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RECEIVES AWARD — Rev. John C. Jutt of Worcester, Mass., presents Knights of Lithuania medal to Charles J. Kersten, former Wisconsin Congressman, at 42nd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania held in Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, New Jersey (August 28, 1955). Governor Meyner and Mayor Carlin look on. Hon. Kersten got award for non-Lithuanian who worked in behalf of Lithuania and its people. As a member of Congress, Kersten was author of House Resolution 346, and headed House Committee Investigating Soviet atrocities.



## "DO MEN EXIST WHO WILL FIGHT FOR TRUTH?"



Rev. Albert J. Contons

Six men set out from Lithuania on a dramatic mission. They carried a letter from the Lithuanian people to the Pope. These mysterious messengers eluded Soviet armed guards in occupied Lithuania, weaved their way through the Communist secret police networks, fled the panting bark of trained wolf-hounds, crawled through barbed wire entanglements at the border, and finally escaped from the concentration camp which is Lithuania. The grim agents of a martyred people made their cautious way through Communist East Prussia, Poland, and East Germany, and at last reached the free world. But only two of these heroes survived to place their blood-stained appeal in the hands of Pope Pius XII. Four of the messengers lost their lives at the hands of Communist pursuers.

*"Holy Father, Shepherd of all Catholics: We Roman Catholics from the Republic of Lithuania humbly entreat Your Holiness' intercession. . . . we ask Your protection and assistance."* So begins the appeal of the Lithuanian people which was printed in the *Katolsk-Ugeblad* of Copenhagen, Sept. 21, 1954. It recounts a bloody tale of human extermination, godless persecution, and merciless deportations. Its final appeal is such as to move to action the most complacent of Christians:

*"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!"*

The frustrated cry of a dying Lithuania, "Do men exist who will fight for truth and the rights of humanity?", should shatter the naive smiles of Western diplomats who try to lull us into a sleep of complacency. When Lithuanian patriots lament, "Fortunate are those who have died and have not lived to see what is happening to our country", it is obvious there can be no peaceful coexistence for free peoples with such a plundering monster as Soviet Communism.

### "IF I FORGET THEE"

The bond of love binding Lithuanians to their martyred land is a strong bond, soaked with the blood of martyrs. The 40,000 Lithuanians who in three days during June of 1940 were herded into the darkness of crowded cattle cars destined for the icy wastelands of Siberia, the 800,000 innocent people who were torn from the warmth of their homes to endure the bitter cold of Arctic exile, all the bishops of this once free land who are either "liquidated" or banished, 1300 priests who have suffered martyrdom or exile, the tens of thousands of cruelly tortured living dead, and those whose racked bodies were "liberated" by death, all give testimony to their love of Lithuania. They echo the lament of Domeika, the singing bard of Pietaris' novel of medieval Lithuania, "Algimantas":

*"Pasakyk gimtai šaliai  
Jog aš ją mylėjau;  
Josios laimei, josios labui  
Ir galvą padėjau."*

*"Tell my native land  
That I loved her dearly;  
For her love and for her good  
I gave my life freely."*

Communist occupation policy in Lithuania aims at destroying the love and loyalty of Lithuanians for their native land, her language, culture, and religion. That is why the Communists closed all Catholic schools, religious orders, and printing presses. In Kaunas one church serves 120,000 Catholics, who nonetheless consider themselves fortunate because most cities and towns of Lithuania no longer have any churches available for worship.

A request for Lithuanian books was recently sent from Denmark to Moscow. A negative reply came from Moscow with the explanation: "There no longer is a Lithuania, and her language will soon be completely forgotten."

No wonder that patriotic Lithuanians have gone back to the hedge schools of almost a century ago. No wonder that Lithuanian displaced persons are anxious that their children should attend Saturday morning "Lithuanian School", that they should learn their prayers in their native language, that they should learn Lithuanian songs, dances, and culture in their own organizations.

The plight of Lithuanians in their homeland, forbidden the enjoyment of the culture they cherish, and Lithuanians in exile, separated from the land they love, is like the Babylonian exile of old King Nabuchodonosor of Babylonia punished a revolt of the Israelites in the sixth century B. C. by forcibly deporting the Israelites to Babylonia. There the grieving Israelites were taunted by their captors to sing some of their religious songs. The sorrow of the Israelite captives is beautifully expressed by the Psalmist:

*"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat and we wept, when we remembered Sion.*

*...For there, they that had carried us away asked songs of us, and they that tormented us, gladness: "Sing to us from the canticles of Sion!"*

*How shall we sing the song of the Lord in a strange land?*

*If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!*

*May my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I remember thee not,*

*If I place not Jerusalem above all my joy!"*

#### FRIENDS OF LITHUANIA

Prostrate Lithuania, wasting away in the shackles of Communist oppression will not be forgotten by her sons and daughters at home or abroad.

Where is the Lithuanian who has not lost a brother or sister, father or mother at the hands of the Communists? Where is the Lithuanian whose dear ones have not tasted the dreary dregs of the forced labor camp where emaciated wrecks of manhood after a few years cannot be recognized by their own mothers? No, Lithuanians cannot forget!

But Lithuanians want others to remember their crucified land. Their solemn cry, "DO MEN EXIST WHO WILL FIGHT FOR TRUTH AND THE RIGHTS OF HUMANITY?" must ring through the vaulted conscience of America and the world.

How easy it is for "coexisting" diplomats to exchange beaming smiles, and forget that Lithuanian features are pressed in anguished pain. How polite it is to grasp the hand of friendship extended by the Soviet diplomat, and to forget that the same fist is clenched to bludgeon innocents to death. How convivial it is to drink vodka toasts with Soviet aristocracy, and forget that these same Soviets toast their Communist idols with the blood of their victims. How soothing it is to be silent about Soviet criminality and injustice, and forget that the voice of a nation is being stifled behind an Iron Curtain. No, the world must remember Lithuania, for THE REALITY OF A CRUCIFIED LITHUANIA IS A LIVING REFUTATION OF THE HONEYED WORDS OF COMMUNIST DIPLOMACY.

In the forefront of those who remember Lithuania in the United States are the Knights of Lithuania. A national Catholic organization for youth of Lithuanian descent, the Knights have been faithful to the cause of oppressed Lithuania. To be sure, they enjoy clearing the air with the lively melodies of Lithuanian folk songs, spinning around the dance floor to the brisk beat of the polka, and sharing in the family life of their Lithuanian parish. They thrive on the cosmopolitan fare of regional and national activities. But most of all they are dedicated to the regaining of independence for Lithuania.

The Knights have been alert to publicize the plight of Lithuania among Americans who would otherwise be unaware of the tragedy still taking place in Eastern Europe. As a result there is hardly a newspaper or magazine editor, public speaker, or radio commentator mentioning Lithuania who has not heard from some loyal Knight. Lithuania has won many fine and courageous friends because of the information and personal contact provided by these serious minded Knights.

Last Feb. 16, the anniversary of Lithuania's declaration of independence in 1918, the governors

Rev. John C. Jutkevičius

## CHARLES J. KERSTEN

### First Recipient of the K. of L. Award Medal

Charles J. Kersten, a native of Chicago and presently of Wisconsin, was first elected to Congress in 1948. During that term, he got his first start as a prosecutor of Reds when, as Chairman of a House subcommittee investigating infiltration into American Labor Unions, he obtained the first United States perjury conviction of a Red.

On February 16, 1953 in New York City, he gave a talk on the matter of freedom for Lithuania and other nations enslaved by the Soviet. This talk endeared him to all Baltic peoples, particularly Lithuanians. Therefore, it was not surprising that on March 26, 1953, he accompanied a delegation from the American Lithuanian Council on a visit to President Eisenhower. Before the President, he promised to sponsor in the House a resolution which called for the creation of a special committee to investigate Communist aggression and the commission of the crime of genocide in the Baltic States.

The resolution was unanimously passed and Kersten became the Chairman of the Investigating

of twelve states declared Republic of Lithuania Day. The mayors of twenty-four American cities did the same. Twenty-five Senators, and sixty-nine Representatives in Congress spoke about Lithuania and renewed their hope that some day Lithuania would again be numbered among the free nations of the world. To a large extent this growing interest in the liberation of Lithuania is the fruit of the public spirited efforts of the Knights of Lithuania.

Lithuania needs many friends who will remember her and speak up for her right to freedom. The action of so many civil officials in commemorating the anniversary of Lithuanian independence is all the more praiseworthy and gratifying, because they are not of Lithuanian blood and have no personal ties with Lithuania. To express the appreciation of Lithuanians on both sides of the Iron Curtain to friends of Lithuania the Knights of Lithuania hit upon a unique plan: the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA AWARD. The purpose of the award is to honor a non-Lithuanian who has most distinguished himself as a friend of Lithuania.



Honored at the Knights of Lithuania Conventions

Committee. In the performance of his duties as Chairman, he was able to come in closer contact with many persons of Lithuanian descent.

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Under the direction of Rev. John Jutt of Worcester an appropriate gold medal was struck. Former Congressman Charles J. Kersten was selected for the honor of being the first recipient of this medal. As chairman of the House Committee investigating the Communist seizure of the Baltic states, Congressman Kersten displayed great courage and perseverance in bringing the facts before the American people and proving beyond doubt that the Communist occupation was the result of illegal compulsion. The official presentation of the medal took place at the national convention of the Knights of Lithuania in Newark, N. J. on Aug. 28. The inscription read: "To Charles J. Kersten, 1955, for invaluable service in behalf of Lithuania's right to freedom."

The presentation of the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA AWARD is a fitting tribute by the Lithuanian people to Congressman Kersten and all the friends of Lithuania. It is a pledge of the eventual liberation of Lithuania from Communist tyranny. It is a proof that MEN DO EXIST WHO WILL FIGHT FOR TRUTH AND THE RIGHTS OF HUMANITY!

One of the many countries now behind the Iron Curtain is Lithuania, the land of our forefathers. Being a small nation, it could hardly withstand successfully the onslaught of Soviet Communism. It was, therefore, almost inevitable that Lithuania should fall before the unjust aggressive moves of a nation as large as Russia. Lithuania was unjustly deprived of her independence and her people were scattered over the four corners of the world.



Yet these people, though separated, did not forget their native land. Everywhere they began to organize and act for the ultimate restoration of Lithuania's Independence. In every possible way, they expended and continue to expend themselves in making the cause of a Free Lithuania the cause of all those who firmly believe in freedom, equality and justice for all peoples regardless of their creed, race or nationality.

Realizing that, because of their small numbers, they could hard-

## K. of L. AWARD MEDAL: A HISTORY

ly accomplish much, they sought the aid of important individuals whose influence could help them immensely in the struggle for the restoration of Lithuania's rightful place among the free and independent nations of the world. That is why they appealed to Government officials, Senators, Congressmen, editors, writers and others who by their position could intercede for Lithuania and keep her cause alive before the eyes of the people of America and the rest of the world.

In order to help Lithuanians in this most important work, the Knights of Lithuania, ever dedicated to the task of making Lithuania better known, voted in 1946 to establish a Committee on Lithuanian Affairs. For the past nine years, the members of this Committee, some 200 in number, have been constantly on the alert to notice any mention of Lithuania in newspapers, magazines, books, over the radio and on television. If the mention is favorable, the members send letters of gratitude and appreciation to those who make the mention. They are urged to continue to mention the cause of Lithuania in their future writings and talks. If, however, the mention is unfavorable, letters of protest and explanation are sent. The persons guilty are reminded that Lithuania, even though small, has an inalienable right to live as a free nation. They are persuaded to use their influence to aid rather than hinder Lithuania in her present struggle to be free once again.

Since 1946, the ceaseless efforts of this Committee have won many non-Lithuanian persons to the cause of Lithuania. Thanks to the work of this Committee, working together with other Lithuanian organizations, many fine statements in behalf of suffering Lithuania have been made each year on the occasion of

those days which commemorate the principal events of Lithuanian history.

The aid given Lithuania by some non-Lithuanians has been invaluable and their service could not be permitted to pass without special notice. Consequently, in 1953, the members of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee of the Providence Council 103 proposed to the National Conven-

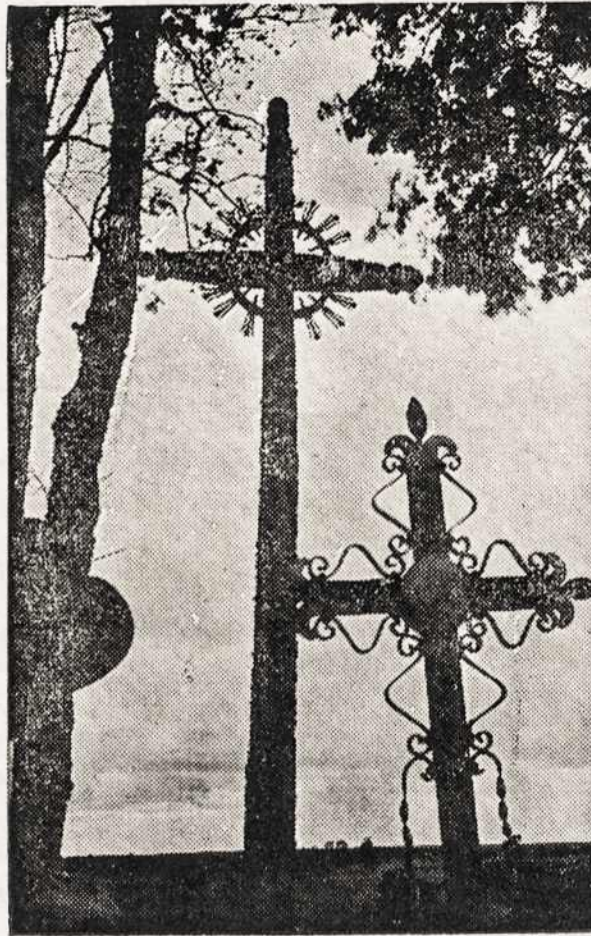


tion, held that year in South Boston, a resolution calling for the creation of a special medal to be awarded as a special honor to those non-Lithuanians who have espoused the cause of Lithuania and whose aid in her behalf has been of an extraordinary nature.

The resolution stipulated that the recipient must be a non-Lithuanian who has no connection with any Lithuanian society and who is not married to a Lithuanian. It also stipulated that the award would not necessarily be made on an annual basis but whenever the Knights of Lithuania deemed that there was occasion for doing so.

The resolution was unanimously passed by the 40th National Convention and the National Chairman of the Center Committee on Lithuanian Affairs was selected to assume the task of having the medal made.

Much time and thought was spent on getting a suitable design for the medal. After serious deliberation on various designs, it was decided that the best design would be the one which appears on the official Knights of Lithuania flag and which has always been characteristic of our great organization: a Knight with upraised sword on a steed; over the Knight, the words "Knights of Lithuania Award" and below



the gates of Gediminas with rue on each side.

It was further decided that to cover the costs of making the medal, a direct appeal would be made to each individual mem-

ber. A goal of \$1,000.00 was set. Part of this fund would be used to sponsor the issue of the *Vytis* which would carry a history and pictures of the medal as well as pictures of the first award made. It is indeed most gratifying to know that the members responded very nicely to the appeal made in early April and just before the National Convention the set goal was reached. The donors deserve a great deal of credit for their thorough understanding of the purpose of the Award Medal.

Just before the National Convention held in Newark in August, 1955, the medals were received from the manufacturer. It was unanimously decided to award the first medal to the Hon. Charles J. Kersten who rendered invaluable service to Lithuania in his capacity as Chairman of the House Committee for the Investigation of Russian atrocities in the Baltic States and who has been rightfully called the "Chief Prosecutor of Worldwide Communism."

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It was indeed unfortunate that during the last elections he was not reelected for another term in Congress. However, after working for a while at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C., to complete the work done by the House Investigating Committee, he was appointed by President Eisenhower to serve as an adviser to Eisenhower's aide Nelson Rockefeller, who is doing special work at the White House on a number of matters dealing with foreign affairs. This is indeed significant for it demonstrates the President's high regard for Mr. Kersten's ability and his fight against world aggression despite the fact that he has not always seen eye to eye with the President on the latter's foreign policy.

As Chairman of the nine-man House Committee to investigate Russian atrocities in the Baltic States, he conducted hearings which investigated the deceit, the persecution and the massacre which accompanied in 1940 the unification of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia to Soviet Russia. Interviews with eyewitnesses, exhibits of treaties, deportation and death orders, facts which clearly showed that the so-called "free" elections in those countries were rigged, proved beyond a doubt that the statements made by Russia to the effect that the three Baltic States "voluntarily" asked to join the Soviet in 1940 were nothing but lies. His thorough investiga-

tion of Russian atrocities in the Baltic States revealed to the free world that Russia deliberately broke all principles of justice and charity and this revelation so provoked the Soviets that he was made the object of continuous insult in the Russian newspapers, *Pravda* and *Isvestia*. This difficult work of building an airtight case against Russia for her inhuman and unjust treatment of the Baltic peoples hurt Communist prestige and won for him the profound respect of the State Department and of Congress. Rightly he has been called "Chief Prosecutor of Worldwide Communism."

Because he with the aid of his committee has proved to the world that Russia has unjustly seized Lithuania and consequently has no right whatsoever to occupy the country, because he has shown that Lithuania has the inalienable right and the free exercise of that right to live as a free and independent country in the world, because he has proven himself by his undying efforts to be an invaluable friend of Lithuania and her just cause, it gives me great pleasure and I deem it an unspeakable honor to present at this time, in behalf of the President and the thousands of members of the Knights of Lithuania youth organization, for the first time in the history of our organization this *Knights of Lithuania Award Medal* to that great champion of freedom for Lithuania, the Honorable Charles J. Kersten.



