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PRISIKĖLIMO ŠVENTĖ

Kun. V. Karalevičius

Daug kartų mes šventėme vieną iš didžiausių Katalikų Bažnyčios švenčių, būtent, VELYKAS arba Kristaus Prisikėlimo šventę.

Daug kartų Bažnyčia mums priminė patį didžiausį, Kristaus padarytą, stebuklą. Šis stebuklas — Jo prisikėlimas iš numirusių, mirties nugalėjimas yra tiek svarbus ir tikras Jo dieviškos kilmės įrodymas, jog šv. Povilas sako, kad "jeigu Kristus neprisikėlė, tai jūsų tikėjimas yra tuščias" (1 Kor. 15, 17).

Lietuvos Vyčiai! Ši didi šventė teišbudina mūsų sąžinę ir teįvyksta prisikėlimas mūsų religiniame, doroviniame, tautiniame ir organizaciniame gyvenime. Juk ne paslaptis, kad šiandien daugelis mūsų esame per daug apsnūdę, neveiklūs, mažai domimės ne tik dvasiniu ir doroviniu gyvenimu, bet taip pat tautine bei organizacine veikla.

Religiniame gyvenime nesitenkinkime tomis žiniomis apie mūsų tikėjimą, kurias įgijome, kada mokėmės katekizmo prieš pirmąją išpažintį ir šv. Komuniją. Suaugęs katalikas turi daugiau žinoti apie savo tikėjimą, negu vaikas. Šiandien mes negalime pasitenkinti, klausydami pamokslų bažnyčiose apie mūsų tikėjimo tiesas, bet mums reikia savo žinojimą papildyti skaitymu katalikiškų laikraščių ir knygų. Paklauskime savęs: ar aš turiu užsisakęs ir ar skaitau katalikišką laikraštį; kiek katalikiškų knygų apie tikėjimą esu skaitęs; kiek tokių knygų esu nusipirkęs ir turiu namuose; ar aš turiu savo namuose katalikišką šv. Raštą; ar aš perskaičiau šv. Rašto Naująjį Testamentą? Religinis gyvenimas be doros neįmanomas.

Nepasitenkinkime eidami sekmadieniais ar šventadieniais į bažnyčią, pasninko įsakymo už laikymu arba dar vienu ar kitu Dievo ar Bažnyčios įsakymo vykdymu, bet laikykimės visų Dievo įsakymų ir visų Bažnyčios įstatymų. Bet tai mes padarysime tik tada, kada suprasime vertę ir svarbą Atgailos ir Eucharistijos sakramentų.

Šiais laikais, kada yra tiek pavojų nukrypti nuo dvasinio gyvenimo, mes turime griebtis nepaprastų priemonių savo sielai gelbėti. Tikrai dažna išpažintis ir dar dažnesnė šv. Komunija gali padėti mums tai padaryti. Šiandien mes negalime tenkintis šiuos sakramentus priimdami vieną ar keletą

kartų metuose ir manyti, jog galime būti gerais katalikais.

Vienas garsus Amerikos jėzuitas Tėvas Drolet, S. J. kartą per vieną Sodaliečių suvažiavimą pareiškė, kad, "tie laikai jau praėjo, kada pakako priimti šv. Komuniją vieną kartą į mėnesį. Šių laikų gyvenimo sąlygos, pareiškė jis, reikalauja bent savaitinės Komunijos, jei norime gyventi katalikiškai".

Todėl Vyčiai, kaip katalikai, turi vadovautis Bažnyčios nurodymais ir išpėjimais, duotais visiems katalikams per jos atstovus. Jais Bažnyčia nori apsaugoti mūsų katalikus nuo tų pavojų, kurie grasina suardyti visą jų dvasinį gyvenimą. Todėl, kiekvienas Vytis niekuomet neis žiūrėti filmos, kurią Padorumo Lyga (Legion of Decency) yra pamerkususi; niekuomet neskaitys, Bažnyčios pamerktos knygos ar šiaip nepadorios ir šlykščios literatūros; visuomet vengs asmenų, vietų ir daiktų, kurie gali būti proga nusidėti ir gali sugriauti visą dorovinį gyvenimą; kiekvienas geras Vytis, žinodamas, kiek žalos daro pavieniams asmenims ir šeimoms netvarkingas svaiginamų gėrimų vartojimas, visuomet susivaldys, juos vartodamas, ir ves blaivų gyvenimą.

Tautiniame gyvenime Vytis stengsis daugiau dėmesio kreipti į savo tėvų bei protėvių kalbos mokėjimą (lietuvių); daugiau susipažins su lietuvių tautos istorija, jos papročiais; daugiau dėmesio kreips į lietuviškas dainas, muziką, šokius; įsijungs į kovą už Lietuvos laisvę, padėdamas moraliniai bei materijaliniai; dirbs kartu su savo kuopos Lietuvos Reikalų Komitetu, garsindamas Lietuvos vardą kitataučių tarpe.

Organizaciniame gyvenime Vytis dės visas pastangas lankytis į visus kuopos susirinkimus ir juose aktyviai dalyvaudamas, nepaliekant visą darbą tik valdybos nariams; prisiimtas pareigas stengsis uoliai atlikti; stengsis surasti naujų narių; Vyčių kuopos dės visas pastangas suorganizuoti jaunų Vyčių kuopeles, nes jos supranta, kad šios organizacijos ateitis priklausys nuo to, kiek esantiems nariams pavyks iš pat mažens sužadinti lietuvių kilmės jaunimą šia organizacija, nelaukiant kol jaunieji sulauks 16 metų amžiaus.

Todėl, šia mūsų Viešpaties Prisikėlimo švente teprasideda nauja era Lietuvos Vyčių gyvenime!

Pergalės Varpai

Alfa Sušinskas

DVASIA NUGALI GINKLUS

19 amžiaus pradžioje garbėtroška prancūzų Napoleonas siekė užvaldyti visą Europą. Kai jis bežygiuodamas prisiartinio prie Austrijos pasienio miestelio, Feldkirchu vadinamo, savo generolui Massenai jis įsakė užimti šį miestelį nieko nepaisant ir nesigailint.

Buvo anksti Velykų rytą, kai miestelio gyventojai sužinojo apie prisiartinančią prancūzų kariuomenę ir apie gresiančią okupaciją. Tuoju buvo sušaukta miestelio taryba, kad nuspręstų, kas daryti. Visi tarybos nariai buvo baimės apimti ir savo pasitarimais jau rengėsi pasiduoti, nes kraugerys Napoleonas buvo sutraukęs 18.000 kareivių, ir miestelis buvo bejėgis kovoti ir atsilaikyti.

Tada taryboje buvęs vietos klebonas pakilo ir drąsiais bei įkvėpiančiais žodžiais prabilo:

— Brangieji, šiandien Velykos! Argi mes nebepasitikėsime Tuo, Kuris mirtį nugalėjo? Iš savęs mes čia nieko negalime. Bet mes turime maldauti pagalbos iš Nenugalimojo Išganytojo. Todėl tuoju praneškite visiems, kad į bažnyčią skubėtu! Mes švęsime Velykų Prisikėlimą įprastu būdu ir nebijodami, o visa kita patikėsime Dievui. Eikite ir skambinkite varpais!

Ir suskambėjo velykiniai varpai, ir gatvėse pasipylė velykiškai pasipuošę, į bažnyčią beskubą žmonės... Gi varpai vis skambėjo ir skambėjo...

Kai Napoleono žvalgai visa tai išžvalgė ir jam pranešė, jis pabugo: jis pamane, kad miestelio gyventojai, turbūt, bus gavę žinią, jog Austrijos kariuomenė atvyksta jų ginti. Velykinių varpų skambėjimas nugąsdino kraujo ištroškusį Napoleoną, ir jis su savo armija pasitraukė nuo Feldkircho miestelio.

Nors šiais laikais kariautojai ir visokie užpuolikai bei pavergėjai laikosi kitokių užpuolimo ir kariavimo taktikų, tačiau žmonių pasitikėjimas Išganytojo pergale ir Jo pagalba tebeturi tą pačią galią: ir dabar pasitikėjimas Dieviškuoju Išganytoju tebedaro nesuskaitomus stebuklus...

KRIKŠČIONIŲ STIPRYBĖ

Nuo pat apaštalu laikų iki mūsų dienų tikėjimas Išganytojo prisikėlimu iš numirusiųjų yra krikščionių stiprybė. Milionai tikinčiųjų drąsiai paaukoja savo gyvybę dėl Kristaus; jie nepasiduoda klaidoms, neatsisako savo šventojo tikėjimo ir jo neiškeičia į lengvesnį bei patogesnį gyvenimą; jie kenčia visokią vargą, skurdą ir įvairiausias kančias, stipriai tikėdami, jog po visų šio gyvenimo kančių ir neteisypių jie, prisikėlę iš numirusiųjų, sulauks amžinosios teisybės ir amžinojo atlyginimo pomirtinėje, nesibaigiančioje laimėje su prisikėlusiu Kristumi...

Neteisybės žmogus ir krikščionybės priešas, paėmęs valdžią, gali sunaikinti krikščionies kūną, bet jis negali išplėsti iš jo tikėjimo pomirtiniu gyvenimu: čia bet kuris piktasis krikščionybės priešas yra bejėgis.

Tikėjimas prisikėlimu iš numirusiųjų ir pomirtiniu gyvenimu yra nuostabi jėga ir neklaidinanti šviesa žemiškajame žmogaus gyvenime.

NEUŽSIKIŠTI AUSŲ VELYKINIAMS VARPAMS

Skambą velykiniai varpai ne vien tik skelbia pasauliui Išganytojo prisikėlimą iš numirusiųjų; jie ne vien išreiškia Bažnyčios džiaugsmą ir padėką Dieviškajam Išganytojui už žmonijos atpirkimą. Gaudžią velykiniai varpai taip pat šaukia žmones dar



šioje žemėje prisikelti savo širdimi, protu ir valia naujam, dvasiniam gyvenimui.

Tikru velykiniu džiaugsmu negali džiaugtis tas žmogus, kuris nenori išgirsti velykinių varpų garso ir lieka nepersimainęs ir neprisikėlęs savo gyvenimu. Šitoks Velykas švenčia tik tuščiais žodžiais, o ne savo širdimi ir ne gyvenimu. Velykos be dieviškosios malonės žmogaus sieloje ir be dvasinio žmogaus prisikėlimo nėra Velykos: jos tada tėra tik socialinė proga pasismaginti, pasilinksinti ir kiek įvairiau praleisti laiką.

Velykos yra žmogaus sušventėjimo diena, besidžiaugiant Išganytojo Prisikėlimu ir pasinaudojant Jo dieviškosios kančios vaisiais.

Velykiniai varpai skelbia Išganytojo Prisikėlimą. Bet juo nepasinaudoja tas žmogus, kuris uždaro savo širdį dieviškajai malonei įeiti. Toks mato ir girdi Išganytojo Prisikėlimą švenčiant, bet jis pats lieka miręs savo dvasiniu gyvenimu...

Keltis ir kilti augštin su Prisikėlusiu Išganytoju, nugalėjusiu mirtį ir nuodėmės vergiją, kviečia velykiniai varpai kiekvieną žmogų. Aleliuja!

"Out of Nowhere There
Appeared An Armored Knight"

Rev. Albert J. Contons

THE KNIGHT COMES TO LIFE

The Mysterious Knight

The Vytis, an armored knight on horseback, is the emblem of the Knights of Lithuania. Once in the history of Lithuania this symbol came to life.

It happened in the year 1518, when the Lithuanian fortress of Polockas, on the banks of the river Dauguva, was being besieged by a powerful Russian army. A Lithuanian army marching to the relief of the beleaguered fortress was forced to halt by the swollen waters of the Dauguva.

