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## Šventojo Lietuvio Keliu

K. Mockus

Kasmet kovo 4 d. ne tik mes, bet ir visas katalikų pasaulis mini Šventojo Kazimiero šventę. Tos šventės proga atsimenamas jo asmuo ir jo sektinos dorybės, galinčios būti puikiu pavyzdžiu kiekvienam iš mūsų. Visai suprantama, kad mes lietuviai taja švente daugiau domimės, nes tai šventė vienintelio mūsų tautos žmogaus, kurį oficialiai Katalikų Bažnyčia paskelbė šventu. Nereikia daug aiškinti, jog šventų žmonių mūsų tautoj yra buvę labai daug, jų yra dabar ir bus ateity. Šiandieninė Lietuvos tragedija yra pareikalavusi nesuskaitomo skaičiaus kankinių už Dievo ir Tėvynės idealus. Neabejojame, kad nutilus audroms ir gyvenimui grįžus į žmoniškumo vėžes, išryškės daugybė naujų šventųjų, kuriuos ir Bažnyčia tokiomis paskelbs. Betgi tuo tarpu siekdami pavyzdžio asmens šventumui pabrėžti, visada sustojame ties tuo jaunu šventuoju, kuris gimė lietuviškos kilmės Lietuvos ir Lenkijos valdovų šeimoj ir kuriam buvo skirta pačiam tapti valdovu. Atsisakęs siekti žemiškosios valdžios, paaukojęs savo neilgą gyvenimą Dievo



Klišė — "Žvaigždės"

Šv. Kazimieras

tarnybai, šis jaunas karalaitis tapo neribotiems amžiams jaunųjų širdžių dvasios stiprintoju ypač toj tautoj, iš kurios jis pats buvo kilęs.

### Šventojo vardo klausimas

Šventasis Kazimieras gavo savo vardą iš tėvo Kazimiero, kuris buvo Jogailos sūnus, didysis Lietuvos kunigaikštis ir Lenkijos karalius. Taigi, kaip teisingai pastebi prof. Z. Ivinskis, jo senelis Jogaila, didysis Lietuvos kunigaikštis, o paskui ir Lenkijos karalius, pirmąją savo amžiaus pusę dar buvo praleidęs pagonimi, o jo prosenelis Algirdas dar ir mirė pagonimi. Tačiau žinome, kad jau pats Jogaila, nors pasikrikštijo jau gerokai suaugęs, buvo tapęs labai pamaldžiu Kristaus sekėju ir tą pamaldumą perdavė savo įpėdiniams. Tokiu būdu jau jo sūnaus šeimoj galėjo kilti asmuo, suspindėjęs nuostabiomis šventumo dorybėmis. Kazimiero vardas yra pas mus atėjęs iš lenkų. Ar savo kilme tas vardas yra lenkiškas, ar atėjęs dar iš kurios kitos tau-



tos, čia nesiimsime aiškinti, tik pabrėšime, kad jis niekuo nesiriša su prancūzų kilmės vardu Charles. Senesnieji mūsų ateiviai kaž kodėl kiekvienam savo vardui ieškojo angliškojo atitikmens. Taip daryti buvo klaida, bet toji klaida mūsų vyr. kartos šiame krašte daryta visuotinai ir dažnai net dabar tebedaroma. Kitos tautos savo atsivežtus vardus įjungė į šio krašto vardyną, savotiškai juos prigydė ir padarė bendrais visai naujai amerikiečių tautai. Šita prasme labai daug yra nuveikę airiai, italai, škotai ir kitos ne germanų kilmės tautos. Tat ir mums nėra ir negali būti jokio išrokavimo savo senos ir garbingos tautos tuo tarpu vienintelio šventojo vardą mainyti į kokį tai prancūzišką. Šitos klaidos nedarė Bažnyčios autoritetai. Katalikų Bažnyčioj šiame krašte šis šventasis prigijo kaip St. Casimir. Toks vardo išvertimas gal ir yra tikslus. Tokiu vardu švenčiama kovo 4 d. šventė šio krašto katalikų, tokiu vardu veikia lietuvių seselių kongregacija ir kelios kitos įstaigos. Tas vardas nėra nežinomas šiame krašte ir duotųsi nesunkiai ištariamai ir nemažiau būtų patogus trumpinti, jei kas to norėtų. Tačiau turi likti tikroji vardo šaknis. Juk ir lietuvių kalboj ši vardą esame susitrupinkę į Kazį ir mums jis yra tapęs visai savu. Kiekvienu atveju palengva turime atprasti nuo Charles, (kurį lietuviškai išvertus negalima kitaip vadinti, kaip Karoliu), maišymo su Kazimieru. Jaunoji karta auganti šiame krašte, gali tai padaryti. Turime nevengti to vardo ir jo vardu vaikus krikštyti. Perdaug jau airiškai mūsų jaunosios kartos vaikai čia krikštijami. Tat šalia eilės savo tautinių vardų neužmirškime ir Kazimiero, kai krikštyjame vaikus. Nesibijokime, jeigu lenkai Kazimierą laiko savu. Jis buvo jų lietuvių kaarliaus sūnus, todėl jiems taip pat artimas. Šiaip jau juk kiekviena tauta nori, kad jos įžymybės būtų gerbiamos ne tik pas save, bet ir pas kitas tautas. Užtat nepavydėkime lenkams, tik progai pasitaikius atsikirkime jiems, kai be jokio pagrindo norima šiam Jogailaičiui prikergti lenkišką kilmę, nes ištikrųjų jis visai neturėjo lenkiško kraujo.

### Isidėmėtinis šventojo dorybės

Didieji idealai ir didžiosios dorybės nesikeičia ir nenyksta. Užtat ir mums yra ir turi būti artimos tos dorybės, kuriomis degė jauno karaliaus širdis jau maždaug prieš penkeris šimtus metų. Per tą laiką daug kas pasikeitė, nugriuvo daugelio karalių sostai, susikūrė kitokia tvarka, tačiau žmogus liko žmogumi su ta pačia prigimtimi ir gal net su daugiau palinkimų į silpnybes, kaip yra buvę anais laikais. Pats Kristaus mokslas, žmonijai šviečias

jau apie porą tūkstančių metų, daug kur moderniajame gyvenime nebeužima tokios vietos, kokią ištikrųjų turėtų užimti. Ir tai atsitinka daugiausia todėl, kad žmonių masė, išaugusi keleriopai gausesnė, negu ji buvo ano karaliaus metu, perdaug jau masiškai ir jaučiasi, permaža yra palinkimo į asmens pasireiškimą, į asmeninės tobūybės siekimą. Mašinų amžiuje žmogus dažnai pats jaučiasi paprastu mašinos rateliu ir taip beriedėdamas beprasmingai praleidžia gyvenimą. Teisingai garsusis kalbėtojas Vysk. Sheen pabrėžia, kad ir šiais laikais niekas neabejoja, kad kiekvienam daiktui turi būti tikslas, kad niekas nieko be tikslo nedarė, tačiau kaž-kaip norima nustumti pagrindinį klausimą, kad ir pats žmogaus gyvenimas turi turėti tikslą ir tai aukštesnį nei kokio daikto ar gyvulio tikslas. Šventųjų pavyzdžiai mums primena, kad vyriausias tikslas yra siekimas asmeninio šventumo. Ta prasme mūsų šventasis Kazimieras yra puikus pavyzdys. Tais laikais, kai karalių sostai buvo tokie reikšmingi, kai jo paties tėvai siekė užtikrinti jam Vengrijos ar kito kokio krašto karaliaus sostą, jis atsisakė bet kokios žemiškos valdžios ir skyrė savo neilgą gyvenimą asmeninio šventumo siekimui, kuo artesnio bendravimo su Dievu. Štai to artesnio bendravimo su Dievu kaip tik ir labai pasigendama dabarties masės žmogaus gyvenime ir už tat yra reikalas atsikreipti į didžius pavyzdžius ir jais pasekti.

Šv. Kazimieras atsižadėjo ne tik valdžios. Jis atsižadėjo turtų, atsižadėjo vedybinio gyvenimo, liko skaitus. Tos dorybės amžių bėgyje visada buvo ir tebėra labai svarbios. Mums šio krašto aplinkybėse begyvenant kaip tik yra ypatingas reikalas kreipti labai didelį dėmesį į tas dvi dorybes, kurios taip ryškios vienintelio lietuvių šventojo asmenyje. Turtas greitai gali pagadinti atskirą žmogų, o per jį ir ištisas tautas. Gyvename turtingiausioj pasaulio šaly ir mūsų pareiga rūpintis, kad turtas nepavergtų ne tik mūsų, bet ir visų šio krašto žmonių dvasios, nes šiam kraštui yra lemta šiuo metu vadovauti laisvajam pasauliui ir užtat labai svarbu, kad jame vyrų deramas kilnumas.

Jauno žmogaus gyvenime svarbią vietą užima lyčių santykiai, seksualinis klausimas. Žinome gerai, kad jei reikiamai tie dalykai nesutvarkomi, dažnas jaunuolis suklumpa pačioje jaunystėje, patenka į sunkiai beatitaisomas nelaimes ir tuo pačiu tampa mažiau naudinga tautos nariu bei valstybės piliečiu. Tegul Šv. Kazimieras vis labiau tampa mūsų jaunuomenei gražiu pavyzdžiu ir toj srity, tegul jo pavyzdys būna keliamas ir kitų tautų jaunuomenės tarpe.

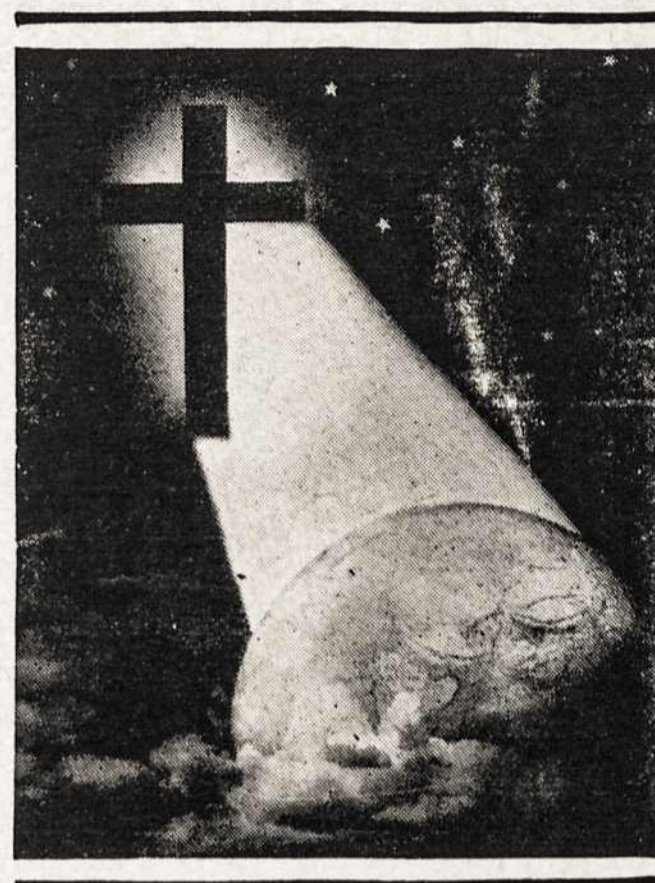
Tai mūsų jaunimo keliai.



Rev. Albert J. Contons

## PETER STILL LIVES

"How many divisions does the Pope have?" This was Stalin's way of showing his contempt for the power of the Pope of Rome. Stalin, the Man of Steel, had been asked to allow Pius XII a voice in peace plans during World War II. But the Man of Steel spoke only the language of steel. He could understand only the power of physical force, not the power of the spirit.



### Visitor to Rome

Yet the visitor to Rome is impressed by the spiritual power of the Holy Father. One of the greatest thrills is the life of a Catholic is to see and hear the Vicar of Christ. Who can ever forget the towering dome of St. Peter's Basilica, the massive colonnades which stretch out from both sides of the basilica like two arms ready to encircle the whole world in a loving embrace. This is what literally happens when hundreds of thousands of faithful flock to the great square to hear the Supreme Pontiff address them from the balcony of the Mother Church of Christendom. But these are just a prelude to the grandeur inside: its breathtaking size, the gracefulness and power of the mosaics and statues, the monuments of Popes who long since ruled in the Chair of St. Peter. The knowledge that in the vaults below the Basilica are buried the mortal remains of many holy Pontiffs going as far back as Peter himself, fills the visitor with a feeling of awe and reverence for this holy place. Thousands of pilgrims from all over the world stand in hushed suspense as they await the coming of the "white father".

### Seeing the Pope

At last the tingle of excitement wells up into a roar, "Viva il Papa", "Long live the Pope". The Supreme Pontiff makes his solemn entrance carried in his Sedia Gestatoria and surrounded by a flock of red and black robed officials. Those close to the aisle strain to touch with their fingers the outstretched hand of the Pope. Fathers raise their children the better to see the saintly man who holds the spiritual allegiance of 400 million Catho-

lics the world over. The Holy Father bends over to caress a child's hair or stroke its cheek and give the child his blessing. Priests, sisters, lay pilgrims, all are intent on every movement of the Holy Father. They study his features and are impressed by his ascetic appearance. His kindly smile bespeaks a love for all his spiritual children. The sharp and penetrating eyes reveal a keen mind, quick in perception and deep in understanding. Finally the Pope leaves the Sedia Gestatoria and sprightly ascends the steps leading to a throne placed in the center of the Basilica.

### Hearing the Pope

The pilgrim, impressed by all that he has seen, is now even more impressed by what he hears. Over the loudspeakers, in a firm and vigorous voice which belies the frail frame of the Pontiff, resonant Italian words roll out in greeting to the thousands of Italian speaking visitors. The Pope adds a few words of blessing to all those close and dear to them, and blesses all the religious goods brought for the purpose. Then the Pope addresses a few words of special blessing to a group of transport workers from Naples, to the children of a nearby orphanage who have come with their teachers to visit the Pope, to the members of a Catholic action group from Milan. The Holy Father pauses as a choir of school children, directed by a priest, proudly sing a few hymns for the Holy Father. When they finish the hymns, the choir director leads the children in a few spontaneous cheers (which they have carefully rehearsed before the arrival of the Pope): "Viva il Papa, Viva il Papa."



