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# LIETUVIŠKOJI GARBĖ

ALFA SUŠINSKAS, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## 1. Sveika tautinė ambicija

Įvairios tautos ir skirtingos kalbos yra atsiradusios pagal Dievo norą, ir jos yra natūralus ir būtinas reiškinys. Kas siekia išnaikinti kurią nors tautą ar kalbą, sunkiai nusikalsta Dievui.

Priklausyti savo tautai yra tiek pat įgimta, kiek yra įgimta priklausyti savo šeimai ir būti jos nariu. Normalus žmogus rūpinasi savo šeimos gerove ir yra jautrus visiems jos reikalams. Panašiai yra ir tautos gyvenime: normalus žmogus rūpinasi savo tauta ir visais jos reikalais; tautos vargai, rūpesčiai, jos džiaugsmas ir laimėjimai gyvai atsiliepiama tautos nario širdyje, nes jis jaučiasi tampriai suaugęs su savąja tauta ir turi tautinę ambiciją.

Lietuvių tautos atžvilgiu kiekvienas normalus lietuvis turi turėti lietuvišką, tautinę ambiciją, kuri yra ženklas, kad toks lietuvis yra tautiškai gyvas.

Sveika tautinė ambicija yra dorybė, nes ji protingai myli savo tautą ir neniekina kitų tautų. Kai žmogus pradeda perdėti, nebeprotingai mylėti savąją tautą ir niekinti kitas tautas, tada jo tautinė ambicija nebėra dorybė: ji pasidaro perdėta, nebesveika ir išsigimsta į žalingą nacionalizmą ar į tautinį, diktatūrinį fašizmą.

Sveika ir normali tautinė ambicija yra labai vertinga dvasinė žmogaus savybė; ji yra ir labai reikalinga, net būtina tautos gyvenime.

## 2. Ne gėdytis, bet didžiuotis

Nėra jokia gėda ir joks pažeminimas gimti ir gyventi bei vadintis lietuviu. Lietuvių tauta ir jos praeitis bei dabartis yra labai garbinga. Tik reikia stengtis daugiau pažinti savo tautos praeitį, dabartį, visą jos gyvenimą, ir tada atsivers nuostabus mūsų tautos grožis bei didingumas. Jei lietuvis nors kiek daugiau pagalvos apie savo tautą ir nors kiek daugiau ją pažins, jį apims pasididžiavimas, kad

ir jis yra jos narys. Lietuvių tauta tiek praeityje, tiek ir dabartyje yra dėl laisvės kovojanti tauta ir nepasiduodanti pavergėjams. Lietuvių tauta yra tikrai verta didvyrių tautos vardo, ir tokia ji iš tikrųjų yra.

Lietuvio vardo nesigėdi garbingi lietuviai.

## 3. Gražieji žiburėliai

Kiekvienas lietuvis turėtų būti šviesusis žiburėlis, kuris aplink save skleidžia lietuvišką šviesą. Tokių lietuviška šviesa bešviečiančių žiburėlių (ačiū Dievui) turime labai daug. Tokie lietuviai yra tvirti savo darbais ir drąsūs savo žodžiais lietuviškojo gyvenimo kelyje. Svetimieji juos laiko aiškiais, susipratusiais lietuviais ir su jais mielai bendrauja, juos gerbdami už jų aiškų lietuviškumą. Pažvelkime tik į vieną kitą tokį lietuvišką žiburėlį...

Jis dirba plieno fabrike. Jo darbo skyriuje yra nemaža lenkų, kurie mėgsta paliesti įvairius tautinius reikalus. Bet jis, tas mūsų tautietis, visada pasirodo aiškus ir susipratęs lietuvis, ir savo lietuviškumo jis niekuomet neslepia. Jis yra net lietuviybės apaštalas: jis šviečia kitus apie Lietuvą ir lietuvių tautą.

O štai ji yra vienoje prekybos įmonėje sekretorė. Kartą per statistinį taurnautojų surašinėjimą ją užrašė airiše. Ji į tai tuojau reagavo ir pareikalavo, kad šią klaidą atitaisytų ir ją kaip lietuvių užrašytų klausimų lape.

Gi šis jaunas mūsų tautietis mokosi vienoje mokykloje. Jis teturi 17 metų amžiaus. Jo abu tėvai yra čia gimę lietuviai. Kai mokykloje ar už mokyklos jį kas paklausia, kurios tautybės jis esąs, jis nesivaržydamas ir neišsisukindamas aiškiai pasisako esąs lietuvis.

Tikrai, mes turime labai daug gyvųjų lietuviškų žiburėlių, kurie šviečia lietuviškąja, tautine šviesa visur ir visada, iškeldami ir parodydami didžiąją garbę būti lietuviu...

## BOAS & ARROWS

### ADVENTURE OF FATHER ANTHONY

The first thing you notice about Father Anthony Sabaliauskas — is his beard. "American children take me for Santa Claus," he chuckles in his Lithuanian accent. But a closer study of Father Anthony, a Salesian of Don Bosco, would make you think of him as a modern St. John the Baptist. Someone is always out for his head!

He was in Lithuania when the Russians occupied it during World War II, and although many priests were mistreated, imprisoned or sent to Siberia, Father Anthony escaped harm. But when the Nazis drove the Communists out of Lithuania, they did not overlook Father Anthony. He was taken prisoner, shipped to Germany and put into slave labor building fortifications.

After the war, Father Anthony went to South America, to Venezuela, which is bigger than Texas but has only 5 million people. And for these 5 million there are only 499 priests and Father Anthony.

Sometimes by plane and sometimes by canoe, but more often by foot, this 49 year old Salesian missionary encircles all of Venezuela, saying Mass for people in the villages and towns, instructing, baptizing, comforting the afflicted, trying to heal the sick, hearing confessions, solemnizing marriages, and making friends and influencing people toward good and toward God.

During these trips over treacherous rivers and even more treacherous jungles, Father Anthony has to keep both eyes open — not only for hostile Indians — but for boa constrictors with a voracious appetite for Salesian missionaries!

While he takes care of the natives, he also watches over and ministers to his fellow Lithuanians who, driven from their native country by both Communists and Nazis, have found a haven in Venezuela. He is editor (in his spare time) of a Lithuanian magazine for these refugees; he has written a book about the Venezuelan missions; and two books about India, where he also spent some time as a missionary until he was forced to leave because of malaria. Father Anthony — who speaks nine languages by the way — will tell you that he thinks India the world's most interesting country.

Venezuela will probably go down in his books as the most adventurous, however. The priest, whose place he took when coming to Venezuela,



*"Lietuvių Dienų" klišė*

*Father Anthony Sabaliauskas*

is currently recuperating. It would seem that he didn't move fast enough when someone shot a three-foot arrow at him, which can go right through one — and did!

So what with people shooting three-foot arrows around, and jungles crawling with starving boa constrictors and other forms of wild life, plus journeying over wild rapids in canoes and not knowing what one is liable to meet in the remotest villages, Father Anthony certainly has enough material for another book — if he ever finds the time to write it!

Father Anthony is currently in the United States trying to find American friends to help him continue the work he is doing.



M. Norkūno paminklo pašventinimo iškilmės

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## LAST CALL!

Mr. Ignas Sakalas, who is compiling a history of the Knights of Lithuania, has asked for the names of all contributors to the Norkūnas Memorial Fund. In his judgement the memorial project which honors our Founder is of sufficient historical importance to have the names of those who made the memorial possible recorded in the K. of L. history for all time. We therefore urge every member to make sure that his or her name be included in this honor list, especially since the Fund is still several hundred dollars short. May we hear from you as soon as possible?  
M. A. Norkūnas Memorial Fund

Visiems aukotojams tariame nuoširdžiausį ačiū. Šios aukos konkrečiai prisidėjo prie pastatymo mūsų organizacijos steigėjui paminklo.

Mes taip pat prašome, kad ateinančiam kiekvienos kuopos susirinkime valdyba ir ankstyvesni aukotojai primintų šį reikalą tiems, kurie dar neprisidėjo prie šio Fondo. Trūksta dar \$250.00. Jei paraginsite ir padarysite rinkliavą iš tų kurie dar iki šioliai nėra aukavę, mūsų užsibrėžtas darbas galės būti baigtas dar šį mėnesį. Jūsų visų kooperacija yra labai reikalinga.

*Mykolo Norkūno Fondo Valdyba*

Members of the Knights of Lithuania express their deep sympathy to Rev. Anthony Kasper of Elizabeth, N. J., past national spiritual director, on the death of his beloved father, Adam Kasper; to Albin Jankauskas of Newark, N. J. and former president of Council 18, Cambridge, Mass., on the death of his beloved father; and to Mrs. Henry Kolesk (nee Stella Kaulis) of New Rochelle, N. Y. on the death of her beloved husband.

## VYTIES GARBĖS PRENUMERATORIAI

VYTIES pagerinimui reikia daug lėšų įsigyti fotografijų ir klišių iliustracijoms. Todėl Centro Valdyba kviečia Vyčius ir jų prietelius stoti į GARBĖS PRENUMERATORIŲ eiles, siunčiant \$10 auką arba išdininkui arba tiesiai man. Prenumeratoriai bus paskelbti VYTIES sekančiuose numeriuose.

Rev. Albert J. Contons  
St. Peter's Church  
So. Boston 27, Mass.

William Kolicius, Jr., national treasurer and his wife Anne, were recently blessed with a daughter.

# Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

Ignas Sakalas

(tęsa)

## 28-ji KUOPA SPRING VALLEY, ILL.

Kuopa buvo įsteigta 1915 metais, bet vėliau apsnūdo.

1915 m. lapkričio 5 d. buvo suruoštos prakalbos kuopai atgaivinti. Kalbėjo St. Bede kolegijos studentai: V. Damaševičius, B. Vitkus ir L. Šimutis.

Per prakalbas prisirašė 25 nauji nariai. Išrinkta valdyba, į kurią įėjo: dvasios vadovas kun. A. Deksnis, pirm. A. Mondeika, vice pirm. K. Matusevičiūtė, sekr. A. Šalkauskaitė, fin. sekr. V. Damašas, išd. A. Peldžius, išdo glob. J. Čepulis.

1917 m. sausio 28 d. suruoštas vakaras ir suvaidinta "Karės metu". Kuopoj narių buvo jau 50. Buvo įsteigtas ir choras, kurį vedė muz. A. Mondeika.

Tais pačiais metais įsteigtas knygynas iš balandžio 22 d. suruošto vakaro pelno.

1919 metais įsteigtas jaunamečių skyrius. Tais metais kuopa turėjo jau 150 narių, savo klubą, kuriame įvairių daiktų buvo supirktas už keletą šimtų dolerių. Išde taip pat turėjo pinigų.

1920 metais įsteigta vakarinė mokykla.

Tarpe žymiausių veikėjų ypatingai išsiskyrė A. Mondeika, pirmininkavęs kuopai ir vadovavęs kuopos chorui; A. Peldžius, kuris vėliau persikėlė į Chicago (veikė 8-toj ir 24-toj kuopoj, buvo ilgametis "Draugo" administratorius, vėliau "Darbininko",ėjusio iš S. Bostono. Dabar gyvena Brocktone), muz. J. Kasiulaitis, broliai Evanauskai ir k.

## 29-ji KUOPA NEWARK, N. J.

29-ji kuopa įsisteigė 1915 metais balandžio mėn. Pirmam susirinkime prisirašė 49 nariai.

Nuo įsisteigimo per daugiau kaip penkiolika metų kuopa kartą, o kai kada ir du kartus per metus suruošdavo vakarą, koncertą. Veikė dramos sekcija, kuri 1918 metais gegužės 19 d. suvaidino net istorinį veikalą "Išgriovimas Kauno pilies." Vėliau suorganizuotas choras yra suruošęs keletą koncertų.

1918 m. kuopa organizuotai dalyvavo JAV Ištikimybės dienos parade, nešdama didelę iškabą: "Vytautas Didysis, Lietuvos Kunigaikštis, sumušė kryžiuočius 1410 metais."

