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Kai rusai lietuviams spaudą draudė

Simas Sužiedėlis

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Rusijos carų valdžioje Lietuva išbuvo 120 metų. Trečdalį tos priespaudos lietuviams iškentė, neturėdami spaudos laisvės. Jiem buvo draudžiama leisti laikraščius ir spausdinti knygas bei maldaknyges lotyniškais raidėmis, kokias ir dabar vartojame. Patys rusai turėjo kitokį raštą, pasidarytą iš graikiško alfabeto.

Galima, žinoma, rašyti bei knygas spausdinti vienai ar kitaip, kaip žmonės sugalvoja ir įpranta — tai nėra dar bloga. Blogiau buvo tai, kad rusai savo raštu norėjo lietuviams įbrukti savo kalbą, sustiprinti Lietuvoje savo įtaką ir lietuvius katalikus nuvesti į pravoslaviją. Dėl to prasidėjo sunki ir ilga 40 metų kova su rusų žandarais. Ji buvo lietuvių tautos laimėta — spaudos laisvė atgauta (1904 m. gegužės 7 d.). Šiomet tam reikšmingam įvykiui sueina 50 metų. Pažiūrėkime, ką toji sukaktis mums primena ir ko moko?

Gerai žinome, kad drausti kam nors spausdinto žodžio laisvę — tai griebtis prievartos užčiaupti žmogui burną. Demokratinėje Amerikoje nesuprantama, kaip galima tai daryti. Čia visi gali leisti laikraščius ir spausdinti knygas, kokių kas nori ir koku tik patinka raštu. Caro laikų Rusijoje buvo kitaip. Tada nebuvo leidžiama nieko laisviau parašyti, kas valdžiai nepatiko. Taip yra ir dabar Sovietų Rusijoje, tik dar griežčiau; taip būna kiekvienoje diktatūrinėje valstybėje, kai valdžia panori žmonėms primesti tik savo valią.

Lietuviams anuo metu buvo norima primesti dar ir svetimas raštas, kad jie greičiau nutaustų. Tai buvo didelė skriauda nedidelei lietuvių tautai. Niekur kitur pasaulyje tokio spaudos draudimo nepasitaikė, išskyrus caristinę Rusiją. Kodėl ji lietuviams tokius varžtus buvo uždėjusi?

Nevisi gal žino, kad lietuviams spauda buvo uždrausta ne įstatymu, o tikrai Vilniaus generalgubernatoriaus potvarkiu. Pradžioje nebuvo net ir rašiško potvarkio, o tik žodžiu buvo liepta konfiskuoti lietuviškos knygos ir naikinti. Taip darė Muravjovas, lietuvių pramintas Koriku. Tikrai jo įpėdinis Kaufmanas raštu uždraudė spausdinti ir platinti lietuviškas knygas lotynškomis raidėmis (1865 m. rugsėjo 6 d.). Kaip vienas, taip ir antras elgėsi neteisėtai, apsilenkdami su įstatymais. Taip galėjo būti tik Rusijoje, kur laisvai savivaliavo ypač aukštesnieji valdininkai. Bet ir pati aukštoji caro valdžia leido daryti visa, kas galėtų padėti kitas tautas greičiau surusinti ir suprovoslavinti. Akys buvo užmerkiamos, nors kitiems neteisybė daroma. Kaip lietuviai kovojo su ta neteisyste?

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Kovą už lietuvių spaudos laisvę pradėjo energingas Žemaičių vyskupas Motiejus Valančius (1801-1875). Jisai pirmas ėmė spausdinti maldaknyges už Rusijos valstybės sienų — senoje lietuvių žemėje, Prūsijoje, kurią tada valdė vokiečiai. Tilžės mieste daugiausia buvo spausdinama tų uždraustųjų lietuviškų knygų ir slaptai gabenamos per sieną. Jas dažniausia pernešdavo pro Sudargą (Šakių apskr.), kur klebonavo kun. M. Sederavičius. Jis suorganizavo visą tinklą vadinamųjų knygnešių — bažnyčios tarnų ir šiap žmonių. Pirmieji jiems padėdavo slaptai knygas gabenti ir žmonėms dalinti kunigai, nes daugiausia buvo spausdinama maldaknygių. Paskui prisidėjo ir pasauliečiai inteligentai, kai imta leisti laikraščiai, kaip "Aušra", "Varpas", "Apžvalga", "Tėvynės Sargas" ir k. Vienas iš žymiausių knygnešių buvo J. Bielinis (miręs 1918 m.), biržietis ūkininkas. Jam sugauti rusai buvo paskyrę nemažą pinigų sumą, bet jis iš žandarų išsprukdavo arba išsipirkdavo.

Nei viena tauta pasaulyje neturi tokių karžygių, kokie buvo lietuvių knygnešiai, ėję į Sibirą ir lieję kraują už gimtąją kalbą spausdintą lietuvišką žodį. Mes žinome, kad ir seniau buvo ir dabar yra slaptų raštų, kuriuos žmonės platina, norėdami krašto valdžią nuversti, revoliuciją sukelti. Dabar daug kur taip daro komunistai, kurie pačioje Sovietų Rusijoje ir jos užimtuose kraštuose kitiems spaudos laisvės nepripažįsta. Lietuviai knygnešiai buvo kitokie: jie revoliucijos nekėlė, bet reikalavo lietuvių tautai ir kitiems spaudos laisvės — to, kas kiekvienai tautai ir kiekvienam žmogui teisėtai priklauso.

Tas lietuvių kovos istorijos lapas yra labai garbingas, bet ir brangiai apmokėtas. Apytikriai žinoma, kad apie 1000 lietuvių nukentėjo už slaptų

knygų spausdinimą, gabenimą ir jų skaitymą. Vieni buvo Sibire sušaudyti, kiti išžudyti, dar kiti gelbėdamiesi į Ameriką išbėgo.

Amerikos lietuviai tuo metu irgi labai daug lietuviškai knygai pasitarnavo. Jie ne tik spausdino jas Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstybėse, bet rėmė ir spausdinamas Prūsijoje: jas prenumeravo ir pinigais redakcijas šelpė. Toje kovoje buvo susijungusi visa lietuvių tauta šiapus ir anapus Atlanto. Ir ji tą kovą laimėjo. Rusai buvo priversti nusileisti. Kodėl jie pakeitė savo nusistatymą?

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Rusai pralaimėjo prieš nedidelę lietuvių tautą, nes ji tvirtai laikėsi savo nusistatymo, narsiai kovojo ir vis didesniais glėbiais nešė knygas per sieną. Kad tai gerai suprastume, palyginkime šiuos skaičius: per pirmuosius 300 metų, kai išėjo pirmoji lietuvių kalba knyga, jų buvo išspausdinta apie 750; per pirmuosius spaudos draudimo 20 metų išspausdinta arti 500 arba 10 kartų daugiau per metus negu anksčiau; gi per paskutiniuosius 20 metų, kol spauda buvo leista, išspausdinta arti 1.400 arba 25 kartus daugiau!!.. Rusai susirūpino, kad knygų skaičius ne mažėjo, bet augo, o kartu augo ir neapykanta valdžiai, augo jau ir revoliucinės nuotikos. Tai vertė rusus prisipažinti, kad jie pradėjo netinkamą kovą ir turėjo iš jos trauktis: duoti lietuviams spaudos laisvę.

Iš savo pusės ir lietuviai sustiprino pastangas spaudos laisvei atgauti. Byla pasiekė aukščiausią Rusijos teismą — senatą, kuris pripažino, kad lietuviams spausdinti knygas lotyniškais raidėmis buvo uždrausta apsilenkiant su įstatymais. Tada caras 1904 m. gegužės 7 d. spaudos draudimą nuėmė. Rusus vertė tai padaryti dar kilęs karas su Japonija. O karo metu, kaip žinome, kiekvieno krašto valdžia stengiasi žmonėms mažiau ar daugiau įtikti, kad nekiltų riaušių viduje. Rusija vis dėlto jų neišvengė: įvyko 1905 metų revoliucija, kurioje lietuviai taip pat gyvai dalyvavo. Tačiau nuo caro jungo lietuviai galutinai išsivadavo tik per pirmąjį Didįjį karą. Deja, antrasis karas vėl atnešė į Lietuvą nelaimę — dar žiauresnius raudonosios komunistų žandarus. Turėdami vilties, kad ir jų siautėjimas neamžinas, ko galėtume pasimokyti iš knygnešių, kurie kovojo su baltaisiais caro žandais?

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Visi lietuviai, kurie gyvena laisvėje ir laisvai gali leisti bei spausdinti savo knygas bei laikraščius, turėtų juos dar labiau branginti. Tai yra mūsų

(tęsa 7 pusl.)

PIUS X - A MODERN SAINT

Rev. Albert J. Contons



During the night of August 19, 1914 death came to Giuseppe Sarto, a poor Italian peasant who had become Pope. His hands were joined on his chest and firmly held the crucifix of Christ Whom he had served in life. His face was serene. His heart was at peace. His soul had gone to God, for Giuseppe Sarto was a saint.

Those who knelt at the bedside of Pius X were aware that a friend of God had gone to Heaven. Giuseppe Sarto had always been a simple man, a true man of God. Dearest to his heart was the title which Pope Gregory the Great had first used, The Servant of the Servants of God. Even as Pope he was still the shepherd of souls. Only now his flock was the world. His entire life had been spent striving with all the might of his saintly soul to fulfill the motto which he had chosen for his Pontificate, "To restore all things in Christ."

HIS YOUTH

Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto was born on July 2, 1835 of humble parents who lived in the town of Riese in northern Italy. He was the second of ten children, two of whom died in their infancy. Giuseppe's father labored as a janitor in the small town hall, and his mother, besides caring for eight children, took in sewing to increase the meagre family income.

Friendly and alert, Giuseppe was popular with his playmates and knew how to win them over by one means or another. He was strong in body and excelled in games. To win an argument it was not beyond him even to use his fists. But the boys of Riese loved him for his affectionate ways, his physical prowess, and his spirit of fair play. They chose him to be their leader.

Giuseppe was serious-minded too, and he loved God. He was attracted by religion, and devoted to Church services. At the age of eleven he had the greatest thrill of his boyhood when he received Jesus in Holy Communion. School appealed to him and his bright mind easily mastered the subjects

which were taught. Finally Giuseppe revealed his life ambition: to be a priest of God.

At first Giuseppe's father objected that his oldest son should instead be preparing to take over his father's job. But the objections were eventually ironed out and arrangements were made for Giuseppe to attend the Junior Seminary at Castelfranco as a day student, because his parents could not afford the expense of having him board at the school. Anxious to learn, young Giuseppe did not mind walking five miles to school and five miles back, even in the bitterest winter weather. As he left the village he would take off his shoes and string them over his shoulder to economize on leather. For lunch his mother would pack him some fruit, bread, potato and cheese. At night Giuseppe would go to the parish curate to study Latin.

In spite of these hardships the young seminarian displayed his brilliant qualities of mind and soul. He was soon at the top of his class in scholastic achievements. After four years of study he took the entrance examinations for the diocesan seminary at Treviso. He led the group of 43 candidates by getting the highest mark in every subject. Indeed this young candidate for the priesthood showed great promise of future service.

HIS PRIESTHOOD

Being unable to afford even the small expense of living at the seminary of Treviso, the parish priest of Riese sought a scholarship for Giuseppe at the Seminary of Padua. To the great relief of the Sartos this request was successful and Giuseppe was able to begin his major seminary studies. He had the same success in philosophy and theology as he had had at Castelfranco. With excellent recommendations from his superiors at the seminary, Giuseppe Sarto was ordained to the priesthood on Sept. 18, 1858.

Don Giuseppe was sent as assistant to the small village of Tombolo to gain his first experience in caring for souls. Here he proved himself to be a

wise and zealous shepherd of the flock. Soon he was active in teaching the congregation to take part in the sacred chant of the liturgy; he threw himself with enthusiasm into the work of catechetical instruction of the children; he even organized a night school to teach the more illiterate of his young parishioners. He prepared his sermons well, for he knew that even though his listeners were simple peasants they would be an interested and discerning audience for his instructions. At night Don Giuseppe continued his studies of Scripture, Canon Law, and the Church Fathers. Gradually he trained himself to get along on less sleep so that eventually he was able to carry out his rigorous schedule of parish work, self-denial and study with only four hours of sleep a night.

The poor came to him often for help, and Don Giuseppe would give them whatever he had. When he had no more food or money for the poor, he would go to the local pawnshop which eventually took over practically all his belongings, including his watch and silver tableware. No wonder that in his last will and testament Pius X declared, "I was born poor, I have lived poor, I desire to die poor."

