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# MAY 13



Rev. Albert J. Contons

To popularize the message of Our Lady of Fatima among Lithuanians a small group of Lithuanians in Boston organized the "Our Lady of Fatima Movement" in the year 1950. This organization grew in popularity, and in 1953 became a member of the Blue Army of Mary, representing Lithuania, the twenty-seventh nation to be enrolled in this Army dedicated to the spread of devotion to Mary.

Since Lithuanians have been scattered to all corners of the globe by Communist persecution in their homeland, the Center of the Lithuanian section of the Blue Army has appointed representatives in Italy, Germany, France, Austria, Belgium, England, Australia, Canada, Venezuela, Columbia, Brazil, Argentina, and Portugal.

It was with great joy the Lithuanian lovers of Mary learned in 1951 that the exiled bishops of Lithuania had consecrated Lithuania and Lithuanians all over the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Archbishop Juozas Skvireckas, bishops Vincas Brizgys, Petras Bučys, and Vincas Padolskis gathered in the chapel of the Lithuanian College in Rome on MAY 13 for this historic pronouncement.

The bishops' letter to Lithuanians declared, "We proclaim MAY 13 as the special, annual feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of Lithuania. We invite all Lithuanian parishes and communities throughout the world, as well as in Lithuania, to observe this feast with all due solemnity.

"May this consecration of Lithuania to the Immaculate Heart of Mary be our dedicated response to the message of Mary given through the three children of Fatima and may it contribute to the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart."

The Lithuanian hierarchy has been most anxious to further devotion to Mary and has been generous in its encouragement of the activities of the Blue Army. In a letter dated March 10, 1955, addressed to Lithuanian Catholics apropos of the Day of Prayer and Penance for the Liberation of Lithuania, Archbishop Juozas Skvireckas, exiled Metropolitan of the Kaunas See, wrote:

"The happy news has reached us that lovers of Mary in great numbers are organizing into the Blue Army movement, which seeks to put into practice all the requests revealed by Mary to the world at Fatima. This represents a realistic program and practical undertakings, which we, desiring to take advantage of this opportunity, wish to bring to the

attention of all Lithuanian Catholics. Commemorating the fourth anniversary of the consecration of Lithuania to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, let us renew our zeal and pray for Mary's help and for grace with ever increasing confidence."

Lithuanian devotion to Mary is so well known throughout Europe that Pope Pius XI called Lithuania the "Land of Mary". Although Lithuania stands alone as the northeastern — most outpost of Catholicity on the continent, she has successfully resisted the allurements of Protestantism from Latvia, Estonia and East Prussia on the one side, and Russian orthodoxy on the other.

Heart of Lithuanian Marian devotion is the painting of the Mother of God, called "Aušros Vartų", "of the Dawn Gate", in the city of Vilna. In the eastern part of the city there is an archway over the street leading to the railroad station. This is called the Dawn Gate. Above the arch is a tiny chapel with a small altar and the image of the Mother of God hanging above. This painting, visible to passersby below, has been venerated by the people of Lithuania since the sixteenth century. No traffic is allowed to pass through the gate. Pedestrians will always take off their hats, frequently they will fall to their knees in prayer, and then pass quietly. Such is their devotion to the "Mother of Mercy", which is the inscription above the chapel altar.

To commemorate the Marian Year in 1954 the Vatican Post Office issued a stamp of unique beauty bearing the image of the Mother of God, "Aušros Vartų", with the Latin inscription, "Mater Misericordiae," "Mother of Mercy".

The spread of devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary among Lithuanians in recent years is but the modern expression of the deep-rooted love of Mary which has characterized Catholic Lithuania since her Baptism. Lithuanians, buffeted by Communist persecution of the Faith within them, are very much aware of the personal significance of the promises of Mary at Fatima, "If my requests are heard, Russia will be converted... In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph and an era of peace will be conceded to humanity."

Lithuanians look forward with confident hope to the day when their beloved "Mother of Mercy" will summon her children to the "Dawn Gate" through which they will pass to the freedom which belongs to the sons of God.



GOOD NEWS FOR THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA!

## A RUSTY TYPEWRITER AND I



Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O. P.

This evening a rusty typewriter and I met face to face, (oh to be more technical, fingers to keys) for the first time in many a month. And all on account of a woman! Strange? Maybe. But, please read on.

My typewriter, rusty and dusty from idleness so far as writing for the "Vytis" is concerned was bothering no one there in the corner of my study. Certainly, I had no intentions of disturbing its cobwebbed slumber and hammering away at the four rows of lettered discs hidden underneath the oil-cloth cover, — also dusty with the months of inactivity. But, because of a woman I pulled the machine closer to my desk, dusted off the keys, practised my "asdf; lkj" and began writing this article. At this point, you must be eager to know more about that mysterious woman with magic powers to awaken slumbering writers and activate dust and rust covered machines. However, may I maintain the suspense for just one paragraph more?

You see, there was a definite need for this article in this present issue of the "Vytis." For some months now the editors of the magazine have been planning a special department to begin with the May issue. It was thought best that the launching of this new endeavor should be entrusted to someone who has launched many babies into the Sea of Catholic Faith, who has written prologues, introductions and prefaces for books, who has introduced many a speaker on public platforms. And so it was that I was approached, both by mail and by word of mouth, with the request for this article.

I was approached by a woman, the mysterious woman mentioned above, whose name is well known to all of you: Miss Phyllis Grendal, Associate Editor of the "Vytis". It was she who explained what was needed and who begged me to make the introduction of this special department to the readers of the magazine.

(Now, at this point, will the gentlemen of the audience please turn to the sports section. What follows will be of concern only to the ladies.)

The next issue, the May issue, will feature a new department dedicated to feminine readers of the "Vytis." By the way, it is quite fitting that this new column should be begun in the month of May which is set aside to honor the Ideal Woman, Mary, in all three aspects of *Virgin, Wife and Mother*. This section of the "Vytis" will have for its heading:

FEMININE FAIR — MERGAIČIŲ PASAULIS. It will be a regular monthly feature of interest to girl K. of L'ers and all girls. It will try to put religion into focus for the American Lithuanian and American national, patriotic ideals of the *lietuvaite* who is member of the Knights of Lithuania. It will be deliciously flavored with the beautiful things we have inherited from our Lithuanian mothers.

In a word, this column is ALL FOR YOU, girls.

The editors of "Vytis" have discovered the talents of two exceptionally fine writers to conduct FEMININE FAIR — MERGAIČIŲ PASAULIS: Miss Veronica Yotts and Mrs. Veronica Kulbokas, both of South Boston, Mass. Miss Yotts is on the staff of the Boston Public Library and is in a position to obtain the finest material for a column such as this. Mrs. Kulbokas has had valuable experience in Lithuania and in this country in writing for and about Lithuanian girls. A wonderful partnership, I would say.

The editors have done their part in the preparation and groundwork of this venture. Mrs. Kulbokas and Miss Yotts will certainly do an excellent piece of work. I am doing my little share. The only question remaining is: Will you do your share, girls?

Your part in this enterprise is, first of all, to accept and read the department. From the very start you should form the attitude that this column is your very own. Secondly, FEMININE FAIR — MERGAIČIŲ PASAULIS is yours to care for. By this, I mean that you should feel free and, in a certain sense, obliged to let the writers of this column know your reactions, your requests, your questions, your criticism, both favorable and unfavorable. All it takes is a pen, an envelope, a sheet of paper and a little part of yourself, your mind, your heart.

The success or failure of this project will not depend on Mrs. K. or Miss Y. No. It will depend upon you and your wishes and ideas as expressed in your letters to the column. You have heard of Fr. Keller's often repeated saying: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." Well, isn't it better to write a note to FEMININE FAIR — MERGAIČIŲ PASAULIS to let it know what you think, than to murmur and complain to sister K. of L'ers.

So, as the K. of L. S. S. "FEMININE FAIR — MERGAIČIŲ PASAULIS" slides down the ways into the "VYTIS" River, I personally wish it "BON VOYAGE" — a successful career.





MRS. VERONIKA KULBOKIENĖ was born in Švenčionys, Lithuania. Her early schooling took place in her home town and in Vilnius. She is a graduate of the University of Vilnius, having received her Master of Arts degree in 1939.

She immediately began her teaching career in the secondary schools of Vilnius and continued her profession as a refugee in Germany, where the Lithuanians set up high schools in exile. Mrs. Kulbokienė has been very active in many cultural and community organizations, such as those of university woman, students groups and others. Her interests are varied: archeology, art, literature, pedagogy and drama. For the past seven years she has been a teacher at the Saint Peter's Lithuanian Saturday school.

She has had journalistic experience both abroad, and in this country with "Draugas," "Darbininkas" and the Lithuanian Encyclopedia.



MISS VERONICA YOTTS who had majored in Social Psychology, graduated from Boston University with the degree of B. A. At Simmons College, Graduate School of Library Science, she received her M.L.S. (Master of Library Science).

At present, she is employed at the Boston Public Library, Home Reading and Community Services as Adults Librarian. Her duties consist of programming in informal adult education and administering such programs throughout the Branch Libraries. She also prepares book lists and delivers book talks.

Among her extracurricula activities she is the president of the St. Peter's Lithuanian Church Choir and she taught English to recently arrived displaced persons and she is membership chairman of the Adult Education Association of Massachusetts.

## K. OF L. MAY ACTIVITIES

*Rev. St. Raila*

● For Juniors, this is the membership drive month. If you get the prospective members interested in the K. of L. summer activities, they will more than likely join and become better members. There should be a get-together of prospective members with some refreshments served. In this friendly atmosphere the whole K. of L. idea could be talked about and explained.

● At K. of L. Picnics, let money-making be secondary. Provide a day of wholesome fun, games, sports, races and so on.

● May is the Month of Our Lady. May devotions are held in every parish church. K. of L'ers should be the pioneers in revival of attendance at these devotions. Perhaps a plan of having several members present, different ones each evening would be workable. Devotions would be a Council activity, in that, there would be designated members present each evening throughout the month. Decorating the May altar or helping to do so by purchasing flowers is a homeland Lithuanian custom

that could be carried out by the Knights of Lithuania.

● May is the ideal time to have a public Lithuanian Dance Festival, and by public, is meant, one to which non-Lithuanians would be invited.

● And do not forget Mother's Day. Either the Council organizes the celebration, or it participates in the program being organized by other groups. But, the K. of L. should add a patriotic note to the celebration by recalling and extolling the Lithuanian mother who has suffered most, or describing the hardships endured by Displaced Lithuanian Mothers.

