However, an active program will be planned whether there is snow or not. EVERYONE is welcome!

The Muse.

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## K. of L. CALENDAR

- JANUARY 16 — Brockton, Mass. (1)  
"Snowflake Ball," Walkover Club, Brockton.
- JANUARY 24 — Athol, Mass. (10)  
WINTER CARNIVAL, Tully Brook Inn, Tully, Mass.
- FEBRUARY 7 — Los Angeles, Calif. (133)  
ANNUAL DANCE, St. Casimir's parish hall. A portion of the proceeds to go for the support of the national organ, VYTIS.
- FEBRUARY 13 — Chicago, Ill. (36)  
Valentine Dance.
- MARCH 4 — St. Casimir's Day.  
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