After nine years as an assistant at Trombolo, Don Giuseppe, in recognition of his outstanding priestly qualities, was promoted to parish priest of the important church at Salzano. Here too he continued his zealous and industrious ministry.

Typical of his direct approach to problems is the way he handled a city employee guilty of habitual swearing and cursing. The mayor of Salzano asked his advice about the employee, and Don Giuseppe answered, "Would you, my dear sir, keep in your employ a man accustomed to offend the august majesty of the king? Why, certainly you would not; there is a law against it. And why this law? Because the king reigns by the grace of God and through the will of the nation, the first article of whose Constitution officially recognizes its God. Therefore an offense against God is of its own nature also an offense against the sovereign..." Within two weeks no one was heard to swear again on the streets of Salzano.

Don Giuseppe's firmness and loyalty to principle is illustrated in another incident. A parishioner came to Don Giuseppe asking him for a letter of recommendation so that he could get a certain job. Don Giuseppe told him to come back on Friday and he would have it ready by that time. Wishing to get better acquainted with the family, Don Giuseppe, good pastor that he was, decided to deliver the letter personally before dinner on Friday. But

as he approached the home the fragrant odor of *oseleti scampai* (grilled meat and bacon) assailed his nostrils. Don Giuseppe stopped short, turned around and returned to the rectory. Late that afternoon the applicant came to get his letter of recommendation.

"But it is not yet Friday!" objected the pastor.

"Today is not Friday? Why look at the calendar," replied the parishioner, surprised that his pastor should be so absent-minded.

But Don Giuseppe still appeared not to be convinced. "No; the calendar must be wrong. Today can't possibly be Friday, because today you had *oseleti scampai* for dinner."

The distressed parishioner did not know what to say, but finally he mustered the excuse that all his family had contracted colds and felt that the *oseleti scampai* would cure them.

"Ah, the darn in the sock is worse than the hole," replied the priest. "You had a cold, so you ate *oseleti scampai*. Say rather, that your good Christian principles have grown cold."

When pressed about the letter of recommendation Don Giuseppe firmly declared, "I just won't tell lies. Declare solemnly that you are a good Christian? Yes, but I should have to add that you are so fond of meat that you would lose heaven for it."

HIS PONTIFICATE

For nine years Don Giuseppe shepherded the flock of Salzano, until his bishop appointed him Chancellor of the diocese (of Treviso) and spiritual director of the seminary. After another nine years no one was at all surprised, except the humble Don Giuseppe, when Pope Leo XIII appointed him bishop of the large diocese of Mantua. Consecrated a bishop, Giuseppe Sarto was sent to his new diocese by Pope Leo with the remark, "If the people of Mantua do not love their new pastor they are incapable of loving anyone, for Monsignor Sarto is the most lovable of the bishops."

Nine years of faithful service as bishop of Mantua were rewarded when Pope Leo elevated Bishop Sarto to the College of Cardinals and at the same time appointed him Patriarch of Venice in June of 1893. Cardinal Sarto was well content to spend the rest of his days in the see of Venice. When Pope Leo XIII died at the ripe old age of 94, the Patriarch of Venice bought a roundtrip ticket for Rome to attend the Conclave which was set for July 31, 1903. Giuseppe Sarto was hardly considered a likely

candidate for he was practically unknown outside of northern Italy. Yet the Holy Spirit had other plans. Much to his dismay, Giuseppe Sarto, on the fourth day of balloting, received the necessary votes and was elected Pope. Cardinal Sarto did not want to be Pope. It was only after much persuasion that he finally agreed, "I accept it as a cross... Since I must suffer, I take the name of those who have suffered; I shall be known as Pius."

As Pope, Giuseppe Sarto was still the poor peasant, the zealous priest, the man of God that he had shown himself all during his saintly life. When asked what would be his policy as Pope he pointed to the crucifix and remarked simply, "that is my policy." He forbade the members of his family to change their way of life because of the exalted position he now held. When asked by the heraldic commission, "What title shall be given to the sisters of your Holiness?" he replied straightforward, "Call them the sisters of the Pope."

Yet in his quiet, unostentatious way Pope Pius X made notable contributions to the well-being of the Church. A Protestant reporter, writing about his death observed that, "It is no exaggeration to say that Giuseppe Sarto, the child of the laborer and the dressmaker, has made greater changes of his own motion in the domestic discipline of the Roman Church than almost any of his predecessors since the period of the Council of Trent."

Pius X gave great inspiration to the Catholic action movement in the Church. He decreed that children need not wait till the age of 11 or 12 to receive Communion but should be admitted to receive the Bread of Life as soon as they reached the age of reason. The Pope encouraged all Catholics to the frequent reception of Holy Communion. Pius X reformed ecclesiastical laws in regard to Church music and did much to restore Gregorian chant to its proper place in the liturgy. He initiated and saw well on the road to completion the monumental task of bringing all Church laws together in one Code of Canon Law. He suppressed the Modernist heresy before it could gain a firm foothold in the Church. He defended the rights of the Church against persecution by the anti-clerical governments of France, Portugal, and Italy. In a word Pius X planted the spiritual seeds of the Catholic Revival which is still in its youthful vigor today.

May 29, 1954 marked the climax of the remarkable career of this modern Pope. On that day Giuseppe Sarto was solemnly declared to be a saint of the Catholic Church.

With one voice the Catholic Church now prays, "Saint Pius X, pray for us."

PAŠVENTINTAS

M. NORKŪNUI PAMINKLAS

Laike Naujosios Anglijos Apskritis Vyčių Seimelio įvykusio š. m. balandžio m. 25 d. Lawrence, Mass. buvo pašventintas Lietuvos Vyčių pastatytas vyčių organizacijos įkūrėjui Mykolui Norkūnui paminklas. Paminklas padarytas iš juodo švedų granito lietuviškais motyvais ir atitinkamu įrašu. Projektas dailininko Jonyno.

Prie paminklo, vadovaujant Paminklo Statybos Komiteto Pirmininkui ir buvusiam Vyčių organizacijos Pirmininkui Juozui Bulevičiui, vyčiai davė tokią iškilmingą pasižadėjimą:

— *Brangusis Tėve, mes, Lietuvos Vyčiai, Tavo garbingos organizacijos nariai, prižadame iki mirties pasilikti uoliais katalikais ir gerais lietuviais, dirbti su lietuviais, ugdyti savyje lietuvišką dvasią, branginti, mylėti ir vis daugiau ir daugiau vartoti lietuvių kalbą, lietuvišką dainą bei užlaikyti lietuviškus papročius. Mes pasižadame vis didesniu uolumu skleisti vyčių idėjas po visą Ameriką. Mes pasiryžtame niekuomet neišsžadėti mums taip brangių lietuvių principų.*

Brangusis Tėve, pareikšdami šiuos pažadus prie Tavo kapo, mes neabejojame, kad Dievui padedant juos ištikimai išpildysime. —

Paminkle padarytas toks įrašas: — *Čia Ilsisi Mykolas Norkūnas, Lietuvos Vyčių Kurėjas ir Pirmasis Pirmininkas; Per 38 Metus Jų Nenuilstamas Vadas, Lietuvių Žadintojas, Nuoširdus Draugas ir Mylimas Tėvas. Gimė 1869 m. Gruodžio 1 dieną. Mirė 1951 metais Balandžio 1 d. Amžiną Atilsį Suteik Jam, Viešpatie.* —

SPAUDA DRAUDĖ

(tąsa iš 4 psl.)

sų tautos stiprybė ir dvasinis turtas, iš kurio gaiviname savo lietuviškąją sąmonę. Kuo kitu ją išlaikysime, jei ne lietuviškoju žodžiu? Knygnešiai už ją kraują liejo. Čia to nereikia daryti, bet vis dėlto reikia aukos: reikia lietuviškąją spaudą paremti ir ją skaityti. Ta pareiga mums dar dėl to padidėja, kad šiuo metu Lietuvoje negalima spausdinti tokių knygų, kokių lietuviai norėtų. Negalima leisti nei patriotinių, nei religinių, nei ddžiųjų Lietuvos rašytojų kai kurių raštų. Juos turime čia spausdinti, kad Lietuvai laisvę atgavus, galėtume ją pradžiuginti, kaip dovana naujojo lietuvių knygnešio.

FORTY YEARS OF BLACKOUT

By Joseph Boley

A half-century ago last May the Lithuanian people recovered the right to print and read books and newspapers in their own language.

It is strange, an American might wonder, that anyone should ever be forbidden to read a book of his own choosing. Yet such was the situation in Lithuania for forty years prior to 1904.

On January 1, 1864, Governor-general Muraviev of Vilnius published an edict requiring all text books in Lithuanian schools to be printed in Russian characters. The following year, Governor-general Kaufman issued a companion ruling that nothing could be printed in the Lithuanian (Latin) alphabet.

Primary schools, at the same time, were to be staffed mainly by Russian teachers and all government administrative posts were to be filled exclusively by Russians. These were new steps on the road to Russification. The use of Lithuanian national costumes had been forbidden since 1841.

Since 1840 the very name of Lithuania had been abolished by an imperial order from all official documents. Substituted, instead, was the term "Northwestern Province of Russia."

With the new twist to the favorite formula of repression, suppression, and oppression it was hoped, no doubt, that the name of Lithuania eventually would be erased from Lithuanian consciousness. In effect it was to be a cultural genocide for the Lithuanian nation.

In place of the banned books, the Russians made available books in their own Slavic characters. These were mainly text books and calendars and, somewhat later, religious and prayer books. But few people bought or read these books.

Not easily impressed by edicts, the Lithuanians attempted to print their own books in secret, but such attempts were too easily traced. Printing presses soon were shipped into Prussian Lithuania beyond the reach of Russian police.

Tilžė became one of the publishing centers, with Bishop Valančius being a prime organizer of these printing enterprises. In Tilžė, in 1883, Dr. Jonas Basanavičius founded the periodical "Aušra."

The extent and continuous growth of beyond-the-border publications can be seen in figures provided by Pranas Naujokaitis in "Lietuvių Literatura." These show: 1864-73 — 214 publications; 1874 - 83 — 270 publications; 1884 - 93 — 586; and, 1894 - 1904 — 786.

These books and papers then were smuggled across the border and circulated secretly throughout Russian - ruled Lithuania by devoted patriots. It was no easy task to escape the ever-vigilant police.

The book carriers, living in danger and anxiety, organized into secret societies. Their main objectives were to complete their missions successfully and, if caught, never to implicate others. Many eventually landed in prison or were banished, with long sentences, to Siberia. Some acquired legendary fame for their ingenuity in eluding police.

The late Mykolas Norkunas, founder of the Knights of Lithuania, as a young lad also was a member of what might be called the "Secret Order of Lithuanian Book Carriers." For his zeal and devotion he was typically honored by the Russians — with a prison sentence.

Efforts constantly were made to end this unique cultural oppression.

It fell to a student at the end of the century to point up the folly of the situation when he was arrested and sentenced by police for circulating a notice concerning a Lithuanian dramatic presentation in Joniškis.

The student, P. Višinskis, fought his case for more than three years until it reached the highest court. There he won out after it was proved that he had transgressed no law, since, as a matter of record, no law actually existed which expressly forbade Lithuanian printing. There had been only an illegal ruling on the subject in September 25, 1865, by Governor-general Kaufman.

This decision pointed the way to further action. The Lithuanian colony in St. Petersburg began to request and receive permission for Lithuanian concerts and plays. Contacts were sought and established with government organs in charge of the press.

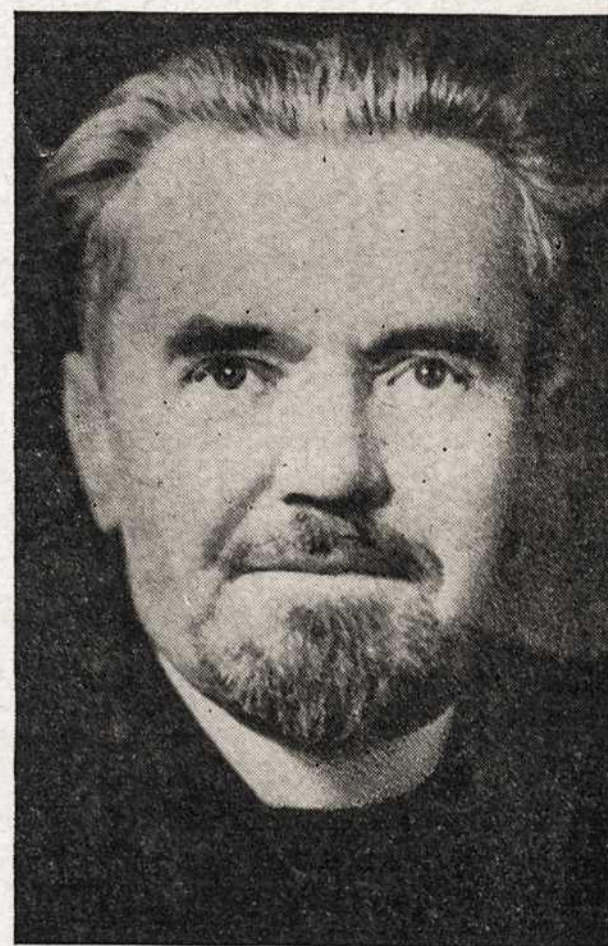
On the morning of May 7, 1904, a government official telephoned J. Januškevičius that permission to print a little paper, "Žiburėlis" had been granted.