Kuopoj taipgi veikė sporto sekcija.

Aukomis taip pat kuopa gali pasigirti. Daug aukota parapijai ir Lietuvos reikalams. Lietuvos Pa-

skolos bonų nariai yra išpirkę už pustrečio tūkstančio dol.

Kuopos veikimui labai daug kenkė nesutikimai su tuometiniu parapijos klebonu. Tasai vėžys atliko savo — kuopą numarino, tiktai nežinia kuriais metais.

"Vyčio" nr. 18, 1931 m., rašoma, kad atgaivinta vyčių kuopa." Trečiadienį, rugsėjo 30 d. parapijos svetainėj buvo sušauktas kun. I. Kelmeliui pasidarbavus jaunimo susirinkimas tikslu atgaivinti 29-tą kuopą. Susirinkimui vadovavo kun. I. Kelmelis. Dalyvavo ir centro valdybos narys A. J. Mažeika, kuris plačiai išdėstė vyčių tikslus. Išrinkta valdyba iš šių asmenų: pirm. Z. Stankus, vice pirm. A. Šauskas, fin. sekr. E. Podeliūtė, sekr. J. Baltučiuotė, išd. ir dvasios vadovas kun. I. Kelmelis. Visi išsiskirtė pilni pasiryžimo ir pasirengę dirbti, kad ir vėl iškėlus kuopos vardą.

Nuo to laiko kuopa ir dabar gyva.

## 30-ji KUOPA

30-ji kuopa Westfielde, Mass., įsteigta 1934 metais. Pirmąją valdybą sudarė: pirm. Jonas Kavaliauskas, vicepirm. Pranas Adomaitis, sekr. Brunė Gecevičienė, išd. Anelė Adomaitienė.

Kuopoj veikė sporto, dramos sekcijos ir vakarinių kursai. Buvo suruošta daugiau kaip penki vakarai su vaidinimais, du koncertai ir visa eilė kitokių pramogų. Pažymėtina, kad kuopa yra suruošus daugiau kaip 20 paskaitų įvairiomis temomis.

Lietuvos laisvės reikalus kuopa yra parėmus aukomis per Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybą, taip pat surinkus apie 2,000 svarų drabužių tremtiniais Vokietijoje sušelpiti ir pasiuntus per Balfą. Kuopoj nuolatos veikia Lietuvos Reikalų Komisija.

Savo organizacijai palaikyti kuopa yra aukojus per seimus \$50, centrui pasiuntus aukų \$60 ir "Vyčiui" paremti \$35. Taip pat nuolatos remia parapiją ir lietuvių kultūrinę įstaigą.

Paskutiniu laiku kuopa narių turėjo 25.

Iš pirmųjų kuopos veikėjų ypatingai yra žymėtini: T. Simanavičius, ilgametis pirmininkas, B. Greičius, ilgametis sekretorius A. K. Masaitis, taip pat keletą metų vadovavęs kuopos veikimui, ir k.

(tęsa sekančiam puslapy)



GOVERNOR CHRISTIAN A. HERTER (Mass.) receiving Msgr. Mykolas Krupavičius, president of VLIKas. Seated, left to right: Msgr. Francis M. Juras, honorary member of Knights of Lithuania;

Governor Herter, Msgr. Krupavičius. Standing, left to right: Anthony O. Shallna, Lithuanian Consul, Prof. Kazys Mockus, and Eng. Vytautas Izbickas, president of Lithuanian Community, Boston branch.

*Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Nariui ir Lietuvių Katalikų Jaunimo Pavasarininkų Garbės Pirmininkui*

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LIETUVOS VYČIŲ CENTRO VALDYBA  
ir "VYTIES" REDAKCIJA

### 31-ji KUOPA

Dvi kuopos buvo Centre įregistruotos numeriu 31-ju. Forest City, Pa., 1916 metais įsisteigusi kuopa Centre pirmiausia buvo įregistruota numeriu 31. "Vyčio" No. 6. 1921 m. rašoma, kad kuopos gyvavimas buvo neilgas ir tas numeris buvo laisvas kitai naujai įsisteigusiai kuopai. Numerį gavo 1919 metais įsisteigusi kuopa Binghamptone, N. Y.

Vėliau atgijo ir Forest City kuopa kaikurį laiką veikė. Buvo suorganizavus net sporto ratelį, kuris žaidė su apylinkės rinktinėmis.

Tačiau ir atgijusi kuopa, kaip Binghamptone, neilgai gyvavo.

## LITHUANIANISM CONTEST

It is our duty and true K. of L. spirit that all councils participate in the Lithuanianism Contest, which ends this year at the 41st K. of L. National Convention in Pittsburgh (August 25-29, 1954) after a two-year drive.

Very fine spirit and patriotism have been demonstrated during the last drive in having twenty-four councils taking an active part. May we not have this drive a perfect one with 100% participation?

This contest closes *July 31, 1954*. All letters must be sent to Miss Ann Mitchell, Co-chairman, 1015 Monroe Ave., Elizabeth, N. J. without delay. This data and information are necessary for the convention report.

### LINKĖJIMAI

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos Pirmininkui Juozui Lolai susirgus buvo padaryta operacija. Linkime greit pasveikti.

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba  
ir "Vyties" Redakcija.



SET FOR A (K)NIGHT RIDE — These seven members of Council 17, of South Boston, were shot, by a photographer, before heading for the hills on a recent evening ride. Left to right: Edmund Rudis, John Daniels, John Olevitz, Dolores Ruth (behind tree), Edward Stigas, Father John Zuromskis, and Florence Zaleskas. Two other riders and a K. of L. guest were horsing around elsewhere when this photo was taken.

## The Night the Knights Rode

by W. GORSKI

Vytautas' horse must have had his saddle-full of "knight" riding. Not only did he carry a mighty man on his back, but he had to face, also, the vagaries of man.

This is no fun. And you can take that from a group of horses who, late in May, were straddled by several pairs of legs belonging to some members of Council 17, of South Boston.

The party was comprised of 10 sturdy-legged horses who dared move out under as many daring riders, including a K. of L. guest, and Father John Zuromskis, chaplain of Council 17 and of the New England District.

All the horses were experience-wise in the trials of the trail. Some, therefore, just ambled along and nibbled at grass wherever it seemed greenest. Others were anxious to return home for feed-box leftovers. Still others were in a "you-asked-for-it" frame of mind and gaited themselves appropriately.

The horses heard plenty of "whoa-ing," sensed much human apprehension, and experienced some "trampolinic" jouncings on their backs. But, then, these were determined, gallant, and courageous horses.

Some of their friends, the squirrels and rabbits, came out to watch the show as it caravan-ed its

way along the trail. But after one look — one good look — they scampered away, fast.

Most every animal was closely wrapped up in his work — either by a pair of legs that couldn't quite lock beneath his belly, or by a pair of hands that knuckled white around his neck.

Yet, the horses came back to the stable seemingly no worse for their experience, and feeling a sense of accomplishment. The riders came back, too, probably a little worse for their experience and sensing a feel of soreness.

But both the mares and geldings — the greys, and chestnuts, and bays, and roans — were understood to have whinnied some pleasure over that "knight" ride.

"They weren't such a bad lot, at that," said a droopy-headed chestnut. "At least they didn't scare us out of our horseshoes by screaming."

"No, they weren't," agreed a wide-hipped mare. "They had the making of being fine-mannered riders. I hope they come again."

"Aw you nags, shut up and let me sleep," said a nervous little roan who had tried to bounce his rider to pieces.



## Youth Behind the Iron Curtain

The Communists are well aware that youth has always been the bearer and fighter for new ideas, especially those of a revolutionary character. They do everything possible to gain young people for their cause. Their efforts are even more persistent and more effective than, for instance, those of the Nazis and Fascists.

Everywhere, the Communists try to educate a new enthusiastic and devoted Communist generation who will not desire to know anything about the non-Communist past of their countries, a generation that would be completely absorbed by the tasks of the present and serve as an enthusiastic fighter for the Communist future.

In the Communist regimes, where only one source and one kind of education exist, no special difficulty in meeting the above goals within a comparatively brief time is experienced.

By attracting young people through various kinds of amusement, recreation, and huge fetivals which provide easy association with no regard for moral principles, the Communists build up a new generation who believe in the Communist credo and who are absolutely obedient to their masters.

Educational systems in all Communist countries are adjusted to the Soviet system. Religion is excluded from the school. Communist indoctrination, together with a campaign of hate against all which is non-Communist, is being intensified.

Young boys and girls are slowly but definitely sucked in by the red blood. We can observe this unfortunate development from the reports of young people coming from red territory. The young girl from East Berlin said to the correspondent in West Berlin that she was enthusiastic about the Communist regime in Eastern Germany. According to her, everybody cares about youth.

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And with that the stable reigned quiet, except for the buzzing of a few flies and a sigh or two from among those 10 gallant equines—from among Fudge, Cochise, Teddy, Iroquois, Billy, Apache, Fury, Peggy, Navajo, and Cherokee.

Those "knightly" riders, if you happen to be interested, were: John Daniels, Council 17 president, and John Olevitz, Edmund Rudis, Edward Stigas, Bill Gorski, Ann Kleponis, Dolores Ruth, Florence Zaleskas, and guest Carol Luippold.

In a letter from Czechoslovakia, we can read, "The future belongs to youth and much has already been done in this respect."

The Polish flier, Lt. Franciszek Jarecki, who escaped with his MBI 15 to Denmark said to the correspondent of the *London News Chronicle*. "...One of the main reasons for my escape was to prove to the free world that Russians are mistaken in their belief that they have already won the struggle for the souls of young people. But this will not always be so. If the Communists have several more years to indoctrinate youth from childhood, their efforts will not be in vain. Today's education is completely Communistic and no religion is taught in the schools..."

The youth behind the Iron Curtain is unquestionably seriously endangered. Resistance to the immense Communist pressure and temptation still exists but how long will it last? With the Iron Curtain now completely sealed, the youth behind is cut off from any other source of information and education except of the Communists. The efforts of Radio Free Europe and Voice of America to penetrate the Iron Curtain and bring truth are of great value, but how many children really listen to these "capitalist and hostile" radio stations? How many parents can advise their children to listen to these broadcasts without running the risk of being separated from them? In this field, time works for the Communists. And, if the Iron Curtain is not lifted in time, the free world must be prepared for the terrifying fact that a fanatic Communist generation has grown up which will resist with blood the acceptance of truth, democracy, and even of freedom.

### DISSATISFACTION

A dissatisfaction is a condition, spoken or unuttered, imaginary or real, trivial or important, that a person or group of persons *feel* or *think* could be changed to effect improvement to those concerned. It may be caused by anything about the council (or outside conditions) that tends to irritate him and may be based on a lack of knowledge of facts; but it is a dissatisfaction nevertheless, and requires fair, open-minded, patient and quick treatment.

Phil Carter

## Ko Reikia

# VYČIŲ MEDŽIUI SUŽALIUOTI

Šių metų Lietuvos Vyčių Chicagos apskričio šventė, minint organizacijos globėją, sukėlė minčių, kurios prašyte prašosi kelti dienos švieson ir rimtai pasvarstyti.

### Kur gi mūsų jaunimas?

Dalyvavę šventėje pastebėjome, kad šiemetinis jaunimo susitelkimas dvasinei puotai buvo žymiai mažesnis, negu praeitais metais. Iš visų dalyvių daugiau kaip pusė žilaplaukiai sendraugiai (nors ir šie nedalyvavo šimtu nuosimčių) ir jau, kaip sakoma, "išėję iš jaunystės metų", atseit kandidatai į sendraugius. Gi gražiausiojo mūsų jaunimėlio nedaug. Matant šitoki reiškinį ir žinant, kad šventę rengė ne kuopa, bet apskritis, kilo klausimas, argi tik tiek jau beliko Chicagoj jaunių vyčių?