The Pope resumes his address. This time it is in French, then in German, in English, in Spanish and in Portuguese. For in the Basilica are gathered together Catholics from every continent of the world, and practically every country. They have come to see and hear their Holy Father, the Visible Head of Christ's Church.

### Peter: A Promise Fulfilled

Pope Pius XII can trace his succession to the Papal throne through an unbroken line of 260 Supreme Pontiffs of the Church to the very first Pope, St. Peter. Peter in turn was given supreme authority over the Church by its Invisible Head, Jesus Christ.

It was a year before he died that Christ promised primacy in His Church to Peter. Near the town of Caesarea Philippi Jesus asked his disciples, "What do men say of the Son of Man? Who do they think he is?" His disciples replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elias, others again, Jeremy or one of the prophets." But now Jesus wanted to test their faith. Would they be as slow to believe in His divinity as others who had heard His preaching and been witnesses to His miracles. "And what of you? Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter spoke out, "Thou art the Christ, the living God." New Jesus made the great promise to Simon, "Blessed art thou, Simon son of Jona; it is not flesh and blood, it is my Father in heaven that has revealed this to thee. And I tell thee this in my turn, that thou art Peter, and it is upon this rock that I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Jesus gave Simon a new name, a name by which no one had ever been called, "Peter." Peter means "Rock." In other words, Jesus told Simon, "Thou art a 'Rock', and upon this 'Rock' I will build my church."

This promise of authority was not fulfilled until Jesus arose from the dead. Christ appeared to the Apostles on the shores of Lake Genesareth. Referring to the triple denial of Jesus by Peter Holy Thursday night, Christ asked Peter three times, "Simon, son of John, dost thou love Me more than these do? Peter, embarrassed by this reference to the denial, protested his love, "Yes, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee." Christ commanded him, "Feed my lambs"; "Feed my sheep." Peter accepted the command of Jesus and spent himself in labors for the Church of which he was the Leader. At last he died a martyr's death at the hands of the mad emperor Nero in Rome, 67 A. D. He was nailed to a cross, head down, because he felt unworthy to die in the same position as his Divine Master.

### From Peter to Pius

The men who succeeded Peter as bishops of Rome were indeed men of heroic virtue. Up to the time of Constantine, the Roman emperor who first allowed freedom of worship to the Christians in the year 313 A. D. there had been 32 Popes. Of these actually 30 died as martyrs and the other two ended their lives in exile. In truth, what other dynasty could boast of such a long line of heroic martyrs! During the course of centuries most of the Popes have shown exemplary virtue in their lives. Seventy-nine are canonized saints. Only a handful by the immorality of their private lives proved themselves unworthy of the Chair of Peter. This year another Pope, Pius X, will be added to the roll of canonized saints.

A glowing tribute to the antiquity and glory of the Papacy was paid by the Protestant historian, Lord Macaulay, in the last century when he wrote: "The proudest royal houses are but of yesterday, when compared with the line of supreme Pontiffs. That line we trace back in unbroken series from the Pope who crowned Napoleon in the nineteenth century to the Pope who crowned Pepin in the eighth; and far beyond the time of Pepin the august dynasty extends till it is lost in the twilight of fable. The Republic of Venice is modern when compared with the Papacy; and the Republic of Venice is gone, and the Papacy remains. The Papacy remains not in decay, not a mere antique, but full of life and youthful vigor."

As our beloved Holy Father, Pius XII, celebrates the fifteenth anniversary of his coronation as Supreme Pontiff on March 12, 1939 every K. of L. member should renew his loyalty to him. We have every reason to be proud of the Pope. The Pope is the visible head of our Church; Christ is the invisible Head. Listen to the teaching of the Pope; for his teaching is the teaching of Christ. Obey every command of the Pope; for the Pope is our spiritual leader and commands in the name of Christ. Pray for the Pope; for the Pope is the Father of all and bears the burdens of all. If we love the Holy Father, we shall love the Church. For, "Where Peter is, there is the Church."

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# LIETUVOS VYČIŲ ISTORIJA

Ignas Sakalas

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## 19-ji KUOPA

19-ji kuopa, Baltimore, Md., buvo įsteigta 1914 m. sausio 4 d. Kuopos įsteigimas aprašomas sekančiais (žiūrėk "Draugo" numerį sausio 15 d. 1914 m.):

"Kaikurie moksleiviai ir kiti vaikinai sumanė suorganizuoti Baltimorės jaunimą pagal "Suysivienijimo Lietuvos Vyčių", kuris buvo paskelbtas "Draugo" numeryje, ir paprašė klebono, kad paskelbtų ant 4 dienos sausio susirinkimą bažnytinėje salėje. Klebonas paskelbė bažnyčioje, bet patarė organizuotis tik tai jaunikaičiams, merginos gi turinčios savo draugiją. Nors lietus lijo, bet vis dėlto susirinko 40 vyrų jaunikaičių (apie 6 buvo vedę).

"Pirmiausiai J. Aleksa perskaitė Konstituciją iš "Draugo". Paskui moksleivis J. Vebras paskaitė gražų referatą apie tai, kaip jaunimą dorai palaikyti ir apie kultūrą. Antras kalbėjo stud. J. Bučnis, nurodydamas svetimtaučių susivienijimus.

"Susirinkime susirašė 20 narių. Valdybon išrinkta pirm. J. Bučnis, vicepirm. J. Aleksa, sekret. J. Sakevičius".

Po korespondencija "Draugo" redakcija padėjo tokį priedą:

"Atstumdami mergaites nuo 'Lietuvos Vyčių susivienijimo' mes be reikalo iš pat pradžių silpnintumėm tą jaunuomenės judėjimą. Merginos čia nepriimtos jieškos visuomeninio darbo kitose ir vyčiai negalės išlaikyti rungčių (konkurencijos) su kitomis jaunuomenės organizacijomis. Tai gi be reikalo atstumiamas naudingas darbininkes".

Baigdama priedą redakcija sako:

"Pasitikime, kad Baltimorės jaunuomenė išprašys iš savo klebono, kad nesipriešintų įsteigimui bendros kuopos — vaikinų ir merginų."

Taip ir buvo. Pradėjus įsileisti merginas kuopa ėmė greitai augti, kartu didėjo ir veikimas: buvo ruošiami vakarai, vakariniai lietuvių ir anglų kalbos kursai, paskaitos apie Lietuvą ir įvairiomis kultūrinėmis temomis. Aukomis rėmė ne tik Lietuvos laisvės reikalus (Per Tautos Fondą, Raud. Kryžiaus Rėmėjų D-ją ir k.), bet ir savąją parapiją, Amerikos lietuvių katalikų įstaigas ir katalikiškąją spaudą.

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## 19-ji KUOPA

19-ji kuopa, Pittsburgh, Pa., įsteigta 1947 metais. Pirmąją valdybą sudarė: kun. dr. A. Rakauskas, dvasios vadas, Antanina Naujelis, pirm., Steponas Onaitis, vice-pirm., Josephine Yakštis, sekr., Justina Yakštis, fin. sekr., Edvardas Brazauskas, išd., Jonas Maceika, tvarkdarys.

Kuopa yra surengus apie 30 išvažiavimų - piknikų.

Lietuvos laisvinimui yra paaukojus \$25 ir Balfui \$5, taip pat prisidėjus prie Balfio rinkliavų ir paremus piknikus Vokietijoje pasilikusiems lietuviams sušelpiti. Be to, kuopoj veikia Lietuvos Reikalų Komisija.

Savo parapijai paremti yra sukėlus \$125 ir \$10 paaukojus "Lietuvių Žinioms", kai jos ėjo Pittsburghe.

Organizacijos reikalams yra aukojus per seimus \$20 ir centrai tiesioginiai \$100, organizacijos steigėjui M. Norkūnui per jam suruoštą sukaktuvinį banketą \$25 ir jo paminklo fondui \$5.

1952 metais kuopa narių turėjo sekančiai: be laipsnio 22, pirmojo laipsnio 15, antrojo laipsnio 20, trečiojo laipsnio 3 ir ketvirtojo laipsnio 1. Narių tarpe kuopa turi: kun. Juozą Girdį, adv. Stasį Simon, "librarian" M. Cinikienę, laid. direktorių P. Venslovą, aeronaatikos inžinierių Praną Baltakį, mokytoją Marijoną Bartkus, civilinį inžinierių Ray Bukauską, "research assistant" Ruth Grebliuną, chemiką Wm. Marčiulaitį, "social worker" Jean Walkauską ir klieriką Praną Marčukonį.

1952 m. kuopos valdybą sudarė: kun. J. Girdis, dv. vadas, Pranas Baltakis, pirm., Ray Bukauskas, vice-pirm., M. Onaitienė, sekr., Jean Walkauskas, fin. sekr. ir Ruth Grebliūnas, išd.

Žymesnieji kuopos nariai:

J. Zataveckas, L. Šalteniūtė, V. Stankus, P. Staponkus, J. Žemaitaitis, O. Vasiliauskaitė, muz. J. Čižauskas, solistė M. Čižauskienė, kun. J. Jakaitis, A. K. Losius, M. Šukiūtė, muz. A. Visminas, J. Venclauskas, J. Kaveckas, O. Vasaitė ir k.

## 20-ji KUOPA

20-ji kuopa, Nashua, N. H., įsteigta 1916 metais spalio 15 dieną. Steigiamam susirinkime įsirašė 8 nariai.

Pirmaisiais ir per keletą sekančių metų kuopa pavyzdinčiai veikė: suruošta 9 vakarai parapijos



REV. JOHN D. ZUROMSKIS

# TEEN-AGE TROUBLES

## SPREADING THE WORD

It happened in Boston in a crowded section of the city.

Two teenage boys were involved in a furious street brawl. Suddenly the boy who was getting the worst of it pulled out a knife. Before the horrified gaze of scores of onlookers, he plunged the knife to the hilt into the chest of his adversary.

The victim, only 16 years old, died a short time later.

Shocking, you say. But learn the entire story for an even greater revelation.

A Senate Investigating Committee has disclosed the dismaying fact that since 1948 juvenile delinquency in the United States has increased by 29 per cent. Today, one million children from ages 10 to 17 have had some dealings with police each year. Youth predominates in the criminal age group. We shudder to think what a problem we must face in the years to come if juvenile delinquency continues to increase at its present rate.

What is the story? Sad to say it is a familiar story. It is a saga of parental neglect, broken homes, immorality, adult delinquency, and public apathy — painful proof that our nation is suffering from spiritual starvation. The Senate Investigating Committee revealed, among other things, that few who get into trouble receive any religious training.

What are we to do? Certainly we'll get nowhere fast if we simply shake our heads at the whole

sordid affair and say "what is this generation coming to anyway?" We must face the facts.

Our youngsters are restless. In our unsettled, insecure world, many of our school age children are seething in a swirl of auto thefts, armed robberies, gangster organization, acts of violence, and vandalism, and wild parties in which dope, liquor, and sex are mixed. They stop at no crime — including murder.

The present auxiliary bishop of Chicago, the Most Reverend Bernard J. Sheil, had the answer way back in 1919. At that time, as chaplain of Cook County Jail and in answer to a criminal's query — "where were you before I got into trouble," he organized what is today the National Catholic Youth Organization.

This is an organization dedicated to promote effective leisure time programs, establish Christian habits and attitudes, develop natural talents, and make Saints of Tomorrow from the Youths of Today.

We have an answer, too, in our Knights of Lithuania organization. An answer that stands as a challenge for all K. of L'ers.

For forty years the K. of L. has guided and moulded Lithuanian - American youth. The purpose of the society, to work for God and country, is noble and sublime.

Spiritually and socially, the K. of L. has much to offer Youth in America. The challenge is simply this: What are we doing to attract younger members to the K. of L.! We have much to offer them. Our councils must be vigorous and alive. Efforts should be made to interest Lithuanian - American youth and enlist them as members.

Violence, strife, gang warfare, and unrest among young Americans can be prevented by giving these young people guidance and a program for leisure - time activity. The K. of L. has everything to help them.

The question is this: Are we K. of L'ers doing anything to make our organization appeal to the youth and thus bring our restless young people under the protecting influence of our own magnificent organization?

Every K. of L. council has the answer, and the challenge.

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naudai, 4 savybės vakarai, 4 vakarienės, 12 prakalbų ir 15 pasilinksminimo pramogų — šokių.

1918 metais kuopa buvo įsteigus knygyną, vakarinius kursus ir suorganizavus chorą, kuris buvo kolonijos pažiba.

Kuopos iniciatyva taip pat įsteigtas Tautos Fondo skyrius, kuris surinko \$1,015.50 aukų. Lietuvos Paskolos bonų kuopos nariai buvo išpirkę už \$1,150.

1922 metais kuopa turėjo 34 narius.

Tolimesniam kuopos gyvavimui labai pakenkė buvęs mieste nedarbas ir streikai. Daugelis narių išvažinėjo į kitus miestus. Kuopą gyva palaikė tik tai kun. P. Daniūnas. Jam išvažiavus iš kolonijos, mirė ir kuopa.

Iš žymesniųjų kuopos veikėjų pažymėtini: L. Nadzeika, O. Bugailiūtė, J. Bugaila, žuvęs Pirmam pasauliniam kare, A. Simonaitė ir k.



# GAVĖNIOS DVASIA

Alfa Sušinskas

## 1. Gyvieji pelenai

Gavėnia yra beveik 7 savaitių laikotarpis prieš Velykas. Ji prasideda Pelenų Trečiadieniu, per kurį bažnyčios specialiomis apeigomis yra šventinami pelenai. Žmonės pelenų šventinimą mėgsta ir tą dieną gausiai susirenka į bažnyčias, kad kunigas užbertų jiems ant galvų žiupsnelį pelenų.

Kunigas, beberdamas pelenus ant žmonių galvų, sako:

— Atsimink, žmogau, jog dulkę esi ir į dulkę pavirsi!

Pelenai ir šie reikšmingi, gilios prasmės kunigo žodžiai primena kiekvienam žmogui sunykimą ir pasikeitimą. Juk kas sudega, to nebėra, tas pasikeičia į kitokią medžiagos formą — į pelenus. Žmonių kalboje pelenai reiškia mirtį bei visko pabaigą.