Thus ended the forty-year cultural blackout, which had deprived so many Lithuanians of even a rudimentary education and retarded seriously the development of our language and literature.

The only bright spot in this otherwise dark page of history is the undisputed evidence of our people's unconquerable love for their language and their resolute stand on the issue, despite heavy odds.

A leading figure in Lithuania's Liberation Movement

Msgr. Mykolas Krupavičius Comes to U.S.A.



Msgr. Mykolas Krupavičius is President of Lithuania's Christian Democratic Party, President of the Lithuanian Supreme Committee of Liberation, which is charged with carrying on Lithuania's fight for freedom, and a sincere friend of Knights of Lithuania.

Born in Balbieriskis, Lithuania on October 1, 1885, Krupavičius hoped to become a teacher and, accordingly, in 1905 graduated from the Veiveriai Teachers' Seminary. His hopes, however, were thwarted by Czarist oppression, and finding that he would be unable to follow his chosen profession, Krupavičius decided to study for the priesthood. Immediately upon finishing Petrograd's Catholic Theological Seminary, he found himself involved in the tumultuous events of the Russian Revolution of 1917. Krupavičius was an unyielding opponent of Communism and an indefatigable fighter for Lithuania's independence. In consequence of his anti-Communist activities, he was condemned to death by the revolutionary tribunal of Voronezh, but he escaped from Russia and death, and succeeded in making his way to German-occupied Lithuania where he continued to fight for his political beliefs. Msgr. Krupavičius' fight focused upon the struggle for Lithuanian independence and the fight for social reform based on the principles of the Papal encyclicals, "Rerum Novarum" and "Quadragesimo Anno."

After the proclamation of Lithuania's independence, on February 16, 1918, elections for the first Lithuanian Parliament (Seimas) were held. Out of 112 seats in Parliament, the Christian Democratic bloc, with Msgr. Krupavičius as one of its leaders, received 59 seats, thus permitting the bloc to form a new Lithuanian Government on the basis of its Christian Democratic program. Msgr. Krupavičius played a decisive role in the formulation of the new constitution and in the introduction and subsequent execution of the Land Reform Act. The Land Reform Act was Msgr. Krupavičius' greatest single contribution to his country. This Act is well-known in Western Europe where it is much-studied and where it has received abundant praise. The Lithuania of the years 1920-1926 was essentially the Lithuania of Msgr. Krupavičius.

When forced out of politics by a dictatorial regime in Lithuania, Msgr. Krupavičius went to France to continue his studies. Upon his return to Lithuania he became a parish priest and a professor at the Vilkaviskis Theological Seminary.

A prolific writer, Msgr. Krupavičius has authored a number of books and pamphlets dealing with Christian Democratic theoretical, political and social question and was editor of the Christian Democratic organ *Tėvynės Sargas*. A magnetic and eloquent speaker, Msgr. Krupavičius is a

dynamic and forceful personality, famous for his sincerity and democratic ideas, which have earned him the confidence of the common people.

During the Soviet occupation of Lithuania (in 1940) and the subsequent Nazi invasion and occupation, Msgr. Krupavičius was active in the Underground. His memoranda and letters addressed to officials of the occupying powers condemned both the Nazis and the Soviet occupations. He violently opposed the Nazi policy of exterminating Lithuania's Jews, and, in consequence, he was arrested and exiled from Lithuania to Germany.

The victorious American troops freed Msgr. Krupavičius from Nazi imprisonment whereupon he immediately joined the fight to liberate Lithuania from the Communist yoke. Elected President of the Supreme Lithuanian Liberation Committee in 1949 (a post he still holds), Msgr. Krupavičius visited the U. S., Britain, France, Italy and Vatican City in an effort to focus world attention upon the tragic plight of his crucified native land.

41st K. of L. National
Convention, Pittsburgh,
Pa. (August 25-29).

Daina - Lietuvio Palydovė

Alfa Sušinskas

1. ANAIS LAIKAIS

Anais prieškomunistiniais laikais nuo nebeatmenamų amžių visa Lietuva buvo dainuojanti tauta. Nors Lietuvai ir praetis amžiais buvo lemta kentėti vergijoje daug ilgesnį metą, negu džiaugtis laisvės dienomis, bet lietuvis, vergijos supančiotas ar laisvas, dainuodavo, ir jo daina amžių bėgyje susidarė savo dvasių ir melodiją labai skirtingą nuo kitų tautų dainos, nuo tautų, kurioms praetyje neteko tiek kentėti, kiek lietuvių tautai kad teko...

Kada lietuvis dainuodavo? Įvairių įvairiausiomis progomis, sakytume, visada. Kiekvienas tautinis ar asmeninis įvykis būdavo apipinamas skambiais žodžiais ir išreiškiamas darnia melodija... Juk lietuviai yra dainingi, ir jų širdis yra didžiai poetiška, romantiška, jausminga. Dėl to ir lietuviškoji daina, betką apdainuodama, patraukia širdį, ją sužavi ir iš akių nekartą išspaudžia ašaras. Lietuvis dainuodavo vergijoje, baudžiavoje, visokioje priespaudoje ir laisvės dienomis; jis dainuodavo beliūdėdamas, dainuodavo besidžiaugdama. Įvairi lietuviškoji daina skambėdavo ypač pavasarį laukus bedirbant, besėjant, ji skambėdavo vasarą šieną bepjaunant, rugius bekertant, rudenį bulves bekasant, linus beraunant; ir žiemą lietuviškoji daina nenutildavo: trobose linus beverpant, daržinėse javus bekuliant lietuvi ir lietuvis niūniuodavo, dainuodavo... Daina lydėjo kiekvieną lietuvi žingsnį: linksmą ar liūdną.

2. VARGAS, LAISVĖ, MEILĖ...

Lietuviškoji daina apima visą lietuvi gyvenimą. Lietuviškoje dainoje vaizdingai atsiliepia visi lietuvi pergyvenimai. Lietuvių liaudies dainos (nežinomųjų lietuvių sukurtos) vaizduoja lietuvi gyvenimą tokį, koks jis buvo. Lietuvių liaudies dainos ir jų melodijos dažniausiai esti liūdnos bei graudžios, nes lietuvi gyvenimas buvo nelengvas, vargingas ir dažnai skausmingas. Ilgų amžių svetimųjų priespauda lietuvi širdyje įspaudė liūdesį ir skundą. Lietuviškoji daina jautriai apdainuoja kruviną ir neteisingą svetimųjų priespaudą, žiaurios vergijos laikus, trėmimus į tolumus kraštus (rusų laikais į Sibirą), svetimųjų kariuomenių įsiveržimą į Lie-

tuvi, sūnų ir bernelių išjojimą į karą ginti brangiosios tėvynės... Lietuviškoji liaudies daina išsako išdainuoja motinos skausmą išleidžiant dukrelę už vyro, kietą ir vargingą našlių, našlaičių, ūkininkų gyvenimą. Betkuri lietuvi vargas atspindi dainoje lyg veidas skaidriame vandenyje. Atrodytų lyg ir keista, kad žmogus varge ir skausme galėtų dainuoti. Bet lietuvis dainuodavo...

Laisvės troškimas, džiaugsmas sulaukta laisve taip pat labai gražiai išreiškiamas lietuviškoja liaudies daina. Laisvės dainos yra skambios, ryžtingos karingos. Jos yra labai daug prisidėjusios lietuviškąjį jaunimą beuoklėjant laisvei.

Nesvetimas lietuviškajai dainai yra ir džiaugsmas. Savąja liaudies daina lietuvis skambiai išreiškia savo įvairų džiaugsmą. Lietuvis džiaugiasi gražiąja Lietuvos gamta: jos upėmis, miškais, paukščiais, jos gėlėmis, pavasariu, vasara; jis džiaugiasi laimingaisiais gyvenimo įvykiais: savo laukų derliumi, savo laimėjimais ūkyje...

Meilė lietuviškiosiose liaudies dainose taip pat turi stiprią ir ryškią vietą. Dainose apdainuojamoji meilė yra graži, stipri ir natūrali. Šiose meilės dainose ypatingai pabrėžiama besimylinčiųjų ištikimybė ir pasmerkiamas suvedžiojimas, neištikimybė.

Reikia pastebėti, jog lietuvių dainos dažnai mini Dievą, kuriam lietuvis varge skundžiasi, kurio pagalbos prašosi, kuriam dėkoja...

Anais prieškomunistiniais laikais lietuvis dainuodavo: verkdamas ar džiaugdama jis išreiškėdavo save ir savo gyvenimą dailiu dainos žodžiu ir darniu, skambiu balsu. O šiandien?..

3. ŠIANDIEN

Pavergtieji mūsų broliai lietuviai šiandien nebegali laisvai dainuoti gražių lietuviškųjų dainų: jiems rusai neleidžia... Su Lietuvos pavergimu ir lietuviškoji daina sulaukė vergijos: Lietuvoje rusai komunistai uždraudė dainuoti lietuviškąsias dainas, nes jos lietuviuose kelia Lietuvos meilę, palaiko laisvės dvasių ir stiprina lietuvius, kad jie nepasiduotų pavergėjams sunaikinami. Pagal turimas žinias, dabar brangiosios Lietuvos laukuose, kiemuose ir

namuose lietuviškoji daina tyli... Bet ji nėra mirusi tikrųjų lietuvių širdyse: ji laukia laisvės aušros, kada ji vėl galės laisvai skambėti visu savo galingumu ir grožiu.

Mes, laisvojo pasaulio lietuviai, tebeturime laisvas sąlygas lietuviškajai dainai dainuoti ir jai palaikyti. Tik į lietuviškąją dainą turime žiūrėti ne vien kaip į pasismaginimą, ne vien kaip į meną, bet ir kaip į didįjį tautinį įkvėpimą, stiprintoją — kaip į Lietuvos laisvės šauklį. Skambioji, lietuviškoji daina turi lydėti mus, laisvuosius lietuvius, tiek mūsų namuose, tiek ir visokiuose lietuviškuose susibūrimuose...

Lietuviškoji daina, daug amžių guodusi, stiprinusi ir drąsinusi lietuvi, ir šiandien tebeturi tą pačią tautinę galią.

REVOLUTIONARY DOCUMENT

"The encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, addressed to the world on May 15, 1891 by Pope Leo XIII, has been viewed as a very revolutionary document by many persons ever since it first appeared. There is the story of the old gentleman in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City when it was being read from the pulpit in 1891. As the reading progressed, he became more and more restless, and finally got up and walked out of the church, murmuring audibly as he went: "Socialism! Socialism!"

"But *Rerum Novarum* was published as a plan of campaign against Socialist and Communist revolution and no one recognizes it as such more definitely than the Communists themselves."

"There is a sense in which *Rerum Novarum* deserves its title; it is appeal to a very special kind of revolution. It is a counter revolution against the minimizing of human dignity and the enslavement of the workingman that had followed upon the industrial revolution."

("The Revolutionary Encyclical", *The Liguorian*, May 1951. R. J. Miller, C.S.R.)



Juozas Lola

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Lietuvių Spauda apie**JUOŽA LOLĄ LIETUVOS VYČIŲ
CENTRO PIRMININKĄ**

Šiomet balandžio 10 d. plačiausiai skaitomas lietuvių dienraštis DRAUGAS, Chicagoj, įdėjo J. Savėlio pasikalbėjimą su Vyčių organizacijos pirmininku Juozu Lola. Iš to pasikalbėjimo matyti, kad Vyčių pirmininkas yra gimęs 1917 m. birželio 6 d. Brockton, Mass. 1934-38 m. lankė ir baigė Mariana-polio Kolegiją ir studijavo Washingtone. 1941-42 m. mokinosi aviacijos mokykloje. Baigęs aviacijos mokyklą, jis dalyvavo, kaip karo lakūnas, kautynėse Tolimuose Rytuose, Pacifiko srityse. Pažymėtina, kad jis dalyvavo ir Guadalcanale Hendersono oro kautynėse, kurios skaitomos žiauriausiomis kautynėmis su japonais II pasaulinio karo metu, o kaip grupės vadas dalyvavo oro kautynėse Saipan ir Guam salose. 1945 m. buvo naujų lėktuvų mėgintojas — test pilot.