Lietuvos Vyčių Konstitucija sako, kad metiniuose seimuose kuopą gali atstovauti (turėti sprendžiamąjį balsą) vienas atstovas nuo kiekvienų dešimties pilnai užsimokėjusių narių. Oficialiu Centro Valdybos paskelbimu, pernai seime So. Bostone, Mass., dalyvavo iš Ill. - Ind. apskričio kuopų sekančiai atstovų: 5 kp. — 4, 8 kp. — 1, 13 kp. — 3, 14 kp. — 4, 24 kp. — 1, 36 kp. — 3, 82 kp. (Gary, Ind.) — 3, 112 kp. — 2 ir sendraugių — 4. Pagal atstovų skaičių išėitų, kad vien pilnai užsimokėjusių savo mokesčius centre narių yra per 200. O kur dar pasilikę su mokesčiais nariai, kurių irgi galima būtų priskaityti iki 200. Vadinas, tradicinė Chicagos apskričio šventė turėjo talpinti mažiausiai 400 organizuoto jaunimo - vyčių, neskaitant šimtinės sendraugių.

Bet tikrovė, kaip matėme, buvo visiškai kitokia.

### Užmiršta pareiga

Didžiuojamės savo Globėjumi Šv. Kazimieru, kuris būdamas jaunas dažnai naktimis netingėdavo atsikelti ir nuėjęs prie uždarytos bažnyčios durų ant laiptų atsiklaupęs paskėsdavo maldoje. Tuo tarpu daugelis mūsų gražų, šiltą vasario 28 d. rytą negalėjo išsirangyti iš lovos, sėsti į savo automobilį ir poniškai atvažiuoti šventėn, arba lyg atrodytų, kad didžiama vyčių pamiršo savo konstituciją, kuri kiekvieną įpareigoja ne tik pažinti katalikų tikėjimą ir pildyti visus Bažnyčios įsakymus, bet kartu kelti organizacijos garbę tokiomis ir panašiomis šventėmis.

Bet ar ištikrųjų taip yra? Ar didžiama dabartinių vyčių pasidarė indiferentais, tai yra abejingais visoms toms pareigoms,

kurias jam įsirašant nariu organizacijon konstitucija uždeda?

### Idėjinis draugiškumas

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijon rašosi bendrų idėjų ir bendrų idealų jaunimas. Tos idėjos ir idealai visus suriša draugystėn, ir iš čia kyla idėjinis draugiškumas. Pasak Alfa Sušinsko: "Žmonėms, siekiantiems tų pačių idealų ir turintiems tas pačias idėjas, idėjinė draugystė bei idėjinis draugiškumas yra būtini... Bendros idėjos suriša žmones į bendrą, vieningą siekį, bendrą kovą, bendrą liudėsį pralaimėjus... Gi idėjinė draugystė su savo idėjiniu draugiškumu yra dvasinė gyvybė, kuria idėjos bei idealai laikosi žmonėse... Bet bendros idėjos neišsilaikys, jei idėjos draugai, kitaip suprantant, organizacijos nariai pasidarys nedraugiški, viens kitam antipatiški, skirtingi... O kai tokie žmonės nebetenka tarpusavio draugiškumo, tai neretai jie pasidaro tarytum viens kitam priešu... Tarpe tos pačios idėjos žmonių neturi būti išrinktųjų ir atmetųjų... Idėjinių draugų išrūšiavimas yra veikimo stabdys, o neretai ir organizacinė mirtis... Pavydumas, neįvertinimas kito, piktas noras pažeminti kitą yra skaudžiausias ir visuomet liudnai baigiasi... Jei kilnios idėjos žmonės neparodo tikro tarpusavio draugiškumo, tai ir nuošaliai stovintieji ima tą idėją menkai vertinti, matydami anų idealistų tarpusavį nedraugiškumą... Kas iš to, jei idealai augsti ir idėjos didžios, jei jų atstovai, jų vadai, vairuotojai, yra dygūs, kandūs, garbėtroškos, žodžiu, nedraugiški — vilkiški savo idėjos draugai".

### Vyčių apskrities uždaviniai

Prieš 40 metų Chicagoj įsisteigė vyčių apskritis, kuris apjungė visas tuomet veikusias kuopas. Apskričio paskirtis buvo ne tik pajusti kiekvienos kuopos gyvumo pulsą, ne tik padėti jai bet kuriame didesniame užsimejime, bet sutelktomis jėgomis išeiti į gyvenimą su nauja toli siekiančių užsimejimų programa ir laimėti daugiau lietuviškojo jaunimo. Tam buvo įsteigtas Apskričio choras, Dramos sekcija, prie kurios suorganizuotas ir talentų fondas. Buvo įsteigta net Lietuvos Vyčių Taupymo ir Paskolos Bendrovė. Vėliau įsteigta Sporto sąjunga (lyga), pasidalinusi į keliolika sekcijų. Kiekvieno to didžiojo medžio (apskričio) šaka rodė nepaprasto gyvumo, veiklumo, tiesiog lenktyniavo lietuvių tautinėje ir kultūri-

nėje dirvoje, ir traukte traukė jaunimą, vilioje viliojo po vyčių vėliava.

Visus tuos sumanymus, tuos gražiuosius užsimejimus vykdė ne kažkokie rinktiniai žmonės, ne augštus mokslus baigę ar kokias nors specialybes išėję, bet bendros idėjos ir bendrų idealų jaunimas, pilnai supratęs organizacijos obalsio prasmę. Žinoma, kad nenuklysti šunkeliais, apskritis turėjo vadus, kurie tačiau turėjo ne savo norus, ne savo užgaidas praveisti, bet tik tai vadovauti tai jaunimo bendruomenei, kuri visuomet jaustų savo pareigą ir atsakingumą išlikti tuo, kas ji yra. Jie saugojo jaunimą - narius nuo bet kokio iškrypimo, nuo viso to, kas gali pakreipti jaunimą iš lietuviško ir katalikiško kelio. Jie skatino jaunimą auklėtis, skiepijo kultūrinį nusiteikimą, vairavo jaunimo veržlumą į pozityvų veikimą.

### Kovingumas

"Organizacija," kaip sako K. Barkauskas, (žiūrėk Pavasario Sąjungos idėjiniai pagrindai), "yra tarsi kariuomenė, kuri stengiasi užimti vis naujas pozicijas, okupuoti įvairias sritis ir, kiek galint, daugiau žmonių patraukti prie savęs. Bet ji nėra be vadų. Kariuomenės vadai žino tą karo strategijos (mokslu) dėsni, kuris šitaip skelbia: laimėjus vieną, kitą sritį, nepasiduok svaiginančiam viliojimui be atodairos priekin žengti ir vis daugiau užkariauti, bet vis sustok ir pasirūpink išvidiniai sustiprinti pavaldinius savo idėjomis, nes išvidinė galia yra galingesnė už visokią išviršinę pajėgą. Mums pavydžiu gali būti Dieviškasis Mokytojas ir Vadas, kuris, suradęs dvyliką sau atsidausių žmonių nebejieškojo daugiau, bet juos išvidiniai dvasioje tiek sustiprino, kad vėliau jie visą pasaulį įveikė.

Jei mes kreipsime daugiau dėmesio į išviršinius narių ryšius — paprastus pasilinksminimus, kuriems surengti nereikia jokio taip sakant mokslo, negu į išvidinius, tai yra aiškią ideologiją, — nebūsime stiprūs, pajėgūs. Kas kita bus, jei kiekvienas narys žinos, kodėl jis yra vytis, kuo jis skiriasi nuo kitų, vadinas, bus sąmoningas, nusistatęs, turės tvirtą ideologiją ir mokės atremti visokius mums daromus priekaištus. Kiek kartų ir kitaip mąstančių asmenų vytis perkalbės, įtikins savo organizacijos prasmę, tiek kartų ir tokį skaičių jis laimės narių. Ir atvirkščiai. Kiek kartų ir kiek daug kitaip mąstančiųjų jį perkalbės, tiek kartų bus pralaimėta naujų narių, o, be to, pasiekę to-

kie gandai organizaciją ją silpnins ir iš vidaus. Išviršiniai ryšiai tarpe narių greit nutrūksta. Negalima remtis tokiais nariais, kurie negyvena mūsų organizacijos obalsiu, kurie laikosi tikslai dėlto, kad čia randa vienokį ar kitokį "good time". Šitokie nariai yra dienos nariai. Šiandien pas mus, o rytoj jau kur kitur, jei jam čia kas nors nepatiks. Mūsų uždavinys turi būti padaryti organizacijos narius sąmoningais, tvirtais savo organizacijos idėjos žmonėmis, amžiniais nariais.

### Vadai

Iš čia ir išplaukia pagrindinė šios kalbos išvada: mums reikia *vadų*; *vadų*, kurie turi būti narių *draugai*, o ne priešai viens kitam; *vadų*, kurie neįstos jiems nepasitikėjimo, neapykantos, murmėjimo; *vadų*, kurie eilinius narius ne niekintų, žemintų, bet mokytų; *vadų*, kurie paprastus eilinius narius nuo savęs neatstumtų, bet juos patrauktų, būtų magnetas; *vadų*, kurie visokį organizacijos veikimą ne kitiems ant pečių krautų ir diktuočių, kaip reikia nešti, bet patys paėmę dalį to krovinio eitų pirma ir būtų lyg jūros švyturys, rodąs kelią laivams neužplaukti ant sėklumos, neatsimušti į uolas ir sudužti...

Paskutiniaisiais metais ypatingai matome stoką *vadų* Chicagos vyčių tarpe. Dėl to ir tas keturdėšimties metų senumo medis — Chicagos apskritis neteikia žavumo. Visos jo šakos: dainos, scenos, meno, sporto, lituanistikos, savo gimtosios kalbos geresnio pažinimo ir kitos šiaudie nudžiūvusios. Net tų tradicinių piknikų, K. of L. Day, nebepajėgiama suruošti tokių, kokie jie būdavo seniau. Dėl stokos vadų ir pačios kuopos mūsų parapijose vienos paskendo jaunimo jūroje, o kitos šaukia SOS ir iš niekur nesulaukia tos pagalbos. Dėl stokos vadų likimas šypsos iš mūsų: lietuviškas prieauglis mūsų kolonijose didėja, o vyčių kuopos jame dūsta.

### Vadų paruošimas

Apskritis turi prisikelti gyvenimui. Pirmiausia jis turi įsteigti vadų kursus — ne kelių dienų, savaičių, bet kelių mėnesių. Kiekvienoj lietuvių kolonijoje turi surasti savanorių, kurie tuos kursus visuomet lankytų ir organizacijos mokslą išeitų nuo A iki Z. JAV turi 160 milijonų gyventojų. Komunistų oficialiai skaitoma tikslai keletas dešėtkų tūkstančių. Bet žiūrėkite, kaip jie veikia viešąją nuomonę, kaip daugelyj vietų jie pajėgia iškreipti gyvenimą pražutingon linkmėn. Kiek pinigų — valdžia ir visuomenė — išleidžia kovai, naikinimui jų sėjamos sėklos. O tai yra dėl to, kad visi, kurie čia vai-

ruoja komunistinį sąjūdį, yra išėję komunistinio kursų nuo A iki Z. Ir mums reikia tokių vadų.

Kartu su tuo būtinais reikia, kad su ateinančiu pavasariu sužaliuotų apskričio medžio šakos: dainos, sporto, o su ateinančiu rudeniu ir dramos, lituanistikos, kultūrinių kursų ir k.