But suddenly a miracle happened. Out of nowhere there appeared an armored knight, riding a white steed. He spoke a few inspiring words to the Lithuanian soldiers. Then with sword held high, he plunged into the river and led the army across unknown shallows into the ranks of the frightened Russians. Though vastly outnumbered, the Lithuanians fought as never before. They cut the Russian army to pieces. A resounding victory was won. The knight on horseback was St. Casimir, come back from the dead to save Lithuania.

To be a Knight is to be dedicated

Knights of Lithuania, be proud of your patron, Saint Casimir. Be proud to wear the emblem of your organization: the warrior knight. Just as St. Casimir was a youth dedicated to Christ and to Lithuania, so too you must be dedicated to God and Country. For DEDICATION is the mark of the KNIGHT.

To be called a knight is no small privilege. Even to this day England is accustomed to honor her most distinguished citizens by elevating them to the rank of knighthood. In recent months you undoubtedly read of the knighting of Sir Winston Churchill and Sir Anthony Eden.

The order of knighthood traces its roots back to pre-Christian times. It took more definitive form during the reign of Charlemagne twelve hundred years ago. When the vast Roman Empire was crumbling, law and order all but disappeared. A man's only defense was in his physical prowess and skill in arms. Charlemagne divided his conquered territories and placed them under the rule of

dukes, counts, and barons. These officials gathered about themselves a retinue of warriors, called knights. They pledged their loyalty and service to the suzerain. In return, the suzerain promised them his protection.

Dedication was the mark of the medieval knight. The page who was to be knighted, spent the night in prayer and fasting. His weapons and armor were blessed by the priest. He received Holy Communion and dedicated himself to God. Then placing his hands in the hands of his suzerain he dedicated himself to serve and protect his lord even though it might cost him his life's blood.

Examples of dedication

As early as the second century after Christ Tacitus, the Roman historian, describes the dedication of German knights to their chieftain. On the battlefield it was shameful for a chieftain to be surpassed in bravery, or for the knights to be less brave than their chieftain. The knight who would survive his leader in battle was doomed to lifelong disgrace for not protecting his chief.

The French "Song of Roland" describes the dedication of Roland to his emperor, Charlemagne. When the Saracens attacked the rear guard of Charlemagne's army returning to France, Roland refused to sound the horn summoning help. Instead he led his French knights in a valiant charge against the enemy, preferring to die courageously than to delay Charlemagne.

The Crusaders of the Age of Faith are an unsurpassed example of knightly dedication. When Jerusalem, the Holy City, was captured by the Saracens, Pope Urban II preached a crusade up and down France and Italy. Peter the Hermit coursed from village to village, town to town, inspiring the imagination of duke and count, knight and free-man, peasant and serf. Soon thousands of knights and peasants, even women and children, afire with faith, dedicated themselves to freeing the Holy City. Even though their mission failed, the example of their dedication remains as an inspiration to modern Knights.

Dedication of the Knight of Lithuania

To be a knight implies dedication. To be a Knight of Lithuania means dedication to the ideals of our organization.

First, the K. of L. requires dedication to God. The K. of L. is an organization of Catholic men and women. We are proud of our loyalty to the Church and her parishes. We are proud of our members who kneel at the altar rail for Holy Communion every month. We are proud of our young members who have entered the service of God as priests, sisters, or brothers. We are proud of our young members who have married and are raising good Catholic families. We are proud of our members who are leaders in Catholic Action because of their experience in the K. of L. This is the fruit of dedication to God.

Secondly, the K. of L. requires dedication to Country. To be a good K. of L.'ers is to be a good American. During the Second World War so many members were in the service that the K. of L. was almost forced to suspend operations. Even now, hundreds of our members are serving their country in the armed services from Korea to Germany.

But the K. of L. is also dedicated to the memory of Lithuania. As an organization we are dedicated to the fight for Lithuanian independence. Even though there be some Americans of Lithuanian descent who are ashamed of their Lithuanian blood, we will always be proud of it, for it is the blood of our parents. Though there be some who are ignorant of the history of Lithuania, we know that it was one of the great nations of Medieval Europe, extending from the Baltic to the Black Sea and reaching to the very gates of Moscow. Though there be some who disdain the Lithuanian language, we can boast that Lithuanian is the oldest living European language, being similar to Latin, Greek, and Sanskrit. Though there be some who are embarrassed by singing Lithuanian songs, we can rejoice that these are some of the finest folk songs in the world. Though there be some who conveniently forget Lithuania shackled in Communist chains, we cannot blot out the picture of uncles and aunts, brothers and cousins enduring countless tortures. Though there be some who will not lift a finger to help a crucified nation, we have our committees writing to Congressmen, editors, radio speakers, and professors to remind them of the plight of Lithuania. This is the work of dedication to Country.

Knights and Ladies, look again at the Vytis emblem which you wear. See in it St. Casimir, our

patron saint. See him come to life and lead the Lithuanian charge into the midst of the enemy.

Remember that you are a Knight. Remember that you are dedicated to God and the Church. Remember that you are dedicated to America and Lithuania.

St. Casimir, make that Knight on the emblem come to life and charge into the battle for God and Country.

UNITED LITHUANIAN RELIEF FUND OF AMERICA, INC., IS RECOGNIZED

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So that it may officially cooperate with the Refugee Relief Program of the Department of State in helping bring refugees and expellees into the United States the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc., 105 Grand St., Brooklyn 11, N. Y., has been recognized as one of 28 U.S. Voluntary Agencies that are active in the field of immigration and resettlement of aliens and authorized to work with the Refugee Relief Program.

The Right Reverend Monsignor Joseph B. Koncius is president of the organization and Stanley Lusys the executive director. Other officers are: Vice presidents: Very Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas, Mrs. Alena Devenis, Joseph P. Ginkus, and Mrs. Brone Spudis; secretary, Mrs. Nora M. Gugis; treasurer, Albin S. Treciokas; financial secretary, Stephen Bredes, Jr.

The formality of recognition by the Department of State means that the United Lithuanian Relief Fund is an organization that may endorse the assurances given by U. S. citizens in order to bring in refugees and expellees under the Refugee Relief Act. Before the issuance of visas under this law each refugee must have an individual sponsor in this country who assures a job, housing and pledges that the migrant will not become a public charge. The organization's endorsement of such assurances is an added safeguard. The organization also takes care of detailed paper work and other arrangements in connection with the visa issuance and bringing a refugee from overseas to his new home in this country.

The United Lithuanian Relief Fund was organized in 1944 and incorporated in Illinois. It is registered with the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the U. S. government.

LITHUANIA and George Washington

The following talk was given by His Excellency Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, at a Lithuanian Day of Prayer ceremony on Feb. 22 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Some 3500 Lithuanians attended the event.



LITHUANIAN DAY OF PRAYER at Holy Cross Cathedral was led by Very Rev. Msgr. Francis M. Juras, of St. Francis Church, Lawrence; Rev. Anthony Bruzas, LaSalette Seminary, Ipswich; Archbishop Cushing, celebrant of a Pontifical Mass; Rt. Rev. Francis W. Strakauskas, SS. Rocco and Casimir Church, Brockton; and Rev. Francis J. Juskaitis, Immaculate Conception Church, Cambridge. (Pilot photo by Stack)

It is of more than passing interest that this particular day, the civil holiday which commemorates the birth of George Washington, patriot and champion of liberty, should be chosen to offer publicly our fervent prayers for the oppressed peoples of Lithuania.

Washington's name is synonymous with freedom. We associate his name with the soldier who did not hesitate to wage unrelenting war against every manifestation of tyranny; with the citizen-patriot in whose eyes the liberty of a nation and the rights of individuals were pearls of great price, treasures to be defended at the cost of life itself. We think of him as the statesman, placing upon integrity in the discharge of public office a value above every human consideration.

We link the name of our first President, whom we revere as the Father of our Country, with uprightness of character and nobility of purpose. These attributes shone forth clearly in all his efforts to secure the freedom

of our people from the binding chains of political oppression and to guarantee, with the aid of his fellow patriots, our identity and dignity as a nation.

Because of these associations of Washington with the high standards and Christians ideals so close to the hearts of all who love freedom in any generation, it is most fitting that we remember, on the day of his birth, a sister nation which a modern tyranny has divested of national dignity and stripped of every human freedom. Today, fervently and hopefully, our prayers go forth for suffering Lithuania, just as the prayers of Washington and men like him were offered for our own oppressed land a century and a half ago. In the coincidence of our Lithuanian Day of Prayer with the civic feast of this great soldier-statesman there is a lesson filled with hope for us in America and for our brethren in Lithuania.

History writes of Washington that he was a man of strong character, possessed of great practical vision in the fields of

war and statesmanship. In the days before America became a nation, he and his fellow citizens were confronted by a despotism that threatened to snuff out on this continent every vestige of the freedom they loved so well. The violation of fundamental human rights by an imperial despot not only brought economic distress to the American colonies but seemed to destine them to virtual slavery.

We know well the manner in which Washington and his contemporaries reacted when the life and liberty of their country fell under attack. The response to that danger was spontaneous. The citizens to whom the American Colonies had become a haven of their God-given freedom rallied as one man to throw off the oppressor's yoke. But it was not merely on arms that they relied, as the example of Washington, their Commander-in-Chief, gives proof. It was above all to God that they turned in their hour of need, seeking in Him a strength and courage they knew they could not discover in themselves alone.

Hope In God

As we, in our day, conscious of tyranny under another name, pray for the deliverance of Lithuania and its suffering populace, let us be mindful that the fairest and best hope for its freedom lies in God's hands. It matters little that Washington and the American colonists of his day knew the results of a royal tyranny, whereas Lithuania and other subjugated nations of this century are crushed beneath the heel of a so-called "people's" republic. But it is important to understand, as did Washington, that, since human dignity and human rights derive from God, it is to God that we must turn for their restoration.

George Washington was a man of prayer. He knew that tyranny, whatever its form, the degradation of the human person, however absolute it may seem, and the deprivation of human rights and liberties, even though a nation is threatened thereby, never exceed God's power to return sovereignty to a nation and freedom to a people enslaved. So, we see Washington, in the midst of a war to win that sovereignty and liberty, turning to God in devout prayer at Valley Forge, begging the God of Armies and of all mankind to bring about that triumph of right over might which human devices alone can never guarantee.

We who love Lithuania and its people, cherishing the rights and freedoms they cannot now enjoy, must also be men of prayer. When we pray today for Lithuania we are, in effect, praying for the very things which were the passionate objects of Washington's prayer at Valley Forge and throughout the American Revolution. The crucial struggle of Washington's time was for colonial expansion and the wealth which flourishing colonies could bring to the motherland. The crucial struggle of our century is between two explanations of the nature and destiny of man — and we witness, as in Lithuania, a cold-blooded struggle, mapped out to the last detail by godless men, between atheism and 'all that is called God.' But the right

and principles involved are still those for which Washington prayed.

Implicit in Washington's prayer was his belief, voiced later in our Bill of Rights, in the freedom of worship and of conscience which Communism has taken away in Lithuania. Washington sensed, as do we, that religion is the only climate in which essential freedom can properly be nourished and wax strong. His prayers, offered to God in the midst of war, were for the preservation of the rights of the individual, who possesses a unique dignity a s the image of God; for the protection of the oppressed against whatever violates their liberties. His prayer was assuredly for justice in courts of law and for the enactment of laws, just in themselves, to seek the common good o a whole people rather than the selfish interests of the tyrant and invader.