## SVARBIOS SUKAKTYS

Šiais metais turime tris svarbias sukaktis, būtent: Amerikos Lietuvių Rymo Katalikų Susivienijimo 70 metų, Amerikos Lietuvių Rymo Katalikų Federacijos 50 metų ir Vasario 16 d. Lietuvių Gimnazijos 5 metų. Lietuvos Vyčiams tektų tais dalykais plačiau susidomėti ir savo susirinkimuose prisiminti ne tik pačius šiuos jubiliejus, bet taip pat pasvarstyti, kaip savo veikla paremti šių taip naudingų institucijų tolimesnę reikimąsi.





Alfa Sušinskas

## IŠGANYTOJAS JIEŠKO ŽMOGAUS

Povelykinis apmąstymas

Išganytojas Jėzus Kristus savo kančia atpirko visą žmoniją. Jam yra kiekvienas žmogus labai brangus. Jis ne tik kviečia visus pas save, bet įvairiais keliais ir jieško kiekvieno paklydusio žmogaus. Nors kartais žmogaus pikumas ir nepaklausos dieviškojo kvietimo, tačiau Išganytojas nesiliauja jieškojęs ir kvietęs.

Evangelijos žodžiais kalbant, kartą Gerasis Ganytojas pastebėjęs, kad iš Jo šimto avių vienos trūksta. Jis palikęs visas kitas avis ir išėjęs jieškoti dingusiosios. Ją radęs toli nuklydusią, erškėčiuose susipainiojusią, kruviną ir purviną. Su dideliu džiaugsmu ir tėviška meile Jis paėmęs susižeidusiąją sau ant rankų, prisiglaudęs ją prie širdies ir parsinešęs į savo gerąją bandą.

Visiems yra suprantamas šis evangelinis palyginimas: Gerasis Ganytojas yra Išganytojas Jėzus Kristus, o tą nuklydusioji avis — kiekvienas žmogus, iš tiesiojo kelio išsukęs ir nuodėmingais gyvenimo šunkeliais nuėjęs... Tačiau paminėtasis evangelinis pasakojimas dar turi ir šitokią prasmę: krikščionis savo paklydusįjį brolių gali sugrąžinti į tikrąjį kelią tik meile ir gera širdimi...

Rūpestingasis Ganytojas anos nuklydusiosios avies netraukia su pykčiu laukan iš erškėčių krūmo; ją gelbėdamas su pykčiu ir žiaurumu, Jis būtų ją dar labiau sužeidęs ir dar daugiau sukruvinęs, dar daugiau supurvinęs; ir nebėra Jis jos, nekeikia: meilės rankomis Jis atsargiai iškelia ją ir prie savęs priglaudžia. Šitai Jis elgiasi žinodamas, kad žaizdos nėra gydomos jas daugiau pradraskant ir kad žmogaus pa-

klydimai nėra pataisomi juos labiau iškeliant ir pabrėžiant. Taip elgiasi Dieviškasis Išganytojas.

O mes, krikščionys?.. Juk ir mes kiekvienas savo artimui, klystančiam ar ir visai paklydusiam žmogui, turime būti geru draugu, angelu sargu, švelniuotu balzamu, širdies ir sielos žaizdas gydančiu bei jas raminančiu.

Žmogus yra labai sudėtingas Viešpaties kūrinys, ir jį pažinti yra labai sunku. Dėl to yra sunku suprasti ir žmogaus veiksmų priežastį bei jų paslaptį... Gal ir yra nepataisomų žmonių, bet dauguma tų, kurie mums šandien atrodo niekada nepakilsią į šviesų gyvenimą, žiūrėk, ima ir pakyla, naujais žmonėmis pasidarydami. Kas juos paveikė ir laimėjo? Dažniausiai niekas kita, o tik nesibaigęs kitos širdies gerumas ir neišsenkanti meilės kantrybė.

Šaltas, kietas protas ir suktas įtikinėjimas be geros širdies, be meilės šilimos negydo sielos žaizdų ir nutolusiųjų nuo tikro kelio nesugrąžina atgal.

O kaip dažnai mes bandome gydyti dvasines artimo žaizdas, dar daugiau jas užnuodydami; nekartą mes bandome traukti skęstantį laukan iš gyvenimo dumblo, jį pirma dar giliau panardindami...

Pasaulyje yra daug kenčiančiųjų, klystančiųjų ir net visai paklydusiųjų. Jie visi jieško ir laukia gaivinančio žodžio, meilingo veido, kuris juos motiniška meile patrauktų ir iš naujo atgimdytų tikrajam tiesos gyvenimui.

Jei mes kiekvienas tik po vieną brolių ar seserį išgelbėtume, iš-

trauktume iš dvasinių erškėčių, galbūt, nebeliktų klaidžiojančiųjų ir net paklydusiųjų...

Tačiau mes, deja, dažniausiai esame egoistai, tik sau tegyveną žmonės. Mus dažnai net džiugina dvasiniai mūsų brolių kritimai ir klupimai; neretai su pašaipą ir juoku mes praeiname pro sužeistą artimo sielą, palikdami ją vieną ir toliau kankintis ir gal net mirti dygiuose gyvenimo erškėčiuose...

Mes mėgstame jieškoti tokių žmonių, kurie savo paviršiumi žiba ir plaukioja garbės spindėjime. Tuo tarpu nusivylusiųjų ir gyvenimo šunkeliais beklampojančiųjų savo brolių balso mes dažnai bijome išgirsti, o išgirdę — neskubame jiems padėti...

Gerojo Ganytojo taktika su evangeline avimi erškėčiuose turi būti kiekvieno krikščionio taktika su savo artimu painiame gyvenimo kelyje.

### PAGERBĖ PREL. KRUPAVIČIU

Vienoje iš Statler viešbučio sveikinių sausio 15 dieną, New Yorke susirinkęs nemažas būrys Lietuvos vyčių turėjo progą pasikalbėti ir išgirsti prelata M. Krupavičių. Jam išvykstant atgal į Europą, N. Y. ir N. J. Lietuvos Vyčių apskr. surengė jam jaukias išleistuves.

Pobūvio metu buvo pasakyta keletas sveikinimo žodžių. Kalbėjo J. Boley, šiam pobuviui vadovavęs, Jokubas Stukas, kun. Karalevičius, inž. A. Mažeika, J. Baužys ir J. Matasinskas. Pats gerb. svečias savo kalboje į vyčius linkėjo, kad Lietuva ir jos ateitis visados būtų Lietuvos vyčio kelrodis.





*WJAR-TV Staff Photo*

**Providence, Rhode Island**—Governor Dennis J. Roberts is shown handing the Proclamation declaring February 16, 1956 as **REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA DAY** to Rev. John A. Vaitekunas, honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania. Other looking on at the presentation from left to right are: Miss Julia Meciunas, Mrs. Victor G. Mathieu, Miss Josephine Vaitkunas, Rev. Anthony A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., member of the faculty of Providence College and past regional and district adviser of the K. of L., Mr. John Beinoris, Miss Barbara Cyronak and Mr. Victor G. Mathieu.



**K. OF L. DELEGATES GREETED AT GOVERNOR ROBERT B. MEYNER's chambers, (Trenton, New Jersey) and receives Proclamation issued February 16, 1956.** — Left to right, Frank Gelenitis, Christine Korbet, Andrew Salvest, Deputy Attorney General, Charles Paulis, pres. of N. J. Lithuanian Council, Charles R. Howell, State Commissioner of Banking & Insurance, Governor Meyner, Joseph Sakevich, national vice president of Knights of Lithuania, Mrs. C. Paulis, Mrs. A. Treciokas, vice pres. of N. J. Lithuanian Council and Frank Vaskas, national chairman of Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

**Vyčiai daug dirba Lietuvos laisvei atgauti ir lietuviškumui išlaikyti. Čia matome porą vaizdėlių, kurie parodo vyčių akciją sąryšy su šiu metų Vasario 16 d. — Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventės minėjimu.**



# LITHUANIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND SAINT CASIMIR

## COMMEMORATIONS

Phyllis Grendal

Throughout the country, East to West, Knights of Lithuania districts and councils celebrated the Feast of Saint Casimir in truly memorable fashion.

Council 1, Brockton, Mass., at its communion breakfast honored Brocktonians of Lithuanian parentage, who have made a high mark in the religious, business and professional world, as well as in the military activities and in athletics, bringing high credit to the city of Brockton.

Honorary Achievement Award was presented to **Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Strakauskas**, pastor of St. Casimir's Church, with a surprise presentation of a certificate in tribute for achievements in behalf of Lithuanians of Brockton. For his untiring efforts in behalf of his advancing parish, and particularly in success gained in the building of a new church, he was recipient of the "Priest of the Year" award.

Another surprise award was that of "Religious of the Year" bestowed upon **Mother M. Consolata, J. C.**, head of the Lithuanian convent and parochial school. Tribute was given Mother Consolata for her fine work and recent commendation of her school winning fifth best scholastic rating in the archdiocese.

Thirteen other awards were made to Lithuanians, outstanding in their respective fields, namely:

The award for "Military Woman of the Year" was presented by Fr. Wolkevich and was received by Mrs. Louise Mashidlausky in behalf of her daughter, **Major Agnes M. Mashidlausky, WAC**, who became the first Lithuanian woman from Brockton to enter the women's military service during World War II, and who since has risen to the rank of Major. Major Mashidlausky at the present time is at Fort Lee, Virginia.

Brockton's Lithuanian "Woman of the Year" award, presented by Rev. Albert Abracinskas, was received by **Miss Julia Yakavonis**, popular city assessor and prominent in Lithuanian church and social



*Brockton Enterprise*

**BREAKFAST HONORS LITHUANIAN GREATS** — Brockton's best in athletes and other fields were guests of honor at a communion breakfast of Council 1, Brockton, Mass., March 4, 1956, paying tribute to American Lithuanians who have shown achievement in many activities. Front, Peter W. Couble, Mrs. Louise W. Mashidlausky, Dr. A. F. Budreski, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Strakauskas, Carol Grigas, Miss Julia Yakavonis and Victor C. Dubois, Enterprise sports editor; back, Ed (Smiley) Connell, George B. Klim, Richard Chilauskas, Al Yourkevicz, Edwin Chirokas and Bronislaw Piveronas.

activities for many years. Since Miss Yakavonis was the only lady recipient of an award in attendance, we might add that she is the first woman of Lithuanian descent to hold a major post in the city government of Brockton appointed and reappointed by 7 Mayors, both Republican and Democrats; in 1951 the voters of Brockton gave her life tenure as an assessor; and she was recently elected corporator of the Brockton Savings Bank. She is also honorary member of Council 1.