J. Lola yra parašęs apie 15 komedijos ir dramų veikaliukų, iš kurių bent 10 po kelius kartus buvo vaidinti N. Anglijos scenoje ir per radiją.

Vyčiams jis priklauso nuo pat mokyklos laikų. 1946 m. buvo Brocktono vyčių kuopos pirmininku, vėliau 5 metus buvo N. Anglijos vyčių apskrities pirmininku ir Centro valdybos vicepirmininku.

Dėl ateities darbų Pirmininkas pareiškė, kad bus įsteigta ir sustiprinta bent didesniuose centruose Vyčių sendraugių kuopos ir visur pasistengta suorganizuoti jaunesnieji vyčiai. Chicagos sendraugių kuopa labai pavyzdinčiai veikia. Daug dėmesio bus kreipiama į suartėjimą su naujųjų ateivių jaunimu.

Ateityje laikraštis VYTIS bus stengiamasi išleisti reguliariai. Tas viltis sustiprina naujoji Vyties spausdinimo vieta — N. P. Seseų Putnam, Conn. spaustuvė. Pirmininkas yra giliai įsitikinęs, kad šiemet bus padidinta vyčių naujų narių skaičius, sustiprinta kuopų veikla, suartėta su naujųjų ateivių jaunimu ir padidinta Vyties skaitytojų šeima.

Bostonietė Frances Stanislovaitis perskaičiusi tą straipsnį DRAUGE, labai susižavėjusi Vyčių pirmininko veikla ir jo lietuvių kalbos mokėjimu, rašo:

“After reading this article I find that I’m a little ashamed of myself for not speaking and writing better Lithuanian. He certainly proved that an American born Lithuanian could speak just as well as one that was born in Lithuania”.

NORKUNAS MEMORIAL FUND PROGRESS REPORT

Monument Completed. The wish of our members to have a memorial stone placed on the grave of Mykolas Norkunas has been realized. The monument stands on his grave at Sacred Heart cemetery, Andover, Mass. It is an attractive piece of work, 32 by 24 inches at the base and 19 inches high, of Swedish black granite with inscription and ornamentation highlighted in gold. The carved moulding surrounding the inscription repeats a stylized form of an early spring flower, "Saulutė," which blooms in the fields of Lithuania and which is often used as a folk motif in home weavings. The inscription, in Lithuanian, says:

"HERE LIES MYKOLAS NORKUNAS, FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA; THROUGH 38 YEARS THEIR UNTIRING LEADER, CHAMPION OF LITHUANIANISM, SINCERE FRIEND AND BELOVED FATHER.

BORN DECEMBER 1, 1869. DIED APRIL 1, 1951.
GRANT HIM, O LORD, ETERNAL REST."

A knight and a Lithuanian cross complete the front side. On the back side of the stone we read: "Erected by Knights of Lithuania In Loving Memory of their Founder. A. D. 1954". The monument was designed by an outstanding Lithuanian artist, Vytautas Jonynas.

Upon completion of the job, E. Settimelli & Sons of Quincy, Mass., who carved the stone, wrote the committee: "It really was an unusual job and we agree that all of us who had something to do with creating it can be justly proud of the results."

Unfinished Business. The committee who were entrusted with the planning and execution of the Norkunas memorial project are very grateful for the assistance received from many quarters. But the work is not quite finished. We still owe our artists and artisans, our printers and other folk \$300. The sum is really insignificant, for a mere dollar or two sent in by 200 members will eliminate all our debts. Noteworthy generosity has been shown by a number of councils and individuals, but we must not leave it to others to contribute our share. The Cleveland council alone has sent in over \$125. The Newark council held a benefit social and were able to raise \$75. A half dozen other councils sent in lesser sums. Individual donations ranged from \$1 to \$100.

Judge John T. Zuris of Municipal Court of Chicago added a note to his check: "I think it is very commendable on the part of our organization that

we took steps to recognize our pioneer and outstanding member." Mary Waitonis decided to help in her own way by distributing some K. of L. jewelry among interested councils and turning over part of the proceeds to the Norkunas Fund. A 74-year old member wrote in that because of his age he has not been employed for the past 8 year and regrets that he cannot afford more, but sends in \$1.00.

In other words where there is appreciation for our beloved Tėvas Norkūnas and the organization that we now have, one can always find a way to express that appreciation.

Your cooperation is therefore solicited and, until our bills are paid, urgently needed. You will help complete the monument by sending whatever you can afford to Joseph Boley, 34 Beekman Place, New York, N. Y. Do it today!

ATSIŪSTOS PAMINĖTI KNYGOS

Šv. Pranciškaus Lietuvių Parapija. Parašė Simas Sužiedėlis. Išvertė Kun. A. Bružas, M. S. 416 pusl.

Tai Šv. Pranciškaus Lietuvių Parapijos Lawrence, Mass. istorija. Knyga gausiai ir gražiai iliustruota. Atspausdinta lietuvių ir anglų kalbomis. Neabejotina, tai yra įdomiausiai parašyta ir gražiausiai išleista šios srities knyga. Joje sukaupta tiek vertingos medžiagos, atvaizduota tiek įdomių dalykų iš lietuvių gyvenimo, kad pradėjęs knygą skaityti jau negali nuo jos atsiplėšti. Ši knyga yra didelis įnašas į Amerikos lietuvių gyvenimo ir veiklos istoriją. Kad tokio veikalo sulaukėme, turime būti dėkingi Prel. Pr. M. Jurui, kurio rūpesčiu ši knyga yra išleista.

Prel. L. Tulaba. "Kad Kūrentųsi." Išleido Prel. M. Juras. Roma — 1954. 242 pusl.

Knyga skirta tiems, kurie kenčia neteisybę Lietuvoje ar tremtyje ir yra persekiojimų bei visokios nedalios aukos. Tai gilūs pasiskaitymai dvasiniai gairės ir veikti. Tai knyga, kurią turėtų nuolat skaityti kiekvienas giliau galvojęs žmogus.

Antanas Maceina. *Saulės Giesmė.* Šventasis Pranciškus Asižietis kaip krikščioniškojo gyvenimo šauklis. Išleido Prel. Pr. M. Juras. 454 psl.

Ši knyga tai didysis himnas krikščioniškam gyvenimui. Čia gyvu krikščioniškojo gyvenimo pavyzdžiu yra paimtas Šv. Pranciškus Asižietis ir nagrinėtas didžiųjų krikščioniškųjų tiesų šviesoje. Antanas Maceina, gilusis šių laikų lietuvių tautos mintytojas, šiuo veikalu įneša daug Amžinosios Saulės šviesos į taip raizgų ir sunkų dabarties žmonių gyvenimą. Tai veikalas pro kurį negali praėiti jo neįsigijęs.

GIMTOJI KALBA

KLAUSIAMIEJI IR PARODOMIEJI ĮVARDŽIAI

L. Dambriūnas

Tai yra žodžiai, kuriais klausiame ir kuriais į tuos klausimus atsakome. *Klausiamieji įvardžiai* (interrogative pronouns) yra šie: *kas* (who, what), *koks* (what), *kuris* (which).

Angliškai sakome: *who is there? What is this?* Lietuvių kalboj čia tėra vartojamas vienas ir tas pats *kas*, kalbant apie žmones ir apie daiktus. Sakome: *kas ten atėjo?* ir *kas čia yra toje dėžėje* (koks daiktas)?

Koks vartojamas klausiant apie ypatybę ar rūšį (quality or sort, kind): *koks* tavo vardas? (*What is your name?*). *Kokias* tu čia turi knygas? *Koks* puiškus oras? *Kokia* nelamė! (*What a misfortune!*).

Kuris vartojamas klausiant apie vieną iš būrio: *kuris* (iš tų berniukų) yra tavo brolis? (*Which is your brother?*). *Kuris* iš jūsų gali atsakyti į šį klausimą? (*Which of you can answer to this question?*).

Vietoj *kuris* vartojamas dar įvardis *katras*; jis reiškia tą patį, ką ir *kuris*, pvz. *katras* pirmas tai pamatė?

Be to, yra dar du klausiamieji įvardžiai: *keli* ir *kelintas*.

Keli (how many) vartojamas klausiant, kai daiktų yra mažiau kaip dešimt. Pvz. *keli* ten vaikai buvo: penki ar šeši? Vietoj *keli* visada galima sakyti *kiek*: *kiek* ten buvo vaikų: penki ar dvidešimt? *Kelintas* (which in the line) vartojamas tada, kai atsakome į klausimą kelintiniais skaitvardžiais *pirmas*, *antras*, *trečias* ir t.t.

Visus šiuos įvardžius galima linksniuoti, pvz. *kas*, *ko*, *kam*, *ką*, *kuo*, *kame*; *koks*, *kokio*, *kokiam*, *kokį* ir t. t. Pvz. *Kam* tu tai sakei? *Ką* vakar veikei? *Su kuo* kalbėjai?

Kieno yra whose. Pvz. *Kieno* yra šitas namas? (Whose is this house).

Apie laiką lietuviškai klausiame šitaip: *kiek* dabar laiko? arba: *kelinta* valanda? (What time is it? What o'clock is it?).

"Bob" Boris, national vice president, spent three weeks down Florida.



Vyčiai — [domių parengimų — vaidinimų ruošėjai Bostone. Iš kairės į dešinę: A. Plevokas, kun. Jonas Žuromskis, Bostono ir Naujosios Anglijos apskrities Vyčių Dvasios Vadas ir L. Romanskis.

Parodomieji įvardžiai (demonstrative pronouns).

Angliškai *this, these* atsako: *tas, ta, šitas, šita, šis, ši* ir daugiskatioj — *tie, tos, šitie, šitos, šie, šios*.

Angliškai *that, those* atsako: *anas, ana* ir *anie, anos*.

Įvardžiais *tas, šis, šitas* parodome artimesnius daiktus, o *anas* — tolimesnius. Pvz. *Tas* žmogus yra mūsų kaimynas, o *anas* mums visai nepažįstamas. *Kuris* yra tavo sūnus: *šis* ar *anas*?

Šie įvardžiai taip pat linksniuojami. Todėl galima sakyti: *to*, arba *šio*, žmogaus aš nepažįstu; *tam* (*šitam*) draugui paskolinau pinigų; duok man *šią* pieštuką; su tuo pieštuku negalima rašyti.

Kuo skiriasi *tas* ir *šis* (*šitas*)? Skirtumas labai mažas, o kartais ir visai jo nėra. Galima sakyti: kur tu gavai *tą* knygą, ir *šią* knygą? Čia skirtumo nėra. Aplamai galima sakyti, kad *šis* (*šitas*) parodo dar artimesnius daiktus negu *tas*. Visuomet sakome tik: *šį rytą* (*šįryt*) — this morning; *šią naktį* (*šiąnakt*) — this night; *šių dienų* (*šiandien*) — today; *šiais laikais* — in these days. *Tą dieną, tais laikais* reiškia jau tolimesnį laiką, nebe šiandien.

Klausiamajam įvardžiui *koks* atsako parodomasis *toks*. Sakome: *koks* tėvas, *toks* ir sūnus (like father, like son). *Tokia* knyga man nepatinka (I do not like such a book). Tai daroma *tokiu būdu* (this way).

Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

Ignas Sakalas

(tęsa)

26-ji KUOPA

26-ji kuopa Worcester, Mass., įsteigta gegužės 1 d. 1916 metais Al. M. Račkaus, kun. J. Jakaičio, Antano Ciginsko ir Juozo Bačio pastangomis.

Pirmąją valdybą sudarė: pirm. A. Čiginskas, sekr. P. Zataveckas, fin. sekr. Jonas Galiauskas, išd. J. Bačys.

Per visą gyvavimą kuopos veikimas buvo išsišakojęs į šias sekcijas: sporto — basebolo, softbolo, teniso, basketbolo ir bowling, dramos, dainos, o paskutiniu metu tikiybės studijų, lituanistikos, be to veikė fotografijos ratelis, šachmatų klubas ir spaustuvė.

Kuopa yra surengus daugiau kaip 50 vakarų ir koncertų, 7 paskaitas ir daugeliu atvejų veikė vakariniai lietuvių kalbos kursai. Piknikų, savybės išvažiavimų buvo suruošta daugiau kaip 40. Be to, labai daug kartų dramos ratelis įvairioms draugijoms išpildydavo programas.