Prayers

Our prayers today are for these same things, that God's Providence may restore them in Lithuania. Its people, crucified as they have been and are by the cruel persecutions of a totalitarian regime, merit the prayers of all good men and free, that they may know the gentle reign of Christ once more, and that, by God's power, their agonies may cease. Since the day, not so long ago, when the first Communist troops robbed the Lithuania people of individual freedom and a godless regime was substituted for their Christian way of life, the pattern of events in that noble land has been tragic beyond telling. The mass deportation of Lithuanian citizens, the separation of families, the imposition of unjust and cruel laws, the persecution of bishops, priests, religious and all who cherish faith as the fountainhead of freedom, have been so merciless as to cast into doubt the possibility, humanly speaking, of Lithuania's survival.

On a lesser scale, and without the factor of religious oppression, George Washington had to face the possible extinction of freedom in this land. He did so prayer-

fully, and his prayer for us was answered. Our prayers for Lithuania will be answered, too. There is no tyranny so awful, no tyrant — whether an individual or a godless group of men—so strong as not to fall beneath the eye of the all-seeing God. In the struggle for survival which engaged Washington and his compatriots, patriotism was a prime factor and political independence the principal objective of their fight for freedom. The addition of prayer to these other elements in their struggle secured the sought-for results. In the case of Lithuania, far more than patriotism and the hope for national liberty fills the hearts of its people. In their case, pre-eminently, the power of prayer is at work, for few peoples equal the Lithuanian people in sheer love for and reliance on prayer.

Lithuania stands for humanity and for God. Its people are suffering for the rights of humanity and the right of God. The blood of its citizens has been shed, the peace of their lives shattered — and the walls of censorship cannot conceal the sickening story of their enslavement — because it is God Who is persecuted in them.

Just as the prayers of Washington were answered and our own strong nation rose up in freedom, so, too, Lithuania will one day rise from its present slavery to become once again a citadel of Christian hope. The blood of patriots gives birth to national liberty; the blood of martyrs, like the three Lithuanian priests, Fathers Petrika, Dabrila and Balsys, literally crucified in our own day, will be in God's own time the seed of a new and revitalized Christian Lithuania, standing strong among the free nations of the world, purified by its sufferings and finally triumphant over every evil.

We pray God, today, to hasten the deliverance of Lithuania, to give new strength of heart to those who will one day lead that liberated land, and the grace of constancy in the faith to the least among its people!

Have no doubt: Christ shall conquer! Christ shall rule! Lithuania shall be free!

TESTAMENT OF FIGHTING FATHERLAND

Presented here is the translated text of a letter from the Lithuanian people behind the iron curtain addressed to our Holy Father, the Pope Pius XII. Six men undertook to deliver the letter on a route through East Prussia, Poland, and the East German Zone into the free world. Only two survived the dangerous mission, four sacrificed their lives. The letter, published recently in the Boston Pilot — an archdiocesan newspaper, first appeared in a Catholic weekly in Copenhagen. It was translated from the Danish, for the Pilot, by Richard M. Brackett, S. J., of Weston College.

Holy Father, Shepherd of all Catholics:

We Roman Catholics from the Republic of Lithuania humbly entreat Your Holiness' intercession. Faced with extermination, subjected to a reign of terror, hungry, naked, accustomed to much bloodshed, deprived of all rights and cut off from the rest of the world, we ask Your protection and assistance.

During the past nine years we have lived under an occupation of terror and violence. With our lives at stake, we send this message to Your Holiness about the sufferings of our people and herein render an account of the 20th century merciless godlessness that is Communism and unveil the manifold lies concerning religious freedom in the Baltic lands. As long as the great oppressors have not liquidated us entirely, we will continue to proclaim the clear truth about the impending tragedy of our people. This is the testament of our dying Fatherland. Fortunate are those who have died and have not lived to see what is happening to our country.

Holy Father! Forgive us if we who are alive seem to be jealous of the dead! No man can ever imagine what we have lived to see — no man shall ever be able to imagine it. There is no comparison even with the dreadful assaults of the Tartars. In June, 1940, within the space of three days, almost 40,000 Lithuanians, men, women and children, the aged and the sick, without any respect for condition and without any judgment or court sentence being passed, were herded into crude carts and taken away to Siberia.

We can still hear the cries of the dying from those carts. The persecution that began in blind fury has today become a well-planned extermination of our country, crucifixion under the Russians. It is estimated that it will take ten years to carry out this plan in all its details.

Five years have already elapsed and we exist no longer as a nation. Eighty-seven percent of the Lithuanian people are Catholics and the influence of religion on our people was and is today very great. Communists know all too well that as long as the influence of religion remains unimpaired, our people will be able to offer resistance. The newly-appointed priests are difficult to distinguish from political agents. Their god is a god who has borrowed his strategy from Lenin.

On the other hand, the priest who is free from blame is stamped as thief, a murderer, a robber whom a court of justice "out of respect to his holy orders" sentences to 15 years of hard labor in Siberia.

Eighty percent of our priests have either been banished to Siberia or are living in various hiding-places throughout the land and belong to the underground movement in our forests. — The corpses which are thrown from the carts or even lie in front of the church are only imaginary representations to the outside world, while the naked, scarred bodies of men and women which lie here for days — until their mothers or children identify them — are dread realities to us.

Holy Father! We ask ourselves day by day: Where are the nations of the civilized world, where are the hundreds and millions of Christians? Do men exist who will fight for truth and the rights of humanity? Are these men found no longer? Have the Christian nations of the world been asleep in a dream of a false sense of security? Do they think that the hordes from the East will stop with our extermination? Communism is preparing to lay waste the entire world, our civilization, culture and Christianity itself.

No one can afford to let himself be blinded to this fact: Communism waits only for the opportune moment. — When this letter reaches Your Holiness, perhaps we may no longer be alive; when it reaches the outside world, many of those who carried it on their person will have fallen before Communist bullets. Holy Father, grant us, who are dying for our faith for our country, Your Blessing! Praised be Jesus Christ, Lord of the living and the dead! . . .

(Signed) THE ROMAN CATHOLICS IN THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA.

Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

Ignas Sakalas

(tęsa)

49-ji KUOPA

49-ji kuopa buvo įsteigta Brooklyn, N. Y., 1916 metais. Kas pasidarbavo kuopos įsteigimu, kas buvo išrinkti pirmojon valdybon, taip pat neteko nė iš vietos sužinoti, nė "Vytyje" rasti.

Kad kuopa buvo nemaža, rodo vėlesniuose numeriuose įdėta kuopos nuotrauka, taip pat dviejų seimų (4-jo ir 5-jo protokolai), kuriuose atstovauta ir kuopa; atstovais buvę M. Raudonavičiūtė, J. Sabaliauskas ir J. Stačiokas.

Kad kuopa palaikė ryšius su Centru, mokėjo nario mokesčių, taipgi rodo Centro sekretoriaus įdėtos "Vytyje" apyskaitos, o kuopų sekretorių sąrašuose (susirašinėjimui) buvo dedamas ir 49 kuopos sekretoriaus adresas.

Kad kuopa buvo aktyvi, tai irgi rodo jos dalyvavimas New York ir New Jersey valst. apskrities veikime, o "Vyties" nr. 6, 1916 m. įdėta žinutė, kad Šv. Jurgio parapijos choras buvo surengęs vakarą vasario 17 d., kurio programą išpildė 49-tos kuopos dramos aktoriai, suvaidindami scenos veikalą "Pagunda".

Bet keista, kad kuopa neturėjo korespondento, kuris būtų organizacijos laikraštyje "Vytyje" aprašęs kuopos veikimą, kaip tai darė kitos Brooklyno ir apylinkės kuopos.

Gera būtų ir labai prašyčiau, kad gyvieji tos kuopos nariai papildytų šią istorijėlę ir man atsiųstų. Būsiu dėkingas.

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50-ji KUOPA

50-ji kuopa buvo įsteigta New Haven, Conn., 1915 metais rugpjūčio 29 d. tuometinio lietuvių parapijos klebono kun. V. Karkausko pastangomis. Kas sudarė pirmąją kuopos valdybą ir kas iš pasauliečių padėjo kun. Karkauskui veikti, nepavyko žinių rasti.

Nors "Vyties" nr. 2, 1916 m., rašoma, kad "nors neseniai šiame mieste yra susitvėrusi vyčių kuopa, vienok savo veikimu yra pralenkusi net senesniausias kuopas", nors buvo suruošus keletą vakarų, paskaitų, ypatingai pažymėtinas didelis vakaras - paskaitos tų metų gruodžio 27 d., kur moksleivis F. J. Juškaitis (dabar Cambridge, Mass., lietuvių parapijos klebonas) skaitė aktualią paskaitą apie

Moksleivių Susivienijimą ir Lietuvos Vyčių Organizaciją, nušviesdamas jų tikslus ir svarbą Amerikos lietuvių katalikų visuomenėj, ir ragindamas visuomenę jas remti ir prie jų veikimo dėtis, tačiau kuopa neilgai gyvavo; tai liudija faktas, kad 1921 metais Centru perkant nuosavą spaustuve Chicagoj ir skirstant kuopoms kvotas \$10,000 užsitrauktai paskolai atmokėti, 50-tos kuopos jau nebuvo veikiančiųjų kuopų sąrašė.

Apie vėlesnį kuopos kultūrinį veikimą taip pat negauta žinių, nors ir buvo kreiptasi į kaikuriuos senuosius veikėjus.

51-ji KUOPA

51-ji kuopa Sheboygan, Wis., įsteigta 1916 m. per Šv. Kazimierą. Kuopos steigėjas buvo parapijos klebonas kun. V. Slavynas ir stud. K. Pakštas.

Pirmoji kuopos valdyba buvo išrinkta iš šių narių: pirm. J. Mickeliūnas, vicepirm. A. Buivydžiūtė, sekr. O. Čižauskaitė, fin. sekret. A. Kasevičiūtė, išd. A. Kudirka, išdo globėja V. Buivydžiūtė ir tvarkdarys A. Grybas.

Tų pačių metų rudenį steigti vakariniai anglų ir lietuvių kalbos, Lietuvos istorijos ir geografijos kursai, suorganizuotas choras ir įvairiais parengimais sukelta \$110 Lietuvos laisvės reikalams.

Per sekančius metus kuopa suruošė eilę vakarų, koncertų, išvažiavimų parapijos naudai, "Vyties" paramai ir Lietuvos reikalams, taip pat paskaitų įvairiais klausimais bei paminėjimų. Tėvams Marijonams įsteigus lietuvių kolegiją, kuopa surinko \$100.

Nuolatos veikė sporto sekcija ir jaunamečių skyrius.

1930 m. liepos 30 d. suruoštas Wisconsin apskrities steigiamasis susirinkimas, o sekančiais metais kuopa dalyvavo dviejų apskričių, t. y. Chicagos ir Wisconsin suruoštoje Vyčių dienoje Waukegan, Ill.

Toliau laikui bėgant ir daugeliui žymesnių narių išvažinėjus į kitus miestus, kuopos veikimas pradėjo silpnėti, susirinkimai pasidarė retesni, kuopa nustojo veikusi.

Iš žymesnių narių minėtini: B. Vaškevičiūtė, J. Aldauskas, A. Skeris, O. Pikučiūtė, M. Salvaičiūtė, J. Gelbuda, A. Radzevičiūtė, M. Stauskaitė, M. Aldakauskaitė, B. Dobrovolskiūtė, P. Vrubliauskas, P. Čižauskas, broliai Rėklaičiai, J. Austrevičius, varg. J. Kailiukaitis, K. Jankauskas ir k.