Tačiau religinėje kalboje, tikėjimo dvasioje, pelenai jau reiškia naują, dvasinę gyvybę, naujo, dvasinio gyvenimo pradžia; dvasios apvalymą, dvasinį apskaidrinimą. Tikėjimo akimis žiūrint, pelenai yra ne mirties ir ne sunykimo ženklas, bet naujos dvasinės gyvybės pradžia. Dėl to ir galime kalbėti apie gyvuosius pelenus...

Dvasinis žmogaus gyvenimas yra daug kuo panašus į fizinį, kūninį gyvenimą. Kaip fiziniame gyvenime dažnai atsiranda nereikalingų daiktų, kuriuos reikia pašalinti, sunaikinti, net sudeginti, taip ir dvasiniame žmogaus gyvenime atsiranda daug kenksmingų įpročių, kuriuos žmogus turi išrauti iš savęs, kuriuos ji turi sunaikinti, sudeginti dvasine ugnimi...

## 2. Malda, pasninkas, geri darbai...

Gavėnia žmogaus kataliko gyvenime yra reikšmingas ir svarbus laikas, jei jis nori gyventi ir jei jis iš tikrųjų gyvena tikrą katalikišką, dvasinį gyvenimą. Gavėnia yra naudingai ir reikšmingai praleidžiama tada, kada ji praeidama palieka žmoguje savo pėdsakus, kada žmogus iš gavėnios išeina bent kuo nors kitoks, kuo nors geresnis...

Gavėnia ruošia žmogų tinkamai sutikti Kristaus Prisikėlimo minėjimą; gavėnia yra maldos, pasninko ir gerų darbų metas.

Nors truputį daugiau maldos gavėnioje, negu šiaip kitu metu; nors kiek daugiau širdies ir lūpų maldos, nors šiek tiek daugiau susimąstymo, meditacijos apie Dievą, apie savo artimą ir apie patį save gavėnioje... Kas per gavėnią maža ar ir visai nesimeldžia, tas ją prastai, arba net ir blogai, be

jokios naudos sau praleidžia. Gavėnia yra ypatingas maldos metas.

Šalia maldos gavėnioje ir pasninkas stovi. Ir jis yra viena iš svarbiųjų gavėnios žymių. Pasninko esmė nėra tai, ką mes valgome, ar ko nevalgome. Tikrai suprantamas pasninkas reiškia savo valios palenkimą Bažnyčios valiai ir atsisakymą, atsižadėjimą nuo ko nors sau malonaus. Šitaip suprantamas pasninkas labai stiprina dvasinį žmogaus gyvenimą. Mūsų laikų žmonės, turėdami visokius moderniškus patogumus, yra labai išlepti ir egoistiški. Dėl to mūsų laikų žmonėms pasninkas yra labai reikalingas: juo jie sustiprina savo dvasinį gyvenimą.

Ir geri darbai priklauso prie tinkamo gavėnios supratimo ir praleidimo. Gerais darbais mes parodome artimo meilę, kuri yra Dievo meilės išreiškimas ir išdava.

## 3. Cigaretė, alaus bonka, šokoladas...

Atlikti įprastines maldas nėra jau taip sunku; nesunku ir į bažnyčią nuvykti gyvenant nuo jos tik kelių namų atstumu ar ir toliau, bet automobilį turint; nesunku ir mėsos nevalgyti, jei kam gydytojas yra įsakęs jos nevalgyti, ar jei kas iš viso jos nemėgsta... Katalikiškasis pasninkas dabar yra Bažnyčios labai sušvelnintas, ir laikas jo beveik net nebejaučia.

Yra labai naudinga pasirinkti pasninką pačiam ir iš tokių dalykų, kurie yra malonūs, į kuriuos kas yra įpratęs. O tokių dalykų yra tiek daug kiekvieno žmogaus gyvenime!! Pavyzdžiui, imkime rūkymą. Kiekvienas rūkantysis žino, kad rūkymas yra kvailas ir kenksmingas įprotis. Bet jei jau kas yra įpratęs rūkyti, tas į savo rūkymą žiūri kaip į savo rūšies malonumą, nuo kurio jis nenori atsitraukti. Bet tegu rūkantysis ima ir nustoja rūkęs per gavėnią, arba bent per didžiąją savaitę... Tai būtų puikus nerūkymo pasninkas! Kaikas mėgsta alaus bonką ištraukti. Nieko blogo čia nėra. Bet tokiam ta alaus bonka sudaro malonumą. Tegu toks, sakysime, neišgeria nė vienos alaus bonkos per gavėnią, ir turėsime žmogų, kuris parodo gražų susivaldymą, atsižadėjimą tam tikru atžvilgiu. Vėl kitas linkęs į visokius šokoladus, į saldžius daiktus. Tegu ir šitoks susilaiko šokoladą kramtęs, saldaičius čiulpęs per gavėnią. Šitoks taip pat parodys gražų atsižadėjimą ir susivaldymą.

Ak, kiekvienas norėdamas ras tiek ir tiek progų bei dalykų, nuo kurių jis atsisakydamas išreikš savo pasninko dvasią...

Gavėnia yra ne tik didesnės maldos metas, bet ir gražioji religinė proga, kurią žmogus gali panaudoti savo dvasiniam gyvenimui sustiprinti, pasidarydamas geresnis žmogus ir geresnis krikščionis...



# GIMTOJI KALBA

## BŪDVARDIS (ADJECTIVE)

### L. Dambriūnas

Anglų kalboj būdvardžiai labai paprasti. Juos labai lengva vartoti, nes jie neturi galūnių. Lietuvių kalboj yra kitaip. Čia būdvardžiai linksniuojami, taigi keičia galūnes. Sakome: jis yra *geras*, bet ji yra *gera*; jie yra *geri*, bet jos yra *geros*. Turime, vadinasi, jau keturias galūnes, o linksniuodami tą žodį, gaunam daugiau galūnių — *geras, gero, geram... gera, geros, gerai* ir t. t. Anglų kalboj visur čia vartojame vieną nekeičiamą būdvardį *good*: *he is good, she is good, they are good* ir t. t.

Be to, kiti lietuviški būdvardžiai turi galūnes *-as, -a*, bet *-us, -i* arba *-is, -ė*, pvz. *gražus, saldus, graži, saldi* ir *medinis, medinė, žieminis, žieminė*. Tai galūnių skaičių dar labiau padidina.

Būdvardžiai su galūnėmis *-as, -us, -is* (*geras, gražus, medinis*) vartojami kalbant apie vyriškos giminės daiktus (masculine gender), pvz., *geras, gražus, medinis stalas*; būdvardžiai su galūnėmis *-a, -i, -ė* vartojami kalbant apie moteriškos giminės (feminine gender) daiktus, pvz., *gera, graži, medinė kėdė*.

Bet yra dar ir trečios, arba niekatros, giminės būdvardžių (neutral gender). Jų galūnės yra *-a* ir *-u*, pvz. *šalta, šilta, gražu, tamsu, sunku*. Jie vartojami kalbant ne apie daiktus, bet apie stovį (state, condition), pvz. *šiandien labai šalta, vakar buvo šilta*, čia labai *gražu* (today is very cold, yesterday was warm, it is very nice here). Angliškai, kaip matom, vartojama ir čia tas pats būdvardis, kuris neturi atskirų galūnių nei linksniams (cases), nei skaičiams (numbers), nei giminėms (genders).

Be to, lietuvių kalboje yra dar sudėtinių būdvardžių (compound adjectives), sudėtų iš paprasto būdvardžio ir įvardžio (pronoun) *jis* arba *ji*, pvz. *gerasis, geroji, gražusis, gražioji* sudėti iš paprasto būdvardžio *geras+jis, gražus+jis* ir *gera+ji, graži+ji*. Sudėtiniai, kaip matom, šiek tiek pasikeičia, t. y. atrodo truputį kitaip, negu tik paprastai sudėjus abi dalis.

Kada vartojami šie sudėtiniai būdvardžiai? Kada norime kurią daikto ypatybę labiau pabrėžti, išskirti. Dėl to šie būdvardžiai su daiktavardžiais vartojami įvairiuose pavadinimuose, pvz. *Vytautas Didysis* (Vytautas the Great), *Šventoji Dvasia* (the Holy Ghost), *šventasis Jonas krikštytojas* (blessed John the Baptist).

Be to, jie gali būti vartojami ten, kur anglų kalboj vartojami *one* ar *ones*, pvz. *Jonas paėmė didelę*

*knygą, o Marytė mažąją* (John took a large book, and Mary a small one).

Bet tai dar ne viskas, ką apie būdvardžius žinome. Jie dar laipsniuojami, turi laipsnius (degrees). Yra trys laipsniai: nelyginamasis (positive), aukštesnis (comparative) ir aukščiausias (superlative), pvz. *geras, geresnis, geriausias*. Čia turime dvi naujas galūnes: *-esnis* ir *-ausias*.

Panašiai yra ir anglų kalboje. Sakome *rich, richer, richest*. Čia turime galūnes *-er* ir *-est*. Tačiau anglų kalboj ne visi būdvardžiai šitaip laipsniuojami. Angliškai negalima sakyti: *good, gooder, goodest*, bet: *good, better, best*. Taigi čia pasikeičia ne galūnė, bet visas žodis. Panašiai laipsniuojami ir kiti būdvardžiai: *bad, worse, worst, little, less, least* ir kt.

Bet ir tai dar ne viskas. Kiti būdvardžiai laipsniuojami dar kitaip, pvz. *beautiful, more beautiful, most beautiful*. Vadinasi, anglų kalboj yra trys laipsniavimo būdai, o lietuvių kalboj tik vienas. Lietuvių kalboj būdvardžiai visada turi tas pačias galūnes *-esnis* ir *-ausias*. Čia jau lietuvių kalba lengvesnė.

Norint tą aukščiausią laipsnį dar labiau sustiprinti, galima sakyti: *visų geriausias, gerų geriausias* arba *pats geriausias*, pvz. *visų geriausias draugas* — the best of friends.

Kai lyginame du nelygius daiktus, vartojame žodelį *negu*, kuriam anglų kalboj atitinka *than*. Pvz. *Jonas yra aukštesnis negu Petras* — John is taller than Peter. Lietuviškai galima tą patį ir kitaip pasakyti: *Jonas yra aukštesnis už Petrą*.

Kai lyginame lygius daiktus, tai sakome: *Jonas yra toks (pat) aukštas kaip Petras* — John is as tall as Peter. Vadinasi, kur angliškai vartojame *as-as*, lietuviškai sakome *toks - kaip* arba *toks pat kaip*.

Lietuvių kaip ir anglų kalboje būdvardį gali kartais atstoti daiktavardžio kilmininkas (the possessive case of a noun), pvz. *aukso laikrodis, rūtų vainikas, Bostono pirklys* — *gold watch, Boston merchant*. Galima sakyti ir *auksinis laikrodis*, ir *bostoninis* arba *bostoniškis pirklys*, nors dažniausiai sakoma *Bostono pirklys*. Panašiai sakome ir *lietuvių kalba, anglų kalba* (Lithuanian, English language).

Įsidėmėkite keletą posakių su būdvardžiais: *kas naujo?* — *Nieko naujo* (nothing new). *Kas gero?* — *Nieko gero. Daug gero! Viso gero! Viso geriausio!* (Good luck!).



# VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja Ignas Sakalas

*Kongresmonas sendraugių kūmas.* Kongresmanas Charles J. Kersten ir jo žmona buvo krikšto tėvai inž. Antano ir Marijos Rudžių sūnaus, kurį prel. B. Urba pakrikštijo gruodžio 20 d. Krikštynų puotoj tarpe daugelio svečių dalyvavo ir vysk. V Brizgys.

*Nenutraukia narystės.* R. Baliauskas, P. Jusius ir S. Rumšas, gavę kitur darbą, išsikėlė ten ir gyventi, tačiau nenutraukia ryšių su vyčių sendraugių kuopa. Pirmieji du gyvena Kenosha, Wis., o pastarasis — Waukene, Ill. Kuopai suruošus ką nors žymesnio, visi trys atvažiuoja ir dosniai paremia. R. Baliauskas yra didelis lietuviškų liaudies dainų mėgėjas ir kiekvienam sendraugių parengime sudaro chorą liaudies dainoms aidinti.

*Ir sąjungietės pagerbė* K. Petrulienė, kuri su savo vyru neseniai atšventė vedybinio gyvenimo sidabrinį jubiliejų, pagerbė ir Moterų Sąjungos 20-tos kuopos narės, įteikdamos \$25 sidabru. Petrulienė yra veikli ne tik vyčiuose, bet ir Moterų Sąjungoje.

*Sendraugiai daugiausia darbavos.* Vyčių karnavale, suruoštam namo-salės reikalams, daugiausia veikė vyčiai sendraugiai: Stella ir V. Paviai, J. Kerulis, A. ir K. Petruoliai, V. Paukštis, K. Paukštys, J. Juozaitis, Ign. Sakalas. Iš jaunių vyčių — J. Jasulaitis. Šeiminingės taip pat buvo iš sendraugių: T. Norbutienė, E. Motiekaitienė, Petkūnienė ir Klimienė.

Karnavale grynais uždirbta \$500.

*Paskaita ir filmas.* Gruodžio mėnesio susirinkime vyčiai sendraugiai turėjo progos pasiklausti savo nario S. Piežos, Chicagos "Herald-American" religinio skyriaus redaktoriaus, įspūdžių iš kelionės į Romą, kur, kaip minimo laikraščio korespondentas, lydėjo kard. S. Stritch, Chicagos arkivyskupą. Po kalbos parodė įdomų filmą iš misionierių gyvenimo ir veikimo Kinijoje. Pažymėtina, kad pastaroji S. Piežos kelionė į Romą jau buvo trečia.

*Veikia kitose organizacijose.* Juozas Aukštaitis, senosios lietuvių kartos veikėjas, ne tik priklauso sendraugiams ir remia kiekvieną gražų sumanymą, bet taip pat senas Lietuvių R. K. Susivienijimo Amerikoje veikėjas. Jis šįmet išrinktas 163-čios kuopos pirmininku jau septintam terminui. Ši kuopa Marquette Parko kolonijoje yra viena didžiausių Chicagoje.