Kuopa yra nepaprastai daug pasidarbavus Lietuvos reikalams. Įsisteigus Tautos Fondui (1914 m.), jo skyrius čia buvo vienas veikliausių ir daugiausiai sudėjęs aukų ant Tėvynės aukuro. Žymiausiais fondo veikėjais buvo vyčiai. Veikė per įvairius vakus: Lietuvos Laisvės Paskolos, Raud. Kryžiaus ir k. Buvo narys Federacijos skyriaus ir talkininkas kiekvieno kultūrinio ir visuomeninio darbo. Paskutiniu metu kuopa daug yra pasidarbavus Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybai, Balfui, kuriam yra ir pinigais aukojus ir surinkus daug drabužių tremtiniams Vokietijoje.

Kuopa uoliai rėmė ir parapijos reikalus kasmet skirdama mažiausiai po \$50. Taip pat yra šimtus dolerių aukojus mokykloms, vienuolynams, labdaros draugijoms ir kitoms kultūrinėms įstaigoms bei organizacijoms.

Organizacijai palaikyti ir jos reikalams paremti, kuopa yra surengus tris vakarus, aukojus per seimus, Centro Namui, "Vyties" spaustuvei, "Vyties" palaikymui. Be to, yra išleidus vieną "Vyties" numerį. Yra surengus keletą išvažiavimų ir apskrities naudai ir prisidėjus prie kiekvieno apskrities parengimo.

Šiuo metu kuopa turi 36 paprastus (be laipsnio) narius, 10 pirmojo laipsnio, 28 antrojo laipsnio, 16 trečiojo laipsnio ir 7 ketvirtojo laipsnio.

Kuopos gyvavime labiausiai yra nusipelnę šie nariai: Vincas Kereišis (finansų sekr. 1926-7 m., vicepirm. 1932 m., pirm. 1933-38, 1940-1942 m.) Jonas Vaitkus, Ona Bačienė, Tillie Gerulienė, Ona Bendorienė, Marijona Jankauskienė, Juozas Sakaitis, Vincas Gražulis, Feliksas Puzara.

1951 m. valdybą sudarė: pirm. William Bengston, vicepirm. Katarina Yakutis, sekr. Ona Rutelionienė ir Olga Keršytė, fin. sekr. Louise Gražulis, išd. Adella Ceraska, išdo globėjai William Jeketer ir Pranciška Nockunaitė, tvarkdariai Vytautas Norkunas, Adelė Ivaška, Lietuvos Reikalų Komisijos pirm. Emilė Ceraska.

27-ji KUOPA

27-tai kuopai Norwood, Mass. pamatai buvo padėti 1912 metais gruodžio 1 d., kai būrelis susipratęs jaunimo suorganizavo draugijėlę "Jaunimo Ratelis". Bet kai vyčių vardas pradėjo skliti po visą Ameriką, tuomet ir "Jaunimo Ratelis" nutarė persikrikštyti į vyčių kuopą. Krikštas įvyko 1914 m. rugpjūčio 13 d. Daugiausiai šiam reikalui pasidarbavo kun. A. Daugis, J. Červokas, P. Kučinskas, O. Nevulitė ir k. Persikrikštijęs ratelis dar ilgai nereikalavo numerio, tik tai 1916 m. vasario 10 d. įsiregistravo centre ir gavo nr. 27-ji.

Kasmet kuopa suruošdavo po vieną, kitą vakarą, koncertą, pikniką, žymiai prisidėjo prie nupirkimo parapijos bažnyčiai varpo, o naujiems vargonams įtaisyti sukėlė arti tūkstančio dol., taip pat nemažai aukojo įtaisymui dekoracijų parapijos salėi ir t. p. Be to, stambia auka prisidėjo prie pastatymo P. Laurinaitei paminklo Šv. Kazimiero kapinėse Chicagoj.

Dosni buvo ir Lietuvos bei kitiems tautos reikalams. Tautos Fondui nariai yra suaukoję daugiau kaip \$600. Dviejuose Lietuvos Laisvės Paskolos vakaruose nariai ir pati kuopa buvo išpirkus bonų už daugiau kaip tūkstantį dol. Liet. Raud. Kryžiui yra paaukojus \$175, Kultūros reikalams \$150, Katalikiškam universitetui (Lietuvoje) \$100, Krikščionių Demokratų partijai \$25.

Kuopa buvo įvedus tradiciją kasmet minėti Motinos dieną ir organizacijos globėjo švento Kazimiero šventę, bendrai einant prie Šv. Komunijos. Priklausė Federacijos skyriui, Liet. Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos apskričiai, kur kuopos nariai užėmė vadovaujamas vietas valdyboje, komisijose ir k.



Brigita ir Pranas Čižauskai, Chicago, Ill., veiktūs vyčiai, daug nusipelnę Lietuvai ir lietuviams, atšventė 25 metų vedybinio gyvenimo jubiliejų.

Vėliau į kuopą įsiliejo jau čia augusio jaunimo, kuris parodė daug gabumų organizacijai vadovauti ir veikimui ugdyti. Didelis kuopos ramstis buvo kleb. kun. S. Kneižys, kuris kartu pasižymėjo ir kaip gabus rašytojas. Jo religinėmis temomis straipsniai ir vaizdeliai laikraščiuose vėliau buvo išleisti atskira knyga. Taip pat yra parašęs ir išvertęs scenai veikalų, iš kurių "Poncija" daugelyje vietų buvo vaidinta.

Kuopos narys K. Viesula yra buvęs Centro pirmininku 1926-1927 metais ir vadovavęs dviem vyčių ekskursijom į Lietuvą.

A. Stašaičiūtė buvo viena gausių "Vyties" bendradarbių, pasirašydavus Stella Maris slapivardžiu.

Dabartiniu metu kuopą sudaro išimtinai čia gimęs ir augęs jaunimas, kuris taip pat pavyzdingai kuopą tvarko.

Miss Laura Yucius, member of M. A. Norkūnas Memorial Fund, spent two weeks at Laguna Beach, California.

TOURNAMENT TIME

*Knights of Lithuania
1st Annual*

*Golf Tournament and Banquet
August 25, 1954*

*Stanton Heights Golf Club
Pittsburgh, Penna*

*Tournament begins at 11:00
A. M.*

The Knights of Lithuania first annual golf tournament and banquet is being held this year at the Stanton Heights Golf Club, which is considered among the better clubs in the Pittsburgh area.

It is located within the city limits and is only a fifteen-minute ride from the hotel.

The tournament is open to both male and female golfers who are K. of L. members. The United States Golf Association and the Stanton Heights Club rules will be observed.

The Calloway system of scoring will be used so that a handicap will be unnecessary.

All persons not wanting to participate in the tournament are cordially invited to attend as spectators. The banquet will be open to all who might desire to "join the gang" in an after-tournament celebration.

Reservations should be made with Ray Bukauskas, 29 Amherst Ave., Pittsburgh 29, Penna.

1. Golf Tournament
 - Entry Fee \$2.50
 - A. Include 19 hole Medal Play, male and female
 - B. Use of golf club facilities
 - C. Extra golf rounds as you desire
 - D. Trophies for winners
2. Golf Banquet \$3.50
 - A. Includes full course dinner
 - B. Cocktail
 - C. Service charge (tip)
 - D. Use of club house

Please state which event (or both) you wish to attend and make checks payable to the above mentioned individual. No IOU's will be accepted. Reservations will not be accepted after August 10, 1954. Act promptly and avoid being left in the rough.

*Frank Petrauskas
Chairman*

ANNOUNCEMENT

41st K. of L. National Convention will convene in the Hotel Roosevelt, Pittsburgh, Penna., from August 25th to 29th, inclusive. Registration — August 26th.

This seems but a simple announcement, yet it implies a great deal of effort. Needless to say, it requires an able and tireless committee to promote such a venture. We believe it in the following: Honorary Chairman — *Rev. Magnus Kazenas*; General Chairman — *A. L. Onaitis*; Assistant Chairmen — *Walter R. Chinik, Julia Alesiunas* and *Ruth Grebliunas*; Spiritual Adviser — *Rev. Walter Karaveckas*; Recording Secretary — *Ruth Milewski*; Corresponding Secretary — *Marion Bartkus*; Assistant Secretaries — *Alce Beacon, Nellie Kuntz* and *Miss Puzas*; Treasurer — *William Marciulaitis*.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Mildred Chinik (banquet), Ed Marciulaitis (dance), Wm. Kolicus, Jr. and Marcelle Onaitis (program), Vito Jucevicius (acquaintance night), Bernard Labuskis (publicity), Margaret Papeika (Friday night), Ray Bukauskas (golf tournament), William Marciulaitis (registration).

Council 19, host to the convention, cordially invites everyone to attend. We are going "all out" to make this a very successful convention. Come, participate in its deliberations, enjoy its program and have a share in friendliness.

A. L. Onaitis, General Chairman

LITHUANIANISM CONTEST

At the 39th K. of L. National Convention held at Dayton, Ohio (September 1952) the Lithuanianism Contest was extended for a period of two years. Therefore, just a reminder that ALL LETTERS claiming points in the Contest must be mailed before July 31, 1954. (Note — the K. of L. Works for Lithuania" published both in English and Lithuanian, together with "Rules for Contest" appeared in the May issue of VYTIS, 1953.) For further details, write Miss Ann Mitchell, Co-chairman, 1015 Monroe Ave., Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS

Preparations for the first K. of L. Golf Tournament have nearly been completed. The date has been set, the golf course reserved, the makeup of the tournament determined, and a moderate banquet and program — which will include the presentation of trophies — are in the final planning stages.

FINANCIAL DILEMMA

Costs keep climbing, dues remain the same. Ordinary income is not keeping our head above water; thus arises the urgency of this year's Financial Drive, which has begun already.

Our Constitution foresees this dilemma and therein provides: "The councils arrange at least one entertainment each year, allotting the profits for Supreme Council expenses."

In the past many councils have not done their share. Won't all of you please take heart to this situation and help get your council on the ball. All councils individually have been, or soon will be, contacted in this regard.

Other groups and individuals, likewise, are asked for a helping hand. A little bit can go a long way. Be a true Knight. Pass up some small luxury so that your K. of L. may remain strong. No donation is too small. It will be promptly acknowledged and sincerely appreciated. You may allot it to any organizational purpose you desire.

Please send it to: William Kolicus, Jr. Treasurer, 3522 Marge Drive, Pittsburgh 34, Pa.

With heartfelt thanks for your kind consideration,

William Kolicus, Jr.

Treasurer and Financial Drive Chairman

My very able assistant, Ray Bukauskas of Pittsburgh, is handling all of the details at that end and is doing a remarkable job with the preparations. This will be a tournament long remembered by all who participate.

This is just a reminder that when you're on the golf course this summer, be sure to concentrate more on your game and try to correct your faults.

It's surprising how much one can improve his game by locating the source of his trouble, by experimenting with various styles, and then sticking with one set style. By observing the rules of good golf with much patience, one can't help but go down. Of course we're referring to your score.

Tentative golfers are equally welcome to participate in the tournament. It will be a medal tournament and all participants have an equal chance of winning a trophy. Should you not bring home the "bacon", it will still be a day well spent and long remembered.

NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY DISTRICT BOWLING LEAGUE 1953 - 1954 SEASON

High Single: Male — J. Stelmok, New York	256
High Single: Female — D. Dutkus, Paterson	201
High Ind. Series Male — J. Stelmok, New York	568
High Ind. Series Female — H. Malakas, Newark	494
High Team Series — One Game — Newark	970
High Team Series — Three Games — Newark	2733

HI AVG MALE

J. Stelmok, New York	168
D. Lang, Newark	156
V. Cuperwick, Linden	156
J. Tratulis, District	154

HI AVG FEMALE

Vera Lang, Newark	144
H. Malakas, Newark	136
D. Dutkus, Paterson	135
A. Cesnovich, Linden	134

# 1 LINDEN	AVG	# 2 NEWARK	AVG	# 3 BAYONNE	AVG
Bundonis, E.	138	Lang, Dan	156	Peters, M.	101
Guzewicz, V.	85	Malakas, H.	136	Rusgi, M.	152
Bundonis, A.	130	Galan, F.	139	Morkavich, T.	116
Bundonis, S.	120	Thompson, E.	152	Dombraskis, D.	147
Cuperwick, V.	156	Lang, Vera	144	Mack, Connie	120
Cesnovich, A.	131			Mack, Gloria	106
Petrusky, E.	121				
Dobilas, A.	125				
Sable, Joe	137				

# 4 PATERSON	AGV	# 5 NEW YORK	AVG	# 6 DISTRICT	AVG
Dutkus, D.	135	Monckawitch	132	Klem, Ann	117
Zickus, A.	90	Stelmok, J.	168	Krizenowski, D.	94
Ishauskas, J.	98	Janonis, J.	110	Adomaitis, A.	130
Schultz, T.	105	Shinkunas,	114	Janonis, L.	143
Bielunas, J.	99	Zindzius, H.	106	Tratulis, J.	154
Wainer, H.	83	Zindzius, L.	114	Sharkus, E.	143
				Andryauskas, S.	147

	Wins	Losses	Percentage
Newark	22	8	.733
Bayonne	18	9	.667
Linden	15	12	.556
New York	9	12	.429
District	5	13	.278
Paterson	6	18	.250



Linden, New Jersey Council 13

K. of L. ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT BOWLING LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

ILLINOIS - INDIANA

APSKRIČIO SPORTAS

Agatonas Al. Manstavičius

VYRŲ LAIMĖJIMAI

Praeitam rudeny pradėjom sunkų darbą — atgaivinti Vyčių tarpe sporto dvasią. Pagelbstint kuopų delegatams buvo sudaryta dvi lygos, vyrų ir merginų. Per pirmas dvi savaites buvo abejonių ar baigsim sezoną. Kiekvieną sekmadienį svečiavomės kitoj kuopoj ir tokiu būdu visi suėjo į artimesnį kontaktą ir praleido daug draugiškų ir linksmų valandų. Vyrų skyriui Gary, Ind. ratelis nuo pat sezono pradžios labai smarkiai žaidė prieš visus; vien tik North Side ir Town-Lake #1 įstengė laimėti po 4 žaidimus per ištisą sezoną. Kiti laimėjo tik po vieną. Abu Town-Lake tymai ypač gražiai pasirodė laimėdami antrą ir trečią vietą finale. North Side ir Marquette kelis kartus pareiškė stiprų žaidimą, bet neįstengė laimėti daugiau, kaip ketvirtą ir penktą vietą. Brighton Park ratelis įstengė užimti tik paskutinę garbės vietą.

MERGAIČIŲ LAIMĖJIMAI

Merginų lygos dalis buvo stipresnė. Marquette mergaitės, imant vidurkį (average) pasirodė geriausias ratelis nuo pat pradžios iki sezono pabaigos, bet pritrūko pastangų kritiškuose momentuose. Taigi Brighton tymas, kuris neįstengė laimėti nuo kitų daugiau kaip du žaidimus, nuo Marquette paėmė šešis. Carol Masiliunas ištekėjęs ir išsikrausčius iš Chicago, buvo didis smūgis Marquette merginoms. North Side ir Gary, Ind. smarkiai kovojo kad neatsiliktų nuo pirmos vietos ir šis pastangų dėjimas buvo naudingas, nes, kaip matyt, laimėjo pirmą ir antrą vietą. Cicero mergaitės pradžioj smarkiai kovojo ir pat pabangoj supliekė Marquette ir Gary, Ind. tymus, šiuomi pagelbėdamos North Side rateliui laimėti čempionatą—¹/₂ žaidimo. Town-Lake ir Brighton Park tymai daug iš to nepasipelnijo, bet nuostolio padarė kitiems rateliams jų varžybose dėl pirmenybių.

GIRLS

Team	Won	Lost	Average
North Side	38½	21½	568
Gary, Indiana	38	22	620
Marquette	37	23	636
Cicero	28½	31½	533
Town-Lake	23	37	510
Brighton	15	45	501

Player	Team Code	Average
I. Masiliunas	M	144.55
E. Shirvinski	G	139.14
Zudak	G	134.25
Cibulskis	M	131.23
Surma	M	130.1
L. Yucius	NS	129.58
Kuckson	G	126.29
Stankus	NS	123.2
Rekus	NS	122.4
Burger	G	120.44
Andris	C	120.18
Gudauskas	C	119.37
Kamar	TL	119.11
Novom	TL	113.1
Tucker	M	109.26
Zakaras	BP	109.26
Miller	BP	109.7
M. Shirvinski	G	106.59
Januska	NS	106.17
Rekasius	BP	103.24
Annickis	TL	101.35
De Lorenzo	C	99.42
Pavis	C	99.34
Kelpas	C	97.12
Pupinik	NS	94.40
Greicius	M	94.14
Ausra	TL	90.26
Sankus	BP	88.50
Laurin	TL	87.34
Paukstis	BP	85.2

Players who did not finish season and substitutes.

C. Masiliunas	M	144.9
Zukas	BP	130.16
Cervic	TL	115
Tervanis	TL	107
Machanes	C	99.5
A. Kaminski	G	79.3

MEN

Team	Won	Lost	Average
Gary, Indiana	49	11	752
Town-Lake #2	38	22	729
Town-Lake #1	32	28	720
North Side	25	35	686
Marquette	21	39	668
Brighton	15	45	570

Player	Team Code	Average
Manst	NS	169.8
Aimutis	G	159.19
Thurston	TL-1	158.1
Kaminski	G	156.24
John Stegwell	TL-2	155.51
Stankus	M	155.48
Jesulaitis	TL-1	154.19
Joseph Stegwell	TL-1	153.45
Juknevich	G	152.36
Matemaitis	TL-2	151.5
E. Pratt	BP	148.14
Juris	G	147.37
Rook	G	147.24
Martishus	TL-2	146.24
Cibiras	TL-2	144.40
Lubert	M	143.2
Biggus	N.S.	141.8
Rimkus	TL-1	137.54
Jurgaitis	M	136.22
Mockus	M	135.7
A. Pratt	BP	134.16
Juraitis	NS	133.15
Paicius	TL-2	132.41
Tviraga	NS	130.27
Kamarauskas	BP	122
Shulecki	TL-1	117.31
Radzionis	BP	112.15
Zansitis	BP	111.18
Andrews	NS	110.31
Gudas	M	100.28

Players who did not finish season and substitutes.

Gubista	TL	170.2
Rev. A. Valancius	NS	158.18
Sluzewicz	TL	141.6
Bargaila	M	136.3
Yuknis	M	133.2
Baltis	G	129.6
Nauseda	NS	117.16
Kurpis	G	117
Serpētis	NS	110
Petrulis	BP	105.4
A. Shirvinski	G	104.3
J. Valancius	BP	100.25
Mitkus	BP	89.7

Mrs. Adele Gabaliauskas, honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania, together with her husband are touring South America and Europe. To return to the States by June 1st.

Romance on the Swing

by
DIANE O. SHATAS

How shall I best tell you about Pip? It isn't easy to dig into one's romances and come up with personal remarks about personal feelings. But then, I'm proud of Pip and I guess I'd want everyone to know about him.

His name really is Philip. He came originally from Germany from a mountain district. But that was some time ago. You'd never know, now, he was European born.

I remember first spotting him in a Boston department store. He was a bit high at the time but not enough to cause me annoyance. I rather sensed he had little to do with it. In fact what impressed me most, as I recall, was not his being high but his trim physique and dark piercing eyes.

Dad was with me at the time and we both agreed that Pip needed a little help. He really looked lonely. He tried being nonchalant with spurts of whistling, but from the start he didn't fool me. I knew he needed friends.

Well, sir, with dad's consent and after a little help from a saleslady we hustled Pip off into a cab and brought him home with us. I know my heart was pounding with excitement during that ride, although dad was taking it all with surprising calm. He wouldn't admit anything, but I think he too saw a lot of good in Pip.

That evening at dinner, Pip was by my side. He ate very little of what I prepared — can't blame him for that — and seemed rather sullen. Suddenly, he wasn't the department store glamour boy that attracted me. I was bitterly disappointed, and hurt, too. I had thought we were going to develop a fast bond between us. At dinner and although he said little, Philip — I mean Pip — listened well. He followed us with his eyes and often cocked his head like a dog to catch every word of our conversation.

It turned out that Pip was alone in the country. He left Germany under force and restraint and made the trip over in a freighter. He must have been a tough egg, at that, to have faced the world alone.

After several days' discussion with our family "credentials committee" it was agreed that Pip could remain with us. Ah, romance, how I awaited its sting.

Pip isn't the kind of guy you whisper sweet — nothings to. Sometimes he seems just too stupid to understand. He makes me so angry at times. But I've learned that to him words are nothing. It's what you do that counts.

The first time that Pip showed affection for me, I felt the surge of bristling gooseflesh. He had sort of glided over to me and almost immediately began being friendly. This was several months after our first meeting, and after I had almost despaired of trying to "catch" him.

Almost without warning his head was next to mine. I tingled with excitement. Neither of us said a word. Perhaps we were too emotional. At least I was. Who can ever speak for Pip?

Then came the schoolboy peck on the cheek. He was so charming about it and so polite. But he was sly, too, for when dad entered the room — darn it all — Pip regained his distance.

Well, every thing has a long and short of it. The short of this is that Pip has lingered with us for years. In fact, four of them. He's all but one of the family. He doesn't do anything startling, but he can be gay. And that's what we like most about him and why year after year our "credentials committee" has kept approving him.

I know, now, that nothing will come of my affection for Pip. Ours has become a romance "for the birds," so to speak. But so long as he remains with us I shan't ask for more.

Besides, what can you expect from a canary.

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DAUGIAU VIENYBĖS IR DINAMIKOS

Balys Brazdžionis

Nenoriu aš varginti skaitytojus ilgais straipsniais. Geriau po truputį, nes kiekvienas trumpas žodis greičiau pagaunamas. Ir štai keletas žodžių vyčiams:

1. *Bendravimo reikalu.* Labai yra džiugu girdėti, kad kai kurios kuopos pilnėja naujom jėgom, daro lietuviškus susirinkimus, pokalbius ir stengiasi tuomi parodyti savo meilę gimtajam kraštui. Jei mes bendrausime kartu su visais artimaisiais nuoširdžiai ir be jokių erzelių, daug nusipelnysime vyčių stiprėjimui. Kai kur tenka girdėti ir nemalonių faktų, kartais sūrokų pašaipų, bet nesigilinkime į tai. Pirmiausia žiūrėkime kas mus vienos tautos žmones jungia ir kas skiria. Čia gimę ar dabar atvykę lietuviai gali būti pavyzdys vieni kitiems ir darbuose daug pasigelbėti. Vieni tą žino, kiti kitką. Kai daugiau noro ir jėgų, tia kyla entuziazmas ir veikti, kalbėti, rašyti. Toleruoti turime tarpusavy kiekvieną asmenį, o tuo labiau vytių vyti, lietuvis lietuvi. Ypač gi lietuvis prie lietuvių turi glaustis šiais sunkiais lietuvių tautai laikais. Jaunimas, mūsų ateitis, neturi svyruoti ir nuklysti. Jis turi rasti būdus, kaip suartėti prie brangiausio šandien darbo — Lietuvos laisvinimo. Tik vieningai dirbant mūsų pavergtai Lietuvai darbas bus našus. Tad supinkim jaunąsias jėgas Dievui ir Tėvynei!

2. *Dinamikos Vyčiai!* Daugelis kartais aimanuoja, kad vyčiai seniau veikė, augo, tobulėjo, o dabar jau daug kuopų išblėso, pavargo, organizacija slysta iš jaunimo. Tai nemiela, bet tiesa. Vyčių veikla ir organizacija neturėtų blėsti, nes ji priauganti. Jos ateitis užtikrinta, nes jaunimo kasmet tūkstančiai įstoja į gyvenimą. Lietuviško jaunimo pilna. Todėl ir organizacijos vadovybėms reiktų jaunimo kelių pulsą pajusti, ko jis trokšta, kokios pramogos jį skatina, kas jį vilioja, kas riša ir artina vienus prie kitų.

Jaunimas ir vyresnieji šiandien turi parodyti veikloje gilesnio sutarimo, o vadovaujantieji asmenys turėtų uždegti entuziazmu visus narius. Dinamikos reikia mūsų veikloje, mūsų organizacijoje! Rinkime į valdybas tuos žmones, kurie sugeba vadovauti, nori dirbti, yra pilni entuziazmo, nes nuo vadovaujančių sugebėjimo ir pavyzdžio daug priklauso kuopų, vyčių organizacijos stiprybė. Tuomet tikrai vyčiai sustiprės ir vieningai dirbs. Jaunimą patrauksime tik mokėjimu jį priglausti ir jam duoti progos pasireikšti.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

GARY, INDIANA

COUNCIL 82

At our regular meeting held April 6, it was reported that the Sick Committee would call on Rose Bruzas with a little gift in appreciation of her fine work in the past. Also convalescing at the Parramore Sanitarium, Crown Point, is our beloved Rev. I. Vichuras, pastor. Acting pastor is his brother, Father Mike, who is Superintendent of Notre Dame High School.

Treasurer George Agurkis reported that all bills are paid!