### Vyčių darbo plotai

Iš šalies girdėt, o neretai ir kaikurie nariai sako, kad vyčiai savo amžių atgyveno, savo darbus, kas lietuvių parapijų, organizacijų steigimą, ir Lietuvos laisvės atkūrimo reikalus, atidirbo ir dabar jau jiems tikslai į kapus reikia eiti. Šitaip kalbėti gali tik didžiausi nesupratėliai lietuviškoje visuomenėje ir nei A nežinantieji vyčių organizacijos paskirties ir uždavinių. Vyčių veiklos sritis, reikalaujanti proto ir širdies, yra neaprepiama. Štai, pavyzdžiui, šiemet minime 50 metų jubilėjų nuo lietuvių spaudos atgavimo. Kiek iš vyčių galėtų bent trumpai papasakoti tą Lietuvos istorijos laikotarpį, nuo 1863 iki 1904 metų, kuomet po Leituvą buvo, kaip Maironis sako, "nė žodžio, nė rašto, jį laikė suspaudęs erelis sparnais". Kuris vytis galėtų bent išvardinti žymesnius "Aušros" gadynės knygnešius, kurių daugelio kaulai yra supuvę Sibiro tyruose. Kuris vyčių galėtų nušviesti tą ilgą lietuvių tautos kelią "per skausmus į garbę", kokios asmenybės tą kelią tiesė, juo patys ėjo ir tautą vedė. Ar vyčiams tai nereikia žinoti? Juk gyvenam Tautai, pagal mūsų obalsį. Ši sritis prašyte prašosi kursų, paskaitų. Kuriems visa tai sunku perprasti lietuvių kalboje, jie turi tuos kursus išieiti anglų kalboje. O kiek kasmet būna kitų įvairių ar tai tautos ar Lietuvos didžiavyrių sukaktuvių, jubilėjų? Kuris vyčių apie juos žino. Mums, vyčiams, pirmiausia reikia apie tai žinoti ir kitiems papasakoti. Kai vyčiai daugiau žinos apie mūsų tautos garbingą praeitį, jos didvyriškas kovas ir pasiektus laimėjimus, jie bus sąmoningesni lietuviai. O kai bus sąmoningesni, tuomet ir lietuviškoji kalba juose ras švirių seklyčių ir nereiks verkšlenti, kad mūsų jaunimas nutautėja.

O kur religinė sritis, tai yra augščianšias žmogaus tikslas. Religinės paskaitos, konferencijos, metinės ar pusmetinės uždaros rekolekcijos atvers neišmatuojamus dvasinius šaltinius, apie kuriuos daugelis mūsų tikslai paviršutiniškai žinome. Einant tomis gairėmis, žinoma, iš pradžių atsirastų kliūčių, nepasisekimo, nusiyyilimo. Bet žinokime, kad be ryžto, be plačių užsimojimų, be kietos kovos nieko negalima laimėti. Anot S. Rauckino žodžių Lietuvių Studijų Instituto paskaitoje apie vyčių problemas, kad "kas nesvyruodamas tiki į Lietuvos Vyčių obalsį, kad danguje

yra Dievas, o ant žemės rutulio Tėvynė Lietuva, tam jokia kova nebus persunki ir jokia auka perdidelė pagal tą obalsį veikti, kovoti ir aukotis".

### SOS

Vadų mums reikia, kad iš naujo sužaliuotų ir sužydėtų apskričio medžio šakos! Vadų mums reikia, kurie išgirstų kuopų SOS lietuviškame jaunime ir atskubėtų su pagalba! Vadų mums reikia, kad jie sugebėtų jei jau ne pačiose mūsų parapijose mokyklose ir Šv. Kazimiero akademijoje įsteigti nepilnamečių vyčių kuopas, kaip tai yra padarę ateitininkai moksleiviai, tai bent baigusius mokyklą pasitiktų prie pat durų ir atvestų jį į Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją!

Vadų mums reikia, bet jie privalo būti šviesūs, pakantrūs, įtakingi, korektiški, moką kur reikia pagerbti kitus ir jų nuomones, bet kieti savo idealuose, iškalbūs, išėję pilną vyčių organizacijos kursą, jaunimo mylimi, o ne neapkenčiami. O svarbiausia vadai turi būti jauni, to paties amžiaus, kokio yra ir to laiko jaunimas. Žili, žilstantieji gali tikslai padėti, paremti ir būti rezervistais ir jų vieta jau ne jaunių kuopose, bet sendraugiuose — senjoruose. Čia jiems plati ir didelė veikimo dirva.

Are you an active member,  
the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented  
that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings  
and mingle with the flock?

Or do you stay at home and  
criticize and knock?

Do you ever go and visit  
a member who is sick?

Or leave the work to just a few  
and talk about the clique?

Come to meetings often  
and help with hand and heart.

Don't be just a member  
but take an active part.

Think this over, member,  
you know right from wrong.

Are you an active member,  
or do you just belong?

(Anonymous)

# What's New in Kokomo?

(Condensed from a prepared talk by Mildred Chinik, C-19, on the Christopher book "You Can Change the World" at a K. of L. leadership course at Marianapolis College in August, 1953.)

"Everything's all right in Kokomo."

That one little remark sums up only too well what is probably the chief obstacle to peace in this world. Most "good" people are taking care of themselves, while most evil people are taking care of everyone else.

The United States slowly is being undermined by less than one percent of the people of our country of whom only a portion are communists. These "missioners" poison the minds of many by getting into four influential fields — education, government, labor - management, and writing.

Yet, if they can hope to change the world, for the bad, a like percentage of people also can hope to change the world, for the good. This is the role of the Christophers, or literally, the Christbearers.

Their purpose is "to become distributors of a changeless truth in our changing times, ever conscious that there can be neither peace nor freedom without that truth which 'will make you free'."

Love of all people is a distinguishing Christopher mark. A positive, personal love of all is absolutely essential. Complaining and criticizing accomplish little of nothing.

In our K. of L. groups we might replace criticism with constructive cooperation. Just one K. of L'er is needed to start any good work in his council or to promote whatever is already being done.

We already have a worthy cause to which we all should contribute. This is the Tévás Nor-kunas Memorial Fund. Has your council been fired with the Christopher spark? It takes just one light to begin to do away with darkness.

The importance of that little light in the darkness of confusion cannot be over-emphasized. People the world over are beginning to realize that there is an intimate connection between truth and freedom.

When our young people no longer recognize even quotes from the Declaration of Independence, is it any wonder that the godless have taken on the job of rewriting American history to fit their Marxist doctrine.

The answer is to have more and more bearers of the truth — more Christophers in all fields and walks of life. Even those with little time for religion are beginning to see that the godless pattern is to deny or ignore individual sanctity for state supremacy.

Purpose makes the difference. "To the Glory of God alone" was the inspiring dedication Johann Sebastian Bach gave to his works. His purpose was to love God above all else and to love his neighbor.

Our K. of L. motto is "For God and Country." But are we fulfilling our duties as Catholics and as Americans? The pattern laid down by the Apostle Paul might be an excellent one for every Christopher and K. of L'er.

True love knows no barrier. Anyone fired with a Christian purpose who would reach all men will see the wisdom of using three methods recommended by the Lord Himself. If you love your fellowman, you will pray for him, go to him, and teach him.

Influencing the world from the home is a particular field for women. Women have the power but underestimate it. As true Christophers they should chan-

nel members of their families into the important fields of work mentioned.

Youth is being trained to demand big money, shorter hours, and long vacations — the easy job. And while subversives let you run shiny new convertibles, they run the city councils.

Individual initiative in an organization is most important to any Christopher. Within a well-organized group there is always one person or several who are often responsible for sparking group action.

Americans are known to be great joiners but poor participants in the affairs of the organizations they join in contrast to members of subversive groups.

We don't need to be Christophers, we hope, to sell the K. of L. to those of us who already are members. But if you'll think of the number of members who are lost in any one year from our organization, then you will realize that each of us as a K. of L. Christopher should work to keep his organization strong.

Could there be any truth in that adage that "he who is not with us is against us"? Let's not have any leftists in our group tend to disrupt our excellent organization.

Or everything no longer will be all right, not even in Kokomo.

W. V. G.

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## MIRGA MARGA IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ

*Vyčių sendraugių suruoštos spaudos parodos metu, J. Juozaičio ir H. Gudauskaitės pastangomis buvo įvairiomis nuotraukomis puikiai pavaizduota vyčių Chicagos apskričio veikla sporto ir dainos meno srityje. Trijuose dideliuose rėmuose buvo išdėstytos buv. Apskričio choro ir sporto grupių nuotraukos, kuriomis visi domėjosi. Tai brangūs dalykai Vyčių Istorijai. Ne vienam sendraugiui tos nuotraukos sukėlė pavydo jausmus, kodėl šandie negalima tokių nuotraukų pasidaryti?*

Šiuo metu Chicagoj veikia tikrai vyčių keglininkų (bowling) sąjunga (lyga). Nėra krepšinio, tinklinio, nesuruošiami distanciniai bėgimai (track meet) bei kitokio sporto žaidynės. Neturime nė Apskričio choro. Ir pačiam apskričiai nebėra tokio užsidegimo, entuziazmo ir veržlumo prie sporto ir meno, koks seniau būdavo. Kuopos taip pat dūsta savo kolonijose paskendusios lietuviškojo jaunimo jūroje. Nėra organizatorių.

Ai man, kiek tos nuotraukos sukėlė malonių prisiminimų ir kaip norūtusi, kad išsiūrėję į jas dabarties jaunimas — vyčiai, ypatingai jų vadai, užsidegtų naujiems žygiams.

*Serga veteranas J. Kass.* Vienas vyčių sendraugių pirmųjų narių ir medžiaginiai daug parėmęs vyčių veiklą Jonas Kass nuo kaikurio laiko nesveikavo, o paskutiniu metu, gydytojų įsakytas, atsidadė visiškam poilsiui. Iš amato laikrodžių taisytojas. Jonas Kass turėjo ir laikrodžių bei kitokių brangenybių krautuvę savo namuose. Dabar krautuvę pardavė ir išsikėlė gyventi į kitus savo namus Chicagos priemiestyje — Justice Park.

J. Kass iki šiol sendraugių kuopoj ėjo įvairias valdybos pareigas ir nuo pat Vyčių namo įsteigimo buvo Namų Tarybos išdininkas, taip pat daug veikė kitose organizacijose, ypatingai BALF'e. Dalį savo namo buvo užleidęs net sandėliui suaukotiems drabužiams tremtiniams Vokietijoje.

Sendraugių kuopą ir kitos lietuvių organizacijos linki J. Kass greit sustiprėti ir vėl grįžti į veikimą. Dirva tokia plati, o darbininkų taip maža.

*Vyčių salės vidus gavo naują veidą* — išdažytas. Už tai nuoširdi padėka priklausyto Ill.-Ind. apskričio pirm. J. Jesulaičiui,



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## Gėlių kova

Namų tarybos sekretoriui J. Juozaičiui, broliams Liubertams. Jiems patalkino dar Namų tarybos pirm. V. Pavis, sendraugiai V. Insoda, J. Kerulis ir k.

Dabar planuojama daryti didesnį namų priešakio remontą. Šis darbas pareikalaus kur kas didesnės sumos.

*Sendraugių išvažiavimas* įvyko birželio 20 d. Cook apskričio miškuose (Forest preserves). Suvažiavime dalyvavo ir ateitininkai sendraugiai. Gera proga geresniam susipažinimui.

*Pranas Čižauskas*, kuris vedybinio gyvenimo 25 m. jubilėjaus proga su žmona trejetą savaitę važinėjo po Kaliforniją, gegužės mėn. sendraugių susirinkime labai įdomiai papasakojo savo kelionės įspūdžius, ypatingai iš jo aplankytų žymesnių vietų — muzėjų, knygynų, istoriškų šventovių (shrines) ir k.

Po susirinkimo kuopos nuolatinės šei-

mininkės Norbutienė ir Petkūnienė suruošė užkandį.

Sendraugių susirinkimai visuomet būna trumpi, įdomūs ir malonūs.

*D. Jurjonas*, Bridgeport lietuvių kolonijoje (3524 S. Halsted St.) įsteigęs geležinių įvairių namams reikalingų daiktų krautuvę, vyčių salei paaukojo rašomąją lentą. Nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje jis buvo stambus prekybininkas — vertėsis urmine prekyba. Atvykęs iš tremties tuojau įsijungė į senųjų lietuvių tarpą, įsirašė į vyčius sendraugius ir pasidarė visiems mielas, pažįstamas žmogus. Tokių narių sendraugiai turi ir daugiau: K. Paukštį, V. Galvydį ir k.