LITHUANIA IS

## The Most Heroic Example of Resistance

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### SPEECH OF CONGRESSMAN KERSTEN AT KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION BANQUET IN NEWARK

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Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency, Right Reverend Monsignorii, Reverend Fathers, and Father John Jutt, it is with deep humility that I accept this tremendous honor which is far beyond the individual honor of any person to accept because in the work such as was launched about two years ago, many many people are involved. It is the work of many people to bring about action such as the Congressional Investigation of a very grave, serious and important issue: through a Committee on Communist Aggression and the Incorporation of the Baltic States into the U.S.S.R., which was set up.

That action, on the part of Congress, was brought about primarily by the joint efforts of the wonderful organizations, such as yours. The American Lithuanian Council, taking the lead in Washington, was joined, of course, immediately by your organization and other organizations to assist the Congressional Committee to carry on its duties. The date to which Father John referred to — February, of 1953, I very distinctly recall, because the person that was a link with a non-Lithuanian to bring about a knowledge on the part of Congress of this work, was Miss Mary Kizis, who is doing very fine work in the American Lithuanian Information Center, in cooperating with your organization and other Lithuanian American groups in the United States. So I say it was a joint effort and I think it was an effort, the full results of which, are yet to be seen.

Several times now our Secretary of State has referred to the case of the enslavement of the Baltic Nations as one of the clear-cut aggressions of the Soviets, and as you all know, the United States has never recognized the forcible incorporation of these defenseless and once independent nations into the U.S.S.R. Yes, the work that has been done by this Committee, a joint cooperative effort of Congress, I believe has much fruit yet to bear and those facts will continue to be of importance in the forming of our policy in dealing with this threat to world freedom. They say that not long ago, in the city of Kaunas, there was a food-store proprietor who got so tired of telling people who came in and asked for various kinds of food, that he didn't have it, that he finally decided to train a parrot to answer the customers, "So sorry, we don't have any, but we'll have some soon" or words to that effect. So one fine day, a very sharp-looking gentleman came into the store in Kaunas,



Father John C. Jutt decorating Charles J. Kersten with a K. of L. Award Medal in the name of Knights of Lithuania. Bishop McCarthy is in the foreground.

and looking around very perspicuously, said something. The parrot didn't understand what he said, but responded: "So sorry, we don't have any, but we'll have some soon." That very night the proprietor was picked up by the secret police and thrown into jail. He didn't realize it, but what the man said, that came in, who was an MVD agent, was: "Ar Jūs turite laisvę Lietuvoje?" Have you freedom in Lithuania? "So sorry, we don't have any but we'll have some soon."

The word freedom, and the word democracy, and the word liberate, are words which we in the Free World fully understand, use and appreciate. The Soviets and the Communists also use these words but with their meaning completely turned upside down. They talk of "People's Democracies," they talk of freedom, and so on, and it confuses us because we can't understand one another... we can't get together. What's wrong? One peculiar thing about these words is that the convinced Communists apparently believe that they are bringing freedom. For example, when Communists are charged or were charged with subverting other free countries, they said: "we're not subverting them, we're liberating them." They call subversion, liberation. They call Capitalism, enslavement and they call their system democracy and our system "Capitalistic Imperialism." We just don't get together and that is why when the President of the United States at Geneva spoke of the necessity of terminating the subversive activities of International Communism, Mr. Bulganin tossed it aside, indicating that they are not engaged in that and it is instead, a local political activity.

Mr. Kruschev, a short time ago in Bucharest, Rumania, spoke of "liberating the other countries from the shackles of Capitalism," for these words are turned around. "Laisve," and so on. They believe they brought freedom to Lithuania and the other captive nations.

One of the very important documents that our Committee came across and that I think shows the pattern of Communist occupation as completely as anything can in one sitting or one showing, was the mimeographed lists brought into these countries by the Communists when they came in. Mimeographed lists of the different parts of the population that must be dealt with, that must be deported, that must be arrested, and I recall that one of these lists had some hundred and fifteen - sixteen names of



SPECIAL GUESTS AT BANQUET where Congressman Charles J. Kersten was presented a K. of L. Award Medal. — left to right: Enrign George Kersten, son of Hon. Charles J. Kersten (official representative of U. S. Navy), Mary Kizis of New York City (Lithuanian Information Center). Mrs. Charles J. Kersten of Wisconsin, wife of honored guest; Mrs. Alexander Wesey, wife of K. of L. national president; Vera Laukzemis, convention committee secretary; Mrs. Mildred Chinik, wife of newly-elected treasurer; and Mrs. Charles F. Paulis, wife of Hon. Charles F. Paulis, Jr. (Kearny, N. J.) and past national president.

not individuals, but a hundred and fifteen or sixteen *categories* of people, leadership elements in the anti-Communist or suspected anti-Communist groups in the country. These lists were prepared carefully and over a long period of time with the aid of the local Communist party before the country was occupied by the Communists. When the Communists came in, they knew the population right away; who they were to pick up, who they were to immobilize, and who they were to purge from the society so that the process of communization could go on rapidly. This is a very scientific technique and a very efficient one for their purposes and it goes to show that they are interested always in eliminating from society every possible or potential anti-Communist leadership element, and that involves, as it involved in the country of Lithuania, many tens of hundreds of thousands.

I remember the testimony of an MVD colonel, a Russian who got out about a year and a-half or two ago, a lieutenant colonel Gregori Berlitski. As an MVD colonel, he operated throughout the Soviet Union during the war and after. The function of the MVD, as you well know, is to keep the population under control. He said, "The enemy of the MVD was not a foreign army, but our own countrymen." Lt. Colonel Berlitski participated with his troops in the transport and deportation of a half-million people from the Chechen-Ingush area, which was done in one night, in subduing the Kalmucks, and in many other similar ventures. He said the most heroic example of resistance to Soviet occupation in the entire Soviet orbit was among the Lithuanian partisans. He didn't know why that was so, but that this was so. In his opinion, this resistance was still going on in the deep underground over there.

Earlier this week, the President of the United States, in Philadelphia, in addressing the American Bar Association, said in part, that the present situation is a contest between two philosophies. The philosophy to which the United States adheres and other nations with us in the Free World, is representing or accepting the ideal of a government of law, a government under law, rooted in moral law and reflecting religious faith — the religious faith that man is made in the image of God with the primacy of the individual and individual freedom as against that of the state. This is against the other philosophy of rule by decree of men of godlessness.

I think it was very important that the President stated that at this time, because it sharpens the issue; it boils things down to the essential issue of the right, that is, the contest today between the Free World and the Soviet Orbit.

In these definitions as outlined by the President, we have founded our way of life, upon a concept of man as made in the image of God and that we have a government of law based on morals rooted in religious concepts of morality. These are essentially the principles contained in our own Declaration of Independence and are in conflict with the other concept. Here we have an explanation why we can have such radically different understandings of simple words like freedom, liberty, democracy, and so on.

In that other world it is possible to raise a statue to that which we call under our system evil. It is possible to raise a statue to a boy who was instrumental in the execution of his father by the state. It is possible to do that in that kind of system because they have abandoned the idea of the existence of God, and the concept of man, that man is a spiritual being. That's why we find it so difficult to have any understanding between our world and the leaders of the Communist world. They have thrown out the basis of understanding and the basis of explanation of human nature — that man is made in the image and likeness of God, and deny the very existence of God, the true nature of law and the purpose of the state. It is because of these differences that we can't understand what we are talking about with them and they can't understand us, if they really believe that man is God, instead of our Creator.

It is very important that the President made this statement before the highest judicial organization in the United States, and I think that the President is to be greatly commended and supported and congratulated for making that statement which is founded squarely upon our own Declaration of Independence and upon Judaeo-Christian principles of our civilization.

Finally, I want to comment on just one thing more that took place at that same convention. There was a debate going on as to the Fifth Amendment Cases. We had them before our Committee, not the House Committee Investigating Communist Aggression, but the one pertaining to investigation of Communism in labor unions. We had, as other committees had, individuals coming up and saying, "Oh, we refuse to testify, we invoke the Fifth Amendment, on the grounds of self incrimination," and so on.

There is a very interesting but very fundamental conclusion and idea involved in Communists taking this Amendment for protecting themselves. It happened to have been our Committee to have obtained the first conviction of a Communist for perjury and after that they always refused to testify because that was a

**PADEKOS DIENOS PROGA**

*Alfa Sušinskas*

Thanksgiving Day — Padėkos Diena yra charakteringa Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių šventė su tradiciniu kalakutu ant daugumos piliečių stalo. Padėkos Diena yra nuo seno čia švenčiama. Jos istorija siekia 1621 metus, kada Plymouth kolonijos gubernatorius Bradfordas paskyrė vieną dieną po pirmos piūties viešai padėkai ir maldai į Viešpatį Dievą už gautas derliaus gėrybes. Ši šventė netrukus buvo priimta ir kitų Naujosios Anglijos kolonijų.

Kaip tautinė šventė, Padėkos Diena buvo prezidento Vašingtono, Kongresui siūlant, oficialiai įsteigta 1789 metais lapkričio mėn. 26 dieną, ketvirtadienį.

Rekomenduodamas šią šventę visiems Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių žmonėms, prezidentas Vašingtonas ta proga, be kitko, rašė savo proklamacijoje:

— Ši diena yra viešos padėkos bei maldos diena, dėkingomis širdimis pripažįstant Dievo visagalybės mums duotas įvairias malones...

Toliau šioje savo proklamacijoje prezidentas Vašingtonas ragino žmones "maldauti Viešpatį atleisti mums tautinius ir kitokius nusidėjimus, palaikyti religijos ir dorybės pripažinimą bei praktikavimą ir garantuoti žmonėms

tokią žemišką gerovę, kokią Dievas panorės jiems suteikti".

Metai po metų ši Padėkos Diena paplito po visą U.S.A. kraštą.

Dėl įvairių priežasčių vargšui kalakutui, lietuviuose puikybės ir kvailumo simboliui, atiteko garbė pasidaryti šios šventės tradiciniu stalo patiekalu.

Mums čia visai nesvarbu, ar šios šventės simbolinis valgis yra kalakutas, ar jo vietoje būtų koks avinas, žąsis, ar kuris kitas gyvulėlis. Mums tėra svarbi šios šventės reikšmė. O ji yra didelė, prasminga ir graži.

Iš paminėtų Vašingtono žodžių proklamacijoje aiškiai matyti, kad ši šventė yra ne tik amerikėnė, tautinė, bet ir savotiškai religinė, nes ji savo centru laiko padėką Dievui.

Laisvas amerikietis, norėdamas būti vertu ir garbingu šio krašto piliečiu, pagal sąlygas nutraukia tą dieną darbą ir dėkoja Viešpačiui už sotų, ramų ir laisvą gyvenimą šiame krašte; jis dėkoja už sveikatą ir jėgas, kuriomis jis, uoliai dirbdamas, pakeitė šio krašto veidą, susikurdamas žemišką palaimą. Tą dieną tedirbami būtinieji darbai, ir dauguma žmonių yra laisvi. Įvairių religijų dvasininkai ragina tą dieną nepamiršti šios šventės tikrosios prasmės — savo širdimi ir protu pakilti į visų gėrybių Viešpatį Davėją ir Jam už viską kūdikiškai padėkoti.

Deja, yra nemaža ir tokių, kurie, klykdamai ir siautėdami,

raito šios dienos kalakutą, jo kaulėlius betriuškindami, ir nė akimirksnio nepakyla savo širdimi į Viešpatį. Šitokie gražią Padėkos Dieną yra pavertę persivalgymo ir persigėrimo diena. Kalakutus bedorodami, jie prikalba visokių niekų, ir jiems atrodo, kad visas pasaulis yra sotus ir laimingas kaip jie. Šitokie nesigėdija pulti net Amerikos valdžią, kodėl ji, esą, rūpinasi kitomis, vargstančiomis tautomis, kodėl ji šelpia kaikurias Europos ir Azijos skurstančias valstybes.

Šitokio kalakutiško galvojimo žmonių šiame krašte visdėlto pasitaiko nemaža. Jie yra savo dvasia ir protu trumparegiai žmogeliai, tematą tik po savo nosimi ir nesuprantą, kad, šitai galvodami, jie patys pjauna šaką, ant kurios su savo kalakutu jie sėdi... Jei Amerika gyventų tik sau, nebetoli būtų ir jos pačios galas; jei pasaulis už Amerikos ribų žūtų skurde ir komunizmo vergijoje, tai ir Amerikoje per Padėkos Dieną kepti kalakutai nebetų ant stalo: Amerika nebegalėtų toliau džiaugtis savo laisve ir gerove, jei pasaulis už jos ribų žūtų...

Tikra padėka Viešpačiui už gautas malones yra tada, kada ji yra susijusi su pagalba vargstantiesiems ir kenčiantiesiems. Be artimo meilės nėra geros maldos ir padėkos Dievui.

Dėl to U.S.A. valdžia, šelpdama vargstančias tautas ir joms

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lesser offense. Perjury carries a 5 to 7 years sentence, and refusing to testify carries a maximum, I believe, of one year for contempt of Congress.

There is a very interesting implication in that, which we should be able to throw back at the Communists. In their heart of hearts, they know that if they are asked about Communist activity, they are asked about an activity which in its essentials, is a crime. They take the protection of the United States Constitution on the basis that it is a crime. American Communists have formally and for several years taken the position that Communism is criminal. And they should be told about that. That should be pointed out to them. It can't be denied. It is criminal, and that's why they are able to use the protection of the United States Constitution. If they were asked whether they were guilty of burglary, they could take the same protection. Burglary is a crime, and so is Communism, and the overall concept of their activity.

I wish to close with an expression of my deep gratitude for this great honor and as I stand here with all of you I have the deep conviction that it will not be too long, and only in God's good time will liberation and freedom come. But it cannot be too long because so many good people have been making, have made and are continuing to make such great sacrifices. Sooner or later the scales will begin to tip, when mankind will begin to realize the deception, the lies, that is involved in this situation and will begin to pierce through that haze of lies and deception and see the real truth — that this small group, this very small group of people are trying to pervert the nature of man and to pervert civilization. Their actions will be seen through and mankind will ultimately support the ideas that the President recently spoke about, that we would stand by the principle of ultimate freedom for all the captive nations, and in God's good time, and we pray not too long, Lithuania and the other captive nations will be free...

## The Way To Victory

### SPEECH OF AUXILIARY BISHOP McCARTHY AT KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION BANQUET IN NEWARK 8. 28. 1955

"Dieve Laimink Jus!"... Mr. Toastmaster, Congressman Kersten, Right Reverend and Very Reverend Fathers, officers and members of the Knights of Lithuania... First of all, in the name of His Excellency, Archbishop Boland, who originally intended to be here but was prevented by a very urgent appointment, and of all the priests, religious and laity of the Archdiocese of Newark, I extend to you a very sincere and cordial greeting on this occasion of your national convention in the great city of Newark.

Since the Knights of Lithuania were organized in 1913, I have been hearing how successfully you have striven to instill into your members a deeper love of your faith, and to encourage your people to grow in appreciation of their American citizenship, to revere their Lithuanian traditions and customs, and to provide for interesting and pleasant social activities.

The Lithuanian people have always been remarkably faithful to the Church. From the 13th century to the establishment of their republic in 1918, they have suffered many cruel injustices at the hands of oppressors precisely because of their religion. Yet they have remained steadfast and loyal to their church and to their country. Suffering and sacrifice have only intensified their religious convictions and patriotic devotion. For a short time as you know, after the republic was established, your people enjoyed the freedom which they had so ardently longed for centuries. But once again, in these modern days they are being persecuted by the most ruthless and barbarous nation ever known in the history of mankind. Under the cruel domination of the Soviet government of Russia, bishops, priests, religious, and countless numbers of lay people have been martyred or exiled to Siberia. Every Catholic paper has carried accounts of this, for we haven't seen too much of it at times in the secular press. As we noted in the "Advocate" during the last week, four times between the middle of 1944 and the middle of 1949, mass deportations of Catholic Lithuanians from their native land to Siberia took place, and one of those death marches, a column of six thousand persons was shot to death by the Soviet secret police. Nevertheless, Catholic Lithuania will not allow its faith or loyalty to the homeland to die. Let endure any sacrifice, rather than surrender to an enemy which would destroy all that they cherish and hold dear. Just as the Czarist oppression of past centuries failed, so too will the Soviet persecution of today fail to exterminate these sturdy and determined people.

Now surely the grace of God has been poured forth abundantly on these noble souls who have been so faithful to the religion of their forefathers. Like the early martyrs of the church, they make us realize what a precious pearl of great price is the faith for which they are ever so willing to sacrifice even their very lives.

I am sure that many of you people who have seen copies of the "Advocate" during the last week noticed that picture of the Lithuanian cross on the first page. And I couldn't help but

think that here indeed is the concrete symbol of all that your nation, your native country stands for. The cross I refer to, of course, is the one erected by Lithuanian Catholic immigrants on the grounds of Saint Anthony's Franciscan Monastery at Kennebunkport, in Maine. As described in the picture, on one of its several tiers, there are small handcarved statues of your patron, Saint Casimir, and of the gentle Francis, of Assisi, of our Mother of Sorrows, to whom you are traditionally devoted, and of Saint George, the valiant soldier. Another tier has the carved figure of a candle, symbol of Christ, the Light of the world, of a chalice, reminding us that the Lord shed His blood for all mankind, of a monstrance, recalling the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and of a cross, the symbol of the spirit of sacrifice, which the Lord seeks of all who are sincerely intent on following Him. This Lithuanian cross truly typifies the spirit of your relatives and friends in the homeland. In their humble and confident devotion to their crucified Saviour, and to His sorrowful mother, is their ray of hope in the darkness that overshadows and encircles their country.