*Globėjo šventė.* Šv. Kazimiero šventė Chicagoje vyčiai šįmet atšventė vasario 28 d. Iškilmingos pamaldos buvo Šv. P. Ma-

rijos Nekalto Prasidėjimo parapijos bažnyčioje. Po mišių nariai, pakelti į ketvirtąjį laipsnį, davė priesaiką, o vėliau parapijos salėje buvo pusryčiai ir trumpa programa.

Šioj jaunimo šventėj gausiai dalyvavo vyčių sendraugių.

*Minėsime spaudos atgavimo jubiliejų.* Šįmet balandžio mėnesį sueina 50 metų, kai Lietuvoje buvo atgauta laisvė lietuviškai spaudai. Šią lietuvių tautai svarbią sukaktį sendraugiai pastarajame susirinkime nutarė atitinkamai paminėti. Bus suruošta draudžiamosios spaudos paroda, būtent bus išstatytos knygos spausdintos Prūsijoje, iš kur knygnešiai jas gabeno ir skleidė po visą Lietuvą; "graždankos" (maldaknygės ir k. knygos rusiškais raišiais), kurias Muravjovas lietuviams spausdino, o lietuviai jas degindavo; ano laiko laikraščiai, knygos, knygnešių paveikslai, aprašymai ir t.t. Paminėjimas įvyks balandžio 24 ir 25 dienomis (šeštadienį ir sekmadienį) Lietuvos Vyčių salėje. Minėjimui ruošti išrinkta komisija iš dr. A. M. Račkaus, Ign. Sakalo, K. Paukščio, V. Pavio ir S. Pavienės.

*Mirė vienas organizacijos steigėjų.* Sausio 12 d. paskutiniais sakramentais aprūpintas mirė Maksimas Kubilius (Couple). Velionis buvo vienas Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos steigėjų, vienas pirmųjų narių 1-mos kuopos Brocktone, Massachusetts ir pirmutinis vyčių atletas, kėlęs lietuvių vardą kitataučių tarpe. Persikėlęs iš Brocktono į Chicago čia visą laiką gyveno Ciceros lietuvių kolonijoje. Priklausė kartu su savo žmona vyčių 14-tai kuopai ir sendraugiams. Sendraugiai už velionio vėlę užprašė mišias ir nuvykę į šermenis kartu su 14-ja kuopa atkalbėjo dalyje rožančiaus. Palaidotas Šv. Kazimiero kapinėse.

*Serga vyčių garbės narys.* Jonas Brazauskas, vyčių ir kitų organizacijų garbės narys, sunkiai serga. Vyčiams įsigijus nuosavus namus jis ne tik pinigais, bet daug prisidėjo, bet ilgą laiką buvo namo-salės užvaizda. Sendraugių kuopa pastarajame susirinkime užprašė mišias už jo sveikatą.

*Atostogavo Floridoje.* Julė Abračinskaitė, neseniai įsirašius į sendraugių kuopą, buvo išvykus atostogų į Floridą. Nors šiuo metu ji gyvena gerokai toli nuo Chicago lietuvių centro, tačiau nepraleidžia susirinkimų ir įsitraukia į kultūrinį veikimą.

*Atžymėtas sendraugių pirmininkas.* Ignas Sakalas, vyčių sendraugių pirminin-

kas, žymus filatelistas ir Lietuvių Filatelistų Draugijos steigėjas (Chicagoje), neseniai Centrinės Chicago Filatelistų Klubų Federacijos buvo atžymėtas "Historical Award" už Lietuvos vokus, kuriuos jis praeitą metą buvo išstatęs minėtos draugijos suruoštoj pašto ženklų parodoj. Federacija tokius atžymėjimus skiria tikrai už istorinę reikšmę filatelijoje turinčius dalykus.

Ignas Sakalas ne tik turi didelę Lietuvos pašto ženklų kolekciją, bet ir didelį rinkinį Lietuvos vokų. Jei kuriam nariui savo namuose valant popierio dėžes pasitaikytų rasti laiškų iš Lietuvos, prašomas to voko nenumesti, bet pasiūlyti Ign. Sakalui, rašant 2334 So. Oakley Ave., Chicago 8, Ill. Jis tokius vokus perka.

## KVIEČIAME VISUS I TALKA

Vasario 16 Gimnazija jau persikėlė į naujuosius namus ir sausio 13 d. pradėjo ten nuolatinį darbą.

Svetimoje žemėje sava pastogė yra neginčijamai tvirtas pagrindas Gimnazijos ateičiai. Iki šiol Gimnazija buvo kampininkė kitų šeiminingų malonėje. Dabar Vasario 16 Gimnazijos likimas tėra vien mūsų pačių rankose. Ji gyvuos tol, kol laisvojo pasaulio lietuviai jos norės.

Teisybė, tesame dar naujakuriai. Reikia klasėms ir bendrabučiams baldų, baldinių, indų ir kitų daiktų. Dar daug lėšų reikia namams galutinai išpirkti. O toliau, mokinių skaičiui augant, gali tekti dar plėstis. Darbas tik įpusėtas, o juk labai sunkiomis sąlygomis jis buvo ir pradėtas.

Tas Vasario 16 Gimnazijos uždavinys labai didelis ir svarbus, o taip pat artimas kiekvienai gyvai lietuvių širdžiai. Kad iševijoje dar daug tokių širdžių plauka, rodo didelis skaičius Gimnazijos Rėmėjų ir Bičiulių, kurių pasišventimu ir aukomis štai jau ketvirtai metai Vasario 16 Gimnazija išlaikoma. Šiuo metu Gimnazijos įkurinimas nuosavose patalpose reikalingas dar didesnės, kad ir vienkartinės talkos. Kelias į tą lietuviško darbo talką, kaip iki šiol, taip ir toliau, platus ir tiesus. Čia nėra kas mus skirtų, viskas mus tuo tikslu tik jungia. Kiekvienas lietuvis, kiekviena lietuviška organizacija nuoširdžiai į tą talką kviečiami.

Pr. Zundė,

PLB Vokietijos Krašto V-bos

Pirmininkas



# JUNIORS

Robert S. Boris

"The future belongs to those who prepare for it:" someone once said. Little thought is required to convince ourselves of the wisdom expressed by this potent phrase. Many excellent examples of preparation are found along the road of life. For instance, it takes nine months to prepare an infant for birth: twenty - one years of life go into the preparation of a child for adulthood: while the rest of man's life is spent in preparation for eternal life.

In the sphere of organizational function, sad results would be realized if a week, a month or in some cases a year was not spent in preparation for an activity or event. Ask anyone who has headed a committee if this is not true. It would be difficult for anyone to deny, that the better the preparation, the more successful the result, whether it be a party, dance, school exam or a trip. One of the most popular excuses offered when a person fails in an endeavor, is that they "just didn't have time enough to get ready," — to prepare properly. If preparation plays such an important part in our daily lives, it seems logical that preparation is likewise most necessary in organizational life.

We hear many types of comments regarding the quality of the members in the K. of L. today, as well as the status of our organization. Who would deny that the K. of L. in many respects falls short of what we would like it to be? Many have asked, just what can be done to improve the situation. In this article we attempt to explain one practical means, namely, JUNIORS. A JUNIOR COUNCIL could be the best sort of preparation for your council's continued existence: let us describe it as sort of a life insurance. Youngsters in the JUNIOR COUNCIL will be groomed or prepared for eventual membership in the Adult Council, thereby assuring a constant flow of new members, new vigor and strength into the Adult Council. Accordingly, the JUNIOR KNIGHTS will be trained in the ideals and aims of the Knights of Lithuania organization as well as the acceptance of responsibility of leadership, the backbone of any club, an item which seems so badly lacking at the present time. What better means of preparing or insuring a healthy and prosperous K. of L. in the future years, is there, than by establishing a JUNIOR COUNCIL now?

One is immediately faced with a multitude of questions regarding JUNIORS, a few of which we shall now attempt to clarify. The first is where to

get members? It is difficult to attract members after they reached sixteen or eighteen years old, since by then they have formed other affiliations, joined high school clubs and groups and find no time for the K. of L. The solution is simple and plays right along with the idea of a JUNIOR COUNCIL. Nearly, every existing council is established in a Lithuanian parish, which operates a school or Catechism classes for the young parishioners. Here is the best source for prospective members. People, and especially children are "natural joiners", therefore it takes little coaxing to get youngsters to join. Once little Billy joins, it will not be long before the rest of his little friends will be asking for membership. In places where no parish or school exists, start by having all the members make a list of their children, nephews, nieces and cousins. Contact them and you are in business. Large numbers are not necessary, and actually can be undesirable. A group of 10-30 is ideal. Secondly, a little psychology, or someone with "a way with kids," will be the greatest asset to the JUNIOR COUNCIL. Two responsible and capable adult members must be placed in charge to guide, counsel and chaperon the JUNIORS. The necessity of having a spiritual advisor is equally important, usually the pastor or his appointed assistant will take care of this. This team of three is about all that is needed to start a Junior Council. The adults will soon learn that the more the JUNIORS do for themselves the better they will appreciate the club: giving them everything on a silver platter may do more harm than good. The remaining problems are of a local nature and will have to be solved in consideration of the existing conditions.

JUNIOR COUNCILS are not an impossibility, very active and successful councils are now being operated in Boston, Worcester, Bayonne, and Chicago.

The Supreme Council shall endeavor to map out a plan of recommended JUNIOR ACTIVITIES, as soon as possible, which will help to indoctrinate the JUNIORS in the ideals and purposes of the K. of L., but in the meantime, the ground work for the establishing of JUNIORS should begin.

In conjunction with this article, we are printing a TEMPORARY CONSTITUTION to be used as a guide in organizing JUNIORS. We present it as a *suggested*, rather than an *official* constitution, since many changes and additions will be made before



# Temporary Constitution

## KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA JUNIORS

### Article I Name, Patron, Insignia

1. The name of the Organization is KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA JUNIORS.
2. The patron is ST. CASIMIR.
3. The K. of L. Juniors have as their emblem the Lithuanian Knight on a horse with a Cross.

### Article II Purpose

1. The KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA JUNIORS strive to unite American youth of Lithuanian descent and to develop in them qualities of leadership and prepare them for eventual membership in the K. of L. Regulars.

A. The K. of L. Juniors adhere to Catholic philosophy and precepts, furthering among its members a deeper understanding and more zealous practice of the Catholic Faith, and by appropriate means safeguard their moral conduct.

B. The K. of L. Juniors educate their members as a preparation for American citizenship.

C. The K. of L. Juniors encourage among its members an attachment for the land of their forefathers and an affection and respect for the Lithuanian language and customs.

D. The K. of L. Juniors strive to encourage its members to higher education.

E. The K. of L. Juniors strive to establish whole-

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it is officially ratified and adopted at a National Convention. We strongly urge that everyone, especially the JUNIOR counselors and spiritual advisers study it and advise us of any changes, additions or corrections they would like to suggest in order to make it more workable.

The celebration of our 40th Anniversary might cause us to stop for a moment and consider what condition the K. of L. will be in, when we reach our fiftieth or one-hundredth birthday. The answer most certainly depends on what we do as regards the establishment of a JUNIOR COUNCIL just as soon as possible.

The future belongs to those who prepare and act for it!

some sports groups for the physical development of members.

### Article III Membership

1. Membership is open to all American Catholic youth of Lithuanian descent.

2. Anyone belonging to a group whose purposes conflict with the Catholic religion, or which is subversive to the American government or which encourages disrespect for Lithuanian tradition may not become or remain a member of the K. of L. Juniors.

3. The Knights of Lithuania Juniors are to be between the ages of six and sixteen.

### Article IV The Organization

1. A Junior council may be organized with a minimum of 5 members. The organization or establishment of a Junior Council must be reported immediately to the First Vice-president of the Supreme Council.

2. The establishment of a Junior Council must have been approved by a majority vote of the sponsoring Adult Council. The sponsoring council must then appoint two members in good standing who together with the spiritual adviser will be held responsible for all Junior activities.

3. Each Junior Council will be the number of the sponsoring council, under which organized.

4. At the first or institutional meeting of the Juniors, officers must be elected — at least a president, secretary and treasurer, in larger groups additional officers may also be elected.

5. It shall be the duty of the president immediately after the first meeting to notify the Supreme Council First Vice-president of the following information: a) name and address of all officers, b) a list of the charter members.

### Article V Dues

1. Each Junior member pays an initiation fee of 25c.

2. Regular dues are 5c a month.

3. Each Junior Council pays \$5.00 to the Supreme Council. Each Junior Council receives one copy of the "Vytis" for every 10 members.



# VYRU IR MOTERU FIZINIS PAJĖGUMAS

PROF. DR. K. VALTERIS, Anglija

Kad Amerikos jaunimas domisi sportu ir yra pajėgus įvairiose jo šakose — rodo ir tas faktas, kad amerikiečiai paskutinėj olimpiadoj Helsinkyje gavo rekordinį skaičių aukso medalių!

Sportas vienoj ar kitoj formoj yra taip senas, kaip ir pati žmonija. Jau prieš tūkstančius metų Graikija garsėjo savo olimpiniais žaidimais. Olimpinuose žaidimuose tautos turi progos parodyti savo fizinį pranašumą. Ir šiais laikais olimpiadomis domisi ne tik sportininkai, jaunuoliai, žurnalistai, bet ir seni valstybių vyrai (kaip demokratai

taip ir diktatoriai), nes sportininkų laimėjimai suteikia garbę visai tautai ar valstybei.

Ir gydytojai domisi olimpiadomis, bet jų dėmesys labiau krypsta į sportininkų fizinį pajėgumą, sportininkų dietą, sporto higieną ir t.t.

Čia trumpai paliesiu tik lyčių lenktyniavimą sporte. Šis lenktyniavimas, kaip ir pats sportas, yra labai senas. Graikų mitai mini ATALANTĘ, kuri lenktynėse nugalėjusi beveik visus vyrus, o vokiečių pasakose garsėjo Brunhilde, kuri nugalėjusi daugybę stiprių vyrų šokime į tolį ir akmenų mėtyme. Bet abi moterų herojės buvo, vis dėl to, nugalėtos vyrų: pirmoji — Hippomen'o, o antroji — Siegfrid'o. Ir bendrai visose olimpiadose ligi šios buvo vyrų pergalė.