The following participated in the bowling tournament held in Chicago: Sophie and John Kaminski, Emily and Mike Mihalik, Stanley Juknevich, Eddie Rook, Elizabeth and Micky Shirvinski, Joe Kurpalis, Jimmie Rukas, Helen and George Zudak, and Phyllis Burger.

Those awarded prizes (money) were Helen Zudak, Emily Mihalik and Phyllis Burger.

On May 15 Bernard Kaminski and Stella Shlauter of Philadelphia were married. We are looking forward to welcoming the bride into our council.

We congratulate Antoinette Kaminski, who graduated from Nursing School at St. Bernard's, Chicago.

Tony Jank opened his Oak Ridge Drive-Inn as of May 1. It is located East of Gary on Highway 6. All members and guests are cordially invited to visit the modern Oak Ridge Motel.

The Fish Fry on April 9 was greatly enjoyed. Tony Jank, chairman, and assisted by Bernard Kaminski, Elizabeth Shirvinski, Mrs. Kaminski and Mary Rukas did a fine job.

Cooks were Elizabeth Shirvinski, Mickey Shirvinski, Mrs. Kuizin and Mrs. Kaminski. Waitresses were Phyllis Burger, Mary Rukas, Helen Zudak and June Evanseck.

CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 112

Congratulations to the committee for a very successful Easter dance. The spirit

of cooperation by members was gratifying to see. I guess all councils were represented, with just about everyone dressed in his new outfit and dancing shoes and doing the Bunny Hop and the Hokey Pokey.

I understand Mrs. Sudeikis, the former Carol Masiliunas, is pretty well adjusted to Gobles, Michigan. Carol was the bride of Mr. Sudeikis recently. Congratulations!

Recent additions to the Buggy Brigade are: Paula Stasiunas whose proud parents are Al and Lucille (Venskus) Stasiunas; Linda Jo to Al and Josephine (Cibulskis) Brazin, and another girl Christine to Domenic and Agnes Yocius.

Two K. of L.'ers were successful in the recent primary elections. Judge John T. Zuris and Judge Alfonse Wells were nominated as judicial candidates on the Democratic ticket.

Our deepest sympathies to Dr. Kazys Bobelis on the loss of his father, and to Mary Ann Maslauskas on the loss of her beloved mother.

Illness is no respecter of age. Consequently, Holy Cross hospital had a long list of guests, little Tommy Yuknis, Johnny Jatis, and John A. Stoskus had minor surgery. At this writing Barbara Klevinsky's mom is well on the road to recovery. Tony and Vyt Lubert visited their father daily at St. George's Hospital.

Member Judge Alfonse Wells was chairman of the benefit dinner committee for Holy Family Villa.

Our spiritual director, the Very Rev. Canon George Paskus flew to Rome in May. The dual purpose of his trip was to purchase marble for the new church and to visit the Holy City.

Hold on to your hats woman behind the wheel. Dolores Yuknis just completed a driving course and now has a license. Bert Stoskus and Lucille Stasiunas are next and should have licenses by the next writing.

Welcome to our new members Lorraine and Dolores Wainauskas, Estelle Rogers, and Stanley Stuglis.

Our Retreat at Holy Family Villa in May was well attended. Rev. John Vysniauskas was retreat master and his talks were inspiring.

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CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 36

Three of our members, Vyto Gestautis, Sophia Zukas and Bernadette Paukstis, attended the Ohio-Michigan district convention which was held the latter part of April in Dayton, Ohio. They wish to thank the host, Council 96, for the wonderful hospitality.

This year our council entered five teams in the Mid-West Bowling Tournament (May 28-31). At this writing, we hope our bowlers will bring home the trophy.

Competition is getting stronger in our council's Membership Contest. At present, Loretta Kassel is leading. During the month of May, four new members joined.

On June 6th (Sunday) — Kastas Zaromskis Memorial Mass will be said at the Immaculate Conception Church, 10 a. m. (For other council activities — turn to — K. of L. Calendar.)

Birthday greetings to: Mrs. D. Zukas, Mrs. A. Latonas, Mrs. H. Sirvinskas and Peggy Zakaras (celebrated in May).

Philomena Rekasius, recording secretary, recently returned from the hospital after a successful throat operation.

After many years, Josephine and Ballys Brazdžionis became the proud parents of little heiress named Charlotte Irene. *Dievo palaimos.*

No longer an eligible bachelor! Alek Mikaliunas, treasurer, was married at the Holy Cross Church on May 22nd. Many council members attended the ceremony, reception at the Hollywood Inn.

Red-Wing

OHIO-MICHIGAN DISTRICT

DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

Our district convention was held on April 23-25 at the Miami Hotel, Dayton, Ohio. Ted Sluzas, president of host council, opened the convention. Frank Gudelis was chairman. Father Cucuras of Newark, Ohio, gave a talk on the good work carried on by the American-Lithuanian youth.

District officers, 1954-1955 term, elected were: Father Cucuras of Newark, Ohio,

spiritual adviser; Stan Vaitkus of Dayton, president; Benedict Karklius of Cleveland, vice president; Valerie Zitkus of Cleveland, secretary; Mike Petkus of Dayton, treasurer. Dorothy Miller of Dayton was elected district delegate to the 41st national convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., (Aug. 25-29th).

The following district convention committee members are to be commended for the splendid manner in which they handled all arrangements: Frank Gudelis, chairman; Elinor Sluzas, dance; Ann Scott, banquet; Mike and Charlie Petkus, ads and boosters for the Journal; Maryann and Roseann Ambrose, Friday eve social; and, Ted and Elinor Sluzas, use of their modern basement.

Tid-Bits

Seen together a lot were Helen Vaitkus and Ruth Savickas of Chicago-Providence; Stan Vaitkus and John Stefon (Chicago) put on an ad lib show Saturday eve; Jerry Jesulaitis (Chicago) enjoyed himself tremendously; Bill Kolicius, national treasurer (Pittsburgh) borrowed some Lithuanian records from Mike Petkus' collection.

Frank Gudelis had his hands full with ladies from Pittsburgh and Cleveland; Juozas Sadauskas, honorary member of Cleveland added humor to our meeting; Frank Ambrose sang a few songs while Mr. Rastikis, organist, accompanied him at the banquet.

The Ambrose girls sang a duet; David Rimkus (12 years old), son of Joe and Jovita Rimkus, was "official" photographer during the banquet; Anna Mae Uznis, former national financial secretary, and Jody Linkaitis of Detroit (to be walking down the aisle soon) took in part of the convention.

Charlie Petkus escorted Ruth Milewski, Ann Kevelus, Margaret Papeaka, Andrew Rozger and delegates to an exclusive restaurant for dinner Saturday Evening; we heartily welcome our newly-elected district spiritual advisor Father Cucuras, member of Council 96; Joe Somintus et al (Springfield, Ohio) enjoyed the socials very much; Charlie Vangas kept the boards bouncing at the dance hall all evening; Mary Lucas substituted for John Stefan at a pre-dinner basket ball game; question — who "Mythical Mike" was during the convention days?

Our council will hold another bake sale in June. Proceeds to be given to the unfortunate sick and homeless Lithuanian displaced persons. We thank Ann Scott

and members who contributed baked foods.

On May 9 a Mother's Day dinner was held on May 16, members and guests took a trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Cary, Ohio.

Attention, Chicago! Get the trophy ready. We plan on bringing it home.

Elinor Sluzas had it quite easy on her vacation while Ted and Mike Razauskas went fishing on St. Mary's Lake. No cooking!

Mike Razauskas and George Mikalauskas sold the most tickets for the convention dance. Congratulations!

We wish to congratulate the New York-New Jersey district for sponsoring the April issue of VYTIS, and in helping the Supreme Board, Knights of Lithuania, defray the cost of printing and publishing such a splendid issue. Hope other districts will be inspired to do likewise.

Birthday congratulations to Charlie Petkus (May 10th) and Tony Zilinskas (April 27th). *The Petkus*

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

COME TO PITTSBURGH IN AUGUST

by *Rapolas Kopustas*

You'll agree that it is good to revisit some of the places you saw in earlier years to see what changes have taken place, and whether they still have that appeal. At this year's Convention, slated for August 25-29, you're going to see a completely new and an entirely different "Smoky City."

Actually, Pittsburgh is no longer a smoky city. You have to visit Pittsburgh to be convinced. Pittsburgh, at the junction of the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers, is now the "Smokeless City", because residents have learned that a modern American community can prosper without enveloping itself in smoke.

When you look out your window at the Roosevelt Hotel, where most of the convention activities will be concentrated, you will have ample opportunity to verify the statements made here.

Not only will you see a smokeless city, but you will see a community that has undergone a major face-lifting. Many of the buildings which, in most cities, testified to the aged and dilapidated condition of the community have disappeared in Pittsburgh. Instead, you will see mod-

ern buildings, landscapings, and widened streets.

All of this, and more, will greet you at the Golden Triangle, the section of the city where the convention hotel is located. If you fail to recognize it as the Pittsburgh you used to know, do not be alarmed. The signs at the railroad stations, the bus depot, and the world's largest airport will assure your arrival at the designated Convention City.

But is that all Pittsburgh is offering us, you may ask. A changed city? Be assured that Pittsburgh is offering you much more. We dwell upon the city's changes because they have a decided effect upon the kind of convention your committee is planning for you.

Of course, there are certain routines which have become standardized. But still there is plenty of room left which your committee is taking full advantage of to assure you a happy convention.

At this early date, we cannot give you complete details on every phase of the convention program. But if you were to attend the meetings of the Convention Committee, headed by Past Supreme Council President Al Onaitis, you would observe the thought and consideration being given to the plans.

Something to do every moment of the convention. That is what all convention-goers would like to see. And that is what your committee is trying to arrange for you. Delegates will be kept occupied with their official duties for most of the convention, but they want to participate in other phases of the convention program as well.

Their wishes will be given consideration. Non-delegates will have an opportunity to participate in a well-rounded program. From the golf tournament Wednesday afternoon through the banquet Sunday evening you will agree that the convention is what it promised to be.

You will be kept informed on the progress of the convention plans in the pages of the VYTIS as well as through other means. You can help assure the success of the convention by cooperating with your committee whenever you are contacted for help, and then by bringing yourself to Pittsburgh.

The welcome mat is out. The door is open. We'll be there to meet and welcome you. We may not bake a cake because we know you're coming. We'll do better than that. We'll take you to our hearts, and make your stay comfortable, friendly, and cheerful. So, come to Pittsburgh in August. We'll be looking for you.

PITTSBURGH, PA.**COUNCIL 19**

"Blossom Time" card party, held on May 7th, was chairmanned by Mrs. Adelaide Marculaitis. Members donated all the beautiful prizes and stocked up the kitchen with all kinds of delicious homemade goodies. In spite of the rain that fell all day, Peggy Saliunas was determined to furnish at least a bushelful of flowers for the decorations.

The Pittsburgh District K. of L. Radio Program — LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC HOUR, has been in existence several years. The proceeds from the Musical Festival held on May 22nd were turned over to the radio program treasury. On April 25th, Vyto Jucevičius did a wonderful job of announcing the entire program in the absence of the regular announcer. On May 2nd, John Skemundris gave a very educational and inspiring talk about the observance of Mother's Day in Lithuania. On May 9th, Father Magnus Kazenas, pastor of St. Casimir's Church, presented a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother and to all mothers.

The "Rambling Five" — Margaret Papeak, Ruth Milewski, Anne Kevilus, Andy Rozger and Bill Kolicus returned from their week-end trip to the Ohio-Michigan district convention in Dayton with glowing reports of the wonderful reception they received. They also made many new friends with K. of L.'ers from Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and Dayton. Many plan to attend the national convention to be held in Pittsburgh — August 25-29, 1954.

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NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

AMSTERDAM, N. Y.**COUNCIL 100**

At the April meeting, Sophia Gavry took over as president and Helen Gustas assumed the duties of vice-president.

Father Baltch spoke to us on the death of Jesus Christ on Mount Calvary. This was followed by an interesting talk on Bishop Valančius, "The Fighting Bishop of Žemaitija." He was noted for starting the Blaivybės Draugija and parochial schools. He was also a noted author.

NEWS BITS

February 17 — Belated birthday greetings to Father Baltch. On this very same day little Daniel Francis Kabasin arrived at the home of Frank and Ann (Kadzis)

Kabasin. In the past Ann has been very active in Lithuanian affairs.

April 26 was the birthday of our secretary, Pauline Urban. Sadie Karbus, Connie Zygel, and Gene Gobis helped her celebrate. She will soon be driving a new automobile which was a birthday gift from her mom and dad.

We wish a speedy recovery to Connie Zygel's grandmother, Mrs. Novak.