" G I V E T H Y W I S D O M "

PREL. JONO BALKŪNO INVOKACIJA

JAV SENATAS, VASARIO 15 DIENA

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Divine Father, Who in holy love has created and art sustaining us, we invoke Thy gracious blessing upon the members of the United States Senate. Fill every mind with wisdom and understanding, every heart with love and compassion, and every soul with trust and holy purpose to do Thy will.

We lift to Thee our broken cries, we turn to Thee our waiting eyes. O God, there are sounds on earth, and signs in heaven that quicken all hearts with expectation: nations that long have sat in darkness and the shadow of death, turning to the light; peoples that long have worn the yoke of tyranny rising to shake themselves free; murmurs of the masses too long chained in slavery; thoughts that threaten the order of all things and predict the shaking of the foundations of the world.

Stretch forth Thy hand, we pray, and deliver the suffering nations from slavery and tyranny. Grant freedom to Lithuania; joy and peace to her people. May she rightfully be restored to her place in the family of free nations.

Make America Thy chosen channel of blessings to the persecuted, Thy instrument of peace. May all peoples live with hope and assurance that the light of freedom which burns in America will reach every dark corner of the earth.

O God, give us strength for our burdens, wisdom for our responsibilities, and insight for our times. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At special sessions of both the United States Senate on February 15 and the House of Representatives on February 16, in observance of Lithuanian Independence Day, invocations were given, respectively, by the Very Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas of Maspeth, N. Y., and the Very Rev. Msgr. Francis Juras of Lawrence, Mass. Their remarks follow:

PREL. P. JURO INVOKACIJA

JAV ATSTOVŲ RŪMAI, VASARIO 16 d.

O God, the Supreme Lord of the world and the Sovereign Ruler of mankind, enlighten our minds that we may know the way to Thy peace and strengthen our souls that we may firmly follow in pathways of Justice and Charity.

Give an abundance of Thy wisdom, prudence and fortitude to discover what is best for the welfare of our Country and of the world.

As the ruthless forces of atheistic Communism seek to extinguish the flame of freedom in the hearts of men and the dark clouds of war threaten to black out our entire world, when the freedom loving people of Lithuania and many other enslaved nations mourn under the bondage of heartless Communistic regime and many souls are disturbed by fear and uncertainty of the future, we pray Thee, O most merciful Father, to direct our President, our Congressmen and all others, who share with them the responsibility of leadership, to bring light to those in darkness, relief to those in chains and freedom, peace and happiness to our troubled and tortured world. Amen.



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VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja Ignas Sakalas

Mirga Marga iš Sendraugių

LRKSA kuopa parėmė Vyčių salės remontą. Labai malonu pranešti, kad LRKSA 16-ji kuopa, veikianti Brighton Parke, š. m. sausio mėn. susirinkime nutarė paremti Vyčių salės remontą, paaukodama \$25.00. Be to, \$10 paskyrė Lietuvos laisvavimo reikalui ir įsirašė Balfo nariu, įmokėdama nario mokėstį \$5.

Tos šauniosios kuopos sekretorium yra V. Paukštis, Brighton Parko veikėjas - veteranas, ilgametis Vyčių Or-jos narys ir labai stropus Vyčių salės reikalų vedėjas. Namų taryba LRKSA 16 kuopai nuoširdžiai dėkoja už auką.

Naujų narių vėjus-talka. Vyčių sendraugių kuopa šiemet mini dešimties metų įsteigimo sukaktį, kuri bus ateišanti rudenį paminėta tam tikromis iškilėmis. Sukakties proga bus kartu praveistas ir naujų narių vėjus. Vajininkams skiriama trys dovanos. Vajaus taisyklės bus paskelbtos vėliau.

Atšventė 80-ji gimtadienį. Laimė yra žmogui sulaukti senatvės, ypatingai jei saulėleidyje turi ramų gyvenimą ir nesi šeimoj nekenčiamas, nebereikalingas daiktas. Tokiu gyvenimu gali džiaugtis Ona Kalvaitienė, šiomis dienomis atšventusi 80-ji gimtadienį. Ji yra žinomos Chicago lietuvų veikėjos ir vyčių sendraugių narės Benetos Cicėnienės motina. P. Cicėnas taip pat priklauso vyčių sendraugiams ir kitoms liet. katalikų organizacijoms ir jose veikia.

Rudenį bus pakeliami į laipsnius. Vyčių sendraugių kuopoj yra keletas narių, kvalifikuotų į Organizacijos Tretįjį ir Ketvirtąjį laipsnius. Kitais metais nariai į laipsnius keliami per Šv. Kazimierą, minint organizacijos globėjo šventę. Kadangi sendraugių kuopa ateinantį rudenį minės dešimtmečio sukaktį, tad ir tos narių pakėlimo į laipsnius iškilės atidėtos rudeniu, kartu su sukakties minėjimu.

Kultūriniai vakarai. Vyčių sendraugių taryba pastarame susirinkime nutarė gavenios metu ruošti kultūrinius vakarus, kurie bus kas antradienį visą kovo mėnesį. Bus trumpos paskaitėlės ir kitokie gavenios rimčiai dalykėliai, o juos pajvairins žaidimai (bingo) ir kitokie įvairumai. Tais vakarais galės naudotis ir ne vyčiai.

Turėsime šaunias vestuves. Jeene Pavis, Vinco ir Stelos Pavių duktė, ir Al. Žemaitis ruošiasi šeimos gyvenimui. Jungtuvės įvyks gegužės 21 d. Moterystės sakramentas bus palaimintas Šv. Antano parapijos bažnyčioje, o vestuvės įvyks Vyčių salėj.

Jaunieji yra vyčių veikėjai — ji 14-je kuopoj, o jis — 13-je. Abu taip pat veikia ir Illinois - Indiana valst. apskrityje.

Jaunosios tėvas Vincas šiemet be Vyčių Namų Tarybos pirmininko pareigų dar tvarko vyčių sendraugių kuopos išdą, o motina — jau trečius metus eina sendraugių kuopos finansų sekretorės pareigas. Abu jau Amerikoj gimę ir auge, puikiai lietuviškai kalba, taip pat ir duktė Jeene.

Vienos senosios kartos vyčių veikėjas rašo šio skyriaus vedėjui:

“Vytj” man siuntinėja. Su įdomumu seku Tamstos rašinius. Žurnalas daug kuo skiriasi nuo anų laikų mūsiškio “Vyčio”. Toliau rašo, kad daug blogos nuotaikos sudaro vyčių svetimos ir iškraipytos pavardės. Ar nereikėtų pakviesti mūsų žymiuosius kalbininkus, kurie gal net anglų kalboje nurodytų pavardžių keitimo, kraipymo visapusišką kenksmingumą.

Ištikrųjų, pavardžių atžvilgiu vyčiai turėtų būti pavyzdys. Deja, ši sritis vyčiuose yra visiškai apleista. Būtinai reikia, kad kuopose ir apskrityse šis klausimas būtų svarstomas visu rimtumu. Jei kuriam nariui lietuviškoji, ilgoji pavardė sudaro keblumą, pakeičiant ją galima būtų pasiūlyti trumpos pavardės, bet pasakančios, kad tai lietuvių esama. Dabar tarpe gražių lietuviškų pavardžių, kaip Vasaitis, Matemaitis, Juraitis, Daukus, Kurpalis, Janulis Zakaras, Lukošaitis, Dičiūnas, Paceliūnas, Čibiras, yra visa eilė tokių, kaip Pratt, Biggus, Anderson, Kassel, Burger, Miller, Trump, Cerks, Praner, Andrews. Kas gali pasakyti, kad čia lietuviai, nors kai kurie jų gal dar net pranašesni nariai už anuos lietuviškomis pavardėmis.

Anais metais vyčių seimas organizacijos sekančių metų veikimui buvo iškėlęs šūkį: Vyčiai uoliai reiškiasi lietuviškumo išlaikymo talkoje. Panašaus šūkio reikėtų ir lietuviškų pavardžių išlaikymo reikalui. Kuopos, apskritys savo susirinkimuose, suvažiavimuose turėtų pavardžių reikalui iškelti gyvas diskusijas, pasikviesti mūsų kalbininkus, kurie be abejo padėtų norintiems pavardes keisti išėiti iš jiems susidariusių keblumų.

TOP THIS

(If You Can)

The story goes that a minister was left a talking parrot by an old sea captain, who was known in the village for his vicious swearing. The parrot's language was no better.

In the minister's home, the pious and contemplative atmosphere was being shattered constantly by the parrot, whose vocabulary at times seemed to top the vituperative bellowings of its former master. The minister, one day, could stand it no longer.

“If you don't stop that swearing,” he threatened angrily, “I'll wring your scrawny neck.”

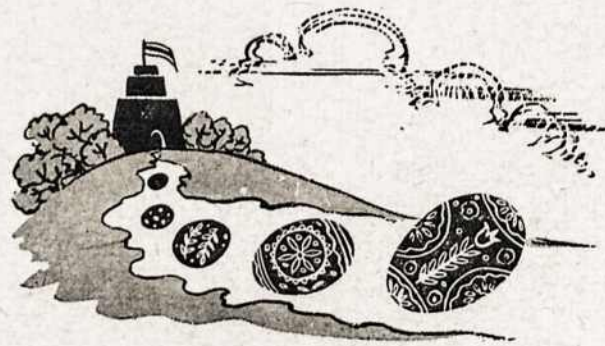
The parrot's answer was unfit to print, but it so fired the minister that he seized the parrot in uncontrollable passion and held it by the neck. With his arm outstretched he swung the parrot around and around and around.

“There! Maybe that will teach you. Now what have you to say, you foul-speaking bird?”

The parrot, back on the perch again, unruffled his feathers, cocked his head, blinked his eyes and then squawked out:

“Whew, brother! Where in (blinkety-blank) were you during that breeze?”

(The editors invite K. of L. readers to contribute to this department by sending in their own humorous anecdotes, jokes, or plain corn. Include name and council of sender so proper credit can be given. Address to TOP THIS editor, 201 K. St., So. Boston 27, Mass.)



MARY KLIMKAITIS

"Too-Busyism Not For Her"

How often have we heard these expressions: "I am too busy. I just have not the time." Isn't it true that some of our K. of L.'ers use them so frequently that they seem to drive on constantly repeating them? It is their way of justifying themselves for what actually is nothing but just plain ordinary laziness. Such suffer from TB, not the physical disease we call tuberculosis but the organizational disease we call: Too-Busyism. They are so busy that they accomplish nothing worthwhile.

Experience has shown that those who truly are the very ones who find the time to devote themselves to other worthwhile projects. Fortunately for our K. of L., we have been blessed with a number such persons. One of these is Mary Klimkaitis, a staunch member of Council 116, So. Worcester and the present Prefect of the New England Union of Lithuanian Girls' Sodalities.

Born of Lithuanian parents, Mary spent her early grammar school years in St. Casimir's Parochial School in Worcester. It was here that she became better acquainted with the Lithuanian language which she first learned from her devoted parents. Her further schooling continued in the city public schools until some five years ago when she graduated from Commerce High School.

As she grew up, she made herself available for membership in various church organizations and she lost no time in identifying herself with their activities. Active participation in the work of the Junior Girls' Sodality was only a stepping-stone for exemplary activity in the Senior Girls' Sodality and the Knights of Lithuania. In the former, she was secretary and is now serving her second term as Prefect. In the latter, she did unusually well as Chairman of the Council's Ritual Committee and served as Co-editor of the council publication, *The Equestrian*.