Išnagrinėjus kelių ankstyvesnių olimpiadų duomenis, nustatyta, kad moterų fizinis pajėgumas sudarė  $\frac{4}{5}$  (81.7%) vyrų pajėgumo, t. y. vyrai buvo vienu penktadaliu pajėgesni už moteris. Vyrų - moterų pajėgumo santykis žymiai svyruoja įvairiose sporto šakose. Pavyzdžiui, ieties metime moteris net trečdaliu atsilieka nuo vyrų, o disko metime — tik vienu dešimtadaliu! Trumpų distancijų bėgime moteris labiau prilygsta vyrams negu tolimų.

Paskutiniosios olimpiados Helsinkyje duomenys rodo, kad absoliutus tiek vyrų tiek moterų sportinis pajėgumas menkai tepakilo, bet užtai moterų - vyrų pajėgumo santykis žymiai pakito... moterų naujai! Kaip jau minėta, ankstyvesnėse olimpiadose moterų fizinis pajėgumas sudarė 81.7% vyrų pajėgumo (t. y. moteris buvo silpnesnės 18.3% už vyrus), o paskutinėj olimpiadoj Helsinkyje — jau 84.8% (t. y. tik 15.2% silpnesnės už vyrus!).

Ar galės moteris savo fiziniu pajėgumu prisivyti vyrus? Tai klausimas, kuriuo domisi ne tik vyrai ir moteris, bet ir medicinos mokslas. Medikai mano, kod moteris savo fiziniu pajėgumu niekad nepilygs vyrams... Tokios išvados daromos remiantis moterų - vyrų kūno svorio santykiu. Bendrai moteris yra lengvesnės už vyrus. Jei vyrų svorį laikysim 100%, tai moterų jis bus tik 86.9%. Tai gi medikų spėliojimu, moteris ateity galės pasiekti tik 86.9% vyrų pajėgumo ir daugiau ne, nes tai esanti fiziologinė riba, kurios gamta neleidžia peržengti! Vadinasi, moteris turės pasilikti 13.1% silpnesnės už vyrus... Ar taip bus — pagyvenę pamatysim. Jei tai būtų ir tiesa — patarčiau moterims nenusiminti, nes juk jos vistiek valdė, valdo ir valdys vyrus!...

4. A Junior moving to another council does not pay the initiation fee.

5. A member is dropped from the organization if his dues are unpaid for six months.

## Article VI Elections and Duties of Officers

1. Officers for Junior Councils shall be: a) President, b) Secretary, c) Treasurer. In larger groups additional officers may be: d) Vice-president, e) Corresponding Secretary, f) Sgt.-at-Arms.

2. Elections are to be held annually, during the first meeting in September.

3. Duties of officers: a) President, shall call together meetings and preside over them; b) Vice-president function upon the absence of the president; c) The Secretaries keep records of dues paid and take minutes at the meeting and notify members of meetings. d) The Treasurer care for the council funds; e) Sgt.-at-Arms sees to it that order is maintained at all meetings.

## Article VII Meetings

1. Meetings are called by the president after consulting with the spiritual adviser and Junior counselors, sufficiently in advance so that all member could be notified.

2. Meetings must be held at least once a month. Special meetings may be called when the president deems it necessary.

3. The Business meeting may follow the following pattern:

1) Opening of meeting; 2) Prayer; 3) Roll call; 4) Reading of minutes; 5) Reports; 6) Swearing in of new members; 7) Unfinished business; 8) New business; 9) Announcements; 10) Closing of meeting; 11) Prayer.



## VYČIŲ VEIKLOS

### REIKALAIS

*J. Sadauskas*

Mes turime rūpintis gerinti vyčių veikimą. Tai turi daryti visi pradendant Centro Valdyba ir baigiant pačiu naujausiu nariu. Mums reikia pasirūpinti grąžinti į vyčių veiklą tuos vyčius, kurie iš tos veiklos pasitraukė. Mums reikia stengtis įtraukti į Vyčių organizaciją vis daugiau jaunimo. Mes turim rūpintis, kad mums katalikiškoji ir lietuviškoji veikla vis eitų gilyn ir platyn. Šito tikslo mes sunkiai sieksime, jei čia vyčiams stipriau nepatalkininkaus mūsų gerbiamieji klebonai ir bendrai lietuviai kunigai. Todėl reikėtų Vyčių Centro valdybai per savo dvasios vadą tos talkos dar kartą iš jų paprašyti. Kartu Vyčių Centro valdybai tektų skatinti vyčių kuopas ir pavienius vyčius, kad jie daugiau įsitrauktų į vyčių veiklą.

#### MAŽAI AUKOJA

Turime visokių reikalų, kurių įgyvendinimui reikėtų gauti iš vyčių finansinės paramos. Pirmas toks dalykas, tai vyčių kurėjui a. a. Mykolui Norkūnui paminklą pastatyti. Labai būtų negražu, jei vyčiai to artimiausiu laiku nepadarytų. Tas darbas numatytas baigti š. m. balandžio mėn. Jau paliko tik keleta mėnesių, o pinigų vis trūksta. Nejaugi vyčių organizacija negali šiam reikalui suaukoti 1000 dolerių? Jeigu ji pasektų Cleveland, Ohio 25-tos vyčių kuopos pėdomis, tai greitai



Gerasis Ganytojas — Murillo

Klišė — „Laiškai Lietuviams“

#### K. of L. CALENDAR

- April 23-25—Ohio-Michigan District Convention.  
Host: Dayton, Ohio (96).
- April 24-25—New England District Convention.  
Host: Lawrence, Mass. (78).
- May 1—New York-New Jersey District, Dance in Newark, N. J.
- May 1—Worcester, Mass. (26) Spring Frolic, Maironis Park.
- May 15—Providence, R. (103) Annual Maytime Ball, Roger Williams Park Casino.
- August 8—Dayton, O. (96) Annual Picnic, Entract Park.

laiku visa būtų tvarkoj. Tikimės, kad taip ir bus pasielgta.

Toliaus, Lietuvos laisvės reikalai. Lietuva okupuota, ji daug kenčia. Reikia rūpintis jos išlaisvinimu. Tam dalykui reikia ir pinigų. Ir vyčiai turėtų gausiai aukoti ir Lietuvos laisvės reikalams. Seniau vyčiai šiuo atžvilgiu buvo pirmose eilėse. Jie turėtų tokiais būti ir dabar.

#### “VYTIES” GERINIMAS

“Vyties” gerinimas visų reikalas. Jis turi būti užmestas ne vien tik ant redakcijos pečių. Apskritai imant, vyčiai yra “Vytimi” patenkinti. Bet yra ir nusiskundimų. Kai kurie nusiskundžia, kad yra ilgokų ir sunkokų straipsnių. Juos vyčiai mažai skaito. Taigi į tai reikėtų redakcijai atkreipti dėmesio. Bet iš kitos pusės vyčiai turėtų daugiau “Vyties” žurnalui pagelbėti ir straipsniais ir pinigais. Nepasitenkinti tik korespondencijų parašymu. Ypač tuo turi susirūpinti mokslus

einą vyčiai. Mes turime vyčių kolegijose, universitetuose, nemažai yra ir baigusių universitetus. Jie galėtų daug gražių dalykų į “Vytį” parašyti. Kas negali rašyti lietuviškai, galėtų parašyti angliškai. Į “Vytį” reikalingi visokie straipsniai. Taigi daugiau talkininkaukime “Vyties” žurnalo gerinimui.

#### 1954 METAI — SUSTIPRINTA VEIKLA

Kaip būt gera, kad 1953 metais atšventę vyčių 40 metų jubiliejų, dabar, 1954 metais, vyčiai išeitų su sustiprinta veikla. Juk taip ir reikėtų. Mes jėgų pasisėmę iš gražiosios vyčių praeities ir savo žvilgsnius nukreipę į vyčių didžiuosius idealus “Dievui ir Tėvynei” drąsiai meskimės pirmyn. Šitaip mes turim galvoti ir savo veiklą planuoti ir kiekvienas pavieniui ir kuopose bei apskričiuose ir visoj vyčių organizacijoje. Ir tą pareigą nieko nelaukiant atlikime, nes 1954 metai jau bėga pro mūsų akis.



# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## FINANSINĮ VAJŲ PRADEDANT

Brangūs Vyčiai ir Vyčių Prieteliai,

Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacija Amerikoje yra didelė ir vienintelė Amerikoje lietuviško katalikiško jaunimo organizacija. Ji apima savyje visą lietuvišką katalikišką jaunimą. Manau visiems yra aišku, kad šios organizacijos veiklai palaikyti ir plėsti, jos leidžiamam "Vytis" žurnalui gerinti būtina reikalinga ir lėšų turėti. Jų gi ypač stokojama, nes vyčiai palikti savo pačių likimui. Jiems mažai padedama. Delto turi didelių nuostolių ne tik patys vyčiai, bet ir visa lietuvių katalikiškoji visuomenė.

Dabar mes ryžtamės praveisti finansinį vajų, kad sustiprinti vyčių judėjimą. Mes kviečiame visus vyčius ir vyčių prietelius pagelbėti vyčiams finansiškai. Mes prašome:

1.) visų vyčių kuopų atlikti joms vyčių konstitucijos uždėtas pareigas, laiku atsilyginant Vyčių Centro Valdybai ir suruošiant jos naudai parengimus;

2.) visų apskričių valdybų surasti būdų vis daugiau finansiškai talkininkauti Centro Valdybai;

3.) visų pavienių vyčių, vyčių garbės narių ir vyčių prietelių prisidėti savo dar specialia metine duokle vyčių reikalams.

4.) Specialus prašymas į vyčių dvasios vadus, gerb. Kunigus Klebonus ir bendrai visus kunigus, vis pagelbėti vyčiams ir finansiškai bei skatinti kitus tai padaryti.

Visiems nuoširdus ačiū. Jūsų Juozas Lola,

L. Vyčių Centro Valdybos Pirmininkas.

## "CALL TO ACTIVE DUTY"!!!

All K. of L. members are hereby requested to report to their respective councils for active duty. It shall be the obligation of each and every member to arm himself with applications and a good sales talk and to approach every person of Lithuanian descent with the ultimate goal of membership in the Knights of Lithuania.

Contact will be made in person and door to door canvassing is encouraged. It is most desirable that at the close of this campaign, no Lithuanian will be left outside the bound of the organization.

Tour of duty has been established for a period of four months beginning February 1 and closing May 31, 1954.

Awards will be conferred upon individuals and councils for meritorious performance within the line of duty.

Walter R. Chinik,

## MISTAKES IN LEADERSHIP

When an ordinary member of a group makes a mistake, usually, he is the only one who suffers. But when a leader, a K. of L. leader makes a mistake, he leads his whole council into error of failure. Mistakes will happen. They are understandable, until they are repetitious. It is human to err, they say, but it is foolish to let the same or a similar mistake happen a second time.

Fear of committing the same mistake will not help, because fear is a negative thing. Careful thinking, seeking good advice, firm determination will keep the leader from falling into errors and mistakes in guiding the K. of L. along progressive lines.

Here again, discussion of some mistake by the entire council might clear up the confusion. For instance, if some activity that should have gone over the top, dropped to a dismal failure, all members could talk it over, think it over and make some decision to avoid it in the future.

Above all, never use the same set-up that caused one mistake in another activity.

You know, making mistakes can become a bad habit. Don't fall into that habit. As Mark Twain said: "Habit is Habit, not to be flung out the window by any man, but coaxed down the stairs a step at a time."

Phil Carter

## žodis Vyčiams

## SUSIRINKIME PRIE NORKŪNO KAPO

Balandžio mėnesį sueina 3 metai kai mirė Lietuvos Vyčių kūrėjas ir pirmasis pirmininkas Mykolas Norkūnas. Balandžio 25 d., 2-rą val. po piet, Sacred Heart kapinėse, Lawrence, Mass., bus iškilmingai pašventintas Lietuvos Vyčių pastatytas ant a. a. Norkūno kapo paminklas. Labai pritiktų kad, pagerbdami mūsų brangaus vado atmintį, visi organizacijos nariai iš toli ir iš arti dalyvautume šiose iškilmėse.

Visi dalyviai prašomi susirinkti šv. Pranciškaus lietuvių parapijos salėj, Lawrence, 1:30 val. Iš ten visi drauge vyksime į kapus. Nuoširdžiai kviečiu visus dalyvauti.

Juozas A. Lola, Pirm.



## SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

conducted by

PHIL CARTER

*Starting with this issue, the VYTIS will run this sports column each month. K. of L. members will be able to get answers to questions on sports by writing in to the columnist. You have the questions, we have the answers. Send in your questions!*

Q. *Is there a Patron Saint of sports? If so, who?*

A. It is known that archers have a patron saint, namely, Saint Sebastian, because he was martyred by being shot with arrows.

Q. *Are football "bowl" games played anywhere outside the United States?*

A. Yes, indeed. American servicemen have played football in a Pineapple Bowl in Honolulu, a China Bowl in Shanghai, a Cherry Bowl in Yokohama, a Bamboo Bowl in Manila, an Orchid Bowl in Mexico City. And, they play football in an Ice Bowl in Fairbanks, Alaska, where the field is covered with a layer of snow!

Q. *When were the New York Yankees baseball team called by that name?*

A. The team was known originally as the Gordon Highlanders, and since newspaper reporters found it difficult to make up headlines with such a long title, Jim Price of the old New York Press began to

use the name of Yankees which was adopted by the team in 1913.

Q. *In what country is the game of chess most popular?*

A. There are reportedly more chess players in the Soviet Union than in any other country of the world.

Q. *Did jiu-jitsu originate in Japan?*

A. Most people think it did, but historians believe that jiu-jitsu was founded by a Japanese physician who learned the rudiments while studying in China. There is very little doubt that it originated in China, but the Japanese have modified it greatly in the course of the past centuries.

Q. *What was the longest winning streak of the 1953 major league baseball season?*

A. Eighteen games in a row won by the New York Yankees in the American League. The Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League won 13 straight games.