*Pakelti į laipsnius.* Gegužės 23 d. nemažas skaičius Ill.-Ind. apskričio narių, tame skaičiuje daugiau kaip dvidešimts sendraugių pakelti į Pirmąjį ir Antrąjį laipsnius. Iškilmės buvo vyčių salėj.

## MŪSŲ MIRUSIEJI

I. S-as

MIRTIES ANGELAS vėl suplasnojo ant sendraugių kuopos, nunešdamas amžinastin organizacijos veteraną J. Misių. Velionis nuo pat organizacijos įsisteigimo priklausė 14-tai kuopai Ciceroje, o įsteigus sendraugių kuopą čia įsirašė kartu su žmona ir darbos kiek galėjo. Savo veikla buvo įkopęs į Ketvirtojo laipsnio narius.

Velionies palaikus per visas dienas gausiai lankė vyčiai, o vieną vakarą susirinkę kartu atkalbėjo dalį rožančiaus. Daugybėje mišių aukų buvo ir vyčių 14 ir sendraugių kuopų kortelės. Palaidotas balandžio 26 d. šv. Kazimiero kapinėse.

Žmonai reiškiamo gilos užuojautos.

### IR VĖL NAUJAS KAPAS...

Nespėjo gyvosios gėlės prigyti ant a. a. J. Misiaus kapo, štai, gegužės 29 d. tose pačiose šv. Kazimiero kapinėse supiltas naujas kapas — vėl vieno vyčių sendraugių — a. a. Bernardo Nenar-tonio.

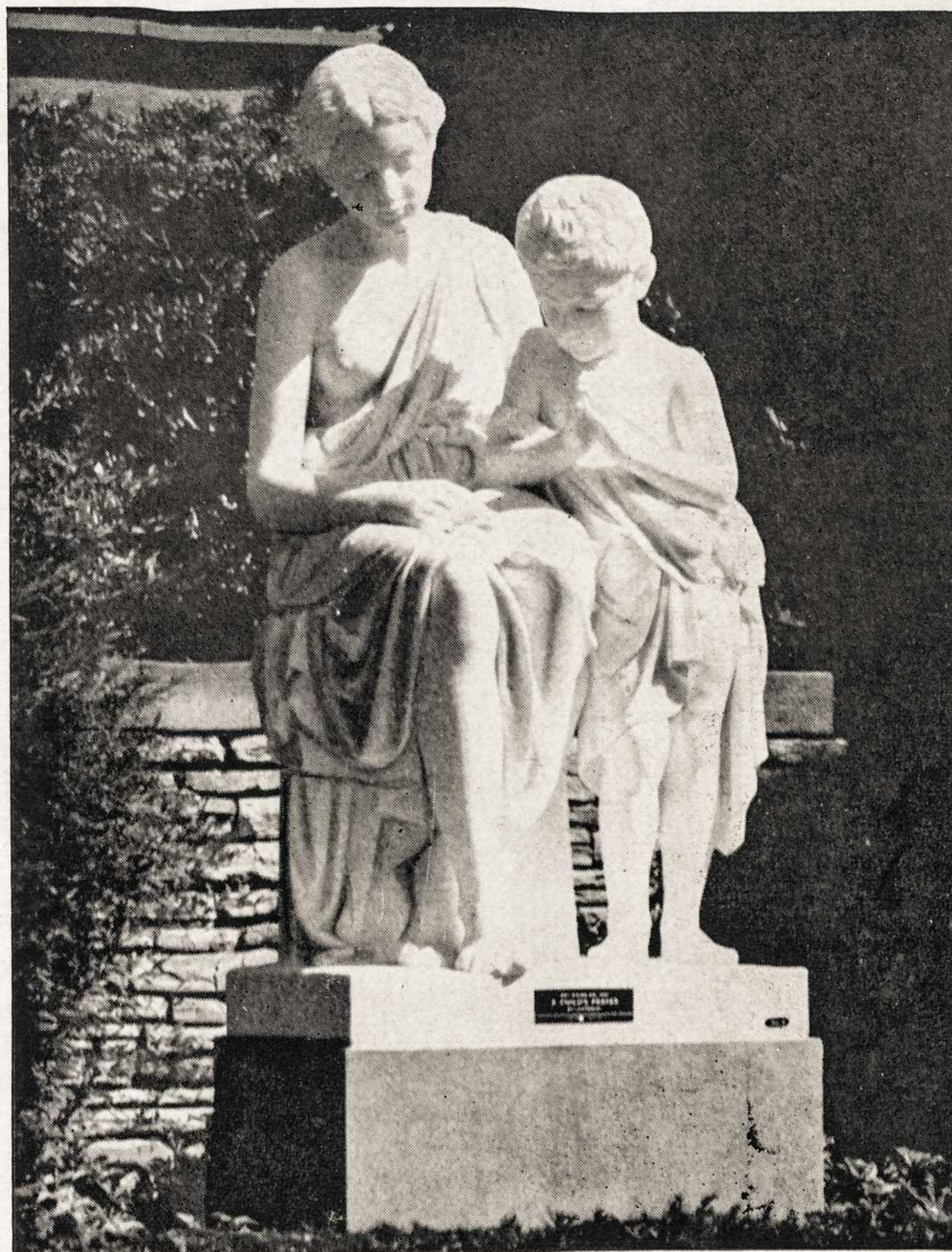
Velionis buvo iš tų senosios kartos veikėjų, kurie visame lietuvių katalikų veikime pasižymėjo uolumu, dosnumu ir drausmingumu.

Kaimo "daraktorius" lietuvišku mokslu "apsišarvojęs" velionis prieš 44 metus atvyks į Ameriką ir įsijungęs į Chicago lietuvių katalikų visuomenę iki pat mirties buvo šviesus pavyzdys ne tik eiliniams veikėjams, bet ir visiems pasipuošusiems įvairiais diplomais ir mokantiems daug kalbėti, rašyti, o nieko neveikti. Amer. Lietuvių Katalikų Federacijos (senojoje Amerikos Lietuvių Bendruomenėje) Chicago apskrityje velionis išdininku išbuvo daugiau kaip 30 metų, o Labdarių Sąjungoje veikė nuo pat jos įsisteigimo, eidamas direktoriaus, sekretoriaus, izdo globėjo ir kitokias pareigas. Ne tik veikė, bet ir aukojo. Neapsėjo be jo nei TT. Marijonų Bendradarbių Draugija, nei šv. Kazimiero Akademijos Rėmėjų Draugija. Būdamas čia išvardintų organizacijų garbės nariu, jis tuo nesididžiavo, bet tyliai veikė ir kiekviena proga gausiai aukojo.

Tokio pat veiklumo ir dosnumo velionis buvo ir Lietuvos reikalams. Dirbo ir aukojo pirmojo Pasaulinio karo metu, po karo, kai Lietuva atkūrė nepriklausomybę, o kai ant Lietuvos užgriuvo nauja vergija, įsijungė į naują — jos išlaisvinimo — darbą, kuriam vadovauja Altas, ir šelpimą lietuvių, atsidūrusių tremtyje. Balfio 5-tas skyrius velionies veikimą sekančiai apibūdina: "Nepaisydamas savo senyvo amžiaus ir pašlijusios sveikatos, daug dirbo šalpos darbe. Visuomet rūpindavosi praveisti ko geriausia piniginius bei drabužių rinkimo vajus. Jam niekuomet nebuvo nei anksti, nei vėlu, nei arti nei toli. Visuomet būdavo pirmutinis ir visą sunkiausią darbą atlikdavo... Dėl jo sumanaus darbo Marquette Parko Balfio 5 skyrius daug yra surinkęs drabužių ir pinigų ir tuo padėjęs ap-



Inž. T. Vizgirdo klišė



Statula Los Angeles, Calif.  
kapinėse:

MOTINA MOKO VAIKĄ  
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saugoti nuo šalčio ir bado tremtyje esančius našlaičius, senelius ir ligonius."

Jaunas būdamas velionis priklausė Lietuvos Vyčiams (36-tai kuopai) ir lygiai kaip ir kitoms draugijoms dirbo ir aukojo. Persikėlęs gyventi į Marquette Parką, nors dėl senesnio amžiaus nebuvo aktyvus jaunių tarpe, bet palaikė narystę ir sendraugiams įsisteigus savo kuopą, pirmutinis įsirašė ir čia veikė, kiek laikas ir sąlygos leido.

Velionies vyčiai sendraugiai nepamiršo jo trumpoje ligoje, lankė, vilčių teikė, o mirus užprašė mišias už jo vėlę, pašarvotą lankė ir į kapus palydėjo.

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## READERS WRITE

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

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

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

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

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

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

I hope others will write in and express their views.

*John W. Yarus*  
South Boston, Mass. (17)

## The Communist Interpretation

The following account told by a recent escapee from Hungary reveals the unbelievable extremes used by the Communist to extinguish religious feeling in children and to replace it by love for the Soviet Union:

"In the nurseries and grammar schools of Hungary, the birth of Jesus Christ is not taught. The children know nothing of Bethlehem, the shepherds, or the three Magis. The parents do not dare to tell the children about these things because they fear that the children may inadvertently mention their disclosures while at school. There were even such over-zealous Communists who suggested that the name of Christ be replaced by the name of Stalin in Christmas carols. This was found to be unacceptable since it was explained that the time was not yet ripe for such a move.

The birth of Jesus is related in the following manner by an Iron Curtain author:

"Once upon a time there was a couple so poor that they had nothing to eat and no roof over their heads. Wherever they asked for shelter, the capitalist lords drove them away. Their first son was born in a stall and they wrapped him in rags and placed him in a manger. Next day, shepherds came to the new-born baby with gifts and a message from Russia.

"We have come from a country where poverty has been conquered. In Russia children grow up in freedom because there is no starvation, privation or unemployment.

"Then Joseph, the unemployed worker, asked the shepherds how they found them. Whereupon the shepherds answered that a red star led them to their assistance.

"Then the poverty-stricken couple prepared for the road. The shepherds wrapped the baby in furs and they all set out to the Soviet paradise."

### K. of L. CALENDAR

August 1 New York-New Jersey District picnic, St. Michael's Grounds, Bayonne, N. J.

August 25-29 41st K. of L. National Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa. Hotel Roosevelt — convention headquarters.

October 5 Chicago, Ill. (5) Annual Fall Dance.

October 9 Norwood, Mass. (27)  
Pre-Convention  
N. E. District Dance.

October 10 N. E. District K. of L. Semi-annual Convention.  
Host: Council 27,  
Norwood, Mass.



# SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

PHIL CARTER

Q. *Is more than one type of sword used in fencing?*

A. In modern fencing three weapons are used — the foil, the epee or the sabre. Although similar, each of these weapons has a method of use all its own.

Q. *What American jockey has ridden the most winning horses?*

A. Johnny Longden who has more than 4,000 victories to his credit.

Q. *When is the annual midnight baseball game played in Alaska?*

A. On June 21 at Fairbanks. Here in the far North, in summer, sunset does not occur until 10 or 11 p.m.

Q. *What is the difference, if any, between tumbling and somersaulting?*

A. Tumbling is somersaulting on the ground. It is done on the sole of the foot without allowing the heel to touch the ground.

Q. *How many pimples are there on a golf ball?*

A. There are 336 pimples on a golf ball.

Q. *What is the long-throw record in baseball?*

A. It is 443 feet and 3½ inches. This record was made by outfielder Don Grate of Chattanooga (Southern Association) during field day exercises in Chattanooga on August 23, 1953. Grate broke his own record of the previous year.

Q. *Where was chess first played blindfolded?*

A. Arabs and Persians were accustomed to doing this as early as the 11th century, when engaged in a match with inferior players. Philidor (Francois Andre Danican) French champion of the 18th century played blindfolded often to make competition keener.

Q. *Are golf clubs now generally known by names or by numbers?*

A. Formerly, each club was identified by a name, but now each one is numbered, except the putter. Fourteen clubs are permissible in a round of golf.

Q. *When was the baseball pitching distance increased to its present length?*

A. In 1893, when it was increased from 55 feet to its present length of 60 feet 6 inches. The change was made in an effort to encourage hitting.