Blessed with exceptional dramatic ability, Mary has made quite a name for herself in both English and Lithuanian plays. As a pantomimist of the first calibre, she has done extremely well in parish minstrel revues and the Council's ever-famous *Knightmares Shows*. Her portrayal of roles in the religious plays put on each year by the Girls' Sodality merits special attention. Last year in the play *PILATE'S DAUGHTER*, her portrayal of the difficult role of "Leah" attracted the particular attention of all those who were in attendance. This year she did equal justice to the lead role of the play *QUEEN ESTHER'S DREAM*.

Paradoxical as it may seem, busy persons manage somehow to find time for the many things they wish to do. Not content with doing what the ordinary member would normally be satisfied in doing, Mary decided to broaden out her activity in such a way as to be of more service to God and neighbor. So we see her enter a nurse's aid program at the new St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester. Her studies culminated in the attainment of a diploma which



testifies to the fact that she is qualified to serve as a Nurse's Aid. Desirous of instilling the knowledge of divine truth in younger people, she successfully completed a 30 week course for lay teachers, sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. A lay teacher's certificate is now her proud possession. At present she is one of the lay teachers in the Confraternity program of Our Lady of Vilna Parish.

To prove that busy people can find time to accomplish things, she, despite her many activities, still finds time to sing in the Church Choir. Mindful of St. Augustine's words: "He who sings for divine services prays twice", she feels that church singing is a necessity for those who can and want to love and serve God.

The Girls' Sodalities of the Lithuanian parishes in New England have banded together to form a Union for the purpose of cultivating a coordinated devotion to the Mother of God. At the last annual convention of the Union in South Boston, each member council gave a report of its activity for the precious past year. The report given out by the Council of Our Lady of Vilna Parish so amazed the delegates that they saw fit to elect Mary Klimkaitis as Prefect of the Union for the present term. We feel that they could not have made a better choice.

We congratulate her on her election and we wish her every success in her new duties.

Auksas ir Sidabras

MINTYS IR ĮVYKIAI

Veda KUN. M. VEMBRĖ

Arkivyskupas M. Reinys, patikrintomis žiniomis, mirė bolševikų kalėjime 1953 metų lapkričio mėn. 8 dieną.

Vilniuje išsprogdintas milžiniškas Trijų Kryžių paminklas.

Nuo Vilniaus Katedros stogo nuimtos meninės stovylos.

Vilniaus Bazilijonų vienuolynas ir bažnyčia paversti kalėjimu.

Lietuvoje liko tik vienas vyskupas Kazimieras Paltarokas. Jo žinioje liko tik 107 kunigai iš 1878 apytikriai buvusių kunigų 1944 metais. (Čia vadovaujama 1939 metų kunigų sąrašui, bet tuomet Vilniaus vyskupija dar buvo neįtraukta į tą sąrašą).

Komunistų valdžia Lietuvoje kunigus priskyrė prie nenaudingų žmonių kategorijos ir jiems pav. nuomuojuant butą reikia mokėti tris kartus brangiau.

Kun. Al. Kontaustas, Mėlynosios Armijos Lietuvių Sąjūdžio Dvasios vadas, gavo iš Fatimos vyskupo Jose Carraie gražų laišką, kuriame dėkojama už informacijas apie Mėlynosios Armijos lietuvių sąjudį ir apie Lietuvos padėtį okupavus ją komunistams.

IDOMI ĮVYKIŲ EIGA

Visi žinome, kad 1951 metais geg. mėn. 13 dieną Lietuvos vyskupai: arkiv. J. Skvireckas, Vinc. Padolskis, Vinc. Brizgys ir Petras - Pranciškus Bučys, Marijai, mūsų Dangiškajai Motinai ir Pasaulio Karalienei paaukavo mūsų tėvynę Lietuvą.

1954 metų spalio mėn. 12 dieną Zaragozoje labai iškilmingai paaukota Ispanija Nekalčiausiai Marijos Širdžiai, didingose apeigose įvykusiose atvirame ore. Sykiu dalyvavo kardinolas - arkivyskupas iš Toledo bei popiežiaus legatas ir dar trys kardinolai, 60 arkivyskupų ir vyskupų, vyriausybės atstovų ir daugiau kaip 200.000 žmonių.

Belgijoje 1954 metų spalio 5 dieną pasibaigė Marijos Kongresas Koekelberge. Dalyvavo ir karalius Baudouin. Kardinolas Van Roey paaukavo Belgiją N. Marijos Širdžiai abiejose kalbose: prancūzų ir flamanų. Kiekviena dalyvių grupė savo kalboje giedojo "Po Tavo apginimu..."

Vokietijoje vyskupai paaukojo Vokietiją ir vokiečius N. Marijos Širdžiai Fuldoje.

Kanadoje daugel tūkstančių katalikų dalyvavo rugp. 12-15 dienomis kongrese,

kuris įvyko Mūsų Karalienės iš Cape šventovėje. Kardinolas Valerio Valeri irgi dalyvavo. Ta proga Kanada buvo paaukota N. Marijos Širdžiai.

Ispanų finansų ministeris Don Francisco Gomez Llana atvyko į Fatimą sykiu su maldininkais. Dalyvavo ir jo žmona bei sekretorė. Taipgi dalyvavo trys ispanų švietimo ministerio sūnūs.

NEPAPRASTAS ATSITIKIMAS

Dievo nubaustas kareivis. Prancūzijoje plačiai kalba apie vieną nuostabų atsitikimą, įvykusį neseniai Indokinijoje. Jį aprašo prancūzų katalikų laikraštis La Croix (Kryžius) pasiremdamas vienuolės laišku. Minėtas laiškas buvo paskelbtas tikrai patikrinus jo autentiškumą ir atsiklausus Paryžiaus kardinolo Felin.

Laiškas yra rašytas karmelitų vienuolyno viršininkės iš Bui Chu kaimo, kuris yra šiauriniame Tonkine, dabartiniame Vietname. Ta vieta nuo 1946 metų buvo kovų zonoje, kuri ėjo iš rankų į rankas tai komunistams tai prancūzams. Gyventi toje vietoje buvo nesaugu, tačiau karmelitės vienuolės iš savo Bui Chu kaimo namų nesikėlė, nors Apaštališkas Delegatas vysk. Dooley buvo pataręs joms pasitraukti. Laimė vienuolyną saugojo ir jisai iki praėjusių metų birželio mėn. liko nesugriautas. Jame pasiliko ir karmelitės vienuolės, kurių motiniškas namas yra Montreal, Canadoje. Jų tarpe buvo ir vietinių vietnamiečių vienuolių.

Praėjusių metų lapkričio mėn., kaip rašoma laiške, atėjo prie vienuolyno vartų komunistas kareivis ir pareikalavo jį įleisti į vienuolyną, padaryti kratos - pa-

Kareivis dar kartą taikėsi šauti, bet visas tikrinimo. Apėjęs visus kambarius, priėjo prie koplyčios durų ir paklausė:

— O kas už durų?

— Ten Dievas gyvena, atsakė vietnamietė vienuolė, ir tame kambari reikia elgtis pagarbiai.

— O kur jūsų Dievas? — vėl paklausė kareivis, įėjęs į koplyčią.

— Tame namely ant altoriaus, atsakė vienuolė, persigandusi jo balso. Kareivis išsitraukė automatą ir paleido salvę šūvių į tabernakulą.

Kareivis dar kartą taikėsi šauti, bet visas sustiro, veidas jo baisiai išsikreipė ir jis krito negyvas. "Dievas — taip rašo minėtoji vienuolė, — nubaudė žmogų, kuris jį taip baisiai įžeidė." Apie šį įvykį rašė ir amerikiečių laikraščiai.



SNOWFLAKE MAKERS — The Rev. John D. Zuromskis, New England District spiritual adviser, left, and the Rev. Albert C. Abracinskas, spiritual adviser of Council 1, Brockton, Mass., appear with committee members of the council's recent Snowflake Ball. Standing, left to right: James Condon, Sylvia Shukis, Patricia Hughes, and Paulina Ratkiewicz.

CHICAGO, ILL.

8 KUOPA

Šių metų 8 kuopos Roseland naują valdybą sudaro šie asmenys: pirmininkas J. Borisas, I vice-pirmininkas J. Alijošius, II vice-pirmininkas Petras Gagle, protok. raštininkas Ed. Dagis, koresp. Bronice Zebrauskas, išd. Bron. Laurutienas, finansų sekr. P. Doyle, maršalkos J. Jagminas ir Jurgis Shamis ir nariai: Therese Ciesun ir J. Dutka.

8 kuopos praėjusių metų raštininkė Florence Sorokas yra daug dirbusi šiai kuopai. Ji taip pat daug pagelbėjo sudaryti ir šiems metams naują kuopos valdybą.

Julė Passen - Šatkauskaitė yra šios kolonijos uoli veikėja, visokiais būdais yra daug padėjusi 8 vyčių kuopai. Už taip uolų darbą lietuvių naudai visi jai yra nuoširdžiai dėkingi.

Kastas Bružas yra šios vyčių kuopos uolus narys ir visuomenės veikėjas. Jis susirinkimuose duoda gerų patarimų bei naudingų nurodymų lietuvių ir Lietuvos reikalais.

Praėjusiam Lietuvos Vyčių 8 kuopos mėnesiniame susirinkime vyčiai paskyrė 25 dol. Visų Šventųjų parapijai.

L. Vyčių 8 kuopos šokiai įvyksta balandžio mėn. 16 d.

J. Jagminas

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

SUPREME COUNCIL ACTIVITY

The Supreme Council in its many meetings and deliberations now, as in the past is concerned with the organization as well as council activity. Problems and topics in wide varieties are discussed and narrowed down to the most logical or practical solutions. A solution is not always found soon — sometimes it takes several meetings or even several years to finish a job. Here, let us give you some ideas about what goes on at our meetings and the opinions we have.

1. *Finances* are necessary for the existence of any organization. Donations to date are pretty weak and do not promise to improve, unless we get busy right away. Our treasury should show a profit. One cannot be called successful if he works in a deficit. No business would exist in this manner. On this we must all work together and

1. Request donations from all sources possible.
2. Request councils to contribute to the Supreme Council.
3. Request Districts to contribute.
4. Request Districts to sponsor 1 issue of "Vytis" a year.
5. If the financial condition does not improve, **DUES MAY BE RAISED.**

2. *Leadership training.* The most important asset we lack in our organization today is leaders. This applies not only on a national scale but local as well. And even leaders need training. Anyone who believes that "Leaders are not born but made" will have a chance to prove it. Leaders or guides will also be necessary for our Youth Program and Junior Councils. Leadership classes will be held this year in conjunction with the National Convention. We will inform you of the date soon, and it will tie in with the National Convention dates.

3. *42nd National Convention* dates have been approved for August 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28th, 1955. More information about this later.

4. *Juniors.* Detailed study has been given to Juniors and the organization of youth in many vicinities. A constitution (or by-laws) have been drawn up to meet with your approval and you will see this in the "Vytis" and discuss it at the National Convention. Now it will be possible to organize young people under our ideals and principals. The problem here will not be organizing Juniors because there are young people around just waiting to form clubs, etc., but to find people who will be interested and capable in dealing with this type of organization and activity. Every Junior group will need a leader, a guide.

5. "Vytis" is coming along fine, but how about some English articles from our members and readers? Send in some pictures, too. Help the "Vytis" drive by donating.

Al Wesley, National President

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Membership drives play a very important part in the program of all large organizations. Our organization has the need for a drive and this year should not go by without one.

The 1954-1955 membership drive for the Knights of Lithuania will start April 1, 1955 and end July 1, 1955.

Proper recognition for the councils and the individuals winning this drive will be presented at the 42nd National Convention which will be held in Newark, New Jersey, August 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1955.

The rules of the membership drive are as follows:

1. Only new members brought into the council between the period of April 1, 1955 and July 31, 1955, upon payment of one year's dues will count for points.