Q. *At what age should a child begin swimming lessons?*

A. The age will differ with different children, but tots can learn to swim as early as 6—8 years of age. Some children can learn to swim almost as soon as they can walk.

Q. *At what speed does a puck travel in an ice hockey game?*

A. A hard hit puck travels about 60 to 80 miles an hour according to the distance it travels.

Send in your Sports Questions to:

Phil Carter  
14 Chestnut Avenue  
Cranston 10, Rhode Island.

### OHIO-MICHIGAN DISTRICT — CONVENTION

The annual Knights of Lithuania Ohio - Michigan District Convention will be held April 24th and 25th, 1954 at Dayton, Ohio, the principal events being the following:

|                      |            |                                                                  |
|----------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday, April 23rd,  | 8:00 P.M.  | Early Bird Get Together<br>Holy Cross Hall, 1922 Leo St.         |
| Saturday, April 24th |            | Registration<br>Hotel Miami, Second and Ludlow Sts.              |
|                      | 3:00 P.M.  | Business Session — Hotel Miami                                   |
|                      | 9:00 P.M.  | Convention Dance<br>Idle Hour Club, 1141 Brandt St.              |
| Sunday, April 25th,  | 10:00 A.M. | Mass at Holy Cross Church                                        |
|                      | 1:00 P.M.  | Dinner<br>Stuart Patterson Community Center<br>238 Baltimore St. |

We also extend a cordial invitation to other councils, particularly those in our neighboring districts, the Illinois - Indiana District and the Pittsburgh District, to attend.

Registration fee for delegates and guests is \$3.50. Further information may be secured from the writer at 129 Rita St., Dayton 4, Ohio.

FRANK GUDELIS

Convention Committee Chairman

### IN MEMORIAM

We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Patricia Zibutis-Akule of Lynn, Mass., and family on the death of their beloved father.

Knights of Lithuania

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# VYČIAI VEIKIA



## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

### CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

#### LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

COUNCIL 133

Vietos kuopos mėnesinis susirinkimas įvyko sausio mėn. 11 d. J. Petrausko-Peters bute. Susirinkimo proga į kuopą įsijungė trejetas naujų narių. Susirinkimą vedant kuopos pirm. A. F. Skiriui, buvo aptarta visa eilė klausimų. Lietuvos vadavimo reikalui iš kuopos kasos Vasario 16-sios proga paaukota \$10.00. Tam pačiam tikslui bus pravedama ir narių tarpe rinkliava. Lietuvos Reikalų Komisijos klausimu kalbėjo L. Valiukas, kviesdamas narius prisidėti prie tos komisijos vykdomo darbo. Tuo pačiu klausimu pasisakė J. Bardar, Helen Nashlenas ir kiti. Po susirinkimo visi dalyviai Joe Peters ir jo tėvų buvo puikiai pavaišinti.

Kuopos narių nemaža dalis Naujuosius Metus sutiko pas M. Wisneskj su jo kitais svečiais. Linksmi ir jaukioje nuotakoje buvo peržengtas 1954 metų slenkstis.

Naujosios valdybos įvesdinimas buvo surengtas Switzerland restorane 1953 metų gruodžio 5 d., dalyvaujant visiems nariams bendruose pietuose.

Naujoji valdyba pramatė šiais metais prieš kiekvieną susirinkimą turėti valdybos posėdį. Prieš sausio mėn. susirinkimą toks posėdis įvyko sekretorės Helen Nashlenas bute. Nutarta kiekvieno susirinkimo išdirbti smulkia darbotvarke, praveisti susirinkimus kaip galima įdomiau, visiems smulkiems ir ūkiškiems reikalams neskirti daug laiko, kiekviename susirinkime turėti neilgą paskaitą Lietuvos Vyčių, Lietuvos vadavimo ir kitais klausimais ir po jos diskusijas. Naujų narių verbavimo vėjus numatytas praveisti nuo sausio mėn. 15 d. iki kovo mėn. 15 d.

Jaunoji šeimininkė ir kartu kuopos sekretorė Helen Nashlenas, prieš porą metų atsikėlus iš Hartford, Conn., ir čia dirbanti vietos dienraščio *Los Angeles Times* įstaigoje, valdybos narius pavaišino puikia vakariene. EA

### ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

#### 1954 Officers Elected

At a special meeting held on December 1st, attended by delegates from 11 councils and representing over 500 members in the district, the following officers for the Illinois-Indiana District of the Knights of Lithuania were elected:

Chairman-of-the-Board — Jack L. Jatis, 6822 S. Rockfell St., Chicago; President — John (Jerry) Jesulaitis, 4646 S. Winchester, Chicago; 1st Vice President John A. Stoskus, 6550 S. Fairfield, Chicago; 2nd Vice President — Laura Yucius, 1731 M. Albany Ave., Chicago; Executive Secretary — Helen Gudauskas, 1433 S. 49th Ave., Cicero; Corresponding Secretary — Jeanne Pavis, 1409 S. 51st Ct., Cicero; Treasurer — Betty Tucker, 7121 S. Francisco, Chicago; Trustee — Aldona Bruzas, 1448 W. 81st St., Chicago and Anthony Balcytis, 2512 W. 45th Pl., Chicago; Sgt.-at-Arms — George Shamis, 10651 S. Champlain, Chicago and Joseph Shirvinskas, 1488 Grant St., Gary, Indiana.

The new group of leaders officially took over their offices at the Illinois-Indiana District meeting held on December 17 at the Knights of Lithuania Youth Center, Chicago.

#### CICERO, ILLINOIS

COUNCIL 14

Congratulations to our new officers of 1954: Spiritual Advisor — Rev. Stanley Gaucius; President — Helen Gudauskas; Vice President — Marianne Kelpas; Recording Sec'y — Stella Waitkus; Corresponding Sec'y — Eleanor Muraska; Financial Sec'y — Marie Andris; Treasurer — Florence Arbir; Sgt.-at-Arms — Jack Blanford; Trustees — William Vasaitis and Jeanne Pavis. District Delegates — Helen Gudauskas, Stella Waitkus, Marie Andris and Jeanne Pavis. "Vytis" Correspondents — Inky and Pinky.

Among the newly-elected officers of the Illinois - Indiana District are two of our members, Helen Gudauskas — Executive Secretary and Jeanne Pavis — Corresponding Secretary.

Stella Waitkus and Helen Gudauskas have become golf enthusiasts. They are taking lessons weekly at the K. of L. Youth Center.

Ruth Daukas and Marianne Kelpas have volunteered as nursery aid at St. Vincent's Orphanage. Keep up the good work!

Recently Vic and Anne Shimkus have taken residence in their new home in Westchester.

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Maxim Couble. He was a fourth degree member and also belonged to the Seniors Council. Her wife, Louise and daughter Regina, are also council members. "Inky and Pinky"

#### GARY, INDIANA

COUNCIL 82

Following is a brief summary of our council's activities:

#### August 18

June Evanseck was accepted as a new member. A resolution was made that at each meeting an article of the K. of L. constitution be read and discussed. We began a Membership Drive. The nucleus of Michigan City had applied for a charter of which Mrs. Raymond Kuizin, Past President, has worked so hard to start. Our delegates to the 40th National Convention were Joe Kupralis, Joseph Shirvinski and Michealine Shirvinski.

#### September 29

Reports of the convention were given by Michealine Shirvinski, and Joe Shirvinski gave a report on future plans for the Juniors. Our council bowling teams were organized. Boys consisted of: Joe Juris, John Aimutis, John Kaminski, Stanley Juknevich, Eddie Rukas with Steve Baltis and Joe Kupralis as subs. The girls



consisted of: Michealine Shirvinski, Donna Kuckson, Helen Zudak, Phyllis Burger, Elizabeth Shirvinski, and Martha Balkan as sub.

### October 20

Steve Baltis and John Aimutis were reinstated on November 2. We bowled Council 13 of Chicago of which we were victors.

### November 19

*Proceeds from "Fish Fry"*

President John Kaminski gave Rev. Vichuras one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to help defray the cost of painting St. Casimir's Church. We wish to thank the following people for their generous contribution: Joe Juris, Joe Kupralis, Mrs. Anna Kupralis, Ben Stankus, Michealine Shirvinski, Mike Valeski, Donna Kuckson, Martha Balkan, Chuck Daniels, George Agurkis, Stella Kuizin, Joe Shirvinski, Sophie Kaminski, June Evanseck, Kazimiera Geanchos, Mary Rukas, Elizabeth Shirvinski, Donna Kuckson, and a non-member, Joe Petritis. We also thank the following committee: Mrs. Brazas, Viola Geanchos, assisted by Jonna Kuckson, Phyllis Burger, Elizabeth Shirvinski, Sophie Kaminski, Mary Rukas, Bernice Kaminski, June Evanseck, Martha Balkan, Mike Valeski, Joe Juris, Eddie Kaminski and John Kaminski.

### December

At our December meeting, regular business and social matters were discussed including Junior activities.

### January

On January 12th, we held our regular meeting, followed by social. Frank Groach, president of the Michigan City Council also attended. Plans for another "Fish Fry" (February 5) were completed. Tony Jan was elected chairman, to be assisted by Chuck Daniels, Joe Juris, Elizabeth Shirvinski and Michealine Shirvinski. Mrs. Rose Bruzas was unanimously appointed cook again. An invitation to participate at the St. Casimir's exercises sponsored by Council 36, Chicago, Illinois was accepted. June Evanseck gave a brief talk about the coming Lithuanian Independence Day celebration that would take place in Indiana Harbor, Indiana on February 21 — and the Loyalty Day Parade, which would also take place in Indiana Harbor on May 2. We all enjoyed the social that followed. President John Kaminski, baked 3 spice cakes which were delicious. Elizabeth Shirvinski brought a wonderful chocolate cake. Kazimiera Geanchos made a pizza and Viola baked it at the hall. All members enjoyed the social immensely. *Viola Geanchos*

## OHIO-MICHIGAN DISTRICT

### CLEVELAND, OHIO COUNCIL 25

#### Past

Winners of the Raffle held at our Thanksgiving Day Dance were: 1st Prize — Clock Radio — Mr. Linauskas; 2nd Prize — Deep Fat Fryer — Mrs. Marie Galdik; and 3rd Prize — Steam Iron — Mr. Edward Stonis. Many thanks to our many friends and hard-working members for making this raffle a success.

A card party, held at Tony Kunigiskis' home, Saturday, February 27th at 7:30 P. M., was most successful.

#### Present

New Officers for '54 — Mary Trainy, president; Ursula Yankauskas, vice president; Nellie Arunski, financial secretary; Maggie Sampson, recording secretary; Ruth Guzauskas, treasurer; Bill Smith and Al Yatska, trustees.

#### Note

We're missing a lot of the "old" faces at our meetings and hope now that winter is practically over we'll be seeing many more of our members attending. Remember, monthly meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Next Meeting, March 9th, 1954. *Ruth and Ursula*

### DAYTON, OHIO COUNCIL 96

On January 17, 1954., Fr. Katarskis, Pat Zilinskas, Anne Gudelis, Charlie Petkus, Frank Gudelis, George Mikalauskas, Jim Kavalauskas and his wife attended Frances Grigalunas' wedding in Columbus, Ohio. We'd like to wish Fran and her husband, Alex Fetengas all the happiness in the world.

Fr. Walter got to see some of his old friends at the reception: Fr. Suminas of Lexington, O., Fr. Cukuris of Newark, O., Fr. Valiusutis of Brooklyn, N. Y. Everyone still talks of the wonderful hospitality of Mr. Klem.

Two of our younger members are up for "Queens" at forth coming senior proms. Phyllis Leasure is up for Queen of Northridges Senior Prom and Rita Ann Vaitkus for St. Joseph's Commercial HS Senior Prom. Sure wish them lots of luck in the win column.

Our Feb. 1st meeting was very successful. It was the biggest turnout in a long time. It was good to see Mary Lucas and Lou Prasmantis.

Good to hear that Adela Miller is doing fine after her recent operation.

On March 7th all the members will re-

ceive Holy Communion in a body at the 8 o'clock Mass in celebration of St. Casimir's Day. Dottie Miller is in charge of arrangements for the breakfast. Pat Zilinskas and Mary Lucas are in charge of the program, assisted by Fr. Katarskis.

In May, we are planning a trip to Cary, Ohio to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation. This will be made in conjunction with the Marian Year. Mary Anne Ambrose is in charge of the plans for the day, and Frank Gudelis, transportation (bus).

Don't forget the dates April 24th and 25th. That is when the district's annual convention will be held. Place — Dayton, Ohio.

Mike Petkus is again in charge of our Annual Picnic. It will be held on August 8th at Entract Park. If you're in town at the time come on over.

The Petkus' are finally getting back to the old routine of things after a trip to Florida. Pete, Paulette, Fran and Mike spent three weeks there visiting with their sister, Barbara. Pete's eye is fully healed after an accident while fishing. Barbara sends her regards to all in Dayton.

Another addition has been made to the Stan and Kay Sluzas family. A girl this time. Congratulations!

Birthday congratulations go to Pat Zilinskas who celebrated hers on Feb. 8th.

*The Petkus'*

## NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

*(Letters sent to all U. S. Senators,  
Congressmen and Representatives  
in Washington, D. C.)*

February 16th, 1954 will mark the 36th Anniversary of Republic Lithuania Day.

This Baltic nation at present is enslaved by the Soviets who seized the reins of power unjustly in 1940. This seizure has not been recognized by the United States Government.

I am hoping that you will raise your voice in protest against the atrocities perpetrated against the Lithuanian people since the above mentioned month and year.

The Lithuanian people throughout the nation will be eternally grateful to you if on or before February 16th you will talk from the floor of Congress in behalf of Lithuania and her Fight for Freedom.

Undoubtedly, in speaking from the floor, your speech will be recorded in the Congressional Record, and future posterity will see and read how the United States has aided the enslaved people to regain their rightful place among the free peoples of the universe.



Thanking you in behalf of our National Organization, and awaiting your acknowledgment, I remain,

Very respectfully,  
/s/ Frank Vaskas, chairman  
Public Relations Division  
New York-New Jersey District, K. of L.