Q. *Is there a new golf ball that will add more yards to a golfer's drive?*

A. Yes. "The new ball", the U. S. Rubber Company says, will give greater distance in cold weather, in hot weather, against the wind, and with the wind. It looks whiter, stays whiter, and washes easily. The secret of the ball's improved performance is the revolutionary diamond markings on the cover. Hundreds of tests with driving machines show the new cover design gives the golf ball greater lift and makes it stay in the air almost a quarter of a second longer, adding 10 yards to the drive. It is a legal tournament golf ball that meets the required specifications of the U. S. Golf Association. It is 1.68 inches in diameter and 1.62 ozs. in weight.

Q. *In horse racing what was the closest horse race of all time?*

A. Probably the closest horse race was the one between Adley 2nd and Misyer at Ceylon, India, in 1931. They ran a match dead heat and the judges ordered the race rerun. The second time they ran another dead heat. The stewards ordered all bets refunded.

Q. *Who was known as the iron man of football at Yale University?*

A. Walter W. (Pudge) Heffelfinger who died April 3, 1954, at the age of 86. The huge wonderous Pudge played as football's first running guard. He was a rugged 60-minute man throughout his collegiate career, and was named to Walter Camp's All American teams in 1889-90-91.

At the age of 50, the hulking 250-pounder scrimmaged against the Yale varsity during a practice session and not only scored a touchdown but injured two players in the process.

Even at the age of 65, he played in a benefit game but had to leave after nine minutes because of a knee injury.

Pudge was one of the first players to be elected to the football Hall of Fame. He was the only man to win a major letter in four sports at Yale.

He made his last appearance at the Yale Bowl last November when he was honored with an award before the opening kick-off of the Yale-Harvard game.

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Soon we will welcome you to Pittsburgh, with its Golden Triangle Gateway Center and Alcoa Building. This is part of the new skyline you will be seeing this summer when Council 19 greets old and new friends for the 41st annual K. of L. convention.

Points of interest are not only in the new and modern buildings, for many of the older structures, as well, have grace and beauty of design. In this latter group is our church, St. Casimir's, where the convention will hold its religious services.

In 1891 action for a Lithuanian parish was started in the city of Pittsburgh. Without so much as a spiritual guide, the people, realizing the need for a Lithuanian parish, appointed a committee to lay the foundation.

With the assistance of his Excellency Bishop R. Phelan, the greatest difficulty confronting the organizing group — that of obtaining a priest for the project — was overcome. On February 19, 1893, Father A. Lapatto celebrated the first Holy Mass and delivered a Lithuanian sermon for the pioneer parishioners of St. Casimir's in the basement of St. Paul's Cathedral then at Fifth and Grant Streets. During that year a newly ordained priest, Rev. John Sutkaitis, was placed in charge of organizing the first Lithuanian parish. In the autumn of that same year, an old Protestant church at 611 Carson Street was purchased and services were held there until 1900.

At this time the present site where the large and attractive St. Casimir's Church now stands was bought. The building was completed in 1902 and since then its doors have always been open not only to parishioners but to the workers of the many industries located on the South Side as well.

Its large interior was designed to accommodate many. Its impressive main altar stands tall and white. Separating the sanctuary from the nave is a solid oak communion rail. The stations of the cross in St. Casimir's are unique. They are one of three sets of carved wooden figures imported to America from Italy.

The growth and expansion of the parish is attributed to the efforts of Rev. Magnus J. Kazenas, who has been with the parish since 1920. His accomplishments are many — from the establishment of the cemetery to the founding of a commercial and academic high school.

St. Casimir's has always upheld Lithuanian traditions, customs and ideals. Now it looks forward to the coming K. of L. convention in August. St. Casimir's and Pittsburgh will welcome you.

*Eleanor Allen and Mary Ann Keeffe*

## PITTSBURGH, PA.

### COUNCIL 19

On Saturday evening May 22, 1954 the "Vestuvės" of Ruth Ann Milewski and Bernard Labuskis took place at St. Casimir's School Hall on the South Side. The "svočia" Antoinette Naujelis, dressed in her best bib and tucker had really decorated the wedding table beautifully — there was a roast chicken, kilbasi, wedding "namine", wine, "sūri", vases of "rutu", and other good things to eat and drink. The mother and father of the bride and groom, Marcella Onaitis and John Skemundris were very proud of their young couple and played their parts well. The rest of the Vyčių Choras were "pamergės" and "pamergiai" and "kaimo vaikinai ir merginos." Needless to say everyone had a wonderful time at the stage wedding — there was just one criticism of the big affair — the wedding celebration was too short to suit the audience.

The second part of the evening's program was in concert form. The K. of L. chorus sang eight numbers under the leadership of Kazys Bazys, the chorus director. A men's group trained and directed by Walter Chinik sang eight numbers and Mildred Chinik sang three solos.

All in all, the evening's program was a big success and the remainder of the evening was spent in dining and dancing. The proceeds from this affair were for the benefit of the K. of L. Radio Program.

Our correspondent is at this time slightly indisposed but the reason is one for rejoicing! Mr. and Mrs. William Kolicus, Jr. announced the birth of a baby

girl on the 30th of May. We hear that mother and daughter are doing well and that father just made it home in time (he'd spent the two previous weeks in Reserve Camp at Fort Meade at the request of Uncle Sam) and only got home that very Sunday. Wonderful timing! I guess it isn't too early to wish the happy father a Happy Father's Day for the first time. We certainly congratulate the proud parents who've been untiring workers for the K. of L.

With our "Vestuvės" over, from now on all our efforts will be concentrated on the coming national convention, the 41st, to take place in Pittsburgh in August.

**41st NATIONAL CONVENTION  
HOTEL ROOSEVELT  
AUGUST 27, 28, 29**

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## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

### CHICAGO, ILL.

#### COUNCIL 112

Vacation time is here and council 112 members are doing their share of globe-trotting. Delores Kuksta recently spent 15 days in Los Angeles and vicinity. If anyone is interested she recommends it highly. Vice Pres. Julie Greicius flew to New York and from all reports had a scrumptious time.

John, Bert and baby Paul Stoskus traveled to Rhode Island to see Grandma Savickis. Providence sure looked good after two years in Chicago. Bert was matron of honor at wedding of Bertha Ciocys to Dr. Cunningham. Vyt Lubert was seen around Rush Street squiring lovely Ann Fogarty model from New York, Rosemare Martinson.

Burning the midnite oil is over for the summer for Ed Pocius who was taking post grad course in accounting, as was executive secretary Betty Tucker. Lorraine Wainouskas was studying at Chicago Teachers College.

It's a son, Stanley III; for Stanley and Irene Balzekas, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Brazis had a fourth daughter.

Our sincerest sympathy to Anthony Giedraitis on the death of his brother, Edward, a former active K. of L. member.

Contractor Bruno Shukis, Jr., has been very busy this spring building new homes. Atty Vyt Yasus is very active in the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce.

A hearty welcome to new members Arline Skocz, Patricia Tucker, and Edwin Yubis. We're happy to have you.

It's good to hear that Mr. Lubert, father of Vyt and Tony, is coming along nicely and getting out for some sunshine in their lovely yard and orchard.

*Birutė*

## CHICAGO, ILL.

### COUNCIL 5

Here are flashbacks of our council activities since last summer:

The welcome mat was rolled out for the new pastor, Rev. A. Valancius, better known to the parishioners as "Father Val," who has been a wonderful council spiritual director and very enthusiastic in all of our council activities since his arrival.

There was the Sand Dunes, Indiana, outing, which was attended and arranged by council members and the parish choir.

Father Val addressed the group who attended the quarterly Council 5 Communion and Breakfast and remarked that it was good to see the interest our members have in the spiritual, as well as the social, activities.

Council 5 was represented by Father Val, Loretta Macekonis, Dolores Stroga, and Laura Yucius at the National Convention in Boston. Besides working on the Convention Mandate Committee, Laura Yucius was elected to the Norkunas Memorial Fund Committee.

Two peppy teams from our council were entered in the Illinois-Indiana District Bowling League, and the girls team turkeyed themselves into the first place. The champions are Anna Marie Januska, Diane Rekus, Ann Marie Pupinik, Dolores Stankus, and Lucille Yucius, the team captain.

Twenty members were rounded up from our council to sample the tea at the Illinois-Indiana District post-convention "Bahston Tea Pahty" at Jatis' Ranch.

Better than ever was our Annual Fall Dance at Lions Ballroom. The joint was jumping to the Wee Three Combo, and the Walnut Room was practically bulging at the seams. For this we are grateful to the dance committee, all the members of Council 5 and their friends, and represen-

tatives from other councils in the Chicago area. The winner of the patron book contest was Mrs. John Norvillas (nee Jeanette Gaudusas). When Loretta Macekonis invited a few friends to her house for breakfast after the dance, we bet she didn't anticipate that a hungry army would show up.

Please remember in your prayers Helen Zimmer's dad, Edward Lukosaitis' mother, and Lillian and Dolores Stankus' father, all of whom passed away last fall.

The most successful Quarterly Council 5 Communion and Breakfast was conducted last November. It was hoped that with each quarter the number of participants would increase, so let's beat this record!

St. Michael's Church was the first parish in quite an extensive area to have an outdoor Nativity scene last Christmas. This came about when Council 6 donated a new crib set to the parish and the old statues were weather-proofed and placed in an outdoor setting.

The following new members are extended a hearty welcome: Diane Rekus, Joanna Sakalauskas, Al Manst, Bob Andrews, Eleanor Pajunas, Mr. & Mrs. Alex Shviraga, Richard Kozlowski, Mrs. Bill Civins, Mrs. Anton Pauza, Terry Pupinik, Mrs. Walter Stroga, Charles Januska, George Kujawa, and Mrs. Anthony Deksnys.

The year 1954 holds much promise as far as our Council 5 activities are concerned, particularly in view of the fact that we have the following officers: Social co-chairmen, Anna Marie Januska and Ann Marie Pupinik; Lithuanian Affairs — Edward Lukosaitis; Ritual — Loretta Macekonis; Sgt.-at-Arms — Robert Andrews; Treasurer — Vincent (Bill) Civins; Financial Secretary — Loretta Macekonis; Secretary — Anna Marie Januska; 2nd Vice President — Lucille Yucius; 1st Vice President — Benedict Nauseda; and President — Laura Yucius. Our Spiritual Advisor is, of course, Father Val.

The installation of officers took place at Council 5's first annual banquet for members only. All credit for the success of this affair goes to our hardest-working gals, Dolores Stankus and Loretta Macekonis. Father Val, the M. C., also applauded the committee and the home-cooked meal (and he knows good food).

After the new leaders took their oaths of office, awards for good attendance at the council's 1953 meetings were presented to: Robert Andrews, Loretta Macekonis, Benedict Nauseda, Laura and Lucille Yucius, and Helen Zimmer. This same

evening, we also had first degree rituals, and about 15 members were elevated to the first degree of membership in the Knights of Lithuania.

We went back as far as we could, so according to the information available, it is presumably safe to say that never before in our council's history has anyone left the K. of L. to join a religious order. It is with great pride that we announce that our secretary, Miss Helen Zimmer, gave up her K. of L. responsibilities as secretary and entered the convent of the Sisters of St. Casimir. We will, of course, miss Helen very much, but we all wish her God's blessings.

Congratulations to Diane Rekus who won the Illinois - Indiana District Ping-Pong Tournament.

Well deserved vacations: Ann Marie Pupinik off on a school tour of Washington, D. C., and New York; Ben Nauseda and Roger Biggus who went to Florida on their annual jaunt; and Laura Yucius who discovered the golden state of California.

Orchids to Ann Marie Pupinik on her graduation from high school.

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## GARY, INDIANA

### COUNCIL 82

#### A Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order and we proceeded with a prayer and then the minutes were read by Michel. Mrs. Kaminski gave a report on the April 9 Fish Fry. The "Sick Call" was brought down so we all could see it before it was presented to Mrs. Bruzas for her wonderful help at our Fish Fries.