Now I'm sure that the Knights of Lithuania are deeply concerned over the present condition of their native land. It is admittedly difficult for you to do all that you would like since the Soviet government tolerates no interference. But we are sure that you are striving to help them in as many ways as you reasonably can. Above all, I earnestly beseech you to pray every single day for your country and your people. Pray to our Blessed Mother, and to St. Casimir, your patron. You know what a great spirit of self-denial and sacrifice characterizes Saint Casimir. You know how much he loved the poor and needy of his own day. You know that it was his loyal devotion to the church that helped him to acquire heroic sanctity during the few short years that he lived. Inspired by his example, and aided by the grace of God, Lithuania will undoubtedly have many more like him in these difficult modern days. Your prayers for the grace that will strengthen your people will be most pleasing to God, and heartening to those whom He is permitting to suffer.

Fortunately, you and I are living in this great country of the United States. I had the opportunity to live abroad for some years, so I can appreciate what a great blessing it is to reside in America. Let's never forget to thank God most heartily for the blessings we enjoy. I know that the Lithuanians have contributed their share to the growth and development of the country, and I know that you Knights of Lithuania will ever remind your members that good Catholics must always be good citizens. While we should all be proud of our racial background and culture, while we should help one another, as much as we are able, yet we should realize that the love we show one another can never be exclusive or particular, but it should be extended as Christ wills, to all men.

To love this country is to be interested in its welfare at every level, from the community in which you live to the Federal Government. "God bless America" should indeed be a frequent and sincere prayer in our hearts and on our lips. A well established society like the Knights of Lithuania, in cooperation with other good organizations, can do much to encourage respect for our laws and traditions, and so insure the preservation of the freedoms we happily enjoy.

The record you have thus far established indicates that you will do better things for your people and for your country in the future. May God bless you for your loyalty to church and country. May you ever continue this splendid tradition, praying and working together under the guidance of your church, for your people, your country, and your suffering friends and relatives in Lithuania.

"Dieve Laimink Jus!"

# Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

Ignas Sakalas

(tęsa)

## 66-ji KUOPA

Ši kuopa Omaha, Nebr., įsteigta 1916 metais, kuomet lietuvių parapijos (įsteigtos 1906 m.) klebonu buvo kun. J. Jonaitis, kuris, berods, ir buvo iniciatorius jaunimui suorganizuoti į vyčius, kad jis laikytųsi savo centro (parapijos) ir tautiškai būtų gyvas.

Pirmąją kuopos valdybą sudarė kun. J. Jonaitis dvasios vadas, P. Valinskas pirmininkas, B. Zigmančiūtė vicepirm., A. Butkienė sekret., Navickaitė išdininkė.

Iš pradžių kuopos veikimas ėjo kaip ir kitose lietuvių kolonijose. Ruošta įvairūs subūvimai, kultūriniai susirinkimai, paskaitos įvairiomis temomis, daugiausia iš Lietuvos istorijos. Susiorganizavęs teatro mėgėjų būrelis ruošė vaidinimus. Žodžiu, vyčių veikimas, ėjęs iš gilaus narių pasišventimo, pūreno tautišką dirvą, lietuvius švietė ir sugrąžino ant tikrojo kelio ne vieną jaunuolį, kuris nebežinojo kam gyvena ir kam tarnauja.

Jungtinėms Amerikos Valstybėms įstojus į pirmąjį Pasaulinį karą ir kun. J. Jonaičiui įstojus kariuomenėn karo kapelionu, dar daugelį narių pašaukus kariniam pasiruošimui, kuopos veikimas buvo gerokai susilpnėjęs. Tik po kelerių metų, dabartiniam klebonui kun. J. Jusevičiui atvykus parapijon dirbti pastoracinį darbą, iš naujo pradėjo atgyti religinis ir tautinis lietuvių gyvenimas. Atgiję vyčiai savo veikimui pajvairinti pradėjo susirašinėti su kitomis kuopomis, AJV tautinių švenčių proga ruošti ekskursijas ir kviesti kitas kuopas pas save į svečius. Ypatingai tamprūs ryšiai buvo su Chicagos vyčiais (112 kp. iš Marquette Park). J. Juozaičiui ir kitiems veikėjams vadovaujant porą kartų buvo suruoštos Chicagos vyčių ekskursijos į Omaha.

Po keliolikos metų vienam kitam veikėjui išvykus iš Omaha, kitiems, sukūrus šeimas ir pradėjus daugiau rūpintis savais reikalais, kuopos veikimas pradėjo silpnėti. Netekę vadų likę nariai pradėjo skirstytis ir po kiek laiko kuopa nustojo veikusi.

Per visą savo gyvavimą Omahos kuopa buvo dosni parapijos reikalams. Kiekvienas Tautos Fondo atsišaukimas pagalbos besikuriančiai laisvai Lietuvai taip pat buvo išgirstas ir kiek ištekliai leido paremtas fininsiniai. Nebuvo pamiršti ir savosios organizacijos reikalai, dažna "Vyčiui" parama ir t. p. Kuopa buvo įsipareigojus platinti katalikiškąją spaudą. Katalikų Spaudos Dr-jos nurodymais ruošė spaudos savaites. Nariai patys švietėsi ir ki-

tiems švieson kelią rodė. Laisvamaniškoji spauda tai matydama kiekviena proga vyčius šmeižė, į savo puslapius dėdama įvairiausius prasimanymus.

## 67-ji KUOPA

67-ji kuopa Bayonne, N. J., įsteigta 1926 metais birželio 13 d. pastangomis Elizabeth, N. J., vyčių, kurie suruošė prakalbas, o tais laikais parapijos klebonas kun. P. Saurusaitis bažnyčioj iš sakyklos pakvietė visą lietuvių jaunimą susirinkti į salę.

Po svečių Jurgelos, Roden ir Petoko kalbų, susirinkęs jaunimas nutarė įsteigti kuopą ir valdybon išrinko šiuos asmenis: pirm. Jonas Bray, vicepirm. Margaret Mescavage, sekr. Ona Bray, išd. P. Klo-nis ir tvarkdarys A. Mescavage.

Antrame kuopos susirinkime kilo klausimas dėl anglų kalbos susirinkimuose. Nubalsuota, kad anglų kalba būtų vedami susirinkimai, nes pasirodė, kad daugelis narių lietuvių kalba negali savo minčių ir sumanymų išreikšti. Bayonnes lietuviai yra plačiai pasiskleidę po miestą ir dėl to jų vaikai turėjo lankyti kitataučių katalikiškas arba viešąsias mokyklas.

Sekančiais metais kuopa įsteigė sporto sekciją, kurioj ypatingai pasireiškė krepšinio (basketbolo) rinktinė. 1931-2 metais toji rinktinė New York ir New Jersey apskrityje Krepšinio lygoje laimėjo pirmenybes.

Kuopa daugiausiai yra suruošus šokių vakarų, iš kurių vienu laikotarpiu buvo susikrovus net pusketvirto šimto dolerių. Daug pinigų išleista sporto sekcijai palaikyti.

Be augščiau minėtos valdybos narių, neeiliniai kuopos nariai buvo T. Miskiewitz, A. Mačiulaitis, D. Sankowski, P. Bochis, O. Siselsliūtė, Draskinis, Kristy, J. Novitskie, A. Meck, J. Jurewicz, A. Keiver ir k. Šie ir daugelis kitų narių, čia gimę ir auge, apie Lietuvą mažai girdėję, tačiau Lietuvos laisvės reikalams kuopa yra nemažai aukojus, o straipsniais ir įvairiomis žiniomis daug yra prisidėjęs prie išgarsinimo lietuvių vardo ir Lietuvos reikalų anglų spaudoje.

Savo parapiją kuopa taipgi yra gausiai parėmus finansiniai. Neskaitant anksčiau įvairių aukų, vien 1937-52 metų laikotarpy yra aukojus \$460.00. Tuo pačiu laikotarpiu įvairioms lietuvių labdaros įstaigoms ir vienuolynams kuopa yra suaukojus irgi apie \$400.00. Lietuvos Vyčių centro reikalams kuopa yra suruošus keletą vakarų, taipgi pinigais aukojus \$90.



Kun. St. Raila

## IŠ VYČIŲ SEIMO

Vadų Kursuose. Visi žinojo, kad ketvirtadienis paskirtas kursams. Rodos, reikėjo visiems suplūsti ir semtis taip reikalingos vadovavimo išminties. Pasišventęs prof. kun. A. Jurgelaitis rengė, keliavo, kad pravesių kursus. Bet vadų— "studentų" gerokai pavėluotai tik saujelė. Uolieji nuliūde, kiti nusivylę, kad taip į tą dalyką pažiūrėta. O kiek čia būtų buvę galima išmokti, sužinoti ir pagerinti vytišką veiklą. Gerasis profesorius bent vieną sesiją pokalbių vadovavimo reikalu pravedė. Dalyvavę pasakoja, kad tai buvo labai naudingos valandos ir dėkingos savo vadovui. Atsižvelgiant laiko ir dalyvių tai buvo pasikalbėjimai, kurie, tikime, duos atitinkamą išvadą kada nors spaudos lapuose. Pokalbyje pasidalyta vytiško veikimo laimėjimais ir sunkumais. O kai kurie nuoširdūs vytiški pasisakymai labai skaudūs.

Ar nenuostabu, kokį didžiausių sunkumų vyčiai išskėlė savo pasikalbėjimuose. Labai daug kuopų laukia artimesnio dvasios vadų kunigų veikimo. Visi suaiškiojo, kai buvo pasakyta, kad X kuopos dvasios vadas pasirodo I sykį į metus ar dar rečiau. O kiti tik kelis sykius į metus, tai jau gerai. Tik vienas kitas nuolat bendrauja su vyčiais. Taip netikėtina. Jaunimas prašo dvasinės paramos ir nuolatinės pagalbos, o jie nesulaukia. Juk tai Kunigų Vienybės ir Katalikų Federacijos užgirta Organizacija, su skirtais Dvasios Vadais. Kaip jie gali būti palikti vieni. Juk vyčiai ir negali būti be dvasios vado, jei nori išlikti katalikiška organizacija. Vienas vytis aiškiai mano, kad kunigai patys turi rūpintis, kad vyčiai veiktų ir kad jie gerai

veiktų Dievui ir Tėvynei, o ne priešingai turėtų patys vyčiai maldauti, kad Dvasios Vada at-eitų į pagelbą, Tiesa yra vidury. Ir vieni ir kiti turėtų bendrauti iš meilės tiems jaunimo vytiškiems idealams. Kunigai asmeniškai galėtų daugiau rodyti meilės vyčiams ir jų darbams, o vyčiai iš savo pusės bendrauti su kunigais ir parapijomis visomis savo jėgomis. Nebegali bepasikartoti nelaimingi senų laikų įvykiai kai vieni ir kiti nesusitardavo. Vyčiai nepaprastai naudingi parapijai ir parapija reikalinga vyčiams. Vieni be kitų neįmanoma. Dvasios Vadui ir Klebonui garbė turėti vyčių savo parapijoj.

Ko išmokote iš tų pokalbių, paklausiau kursantą. O daug ko. Ypač išmokome pažvelgti į savo kuopos, Valdybos veikimą kritiškai. Pamatėme, kaip kitos kuopos veikia, ką jos daro, kad vytiškumas augtų ir klestėtų. Gera proga buvo įprasti reikšti savo mintis viešai, nes kiekvienas dalyvis turėjo kalbėti ir pasakyti ką nors ko geriausio. Toks privatiškasis ir uždaras susirinkimas buvo labai graži proga visiems jaunesniems vadams pasimokyti kalbėti ir reikšti savo mintis. Pažinome ir savo klaidas, laimėjimus, pasisekimus.

— Ar norėtumėte panašių kursų ir daugiau?, — klausiau — O taip, atsakė, tai buvo vienos malonesnių valandėlių. Tik norėtumėm, kad daugiau dalyvautų, kad tai būtų dar daugiau praktiškų dalykų mokoma ir ilgesnis laikas. Vyčiai jaučia vadovų trūkumą labai jautriai. Mes norėtumėm, kad ir Seimas pamatytų Vadų Kursų dalelę ir visi galėtų pasidžiaugti vadovavimo pažanga. Tik gal kursai turėtų būti kitu metu, nes Seimo programa labai nepalanki kursams. Seimas tik galėtų pasinaudoti kursų laimėjimais.

Negalėjau nepaklausti, o kaip kursų vadovas. O, jis stebėtinai puikus! Tikras vadovas! Mokėjo mus sudominti ir pamokyti, nesijaučiant, kad mes mokomės. Laimė, kad tokių vadovų vyčiai suranda, kurie aukoja savo brangų laiką ir talentą mums. Mes jam buvome dėkingi ir sutartinai sakėm, kad tikim ir toliau džiaugtis jo vadovavimu. Gera ir jo mintis tuo reikalu skaityti "Vytyje". Su tikrai vytiška vadovų dvasia žen-

gėm iš kursų į Vyčių Seimą, kuris per 3 dienas nepaleido mūsų. Bet tai jau turėsime pasikalbėti kitą sykį. Ketvirtadienio vakaras — bus mūsų sekantis susitikimas. Tiesa, būtų įdomu sužinoti ir man nežinomus Seimo "nuotykius", kurie verti pažymėti — ar tai teigiami — pasimokyti, ar tai neigiami — atsikratyti. Tai kodėl neparasyti man. Rašykite tuoj ir viską. Jei ką norite išlaikyti "Slapta", pažymėkite. Bet rašykite faktus, o aš įvilksiu į drabužius. Galite rašyti abiem kalbom. Lauksiu.

Jūsų vytis kun. Stasys Raila  
307 Pine St. Tamaqua, Pa.

### TOP THIS (If You Can)

#### MY ACHING BACK

The husband who promises to move heaven and earth for his bride is the same fellow who, a few years later, growls when asked to move the sofa.

#### IT'S KNOTTING

Small boy: Dad, what are those holes in the board for?

Dad: Those are knot holes.

Small boy: Well, if they're not holes, what are they?

#### AMEN!

Although the modern girl's hair often looks like a mop, it doesn't worry her very much. Being a modern girl she doesn't know what a mop is.

#### TYPE-OGAPHY

There are two types of sweater girl — the sort that fits 'em and the sort that knits 'em.

#### IT'S A GRIND

A married man never feels more like shifting for himself than when he's teaching his wife how to drive.

#### BATTLE OF THE BULGE

No one should try to do two things at once, and this includes women who put on weight and slacks at the same time.

(The editors invite K. of L. readers to contribute to this department by sending in their own humorous anectotes, 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.)

# VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

*Petras Cibulskis*, vienas organizatorių veikusių West Side (Aušros Vartų parapijoj) vyčių 24 kuopos, dabar priklausęs sendraugiams, iš amato namų dažytojas-dekoratorius, paskutiniu metu išdekoravo Washington Pine viešbutį. Jis yra pasitarnavęs ir Vyčių namui ir, tikimės, dar nekartą pasitarnaus.

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*J. Baliukas*, gyvenęs Roselande, šiomis dienomis vienos geležinkelių kompanijos atleistas į pensiją. 35 metus jis tooj kompanijoj dirbo staliaus darbą naujų vagonų statymo skyriuje.

Jo žmona Anelė yra viena pirmųjų vyčių narių. Jaunystėj priklausė 4-tai kuopai Dievo Apvaizdos parapijoj, kur už didelius nuopelnus vyčių veikloje kuopos buvo apdovanota simbolišku žiedu, kurį ir dabar pagarbiai nešioja.

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*Kazimieras ir Antano Petručių* vienturis sūnus Alfonsas savanoriu įsirašė į JAV kariuomenę. Petručiai yra vyčių veteranai, paslaugūs vyčių namo reikaluose ir dideli jaunimo veikimo rėmėjai.

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*Vyčių sendraugių tarpe* paplito daug kortelių (kuponų) D. Jurjono bendrovės, 3524 S. Halsted St., kuriuose rašoma, kad, atsilankęs į jo krautuvę ir pirkdamas bet kokių prekių, patiekęs šią kortelę gaus 10 nuoš. nuolaidos. D. Jurjonas neprik. Lietuvoj buvo stambus prekybininkas, ne tik priklausė vyčiams sendraugiams, bet dažnai paremia ir vienokia ar kitokia daiktine auka. Jo krautuvėj yra visokiausią namams reikmenų. Vyčiai turėtų ypatingai remti savo narius prekybininkus, profesionalus ir k.

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*Jono ir Emilės Kass* gražioje sodyboje Justice Park, Ill., rugpjūčio 28 d. muzikos garsai aidėjo, o šeimininkė, savo dukros ir žento padedama, gimines ir svečius vaišino. Tik vakarop dalyviai sužinojo, kad tą dieną J. ir E. Kass minėjo 41 vedybinę sukaktį.

Sukaktvininkai, prieš išsikeldami iš Chicagos, kur turėjo "jewelry" krautuvę ir laikrodžių taisymo įmonę, buvo žymūs lietuvių organizacijų veikėjai. Ypatingai daug veikė Balfio ir vyčių tarpe. J. Kass buvo vienas iniciatorių Vyčių namui pirkti ir vienas to namo Tarybos narių. Dabar nors gyvena toliau nuo Chicagos, bet su žmona priklausė sendraugiams ir dosniai

paremia kiekvieną sendraugių kilnų užsi-mojimą.

Sukaktvininkų duktė Emilė ir žentas Gestautas, prieš susituokdami buvo vyčių ir Apskrities choro nariai. Augina sūnų, kuris jau dabar (3 m. amžiaus) atrodo seka tėvų pėdomis: tėvui griežiant akordionu, sūnelis taktu muša bugnelį. Vyčių sendraugių 10 metų sukakties proga, sukaktvininkai J. ir E. Kass ne tik paskyrė auką, bet ir patys žadėjo dalyvauti abiejuose vakaruose spalio 23 d. Lietuvių auditorijoj ir lapkričio 20 d. Vyčių salėj.