### BROOKLYN, N. Y.

COUNCIL 41

I know it's quite late to write about December and January activities of our council, but I was just appointed "Vytis" correspondent!

Our dance, held last December, was successful in many ways. We had an attendance of about 450 people. Both school halls were jammed. Who was the "lady in white"? Both orchestras provided us with fine music. What really impressed me was that the only "flowers" seen were on the wall — EVERYBODY was dancing, singing and merrymaking. Our committee, consisting of Tony Sniecuk and Joey Zaltusky, did a fine job.

In January, we held elections, and the following were elected: Fr. John Pakalniskis, spiritual adviser; Joseph Boley, president; Adele Bobin, vice president; Gloria Kevita, secretary; John Andrews, treasurer. Geriausiu linkėjimū!

Our highly esteemed President Joseph Boley, made another appearance on television. This time with ROD BROW OF THE ROCKET RANGERS. Joe played the part of a brilliant scientist who invented a time machine. It was one of Joe's biggest roles on TV thus far. Congratulations, Joe, for the fine performance! We hope this is the start of bigger and better roles.

We are planning to present a Lithuanian play this spring — "Moterims Neišsimeluosi", a three-act comedy. It promises great fun and WORK (must not forget work).

Congratulations to Aldona and Matty on their engagement. This was the outcome of our bus ride last summer — it couldn't have happened to two nicer people. Best of everything to you both.

*Brooklyn'o Kūmutė*

### ELIZABETH, N. J.

COUNCIL 52

Plans for a crowded calendar of activities in the next two months were outlined by Council 25 at its last meeting held in St. Joseph's Hall.

Council members were named to serve on the refreshment committee for the St. Peter and St. Paul's Church annual charity ball to help defray expenses of heating

the church and school. Those appointed were: Charles Surplus, William Shimonis, James Stokas and Frank Kidzus.

Plans were made to attend the annual New York-New Jersey District communion breakfast in Philadelphia, March 7th. Our council will hold its annual communion breakfast Sunday, March 21. Breakfast in the Elizabeth Carteret Hotel will follow the 8:00 a. m. Mass at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church. First Ritual degree exemplification and installation will be held with the Executive Board in charge of arrangements.

A mixed doubles bowling tournament will be held for members on March 13th, 4 p. m., in the Lithuanian Liberty Hall. Prizes will be awarded. Those in charge of the tournament are Charles Rusteika, Veronica Krezonis, Ann Mitchell, Carol Bowen, Peggy Merritt, Anne Baronas, Mary Motecus and Charles Oskutis. *FK*

### AMSTERDAM, N. Y.

COUNCIL 100

At our December meeting, Father Baltch reported on the Lithuanian-American Congress which took place in Chicago, Ill. (November 28, 1953). He and Professor Olsauskas represented our council. The main guest speaker at this Congress was Under-Secretary of State, Donald B. Lourie. The subject which he took up was the work of the newly-founded Kersten Committee.

Both of our council members met two of the well-known Chicago K. of L'ers — Jack Jatis and Jerry Jesulaitis.

Father Bob's next topic was "How to be a Practical Catholic". He explained the various types of Catholics that we have — mechanical, ignorant, protestant, apologetic, critical, bad and fallen — way. He defined a practical Catholic as one who speaks, thinks and acts as a Catholic.

January 4th found a rather large group in attendance. We welcomed A/IC Donald Nikstenas, who is on leave. He is now stationed in California.

March 7th was selected as the Sunday closest to our Patron Saint's Feast Day for the council to receive Holy Communion in a body, at 9:00 A.M. Mass, followed by a breakfast at Hotel Peter Schuyler, and election of new officers.

The Marian Year was the topic chosen by Father Baltch. Father suggested that each of us include at least one decade of the rosary when saying our evening prayers. The conquest of Communism is the plan of the Marian Year.

At the February meeting, Father Baltch gave a resume of the history of our St.

Casimir's Church. The church's Golden Jubilee will be celebrated this May. Many of the K. of L. members will be contributing their services to insure the complete success of this great event.

Snacks having been served by Sophia Gavry and Pauline Urban, Father Baltch entertained us with a number of vocal renditions of his favorite songs. This was followed by the group singing of popular Lithuanian folk songs.

### News Bits

We bid two of our members a sad good-bye. Bill and Vera Nikstenas have made their new residence Cleveland, Ohio. Good luck to them and we hope to hear that they transferred their membership to Council 25, Cleveland.

Soon there will be the patter of little feet in the household of Ann and Frank Kabasin.

Welcome to Attorney A. C. Stokna and wife, Edna, our newest K. of L'ers!

Pauline Urban is now a licensed driver.

Connie Zygel has been seen quite often with a certain engineer, Ed. Plankis.

Our Christmas banquet was a gala success. Sophia Gavry, chairman and Edna Gustas and Sophie Olbie, assistants, received our most grateful thanks for their tedious work in arranging the entire affair. Their selection of games was enjoyed by all who attended. Helen Gustas, president, was toastmaster. She presented Father Baltch with a Christmas remembrance from our council. She next called upon Matt Kazlauskas, one of our charter members, to say a few words. He, in turn, introduced Walter Rusilas. It was Walt, we discovered, who started the movement to organize the Amsterdam Council a number of decades ago.

Gene Gobis with the help of Clark Devendorf were snapping pictures with a Polaroid camera. Helen Gustas was a "camera bug" that night, also. The last to arrive for the affair were Val and Theresa Kerbelis. Others who attended were Regina Maksym and daughter, Edwina, Steve Jankunas, Sophia Gavry, Pauline Urban, Bob Kuchis, Sadie and Charles Karbus, Bootsie Jakaitis, Connie Zygel, Edmund Plankis, Bill and Vera Nikstenas, Ed and Mirgy Bablinskas, Ed and Eleanore Baranauskas, Ann Tamoliunas, Chet Was, Mrs. Rusilas and Nancy Kazlauskas.

Dinner and games over, the group gathered around the piano with Father Bob at the keyboard and sang numerous Christmas carols.

Mes visi Amsterdamo Vyčiai linkime mūsų broliams vyčiams linksmų Naujų Metų. *Smile & Sparkle.*



## NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK COUNCIL 92

A few lines to let you know that with the coming of Spring, C-92 is coming out of hibernation. It was a rough Winter up in these parts. It got so cold that the Falls froze over completely so we built a sky tow on the Falls. At first it seemed like a ground business venture but then we noticed somebody else was profiting much more than we. It was the undertaker. After the skiers reached the bottom of the Falls they had no use for a ski tow.

The business conducted at our January meeting was rather important. We had *Election of Officers*: President — Casimer Normand, Vice President — Anthony Lauzonis, Secretary - Treasurer — Stephen Mitchell. Congratulations gentlemen and may your term of office be very successful. We unanimously voted to observe both Lithuanian Independence Day and St. Casimir's Day. We also talked over plans for the future. From the outcome of this discussion, C-92's future looks very bright.

Our past President, Frank Petrauskas, is hitting the books with the utmost zeal at Syracuse University but he confesses that he's "snowed" most of the time.

Ed Barauskas and his growing family moved into their new house. Aldona is a happy woman now. Another person who moved is Casey Normand. He changed jobs and is now working in the City Fire Control Room. When you visit the Falls please don't turn in any false alarms!

Steve Mitchell latched onto a girl from Buffalo and there is talk of wedding bells come September. Nice going Steve.

April 25th is the first big day of the New Year at St. George's Parish. That is the day of the annual Parish Banquet and Dance. St. George's Church is located on 19th and East Falls St. Contact one of our members if you would like to attend.

—Curley—

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### ANSONIA, CONN. COUNCIL 135

The new officers are in and things are now on their way to a new start. New life has been pumped into the members and every one is anxious to make this year the best in the local K. of L. history. All the members who haven't been seen around the local meeting hall should drop around and join in the activity which is now starting to explode in your favor.

The Christmas party was a huge success, thanks to the committee that did a fine job and all those who attended. A fine representation was made by Council 6 (Hartford) and Council 7 (Waterbury) plus our friends from New Haven and Bridgeport. Everyone had a fine time it has been said it was one of the best affairs had in a long time.

Our popular local boy who made a big hit with the councils around Chicago was in town and livened up the party with some new ideas he picked up out there.

Our youngest member Leon Barauskas (who has a streak of his father's wolf blood) was teamed up with a generous creature from out of town. All went smooth until the "dashing" batchelor, our own Johnny Chernauskas started charming her. Keep an eye on that boy, he's operating on home ground.

Johnny Stefan has been lost to Council 14 of Cicero for the time being. Take good care of him out there as he is one of our best. Johnny was doing quite a bit of back bending with a companion from Bridgeport at the party. Everyone asked if it was a new type of Latin dance.

Al Barry wanted to know why Joe Draugelis was dancing the polka to a fox trot. What was the reason for that, Joe?

Lil Chaplik was pronounced "The Bunny Hug Kid" and danced that particular dance throughout the night. Lil is famous for her interpretations of many fancy dances and has promised the less fortunate instructions.

Ever popular (now lost to a C-6 girl) Ken Stokes was in good voice throughout the night. The people in Church claim he should speak at local functions as he can certainly talk.

The news was spreading that our popular visitor from Waterbury, Ollie, is getting married. Who's the lucky girl?

Pete Gumbulevich claims Olga did too much thinking during her recent illness. Pete says she got all kinds of wild ideas now. How about letting us in on a few Olga, we could use some.

Ruth Gumbulevich was heard saying she preferred a good coat in the winter instead of a man. She claims the men freeze too easily—where are all those "hot blooded" fellows we used to have around?

Mildred Driznus was seen taking a "deer" home in her car after the meeting one night. She was asked if she was going to put it on the roof or a fender. What did finally happen Mill?

Did you folks see the pictures of our new president and his Mrs. that were taken at the Halloween Party? The Barry's claim someone pulled a fast one on him when it was taken.

Many remarks were made over the new type of write-up given our council in local paper — wonder why?

Absent from our Christmas party was Johnny Sabulis, who was on duty with the local's finest. At that time the kids ran into him at the wee wee hours of the morning after the party was over on Main Street, all going for coffee.

Seen in working clothes with a big hat, cigar and a pot of coffee in one hand was our loveable (that's right girls) "Chernie with the cigar", Joe Chernauskas. Last time we saw Joe like that was at the picnic.

Meeting area changed with the New Administration and as usual, cigar smoke filled the area. The girls are now in session getting ready to put up a "No Smoking" sign. Lots of luck, girls.

At this writing the fellows were thinking of having the girls remain quiet as retaliation for their plans — Boys vs Girls again or better yet — Still.

The council expresses its sincerest and deepest sympathy to Mildred Driznius on the recent death of her sister, Sister Mary Vianney.

"Nakties Pelėda".

## NORWOOD, MASS.

### COUNCIL 27

Another year has passed and we stand ready to do our utmost in the new year of 1954.

A grateful "Thank You" is extended to all the officers of 1953 and proudly name the newly-elected one for 1954. President — Daniel Perednia; Vice Pres. — Mrs. Katherine Perednia; Secretary — Mr. Millie Tulis; Fin. Sec'y. — Helen Pazniokas; Treasurer — Francis Nevins; Marshall — John Chervokas; Auditors — Patricia Spurr, Agnes Kulbok and Spiritual Advisor — Father Shakalys.

Our first meeting of '54 was fairly well attended and a spark of new life was added by singing the "Vyčių Himnas". We'll chalk that one up to Kay Perednia. Let's keep it up!

Johnny Chervokas gave a good "pep" talk about everyone cooperating and contributing items to our new born council newspaper, which was just named "Knight Light" to make it more interesting and informative. (The name was submitted by Millie Tulis and won over several others which were given). I'm sure you'll all pitch in to make it the "Best" newspaper of all councils.

Three of our fair damsels, namely, Kay Saulen, Shirley Stepanowich and Eleanor Peshin, flew to Miami Beach, Florida, for their vacation. From the beautiful tans they were sporting, I would say they



had a wonderful time. We have missed "you all" at the meetings.

It was good to see Richie Mills home from Fordham for the Christmas holidays and Fred Piccard from the Navy. Speaking of the Navy and Fred, could it be you that's receiving "perfumed letters" from a certain gal named Agnes Kulbok? If so, I'd say it wasn't bad at all.

As reported, our younger members got together for a New Year's celebration and had a wonderful time.

On January 10th, the Holy Name Society commemorated its 20th anniversary with a Communion Breakfast and some of our council members served as cooks and waitresses.

Nice to see Stanley Wasalauskas around these here parts again. Hope we see you at the meetings regularly and give out with some ideas you may have picked up.

Plans are now underway for the awarding of Ritual degrees at the Communion Breakfast which will be held on March 7th. It would be wonderful if each and every member participated in this event. By doing this, we would be embedding the roots of our organization a little deeper toward making it a stronger and better one to be a part of. Be on the alert for details which you will receive through the mail.

Your Scribbling Scribe thought she would be bidding adieu with this column, however, was voted in for another year. Thanks kids — hope you enjoy reading the column as much as I do writing it. How about giving out with some info—?

*Scribbling Scribe*

## WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

The Junior Council of Worcester, Mass. (26) was organized May 13, 1953. Its officers are: Father Michael Tamulevich, spiritual adviser; Robert Condrate, president; Charles Matasavage, vice president; Ann Marie McMorrow, secretary; Daniel Glodis and Joan Youdsnukis, sgts.-at-arms.

Activities this past year consisted of two Weenie Roasts held at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass., of which Virginia Daniels was chairman, and assisted by Patricia Gecevic, Joan Youdsnukis and Genevieve Pustis. The committee in charge of our Christmas party included Joseph Coskie, Robert Cenik, Alphonse Pranckevicius and Daniel Glodis. The Sandwich Committee gave the girls a good chance to display their talents. They were Carol Pusac, Carol Palvicius, Claire Valentine, Pauline Lelakis, Stella Marcinkevicius, Beverly Bunevich and Ann Marie McMorrow. Also our Record

Committee (James Buckley, John Ridick, Joseph Alavosus and Joan Youdsnukis) provided us with some nice music.

We are planning on a roller skating or ice skating party. Rimantas Zidziunas and Alphonse Pranckevicius have been appointed to make arrangements.