June Evanseck gave a report of the Lake County Lithuanian's Float and a motion was made by Helen Zudak and passed that we donate \$5.00 to help defray the cost of the Loyalty Day Float. In Lake County, every year we have a parade representing our loyalty to God and County in contrast to the May Day celebration that takes place in Russia. Each year the parade is held in the various cities in Lake County and this year the parade was held in Indiana Harbor, Ind.

After all correspondence was read our council donated \$10.00 to the Mother House of the Sisters of Saint Casimir in Chicago.

We were reminded of the bowling banquet on May 16 in Chicago and of the National District Bowling Tournament to take place at the end of May. Registration was asked to be complete by Saturday.

With wishes for a speedy recovery for Father Vichuras, we are having a high mass said for him.

### Martha Balkan

We wish to congratulate Martha Balkan upon her being elected president of the American Medical Technologists of Indiana on May 9 at a meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Not only was she elected to serve as president, but she was also appointed national director of placement service of the American Medical Technologists. She is employed in Gary at our Veterans Administration Building as a technologist.

### Visitors Four

Mrs. Kuizin, Mr. and Mrs. Shirvinski and daughter, Carol, went to visit Josie Kuizin at St. Mary of the Woods in Terre Haute, Indiana. They spent an enjoyable week-end and brought Josie home for a few days. Josie was also home for the Easter vacation. Miss Kuizin painted "A Lithuanian Village" which is on exhibition at the school. We are proud of her and hope she continues her good work.

### Hostesses

Our hostesses for the the evening were Martha Balkan, June Evanseck, and Viola Geanchos. Of course, they all look forward to the Social — talk of everything and nothing then! Mrs. Bauza helped serve macaroni, salad, apple slices and coffee. Say, what gives? So many of our members are on a diet?

*Viola Geanchos, Secretary*

### PHILADELPHIA, PA.

#### COUNCIL 3

Our wonderful spiritual director, Father Raila, has been transferred to St. George's parish in Shenandoah. We were sad to hear the news.

Father Raila was spiritual director of our Council for 14 years and did so much for our council. He organized our Lithuanian plays, encouraged us to take an interest in cultural things, organized Lithuanian classes and did countless other things. We are sorry he has gone and hope that someday he will return.

Our new spiritual director is Father Shimkus, who is very nice. And this I must say: although we miss Father Raila, he couldn't have been replaced by a better or nicer person than Father Shimkus.

Last Saturday four cars full of members took off for a wienie roast. The weather was perfect. The boys built a huge fire with Vyt Bakusckas as chief

fire builder. In addition to roasting hot dogs, one of our gals went home with a beautiful pair of crisp, roasted loafers. We had no mishaps, but we might have had if Bobby Krisciunas had decided to dive into a foot of water for a swim.

Congratulations to: Mr. and Mrs. Vyt Backusckas who are expecting Sir Stork in August, and to Theresa Mazeika who got an A in her chemistry major in college.

On Sunday, June 20, our council is planning an excursion to Atlantic City for a day of swimming.

Sometime in July, we are planning a trip to the mountains for a week-end vacation.

I'd like to make an announcement to all members to please try to attend all meetings. Attendance has been dropping off the past few months making it difficult to settle major problems.

That's all for this month. See you all in August. *Al*

## NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

### NEW YORK, N. Y.

#### COUNCIL 12

Our Hobo Dance held on May 15th was a social success and we hope that a good time was had by all. Joe Sable and Victor Guzewicz of Linden, N. J. arrived by "rail", knapsack and all, and certainly deserve a round of applause for their terrific outfits. You were really set to "hit the road" boys.

This summer the steadfast bachelors of C-12 namely, Vinnie, Yank, Monk, Steve and Joe K., have incorporated "YAMKY LODGE" and Larry and Jeanne Janonis and Helen and Lillian Zindzius have also become "landlords" of this summer bungalow at Jefferson Valley, N. Y. Helen, Lillian and Jeanne have "unanimously" been elected as "house mothers." Better brush up on your cooking girls! All of us have a standing invitation to visit "YAMKY LODGE INC." this summer.

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

Anniversary Greetings to: Jeanne and Larry Janonis (May 12) and Brenda and Tony Raziickas (June 4th).

Congratulations to: Nell and John Genis upon the birth of their son on May 28th; Joanne Shinkunas and Russ Holland upon their marriage on June 12th.

We all wish to extend our sincerest and deepest sympathy to Stella Kolesk and the entire Kolesk Family upon the untimely passing of Henry Kolesk on May 29th.

*Lorelei*

#### Council 12

### IN MEMORIAM

Henry C. Kolesk, C-12, New York City, died on May 29, 1954, at the age of 33 in the Norwalk General Hospital, Conn.

A veteran of World War II, Henry was a staunch and steadfast member of the K. of L. since 1939 and will always be remembered for the deep loyalty, zeal and constancy of purpose he exemplified in the many activities in which he participated. At various times he served in most of the executive positions of the council and was overly active on executive, social and athletic committees; older district members will remember his ardor and sincerity in furthering the goals of the K. of L.

In all his actions he personified the high ideals of leadership, good judgment, temperance and fair play counterbalanced by a keen sense of humor and a jovial disposition. That he was a good Catholic man can be attested to by his membership not only in the K. of L. but also the Holy Name Society and his participation in the church of which he was the leading protagonist, a fact which Rev. Gurinskas, Our Lady of Vilna pastor, dwelt upon in eulogizing Henry's robust voice.

Following an impressive and moving Requiem service at Our Lady of Vilna Church, Henry was interred at St. Raymond's Cemetery on June 3, 1954. As testimony to the affection and esteem in which he was held by those who knew him, it was noted that the attendance at the final services was so great that extra police were detailed to re-route and direct traffic in order that the 32 car funeral cortege could be kept intact.

Henry is survived by his wife, the former Stella Kaulis, also a C-12 member and two sons, Andrew and Stephen.

*George Yatkauskas*

## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

At the district conference held in Newark, N. J., June 6th, following 1954-55 officers were elected: Rev. V. Karalevičius, spiritual adviser; Larry Janonis, president; Albin Jankauskas and Edward Thompson, vice presidents; Dorothy Dutkus, recording secretary; Vera Lang, financial secretary; Ann Klem, treasurer; and Frank Vaskas (3 years), trustee.

Delegates to the 41st K. of L. National Convention, Pittsburgh, Penna., will be Dorothy Dutkus and Joseph Sabel.

Annual district picnic will be held at Bayonne, N. J. on Sunday, August 1st.

Prayers were offered for the repose of the soul of Henry "Hank" Kolesk who passed away recently. The deceased was an active member of Council 12, New York City, for a number of years.

Many delegates and guests attended the conference, including Rev. V. Karalevičius, spiritual adviser, Rt. Rev. Msgr. I. Kelmelis, Rev. Peter Totoraitis and Rev. Anthony Kasper. *F. V.*

## OHIO-MICHIGAN DISTRICT

### DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

Well we almost did it! We came in second to Marquette Park C-112, winners of the annual district bowling trophy. We missed first place by 72 pins. Dorothy was so-O-O-O disappointed when she heard the results. One consolation was that our own Charlie Petkus received a trophy for high game with handicap. Our team consisted of Pat Zilinskas, Dorothy Miller, Fran, Mike and Charlie Petkus.

Frank Gudelis came along as our rooting squad but who was that pretty waitress that attracted his attention? Al Manst of C-5 Chicago, was an enjoyable MC after the Sunday dinner.

To celebrate her birthday Peggy Zakaras, C-36 in Brighton Park, Chicago, treated everyone to cake for the dinner.

Albina Kamsickas of C-43 in Grand Rapids, entertained us with piano music while George Sinkus of Detroit, lead us in community singing.

Juliet Greichius of Chicago who won the booby prize in bowling had her "trophy" on display. Real cute!

It was good to see John Stefon and Vyto Gestautas of Chicago again, and Bob Boris of Detroit sure looked different

sporting a crew cut. Frank Gudelis thought the warm hospitality of Pat Kramer and Eleanor Lurin of Chicago, was most friendly. We have started a new committee — a K. of L. Advisory Board for the marriage of Frank Gudelis. Applications accepted up to Aug. 21, 1954. Send to K. of L., C-96, 1922 Leo Street, Dayton, Ohio. Winner to be announced at the National Convention in Pittsburgh.

It was good to see our friends from Cleveland and Pittsburgh at the Tournament.

On May 9th the Council held its annual Mother's Day dinner. The day began with mothers and members receiving Communion in a body at the eight o'clock Mass. Dinner was served in the afternoon. This affair always has been a must with the members and to prove it just about everyone came with his family.

Elinor Sluzas and Helen Vaitkus took charge of the hamburgers and ham, Ada Sinkwitz prepared the beans and potato salad. Mary Lucas, Ann Scott, Pat Zilinskas and Dorothy Miller made the desserts and jello salads. Pat had a novel one — made of the colors of the Lithuanian Flag.

On the program the members (girls) sang a few songs in honor of mother's day. Elaine and Marilyn Lucas and Ann Sinkwitz sang very nicely for the occasion. Fran Vangas entertained with her accor-dian.

It was so good to see Fr. Katarskas in our midst again. He had been in bed with virus. Any event without him just isn't complete.

The council's pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio on May 16 was a very worthwhile trip. Prayers and benediction were held at 2:30 p.m., along with a procession around the Church with the statue of Our Lady of Consolation being carried and the people reciting the Rosary. A special blessing for the Marian Year was given to those who attended. It was a day well spent with God and Mary.

On May 13 the K. of L. girls held a surprise baby shower for Helen Vaitkus. She thought she was going to a Stanley Party!

Elinor Sluzas showed us the beautiful skin she and Ted received from Jerry Jesulaitis of Chicago. Jerry said it was his way of thanking them for their warm hospitality while he was here for the District Convention.

Rita Ann Vaitkus was one of the lucky seniors here in Dayton to make a tour of Washington, D. C., and New York City. She liked D. C. best.

At the regular monthly meeting Fr. Katarskas read some letters sent to the members from the sick and homeless displaced persons (Lithuanian) who received our donation as a result of our first bake sale. The letters were so touching and gratefully received. Our next bake sale will be Sunday, June 13. The profit will be given to the Church to make some improvements on the altar.

On July 25 we will hold a picnic for members only at Old Mill Stream. August 8 will be our annual picnic day at Eintracht Park.

Mary Ann Ambrose has set her wedding date for September 11.

Birthday Congratulations to Sally Miller, May 19th; Joe Sinkwitz, May 21st; Ann Goldick, June 16; Ann Scott, June 20.

Anniversary Congratulations to Eleanor and Joe Mantz, May 29; Joe and Ada Sinkwitz, June 1; Helen and Stan Vaitkus, June 13; Stan and Mary Lucas, June 28. *The Petkus'*

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### PROVIDENCE, R. I.

COUNCIL 103

On April 21, all the bowlers and their guests journeyed in the evenings to Oates Tavern for their bowling banquet. After a delicious meal the trophies were awarded. Thanks to Al Straznick for arranging this nice affair. Prizes went to Barbara Cyronak, Bill Belconis, Julia Meciunas, Marion Cyronak, Ed Wilkins, and Al Straznick.

Sunday night, May 9, the stage in the church hall was nicely arranged for K. of L.'ers who participated in a "Variety Show" for our mothers. It was surprising that few were nervous before show time. One girl, June Lucas, was a little worried about her sneezing skit when she found that pepper wouldn't do the trick. The show went off tremendously and was enjoyed immensely. Orchids to Helen Belconis, who kept after the cast and encouraged them.

The following Tuesday we held our K. of L. meeting and the mothers were invited to attend. Refreshments were served later and a Bingo game was started. Gifts and prizes were taken home by the mothers and members.

On May 15 knights and ladies danced to the music of the Vilna Orchestra at C-103's Annual Maytime Ball at the Roger Williams Park Casino. Many K. of L.'ers made their usual stop-over at the Belconis residence after the dance. Refreshments were served.