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*Vaistininkas V. Petrauskas*, vienas senosios lietuvių kartos veikėjų, Chicagoj, yra kruopštus lietuvių vaistininkų visame pasaulyje (iskyrus Rusiją ir jos pavergtus kraštus) registruotojas. Jo žiniomis, iki šiol visame pasaulyje yra gyvųjų lietuvių vaistininkų 300, mirusiųjų — 45 ir studijuojančių — 23. Jis taip pat ruošia leidinį apie lietuvių vaistininkus.

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*S. Rumšas*, gyvenęs Waukegane, Ill., bet priklausęs vyčiams sendraugiams, paaukojo sieninį laikrodėlį, kurį sendraugiai kuria nors proga išleis bileteliais. Kuopa nuoširdžiai dėkoja Rumšui už dovaną. Šia proga reikia paminėti, kad S. Rumšas yra vienas naujųjų ateivių, pamatęs gražų vyčių veikimą įsirašė į sendraugius ir dabar yra vienas pavyzdin-giausių narių ir vyčių veiklos rėmėjų.

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*B. Pivariūnienė*, Chicagoj plačiai žinomos lietuviškos duonkepyklos savininkė ir labdarių veikėja, ir *T. Norbutienė*, sendraugių kuopos parengimų šeimininkė, buvo vyriausios šeimininkės puotos, kurią Lietuvių Kolegijos Rėmėjai Chicagoj suruošė viešėjusiam čia tos kolegijos vedėjui prel. L. Tulabai.

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*H. Širvinskienė* buvo vadovė maldininkų ekskursijos į Šventuosius Kalnus Wisconsin va'stybėje. Ekskursiją ruošė Moterų Sąjungos 20-ji kuopa, veikiant Brighton Parke.

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*M. ir A. Rudžiai* savo rezidencijoj suruošė išleistuves prel. L. Tulabai, Liet. Kolegijos Romoje vedėjui. Išleistuvėse dalyvavo: vysk. V. Brizgys, sendraugių dv. vadas prel. I. Albavičius, Lietuvos kons. dr. P. Daužvardis, kan. J. Paškauskas, kun. P. Činikas, MIC., TT. Marijo-

nų spaudos direktorius, buvęs miesto mēras M. Kennelly, buvęs Atstovų rūmų narys Fred Busbey, žurn. S. Pieža ir k. Pastarasis buvo vedėjas vaišių programos.

*S. Rudys*, buvęs Lietuvoj gimnazijos direktorius, šiomis dienomis gavo paskyrimą dėstyti lietuvių kalbą Jungtinių Vals-tybių armijos daliniuose. Nuo pat atvykimo į Ameriką S. Rudys priklauso vyčiams sendraugiams, kurie linki jam kuo geriausio pasisekimo naujose pareigose.

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*Ant. Rudis*, žinomas Chicagos lietuvių veikėjas Lietuvos laisvinimo reikaluose, Amerikos lietuvių atstovauja American Museum of Immigration komitete, kurį sudaro daugiau kaip 34 pasaulio kraštų atstovai. Muzėjus bus įkurtas New York uosto saloje, kur stovi Laisvės statula. Jis rūpinasi, kad lietuviškas skyrius muzėjuje būtų vaizdas. Tam reikalui imsis sudaryti platesnį komitetą.

(atkelta iš 11 psl.)

įvairiu būdu padėdama, eina tikru ir krikščionišku keliu...

Dėl to milijonai gerų Amerikos žmonių, tarp jų daug ir lietuvių, tiesdami pagalbos ranką kenčiantiesiems, yra tokie žmonės, kurie teisingai ir vertai gali mels-tis į Viešpatį Padėkos Dieną: šitokie mato daugiau ir toliau, ne-gu tik kvepiančią kalakutą ant švariai aptiesto stalo...

VYČIAI  
SENDRAUGIAI  
PADEDA  
SUORGANIZUOTI  
JAUNUOSIUS  
VYČIUS.  
VISOS VYČIŲ  
KUOPOS  
TURI  
JAUNUOSIUS  
VYČIUS!

## ALL ABOUT THE NEW

### Cultural Committee of the Knights of Lithuania



Jack J. Stukas, Chairman

Those Knights who missed our very successful and enjoyable 42nd National Convention in Newark, will, no doubt, upon learning of the formation of a new Knights of Lithuania Cultural Committee at the Convention, inquire as to what it is, its composition, what purposes it would serve, what its work and activities would consist of, etc.

In response to the possible questions that would arise in this regard, as elected chairman of the new Cultural Committee, I would like to outline the areas that should be and could be covered by the Cultural Committee, subject of course to modification and revision by its members.

First, all Districts should elect a member to this newly-formed Cultural Committee at the earliest opportunity. This new body has formidable and important tasks before it and we should get started on them at once. Councils will be asked to regularly report to this Committee on their progress in the cultural field.

The Cultural Committee should accomplish in the cultural sphere what our Lithuanian Affairs Committee is doing in the political sphere. In other words, with the activities of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee geared to the restoration of Lithuania's Independence and Freedom, the work of the Cultural Committee should be concerned with the preservation and dissemination of our rich cultural heritage and the coordination of our many related activities in this sector.

Regarding the work and activities of the Cultural Committee, here is a general outline of what

it should do with the cooperation of all Knights:

1. Foster and encourage the formation of District choruses, and Council quartets, trios, etc. These musical groups could perform at Convention, on radio programs, and local civic and social functions. The Cultural Committee would guide all councils in obtaining music, facilities, etc.

2. Help organize Council and District folk dance groups. A folk-dance manual recently published by Vyts Beliajus, called "The Dance of Lietuva," has almost a hundred Lithuanian folk dances listed, giving directions on how to do them and also the music accompaniment for them.

3. Aid Councils in establishing weekly or bi-weekly Lithuanian language classes. Many Lithuanians who speak the language with precision and excellence would be only too glad to take on such classes locally. Each Knight, furthermore, should obtain one of the best Lithuanian language study books in existence, namely, Marlborough's "Lithuanian Self-Taught." This pocket-size book not only gives you the essentials of Lithuanian grammar, but also the phonetic pronunciation of sentences, phrases, etc., and even a brief dictionary. If enough Knights order the book, the price would be about 90 cents each.

4. The Cultural Committee will furnish in the very near future a series of interesting summaries of different aspects of Lithuanian culture. These will be in English, from 5 to 8 minutes in duration if read aloud, and cover such topics as: Lithuanian folk songs, folk dances, language, folklore, history, customs, traditions, etc.

At each Council meeting, one of these could be read by a member. Knights should also see to it that local Lithuanian programs from time to time included these English talks on Lithuania, which in all cases would be given by a Knight. Many Americans, and also Lithuanians who do not easily comprehend the Lithuanian language, will learn to appreciate our Lithuanian cultural heritage more upon hearing these summaries, especially on the air.

5. The Cultural Committee would see to it that any errors or slurs regarding Lithuania and her people were corrected or objected to, in encyclopedias, textbooks, professional publications, etc.

6. Important speakers should be invited to give talks on Lithuanian subjects, preferably in English, at Council meetings, District Conventions, and National Conventions. With reference to the latter, the Cultural Committee could assist the Supreme Council in selection of a suitable speaker, or authority.

7. Each month in the "Vytis", a list of books and other publications in English, concerning Lithuania, could be published. Information as to where the books could be obtained and at what price would be included.

8. A current list of Lithuanian recordings available also could be published each month in the "Vytis." All Knights should have a collection of Lithuanian recordings. The chairman of your new Cultural Committee has access to all foreign and domestic producers of Lithuanian recordings, and would be glad to assist any member seeking recordings at substantial savings. New Lith-



uanian records are now being made available in England, and they are really beautiful. The Cultural Committee will list them in the "Vytis"...

9. For each monthly meeting, a member of a Council should be selected to do research at the local library on a specific topic on Lithuania, and present a brief 5 or 10 minute report on it at the meeting, followed by a brief discussion period. This would tend to make our meetings intellectually stimulating.

10. Numerous Councils sponsor St. Casimir celebrations and Lithuanian Independence observances. Special program guides, suggestions and specific ideas could be furnished by the Cultural Committee. For example, in recently commemorating the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the Lithuanian Press, members of the New York-New Jersey District, under the able direction of Joe Boley, recorded a 15 minute radio skit in English on the event, which was rebroadcasted over a number of Lithuanian radio programs in New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago. This type of cultural activity and related endeavors will prove to the Lithuanian general public that the Knights of Lithuania is composed of young people who are genuinely interested in Lithuanian culture and intellectual stimulation. All Knights have the innate intelligence and ability to contribute to this important work. Let us therefore tackle our tasks and persevere and excel in them — Perstare Et Praestare!

At the gala banquet closing our National Convention in Newark, Bishop Justin J. McCarthy told me he thought it admirable that young people of various national groups in the United States keep close ties with each other and concern themselves with the preservation and propagation of their great cultural inheritance, as well as their faith. The diffusion of this culture, in turn, will enrich the American way of life — and we will all be better citizens for it. In other words, a good Lithuanian makes a better American... and a Knight couldn't be other than a good Lithuanian!

## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES SUGGESTIONS

Rev. St. Raila

Here are some worthwhile suggestions for genuine K. of L. activities. You may not be able to use them all. The important thing is to notice that these activities lead to the fulfillment of our K. of L. ideals. They are worth working out.

1. December is the month of the Advent of Our Lord. Why not have some member or members prepare a talk, or give a reading from some book about the meaning of Advent?

2. Christmas Eve — *Kūčios* — is a very dear celebration among Lithuanians. A *Kūčių* Supper in complete Lithuanian style would be an event to be talked about for weeks.

3. How about a Christmas playlet presented at the December meeting?

4. Most, or at least many members are choir singers. They could present a few Christmas carols both in English and Lithuanian to underline the Christmas season at the December meeting.

5. In the somewhat larger councils you will find members who can play musical instruments. Now, why couldn't they get together, practise a bit, and come up with an orchestra, to play at K. of L. special functions?

6. Where there are Lithuanian customs observed in church around Christmas time, why not be present? Why not get to see them and take part in them? Invite someone who is up on these things to give a brief talk about them.

7. And speaking of Lithuanian customs, there is one that could be started this month and continued always. It is this: to learn and use the greeting: "Garbė Jėzui Kristui!" and the answer: "Per amžiu amžius!" Or the "Padėk, Dieve", when you see someone hard at work.

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JACK J. STUKAS, chmn. of new Cultural Committee. Graduate of New York University (1949), majored in International Economics and received B. S. degree; studied Contemporary European economic problems under government scholarship (summer of 1949) at special graduate scholars' session at Oxford U. in England; graduate of Columbia University, Graduate School of Business (1951); now studying at New York University's Institute of Public Affairs and Regional Studies for his Ph. D. degree (majoring in East European area), hopes to get his degree in 1956. Dissertation topic — "The Development of the Lithuanian National Consciousness." Was employed as radio producer-director for Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian Services of the VOICE OF AMERICA (1951-1954); advertising manager and public relations director for a large financial organization in Newark (1954 to present time); producer, director and announcer of Lithuanian radio program and radio features since 1941 (started at 16 years of age); now has hourly radio show Saturdays on New York station and half-hour Sundays; organizer and director of Lithuanian "Rūta" cultural society, choral ensemble and folk dance group (since 1944). Veteran of World War II, president of Lithuanian American Council of New Jersey since 1945, president of Temporary Organizational Committee of the Lithuanian American Community in New Jersey, one of 27 national directors elected to governing body of this organization. Member of the Knights of Lithuania since 1945 — joined Council 90, and at present member of C-29, Newark. Member of the Academy of Political Science of Columbia U. and member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science of Philadelphia. Lives with folks; too busy to be other than single, has three brothers, two sisters-in-law and two nieces and a nephew. In his spare time, Jack loves to do the polka and go fishing.

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## Lithuanian Newsmonger

*This Department is appreciative of the assistance given to it by members. Send news items, snapshots, clippings to: VYTIS, 395 W. Broadway, S. Boston 27, Mass.*

Whatever touches the Lithuanian American in modern society is our concern. For 40 years we have been publishing VYTIS. Ours is a *national* review — the entire sweep of Lithuanian American life. Our journalistic "beat" is from Lewiston, Maine to Los Angeles, California, and Canada, besides. Obviously, then, every intelligent Lithuanian American Catholic is interested in a magazine like VYTIS and every intelligent Catholic is a potential VYTIS reader. And since this is so, a conviction comes forcefully to mind. Here at VYTIS we must reach out to all of them, to two times the number of readers we now have. It is important to have Catholics who stand up and speak their minds. It is important that they have the kind of information they need. And finally, it is important that VYTIS gives them the kind of a journal they want.

Your editors, together with the Advisory Staff, are drawing up plans for the new VYTIS to meet this challenge and demand of our times. Two words describe the scope and objective of articles now in preparation: wider range. Whatever touches the human person, whatever is of national and world compass will be included. There is a lot of goodness in the world and a lot of good people, working hard and making progress in many fields. In fact there are many reasons for hope.

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REV. ANTHONY B. MESLIS, S.J., A.B., M.A. Born in New York, educated in Boston, Mass., has been professor of Theology at BOSTON COLLEGE for the past three years. Previously he was a member of the Jesuit Mission group and gave Missions throughout the United States and Canada in Lithuanian and various other languages. In June of this year, he celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood.

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AVIATION CADET EDMUND P. RUDIS, member of Council 17, South Boston, Mass., is receiving jet pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Chandler, Arizona. During his training he will fly the North American T-28 dual-seat, conventional type trainer, and the Lockheed T-33, only dual-seat jet trainer.

CIURLIONIS ENSEMBLE Concert, sponsored by United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Boston Chapter, was highly successful at the New England Conservatory of Music, Jordan Hall, Boston, Mass., on November 12, 1955. General Chairman was ANTANAS MATIOSKA. Speech of welcome was given by ATTORNEY A. O. SHALLNA, LITHUANIAN CONSUL AT BOSTON. The hall with a seating capacity of over one thousand was oversubscribed. K. of L. Honorary and Committee members were — MSGR. FRANCIS M. JURAS, MSGR. CONSTANTINE A. VASYS, REV. FRANCIS A. VIRMAUSKIS, MR. A. F. KNEIŽYS, ATTY. J. J. GRIGALUS, ATTY. A. J. YOUNG, MR. FRANK RAZVADAUSKAS, MR. L. SVELNIS, MISS P. GRENDALE and ALGIMANTAS IVASKA.

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The 1955 Annual Banquet Reunion of Mount Saint Joseph Academy was under the General Chairmanship of MISS P. GRENDALE of S. Boston, Mass.

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BRUÑO VARE of Chicago, Ill., in August, observed three memorable dates — his 65th birthday, the 18th anniversary of his employment as a bookkeeper with Talman Federal Savings and Loan Association, and his retirement from the organization. VARE came to the United States from *Lithuania* when he was 15 years of age. He finished his elementary, high school, and partial college education in this country. In addition to English and his native LITHUANIAN, Vare speaks fluent Russian and Polish, and "can get along" in almost all of the Slavic languages. He has generously aided many Lithuanian DPs in overcoming their language problem through his conversational English classes.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Newark, N. J. (Pastor — Msgr. I. Kelmelis, host to the 42nd nat'l convention of K. of L.) celebrated its 60th Anniversary October 9th. The parish history goes back to 1894 when a group of Lithuanians called a meeting to start a parish for the Lithuanians of Essex County. They named the parish Sacred Heart of Jesus. A year later it was changed to Holy Trinity. At the time of the building of the present church, (October 1917), about 1000 families were enrolled. The celebration began with a Solemn High Mass at 10:30 a.m. Msgr. Kelmelis, celebrant; deacon, Rev. Thomas Zuraitis, O.P. of Metuchen and subdeacon, Rev. Peter Totoraitis, assistant at Holy Trinity Church. St. Cecilia Choir under the direction of Clement Bagdana-

vicius sang the Mass of St. Louis. That same evening in the parish hall, there was a banquet and musical program.

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LOUIS A. MEYER collects Lithuanian stamps, viewcards and coins. He also collects Canadian and U.S. coins. What do you want in exchange? He will send a list of every American Lithuanian newspaper and magazine with complete address for ten cents unused U. S. stamps. Write to LOUIS A. MEYER, 244 Fernon St., Philadelphia 48, Pa.

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CHICAGO, ILL. One of the adult education centers sponsored by Cardinal Stritch, Catholic archbishop of Chicago, this fall will be Maria High School. Adult lecture courses include "Personality", "The Bible," "What Is Philosophy," and "You and Your Neighbor."

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MRS AGNES PALUBIN of Chicago, Ill., was declared "best Lithuanian cook" at the International Electric Cooking contest. She baked a "kugelis." Judges were Mrs. S. Barcus, Judge Alfonse Wells, and Aldona Uska, all of Chicago.

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Samuel Cardinal Stritch praised THE LITHUANIAN DAILY DRAUGAS of Chicago for "effectively combating communism with the force of the press." He accepted honorary chairmanship of the Marian Fathers building campaign committee, which is collecting \$250,000 for a new DRAUGAS publishing house and a monastery. EDWARD STASIUKAITIS is chairman of the fund committee, and ANTHONY J. RUDIS is general chairman.

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ADOLPH A. VALANIS of Chicago, Ill., police judo expert, aided in hunt for gunman, Richard Carpenter before his capture. VALANIS retouched portraits of Carpenter to illustrate various disguises with which police believed the hunted man might have attempted to change his appearance.