2. New members shall include:

1. People joining the K. of L. for the first time.
2. Former members rejoining the council.
3. Jr. K. of L. members becoming of age and joining the regular council.

3. All winners will be judged from the records of the Supreme Council Financial Secretary.

Points to be based as follows:

New members	10 points
Married couple (new members)	20 points
Married couple (former members)	10 points
Organizing Jr. K. of L. council	25 points
Reactivating former council	25 points

The above point system will credit individuals instrumental in every phase of this drive. However, the councils will not share in the points where individuals were responsible for reorganizing councils or organizing Jr. councils.

The rules as set up for the drive will not be changed once they are published in the "Vytis".

Supreme council members will not share in the individual awards.

LET'S MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE A VERY SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

JOSEPH A. SAKEVICH, Chairman
Membership Drive

"VYTIES"

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Rt. Rev. Ignas Albavicius, Cicero, Ill.
Very Rev. John Balkūnas, Maspeth, N. Y.
Mr. Antanas Buknis, Cleveland, Ohio.
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PRANEŠIMAS

Lietuvos Vyčių Metinio Seimo Reikalu

Šiuomi pranešu, kad Lietuvos Vyčių metinis seimas įvyks šių metų rugpiūčio mėn. 25, 26, 27 ir 28 dienomis Newark, N. J.

Visus vyčius ir vyčių prietelius kviečiu ruoštis į seimą atvykti ir jame gausiai dalyvauti.

A. Vasiliauskas,

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Pirmininkas

UŽUOJAUTA

Gilioj liūdėsio valandoj, mirus Aleksandrui Simanavičiui, reiškiamė nuoširdžios užuojautos jo broliui Feliksui, ilgamečiui "Vyties" spausdinimo bendradarbiui, ir kitiems mirusiojo giminėms ir artimiesiems.

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LIETUVOS VYČIŲ PIRMININKAS

Al. Vasiliauskas su žmona buvo išvykęs atostogų į Floridą, o iš tenai buvo nuskridęs į Chicagą, kurioje turėjo Vyčių Centro valdybos posėdį ir šiaip jau pasitarimų su vyčių vadovais.

PADĖKA

Lietuvos Vyčių 8 kuopos Roseland, Chicago, Ill. nariui J. M. Jagminui už 1 dol. auką "Vyties" reikalam nuoširdžiai dėkojam.

"Vyties" Redakcija

KANADOJ ĮSISTEIGĖ VYČIAI

Malonu yra pranešti, kad Toronto mieste, Kanadoj įsisteigė vyčių kuopa. Nuoširdžiausi sveikinimai ir geriausi linkėjimai!

L. Vyčių Centro Valdyba

Kristaus Prisikėlimo švenčių proga siunčia
me vytiškus sveikinimus ir geriausius linkėjimus visiems vyčiams ir jų prieteliams.

L. Vyčių Centro Valdyba

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

CHICAGO, ILL.
COUNCIL 5

Past Activities

The evening was perfect! The stars were out and the moon was shining brightly; there was even hay on the hay-rack. What does all this add up to? Why the night of June 12 and the annual hay-ride of Council 5, which as you have probably already guessed was a social success.

On July 18, our quarterly communion and breakfast was held. Thanks to Mrs. Yucius who so graciously donated the refreshments.

The clubroom of Council 5 has finally been completed under the chairmanship of Al Manst. Our thanks to all the members who contributed their time and efforts. Now that we have a clubroom, don't forget to support the activities that will take place.

Although August 8 turned out to be quite a rainy day, the committee decided to go ahead with the picnic arrangements and all those "brave souls" who dared to venture out in the cold rain had a fine time.

September 19th was once again Communion Sunday for our members. The usual breakfast was held after Mass, and arranged by Loretta Macekonis and Dolores Stankus. Congratulations to the members who so faithfully attend our Council Communions.

On October 23, our annual Fall Dance was held under the chairmanship of Bill Civins. We thank all the members who helped to make this affair such a great success. Congratulations to Ann Marie Januska who was given the award for selling the most tickets in advance.

A group of members paid a visit to Loretta Hushka on December 22. It was a wonderful experience for all. The halls were filled with the sound of Christmas Carols; the coffee and cookies were deli-

icious. How about more of you members paying Loretta a visit? If you can't visit her, then send her a card. Her address is Loretta Hushka, c/o Memorial Hospital, Bethany 5025 N. Paulina, Chicago, Illinois.

Current News

Calling all ping-pong "stars". Get your ping-pong paddles out of moth balls. There's a tournament coming up in the near future.

Wedding bells will soon ring for four of our members — Dolores Stankus, Richard Kozlowski, Ben Nauseda and Joanna Sakalauskas, who will say their "I Do's" in May.

Our annual banquet was held on January 23. At the banquet the installation of new officers took place, and awards were presented to those members who had almost perfect attendance during the past year. After the banquet, First and Second Degrees were bestowed on qualified members. Last but certainly not least, thanks to Helen Zimmer, the chairman of the banquet, who along with Anna Marie Pupinik and Anna Marie Januska her co-chairmen, did such a fine job with the arrangements thus making this affair a great success.

The new officers for the year of 1955 are as follows: Spiritual Advisor — Rev. A. Valancius; President — Lucille L. Yucius; 1st Vice-President — Anna Marie Januska; 2nd Vice-President — Robert Andrews; Secretary — Ann Marie Pupinik; Financial Secretary — Dolores Strogga; Treasurer — Ben Nauseda; and Sergeant-At-Arms — Roger Biggus.

"STUDS"



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

PROVIDENCE, R. I.
COUNCIL 103

Council 103 began their new year with new officers. President, Helen Belconis; Vice President, Daniel Cyronak; Secretary, Mairon Belconis; Treasurer, William Belconis; Trustees: Richard Polaski and Joseph Nazaka; Sgt. at Arms, Joseph Gumaskas. Let's get in there and make this year as successful as '54.

Both Junior and Senior K. of L.'ers received Holy Communion "In Corpore" March 6 celebrating St. Casimir's Day. Following Mass the members assembled to enjoy a meal at Johnson's Hammocks Restaurant and finishing up a perfect day by enjoying the film King of Kings, presented by the K. of L.

Congratulations to Joan Nazaka upon her recent engagement. Also congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilkins who become the proud parents of a baby girl. Best of luck and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Vytautas Jurgela, who were married Jan. 15.

Our council bowling has proved to be quite interesting on Wednesday evenings. The Bums are at present the top team; following not too far behind are the Vagabonds with the Tramps next in line, leaving the Hoboes at the bottom of the ladder.

C-103 was well represented at a recent neighboring council dance held in Norwood. Anyone wanting directions from Norwood to Providence can be told by Al Straznick who has accumulated a new route which can take you to almost anywhere and finally Providence.

Hoping to see all K. of L.'ers and guests in Providence for the New England District Convention (April 23-24).

Linksmų šv. Velykų!

WALDO

NORWOOD, MASS.

COUNCIL 27

Since the last time that a news column from Council 27 was submitted, a good number of local and inter-council activi-

ties have taken place which are worthy of mention.

First the officers for this year are as follows: Dan Perednia, president; Kay Perednia, vice-president; John Chervokas, secretary; Helen Pazniokas, financial secretary; Francis Nevins, treasurer; Agnes Kuibok and Frank Kaseta, marshals; Lil Tarutis and Eleanor McGrath, auditors.

To start the year in an appropriate way, our council held a New Year's Eve party at the Lithuanian Hall. This event was very well attended and provided those who came with a pleasant way of greeting the New Year. The committee which made arrangements for the party consisted of the following members: Eleanor McGrath, chairman; Dick McGrath, Lil and Ed Tarutis, Ed and Jane Perednia, Pete and Ann Gaigal, John Vaikasas, Dan and Kay Perednia. Thanks are in order to this committee for a job well done.

The Snowflake Ball, sponsored by Brockton, saw a good representation from Norwood as did the Winter Carnival held in Athol. Those who went to either or both of these two function had a very pleasant time. The weather was very favorable for the Winter Carnival and many from Norwood took advantage of this factor to provide themselves with much desired outdoor activity.

A ski trip by the local council in conjunction with the Hartford Council was made to Madison, N. H. Those courageous enough to brave the icy cold of the north country were Elaine Pupalagis, Agnes Kulbok, Lil Kasauskas, Kay Wilkes, Vin Kasauskas and last but not least, Johnny Vaikasas who as usual turned out to be the life of the party.

February 19th witnessed Norwood sponsoring a Pre-Lenten dance, the proceeds of which were to go to parish's convent building fund. There was a fine representation from the neighboring councils. The council is deeply grateful to all those who helped make it the success that it was. The committee, which assumed the task of running this event, deserves a hearty thanks. (Unfortunately I do not have on hand the names of those who worked on this committee.)

On the sixth of March, a communion breakfast was held following the 8 o'clock Mass in the church hall. Approximately fifty members were in attendance. Degrees were bestowed on qualified members. This time the following Knights received their 2nd Degree: Jennie Babel, Agnes Kulbok, Lil Kaseta, Dan Perednia, John Chervokas, John Stadalnick, Joe Smelstator, John Vaikasas and Frank Kaseta. First Degree: Elaine Pupalagis, Adele



Antonitis, Christine Sironka, Vin Kneizys and Ed Perednia.

The committee responsible for the communion breakfast was made up of the following members: Co-chairmen Helen Pazniokas and Agnes Kulbok, Adele Antonitis and Elaine Pupalagis. Thanks are due these committee member for handling the work of organizing the breakfast so well.

Johnny Vaikasas has been ill of late from a virus infection. Being the rugged outdoorsman that he is, we expect him to be in fine shape shortly.

It looks as though Jasper Pazniokas got his foot caught in a bear trap. Take care old boy, softball is just around the corner.

Now for a bit of nonsensical nonsense. Such English. Sir Richard Mills who is usually incarcerated at Fordham university, was home on "parole" on the weekend of the 6th of March to run hogwild around town with a pal of his from Detroit. Dickie boy, in conversation with the idiot who is writing this literary monstrosity, made a request; saith he, "—send more money." Of course with that earth shattering statement as you might well expect, he and I immediately and automatically became top brass of the "Send Dick Mills through College Fund. As a matter of course we ask all who are stupid enough to do so, to send US any spare dimes, dollars, shillings, francs that you might have. As a matter of fact send US anything that can be used as money. This of course, ridiculous even to mention, includes stolen goods such as watches, jewelry, used ten dollar bills, man-holes etc. Enough is enough so I would like to close this scandal strip with a saying of profound meaning (if you can find it), uttered by Lil Kaseta, which as you might well imagine has nothing to do with anything in this article: "Blessed are they who walk in circles, for they shall be called wheels." *"Bee Cee"*

INTERNATIONAL MARDI GRAS BALL OF 1955

A paragraph from the Mardi Gras program reads: "The Board of Directors and the Ball Committee Welcome You.

Gathered here tonight are people from all corners of earth — sojourners or Americans, old and new. May it be an inspiration to those who believe that men live peacefully together."

As I made my exit from the Imperial Room of Boston's Hotel Statler, I felt the reward of enjoying and indulging in one of the most socially enriching evenings in my entire life.

The approach to the night's performers was a lobby, scattered with booths of varied foreign nationalities, inviting one to test their native foods — from meats to pastries. I regreted that this opportunity was only available for one brief, inadequate night.

The entertainment rendered, was supplied by dedicated, talented groups; adorned in costumes of the lands from which their native dances came. Both white and colored races all donated expressive, magnetic pantomime in rhythm to appropriate, pulsing music, which was as colorful as the clothing worn by the contrasting performers. It struck one as going on a condensed trip across the world, and beholding an immense universal picnic.