**Peter W. Couble**, Eldon Keith Field caretaker, a former outstanding athlete, and a hard worker in the cause of youth in sports, church and social life was honored as Brockton's Lithuanian "Man of the Year", which presentation was made by Councillor Moncevicz. Both Miss Yakavonis and Mr. Couble have been very active in community life, and both are outstanding examples of ideal citizens. Each had fine words of advice for the younger folks in attendance.

**Frank Piveronas**, "Baseball Player of the Year" was unable to be present. The certificate was pre-

sented by John Pasakarnis and was received by his father, Bronislaw Piveronas. Frank is currently starring with Miami University nines, and is expected to sign up with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"Bowler of the Year" went to the perennial champion, both tenpins and smallpins, **George Klim**, a former all-around star athlete. This presentation was made by Joseph Barry-Barkauskas. The steady performing Klim, a "mechanical man" on the alleys, has been champion of the local champion bigpin bowlers for many years. George became the first-time winner of the annual Daily Enterprise-Times tournament of champions. Klim has won many crowns in past years. In his high school days he starred with outstanding basketball teams, coached by Art Staff. He was an outstanding baseball player at BHS, as well as, an excellent semipro basketball and baseball player.

**Edward A. Chirokas**, Holy Cross senior, where he is a track star as a winner in the hurdles events, and last year scored a total of 72 points, leading his team, received the



"Track Man of the Year" award, which was presented by Doris Tamulevich. At Holy Cross, he has been studying a four-year chemical engineering course, majoring in chemistry. "Ed" is a member of Council 1. Musically, he is a piano player.

"Coach of the Year" award, presented by Ed Blazewicz, went to **Albert Yourkevicz**, a hockey star, also baseball player and golfer, who directed the U. S. amateur hockey team in its European tour a year ago. Tribute also was given Yourkevicz for his military achievements in World War II, rising from a Private to a Major in the Air Force.

**Dr. Alphonse F. Budreski**, whose kind services among Lithuanians extend over a long period of years, also known as a fine athlete in his younger days, was honored as "Professional Man of the Year" which award was presented by Msgr. Strakauskas. Dr. Budreski was the first Lithuanian medical doctor in Brockton, first physician of Lithuanian heritage to enter and serve in World War I and also the first man of Lithuanian parentage to be commissioned an officer. He is both charter and honorary member of Council I. The Doctor graduated from Brockton High School in 1913. He received his MD from Tufts Medical College in 1917. During his studies he interned at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton and shortly after graduation entered the Army Medical Corps. He served on the staff of Evacuation Hospital 28 at Camp Sherman, O., later going overseas to serve at Belford in Alsace-Lorraine and at Nantes, France. He held the rating of 1st Lieutenant. Receiving his discharge in 1919, Dr. Budreski returned to Brockton for practice of medicine. He was appointed city physician in 1923 by the late Mayor Frank A. Manning and in 1933 he was named as Medical Examiner for the 1st Plymouth district by former Governor Ely. He since served as Associated Medical Examiner for the district.

The youngest to receive an award was **Little Carol Anne Grigas**, 10 years of age, named "Girl Athlete of the Year" having won titles in roller skating, following recovery from effects of polio. The young skater has achieved not only local and district recognition as a talent-

ed performer, but is nationally known as well. She is a champion skater and was stricken with bulbar polio the day before she was scheduled to leave for Toledo, Ohio, to compete in the national roller skating championship events. She previously won the regional championship conducted in New York City. At present, Carol is continuing with her skating lessons and is rehearsing with her partner for dance competition in State championship events to be held this spring. Recently she gave an outstanding performance in a dance on skates at a benefit March of Dimes show. Carol's father is a former all-round athlete and played fullback on the BHS varsity team. He was captain of the 1932 undefeated and untied team.

Three other awards announced will be presented to winner later, each unable to attend. They include **Admiral Peter M. Moncy**, USN (retired), "Military Man of the Year" who at the age of 18 was appointed to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, becoming the second man of Lithuanian parentage from Brockton to be so honored and with a naval career of more than 30 years of service. Admiral Moncy-Moncowicz at present is head of the United States foreign aid mission to Costa Rica. In his long career with the Navy, he served with the Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic fleets and holds the Navy Cross for heroism during World War II; **Ralph Chesnauskas**, outstanding Three-Sport Star at West Point and Army all-around star athlete, "Athlete of the Year." Cadet Chesnauskas, according to many sports fans, is the greatest of the all-around Lithuanian athletes to leave BHS since Peter Pileski and one of the greatest Brocktonian all-around athletes and scholars to play collegiate athletics. For nearly four years, Chesnauskas has been playing for the West Point football, baseball and hockey teams. He is current hockey captain. And, all the while he has been a dean's list scholar. Chesnauskas was an All-American selection at guard for the Associated Press in 1954. According to the "Lithuanian Who's Who" he is the first Lithuanian - American cadet to be chosen hockey captain at West Point, first cadet of Lithuanian extraction to be named an All-American, first

Brocktonian of Lithuanian parentage to enter West Point, first Brocktonian to compete against Navy in three sports, only Brocktonian to win nine letters in three sports, as an athlete in college. Chesnauskas was graduate from BHS in 1952 and was voted "best athlete" of his graduating class. He was football captain; and **Vitold Piscuskas**, "Basketball Player of the Year", a recent graduate of Brown University. He has been playing with various city and district basketball teams since leaving BHS and returning from the service. He was a mainstay of the Bertoccie Memorial basketball team for the past few years. In addition to his basketball activity, Vito played 2 years with the varsity football team at BHS as a halfback and quarterback, as a fullback at Wilberham Academy, a fullback for 3 years at Brown University and two years for Camp Polk, service football team. He is a member of Council 1.

Another honorary award was given **Victor C. Dubois** (named Duboiskas for the day), sports editor of the Daily Enterprise-Times. The tribute was in recognition of his published stories of Lithuanian young men in athletics, and military activities for nearly 35 years. The presentation was made by John Grigas, local fireman and former BHS football and track star, captain of the 1932 undefeated and untied Brockton High School grid eleven, the lineup including other Lithuanian star performers, Hipolit Monsevicz, Julie Marcenkevicz, also the late Adolph Sharkey.

Stanley Balberis, president of Council 1, was master of ceremonies. Speakers seated at the head table with President Balberis were Msgr. Strakauskas, Rev. Albert Abracinkas, Rev. Wm. Wolkevich and Rev. P. Remeika of the Marian Fathers, visiting missionary. Others seated at the head table were Miss Doris Tamulevicz, vice president and special guest, Mrs. Agatha Strakauskas, 88-year-old mother of the pastor. Msgr. Strakauskas gave praise to the work of the K. of L. Council 1, urging greater membership, and he was high in praise of the great work done by President Balberis, whom he fittingly termed for the occasion as "Stan the Man." The breakfast was held in Msgr. Urban hall, named after the late





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**FOOTBALL STARS HONORED AT COMMUNION BREAKFAST, So. Boston, Mass.** — Four outstanding Boston College grid stars presented with special scrolls by Rev. John Zuromskis, spiritual adviser. Left to right: Father Zuromskis, John Poskus (Stoughton, Mass.), Richard Lucas (South Boston), John Miller (Lowell) and Leonard Andrusaitis (Lowell, Mass.)

Msgr. Casimir Urban-Urbonavičius, honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania.

The Awards Committee included President Stanley Balberis, chairman; Rev. A. Abracinkas, spiritual adviser; City Councillor Hipolit Moncevicz, Joseph Barkauskas, John Pasakarnis, James Condon, Doris Tamulevicz, Loretta Bielskis and Sylvia Shukis.

The K. of L. committee in charge of the communion breakfast included Doris Tamulevich, Rita Tamulevich, Lorraine Tautkus, Loretta Bielskis, Sylvia Shukis, Edward Kaminski, Anthony Skirius, Patricia Bukant, Jean Chamberlain, Pauline Retkevich, Joan Norkus, Joan Sullivan, Joseph Barkauskas, John Pasakarnis, David Wallace, Patricia Hughes and Edwin Chirokas. Preparing the food in the kitchen were Anthony Bukant, Mrs. Martha Blazewicz, Mrs. Sophia Tamulevich and Mrs. Edwin Chirokas. Hostesses were Mary Kelleher, Mary Anusevicz and Phyllis Smith.

**Council 17, South Boston, Mass.,** at its communion breakfast held in the hall of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church, honored four outstanding Boston College grid stars, including Richard Lucas of South Boston, 1955 O'Meilia award winner. Special scrolls were presented by Fr. John Zuromskis, New England Dis-

trict Spiritual Adviser, to the players, all Lithuanians: **John Miller** of Lowell, captain of the B. C. football squad of last year; **Leonard Andrusaitis** of Lowell; **Joseph Poskus** of Stoughton, and **Lucas**. The O'Meilia award won last season by Dick Lucas is a coveted presentation made each year to the outstanding player in the traditional game with Holy Cross by the Holy Cross Club of Boston. Captain Miller won the award in 1953.

All four grid stars are seniors at

Boston College and were named last year to the **1955 Knights of Lithuania All-American Lithuanian Football Team**.

#### Their Biographical Sketch

**RICHARD LUCAS**, 21, 6'-2" marketing student, is a graduate of South Boston High School. A brilliant right end, in his first three seasons he caught 17 passes for a total gain of 307 yards. Last year, alone, he snagged 16 passes for a 261 yard total gain. His ten punts netted 270 yards. He received honorable mention in the All Catholic All American Team, and the Boston Post All New England Team.

**CAPTAIN JOHN MILLER**, 22, strapping 6'-5" social science student, is a graduate of Keith Academy in Lowell. He weighs in at 230 pounds. Miller has tabbed for honorable mention on both the Associate Press and United Press All-American Teams, on the All Catholic All-American Team, and the Boston Post All N. E. Team.

**LEONARD ANDRUSAITIS**, 21, 5'-10" finance major, is a graduate of Lowell High School. He was picked for honorable mention on the Post All N. E. Team.

**JOSEPH POSKUS**, 22, 6'-3" government student, is a graduate of Stoughton High School and throughout his football career at Boston College has been consistently brilliant in his assignments on the field. Both Poskus and Andru-



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**HOSTESSES at Council 17 Communion Breakfast, So. Boston, Mass.** — Standing, left to right: Phyllis Rudis, Genia Pauplis, Stephanie Wisniewski, Ann Wisniewski and Helen Ivanauskas. Sitting, Dahlia Karoblis, Madeline Oruzdis, Wanda Griganavičius, Joanne Neviera and Patricia Plansky.