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A report on the fire drills held in all the AMSTERDAM SCHOOLS had been submitted by Fire Chief S. A. Palombo, who conducted the drills in connection with FIRE PREVENTION WEEK. The fastest time was recorded by ST. CASIMIR'S SCHOOL, whose 147 pupils emptied their classrooms in 35 seconds.

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DETECTIVE ALBERT LUZINAS of Amsterdam, N. Y. handles most of police photo work which plays an important role in crime and accident investigation. The detective bureau also handles fingerprinting.

## KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA SUPREME COUNCIL SPIRITUAL PROGRAM AWARD

Council No. .... City ..... Total Score .....

Council Membership: Men ....; Women ....; Total Membership ....

To enrich the spiritual life of its members, and to deepen the religious roots of the Knights of Lithuania, the Supreme Council in cooperation with its Spiritual Director is sponsoring the following Spiritual Program. The program is being conducted in the nature of a contest with appropriate Spiritual Program Awards being given to the three best K. of L. Councils, and the best Junior Council.

The Spiritual Program is to be carried out under the supervision of, and with the cooperation of the local spiritual director. Each council is to appoint a Spiritual Program Chairman. His duties will be plan and effect the achievement of the Program and to keep a record of the council score on this sheet. On July 1, 1956, this score sheet is to be signed by the Spiritual Director, Council President, and Spiritual Program Chairman in testimony of the accuracy of the report. The report is to be mailed to: Rev. Albert J. Contons, 50 West Sixth St., South Boston 27, Mass.

The Contest begins October 1, 1955 and ends on June 30, 1956.

The Contest Chairman will be the judge in any disputes arising in the scoring of the contest.

I. KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES. (10 points for a lecture, panel discussion, or group discussion or forum on a religious subject at the monthly meeting.) (At the discretion of the Spiritual Director another subject may be chosen.)

Month	Subject	(Other Subject)	No. of Points
October	— The Unavoidable God .....	.....	.....
November	— The Soul: What Is It? .....	.....	.....
December	— Are The Gospels True? .....	.....	.....
January	— The Bible and / or The Church. ....	.....	.....
February	— What Catholics Think of Christ. ....	.....	.....
March	— What Catholics Think of the Church .....	.....	.....
April	— My Faith and I .....	.....	.....
May	— Is There Salvation Outside the Church. ....	.....	.....
June	— God's Grace, Divine Vitamin of the Soul .....	.....	.....

Prepared material and suggestions on each subject will be sent to the Spiritual Director of each council.

II. THE COUNCIL RECEIVES HOLY COMMUNION. (The members of each council should receive Communion each month. However, since the scoring of such an activity involves practical difficulties, no score will be given for monthly Communion.)

October 30, 1955, FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, begins CATHOLIC YOUTH WEEK in America. Official theme is: YOUTH — OUR HOPE. 7 million youths to receive Holy Communion.

Council sponsors K. of L. Communion Mass (10 points).

Council sponsors K. of L. Communion Breakfast and Program (15 points).

March 4, 1956, Feast of St. Casimir, Patron of Lithuanian Youth and of Knights of Lithuania. Theme: ST. CASIMIR; MODEL OF YOUTH.

Council sponsors K. of L. Communion Mass (10 points).

Council sponsors K. of L. Communion Breakfast (15 points).

III. RETREAT WEEKEND (or any other 2 or 3 day period). K. of L. officially sponsors and publicizes a retreat for men. (15 points).

K. of L. officially sponsors and publicizes a retreat for women. (15 points).

(These may be jointly sponsored with parish Holy Name, Sodality, etc. provided they are attended by K. of L. members and officially cosponsored.) Additional 1 point for every 5% of membership making a retreat during Contest period, whether in K. of L. retreat or any other group. (For example, if 25 out of 50 council members make a retreat, this — 50% of membership. 1 point for every 5% equals 10 points. 53% counts as 55%. 52% counts as 50%.)

OR: DAY OF RECOLLECTION (consisting of morning and afternoon conferences, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; sponsored by the K. of L. for its members) 15 points for sponsoring and carrying out a Day of Recollection.

(NOTE: The Day of Recollection is suggested for councils who do not sponsor men and women's retreats. THEREFORE, a council may claim points either for the Day of Recollection, or for the Retreat, BUT not for both.)

IV. FEBRUARY: CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH — Catholic Press Exhibit (15 points). A display of Catholic books, newspapers, magazines shown in a public place, such as parish church, hall, clubroom.

CATHOLIC PRESS DRIVE. (1 point for every new or renewal subscription to a Catholic publication placed through K. of L. members as part of the February drive.)

V. DECORATION OF MARY'S SHRINE and CONSECRATION OF MEMBERS to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (at meeting or religious service sponsored by K. of L.). Marian Shrine consists of statue of Mary, appropriately decorated with vigil lights, candles, flowers, drapes, or paintings, etc. in K. of L. meeting place or other place selected by Spiritual Director. (20 points).

VI. ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. The K. of L. participates in watching before the Blessed Sacrament either during Forty Hours Devotions or Holy Thursday by assigning periods of watch to the members. (20 points).

(Any other similar vigil by members may be substituted at the discretion of the local Spiritual Director if to the advantage of the parish.)

Signed: Spiritual Director .....

Council President .....

Address .....

Spir. Program Chmn. ....

### SVEIKINIMAS

L. Vyčių 42 Seimas siunčia nuoširdžiausius sveikinimus ir linkėjimus Jo Šventenybei Popiežiui Pijui XII bei Lietuvos Vyskupams Jų Ekscelencijoms Arkiv. J. Skvireckui, Vysk. V. Padolskiui ir Vysk. V. Brizgiui.

### P A D Ė K A

L. Vyčių 42-sis Seimas dėkoja Kun. Dr. Juozui Prunskiui "Draugo" redaktoriui už \$50.00 dovaną "Vyties" platintojams ir Kun. Mykolui Vembrei už 10 knygų dovaną tam pat tikslui.

# AUKSO MINTYS

*Ištraukos iš Vyčių Seimui prisiųstų sveikinimų*

Mr. Walter Chinik, Presidium Chairman  
Knights of Lithuania  
4649 Cook Ave.  
Pittsburgh 36, Pa.

September 28, 1955.

Dear Mr. Chinik:

*I have been directed by the Secretariat of State of the Holy See to inform you that the Holy Father has received the communication addressed to him by the Forty-Second National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania expressing greetings and filial devotion and requesting the Blessing of His Holiness.*

*The Sovereign Pontiff expressed his gratitude for this kind message and graciously imparted the implored Apostolic Benediction.*

*With sentiments of esteem and every best wish, I remain*

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
/s/ A. G. Cicognani  
Archbishop of Laodicea  
Apostolic Delegate

"I am greatly honored to address this annual convention of the Knights of Lithuania. I know that this meeting presents you with the opportunity to express your anxiety for the land of your forebears which is presently under the totalitarian oppression of the godless Soviet Union. It also offers a chance for all freedom-loving Americans to join with you assembled here in emphatically protesting against the inhuman tactics of Soviet aggression as well as transmitting a message of hope for eventual freedom of all Lithuanians from their present bondage. It is essential that we incessantly remind your Lithuanian kinsmen we have not deserted them, and try to strengthen them spiritually so that they will continue their gallant struggle against Communist tyranny despite great odds.

The premeditated plan by which the Soviets enslaved the brave Lithuanian nation and the methods used to subjugate them profoundly shocked the American people. The unscrupulous and inhuman practice of deportation and mass exterminations, which the ruthless communists have had to employ in their efforts to mold the social, economic and cultural standards of Soviet Russia, is ample evidence of the indamitable determination of the Lithuanian people to resist the tyrant and to remain free. The Communists' total disregard for human rights and fundamental freedoms is a violation of the law of nations and the law of nature.

However, incredible as it may seem, despite the threat of brutal persecutions the resistance movement among Lithuanians still continues in the home land as well as abroad. It has been estimated that over fifteen underground newspapers are published in Lithuania. Moreover, in the face of constant pressure to enforce communism, it has been estimated that Lithuania has the smallest communist party membership of any of the satellite countries — only 0.8% of the entire population.

The American people have not forgotten the valiant efforts of the Lithuanian people to hold tenaciously to the last vestiges

of freedom. Evidence of our concern for their plight was the formation of the House Baltic Committee to investigate the incorporation of the Baltic states into the U.S.S.R. Extensive hearings were held and the testimony given by eye-witnesses demonstrated for all the world to see the pattern of Communist aggression in the Baltic states. This thorough and well documented investigation should be a source of encouragement to these captive peoples in assuring them that we have not forgotten them and that we do not condone their captivity. These documents are available in colleges and libraries throughout the United States and are a means of informing the American people regarding the ruthless tactics employed by the Soviets in conquering free countries.

The American people have never recognized the absorption of Lithuania into the Soviet system. The Lithuanian people, conscious of their right of freedom, will never surrender and renounce their independence of soul and they will oppose the foreign aggressor. Their fight for freedom is a symbol and inspiration for oppressed nations everywhere; we are sure that such a determination for liberty will not be in vain. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has stated that a despotism of the Soviet type cannot indefinitely perpetuate its rule over hundreds of millions of people who love God, who love country, and who have a sense of personal dignity.

It is fitting that on this occasion of the annual convention of the Knights of Lithuania that I express my sincerest hope for the liberation of the Lithuanian homeland and its restoration once more as an independent republic.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ Peter W. Rodino, Jr., M. C.  
Congressman, 10th District—New Jersey

1955 m. rugp. 24 d.

Lietuvos Vyčių 42 Seimui  
Robert Treat Viešbutyje  
Newark, N. J.

Brangūs Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo Atstovai:

Laikau garbe ir malonumu, kaip buvęs newarkietis ir vienas iš pirmųjų Newarko Lietuvos Vyčių kuopos narių, sveikinti 42-ji Lietuvos Vyčių Seimą ir linkėti jam pasisekimo visų klausimų svarstyme ir išrišime.

Prieš Lietuvos Vyčių Seimą ir prieš visus vyčius, lygiai, kaip ir prieš visus lietuvius laisvajame pasaulyje, stovi du dideli klausimai ir reikalai: lietuvių tautos potencialo išsaugojimas bei sustiprinimas ir išnaudojimas, ir Lietuvos išlaisvinimas.

Jums, mieli vyčiai, ir Seime esantieji ir namuose pasilikusieji, priklauso didelė pagarba, kad Jūs savo organizaciją per 42 metus išlaikėt, nuo lietuviybės nenutolot — Lietuvos Vyčiais pasilikote, Lietuvos Vyčiais esate. Jūs padėjot Lietuvai laisvę iškovoti, Jūs padėjot Lietuvą atkūrti ir ant kojų atsistoti, Jūs padedat Lietuvai kovoti dėl jos laisvės ir nepriklausomybės, Jūs ginat ir keliat Lietuvos bylą tikrai vytiškai, savo laiškais ir memorandumais Jūs esate užtvenkę politikus, komentatorius ir laikraščius. Jums visiems, o ypatingai Lietuvos Reikalų Komisijos Pirmininkui Kun. Jutkevičiui, priklauso didelė ir gili pagarba ir

padėka. Jo ir Jūsų plunksna pasiekia ir tolimiausias vietas. Tai geras ir reikšmingas darbas. Tęskite jį ir toliau.

Tad, Lietuvos Vyčiai, sekite ir vykdykite Amerikos ir Lietuvos troškimus ir nusistatymus, stiprinkite save ir savo organizaciją, kovokite už Amerikos laisvę ir dėl Lietuvos laisvės — būkite tikri ir kovingi lietuviai ir Amerikos piliečiai. Dieve Jums padėk!

Jūsų,  
P. Daužvardis, Lietuvos Konsulas

August 23, 1955

Mr. Edward Thompson, Convention Chairman  
Knights of Lithuania  
Robert Treat Hotel  
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Thompson:

It is with pleasant memories that I recall the eventful and successful convention of the Knights of Lithuania held at the Hotel Statler, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1953.

Having some idea of the energy, hard work, perseverance and idealism that are needed to keep an organization like the Knights of Lithuania in the foreground of American Lithuanian life, I want to commend the convention committee, spiritual advisers, the national officers, the council officers and the delegates for your devotion to the organization and glorious work in carrying out the aims and purposes of the Knights of Lithuania.

Working for God and Country, you are doing your part in the struggle for the liberation of Lithuania! One can be proud of the Knights of Lithuania and wish you a very successful 42nd national convention in Newark, New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,  
Anthony O. Shallna  
Honorary Lithuanian Consul  
at Boston

1955 m. rugpiūčio 18 d.

Didž. Gerb.  
p. A. Vasiliauskiui  
Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Pirmininkui  
72 Steamboat Road  
Great Neck, L. I., N. Y.

Malonus Pone Pirmininke:

Negalėdamas asmeniškai dalyvauti Lietuvos Vyčių suvažiavime prašau priimti mano nuoširdžiausius sveikinimus bei linkėjimus ir toliau sėkmingai dirbti religiniai kultūrinį darbą. Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija turi labai gražias tradicijas kaip patrijotinė ir kultūrinė lietuvių organizacija padėjusi išlaikyti Amerikoje mūsų tėvų kalbą, papročius ir religiją. Akivaizdoje Lietuvos okupacijos ir Kremliaus pastangų pavergti ir likusiąją laisvąją pasaulio dalį Lietuvos Vyčių darbai įgauna ypatingą prasmę. Linkiu nepavargti ir dar su didesne energija toliau dirbti.

Su geriausiais linkėjimais ir tikra pagarba,  
Jonas Budrys,  
Generalinis Konsulas

## UŽUOJAUTA

L. Vyčių 42 Seimas reiškia gilią užuojautą Lietuvos Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos Apskrities Kuopūnariams ir jų šeimoms, kurie nukentėjo nuo potvynio.

## LITHUANIA NEEDS KNIGHTS

"ADVOCATE", 8/27/55

(Official organ of the Archdiocese of Newark, N. J.)

Its Bishops dead or exiled, most of its priests swallowed by the wastes of Siberia, or by the silence of martyrdom, its monasteries and convents closed, all public worship of God called treason to its Soviet persecutor, Catholic Lithuania will not allow its Faith to die. Dimmed though its light may be, it is being passed down heroically from confessor parents to future Martyr sons and daughters. The Catholic Faith will not die in Lithuania while Catholic Lithuanians still live.

Guarantee, sufficient for us, that the Faith will not die while Lithuanians live is the sturdy piety of the Lithuanians who live among us. Stronger faith none could ask, more living faith none could have. Guarantee, too, may be found in the solid history of the Faith of American Lithuanian groups like the Knights of Lithuania who are gathered this week in Newark for their national meeting.

Founded in 1913 to instill in its members a deeper love of the Faith to encourage appreciation of American citizenship and of Lithuanian traditions, and to provide social activities, the Knights of Lithuania have proven true to the Catholic traditions of the country of their origin. Like their forebears in the Faith, today's Knights of Lithuania have been loyal to their priests, steadfast in the Church's support and truly Catholic in their lives.

This is their Catholic heritage from Lithuania where centuries of Czarist oppression could not kill the Faith. Will oppression under two Soviet captivities, barbaric beyond measure, succeed where the Czars failed? We do not think so.

Yet only superb heroism can keep the Faith alight in a country subjugated to the Soviet Republic. The Reds are determined to wipe out the Catholic Faith. Genocide unlimited has been put to the service of the Reds, while individual arrests, starvations, exile, and murder are never far from those Lithuanians who still walk the soil of their homeland.

Deportation to that fathomless pit of human misery, Siberian concentration camps, has been the reward for clinging to Catholicism. Four times between 1944 and the middle of 1949 mass deportations of Catholic Lithuanians from homeland to Siberia took place. On one such death march a column of some 6,000 persons was deliberately shot to death by the Russian NKVD.

Catholic Lithuania will die if Russia can at all manage it. Only the conscience of the other nations, who are dealing with Russia as if she were a civilized nation, can keep her alive. Fortunately the American conscience, at least, cannot rest easy with the memory of ravaged Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia still vividly before it.

We must stir up that conscience still more so that the full power of American pressure will be felt by the Soviets. Pressure, and the encouragement of those groups still working for the liberation of these ravished lands, may be the only ways of help visible on the surface. Determination may uncover other effective ways in the future.

Meanwhile groups like the Knights of Lithuania will remind us to pray for the Lithuanians who are our suffering brothers in Christ. They will warn us too against the "dove of peace" released by the Reds at strategic intervals. No such dove is the real thing unless attached to its feet is the message: Lithuania has been freed.

## L. VYČIŲ SEIMO PRIIMTOS REZOLIUCIJOS

That Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution be changed to read: "All regular members pay \$3.00 yearly to the Supreme Council, which includes a subscription to the VYTIS."

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That Article VI, Section 4 of the Constitution be changed to read: "In families having several members belonging to the organization, including married couples, one member may pay \$3.00 yearly dues while each of the others may pay \$2.00 yearly dues. The option of paying \$2.00 and not receiving the VYTIS is available to a member only if another member of his or her family living at the same address has paid \$3.00 and is in good standing. Only the member paying \$3.00 receives the VYTIS."

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That Article VI, Sections 6 and 7 of the Constitution be eliminated. The present Sections 8, 9 and 10 would then become Sections 6, 7 and 8 respectively.

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At its 42nd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania held at the Hotel Robert Treat in Newark, N. Y., on Aug. 25-28, 1955, the convention delegates unanimously passed the following resolutions:

1. That the Knights of Lithuania, an organization for the Catholic Lithuanian youth of America, pledge their undivided and wholehearted support to the Government of the United States in their sincere efforts to achieve a lasting peace for the entire world.
2. That the Government of the United States at once take concrete steps to force Soviet Russia to leave Lithuania, a land which the Soviets seized against the will of her people. We feel that this would be a very important step toward world peace.
3. That Lithuania be given a seat in the United Nations so that she may be able to present her case to the entire world and, because her case is a just one, that she may regain as soon as possible her rightful place among the free and independent nations of the world.
4. That the Knights of Lithuania organization at its convention voice its profoundest gratitude to the President and the Government of the United States for the support that is constantly being extended to the just cause of Lithuania.