Ann Tamoliunas is the recipient of a sparkling diamond ring. The lucky fellow is Anthony Beleckas. They plan to marry in August. Ann's brother, Brother Bonaventure, will be ordained on June 20 at Mt. Alvernia Seminary, Wappingers Falls, N. Y. He will hold his first Mass at St. Casimir's Church on June 27. A dinner in his honor will follow.

On May 3 our council once again gathered for a monthly meeting. Our guest was Louise Simonis of Detroit. Michael Kerbelis, her uncle, brought her down to renew old friendships. We had the Rev. Matthew Cyvas of Delhi, N. Y., as our guest speaker. He spoke primarily on the lives of Lithuanian bishops.

We learned a great deal about Archbishop Joseph John Skvireckas, a linguist, who is now living in Austria. Father Baltch advised us later that the Rev. Cyvas had been the Archbishop's assistant.

We also heard about Bishop Karosas and Bishop Matulionis. The reason for Bishop Matulionis' deportation to Russia was that he "knew too much." He died this year.

Aldona Bablinskas and Ruth Zostant served coffee and cake at the close of the meeting.

During the social hour the main topic of conversation was the celebration of our church's Golden Jubilee on May 2.

The Sisters of St. Francis really outdid themselves in decorating the Church. It was beautiful. Bishop Scully of Troy, N. Y., presided at the Jubilee Mass. Celebrant of the Mass was our pastor Rev. Joseph Rashtutis.

The deacon was the Rev. Michael Dautmantas, of Girardville, Pa., whose parents helped in the building of St. Casimir's Church. Ann Tamoliunas' brother, the Rev. Bonaventure Tamoliunas, O.F.M., was sub-deacon. Helen Gustas' brother, Seminarian Bernard Gustas, was master of ceremonies.

Two anniversary sermons were delivered. First heard in Lithuanian was Rev. Stasys Yla, chaplain of the Immaculate Conception Convent, Putnam, Conn. The English sermon was given by the Very Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas, pastor of the

Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, Long Island.

The entire service in church was broadcasted over our local radio station, W. C. S. S., with manager Walter Gaines announcing.

Over 500 people attended the Jubilee banquet in the gaily decorated American-Lithuanian Club hall.

Gene Gobis was secretary of the Jubilee committee and chairman of the decorating committee. K. of L.'ers who worked with her on the decorating of the hall were Sadie Karbus, Connie Zygel, Marion Jakaitis, Sophia Gavry and Sophie Olbie.

Master of ceremonies at the gala banquet was Michael Kerbelis. Guest speakers were Attorney William Christian, one of our church trustees, and Prof. Joseph Brazaitis, prime minister of the last free Lithuanian government and present editor of the newspaper, "Darbininkas". Attorney A. C. Stokna also shared a place of honor at the main table. He is the legal advisor of St. Casimir's Church.

The entertainment was furnished entirely by K. of L.'ers. Father Baltch rendered numerous selections, including "Figaro". Connie Zygiel, our lovely songstress, sang "Aguonėlės", "My Hero", and "Indian Love Call". We also heard Prof. Joseph Olsauskas and Father Bob sing some of the favorite Lithuanian folk songs.

Father Bakšys of Rochester, N. Y., really enlivened the banquet with a jovial, short talk. He next requested that everyone sing his favorite song, "Kaip Aš Turėjau." Father Bob was at the piano and all joined in the singing of this special folk song.

Louise Simonis was enjoying herself at the affair in the company of one of our local Lithuanians, Lee Bansavage.

Members of our council who helped with their services were Ed. Bablinskas, Sophia Gavry, Sophie Olbie, Sadie Karbus, Connie Zygel, A. C. Stokna and Aldona Bablinskas.

We wish to thank our Father Bob for his work in making this Jubilee a huge success. He put in four long months getting everything together, especially the anniversary Golden Jubilee Book.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

HARTFORD, CONN.

COUNCIL 6

The story you are about to read is true. My name is Week-End. I've been summonsed by the president of Council 6 to gather facts. I learned that the newly-elected officers of 1954 were: Ella Staum, president; Charles Busky, vice president; Mavis Kirtis, secretary; Dan Madeska, treasurer; Theresa Endrelunas, recording secretary. I also learned that Terry was hijacked into the job. Nothing suspicious looking here, just a well rounded group of people working hard to keep the club going.

Next I checked into the activities of the council. I found bowling to be the prime interest, both locally and with the C.L.C. Locally, there are four teams bowling every Thursday evening. These teams are not out for recreation but for blood. The results — Don Endrelunas' bowlerettes knocked off Dan Madeskas' Debs for the contested championship.

February was rather a fruitless month for gathering facts. Everywhere I heard "10 inches base 4 powder" or "I schussed the Kandahar." Later I learned these people were ski enthusiasts. Clair, Reggie, Sue, Terry, Joe A., Al, Vince and his wife spent a few week-ends skiing in southern Vermont and New Hampshire. In New Hampshire they were joined by members of the Norwood council and Bridgeport. "Shippy" of Norwood was disappointed in the trip — thought he was going "she-ing". Joe Adakonis enjoyed himself showing a girl named "Kay" how to stem christis. Bernie spent the week-end taking movies.

February was a busy month for cupid! Congratulations to Terry Povilon and Ken who exchanged vows in May; to Irene and George who will do the same in August. Best wishes to Louise and Zennie who "middle-aisled" on February 27th.

In March, the council settled down for the Lenten season. A communion breakfast was held the first Sunday in March. Attorney Mazotas was guest speaker. First, second and third Ritual degrees were also bestowed upon qualified members.

Our club rooms were relinquished to the parish school as more room was needed for students. In return, we were given permission to build a room in the basement. The proceeds from the May 15th dance will help increase our building fund.

Congratulations to Wanda and Walter Kruk on the birth of a second child — boy. We hear that Fran and Ella plan to tour the South. Good hunting, girls!

Week-End

NORWOOD, MASS.

COUNCIL 27

Plans are now underway for our annual picnic which is scheduled for June 13 at Grape Arbor. (In case of rain — July 11) Millie Tulis, Nellie Paz and Isabel Shipper will be in charge of entertainment.

The talent scout show, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, with K. of L. members participating, took place on May 16. Proceeds from the show will be donated toward the building of the Convent.

We have a musician in our midst — Francis Kaseta, violinist.

Our council was well represented at the district convention which took place in Lawrence, Mass. We wish to thank Council 78 for the hospitality extended our delegates and guests.

Scribbling Scribe

K. of L. CALENDAR

- June 13 — Chicago, Ill. (36) Outing at White Pines State Park.
 June 13 — Norwood, Mass. (27) Annual Picnic, Grape Arbor. (In case of rain, postponed to July 11).
 June 27 — Chicago, Ill. (36) Outing at St. Charles, Ill.
 June 29 — Worcester, Mass. (116) Trip to Boston (Yankee-Red Sox game).

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

Communion and Breakfast

St. Casimir's Day was commemorated in traditional form with 78 members participating. After Mass, breakfast was prepared and served in the church hall by Bill Grigas, chairman, and assistants Rita Brazauskas, Rita Bernatavičius, Stanley Raudonis, Olga Kersis and Eddy Daniels.

President Eddie Daniels acted as toastmaster. Speakers were Father Petraitis, pastor, Father Volungis and Father Michael Tamulevičius. Twenty-one Ritual degrees (1st) were awarded.

At our March meeting, we welcomed into our council Rose Marie Tabaka, Ann Peloguin, Beverly Cunic and Richard March. Members enjoyed the showing of pictures by Stanley Volent.

Congratulations to Ruth and Vitty Gdilauskas on the birth of a daughter, named Joan Marie.



Delegates at the Ohio-Michigan District Convention, April 24-25, 1954, in Dayton, Ohio.

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"Kugelio Balius" held before Lent was quite successful due to the efforts of Rita Pinkus, Ann Bender, Eve Grudzinskas and Ann Riduck.

Our Military Whist, chairmanned by Ann Bender, brought in quite a bit of revenue. We note that Joe Sakaitis never fails to win a prize at our parties!

Barney & B.

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 116

Our council was well represented at the New England District Convention, April 25, in Lawrence, Mass. Attending the dance the night before were: Marion Lukason, Louise Totilas, Dorothy Sinkavitch, Stanley Grigas, Frank Ciras, Vittie Swiklas, Irene and Mary Balukonis, Ann Miller and Mary Klimkaitis. At the sessions were those mentioned above and in addition Father John brought Grace Rackauskas, Bernice Burdulis, Helen Daltwas and Ruth Ciras.

Anna Miller of Paxton took notes and gave an excellent report on the convention at the May meeting.

The ceremony dedicating the K. of L. stone at Tėvo Norkūno grave was beautiful and impressive.

Our council is going to make its annual trip to Boston to see a Yankee-Red Sox game. This year the date is set for June 29. Although the Boston team has not been doing too well, their rooters in our council are confident they will win.

May 1 was the day Aldona Pauliukaitis (our 1953 president) and Jack Kasper (Staff Sgt., USAF) exchanged marital vows. Dorothy Sinkavitch and Robert Zinkus of our council were attendants at the wedding. Ed. Daniels of C-26 also ushered. Many members attended the beautiful ceremony and took part in the reception. We hope that Jack and Aldona will find the true happiness which should be theirs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Tarutis (Lil Katkauskas) have moved to Norwood, Mass. (Ed's home town).

Robert Stevens was home for a week's leave, May 2. He hasn't changed much, but his ping pong game has slowed down some.

Congratulations to Richard Polaski on his engagement! Also, David Vaskas presented Tess Kasper with a beautiful diamond.

"Taradaika"

ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

New England District Convention

Council 10, Athol, was well represented at the New England District Convention in Lawrence, Mass. Bill Wisnauskas, Stanley Sargut, and Gediminas Penny served as delegates. Maryanne Rodeski, Nellie Melaika, and Barbara Milosh were alternates.

We wish to thank hostess, Pauline Rimas, and her aunts for inviting us to a party after the dance.

We began Sunday by attending solemn high Mass at St. Francis Church. The Mass was followed by a sermon by Rev. V. Paulauskas. A welcome innovation was the coffee and donuts served later by the host council in the church hall.

The trip in the afternoon to the Tėvo Norkūnas grave to witness the unveiling of a memorial in his honor was most inspiring.

The church hall was filled to capacity during the sessions. We were quite pleased to see Penny representing us at the mandate table. He certainly looked very efficient and business-like.

The buffet supper following the sessions was delicious. Our thanks to council 78, Lawrence, for the wonderful hospitality.

Paper Drive

Council 10 was well represented when the diocesan paper drive took place recently. Paul Shatos served as general chairman of the local brigade, with Frank Anoris, John Talakowski, Robert Posk, Lenard Davidonis, and Casimir Pinigis serving as volunteer workers. We are proud of the work done by these people on behalf of charity and we understand that they received a letter of thanks from the Bishop himself.

Newspaper Gleanings

We are sure that not many people forgot to change their clocks and watches to daylight saving time after seeing Marie Sienkewicz's picture on the front page of the local newspaper in a pertinent pose.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Rita Besseck on her recent promotion. Rita has been working as a cashier at the local office of the Public Loan Co. She has been appointed supervising cashier of the New England

Division with headquarters in Boston. Rita has been one of the very active members of C-10 and we rejoice with her on her promotion. We extend many wishes for her success and hope, also that she will not forget the K. of L. and will continue to take an active part in our affairs.

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SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 17

South Boston was well represented at the New England District convention held on April 24 and 25 in Lawrence, Mass. One of our members, John Olevitz, was reelected district president. And another, John Daniels — our council president — was named a trustee.

Rita Shatas, one of our more active members, has again reappeared at our meetings. She spent several months recently in Windsor, Ontario, and in Detroit.

A bridal shower was held for Eleanor Daniels who will be wed to Balys Rozanis on May 30.

Our annual springtime dance was held on May 7 at the South Boston Lithuanian Club. This was coupled with our membership drive. Efforts were made to attract former and potential members to the event. Co-chairmen were Peter Bizinkauskas and John Olevitz.

It was grand to see some of our married members there, including Frances and John Zinkus, Nellie and Walter Bosey, and Marie and John Kleponis.

We wish to welcome into our council the following new members: Neola and Birutė Mingaudas, Eddie Koblinski, Mary Plevoock, Dolores Ruth, and Frances Daniels.

Our parish currently is undergoing activities in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of our St. Peter's church. One of the first events was a Golden Jubilee musical review of the church's history, with tableaux depicting highlights of the past 50 years.

This took place on Mother's Day, with an exceptionally large attendance at the local high school auditorium. The presentation was staged and directed by our parish nuns, with the cast being comprised of St. Peter's school pupils.

Next on the Jubilee program is a gala banquet, which many of our members will attend. It may even be devised as our June social.

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