Kun. St. Raila

## IŠ VYČIŲ SEIMO

**Vyčiai Dirba.** Pasimelde vyčiai pradėjo savo darbus. Didžiulė viešbučio salė nuotaikingai paruošta darbams — posėdžiams. Rengėjai viską skoningai ir vytiškai parengė. Tik patekęs ten, tuoj matei, kad čia vyčių Seimas, kryžiaus, šv. Kazimiero ir M. Norkūno globoj, amerikoniškai lietuviškoj aplinkoj. Nereikėjo ilgai žvalgytis, kur vyčiai renkasi ir kur dirba. Visur vytiški-lietuviški ženklai, iškabos, šūkiiai tai aiškiai kalba, kad čia, o ne kur kitur susirinko lietuviškas - katalikiškas, amerikoniškas, organizuotas jaunimas. Visi su registracijos ženklais, informaciniais spaudiniais ir miesto planais aprūpinti vietos 29-tos Newark kuopos Seimo

saitis played center positions on the B. C. teams and were singled out frequently for their exceptional skill on the field.

Rev. Fr. Francis A. Virmauskis, pastor and honorary member of K. of L., Rev. Fr. Albert J. Contons, national spiritual director, and Rev. Fr. John D. Zuromskis, New England District spiritual adviser, were among members of the clergy attending the annual event on the Feast of St. Casimir, patron saint of the K. of L., sponsored by Council 17, of which Mrs. Angie Yelmokas is president. The committee was headed by the Misses Ann Wisniewski and Helen Ivanauskas, and assisted by Frank Stanaitis, Rita Waitkunas, Marie Zaleskas, Joan Kleponis and Charles Marcinkevicius. Master of Ceremonies was Joseph A. Lola, Eastern Airline executive and former national president.

rengėjų. Čia negalėjai praeiti, kad nepatektum į jų akis ir "rankas", užsiregistruoti ir žinoma, užsimokėti už visus būsiančius Seimo malonumus. Informacijos ir registracijos komitetai dirbo labai uoliai ir sekmingai, nes jie prirašė ir svečių ir delegatų keletą šimtų. Rašomosios mašinėlės barškėjo ir barškėjo beveik be pertraukos, siųsdamos žinias, registracija, informacijas ir tt.

Dauguma vyčių delegatų su visu rimtumu ir susikaupę rinkosi salėn posėdžių. Jie žinojo, kad čia bus vienas svarbiausių Seimo darbų — posėdžiuose, svarstymai, nutarimai. Dauguma ėjo netik klausytis, bet ir pasižymėti, kad galėtų pranešti savo kuopoms. Todėl beveik visi jų turėjo savo rankose ką nors surašyti, pasižymėti. Iš jų veidų galėjai išskaityti, kad jie norėjo kuo nors prisidėti prie vytiškų Seimo darbų. Jei kas pats nedriso sakyti savo nuomonę, tai jis šnibždėjo drašesniai draugui, kad iškeltu jo minti ir jo sumanyma. Juk neužtenka tik sėdėti salėj, bet reikia ir ką nors veikti.

Susirikiavo vyčiai savo Seimo darbams, išsirinkdami darbo prezidijumą, visas reikiamas komisijas ir stojo į darba, kai vyras ir vyrą. Garbė pradėti darbus teko 29-tos kuopos pirmininkui ir Rengimo Komiteto Vadovui Edvardui Thompsonui. O jis turėjo ką pasakyti, pakviesti ir paprašyti savo svečius vyčius sekmingai praleisti tas dienas jų globoj. Komiteto ir kuopos labai svarbi užduotis buvo atlikta, surengta taip sudėtingas ir smulkmeniškai pramatytas vyčių Seimas. Tam reikėjo daug valandų, dienų ir net naktų darbo. Dabar teko tik perduoti Seimui testį savo programa.

Gerai, kad visos kuopos rengia Seimus ir pačios gerai supranta kiek daug darbo ir aukos reikia. Kitaip gal daug kas ir nepastebėtų rengėjų sunkių ir taip sudėtingų darbų.

Tikrieji Seimo darbai prasidėjo vyriausiojo Vyčių Vado Al Wesey kalba. Jo kalba kvėpavo tikro vytiškumo, pareigingumo, ypač lietuviškumo dvasia. Kiekvienas jo žodis skambėjo, Ei, vyčiai, gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai. Tauta, lietuviai laukia laisvės ir Bažnyčia mūsų vytiško bendravimo. Tik tą atlikdami, jausimės atlikę vytišką pareigą. Iš to matei ir girdėjai, koku šūkiu vyks vyčių Seimas.

Nežinau ar galybę sveikinimų priskaityti prie Seimo darbų, ar prie istorijos. Bet jų buvo paberta žodžiu ir raštu visa virtinė, pradedant Seimo atidarymu, ir vis kartojant beveik per visą Seimą. Tai ženklas, kad vyčiai yra reikšmingi, kad į juos tiek daug atkreipiama dėmesio, kad kiekvienas sveikintojas vyčiams linkėjo sėkmės, o ne retas dar jų darbams paremti savo auką įbraukė.

Oficijalus Vyčių Centro Valdybos ir Komisijų pranešimai, buvo jų praeitų metų darbų apyskaita Seimui. Iš to matėsi vytiška linkmė, darbų eiga, sunkumai, vargai, laimėjimai. Plačiau ar trumpiau, bet visi davė savo darbų apžvalgą. Ir gerai. O su koku rimtumu išklause taip reikšmingo ir didžiai garbingo pranešimo kun. J. Jutkevičiaus. Salėj viešpatavo nepaprasta rimtis, kai buvęs Dvasios Vadas ir dabartinis Lietuviškų Reikalų Garbės Pirmininkas kalbėjo. Iš jo širdies plaukte plaukė didžios meilės ir pasiaukavimo garsas Lietuvai ir lietuviams. Netikėtai, jei patys nematytų, kaip daug vyčių pergyveno jo rimties žodžius, dėjosi į širdį. Tikrai mačiau kaip nevienam tekėjo graudi ašara — ašara džiaugsmo, kad yra tokiu jaunimo vadu, kurie taip jautriai moka suprasti lietuvių kančios likimą, dirbti dėl jų laisvės, aukotis, ir gyventi, kaip kun. Jonas Jutkevičius ir iš kitos, pusės, pasiryžimo ir pasižadėjimo, ir toliau veikti ir dirbti tam pačiam gražiam lietuviškam tikslui. Taip ir galėjai jausti, kad visi sakė savo sielos gilumoj, kad šiemet mes parašysim ne 16.000 laiškų, bet 60.000. Jie tikrai pasiryžo dirbti ir kovoti už lietuviškumą. Todėl ir jo pranešimas, kalba buvo palydėtas su didžiu plojimu, padėka. Ne kartą, bet kelioliką sykių Seimo metu kartojo jo žodžius ir rėmėsi jais, kaip šūkiu vyčių darbams toliau testį ir laimėti. Svarbu ir tai pažymėti, kad kun. Jonas Jutkevičius kalbėjo su tokiu įkvėpimu ir rimtumu, kad galėjai jausti visą jo jėgą pavestą tam svarbiam darbui — gelbėti Lietuvą ir lietuviškumą. Jis tik galėjo pasakyti taip reikšmingus žodžius: "Jei mes snausime, jei mes indiferentais būsime, jei mes nepaisysime Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos skatinimo, tai iš tikro Lietuva bus užmiršta, daugiau jos nebus ir tada mes amžinai būsime kalti, kad leidome Lietuvai mirti..."



# VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

**Nauja valdyba.** Vyčiai sendraugiai savo kuopos veikimui planuoti ir tam veikimui vadovauti kasmet renka Tarybą. Iki šiol Tarybon buvo renkama penkiolika žmonių. Šių metų metiniam susirinkime nutarta Tarybon renkamų skaičių sumažinti iki devynių asmenų, nes penkiolikai žmonių, skirstant pareigas, taip sakant "neužtekdamo darbo".

Šių metų Tarybon didžiūma balsų buvo išrinkti sekantieji: Ign. Sakalas, K. Paukštys, A. Petrulis, T. Norbutienė, E. Samienė, A. Bacevičius, N. Karlavičius, K. Rubinas ir J. Kerulis. Kandidatais išrinkti B. Cicėnienė, V. Jodelis ir V. Vilkišius.

Pirmame Tarybos susirinkime sausio 8 d. Vyčių salėj pareigomis pasiskirstyta sekančiai: pirm. Ign. Sakalas, vice pirmininkas ir sendraugių parengimų šeimininkas A. Petrulis, vicepirmininkas ir sendraugių lankymui ligos atveju A. Bacevičius, sekretorė E. Samienė, finansų sekr. K. Paukštys, išdininkas N. Karlavičius ir išdo globėjai K. Rubinas ir J. Kerulis. Visi čia išvardintieji yra veiklūs ne tik sendraugiuose, bet ir plačiosios Chicago lietuvų katalikų visuomenėj bei jos organizacijose.

Dvasios vadu praėjusiais metais buvo visų mylimas prel. Ign. Albavičius, šv. Antano parapijos Ciceroj klebonas. Vienbalsiai nutarta prašyti, kad ir šiemet pasiliktu tose pareigose. Prašymas tuoj pat jam buvo ir pareikštas. Prelatas sutiko.

**Buvo išvykę poilsio.** N. Karlavičius, sendraugių išdininkas, buvo išvykęs poilsio į Floridą. Karlavičiai anksčiau yra turėję maisto krautuvenę (West Side), vėliau likerio parduotuvę (Gage park apylinkėje), puikiai išikūrę Marquette Park kolonijoj. E. Karlavičienė yra ilgame tė Moterų Sąjungos 55 kp. (Chicagoj) išdininkė ir veikėja.

Floridoj taip pat atostogavo sendraugė B. Pivariūnienė, duonkepyklos savininkė. Ji yra dosni sendraugių veikimo rėmėja, o ypatinai didelių nuopelnų turi Labdarių Sąjungos išlaikomoj senelių prieglaudoj.

Arizonoj ir Kalifornijoj poilsiaavo trečias sendraugis J. Aukštaitis su savo žmona. J. Aukštaitis yra ilgametis LRKSA 163 kuopos Marquette Parke pirmininkas ir veikėjas.

**Skaitlingai dalyvavo.** Tradicinėj savo šventėj organizacijos globėjui šv. Kazimierui pagerbti vyčiai sendraugiai skaitlingai dalyvavo dvasinėj puotoj kovo 4 d. Šv. P. Marijos Gimimo parapijos bažnyčioj. Kaip žinoma, moteriškosios yra namų šeimininkės. Joms reikia rūpintis ir pietumis šeimai ir kitais namų reikalais, o vis tik daug ir moterų sendraugių dalyvavo metinėj puotoj. Tai bent vyčės! Šimtaprocentinės vyčės!