(Copies of Resolutions sent to Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America; Senators H. Alexander Smith and Clifford P. Case of New Jersey; Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr. of New Jersey; Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General, United Nations; Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.)

L. Vyčių 42-sis seimas įvykęs rugp. 26-28 dienomis Newark, N. J. prašo Centro Valdybos išleisti vadovėlį, kuris apimtų kuopų valdybos narių pareigas, narių mokesčių reikalus, kvalifikacijas Ritualo laipsnius įsigyti ir paruošti kuopoms veiklos planą.

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L. Vyčių 42-sis Seimas prašo, kad Centras, sąryšį su seimų dienotvarkės vykdymu, nustatytų Vyčių Organizacijos narių ir delegatų teises bei pareigas seimuose ir seimo komisijų pareigas.

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L. Vyčių 42 Seimas išklaušė Amerikos Lietuvių Rymo Katalikų Federacijos Jaunimo Direktoriato pasiūlymą Vyčiams pagyvinimui veiklos pakviesti nuolatinį apmokamą reikalų vedėją. Seimas pritaria pasiūlymui ir prašo Kun. Stasio Railos, bendradarbiaujant su Centro Valdyba, rasti tinkamą asmenį toms pareigoms ir galimybės jį išlaikyti.

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L. Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos Apskritis pristato šiam seimui ir Garbės Narių Komisijai Kun. Joną Jutkevičių kaip kandidatą į Garbės Narius. Kun. Jonas Jutkevičius savo nuoširdžia veikla Vyčių organizacijoje yra užsipelnęs aukščiausio laipsnio, kurį Lietuvos Vyčiai turi galimybės suteikti.

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L. Vyčių 42 Seimas, perskaitęs Jaunamečiams Vyčiams paruoštą Konstituciją, vienbalsiai ją priėmė kaip oficialią Lietuvos Vyčių Jaunamečių Konstituciją. (Spausdinta Vytyje birž. nr., 1955).

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L. Vyčių 42 Seimas matydamas kokių gražių laimėjimų Lietuvių Reikalų Komisija yra pasiekusi Lietuvos išlaisvinimo veikloje ir įvertindamas lietuvišką kultūrą, nutaria įsteigti Kultūros Komisiją. Pageidautina, kad ši komisija bendradarbiautų su Lietuvių Bendruomenės Kultūros Taryba ir pasirūpintų patiekti kuopoms medžiagos liečiančios lietuvių tautos kultūros reikalus—brošiūrėlių, straipsnių, plokštelių ir t. t. pavydale.

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L. Vyčių 42 Seimas pritaria, kad ateinantiems veiklos metams būtų išrinktas Sporto Direktorius.

### PAGEIDAVIMAI

Kad Centro Valdyba pravesių Naujų Narių Vajų pradedant spalio mėn. ir baigiant gegužės 31 d.

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Kad L. Vyčių Centro Valdyba, bendradarbiaujant su Ritualo Komisija, surastų būdą specialiai pagerbti Lietuvos Vyčių Jaunamečių kuopų organizatorius.

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Kad Centro Valdyba, prisilaikant Konstitucijos punkto XVII, daugiau dėmesio atkreiptų į likviduotų kuopų turto ir vestų raštu reikalus. Pageidautina, kad istoriška medžiaga būtų perimta ir pasiūsta Lietuvos Vyčių arkvyvi.

# REPORTS

Reports given at the convention are as follows: Rev. Albert J. Contons, spiritual director; Al Wesey, president (published); Wm. Kolicius, Jr., treasurer; Edward Daniels, vice president (JUNIORS — copy of K. of L. Juniors Constitution, which was published in June issue of VYTIS, 1955, distributed to all delegates); L. Svelnis, Ritual chairman (published); Rev. John C. Jutt, hon. chairman of Lithuanian Affairs (published); Joseph Sakevich, vice president (MEMBERSHIP DRIVE — published); M. A. Norkunas Memorial Fund (Joseph Boley, chmn.); Fr. A. Jurgelaitis, O. P. (Leadership Course — published); K. of L. Building Fund; Rev. Stasys Raila (published); K. of L. Medal (to be published in November issue); VYTIS Honorary Subscribers (Rev. A. J. Contons, chmn. — published); Mrs. Tillie Gerulis, financial secretary (published); John S. Daniels and Frank J. Vaskas, trustees; Dr. Juozas Leimonas, editor of VYTIS.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

MRS. TILLIE GERULIS

According to the records as of June 30, 1955, we have active councils in the five districts — New England, New York - New Jersey, Pittsburgh, Ohio - Michigan, and Illinois - Indiana councils without district — Los Angeles, California (133) and Portland, Oregon (137); 78 members in the Armed Forces; 55 clergy. During the membership drive we gained 176 new members and two Junior Councils — Philadelphia, Pa. (3) and Dayton, Ohio (96). Due to the efforts of Supreme Council board members, there are now 8 active Junior Councils — Philadelphia, Pa., South Boston, Mass., Worcester, Mass., Norwood, Mass., Bayonne, N. J., Gary Indiana, Dayton, Ohio and Providence, Rhode Island.

This past year a council was organized in Montreal, Canada.

Among the less active councils, I find — Brockton, Mass. (1), Chicago, Ill. (16); Grand Rapids, Michigan (43), Indiana Harbor, Indiana (55), Pittsburgh (62), Niagara Falls, N. Y. (92), Maspeth, N. Y. (110), Cincinnati, Ohio (134) and Pittsburgh (Seniors).

I have noticed during my term in office that some councils are not as active as they should be. One of the causes for some of these councils disbanding is that members who take on the duties of council financial secretary are inefficient and do not take their job seriously.

One of the undertakings by the Supreme Council this coming year should be the reviving of old councils and trying to keep our members from dropping out of the K. of L.

We have large committees for other programs that arise but seem to be satisfied with just a one-man committee for our annual Membership Drive. Joseph Sakevich, vice president and chairman of the Membership Drive this past year, did a very good job. Upon being notified of a council which was on the verge of disbanding Mr. Sakevich would either contact the council personally or if at some distance away from his home, would correspond. If I may be permitted to suggest — it would simplify matters by having at least one member from each district included on the Membership Committee.

Aside of the nine above-mentioned councils being less active, the following should be revived: Lewiston, Maine (2), Chicago, Ill. (24), Albany, N. Y. (136) and Kankakee, Ill. (132). These councils have become defunct within the last four years. We still maintain active members in Jersey City and Columbus, Ohio, but, there, too, something should be done to increase their membership.

## RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

LONGINAS L. SVELNIS, Chairman  
ADELLA A. CERASKA, Secretary  
VINCENT ED. PAVIS, Treasurer

During the past fiscal year ending July 31, 1955, the secretary recorded the following tabulation of degrees granted members:

Council	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
6 Hartford	2	6			8
17 So. Boston		3	9		12
19 Pittsburgh	14	16	6	2	38
25 Cleveland			3		3
26 Worcester	10	10			20
29 Newark	11	9			20
67 Bayonne	14				14
96 Dayton	6				6
116 So. Worcester	24	10			34
135 Ansonia	1	9			10
Total this year	82	63	18	2	165
Prior years	1513	731	324	161	2715
Grand Total	1581	794	342	163	2880

The Supreme Ritual Committee is working in great harmony, and our records and files are in good order. We have a problem of laxity on the part of Council Ritual Committees sending in lists of members receiving 1st and 2nd degrees and failing to file complete applications. No action is taken by the secretary to record these names without having received dully filed out applications.

The Ritual Ceremonies are in process of revision and suggestions are most welcome.

## DONATIONS — AT CONVENTION

\$250.00 — Council 29, Newark, N. J.
50.00 — Rev. Dr. J. Prunskis, Chicago, Ill. (Vyties platintojams)
50.00 — Council 3, Philadelphia, Pa.
25.00 — Rev. Magnus Kazenas, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Vytis Fund)
25.00 — New York - New Jersey District
20.00 — Judge John Zuris, Chicago, Ill.
20.00 — Council 109, Great Neck, N. Y.
15.00 — Senior Council, Chicago, Ill. (Vytis Fund)
15.00 — Asst. State's Attorney Konstant J. Savickus, Chicago, Illinois
10.00 — Jonas Spranaitis, Paterson, N. J. (hon. memb.)
10.00 — Rev. Fr. Virmauskis, S. Boston, Mass. (hon. memb.)
10.00 — Frank Vaskas, Newark, N. J.
10.00 — Council 82, Gary, Indiana
10.00 — Illinois - Indiana District
10.00 — Jonas Juozaitis, Chicago, Ill. (hon. memb.)
10.00 — Council 112, Chicago, Ill.
10.00 — Rev. M. G. Kemezis, Elizabeth, N. J.
10.00 — Council 116, Worcester, Mass.
10.00 — Jack Stukas, Hillside, N. J. (Vytis Fund)
5.00 — Council 30, Westfield, Mass.
5.00 — Anthony Padvaiskas, Lawrence, Mass.
5.00 — Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, Waterbury, Conn. (hon. memb.)
\$585.00 — TOTAL

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JOSEPH A. SAKEVICH, Chairman

With the close of the 1955 Membership Drive, I would like to thank all those who made this program complete. My only regret is that more councils did not take part in this very important program.

## RESULTS OF 1955 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

*Eighteen councils participated in the Drive:*

Brockton, Mass., Philadelphia, Pa., Chicago, Ill., Athol, Mass., New York, N. Y., South Boston, Mass., Pittsburgh, Pa., Worcester, Mass., Norwood, Mass., Newark, N. J., Elizabeth, N. J., Harrison - Kearny, N. J., Dayton, Ohio, Detroit, Michigan, So. Worcester, Mass., Los Angeles, California, Ansonia, Conn., Seniors — Chicago, Ill.

Also two Junior Councils were organized in a four-month period.

## COUNCIL WINNERS

1st — Council 26, Worcester, Mass.  
2nd — Council 52, Elizabeth, N. J.  
3rd — Council 116, So. Worcester, Mass.

## HONORABLE MENTION

Council 19, Pittsburgh, Pa. and Council 29, Newark, N. J.

(Council 26, Worcester, Mass. is a three-time winner of the NORKUNAS MEMORIAL TROPHY and retains permanent possession of this trophy. Second and third place trophies are permanent possession trophies.)

## INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

1st — Daniel Degutis, Elizabeth, N. J. (52)  
2nd — Rita Palusis, S. Worcester, Mass. (116)  
3rd — Anthony Morkunas, Worcester, Mass. (26)

## HONORABLE MENTION

Beverly Cunic, Worcester, Mass. (26)  
Helen Shields, Philadelphia, Pa. (3) — sponsor of Junior Council; Council 96, Dayton, Ohio — organized Junior Council.

Thirty-nine individuals were sponsors of new members: Julia Aleshunas (19), Antanas Bacevicius (Sr.), Peter Barkauskas (133), Joseph Coskie (26), Beverly Cunic (26), Daniel Degutis (52), Gladys Douches (29), Ruth Greblunas (19), Joan Grigas (26), Albin Jankauskas (29), Eleanor Jenuss (90), Joseph Krasinskas (116), Joseph Marcinkevicius (17), William Marculaitis (19), Anthony Morkunas (26), Ursula Nakrosis (90), Marcella Onaitis (19), Rita Palusis (116), Stella Pavis (Sr.), Stasys Raudonis (2), Anne Ridick (26), Ann Salnoris (19), Florence Sarokas (8), Rev. Shimkus (3), Sylvia Shukis (1), Richard Simelis (19), Anthony Skirius (133), Charles Strolis (29), Floyd Trapkauskas (135), Anna Mae Uznis (102), Joyce Wilk (116), Rev. A. Yankauskas (16), Doorthy Zalieckas (26), James Condon (1), David Wallace (1), John Olevitz (17), Dr. Evelyn Bender (17), Joseph Mickunas, Jr. (10), Marie Guoba (29).

Since there are no provisions to make awards to organizers of JUNIOR COUNCILS of the Knights of Lithuania, a resolution was submitted to the Convention to have the newly-elected Supreme Council officers workout a plan.

As chairman, I feel that even though the numbers of this year's Drive were small, the result of the Drive was good. The most important fact is that a Membership Drive should be conducted each year.

## VYČIŲ ŽODIS LIETUVAI

(Kun. Alberto Kontauto - Contons kalba pasakyta per Voice of America Visuotinio Vyčių Seimo proga š. m. rugp. 28 d., Newark, N. J.)

Broliai lietuviai: man yra labai malonu pasveikinti savo tautiečius kaip Vyčių organizacijos dvasios vadui. Būtų džiugu turėti progos asmeniškai nuvažiuoti į laisvą Lietuvą, tačiau Vyčių seime jaučiamės, kad dalis Lietuvos atvažiavo pas mus.

Šiandien pripildėm lietuvių parapijos bažnyčią, Newarke. Kiekvienas ant krūtinės nešėme Lietuvos trispalvę. Priešakyje nešėme vėliavas su Lietuvos Vytimi, girdėjome lietuviškas giesmes, skatinome Amerikos lietuvių jaunimą visomis jėgomis įsijungti į katalikišką, lietuvišką darbą. Mūsų maldos kiolo iš širdies maldauti Dievo malonės Vyčiams, kad ištesėtų Lietuvos išlaisvinimo kovoje, o broliams ir sesutėms Lietuvoje, kad būtų stiprūs ir ištikimi Dievui ir tautai.

Broliai lietuviai: mes Vyčiai jaučiamės, kad Vyčių organizacija dirba Kristaus darbą, kad Kristus pasinaudoja mūsų rankomis, mūsų širdimis, mūsų žodžiais, pasiekti savo tikslų žmonių tarpe. Taip pat Kristus veikia per kiekvieną žmogų, kurs turi Dievo meilę širdyje, kurs dirba visomis jėgomis artimo labui, kurs kenčia dėl tiesos ir teisingumo.

Amerikoje Lietuvos Vyčiai yra tiltas, kuriuo jaunimas yra vedamas prie Dievo; tiltas, kuriuo pasidaro ištikimi šventai Bažnyčiai sūnūs ir dukterys; tiltas, kuriuo įsijungia į katalikiškos akcijos darbus; tiltas, kuriuo jaunimas išmoksta branginti lietuvišką tėvų kalbą; tiltas, kuriuo jaunimo balsai kyla lietuviška daina ir giesme.

Mieli lietuviai, aš nuoširdžiai linkiu, kad Vyčių organizacija taptų tiltu, kuriuo Amerikoje gimęs lietuviškas jaunimas suartėtų su Lietuvos jaunimu, tiltu, kuris jungtų Amerikos ir Lietuvos jaunimo balsus dainuoti lietuviškas dainas ir giedoti Lietuvos himną.

Lietuvos Vyčiai ištesėsime išlaisvinimo kovoje kol Lietuvos laisvės tiltas bus galutinai pastatytas.

## P A D Ė K A

L. Vyčių 42 Seimas taria nuoširdų lietuvišką ačiū Gerb. Prelatui I. Kelmeliui ir 29-tos kuopos nariams už jų uolų rūpinimąsi šio seimo dalyviais ir bendrai už gražiai pravestą seimą.



## JOHN JOSEPH PODRES, BROOKLYN DODGERS SENSATIONAL LITHUANIAN PITCHER

by Stan Balberis, Brockton, Mass.

PODRES was born John Joseph in Witherbee, N. Y., on September 30, 1932. He stands 6 feet tall and weighs 175 pounds and he bats and throws left-handed.

John began his baseball career and climb to the Big Leagues back in 1951, as a player with the Newport News team of the Piedmont League. He pitched and played in only 7 games with Newport, winning none and losing two before he was traded to the Hazard team of the Mountain State League that same year. While pitching with the Hazard team he appeared in 26 games, winning 21 while losing only 3 to lead the league in strikeouts with 228; also led the league with an earned run average of 1.67.

The following year found him pitching with Montreal of the International League, where he appeared in 24 games, winning 5 and losing 5. In 1953, he made his debut with the BROOKLYN DODGERS as a Big League pitcher, winning 9 and losing 4 games. Last year he won 11 and lost 7.

He pitched 2 and 2/3 innings in the 1954 World Series. He was on the disabled list from June 23 to July 23, 1954, due to an emergency appendicitis operation.

His Major League totals for 2 years, shows he appeared in 62 games, pitched 267 innings, winning 20 games, while losing 11, for a percentage of .645. He struck-out 161 batters, issued 117 base on balls and allowed 273 hits for an earned run average of 4.51.

(This Record is as of June, 1955)

## LIETUVIS J. PODRES-PODERYS AMERIKOS BASEBALL'O ŽVAIGŽDĖ

*Kun. St. Kulbis, S. J., Kanados lietuvių skrajojantis kapelionas, kuris kartu aptarnauja ir kai kurias J.A.V. šiaurines lietuvių gyvenamasias vietas, kuriose nėra lietuvių kunigo, apie dabartinį Amerikos Baseball'o žvaigždę J. Podres-Poderį papasakojo tokių dalykų:*

*Man tenka aptarnauti ir Witherbee, N. Y., kurioje gyvena ir minimo garsaus baseball žaidėjo J. Podres-Poderys šeima. Tai lietuviška katalikiška šeima. Dabartinis baseball'ininkas Jonas Podres-Poderys prieš 4 metus man patarnavo mišioms. Tai labai malonus jaunuolis. Kalbėdamas su korespondentais jis aiškiai pasisako esąs lietuvių kilmės. Jo jaunesnysis brolis ir dabar man patarnauja mišioms. Jo tėvas ir motina labai gražiai kalba lietuviškai. Jis pats taip pat moka lietuviškai.*

*Taiqi mes nuoširdžiai džiaugiamės šiuo atsižymėjusiu lietuviu ir linkime jam geriausios sėkmės.*

## LATEST LITHUANIAN LUMINARY IN MAJOR BASEBALL LEAGUES

*John Podres Pitched Deciding and Winning World Series Baseball Game — Giving First World Championship to BROOKLYN DODGERS in 1955!*

From authentic sources we have learned that John Joseph Podres was born of Lithuanian parents, Witherbee, New York, on September 30, 1932. In addition to having good healthy Lithuanian background, he has a father who appreciated the value of exercise, sports and especially baseball. From his younger days he had received some excellent training and encouragement from his father to become a baseball player. This fall, John Joseph Podres has reached the pinnacle of success in pitching two winning games for the BROOKLYN DODGERS in the Series with the NEW YORK YANKEES.