I hope my pride was pardonable, as I just seemed ready to burst with it, when a group of Lithuanians displayed hard-earned artistry in a complicated dance named, "The Windmill" (Malūnas).

Good luck to the International Institute, in their efforts to peacefully blend races, which should result in a more united, friendly, and powerful America.

*John Vaikasas, C-27
Norwood, Mass.*

ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

Communion Breakfast

Snow, rain, and sleet did not deter the members of Council 10 from our annual communion breakfast. We received Holy Communion in a body at the 8:30 Mass and a breakfast followed at Cedar Lodge. Guest speakers were Father Yankauskas and Joseph Miskunas.

Father Yankauskas told us we should never forget our Lithuanian heritage and keep our language alive.

Joseph Miskunas, who fled his native country of Lithuania, during World War II, gave an inspiring talk on St. Casimir. He also gave a complete history of Lithuania. A question and answer period followed.

The committee in charge of arrangements consisted of Barbara Milosh, Maryann Rodski, and Frank Anoris.

Social

On the afternoon of the communion breakfast we all gathered down to Frank's camp. Charles and Dot Pinigis showed movies on their recent honeymoon trip to Bermuda. Everyone agreed those "Bermuda shorts" looked pretty good on Charlie. Alvin Rodski, home from the U. S. Navy, showed quite a number of films on his recent cruise of the Mediterranean. Movies of the last Winter Carnival were also shown.

Dorothy Pinigis baked a cake and found out later that Barbara Milosh was having a birthday.

We want to thank Frank Anoris for his wonderful hospitality.

Election of Officers

Brownie Kukauskas was elected president, and Barbara Milosh, vice-president. Re-elected were Nellie Melaika, financial secretary, Frank Anoris, recording secretary, and Charles Pinigis, treasurer. We extend the outgoing officers, our congratulations of the wonderful job they did. Best of luck to the new officers.

Notes

Congratulations are in order for Stanley Sargut (Council 10) and Rita Kondrotis (Council 26, Worcester) who recently became engaged.

We have two new members, Alvin Rodski, and Joseph Miskunas. Council 10 welcomes you.

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

Here and There

Congratulations to Stanley Sargut of Gardner, Mass. on his recent engagement to Rita Kondrotas of Worcester.

Vinny Grazulis and his wife Ann are enjoying a two-week's trip to Florida.

Congratulations to Stanley Volent on his engagement to a beautiful colleen whom we haven't had the pleasure of meeting; also to Joan Bakanas on her recent engagement.

Bowling

What's happened to our bowlers Charlie Tagman and Stanley Volent? We haven't seen them lately.

Looks like Eddie Daniel's new bowling shoes are really helping him increase his score.

You can always hear Joe Alivosius when someone hits a Spare or Strike, especially if the bowler is playing on the opposing team.

JUST A REMINDER: We're holding a Military Whist party on May 12. Chair-

man of the committee is Rita Barnatavicius, and to be assisted by Tony Markunas, Emily Gudzevicius, Beverly Cunic, Virginia Daniels, Olga Kersis and Regina Barisas.
Barney & B.

ANSONIA, CONN.

COUNCIL 135

Greetings: (Sounds like Xmas or a letter from our "Uncle"... but...) glad to be here, and here is the latest news from the ole sod that's been growing around our meeting place...

Here is the roll call of our officers for this year. First, our President who is serving his first term, Floyd Trapkauskas. Our Vice-President is our old stand-by and Past President plus holding office in the N. E. District at one time for a few terms, Johnny Sabulis. Our Secretary is another "original" and faithful servant, Ann Barauskas. Our Treasurer is once again none other than the ole laughing red head, Joe Draugelis. Our Fin. Secretary is another gal we're glad to have on tap, Violet Brazitis. Sgt. at Arms... yes we do need one at times... Leon Barauskas.

This reporter wishes to thank the past officers for a job well done and much luck to the present officers who have a hard road ahead.



At this time we wish to have all our members who have not been showing up to drop around as things are happening. Remember, this is 1955 and new faces are welcome and dead beats are asked, yes asked, to stay home as this group moves and moves fast. Not long from now those who have been staying away will say "Why didn't someone tell me this was going on and the fun I've been missing." Consider this as your notice.

A big "wing-ding" is being planned for the month of April. The exact date will be announced as to when this council will celebrate it's FIFTH ANNIVERSARY which falls on the 24th of April. (Founder's Day) Yep! We will be five years old and are still considered the youngest council in the New England district. Do you remember our first officers of that year? Well, to refresh your memories, here they are one again... President... Johnny Sabulis, 1st Vice-President, Al Barauskas; 2nd Vice-President, Stanley Varshelka; Secretary, Ann Ba-

rauskas; Treasurer, Anne Sabulis; Fin. Secretary, Ann Karatis.

We wish to congratulate our ever-loving "single" man who lets every girl alone... Johnny Chernauskas who has left and is presently employed in a good job with a nice secretary I'm told at Washington, D. C. Lots of luck Johnny and the girls hope you come back single...

Already we are planning our events for the summer. The first on the agenda is an Outing sometime in June which seems like a long ways off. The co-chairmen for this Johnny Sabulis who have been known for their antics in the past to let things pop!!! Everyone has a good time.

We heard Barry telling a person lately that not every boy can be President of the United States, of course. Somebody is going to have to settle for an 11 million dollar contract as a television comedian. He's wondering who now.

Al Yurevich's next door neighbor says his old 10 inch TV set carries a lot of prestige these days. Visitors naturally assume that a screen that small must be a new, expensive color set. Now Al is debating if to buy a TV.

Floyd "Money Bags" Trapkauskas who has made the last minute dash to the Post Office on the night of March 15 is glad that he will not have to make this dash this year until April 15 to pay his large Income Tax.

When asked if he'll march in the Memorial Day parade, Joe Draugelis said that the boys who rode in the motorized wars are about the only ones who will make it in this parade.

When Johnny Sabulis was asked why he didn't build a ranch style home instead of the one he did, he stated that those one story jobs are becoming so popular that there are more 12 year old youngsters in this country who have flown in airplanes than have slid down banisters. He's going to wait till his sons get a little older.

Here is the flash of the month that popped from Lil Chaplik's mouth when a trip to the moon was mentioned to her. She said she couldn't get too enthusiastic about it. (Those who know Lil believe her.) She says, "Can you imagine taking along enough comic books to keep the kids quiet for all those light years? She has her troubles now with funny books.

"Nakties Pelēda"



NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

COUNCIL 3

How beautiful is youth!—how bright it gleams.

With its illusions, aspirations, dreams — Book of Beginnings — story without end. Each maid a heroine—each man a friend. And yet all combined a stronger and better K. of L.

With the Colors

Proudly serving are Joseph Budelis (former Vice-President) with the U. S. M. C. and John Podziunas in the U. S. Army. Recently discharged was George Budelis, brother of Joe B. and we're certainly glad to have George and Xenia back as active K. of L.'ers. Xenia was quite active on the Lithuanian Affairs Committee while hubby was stationed in the dry states of Kentucky.

Since our Vice-President's call to active duty, Peter Utkus has taken over the vacant chair and so good luck to Pete on his new undertaking.

Lithuanian Independence Day

Was commemorated by the Lithuanians of our fair city on February 20th at the Lithuanian Beneficial Club. Attendance was great and the program and speakers were considerably good. Mayor Clark of our city issued a Proclamation on the 16th of February but could not attend the exercises.

Saint Casimir's Day...

was properly celebrated with a special dispensation for our parish, Solemn High Mass and Vespers. The altars were most beautifully adorned with flowers especially Lillies by our good Sisters of St. Casimir.

Propaganda spread a long way, this day, being that the public wished to know just why we were able to eat meat this day, who St. Casimir was, and that Lithuania is a country and not a religion, as some people so often mistaken her for Lutheran.

Thanks to the Lord above for enlightening our good Monsignor Valančiūnas is seeking this dispensation and His Excellency Archbishop O'Hara for granting his request.

On March 6th, a district communion breakfast and meeting were held in Elizabeth, N. J. Those representing our council were Joseph Yanulaitis and Helen Shields.

On March 13th our council received Holy Communion "in corpore" followed by a delightful breakfast prepared by Mrs. Zemaitaites and Olbikas in the school basement. 1st and 2nd Ritual degrees were bestowed upon eligible Knights and speeches were made by the Reverend Fathers. Our honored speakers were Msgr. Valanciunas and Father Martusevičius.

This successful event can be entirely credited to the Ritual Committee consisting of Jos. Yanulaitis, Mary Grebloski and Alice Zemaitaites. Honorable mention for wholehearted cooperation also to: Helen Shields, Ann Olbikas, Dorothy Barauskas, Peter Utkus, Dolores, Xenia, and George Budelis.

In the Future

Can we forecast a pleasant trip to Washington, D. C. or to the mountains of Pa.?

Will we see any increase in membership and attendance at meetings?

Who will be tying the knot or leaving all for the service of God and man?

Will it be a boy or girl for Lucy and Jim McAllister?

Will money ever be a minor object and will we ever see full cooperation in our council?

A KIND WORD OF ADVICE — bring your answer and suggestions to the meetings which are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Joining the Ranks

May we now include the welcome mat to Dolores Stein, Mary Ann Burch, Agnes Timinskis (pianist), Robert Stein, and I. Varevice.

"Cuckoo Bird"

NEWARK, N. J.

COUNCIL 29

At the regular meeting held on February 15th our newly-elected officers were sworn in by Monsignor Ignatius Kelmelis, spiritual adviser. Since it was the eve of the 37th Anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence, time was taken for commemorating this event by the singing of the Lithuanian National Anthem, led by Louis Stukas. Brief talks were given by Msgr. Kelmelis, Edward Thompson, president and Vera Lang, vice president of the council. President Thompson also read a Proclamation which was issued by Governor Robert Meyner — designating the 16th of February as Republic of Lithuania Day in the State of New Jersey. The program was brought to a close with a prayer by Msgr. Kelmelis. These simple exercises left a deep impression on all



members present. The following day, write-ups, appeared in the STAR-LEDGER and EVENING NEWS.

Must mention two noteworthy facts that tie in with the commemorating of February 16th this year. First, four of our members — President Thompson, Anthony Malakas, Christine Korbet and Al Jankauskas visited the State House in Trenton to witness the signing of the Proclamation issued by the Governor and the receiving of it. Second, on February 16th, the city of Newark gave official recognition to Lithuanians by having a large sign posted over the main entrance of the City Hall with the words "Republic of Lithuania Day February 16, 1955."

The following new members were welcomed into our council: Aldona Gvzdaitis, Dorothy Tankus and Agnes Dulkis.

Congratulations to one of our members, Zigmars Kungys, on his having become an American citizen.

Belated birthday greetings to Vera Lang and Charles Bason.

Our Convention Committee is certainly on the go these days in making arrangements for the coming 42nd K. of L. National Convention to be held in our city this August. *The Wanderer*

OHIO-MICHIGAN DISTRICT

DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

On March 6th, members received Holy Communion in a body at the 8 o'clock Mass. The Mass was dedicated to St. Casimir, our Patron Saint, and to the living and dead members of our council. Breakfast was held at the Biltmore Hotel. Again, our members must be congratulated on a good turnout.

On February 12th, Phyllis Leasure was married to James Richey. Many best wishes are extended to them from the council. Those who attended the reception really enjoyed themselves immensely.

Our February 23rd social had a tremendous turnout. It was held in the church hall with, Fran and Mike Petkus on the committee. The meal they cooked-up sent everyone home stuffed.