**Mūs dvasios vadas JAV senate.** Prelatas Ign. Albavičius, šv. Antano parapijos Ciceroj klebonas ir vyčių sendraugių dvasios vadas, vasario 16 d. buvo pakviestas į Washington, D. C., kur JAV senato posėdį pradėjo malda. Tai buvo iškilmingas posėdis ryšium su Vasario 16 (Lietuvos neprikl. atkurimo sukakties) minėjimu. Garbė mums ir pasididžiavimas. Prel. Ign. Albavičius yra aktyvus vyčiuose nuo organizacijos įsisteigimo.

**Pavyzdingas sūnus.** Alf. Petrulis, Kaz. ir Ant. Petrulių sūnus, atliekas karinę prievolę, prieš persikelsiant į kitą stovyklą, buvo paliuosuotas keletui savaitių paviešėti pas tėvus. Grįždamas į tarnybą motinai gimtadienio proga nupirko dovanų branų laikrodėli.

**Pirmininkas - redaktorius filatelistu laikraščio.** Ign. Sakalas, vyčių sendraugių pirmininkas, yra pakviestas Filatelistų Draugijos "Lietuva" leidžiamo biuletenio redaktorium. Pats redaktorius taipgi yra žymus filatelistas, turis didelę ir gan retą Lietuvos pašto ženklų kolekciją, taipgi retų Lietuvos vokų. Be to, jis turi gal būt didžiausią kolekciją ženklų ir vokų leistų tremtinių Vokietijoj.

**Atostogavo Floridoj.** Matas Zizas, žinomas namų statytojas Marquette Park apylinkėje, ir žymus sendraugių rėmėjas, vasario mėnesį atostogavo Floridoj, kur dalyvavo ir Miami lietuvų suruoštame Vasario 16 minėjime.

## TOP THIS

(If You Can)

LADY'S DAY

### FLIGHT AND FANCY

A Texan and a Kentuckian, traveling on the same plane, were bragging furiously to each other about their respective states. The Kentuckian finally hit upon something that he was sure would throttle the high-flying Texan.

"In Kentucky," he smiled, "we have enough gold in Fort Knox to build a four-foot wall around Texas."

"Wal, you go a-haid and build it," shot back the Texan. "Ef'n I like it, I'll buy it."

### THE ART OF REASONING

There's the story of the Scotchman who went to a dude ranch for the first time. He brought along with him, and had bought, only one spur. He figured that if he could get one side of a horse to move, the other side surely would follow.

### WHOA, THERE!

A young man with a foreign accent went into a bank to obtain a loan.

"I wanna make—a da loan, please," he said to a clerk.

"Oh, then you want to see our loan arranger."

"What's a-dat," asked the young man. "Who, please, I must—a see?"

"Our loan arranger," replied the clerk. "He'll take care of you, Sir."

"Ah, yes. I know - a now. Dats-a the man who always say 'Hi-Ho Silver'."

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# GIMTOJI KALBA

L. Dambriūnas

## DALYVIAI (Participles)

Praeitą kartą, kalbėdami apie sudėtinius laikus (compound tenses), matėme, kad jie yra sudėti iš dviejų žodžių — veiksmazodžio ir dalyvio. Bet sudėtiniai laikai tėra tik vienas atvejis (case), kada dalyviai vartojami. Lietuvių kalboje jie gali būti vartojami daug plačiau. Todėl naudinga pirmiausia geriau pažinti pačias dalyvines formas, o paskui pasiaiškinti, kaip ir kada jie vartojami.

Lietuvių kalboje dalyvių yra tiek, kiek ir veiksmazodžio laikų. Iš kiekvieno laiko veiksmazodžio galima pasidaryti dalyvį. Pvz. iš esamojo laiko (present tense) veiksmazodžio **dirba** padarome dalyvį **dirbas** arba **dirbantis** (working). Anglų kalboje dalyviai, kaip ir būdvardžiai (adjectives), yra nekaitomi (uninflected). Todėl anglų kalboje visada vartojamas tas pats vienas dalyvis kalbant apie vyrą ar moterį, vieną ar daug žmonių (**working** man, woman ir **working** men, women).

Lietuvių kalboje yra kitaip. Čia dalyviai, kaip ir būdvardžiai, turi atskiras galūnes vienaskaitai ir daugiskaitai, vyriškai ir moteriškai giminei (different endings for singular and plural, masculine and feminine genders). Todėl vietoj vieno anglų kalbos dalyvio **working** lietuvių kalboje vartojami keturi: **dirbas**, **dirba** ir **dirbanti**, **dirbančios**. Sakome **dirbas** žmogus, **dirba** žmonės, **dirbanti** mergaitė, **dirbančios** mergaitės. Visi šie dalyviai yra esamojo laiko dalyviai, nes yra padaryti iš esamojo laiko veiksmazodžio **dirba** ir reiškia daikto ypatybę, gaunamą iš dabarties veiksmo.

Yra ir kitų laikų dalyvių. Iš būtojo laiko (past tense) veiksmazodžio **dirbo**, **matė** daromi dalyviai **dirbęs**, **matęs** ir **dirbė**, **matė** (vyr. giminė), **dirbusi**, **mačiusi** ir **dirbusios**, **mačiusios** (moter. giminė). Pvz. **aš esu dirbęs**, **matęs** (I have worked, seen). **Mes esame dirbė** (we have worked). **Ji yra dirbusi** (She has worked). **Jos yra dirbusios** (They have worked).

Iš būsimojo laiko (future tense) veiksmazodžio **dirbs** turime būsimojo laiko dalyvius: **dirbsias**, **dirbsia**,

**dirbsianti**, **dirbsiančios**. Pagaliau iš būtojo dažninio laiko veiksmazodžio **dirbdavo** galime pasidaryti šio laiko dalyvius **dirbdavęs**, **dirbdavė**, **dirbdavusi**, **dirbdavusios**. Visi šie dalyviai vienoje lentelėje atrodo šitaip:

Vyriškoji giminė		Moteriškoji giminė	
Vienaskaita,	Daugiskaita	Vienaskaita,	Daugiskaita
Esamasis l. dirbas	dirba	dirbanti	dirbančios
Būtasysis l. dirbęs	dirbė	dirbusi	dirbusios
Būsimasis l. dirbsias	dirbsia	dirbsianti	dirbsiančios
Būtasysis d. l. dirbdavęs	dirbdavė	dirbdavusi	dirbdavusios

Bet tai dar neviskas, kas reikia apie dalyvius žinoti. Kiekvienas aukščiau surašytų dalyvių yra dar linksniuojamas, tad kiekvienas turi po šešias galūnes, pvz. **dirbas**, **dirbančio**, **dirbančiam**, **dirbanti**, **dirbančiu**, **dirbančiame**. Kaip matome, jie linksniuojami panašiai kaip būdvardžiai. Pilną jų linksniavimą galima rasti gramatikos vadovėliuose.

Be to, lietuvių kalboje yra dar ir nelinksniuojamų (uninflected) dalyvių. Jie yra trejopi: vieni turi galūnę **-damas**, kiti **-ant**, o treči **-us**. Pvz. **dirbdamas**, **kalbėdamas**, **dirb-ant**, **kalb-ant** ir **dirb-us**, **kalbėj-us**. Sakome: **eidamas** į miestą, sutikau draugą (going down town I met my friend). Lietui **lyjant**, negalėjau išeiti iš namų. Saulei **nusileidus**, tuoj pradėjo temti.

Kadangi šie dalyviai nelinksniuojami, yra lyg nepilni dalyviai, tai gramatikos vadovėliuose jie vadinami atskirais vardais, kad lengviau juos atskyrus nuo pilnų dalyvių. Žodžiai su galūne **-damas** (**rašydamas** — writing) vadinami **pusedalyviais**, o žodžiai su galūnėmis **-ant** ir **-us** (**rašant** — writing; **rašius** — having written) vadinami **padalyviais**.

Pagaliam yra dar du pasyviniai dalyviai — su galūne **-mas** ir **tas**, pvz. **jis yra daromas** (it is being made) ir **jis yra padarytas** (it is made). Plačiau apie dalyvių vartojimą bus kita kartą.

## K. of L. CALENDAR

April 17 — OHIO-MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION, Detroit, Michigan. Host: Council 102.

April 24 — Pittsburgh, Pa. (19) Card Party for benefit of K. of L. Radio Program.

April 28-29 — NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT ANNUAL CONVENTION. Saturday — 8 p.m., pre-Convention Dance at the Lithuanian Club Hall, 12 Vernon St. Worcester. Sunday — 11 a.m., High Mass, OUR LADY OF VILNA CHURCH, 154 Sterling St.,

Worcester, Mass.

1:30 p.m. — Sessions, church hall.

5:00 p.m. — Holy Hour

6:00 p.m. — Buffet Lunch

7:00 p.m. — Entertainment

May 5 — South Boston, Mass. (17), DANCE, Municipal Bldg. Hall, E. Broadway (G & H Sts.), South Boston, Mass.

May 6 — 40th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET OF COUNCIL 26, Worcester, Mass., St. Casimir's Church Hall, Worcester.

May 19-20 — MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Dayton, O. Host: Council 96.

June 9-10 — NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT CONVENTION, Linden, N. J. Saturday — 8 p.m., pre-Convention Dance at the Lithuanian Liberty Park Hall, Mitchell Ave.

Sunday — 12 noon, MASS. Convention headquarters — Lithuanian Liberty Park Hall. Host: Council 113.

May 19 — Norwood, Mass. (27), Blossom Festival Dance, Lithuanian Hall, St. George Ave. Proceeds to go to St. George's Parish Convent.



# KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA:

## Forty-Third Annual Convention

### FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT —

Chicago, Illinois, August 23-26, 1956

(Completed program will appear in a later issue of VYTIS and the Program for the Chicago convention.)

## FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

As further details with respect to the convention and its program become available, future announcements will be published in the VYTIS. Members are, therefore, requested to watch each future issue for such information.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 1956 Membership Drive will soon become history. The drive, even though a lengthy one, has not proven to be as successful as we had anticipated.

The drive was started shortly after the *National Convention* because of a suggestion from the convention floor.

The stirred-up interest after a *National Convention* did not bring in as many new members or former members into our councils as anticipated. In fact, so far only 50% of the councils are contributing to this very important program of our organization.

The drive to date has not ended. Councils that have been lagging can still do their part and with a little co-operation from their members a better than 50% cooperation of all councils can still be had.

As a last appeal to all, bring in those new members or former members. We need the cooperation of everyone to make this Membership Drive the most successful of all Membership Drives.