From time to time, we learn of Lithuanian young men and young ladies who obtain success in the various sports, professions and businesses. Due to the change of names and various other circumstances, our press learns about them only when they reach the summit of success in their respective fields of endeavor.

It might be appropriate at this time to mention that in addition to John Podres, we have in the Major Baseball Leagues — Frank Joseph Thomas of PITTSBURGH PIRATES, Billy Rogell of DETROIT TIGERS, Edward Thomas Miksis of the CHICAGO CUBS, Eddie Waitkus and others whose names are not as clearly written as the foregoing.

Upon obtaining further details, we would like to give more complete write-ups on the background and accomplishments of our Lithuanian American athletes.

**Džiaugiamės ir nuoširdžiai sveikiname Amerikos Baseball'o žvaigždę**

**JONĄ PODRES - PODERĮ**

**ir geriausios sėkmės linkime**

**Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba  
ir "Vyties" Redakcija**

# ŠACHMATAI - CHESS

Lietuviai Šachmatininkai — plačiam pasauly

Kazys Merkis, So. Boston, Mass.

Lietuvoje šachmatų lošimo lygis buvo labai geras. Apie tai byloja Folkestono (1933) ir Stockholmo (1939) pasaulio šachmatų pirmenybės, kuriose Lietuvos rinktinė iškovojo septintą vietą iš 19 dalyvavusių valstybių. Ir šiandieną mūsų šachmatininkai puikiai reprezentuoja lietuvio vardą po platumą pasaulį. Tik pažvelkim į pasekmes:

*Vladas Mikėnas*, tarptautinis ir daugelio metų Lietuvos meisteris, šiemet Maskvoje sudorėjo žymiuosius šachmatų meisterius: Keresą, Kotovą ir kt., o su pasaulio meisteriu Botvinniku sulošė lygiom. Mikėnas lošė Sovietų S-gos rinktinėje prieš Vengriją, Budapešte.

*Pocilas Vaitonis*, Hamilton, Ont., buv. Lietuvos ir Kanados meisteris, yra vienas iš keturių Kanadoje, turįs International Master vardą.

*Povilas Tautvaiša* (Chicago, Ill.) šiemet triumfovo Trans-Mississippi pirmenybėse, laimėdamas 1 vietą ir Chicagos miesto p-bėse, laimėdamas Chicagos co-championo vardą (su A. Sandrinu).

*Ignas Žalys* laimėjo Montrealio miesto žaibo pirmenybėse. Chicagoje vienam žaibo turnyre Aleksandras Zujus buvo pirmas, o Bostone — Merkis.

*Gytis Bartkus* pripažintas 1955 m. Clevelando jaunių čempionu.

*Kazys Merkis* laimėjo Lietuvos sporto žaidynių šachmatų varžybas New Yorke, gaudamas N. Y. inžinierių skirtą taurę.

*Romanas Arlauskas* lošia ant pirmos lentos Australijos komandoje, kuri dalyvauja pasaulio koresp. pirmenybėse.

*Vytautas Patašius*, Sydnejaus universiteto meisteris, lošė N. S. W. valstybės rinktinėje rungtynėse su Victorija valstybe.

*A. Bučys* ir *P. Mončiunskas* dalyvavo Southend "Open" pirmenybėse Anglijoje, sužinome iš "British Chess Magazine".

Toronto lietuvių komanda (P. Vaitonis, J. Matusevičius, H. Stepaitis, L. Fabricijus, R. Rimas, J. Sirutis) iškovojo pirmą vietą Toronto lygos p-bėse, pakartodami turėtą laimėjimą toje lygoje 1950 m.

Chicagos, New Yorko, Bostono, Toronto, Montrealio lietuvių komandos dalyvauja tų miestų lygos pirmenybėse "Lithuanian" vardu, gražiai pasitarnaudamos savo tautos vardui.

Lietuvių šachmatų vadovai: New Yorke — Jz. Vilpišauskas, Chicagoje — Vl. Karpuška, Bostone — K. Merkis, Hartforde — Z. Strazdas, Detroite —

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# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

### CHICAGO, ILL. (C-112)

Our annual "Autumn Knights" dance held on October 1st, displayed a remarkable inter-council cooperation by a good representation from all district councils plus Miss Susin from Cleveland of Cleveland, Ohio. Monica Kasper was general chairman of the evening.

A complete report on the national convention held in Newark, N. J. was given by Betty Tucker, Lorraine Dombrowski and John Stokus. Our council president, Betty Tucker was elected national officer. Congratulations!

Gloria Cibulskis, Betty Tucker and Carol (Masiliunas) Sudeikis have been recommended to receive the 3rd Ritual degree.

Julie Greicius and Al Zakarka (Amsterdam, N. Y.) were married on Sunday, October 9th in Chicago. Members from Chicago as well as Amsterdam were invited to the couple's wedding reception.

Various members of our council have assumed new obligations in the district, namely: Vyt Lubert, member of the Building Committee; Lorraine Dombrowski, chairman of Lithuanian Affairs; and John Stokus, treasurer.

Don Varnas Post No. 986 of the A. L. and Darius - Girėnas Post No. 271 have many active K. of L'ers on their officers' roster: Adam Anderson, chairman of the Board of Directors; Bernice Jonikas, chairlady of the Ladies Auxiliary, Board of Directors; Gordon Gudas, Finance officer; John Stokus, Acting Chaplain; George Jonikas, Chairman of the Building Committee of Don Varnas Post. Judge Alphonse Wells of D. G. Post was elected Judge Advocate of both the Fourth District and Cook County Council. Richard Butchas is Service Officer for D. G. Post, while John Evans is the Service of D. V. Post.

Lorraine Wainauskas, secretary, is teaching at Scott Elementary School. Her sister, council fin. sec'y., is administering to the sick at Wesley Memorial Hospital.

Council members have been taking trips to various parts of the globe: Vi. Krisciunas, Julianne Skaminas and Virginia Pilitauskas visited Mexico; Alexander Kumskis treated his entire family to an air vacation with stop-overs in Florida, Cuba and New York City; Barbara and Stan Klevinsky visited K. of L. friends in Dayton, Ohio; a Caribbean cruise was enjoyed by our former prexy Gloria Cibulskis; Fr. Leonard Vaisvila and his conferes visited Rocky Mountain States; Bertha, John and Paul John Stokus flew to Providence, R. I. where they attended the wedding of Ruth Savickis of Council 103.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Stanley Stulgis, who passed away on October 10th.

## OHIO-MICHIGAN DISTRICT

### DAYTON, OHIO (C-96)

Our first social of the season, chairmanned by Ann Scott, was held on September 16th, in the church hall. Highlight of the evening was singing Lithuanian songs from the book entitled "101 Lithuanian Songs."

In commemorating United Nations Week (Oct. 17-24), the city of Dayton held an International Ball at the Biltmore Hotel. Representing Lithuania, in costume, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vangas and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kavalauskas. The Vangas' picture in Lithuanian costume appeared in the Dayton Daily News.

On October 2nd, our council officially began its bowling season. The league consists of six teams: Aukstančiai, Zemaičiai, Zanavykai, Kapsai, Dzukai and Suvalkiečiai. To date, the Aukštaičių team is ahead with six wins and no losses. Top individual scorer is Charles Petkus with 208 (single game) and 528 "three-game series." Charles is also chairman of the league and is assisted by Fran Petkus.

The girls of our council have started an "auxiliary" — strictly for ladies. Meetings will be held twice a month, rotating in each other's home. The pur-

pose of forming this "auxiliary" is to thrash out any menus necessary for the forthcoming council doings, catch up on knitting, sewing, etc. Elinor Sluzas played hostess at our first meeting.

On October 23rd, our council served dinner after the noon mass, at which the public was invited. In charge of the dinner was Mary Lucas.

Dorothy Miller and Dick Conrady became man and wife on October 1st. Dorothy made a very lovely bride.

Mary Ann and Gus Blum are proud parents of a son, named Michael; to Elizabeth and Harold Winters there was born a son, also. Congratulations.

Birthdays in October: Mary Lucas, Annadel Miller, Joe Noreikas, Eleanor Mantz and Jim Kavalauskas. Wedding Anniversary: Stan and Kay Sluzas. Sveikiname!

*Us Petkus'*

## PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

### PITTSBURGH, PA. (C-19)

#### Convention Bits

Many Pittsburghers attended the national convention not just mainly for the social doings, but to grasp some of the national honors. Just to mention a few— we are justly proud of Bill Kolicius who turned over his treasurer's job (after a 3-year term) to Walter Chinik, possibly just to keep the treasury in Pittsburgh, or perhaps to help Mildred get some new books for the library. Marcella Onaitis was elected recording secretary and her husband, Stephen, was elected member of the Ritual Committee.

Ruth Greblunas arrived at the convention finally, but her plane flew quite low via the Penna. railway — starting about 12 hours behind schedule. We're glad you made it, Ruthie.

We understand that if Julia Aleshunas and Jack Stukas repeat their escapade a third time, a trophy will be awarded them. What did they do?

Margie Potts was a little disturbed about losing her job for taking an extra day off for the convention. I am sure Newark or perhaps Rochester would accept a very capable girl.

Duquesne, our Pittsburgh neighbor, was well represented at the convention by the Shimkus girls. The Bartkus girls must have been somewhat confused — they landed in Chicago this year instead of waiting for the '56 convention. Now, girls, please don't go to Los Los Angeles next year — it really is the year after (1957).

Many of our members participated in the events which took place at our Outing. Bill Marculaitis took first prize in the swimming contest; Alice Beacon took part in the balloon swimming contest, but Alice should have walked as did the winner.

Ed. Marculaitis and Tony took in the sights of New York City — in between convention activities!

Mildred and Bob Petraitis arrived late at the convention. We were glad to see them at the banquet.

What kept Andy Rozger out of the "Noriu Miego" dance? He usually enjoys it very much. And, what happened to our champ, Tommy Unites — he usually excels in introducing new dance steps and especially to visitors rather than Pittsburgh girls.

What was Ruth Mi'ewski doing on Broadway in the wee hours of the morning after the banquet?

Ben Milewski and his sister, Loretta, had such a good time, they did not leave Newark until the following Tuesday after the convention.

Madge is making no commitments — only reports "good convention."

The Koliciuses and Al Onaitis left Newark reluctantly and through the excitement, boarded the wrong train and were forced off in Philadelphia and not a second to spare in making connections for home!

#### Invitation

We invite all members and visitors from other councils to attend our RADIO BANQUET — Sunday, November 13th, St. Casimir's Hall, South Side, Pittsburgh.

#### Happy Birthday

During the month of August, following members celebrated their birthday: Dolores Papeaka, Joe Aleliunas, Joseph Bernotas, Lorraine (Puzas) Yucevičius and Wm. Dabulis. In September—Ruth Greblunas, Justine Dobo, Anne Shimkus and Tom Unites. In October — Father Walter Karaveckas, Julie Aleshunas, Anne Keldusis, Stephen Onaitis, Margie Potts, Ed. Schultz, Richard Smith and Mrs. K. J. Stravinskas.

#### Wedding Anniversary

This past August, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Onaitis and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Onaitis

celebrated their wedding anniversary. Sveikiname.

Bowling season has begun. We extend to all our members a cordial invitation to join in the fun.

M. P.

## NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

### ELIZABETH, N. J. (C-52)

#### Convention

Thank you, Newark Knights, for the wonderful hospitality extended to us at this past convention. It was obvious that a lot of effort and time was put into the preparation of this successful convention.

We wish the newly-elected Supreme Council officers success in all their undertakings.

Thursday afternoon, upon my arrival at the convention headquarters, I met Anna Mae Uznis of Detroit and Helen Yocis of Maspeth. We lunched together and discussed the on-coming convention. Upon our return to the hotel, where delegates were registering, met more friends — Laura Yucius of Chicago, Phyllis Grendal of Boston, Joe Sable of Linden, Jerry Jesulaitis of Chicago and Frank Vaskas.

Friday eve., the moment we boarded the bus to Forest Lodge, immediately Jack Stukas led the happy delegates in singing Lithuanian folk songs. When we arrived at our destination, we were amazed to see so many fallen apples on the ground... could it be that Jack Jatis climbed the tree and shook the apples? It was a beautiful outing and everyone enjoyed a refreshing dip in the pool. The water-sports and contests rounded out the evening. Too bad, Carol Bowen missed the bus.. oh, well, she'll make up for it at the next convention in Chicago.

Saturday — the "Nite of Knights" — many old friends renewed their acquaintances, while others made new friends.

Sunday — banquet. Congratulations are in order to Master of Ceremonies Jack J. Stukas, who with much charm and personality made this banquet a huge success.

SPECIAL NOTE. Words cannot express our many thanks to our "WANDERER" Frank Vaskas whose timeless and valuable efforts were put into this convention.

#### About our members

Congratulations to Marion Wysosky and Frank Dudas, also Perry Merrit and Doyle on their engagement.

Wedding Bells rang for Florence Adomunas in October, and Raymond Zabita in November.

Charles Grinchis seems quite content since his return from a vacation in Germany.

Wonder if Frank Grinchis did catch the Blue Fish!

#### In Memoriam

We extend our deep sympathy to George Aleksa on the death of his beloved father.

#### Officers

At our monthly meeting held in St. Joseph's parish hall, September 19th, election of officers took place: Charles Oskutis was re-elected as president (7th term); Edward Anilonis, vice president; Mary Ann Urbine, secretary; and Adele Labanauskas, treasurer. Carol Bowen was elected trustee (3-year term) and chair-lady of the Lithuanian Culture Committee.

#### Committee Members

Daniel Degutis, Ann Baronas and Mary Motecus (Welfare); Charles Rusteika and Veronica Krezonis (Sports); William Senkus, Ann Mitchell and Aloyisius Rudzitas (Lithuanian Affairs); Ann Mitchell (Ritual); Norbert Wysocki and Alexander Lasco (Social co-chairmen); Adolph Lignugaris, chairman of Catholic Action and Award Contest.

#### Communion Breakfast

Following the 8 o'clock mass at St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, council communion breakfast will be held in the Bavarian Room, 703 Elizabeth Ave.

#### Membership Drive

Joseph Sakevich, national vice president, spoke briefly on the annual Membership Drive.

#### Annual Dance

See K. of L. Calendar!

#### New Members

Mildred Ritchie and Irene Jasukaitis were installed as new members.

#### Note of Thanks

We express our appreciation to Ann Baronas who served as our council treasurer for the past five years, also to Ann Mitchell who served as secretary for several years.

#### Dvasios Vadų Perkėlimas

There was a transfer of curates in our parish. Father Anthony Kasper is now

# JUNIOR PAGE

## TODAY'S JUNIORS — TOMORROW'S LEADERS!

### JUNIOR COUNCIL 100

*Amsterdam, N. Y.* Our local council held its meeting October 10th at St. Casimir's school hall. A drive to start a Junior K. of L. Council, set in motion at last month's meeting, following the national convention, proved to be most successful. About twenty-one teen-agers attended. We were advised that many more plan to join.

Father Baltch, together with other council members, saw the need for organizing a teen-age group in our community. Our local newspapers carried many articles on the problems of teen-agers in Amsterdam. We believe, that by organizing a Junior Council in our parish, this will be a step towards solving the situation.

The Junior Council will hold its meetings on the second Tuesday of each month in St. Casimir's schools hall, 7 p. m. Officers — David Gustas, president; Victor

Binkauskas, vice president; Sylvia Urban, secretary; Patricia Sargalis, treasurer; Eleanore Vaiciunas, correspondent. We wish the newly-elected officers success in all their undertakings.

A short religious talk was given by Rev. Robert K. Baltch. The subject was "Unavoidable God."

Matthew Kazlauskas, charter member of C-100, welcomed the new Juniors. His closing remark was — "If only we had such a Junior Council when I was your age!"

Following the meeting, Pauline Urban, Gene Gobis, Sophie Olbie and Connie Zygiel served coffee and cake.

*Smile & Sparkle*

### JUNIOR COUNCIL 3

*Philadelphia, Pa.* At our monthly meeting held Friday, October 7th, we had close to a perfect attendance!

stationed in St. Michael's Parish, Bayonne. We bid a fond farewell to Father Anthony and wish him success in Bayonne. We shall always remember his helpfulness especially in our council.

We welcome Father V. Karalevicius, formerly of Bayonne, into our midst.

*"Pinky"*

### BAYONNE, N. J. (C-67)

We thank all who attended the district picnic on July 24th, at St. Michael's picnic grounds. The efforts of our own council members, plus the greatly appreciated support given by other councils, helped make the affair a success.

The national convention in Newark was a huge success. We congratulate the committee for having worked tirelessly in arranging such an inspiring and educational convention program. Connie Mack and Marguerite Peters were our delegates. Connie gave a fine detailed report on the convention at our October meeting.