On the weekend of March 4th, Stan and Helen Vaitkus, Mike, Fran and Charlie Petkus had the pleasure of entertaining John and Bertha Stoskus of Chicago. Helen and Bertha had a grand time bringing each other up-to-date on their hometown news — Providence, R. I.

On May 13th our council will hold a dance at the Idle Hour Club.

On May 8th, Mother's Day, our members and mothers will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 8 o'clock Mass. Tentative plans are to have a breakfast rather than a dinner later in the afternoon, which had been the practice in the Past.

Birthday congratulations are sent out to Helen Vaitkus (March 6th); Aldona Laux (March 12th); Ralph Laux (March 19th); Steponas Bucmys (April 3rd).

Remember Cleveland in April; Detroit in May; Newark in '55.

Us. Petkus'

DETROIT, MICH.

COUNCIL 102

Midwest Bowling Tournament May 28-30, 1955 Headquarters: Detroit Hotel

What are you planning for Memorial Day weekend? Nothing, as yet? Well, we have a bowling tournament scheduled to see who will go home with the Midwest Trophy. There will also be awarded individual trophies. This tournament promises to be one of the best to date, as our committee has been working diligently.

For headquarters, we have made arrangements with Detroit's most newly and beautifully remodelled DETROITER HOTEL. The deciding factor for choosing this hotel was the economical room rates (including excellent parking facilities right at the hotel).

Saturday afternoon, there will be registration; evening — Welcome Bowlers Party at the hotel. Sunday morning — Mass at St. Anthony's Church, 10 a. m.

Bowling will start promptly at 2 p. m. at Great Lakes Recreation, Detroit's finest alleys. Crowning event of the tournament will be a sensational Dinner-Dance commencing at 6 p. m. Mr. Fritz, formerly of the Waldorf-Astoria, will serve the most unusual meal ever prepared in the Detroit's Flamingo Ballroom. This event alone

will make your trip to Detroit worth while (providing you lost out on the bowling awards). And by all means, bring along your dancing shoes — for as soon as the meal is finished, you'll be gliding across the floor to one of the most versatile bands.

Doesn't this sound good to you? Hope so, as we are looking forward to seeing everyone and being hosts, once again.

The Eight Ball

CLEVELAND, OHIO

COUNCIL 25

Our council together with "Ateitininkai" and Scouts commemorated St. Casimir's Day by attending Holy Communion in a body on March 6th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. After Mass, a group of two hundred enjoyed breakfast at the Smith's Restaurant.

Our Council President Mary Trainy was Master of Ceremonies. Father Angelaitis was the guest speaker at the breakfast; Joseph Sadauskas, K. of L. honorary member, gave a beautiful talk on the LIFE OF SAINT CASIMIR, our Patron Saint.

The welcome mat is out to everyone who plans to attend our district convention which is to be held April 23-24 at the Hotel Hollenden.

Congratulations to Nellie and Al Samas who are proud parents of their second heiress, named Kristine Ann (b. March 1st.).

Mrs. John Michlich, who suffered a broken leg recently, is on the "convalescent list." So is Mrs. Mary Susin. We wish them both speedy recovery.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. P. Wilkis, Nellie Arunski and Mary Trainy.

The last Bing game we sponsored for the benefit of the folks at St. Joseph's Home for the Aged was enjoyed so much, that another one is being arranged this month. Prizes and refreshments are all being donated by our own members.

At this writing, a bowling meet is being scheduled for March 27th, between the amateurs and professionals of our council. The results will be published in the next issue.

EASTER GREETINGS!

J. M. Z.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

COUNCIL 12

On February 13th, we were invited to a bowling meet at the Maspeth Bowling Center by the Maspeth and Great Neck councils, which was followed by a "scrumptious social." Such a good time

was had by all that another bowling session is scheduled for March 20th.

On March 6th, we attended the annual New York-New Jersey district communion breakfast in honor of our patron, St. Casimir, which was held in Elizabeth, N. J. Holy Communion was received by the Knights in a body at 10:00 a. m. Mass celebrated by Father Kasper, and his sermon on our duties as Knights of Lithuania was truly inspiring. Directly following Mass, a wreath was placed by our own Larry Janonis, district president, on a monument honoring St. Casimir in commemoration of this day. Breakfast was served in the church hall and the speakers, especially the Hon. Judge McGuire, were most interesting. A district convention meeting was held later in the afternoon, followed by a social with food and refreshments in the evening. We wish to congratulate and thank the Elizabeth council for being such wonderful hosts.

The attendance at our Saturday Socials has been quite gratifying and it was good to see all our friends again at our February 19th get-together. The social was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The food served was most delicious, especially the salads which were made by Helen's and Lillian's mother. We certainly appreciate your helping us out, Mrs. Zindzius.

Chatter

We wonder what is Joe Kscenaitis' secret charm that attracts the feminine interest?

Larry and Olga, our Harvest Moon dancers, are out to win again this year. We're rooting for you and here's hoping that your hard work will bring you your well deserved rewards.

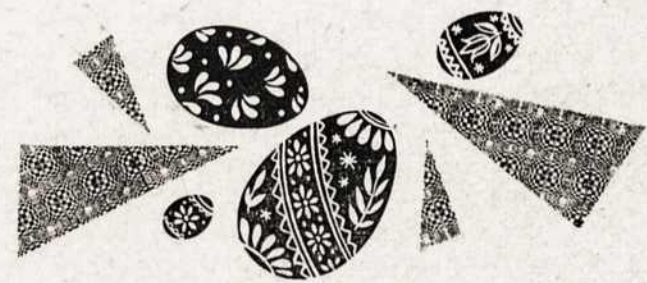
According to the latest information, our Sgt. "Yank" will be stationed in Iran... how's that for a "Good Will Ambassador?"

We understand that Evelyn and Johnny Bell are working on plans for their new home in upstate New York... how wonderful! Lots of luck to you.

Birthday greetings: March 14th — Mary Shalins, May 9th — Evelyn Bell. Anniversary greetings: Larry and Jeanne Janonis — May 12th.

A Very Happy and Blessed Easter to you all.

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PITTSBURGH, PA.

COUNCIL 19

In the absence of our new president, George Levinskas, our very capable Vice President, Ed. Marculaitis presided at the January meeting. A festival was decided on as a pre-Lenten affair. For this affair, Joe Saliunas and Ed. Marculaitis volunteered their services as co-chairmen. Due to the bad weather the attendance was rather light.

At the meeting in February a hearty welcome was in order to several new members. These two gracious young members hail way from New England and have recently made their home in Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. William Bengston, Council 19 bids you Welcome!

The Snow Dance was held at Laeseks on February 16. Our gentlemen really treated the girls very nicely. Beautiful multicolored roses were given to all the girls. Refreshments were free, and a good orchestra furnished the music for this occasion. A very novel idea was used in selecting the queen for the evening. The boys ordered a delicious cake which was cut in squares and on each square was placed a rosette and under the rosette, a small candy heart. Whoever got the cake with the heart was selected queen for the evening. Our lovely Lucille Shimkus, a most deserving queen, was the lucky one. She received beautiful gifts plus a gorgeous bouquet of roses. The dance also boasted a Polka contest. Many participants were in this contest, but it only took one couple to win. The best polka dancers for the evening proved to be Ruth Filewski and Bill Marculaitis — how did you enjoy the foot balm kids?

We have several sick persons, members' relatives, on the list: Vito Jucevicius' mother who had been convalescing in Cleveland is now at home. Clara Marculaitis, mother of two of our most active members was quite ill but is gradually recuperating. Mr. Bernotas, is now feeling better. Our own member, Attorney Edward Shultz, is also recovering from a recent accident.

Ruth Greblunas, our charming member and past president, has been displaying a beautiful suntan which she received in Florida.

We do have some Star bowlers among the K. of L.'ers. Ruth Milewski bowled 270 in one game, having a total of 573 for the evening. Be careful Ruth, some boys do not like competition.

March 6, St. Casimir's Day — Mass at St. Casimir's Church and communion

breakfast at the Royal York was well attended. Despite the bad March snow, many members did not miss this occasion. The food was excellent and enjoyed by all. Our guest speaker, Father Frank Plantés from Aliquippa gave a very informative and interesting talk. This topic which entailed much effort in research was a well selected one. Father Walter Karaveckas, spiritual adviser, also honored us with his excellent and informative knowledge. Both Father Walter and Father Plantés had been seminarians together and together they had been ordained ten years ago.

Our Ritual Committee conferred degrees to the following qualified members:

First Degrees — Ann Kevilas, George Levinskas, Bernard Milewski, Loretta Milutis, Anthony Mockevicius and Joseph Yeskevich.

Second Degree — Joe Saliunas, Ann Keldusis, Nellie Yakstis, Alvin Onaitis, Joe Pakitinskas and Justine Dobo.

Third Degree — Joe Aleliunas, John Katella, Julia Aleshunas, Ed. Marculaitis, Ruth Greblunas and Bill Marculaitis.

After conferring degrees, a very important meeting and discussion took place regarding the Radio program. Our Radio Committee has been working hard, but we are in dire need of funds in order to continue these programs. Come on, KNIGHTS, let's not drop the oars in mid stream. Our radio is enjoyed far and wide in western Pennsylvania and its loss would be felt by many.

We wish to thank the Communion Breakfast Committee for making this affair a success — Ruth Milewski and Margaret Papeaka.

Many activities are brewing for Spring and after Easter. The first of which is a Card Party — date to be selected soon after Easter. Many hints have been circulated regarding our first picnic of the season, perhaps late June. K. of L.'ers, it is now time to cease hibernating and get into these jolly get-togethers. We want a lot of action from all the members.

M. P.



K. of L. CALENDAR

April 23-24 — *New England District Convention*. Council 103, Providence, R. I., hosts.

Dance — Saturday eve., (8-12), Churchill House, Angell St., Providence.

Holy Mass — Sunday morning, April 24th, 10:30 a. m., St. Casimir's Church, Smith St., Providence.

Sessions — Sunday afternoon, April 24th, 2:30 p. m., St. Casimir's church hall, Smith St.

Supper — Sunday nite, 6:00 p. m.

Entertainment — Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

April 23-24 — *Ohio-Michigan District Convention*. Council 25, Cleveland, Ohio, hosts.

Registration — Saturday, April 23 (12-2 p. m.) at Hotel Hollenden, Superior Ave. and E. 6th St.

Session — Saturday, April 23, Parlor C, at hotel, 2 p. m.

Social — Saturday eve., 8 p. m. at Sothen's Rathskellar, 1308 Addison Rd. (2 doors south of Superior Ave.)

Holy Mass — Sunday, April 24 at St. John's Cathedral, cor. of E. 9th St. and Superior Ave., 11:00 a. m.

Banquet — Sunday, April 24 at Nelson's Restaurant, 1422 Addison Road.

May 12 — Worcester, Mass. (26), Military Whist party.

May 13 — Dayton, Ohio (96), Dance, Idle Hour Club.

May 14 — Worcester, Mass. (26), Annual Spring Dance, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.

May 20 — Newark, N. J. (29), Spring Dance, St. George's Hall, 180-82 New York Ave., Newark.

May 28 — Midwest Bowling Tournament. Headquarters — Detroit Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.

June 11-12 — *NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT CONVENTION*. Council 61, Paterson, N. J., hosts.

Dance — Saturday evening, Lithuanian Citizens Club, 62 Lafayette St., Paterson.

Holy Mass — St. Casimir's Church, 147 Montgomery St., Paterson.

Sessions — St. Casimir's Church, parish hall, 3 p. m.

August 25-28 — *42nd K. of L. National Convention*. Council 29, Newark, N. J., hosts.

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Worcester, Mass.

EASTER GREETINGS

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