Joseph A. Sakevich, Chairman  
Membership Drive

### COUNCIL 115, Lowell, Mass.

REV. PETER SHAKALIS informed your editors that Council 115 is being reactivated. Its first meeting is being held in the parish hall, April 6, 1956. Father Shakalis was instrumental in organizing the Junior Council in Lawrence, Mass., while he was assistant in St. Francis' parish, whose pastor is Very Rev. Msgr. Francis M. Juras. While in Norwood, Mass., Father Shakalis strengthened Council 27 and organized Junior Council of 50 members in St. George's parish, whose pastor is Rev. Felix Norbut; and now Lowell Council is being reorganized together with a Junior Council in St. Casimir's parish, whose pastor is Rev. John J. Skalandis. Father Peter Shakalis, former member of Council 18, Cambridge, Mass., was recently transferred to Lowell parish from Natick, Mass. We wish Father Peter, Spiritual Director of the N. E. Sodality success in his untiring efforts in behalf of the Knights of Lithuania.

### "THIS HAPPENED TO ME"

The VYTIS FUND will present \$15.00 in prizes to the three best essays written by K. of L. members on the above subject.

1. Subject matter: may be based on the K. of L. Lithuanian, Catholic, personal experiences of the writer.
2. Length: approximately 300 words.
3. Format: typewritten, double-spaced.
4. Time: essays must be submitted from April 1 to July 1, 1956.
5. Judges: Editors and Advisory Staff of the VYTIS.
6. Prizes: 3 prizes of \$5.00 each for the 3 best essays, which will be printed in the VYTIS.
7. Contestants should submit their name, address, and council number.

## THE EDITORS SPEAK

From time to time comments filter down to the editors that VYTIS should display more action pictures of council members and activities.

We are wholly in accord and long have been. Photographs not only add proper balance to reading matter, but they tell a story "better than a thousand words."

Unfortunately the VYTIS staff does not include a traveling photographer. It never did. It never could. The burden of providing photographs, therefore, always has had to fall upon councils themselves.

As on many previous occasions, we again strongly urge councils to send in photos of their activities, suitably identifying both the activity and any individuals shown.

THE COST OF PRINTING ANY SUCH PHOTOS ACCEPTED WILL BE BORNE BY VYTIS AND NOT BY COUNCILS. We think that one reason councils seldom complied with picture requests was because, previously, they were billed for the expense involved.

Until further notice, however, VYTIS will bear the cost of publishing any council photos it uses. All we ask is that councils be gracious enough to allow us the right to select and use photos as we see fit. (This does not apply to a photo which a council may submit for "guaranteed" publication and for which it will assume costs.)

Bear in mind that we are working constantly to improve VYTIS. Many changes already are evident. The size, for example, recently was trimmed down to more modern proportions.

Wherever possible, we will contrive to advance the contents and format of this magazine with the man power at hand. On occasion, cooperation will be asked of councils. This is one of those occasions. To print pictures we must have them first. So, send in your current action photos. Give your council a shot — at the VYTIS pages.



# JUNIOR PAGE



## "MY HOBBY"

The Vytis Fund will present \$9.00 in prizes to the three best essays written by Junior K. of L. members on the above subject.

- 1) Length: approximately 200 words.
- 2) Time: essays must be submitted from April 1 to July 1, 1956.
- 3) Judges: Editors and Advisory Staff of the VYTIS.
- 4) Prizes: 3 prizes of \$3.00 each for the 3 best essays, which will be printed in the VYTIS.
- 5) Contestants should submit their name, address, and council number.

**JUNIOR K. OF L'ers** — This space in VYTIS is allotted to all Junior Councils. Therefore, take advantage of it — and write in short news items. (Ed.)

## JUNIOR COUNCIL 3

**Philadelphia, Pa.** At our regular meeting held March 2nd, we discussed the Radio Program scheduled for March 3rd in commemoration of our Patron Saint Casimir. The players during the broadcast over Station WTEL were: John Smoluk, William Wallace, Frances Laukagalis, Aldona Bartasius, Irma Banevičius, Helen Jotautas, Alberta Bekeris and Ramutė Puodžiūnas. Our Lithuanian instructor was Miss Helen Shields.

After the program, we visited the Folk Fair held at the High School. With much interest, we viewed the Lithuanian and other 17 nationality exhibits. Following a brief repast, we hurried back to St. Casimir's Church and attended St. Casimir devotions. We certainly had a busy day!

Sunday, March 4th, both Juniors and Seniors celebrated St. Casimir's Day by attending the 10 o'clock Mass, officiated by Rt. Rev. Msgr. I. Valančiūnas, pastor. After Mass, a Communion Breakfast was held. Many members were presented with first and second Ritual degrees. Helen Jotautas, Junior member, provided us with some accord-

ion music.

Miss Shields introduced to us the idea of forming a Glee Club and Folk Dance group. Sounds like a good idea.

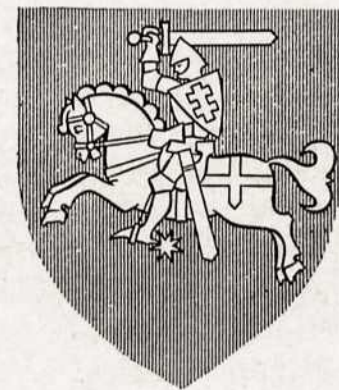
**William Wallace,**  
251 Mountain St.  
Philadelphia 48, Pa.

## WON'T YOU JOIN US?

We, the Juniors of Council 3, at the radio program honoring St. Casimir, our Patron, RESOLVED to ask all Lithuanians to join us in remembering St. Casimir DAILY in our prayers — "Šventas Kazimierai, melsk už mus ir už kenčiančią Lietuvą." — St. Casimir, pray for us and suffering Lithuania." We ask all Knights of Lithuania members to join us in this PRAYER CRUSADE TO SAINT CASIMIR. It will only take a second of your time. By this daily intercession to our Saint, we shall receive not only many benefits ourselves, but also hasten the day of liberation of LITHUANIA.

We would appreciate hearing councils and members who are willing to join the PRAYER CRUSADE TO SAINT CASIMIR.

**Junior Council 3**



**LITHUANIAN NATIONAL  
SYMBOL  
(Coat of Arms)**

## VYTIS

Try to remember what this Lithuanian symbol represents. Someday some non-Lithuanian may ask you and you will be well prepared to inform him.

VYTIS — Lithuania's coat-of-arms portrays a white knight on a red background. The knight, a cavalryman or warrior is galloping away with an uplifted sword. On his shield there is a double cross. Vytis has come down to us from the early ages of Lithuania. It is found on coins and seals. Later, it was used on flags. Vytis stands for physical strength, spiritual heroism, and creative power, a transition from the past, through the present, into the future.

## JUNIOR COUNCIL 96

**Dayton, Ohio.** On March 4th — St. Casimir's Day, our Junior Council members together with the Sen-



ior Council commemorated the annual event by receiving Holy Communion in a body at the 8 o'clock Mass, followed by a breakfast served in Mrs. Ada Sinkwitz's basement. As part of the program, we enjoyed listening to the life of Saint Casimir which was read by Mrs. Elinor Sluzas. We are grateful to the Seniors and Mrs. Sinkwitz for the delicious breakfast.

We thank David Rimkus for having taken a group picture of us, also the candid snapshots he took during our Halloween Party.

Margaret Kavalauskas

**JUNIOR COUNCIL 26**

**Worcester, Mass.** In this column, we wish to state that our Junior group is quite active, even though we have been lax in writing into VYTIS.

The K. of L. clubrooms are still open to us every Wednesday and Friday nights. The pool table and ping-pong table certainly get a work out during these evenings. The Gedmintas boys are becoming quite adept at the game of pool. Other members are getting proficient in the game of Scrabble, particularly Elly McMorrow, Carolyn Dusavage, Richard Karsok and Alex Pridotkas.

We held our own Mardi Gras ball this year. After our regular meeting, we were guests of the Seniors and were served delicious "kugelis" prepared by Mrs. Anna Bender, Mrs. Anna Ridick, Mrs. Rita Pinkus, Mrs. Nellie Thompson and Miss Adele Ivaska. Also present at the affair was our spiritual adviser, Father Tamulevičius.

During Lent, socials were at a standstill. Instead, we attended Lenten services.

On February 24th, thirty Juniors, under the leadership of Father Tamulevičius and chaperones consisting of Mrs. Ridick, Mrs. Bender, Mrs. Pinkus, Joseph Sakaitis and Edward Daniels, traveled by bus to Boston Gardens and saw the Ice Follies of 1956.

Beverly Bunevitch had a "Sweet Sixteen" party. We enjoyed the party very much, especially the game called "Salt Lake City." Since Beverly is a "Leap Year" gal, her next "birthday" will be celebrated four years from now (February 29th, 1960).



Edw. J. Sharkey

**SNACKS** — Members of South Boston Council 17, following a regular monthly meeting, joined with guests in an evening pre-Lenten snack. Clockwise, from bottom: Florence Zaleskas, Edward Ruka, Veronica Yotts, William Gorski, Jean Pauplis, Longinas Svelnis, Ann Wisniewski, Charles Marcinkevičius, John Olevitz, Rev. Albert Contons, Mrs. Edward Sharkey, Rev. John Zuromskis, Joanne Dravinskas, Roland Martinkus, Marie Zaleskas, Winifred Skudris, and Angela Yelmokas.

We celebrated the Feast of Saint Casimir on March 4th and attended a Communion Breakfast. Many of the Juniors were elevated into the Senior ranks. Breakfast was arranged by Joan E. Grigas, chairlady, Joanne Savage and Beverly Cunis, co-chairladies, Elly McMorrow, Alex Pridotkas, Carol Pusas, Carol Palvicius and Stella Marcinkevičius. Vincent J. Gražulis did an admirable job as Emcee. He put some gaiety into the program with his jokes, etc. Among the speakers were Father Petraitis, pastor, Father Jutt, Father Gutauskas, S. J., and Father Tamulevičius. The principal guest speaker was Don Prohovich, of the Holy Cross Basketball Team. In conclusion, Anthony Morkunas, president of Council 26, presented first and second Ritual degrees to Alvira J. Staras, Carolyn Dusavage, Ann Marie McMorrow, Carol Palvicius, Carol Pusac, Genevieve Lietuvnikas, Beverly Bunevitch and John Ridick.