In the New Year — we expect some new ventures — folk dancing classes (instructors to be "Seniors" of Council 26) and a ping-pong tournament.

It is a real pleasure to get together at our newly-renovated clubroom!

*Molly and Polly*

## PROVIDENCE, R. I.

COUNCIL 103

A new year and a new slate of officers: President, Helen Belconis; Vice President, Vito Kapiskas; Secretary, June Lucas; Treasurer, Dorothy Labucki; Marshall, Joseph Kiela. Congratulations and best of luck to all and a hearty "Thank You" to all the outgoing officers.

Congratulations are to be extended to the committee who so competently organized our annual Christmas party which consisted of Pete Walaska, June Lucas and Vito Kapiskas. About 25 members assembled in the parish hall. We were glad to have Father John drop in for a brief visit. Father Martinkus seemed to be enjoying himself throughout the whole evening. Many hilarious gifts were exchanged followed by a snack, dancing and what have you.

Many returns of the day are expressed to Mary Waitonis (February 2), and Marion Belconis (Feb. 25th). Belated greetings are extended to Joe Kiela who celebrated his birthday Jan. 23. Orchids to Bill and Ellen Belconis who celebrated their 1st anniversary Jan. 10th.

Sunday morning, Jan. 24th, was the scene of ten eager K. of L's setting forth their destination Tully Brook Inn, Athol, Mass. Providence was well represented as usual and so were many other councils. Many thanks to Athol for arranging a terrific and busy program.

It was like good old times seeing Helen (A.) Vaitkus and Stan in Providence during the Christmas holiday. It was disappointing that the visit was so short though... Algird Martinkus was also seen home on furlough during the Christmas holiday. Vyto Jurgelevicius has been seen sporting around in a '49 Chevrolet, best of luck with it. It seems that Joe Kiela (103), Eddie Daniels (26), Helen and Anne Marcinkevich (78) were trying to crash an Armenian Party on New Year's Eve...

Council 103 has decided upon May 15th as the date for our annual Maytime Ball

to be held at the spacious Roger Williams Park Casino. Everyone is invited and we'll be anxious to see you all there.

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## LAWRENCE, MASS.

COUNCIL 78

### New Officers

Helen Marcinkevich, president; Pauline Rimas, vice president; Pauline Oroski, secretary; Dorothy Jukins, treasurer; Anthony Padvaiskas, marshall. Congratulations to the new officers. We pledge them our loyalty and cooperation for the coming year. The outgoing officers are: President, Leo Gaidis; Vice President, Pauline Rimas; Secretary, Pauline Oroski; Treasurer, Dorothy Jukins; and Marshall, John Marcinkevich.

Second Ritual degrees were awarded to Pauline Rimas, Anne Marcinkevich, Peter Willan, John Zemis and Al Blazeitch, at our recent meeting.

A few Lawrencians were seen at the So. Boston Dance in the John Hancock Hall. A good time was had by all.

A cordial welcome is extended to Frank Hobitz, who has returned from the service and is now attending the University of New Hampshire. We hope that we will be seeing this ex-sailor at our future meetings.

It was nice seeing Bernie Zenevitch home on leave for the holidays.

A grateful "thanks" to Tony Padvaiskas, for his generous donation of copies of the K. of L. Constitution and By-Laws.

Warning to all Pedestrians! Beware crossing streets! Eddie Paulauskas of Lowell, has been seen taking driving lessons, and we hear he's out to get his license.

If the ice on Hill's Pond is cracked, it is because Dot Gulezian was there taking skating lessons. Thanks to the instructions of Helen and Anne Marcin and Al Blazeitch, Dot wasn't hurt too badly. Getting in practice for the Winter Carnival, Dot?

Congratulations are in order for John Marcinkevich and his Mrs., the former Barbara Jaskal. The big event took place at the St. Francis Church, October 4th. Having a grand time on a grand day, was Anne M., who acted as maid-of-honor for her brother and new sister-in-law.

Speaking of wedding bells, they'll soon be ringing for Helen Skrodis and her prospective bridegroom, Phillip Winn of Andover. We wish the happy couple lots of luck.

If Anthony Padvaiskas is seen radiating sunshine from his smile, it's probably because of all the sun he stored away during his vacation in California.



We're glad to hear that Eddie Paulauskas is up and around after his recent operation. Hope to see you in Lawrence more often now.

A group of K. of L'ers sang at the presentation of Parish Jubilee Books, December 20 in the parish hall. The group included Joan and Dot Jukins, Anne and Helen Marcinkevich, Julia Andrukaitis and Frances Barry.

#### Girl of the Month

We wish to nominate one of the most active young ladies of our council for special attention this month, Pauline Rimes. She was recently re-elected vice president, and has previously served our council as treasurer, financial secretary, and corresponding secretary. She has worked on numerous committees, has been delegate to various conventions, and has been captain of the bowling team. Her sunny disposition and winsome personality are well known throughout the district. We are sure that her many friends will join us in wishing her luck on her recent engagement to Edward Gruzelis of Worcester. *Zookie*

#### CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

COUNCIL 18

#### Clubroom news:

Our clubroom really was something to see during the Christmas season. It was beautifully decorated and our Christmas tree and stable brought words of praise from many of our members and friends. A great big thanks for a job well done goes to the Decoration Committee which consisted of John Belskis, John Zukas, Helen Kazlowski and Dot and Ann Zukas.

#### Service notes:

Paul Zukas, (U. S. Navy) was on furlough recently. Paul Zukas, past present of Council 18, is married to Louise Grazulis, also a very active member (Council 26). Albert Eurglunes, (Air Corps), was also home for Christmas. Frank Dargis, on his long leave from the Navy, really enjoyed seeing and meeting all of the K. of L'ers. It was really good to see our servicemen.

#### Christmas Party:

The Annual Christmas party (Dec. 27) in our clubroom was most enjoyable. About 35 people attended this gala party including six people from Council 27, Norwood. Father Klimas, spiritual adviser, entertained us part of the evening playing Lithuanian records while the rest of the evening was spent dancing and exchanging gifts. Due to the untiring efforts of the co-chairmen, John Belskis and John Zukas and the work of the fine committee, Helen Kazlowski, Dot and

Ann Zukas, our council once again placed itself at the top for running successful affairs.

#### Meeting notes:

Vinny Savinsky, newly-elected president, presided in executive like manner for the first time at our regular meeting held January 6. The meeting was well attended and among the important matters discussed was how to attract new members and keep the old ones interested.

#### Bowling news:

Our bowling captain John Belskis, reports that recently there is more enthusiasm shown in bowling Thursday nights. John made arrangement to change our alleys from the Bowl Haven back to the Brookline alleys. This will be good news for our regular bowlers who will be able to start much earlier now. Our men's team is fast improving and intends to give the New England bowling league teams keen competition! *Zake*

#### ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

#### Winter Carnival

Once again K. of L'ers journeyed from all over New England to attend our Annual Winter Carnival at Tully Brook Inn. The first group of guests to arrive was from Lawrence. They arrived so early, in fact, that the hosts were still in Athol attending Mass. There were also guests from Brockton, Worcester, South Boston, Cambridge, Norwood, Providence, R. I. and Hartford, Conn. The guests were welcomed by President Robert Pask and our pastor, Rev. Juraitis.

After a very pleasant and bountiful dinner the guests adjourned to the great outdoor where they enjoyed various winter sports. The ice on Tully Pond attracted most of the crowd. It was here that skates and cameras alike were put to good use. Some of the more adventuresome souls traveled up to Mt. Grace where they enjoyed tobogganing and sliding on make-shift sleds made of cardboard and where a couple of the braver people even attempted skiing! A person who should be highly commended for her entertaining personality and her ability to make fun for herself and others is Nellie Pazniokas of Norwood. This young lady was able to produce more enjoyment out of an ordinary piece of cardboard than one could believe was possible. The skill with which she handled her cardboard sled as she went sailing down the mountainside was remarkable.

The late afternoon and evening were spent in the Inn where the guests occupied themselves with games and dancing and

where a buffet supper was served. Many thanks to our hard working committee for the success of the affair and to all the wonderful people who supported it.

#### Pre-Carnival Dance

Guests were present Saturday night before the carnival for the dance at the Lithuanian Club from Worcester, Cambridge, Hartford, Conn. and of course — Athol and Gardner. A get-together after the dance was held at the Viking Club.

#### February Meeting

A very pleasant surprise was in store for the members of Council 10 after the February meeting when the members of the Women's Guild presented a short one-act comedy for their entertainment. The K. of L'ers enjoyed the play even more, because two of their own members Mylda Stasiunas and Dorothea Gulezian were in the cast. There was an added surprise for the men as they received free cigars that were left over prizes from the Winter Carnival. Refreshments were served by Dot Gulezian, Nellie Melaika, Mary Ann Rodski, Mary Piragis and Mary Gauronsky. We understand that the ladies from the Guild came with the intention of gaining new members for their own organization but that they enjoyed themselves so much that there are now a couple of potential Knights among them.

#### Personality of the Month

The person chosen as deserving of outstanding recognition this month is Robert Posk. Although he has only served as president of Council 10 for a very short time we regret to say that Bob will be leaving us to attend school in Boston, where he will take a course in accounting. Bob had only recently returned to us after having served in the Army. He had been stationed in Japan where he served with the Military Police as honor guard for General Mark Clark. After his discharge he was employed at the Union Twist Drill Co. Bob is quite athletic and has been quite outstanding as a weight lifter. His ability to play almost anything on the piano from classics to jazz makes him quite popular wherever there is a group gathered. Bob is engaged to lovely Lorraine Paulin.

Although we regret losing our enthusiastic and hard-working president we wish him luck and know he will be a success in his newly-chosen career.

Bob will be joined in his "search for knowledge" by Joe Waitkevich also recently discharged from the service. We understand that the two scholars plan to room together in Boston. Lots of luck, boys!



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## PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

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#### COUNCIL 19

Just for something different, here is a column from the somewhat silent Council 19 of Pittsburgh. Our lack of noise, however, isn't due to lack of activity — we have had plenty of that. And all those meetings presently going on of the officers, the Convention Committee and subcommittees are indications of some of the colossal things brewing for the future.

With the changing of the year we had a chance to change officers, but since the officers of last year worked together in such complete harmony and did such a wonderful job, there were very few additions or corrections necessary, so with one or two minor exceptions, the people who did so well in 1953 were practically all re-elected unanimously for our big year of 1954, and they are as follows: Ruth Greblunas, president; Ed Marculaitis, 1st vice president; Julia Aleshunas, 2nd vice president; Marcella Onaitis, recording secretary; Margaret Potts, financial secretary; Mildred Chinik, corresponding secretary; Bill Marculaitis, treasurer; Stephen Onaitis, Chairman, Ritual Committee; Helen Girdis, Chairman, Lithuanian Affairs Committee; Tom Unites, Sgt.-at-Arms; Joe Saliunas, Chairman, Program Committee.

Mildred and Walter Chinik opened the New Year with a gay celebration at their home which included many K. of L'ers. The very versatile Joe Saliunas did much of the entertaining with the assistance of his most vivacious wife Peggy, although most of it was lost on "Sleepy" Bill Kolicius. Ruth Greblunas and her charming escort added greatly to the background of the numerous flash pictures which were taken, all of which bear evidence that a good time was had by all.

The K. of L. Choir has again resumed activity under the direction of its faithful Director, Kazys Bazys, and is now rehearsing for a presentation at the Commemoration of Lithuania's Independence Day on February 14. Now that we have such a charming secretary as Eleanor Allen urging us to come down to rehearsals and the Refreshment Committee consisting of Mildred Chinik, Marcella Onaitis and Vyto Jucevicius assuring us that we will not go home hungry or without our shot of caffeine — otherwise known as coffee — things are running along pretty smoothly.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to one of our members, Ellen Pavlosky, at the death of her mother, Mrs. Paulina Martinaitis, on January 17, 1954. Ellen's loss will also be greatly felt by the K. of L. as well as all Lithuanian organizations in the Pittsburgh District since Mrs. Martinaitis was one of Pittsburgh's most capable and willing workers in all Lithuanian matters.

It's good to see Antoinette Naujelis and Nellie Kuntz getting back into the K. of L. activities again from which they were forced to withdraw because of their respective illnesses. The latest word from Julie Aleshunas is that she is still improving steadily and is even starting to "venture out" again. Keep it up Julie — it will be a great day when you get back in circulation.

For a change of scenery, the January social meeting of the K. of L. was held at the home of Bill and Anne Kolicius. The only problem was that some people found it rather difficult to get out to that wilderness in the blizzard that came up, but good old Ed Marculaitis saved the day by running a shuttle service from the street car line. One rugged individual, Joe Aleliunas, even braved the elements on foot.  
*I. C. Awl*

### PHILADELPHIA, PA.

#### COUNCIL 3

1954 seems to be the beginning of a very prosperous year for Council 3. We have so far acquired 4 new members: Rita Mazeika, Peter Utkas, John Zitkus and Chuck Kisciellis; and two old members have rejoined: Thomas Meron and Albert Anona. We're always very happy to get new members and especially glad to welcome back our old members.

Our K. of L. has taken over the coffee and hot dog concession at the parish hall where Bingo is played every Thursday night. Helen Shields, our chief chef, is kept busy making hot dogs and sauerkraut and coffee. The rest of us act as waitresses.

On January 16, we had our first in a series of planned monthly socials. The social committee (Helen Bigenis, Mary Greblowski, Joe Bigenis) organized the program consisting of cheraades, dancing and refreshment consisting of soda, pretzels, and potato chips.

In honor of Lithuanian Independence Day and Valentine's Day, we are going to have a combined celebration in our clubroom which will include a small program and a social afterwards. The K. of L. will also participate in the Lithuanian Day celebration to be held in Lithuanian Music Hall on Allegheny Ave.

On Sunday, February 7, we had our annual Parish Banquet in honor of our pastor, in St. Casimir's hall. The K. of L. had a reserved table and about 25 of our members sat together. Helen Shields, president, presented the pastor with a gift from our council. Following the banquet, dancing resumed and refreshments were served downstairs.

We're still keeping up with our bowling. Chuck Kisciellis is head of our Sports Committee and sometime in the near future we hope to have a team organized.  
*Al*

# Knights of Lithuania

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