Recently, Bill Brunza became member of our council. Welcome, Bill. Hope your stay with us is a long, healthy and happy one.

Delegates to our district convention held in Kearny, N. J. extend their heartfelt thanks to the host council, for being so hospitable.

Our spiritual adviser, Father Karalevi-

čius was recently transferred to Elizabeth parish. Father Karalevičius will be very much missed by all of us. He was always an inspiring influence, and zealous worker in the K. of L. We wish him the best happiness and continued success in his new environment.

*Joy*

### PHILADELPHIA, PA. (C-3)

#### Convention

Many thanks to Newark, hosts of the recent national convention. Our happy delegates returned to Philly eagerly awaiting the next convention to take place in Chicago.

#### Picnic

On September 25th, our council held a picnic at Mickelaitis' Park. Members enjoyed the delightful dinner served, and participated in the games and dancing which followed. There were surprises and prizes given. We thank our committee for arranging such an eventful outing.

#### Wedding Bells

October 9th proved to be a good day to say "I Do" for Alice Zemaitaites and Peter Utkus of our council. The happy couple spent their honeymoon in Canada.

Also, Elizabeth Penkauskas and Harry McShane were wed. Best of luck and happiness to both couples.

Newly-elected officers: Leona Penkauskas, president; Frances Laukagalis, secretary; and Peter Shelus, treasurer.

Members decided to hold a Halloween Party the latter part of October, in our clubroom. Alberta Bekeris, Marcia Naglis and Julia A. Vnicovitch were elected to decorate the hall. Refreshments Committee will be chosen at our next weekly gathering.

Other matters came up for discussion: Christmas decorations, also our participation on the radio — reciting poetry and singing of the Christmas Carols. We all agreed that this would be an excellent opportunity for us to visit a radio station, too.

After the meeting was closed with a prayer to St. Casimir, many members lingered on to chat with one another, sing a few songs and then left for home after an enjoyable evening.

*William Wallace*

### Have You Seen

Zenia Budelis with her new hair do... Mr. and Mrs. Peter Utkus parading their new Chevrolet... Ann Olbikas refuse a polka... Joe Yanulaitis in his dark rimmed speks... Tommy Meron at the drums... Irene Vaverice in action at meetings since the convention... Full cooperation by all members... Juniors in action at their Friday evening get-together... The abled-hands at "Bingo" Thursday nights... and last but not least, have you seen the beauty and need in attendance at the Fatima Devotions held the first Saturday of each month at 8 o'clock mass? If you haven't, then you have been missing something!

*"Cuckoo Bird"*

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### SOUTH BOSTON, MASS. (C-17)

#### District Convention

Sunday, September 25th, our semi-annual district convention officially opened with the 10 o'clock mass at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church, South Boston. Following mass, coffee was served. Promptly at 2 p.m., the business session was opened



K. of L. attending their Semi-Annual New England District Convention at S. Boston, Mass. September 25, 1955.

with Peter Bizinkauskas, president of C-17 inviting Fr. Contons, national spiritual director, to say a prayer. District President John Olevitz presided during the meeting, and Rita Shatas acted as secretary pro tem.

Fr. Jutt of Worcester gave an interesting report on Lithuanian Affairs Committee, also the K. of L. Medal Award and the presentation of the first medal to Congressman Kersten during the banquet held in Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N. J.

Miss Louise Toti's, gave an interesting and detailed report on the convention, as district delegate.

Frank Chiras, chairman of the Picnic held in Thompson, Conn., gave a favorable report, and together with Joe Marcinkevich of South Boston, will co-chairman the 1956 annual Sports Day to be held next spring at Thompson.

Fr. Francis Virmauskis, pastor and hon. member of K. of L., greeted all delegates and guests. Others called for a bow were Fr. Zuromskis, Joe Lola, Fr. Jurgelaitis, Dr. Leimonas, P. Grendal, Ed. Daniels, L. Svelnis, Mrs. Rita Pinkus. Telegram from Fr. P. Shakalys was read.

Bernice Burdulis of Worcester, was elected member of the new Cultural Committee of which Jack Stukas of New Jersey is national chairman.

Winnie Skudris reported on Sports — bowling tournament to be conducted throughout the district this winter. Fr. Jurgelaitis briefed us on the Leadership Course which took place during the national convention.

At the close of the session, Holy Hour services were held in St. Peter's Church. All delegates and guests returned to the

hall where a delicious buffet supper was served by Mrs. Stakutis, Mrs. Grabol and members of the host council. Next convention to be held in Worcester, Mass. — Our Lady of Vilna parish.

#### Pre-Convention Dance

Many delegates and guests arrived Saturday evening to attend the dance held in the Hotel Bradford. Among the guests from out-of-town who also attended the convention the following day, were: a group from New York-New Jersey district — Anne Klem, Jane Matulaitis, Ursula Nakrosis, Alice Salkauskas, Ann Belavich, Val Bilaitis, Anele Andrews, Louis Stukas, Anthony Malakas, Diane and Regina Mociekiunas.

Last year, we missed Dr. Evelyn Bender because she was away from home teaching at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. This year she will be a distinguished member of the faculty of Boston College—among the first women teachers in the College of Sciences at B. C. We take this opportunity to also congratulate Dr. Bender and Ed Vaskas of Worcester on their recent engagement.

Rita Stakutis, a secretary in Governor Herter's office, was stricken with polio. She is now recuperating at home and wish Rita a speedy recovery.

In the middle of September, several of the members attended a shower tendered Alice Laudansky at her sister's home in Be'mont. It was quite a surprise for the bride-to-be, but pleasant.

Belated happy birthday for our only two members born in the month of September who happen to be brothers: Joe Marcinkevicius and Charlie. Also, Ann

Klemas, our secretary, had a birthday back in June. We hear she received a hope chest from her fiance. Best wishes.

At the past national convention, our council was represented by twenty members. It was good to see that our members were quite active: Fr. Contons was chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Winifred Skudris was chairlady of the Mandate Committee; and Fr. Zuromskis and Florence Zaleskas served as members of the Greetings Committee.

#### ATHOL, MASS. (C-10)

##### Social

A party was given at Forest Park, Ashby, in honor of Rita Kondrotas, (Council 26) and Stanley Sargut, and Marie Sienkiewicz and Tom Colo on their approaching marriages. Fr. Yankauskas presented each couple with a gift from the members of Council 10. After dinner, the group gathered at the Lithuanian Camp in Gardner. Movies were shown by Alvin Rodski, Lennie Davadonis and Normand Langlois. The committee in charge of arrangements were Brownie Kukauskas, chairman, Barbara Milosh and Mayann Rodski.

##### Wedding Bells

Weddings seem to be contagious in our council. Two of our members took the step in a period of two weeks. Marie Sienkiewicz and Tom Colo were married at St. Francis Church, Athol on September 17. Stanley Sargut and Rita Kondrotis exchanged vows at St. Casimir's Church, Worcester, on October 1. The K. of L'ers will remember these two weddings for a long time.

## CAMBRIDGE, MASS. (C-18)

## New Officers

President — Jean Malin; Vice President — John Zukas; Recording Secretary — Louise Zukas; Financial Secretary — Helen Kazlowski;; and Treasurer — Ed Puzin.

Last August, twenty-three members enjoyed a bus trip to Crane's Beach, Ipswich. Cloudy skies, a windstorm and finally rain, did not dampen our spirits. We thank our committee, particularly Al Jakutis, popular florist, for an affair well planned.

Valeria Jankauskas and Pauline Malin were our delegates to the national convention in Newark. Valeria gave an excellent report, prepared by both delegates.

We had a good representation from our council at the district convention held in South Boston, namely: Jean Malin, Ed Puzin, Louise and Paul Zukas.

Plans are under way for a Whist Party to be held for the benefit of Sisters of Jesus Crucified Chapel Fund in Brockton. The committee includes Alberta Malin, chairman, John Belskis, Bob Lenkauskas, Jean Malin, Ed Puzin, Al Jakutis and Louise Zukas.

B. & Z.

## NORWOOD, MASS. (C-27)

This summer found the naughty knights from Norwood involved in various and sundry activities. In August we held a grand and glorious beach party. The diving enthusiasts took advantage of Vin Kasauskas' broad shoulders. Vin was quite willing to loan himself out as a diving board; that is, until Johnny Vaikasas announced that he, too, wanted to do a few belly flops. Oh well, maybe someone was once famous for footprints in the sand but now Vin can boast of footprints on his shoulders. A bit of acrobatics took place on the beach. Johnny Bally, the famous wrestler, donated his muscles and energy for the occasion. After being on the bottom of numerous pyramids it seemed that poor John began to regret his moment of generosity. However, after taking a poll, it was agreed that everyone enjoyed himself. The only draw back was the off-shore breeze which was present and which stirred up the sand a bit. As a matter of fact when we reached the old homestead, we discovered parts of Crane's Beach in our ears, hair, eyebrows and everywhere else. By the way, in case anyone is interested the chairman of the committee was Johnny Studalnick.

Our annual picnic was held on July 17 at Grape Arbor. The music makers were present in the form of the Falcons orchestra. All the stout hearted Liths fed their faces with the world-wide known "kilbasai" and sauerkraut. Also, at this particular picnic spot, boats that could be rented out were on hand. Some of the girls who employed the finer points in their special technique managed to coax some of the fellows to ride the waves. Following the picnic a small crew took a jaunt to Lake Archer in order to dunk their toes. However some of the ladies got in the way of the wrong people and got more than their toes dunked.

So after being thoroughly exhausted from dancing and completely water logged from swimming the crowd picked themselves up as best they could and departed for their respective homes. In case anyone has any complaints to register the committee for this picnic was made up of the executive board.

During the past summer months C-27 has continued to have its meetings and socials. Oddly enough more emphasis was put on the socials than on anything else. In June, after the business of the evening was finished, the members left for Vin. Kasauskas' estate where a weenie roast was held. To make the occasion a success everyone brought his hearty appetite with him. A record player was generously donated by Johnny Studalnick. The neighbors heard polka music far into the night as the dancers gayly tripped over the grass blades. Not only did they do a beautiful job at trampling the lawn but they kept the night crawlers awake as well.

One of the worms took it upon himself to come up for air and see what was going on. One of the men stumbled upon it in his travels and immediately began to taunt the girls with it. The ladies, carrying out the usual tradition, began to scream which no doubt added to the neighbors' delight. Johnny Vaikasas came through in his usual fashion with a gross of baby franks. He contentedly munched on them indefinitely. I'll have to drop in on him some fine evening to see if he is still at it. Barbara, Charlie and Daniel Cyronak all from Providence were invited guests at our July meeting.

The August social was undertaken by Vincent Kasauskas and Frank Kaseta. The meeting began and they had not come yet to prepare the food. The meeting was in full progress and there was still no sign of them. Finally, when the meeting was over both of them calmly came in via the rear window carrying the food. Yes indeed those boys believe in promptness and efficiency at all times.

Turning to tidbits of newsy news, October 8 was the big day for a fine young couple. Katherine Wilkes and Joseph Adakonis who is from Hartford, Connecticut are now man and wife. Best of luck and wishes to both.

Taking a squint at the college campus we find Richard Mi's invading Harvard University as a graduate student majoring in Russian Studies. He graduated from Fordham University last spring. Following in Dick's footsteps but in his own individual style is John Chervokas who is at Fordham University now. Frank Kaseta received his sheep-skin from Boston College this June. The faculty there had high hopes of never seeing him again but the old boy — fooled them all. Frank returned to B. C. this fall also as a graduate student struggling to obtain more knowledge about Physics. Smith College welcomed back Vida Simenas, who is now in her third year and doing well. So much for the intellectuals.

John Studalnick and Frank Kaseta have announced their embarkment into the musical wor'd. John recently became the proud owner of a fine licorice stick (clarinet to you foreigners) while Frank has been extruding many a sad sound on a trumpet. After listening to themselves play alone they decided to get together on a few duets and maybe drown out one another's mistakes. Actually, however, with a bit of practice, these boys have all the elements of a rip snorting polka band. All they need now is TALENT.

Well not only have I run out of news but my vocabulary has been completely exhausted. Having no other alternative I am forced to close.

N. Ema

## WORCESTER, MASS. (C-116)

Although the national convention in Newark is now a thing of the past, those of us from C-116 who attended have many happy memories of the renewal of "auld acquaintance" and of the start of new friendship and simply wish to say "thanks, Newark, for a swell time."

Speaking of new things, our council is now under the guidance of Fr. Alphonse Volungis, who is our version of "hometown boy makes good." Fr. Volungis grew up in our parish and has now returned as curate and spiritual director of our K. of L. council. May we say at this time, welcome back, Father, and may your stay here be a very pleasant one.

Through the efforts of Bernice Burdulis, we have finally formed a K. of L. Choir and so many of our members who thought they had no voice at all are getting a very pleasant surprise! Besides

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choir rehearsals, we're also busy getting our annual minstrel show together, to be held in November. Bill Burdulis is general chairman.

Wedding bells rang out for Virginia Miller who became the bride of Ben Chojnicki on October 8. Many members of the council attended. In fact, it looked almost like we were at a K. of L. convention.

Remember — "The only safe and sure way to destroy an enemy is to make him your friend."  
*The Sleepy One*

### WORCESTER, MASS. (C-26)

#### Johnny Podres

The 1955 World Series is over and the hero was Johnny Podres, a 23-year old native of Witherbee, N. Y. A little known fact is that he is of Lithuanian descent. Yes, it was the first time the "Bums" won the World Series and it took a Lithuanian to do it. Not taking credit away from his teammates, he was truly sensational.

Johnny is the oldest of Joseph Podres' five children: one daughter 15, and three other sons. 17, 7 and 6 years of age. On October 7th, Johnny was honored with a parade in his home town.

*Joseph Sipas (Sepas)*

### HARTFORD, CONN. (C-6)

The district convention held September 25th in the St. Peter's church hall, South Boston, Mass., was a success. The host council handled the details in a fine manner. I was inspired, as I always am, by the words and the example of Father Jutt, and I fully agree with him in his contention that the strength of the K. of L. depends on the extent to which it promotes and extends its real purposes, the spiritual, cultural, and political functions and activities. With so many social groups open to everyone, it seems to me that the attractions of fun and good times are not sufficient to hold a group such as the K. of L. together.

*A. Balchunas*

### BROCKTON, MASS. (C-1)

Under the leadership of our president, Stan Balberis, and VYTIS sports writer, our council has been quite active this past year. During the summer several Polka Parties were held at Romuva Park.

Among the delegates and guests who attended the national convention in Newark were Messrs. Condon, Wallent, Co-

minski, Cherokis and D. Wallace, also Sylvia Shukis, Irene Milutis, Jean Graves and Patricia Hughes.

The entire board of officers also attended the New England district convention which took place in South Boston, September 25th. Unfortunately, our spiritual adviser, Fr. Abracinskas was unable to attend due to church duties.

This winter, our council will continue to be active. We hope to organize a Junior Council which was stressed at the national convention.

### CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

#### LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (C-133)

##### Business

August 31st, we held our monthly meeting at the home of Atty. Jos. Peters. Plans were crystalized to have an outing at Chrystal Lake, September 11. A. Skirius interpreted the first section of the K. of L. By-Laws. We also welcomed Norman Kades into our midst. Following the meeting, the host and Helen Nashlenas treated all members with hot dogs and refreshments. Thanks.

October 2nd, our meeting was held at the home of our president, Mike Wisneski. The purchase of a juke-box and monthly dances were discussed at length. We thank Mike's mother who prepared and served delicious after-meeting snack. While eating, we enjoyed the showing of colorful slides by Peter Bogin.

##### Outing

In order to see the beautiful California nature, our council arranges one outing a year. This year, we enjoyed spending the day at Chrystal Lake, on top of the mountains. The attendance at this outing was good, though some members got lost in the rocky and woody wide area.

##### Our Members

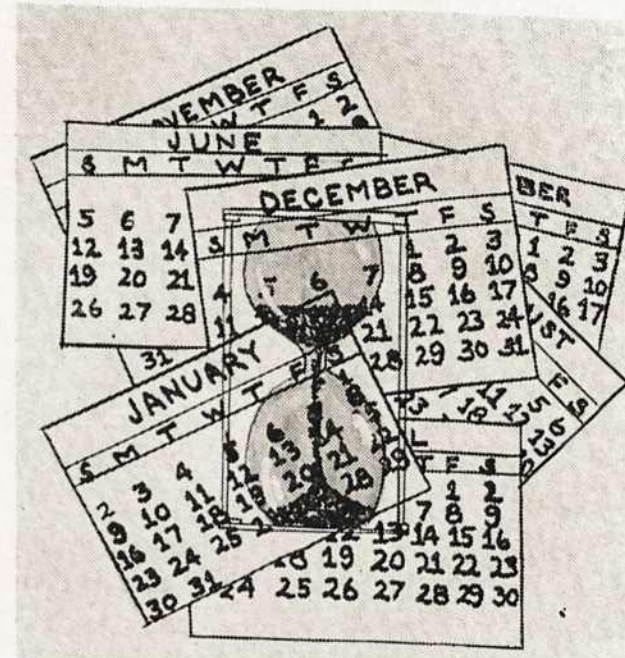
Morris Wolfe and Van Nuys had a serious accident and were unable to attend a few of our meetings.

Tony Kane was operated on recently and is now recuperating at home.

Jake and Jean Marbachs increased our council's future membership, once more—a BOY.

Vyto Adomaitis, safely returned from a cross-country trip to Worcester, Mass. where he visited with his family. His sister, Birute, has not had her vacation. Will she decide to return the compliments by visiting her brother in California?

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#### K. OF L. CALENDAR

December 25 — Brooklyn (41) ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY & DANCE.

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