Alvira & Ellie

**TRY YOUR HAND AT MATCHING THE FOLLOWING:**

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| 1. January    | ..... | kovas          |
| 2. February   | ..... | gruodis        |
| 3. March      | ..... | pirmadienis    |
| 4. April      | ..... | balandis       |
| 5. May        | ..... | sausis         |
| 6. June       | ..... | sekmadienis    |
| 7. July       | ..... | birželis       |
| 8. August     | ..... | lapkritis      |
| 9. September  | ..... | antradienis    |
| 10. October   | ..... | rugpiūtis      |
| 11. November  | ..... | šeštadienis    |
| 12. December  | ..... | gegužis        |
| 13. Sunday    | ..... | liepa          |
| 14. Monday    | ..... | penktadienis   |
| 15. Tuesday   | ..... | rugsėjis       |
| 16. Wednesday | ..... | šventadienis   |
| 17. Thursday  | ..... | ketvirtadienis |
| 18. Friday    | ..... | trečiadienis   |
| 19. Saturday  | ..... | vasaris        |
| 20. Holy Day  | ..... | spalis         |
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| 16 correct | .... | 80%  |
| 14 correct | .... | 70%  |



# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

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

We celebrated St. Casimir's Day on March 4th by attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion and having a Communion Breakfast at Rand's Roundup Restaurant. That same afternoon, members participated at the banquet and concert sponsored by the parishioners of St. Casimir's Church.

Our March meeting (presided by Eddy Bartkus, vice president) was held at the home of Vyt. Adomaitis, council secretary. Rev. Dr. Antanas Bucmys, spiritual adviser and recent arrival from Rome, Italy, gave an interesting talk about the Lithuanian community in Italy, its having a daily Lithuanian radio broadcast and Lithuanian College.

Shortly after Easter, we plan to hold monthly YOUTH DANCES, including an annual Spring Dance.

We were quite pleased to have Laura Yucius, former active member of Council 5, Chicago, Ill. and the Illinois - Indiana district, transfer her membership to our council. At this meeting, we also had several prospective members present — Edna Davis, Jadvyga Pomerigaitė, Alisa Selmistraitis, Lorraine Samolis and Ann Milauskaitė. Following the meeting, our host, Vyt. Adomaitis, entertained members and guests with tape recorded Lithuanian folk music, and served sandwiches and coffee.

A. SK.

## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

### Šv. Kazimiero Dienos Iškilmės

Sekmadienį, kovo 4 d., 1956 m., Panelės šv. Marijos Gimimo parapijoje įvyko Lietuvos Vyčių metinis šv. Kazimiero dienos paminėjimas.

Į pamaldas nužygiavo graži eiseną vyčių, ateitininkų, skautų ir Amerikos legiono narių, lydima Amerikos, Lietuvos bei Skautų vėliavų.

Iškilmingas šv. Mišias atnašavo: celebrantas kun. Leonardas Vaisvilas, dijakonas — kun. Petras Ciniakas, M.I.C., subdiakonai kun. Juozas Budzeika, M.I.C. Pritaikintą tai dienai pamokslą pasakė vyčių apskričio dvasios vadas kun. P. Ciniakas. Jo Ekscelencija Vyskupas Brizgys, kanauninkas Jurgis Paškauskas ir vietinė dvasiškija taip pat dalyvavo pamaldose. Po šv. mišių parapijos choras ir vyčiai, vadovaujant vargoninkui Antanui Giedraičiui, bendrai sugiedojo "Vyčių" himną. Šv. Mišių laike Don Varnas ir Darius - Girėno Posto nariai atliko išpūdingas ceremonijas, pagerbė kare žuvusius narius.

Vėliaus parapijos salėje įvyko bendri pusryčiai ir atitinkama programa.

Maldą atkalbėjo Jo Ekscelencija Vyskupas Vincentas Brizgys.

Iškilmų kalbėtojai buvo: Jo Ekscelencija Vyskupas Vincentas Brizgys, kanauninkas Jurgis Paškauskas, apskričio pirmininkas Jurgis Jonikas, advokatas Konstantas Savickas, apskričio dvasios vadas kun. Petras Ciniakas, 112-tos kuopos dvasios vadas kun. Leonardas Vaisvilas ir ceremonijų vedėjas Jonas Stoškus.

Prie garbės stalo buvo pakviesti šie vyčių garbės nariai: Leonardas Šimutis, Ignas Sakalas, S. Šimulis ir Juozas Juozaitis; o taip pat Vincas Pavis, Betty Tucker ir K. Savickas; Amerikos legijono 4-to apskričio vadovas Jonas Paukštis, lietuvių skautų vadovas Vladas Sauliūnas, studentų ateitininkų vadovas Ignas Serafinas, šv. Vardo Jėzaus draugijos pirmininkas Jonas Evanauskas, Lietuvos konsulas dr. Petras Daužvardis su žmona ir kun. Juozapas Budzeika, M.I.C.

Apskričio pirmininkas Jurgis Jonikas pristatė Ill.-Ind., valdybos narius. Ceremonijų vedėjas pristatė kuopų pirmininkus: 5-kp. Lucija

Yucius, 8-kp. Juozas Borisas, 13-kp. Frank Kancil, 14-kp. Marijona Kelpsas, 24-kp. Vladas Cibulskis, 36-kp. Frank Petkunas, 82-kp. Jonas Kaminskas, 112-kp. Betty Tucker, 99-kp. Juozas Stanaitis ir Seniorų kp. Ignas Sakalas. p. Stanaitienė atstovavo Don Varnas posto moterų vieneta; Columbus Vyčių Cardinal Mundelein kuopą atstovavo Dominick Stanulis.

Šiais metais i ketvirtą laipsnį pakelta narė Teklė Norbutienė ir sekantieji i trečio laipsnio narius: Gloria Cibulskis, Betty Tucker, Irene Senkus, Sophie Zukas, Vytautas Gestautas, Barbora Paliliūnienė, Loretta Maciukonis ir Kazys Paukštis.

Šv. Kazimiero dienos iškilmes tvarkė 112-tos kuopos komisija: Eleanore Laurin ir Antanas Lubertas, vadovai ir nariai: Betty Tucker, Barbora Lazutka, Pat Tucker, Al Stasiūnas, Bill Waranius, Jonas Stoskus, Ed. Ubis ir Al. Mockus.

Šv. Kazimiero dienos iškilmes praėjo nuotaikingai, stalai buvo gražiai papuošti Lietuvos trispalve su gėlių vazonais. Estradoj kabojo didelis šv. Kazimiero paveikslas ir Lietuvos Vyčių emblema. Iškilmes baigė kun. Petras Ciniakas malda.

Jonas Stoškus

### CHICAGO, ILL. (C-5)

#### Past Activities

Last Fourth of July, at our district picnic, HELEN ZIMMER was voted the second most popular girl in the K. of L. district. Congratulations!... On August 7th, many of our members enjoyed the sun and fresh air at the State Park, Waukegan, Ill. It won't be long now before we shall be enjoying some pleasant Sunday afternoons, again!... In the month of September (beginning of the bowling season) three bowling teams were organized by our council and each Sunday afternoon, members met at the alleys and enjoyed bowling... November 5th, we held our annual Fall Dance at the



Lions Ballroom. Special thanks to Anna Marie Januska, chairlady, for a job well done.

### Current Activities

The Ill.-Ind. district commemorated St. Casimir's Day on March 4th with Mass and Communion Breakfast (host — Council 112, Marquette Park). Since our parish (St. Michael's Church) started its Forty Hours devotion that same day, not too many of our council members were able to participate.

Recently, two of our members have chosen different States to make their home in. Anna Maria Januska now resides in the "Peach State" of Georgia, and Laura Yucius resides in the fabulous State of California. It seems Laura has made herself quite at home in Los Angeles — transferred her K. of L. membership to Council 133, and has also been pledged into the Phi Beta sorority. We are sorry to see our active members leave us and hope that they may reconsider and join the "old gang" in Chicago, soon.

At this writing, our council is making final plans for a REUNION DANCE — to be held April 7th. Our chairman, Al Manst, has undertaken quite a project in locating all former K. of L. members. This dance should be one of our social highlights of the year 1956. We hope, that after such great efforts in getting the former K. of L. members together, we may be able to build up our council's membership, once more.

OUR NEW OFFICERS are: Rev. A. Valancius, spiritual adviser; Lucille L. Yucius, president; Al Manst, vice president; Ann Marie Pupinik, secretary; Helen Zimmer, financial secretary; Loretta Macekonis, treasurer; and Jerome Andrews, sgt.-at-arms. **"Lucky"**

### CHICAGO, ILL. (C-13)

So many things have happened since last we wrote... Jean Tervainis and Frank Bargaila, C-112, became Mr. and Mrs. on October 29th and are now waiting for the "any-week" news that they will be able to move into their Mount Greenwood home. Francis Petrauskas & Florian Simanonis tied the knot on September 25 and now reside in Brighton Pk. Their honeymoon trip out west was the topic for months. Ann Peceliunas Gubista is infanti-

cipating, and about Mother's Day, too! Pat Kamar claims participation in the above three weddings, and after this furor died, is keeping herself quite occupied with the "Have Gown, Will Travel" Alice Stephens Chorus. Their latest trips included Detroit and Cleveland. A happy event took place during the holidays when brother Vincent J. was ordained on December 27 at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His First Mass was held in Holy Cross Church and he is now working in the Grand Rapids "Vineyard". May your work be fruitful, Father! We understand that Bernice & Tony Trump have a newly acquired home out south — Oaklawn. Goody! Another housewarming! Lucky Diktus is keeping herself busy managing "her own" delicatessen in Oaklawn. It looks good for co-owners, Lu and sister, Lil. Frank Kancel and family decided to forsake "Toleika" and moved to Brighton Park several months ago. Spotted Al and Jean Zemaitis shopping around town. How about some more visits? We hear from California and John Matimaitis that he is no longer a happy Bachelor but a Happy Benedict. Congratulations! But, who is going to take over Golf Instructions, Matt? Happy parents Ann (Aušra) & Zen Čibiras are never too busy to stop and talk about little Deborah Judine, their new bundle of joy.