It was thoughtful of Leo Shakalis from Cambridge to volunteer (although it shocked a few) to do the dishes. You'll always get a good recommendation from some members of the Providence K. of L.

On May 23 14 cars headed for Marianapolis from Providence for the Annual N. E. District Picnic. The weather wasn't very agreeable with C-103, 'ers although it didn't stop them any. We had charge of the main gate.

A few members have been seen heading for the fireplaces lately. At the last "Roast," Straznick proved to everyone what a magnetic personality he has since he met a character named "Red." Bill Belconis, Ed Wilkins, and their partners looked as though they were having an exciting ball game. Why Vyto K. kept going across the road has some people curious. Some remarks were passed on how Vyto J. has trained his passengers in cleaning the car.

The month of June has come around and to a few of our members it means graduation. Joan Nadzeika left Saint Xavier's Academy. And both June Lucas and Dorothy Labucki bade farewell to Mount Pleasant High School. Dan Begonis reached his goal in the University of Rhode Island.

Our council now has a junior K. of L. It consists of 18 active members. The officers are: Albert Jurgelevicius, president; Thomas Romano, vice president; Joanne Kachanis, secretary; Joseph Tomashenko, treasurer.

Congratulations are in order for Helen Belconis. She was elected recording secretary for the New England District. We know you'll do a good job and best of luck. *EM-DEE*

## WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

Congratulations to: Joe Kondrotas, who places second in the Classic Telegram & Gazette Central, Massachusetts candlepin roll-offs. Joe hit 1089. Just missed top spot by 16 points.

Wedding bells rang on March 20th, for Mary Farrar of Providence and our past president Bill Bengston. Bill has accepted a position with Westinghouse in Pittsburgh.

On Saturday June 5th, Rev. John Liubauskas was ordained to Priesthood at St. Paul's Cathedral. Sunday, June 6th, Rev. John Liubauskas held his first Solemn High Mass. A reception in his honor was held in the church hall at 6:00 P.M. that same evening.

Our Spring Dance which was held May 1, 1954 at Maironis Park really turned out great. Chairman Rita Kondrotas, as-

sisted by Jane Stablin, Joe Kondrotas, Bill Grigas, Eddie Daniels, Angie Sarapas, Pat Pallys, Mary Ann Zemaitis are to be commended in a job well done.

Our council's president and secretary, Eddie Daniels and Joan Bakanas were crowned May King and Queen.

### Bowling: —

Charlie Tagman presented the trophies, along with some witty remarks. Even the gal with the lowest average received a prize. Joe Kondrotas walked off with the high average trophy for the men, and his sister Rita, did the same in the girls department. Connie Daucunas' Team won trophies for being the council's champs; Charlie Tagman and Joe Kondrotas copied high triple awards, and Franny Nockunas, and Joe Sakaitis received high single trophies. Father Michael was on hand for a good part of the festivity. Bill Grigas, George Bakans and Joe Kondrotas formed a trio and entertained the audience. The evening ended with choir members and K. of L. members singing Lithuanian folks songs.

Our council was well represented at the annual New England District Sports Day held in Thompson, Conn., May 23.

*Barney & B.*

## ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

### Mother's Day Program

More than 100 mothers were guests of the K. of L. at our annual Mother's Day party. The guests were greeted by Rev. Juraitis, pastor; Rev. Yankauskas, spiritual director; and Leonard Davidonis, president. A special program was presented by a group of the parish children with our own Marie Sienkewicz acting as pianist.

A featured highlight of the program was the Lithuanian Dance Group of Worcester which performed under the direction of Miss Isobel Savitskas. Refreshments were served by Barbara Milosh, Maryann Dodski, Marie Sienkewicz and Vellie Melaika.

### May Meeting

A special meeting was held at Frank Anoris' camp on White's Pond the day after the party to help use up the refreshments. It was at this meeting that plans were made for our annual picnic which will be held at Gabr's Park. Stanley Sargut was made general chairman of the committee in charge of the picnic. We wish to thank Frank once again for being host to the council.

## WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 116

The entire parish was busy last month preparing for a banquet honoring our Pastor upon his elevation to Monsignor his 40th year of priesthood, 25th year as pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Parish and his 65th birthday. Our council presented Msgr. C. A. Vasys with a set of rose-colored breviaries.

Many dignitaries in religious and political life came to pay homage to him.

Marion Lucason of our council was hostess at the head table and Dorothy Sinkavitch, Shirley Miller and Mary Klimkaitis were waitresses helping Marion.

The affair was a success and our pastor was "pleased as punch."

At the New England District Picnic at Marianapolis College in Thompson, Conn., C-116 ran the refreshment stand headed by our president, Frank Ciras. Taking part in the culinary art (art?) that day were Marion Lucason, Louise Totilas, Dorothy Sinkavitch, Bernice Burdulis, Dorothy Skinsky, Gloria Sinkavich, Bill Burdulis, Jr., Bob Krusas and Stanley Grigas. They did a grand job despite the showers that fell at intervals in the afternoon. (It cleared up beautifully about 5 p.m. when the dancing began and refreshments were no longer sold!)

A bus-load of our members will be cheering at the Yankee-Red Sox baseball game on June 29. The majority will be rooting for the "Home Team."

With the summer upon us, our council selected a social committee to plan beach trips and other outdoor activities. This committee is composed largely of newer members so we shall expect some new and very fresh ideas.

Our co-editors of the EQUESTRIAN, Mr. and Mrs. Paluses, will take a trip to the "Far West" (California) in August.

Dot Sinkavitch also will head west to Colorado to visit two of the council's newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kasper, who are making a temporary home "out thar."

Grace Rackauskas, Mary Klimkaitis, and three of their friends (oh, excuse me, one of those "friends" is a new member of our council, Geneva Luikey) will spend the week of the Fourth in Hyannis, Cape Cod.

*"Taradaika"*

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## BEAUTIFUL LAND OF OUR FATHERS

by Antonia M. Wackell

*Do you remember an amber land encircled by forest and marshes;  
A land of wandering dunes and sturdy pines;  
Sea drops of amber cast upon her silvery sanded beaches;  
Churches on hill tops, like tall observing shrines?*

*I remember a snow covered meadow  
As far as the eye could see;  
And the wolves in the towering dark green forest;  
And wayside crosses of rarest artistry.*

*It is a beautiful land of peasants  
With a precious language of her own,  
A language old, and rich with legends and songs  
Of every hill and grove, lake and forest, flower and stone.*

*My home is a low thatched cottage set upon a sloping hill,  
With clambering vines around its door;  
There's a garden of mint and rue, and marigolds too;  
And a sparkling glimpse of the crystal river and shore.*

*The larks circle above as the ploughman sings;  
The sower sings of the bounty his seeds will give;  
While the golden harvest grows with the reapers songs;  
And raftsmen on the river, sing of the forests where they live.*

*Spinning wheels whir as the women sing  
Of their empty homes now that the young have flown;  
Maidens, toiling in their gardens, sing of love and the rue,  
A symbol of purity and youth that is now their own.*

*At eventide, when all work is done  
Voices in song rise joyfully from the shore,  
And the moon beams on the tuneful scene  
While I sit and listen at the cottage door.*

*Have you heard of the legend of Crosses;  
And the lake that was formed from a giant's tears;  
Of the beautiful lakes that came down from the sky;  
And the toll of sunken bells as a storm appears?*

*Why cuckoos assemble at the "cuckoo oak"  
When Winter snows melt and warm Spring nears?  
Why the nightingale's charming, coaxing melody  
Will linger forever throughout the years?*

*Strange, beautiful Lithuania,  
Where the sky is the softest, palest blue;  
Where the sun warms her land with its golden rays...  
And wraps all her beauty around — with songs and the rue.*

*This beautiful land was the country I first knew.*

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CHICAGO, ILL.

8-toji KUOPA

### Prakalbos lietuviškai

1953 metais susirinkimų metu būdavo daromi ir pasikalbėjimai lietuviškai. Gaila, kad dėl nežinomos priežasties tie pasikalbėjimai buvo nutraukti. Ir štai po 6 mėnesių pertraukos pereitame susirinkime vėl prabilta lietuviškai. Susirinkimui pirmininkavo II vice-pirmininkas Palmira Markūnas. J. Sakevičius, lietuviškų reikalų vadovas, kalbėjo į vyčius lietuviškai ir angliškai ir supažindino juos su Velykų papročiais Lietuvoje, kaip kiaušinių dažymo ir mušimo papročiais ir t.t. Jis taip pat papasakojo apie vedybinius papročius ir piršlio pareigas bei jų vykdymą. Ir galop dar kalbėjo apie Lietuvos gintarą ir gintarinius išdirbinius. Visais tais dalykais vyčiai labai domėjosi. Malonu dar pažymėti, kad susirinkime dalyvavo kaip svečias kun. E. Abromaitis. Susirinkimui pasibaigus buvo suruošta kavutė, kurios metu draugiškai pasikalbėta. Susirinkimas visiems padarė gerą įspūdį.

### Delegatai

Į Illinois-Indiana vyčių apskrities suvažiavimą atstovais išrinkti: J. Barisas, Stella Ciesun, Palmira Markūnas ir J. Mikolaitis, o pavaduotojas K. Bružas, J. Jagminas, B. Laurinaitė ir J. Šamis.

*Vytis*

NEWARK, N. J.

29-toji KUOPA

Š. m. birž. mėn. 4 d. Šv. Jurgio D-jos salėje įvyko Newarko Vyčių 29 kuopos susirinkimas, kuriame 29-tos kuopos nariai buvo pakelti į pirmą ar antrą laipsnius. Kuopos pirm. Edvardas Thompsonas atidarė susirinkimą, o maldą sukalbėjo kun. P. Totoraitis. Egzaminų komisiją sudarė: Juozas Sakevičius ir Juozas Montvydas.

Pirmąjį laipsnį gavo: Gertrūda ir Albinas Jankauskai, Kazys Šipaila, Mrs. Mile Kaunickas, Miss Grainė Korbit ir Z. Kviors.

Antrąjį laipsnį gavo: Mrs. Ona Pocius, Juozas Kranauskas, Kazys Strolis ir Motiejus Bajus.

Kun. P. Totoraitis, sveikina vyčius, davusius priesaiką, "jūs esate kariai kariuomenės, jūsų pareiga, garbingai dirbti dėl Dievo ir Tėvynės. Būkite pavyzdžiais kitiems, kad kiti jums susižavėtų ir kad jūs per tą augtumėte ir jūsų gretos didėtų."

Pirmininkas Thompsonas. "Kiekviena organizacija turi laipsnius, reikia jų ir reikia juos pasiekti. Šios ceremonijos davė mums daugiau jėgų pamilti tėvų žemę ir jos nepamiršti." *Dalyvis*

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# Knights of Lithuania

## 41st National Convention

August 25- 29th, 1954

Hotel Roosevelt, Pittsburgh, Penna.

### Program

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Golf Tournament, Stanton Heights Country Club  
Afternoon play followed by Awards Dinner.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Registration of delegates and guests, Hotel Roosevelt, 10:00 a. m.  
to evening.  
8:00 p. m. Get-acquainted Night at St. Casimir's School Hall and con-  
tinuation of Registration.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 a. m. Opening Mass at St. Casimir's Church S. S. Pittsburgh.  
10:30 a. m. Opening session — Hotel Roosevelt.  
12:30 noon Luncheon at Hotel Roosevelt.  
2:00 p. m. Sessions resumed.  
6:00 p. m. Jamboree at the Lithuanian Country Club  
(Bus Transportation.)

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 a. m. Requiem Mass for deceased Knights, at St. Casimir's Church.  
10:00 a. m. Business sessions.  
12:30 noon Luncheon at Hotel Roosevelt.  
2:00 p. m. Sessions resumed.  
9:30 p. m. Semi-formal dance in Main Ballroom of Hotel Roosevelt.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

10:30 a. m. Solemn High Mass at St. Casimir's Church.  
(Later coffee and rolls will be served at school hall.)  
6:00 p. m. Closing Banquet — Hotel Roosevelt.

A. L. ONAITIS,  
General Convention Chairman