One gal who will always be missed is Donna Lukošius, who, after a serious illness, passed away on August 13, 1955. Always there with a smile... that's how everyone remembers her. Requiescat in pace! Two teams are entered in the District League: Holding down second place are the SHOWOFFS with Bunny Miller, Irene Sankus, Jack Stegwell, Tony Kil and Frank Kancel. In 10th place, the TRUMPEEERS include: Bea & Tony Trump, Snuffy Stegwell and Aldona and Gar Hitzemann. FLASH! Holding second place in averages, (so far), with the Darius - Girėnas American Legion Bowling League, is our CASEY GUBISTA. We're proud of Cas. He claims it's the practice that does it. Elections for 1956, which took place on March 8th, show the following results: Spiritual Adviser — Fr. Julian Grinis; President — John Stegwell; 1st Vice President — Zen Čibiras; 2nd Vice President — Pat Kamar; Corresponding Sec'y.—

Bernice Novom; Recording Sec'y.— Bernice Trump; Financial Sec'y.— Ann Cibiras; Treasurer — Gus Paicius; Trustees — Jerry Jesulaitis and Casey Gubista; Sgts.-at-arms— Paul Dzing & Dan Stegwell; Delegates to the District — Jerry Jesul & Pat Kamar. **Angeliuks**

### GARY, INDIANA (C-82)

Since council news have not appeared in VYTIS for about a year, your official correspondent, would now like to give a brief resume of C-82 activities:

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MARCH — Our council donated \$5.00 at Lithuania's Independence Day exercises which were held in Gary on February 13th... We were hosts at the Indiana-Illinois District ST. CASIMIR'S DAY commemoration. Mass was well attended by district members; following Mass, breakfast was served. We thank Mrs. Sophie Kaminski for having decorated the altars with beautiful flowers, also members who served breakfast — John and Sophie Kaminski, Emily Mihalik, Elizabeth Shirvinski, Tony and Miki Shirvinski, Mary and Jim Rukas, Joe Kurpalis, Stan. Klevickas, Stan. Juknevich, Charlotte Strumski, Bernard and Stella Kaminski, Tony Ulozas and Tony Jank. During Mass, the Senior Choir of St. Casimir sang; soloist was Stasys Barauskas; Mass was said by Rev. Vichuras, celebrant, and assisted by Rev. Urbonas and a Franciscan Missionary Father.

APRIL — Favorable reports on March activities were given by John and Sophie Kaminski, Tony Jank and Emily Mihalik... Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mazeika were blessed with a boy!

MAY — A donation of \$25.00 was given to Rev. I. Vichuras by the Illinois - Indiana district... Committee on Arrangements was elected to serve on the July 4th Picnic: John Kaminski, chairman, Jim Rukas and Miki Shirvinski... It was reported that the Dance and Raffle which took place on April 30th was a success thanks to Joe and Anna Kurpalis, Sophie Kaminski, Tony Ulozas, E. Mihalik, Charlotte Strumski, Dorothy Malis, Delores Cerabin, Griffin Sport Shop and Gress Jewelers. Raffle prize winners were J. Espenosa (mixmaster), J. Lewandowski (camera), Geo.



Yovich (clock radio), and R. Bushman (toastmaster).

**JUNE** — Our trip to the Midwest Bowling Tournament held in Detroit proved to be successful. Our 1st team, consisting of Capt. S. Juknevich, Mike and Emily Mihalik, E. Shirvinski, J. Rukas, and sub-Charlotte Strumski won individual trophies and brought home 1st trophy for the council. 2nd team, comprised of Capt. Miki Shirvinski, Phyllis Burger, Tony Ulozas and Joe Kurpalis, won high honors, too. John Kaminski donated a cabinet so that all trophies might be well displayed in the church hall. ...Charlotte Strumski was entered as our "Popularity Queen" candidate... Mr. and Mrs. Alex Navardauskas were blessed with a boy... We welcomed into our fold Dorothy Malis and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Petraitis.

**JULY** — Members attended the 4th of July Picnic Lunch which was nicely arranged by Sophie Kaminski and Miki Shirvinskis.

**AUGUST** — The wedding of Joe Shirvinski and Mary Pieza took place on August 27th, followed by a reception at the Vytautas Legion Hall... Many delegates and guests journeyed to Newark, N. J. to attend the National Convention... Our council donated \$10.00 to the SUPREME COUNCIL.

**SEPTEMBER** — Joe Kurpalis and Miki Shirvinski, delegates to the national convention — gave a detailed report on what had transpired during the convention. We were proud to learn that Miki also served as member of the Mandate Committee... Annual bowling teams were organized: 1st team: Capt. Stan Juknevich, Elizabeth Shirvinski, Mike and Emily Mihalik and Jim Rukas; 2nd team: Capt. Miki Shirvinski, Phyllis Burger, John Kaminski, Joe Kurpalis and Tony Jank.

**OCTOBER** — Miki Shirvinskis' birthday was celebrated after the meeting. Sophie and Elizabeth Shirvinski made charming hostesses.

**NOVEMBER** — Proceeds from the FISH FRY was donated to our parish. The committee consisted of S. Juknevich, chairman, Stan Klewickas, Joe Kurpalis, Tony Jank, Emily Mihalik, Mr. and Mrs. T. Shirvinski, Mr. and Mrs. B. Kaminski, Mary and Jim Rukas, Eliz. Shirvinski, Phyllis Burger, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Kaminski... On Novem-



ber 20th, we were hosts at the Bowling League Tournament. After bowling, a turkey dinner (donated by Tony Juknevich) was served at the parish hall... Dorothy Malis was elected delegate to the Illinois-Indiana district meetings.

**DECEMBER** — New officers elected: John Kaminski, president; Joe Kurpalis, vice president; Viola Geanchos, corresponding secretary; Miki Shirvinski, recording secretary; Stan Juknevich, financial secretary; Tony Jank, treasurer; Tony Ulozas, sgt.-at-arms; Mary Rukas, Lithuanian Affairs, and trustee. Report on the Bingo held the previous month was given and following members were thanked for their donations: John and Sophie Kaminski, Jim and Mary Rukas, Eliz. Shirvinski, Stan Juknevich, Bud and Stella Kaminski, E. Mihalik, Miki Shirvinski and Toni and Lenny Picarillo. ...Members enjoyed the annual Christmas party at which Mr. and Mrs. Kaminski played hosts. (We are quite fortunate in having such a fine president!)

#### 1956

**JANUARY** — Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kaminski were blessed with a girl, Bernadette (Bonnie)... Joe Petraitis made a short appearance at the meeting, paid dues and then left. That's the life of a fireman — always on the go!... Joe Kurpalis, Bernard Kaminski and Tony Shirvinski received their 3rd Ritual degree and we are proud of them... Miki Shirvinski was reelected corresponding secretary of the Illinois-Indiana District; also Joe Kurpalis was elected sgt.-at-arms... It was decided to hold a Play and Dance on April 8th in the parish hall... John Kaminski was elected president and Emily Mihalik as secretary of the Bowling League... C-82 made its annual contribution of

\$200.00 to the parish... We were sorry to learn of the loss of a baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. John Bakas... The Fish Fry was a success, thanks to the entire membership. We were pleased to have guests from Chicago — Bill Waranius (112), Dell Tamasauskas (36) and Frank Petkunas (36)... Our two bowling teams—Steelers and Railbusters thus far seem to be heading the district league... We miss Charlotte Strumski. Our loss is Los Angeles' gain... John and Sophie Kaminski are once more, HAPPY GRANDPARENTS, since Lenny and Toni Piccarillo became proud parents of a baby boy!

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**FEBRUARY**—Our regular meeting was held at the home of our President, John Kaminski, with the following members present: Stanley Juknevich, Stanley Klewickas (prospective member), Mary Rukas, Joseph Shirvinski, Anthony and Miki Shirvinski, Phyllis Burger, Elizabeth Shirvinski, Viola Geanchos, Emily Mihauluk and Arleen Carol Shirvinski (Jr. member) and hosts, Mr. and Mrs. John Kaminski.

Many reports were given, including the Fish Fry held on January 20th. Also, since our council will play host at the Get-Together night (Aug. 23rd) during the 43rd K. of L. National Convention, to be held at the K. of L. Youth Center, a committee was elected, to be headed by Sophie Kaminski, chairman and Stanley Juknevich, co-chairman.

After the meeting, a surprise birthday party was held for Arleen Mihaluk. The cake was baked by Elizabeth Shirvinski. **Vi**

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

Our council is extremely grateful to all the participants at the district's St. Casimir's Day celebration to which we were hosts.

Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, former spiritual adviser, has been appointed by His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch to serve as chaplain to the Sisters of St. Casimir at their Mother House.

The 38th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence was properly commemorated during our council meeting. Julie Zakarka and Jean Sheures gave talks on the history of Lithuania; Lorraine Dombrowski acknowledged the Proclamations of Governor William G. Stratton and Mayor Richard Daley; Ameri-



can, Lithuanian anthems and Vyčių hymnas were sung by the entire membership. Congressman James Murray personally notified us of his participation in the Lithuanian Independence remarks in the House of Representatives on February sixteenth. The American flag that flew over the Senate on February sixteenth, was presented by Senator Douglas to Msgr. Ignatius Albavičius, honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania. Msgr. Albavičius gave the invocation in the Senate that day. Dr. Petras Daužvardis, Consul General of Lithuania at Chicago and his charming wife Josephine (both K. of L'ers) were very busy attending various Lithuanian Independence exercises.

Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois, personally acknowledged the wonderful work being performed by Lorraine Dombrowski, chairman of Lithuanian Affairs in our district.

We welcome into our midst four new members, namely: Anne Simonaitis, Marilyn Paulius and Madeline Smulskis, all of Maria High School, and Charles Noel Urba of Lindblom High.

Ed Ubis cancelled his plans to leave for California due to the recent heart attack suffered by his father.

Estelle Rogers is actively engaged in re-organizing the Illinois-Indiana K. of L. District Choir.

Members participated in the recitation of the Rosary for the repose of the soul of Joseph Vaisville. Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to Father Leonard Vaisvill, spiritual adviser of our council and to the members of his family.

Vyt Lubert attended the Painting & Decorating Contractors Convention held in Washington, D. C.... Dolores Kuksta and Pat Kamar flew to California for a vacation.... Alexander Kumskis and his wife Phyllis, spent a few weeks in Miami, Florida this past winter.

Both bowlers and non-bowlers are making plans to attend the annual Bowling Tournament to be held in Dayton, Ohio, May 19-20th.

Judge Zuris, 4th K. of L. degree member, induced the Lithuanians living in the St. Petersburg, Florida area, in holding their 1st Lithuanian Independence Day exercises. He was principal speaker and author of a resolution, copies of which were sent to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Secretary of State John

Foster Dulles, Chief Delegate to the United Nations — Henry Cabot Lodge, Senators Holland and Smathers of Florida, and Congressman William Curran of St. Petersburg, Florida.

**John A. Stoskus**

#### Illinois-Indiana District K. of L.

communion breakfast on March 4th was arranged by Marquette Council 112, Chicago, Ill. Rev. Peter Cinikas, district spiritual adviser, made special arrangements for religious service preceding the breakfast. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Leonard Vaisvilas, spiritual adviser of C-112, and assisted by Rev. Peter Cinikas, dean, and Rev. Joseph Budzeika, subdeacon. Honored guests at the services included His Excellency Bishop Vincent Brizgys, Rev. Joseph Maker, Very Rev. Canon George Paskauskas, Darius-Girėnas and Don Varnas Posts of the American Legion, Lithuanian Scouts and Lithuanian Students, Consul General P. Daužvardis and Mrs. P. Daužvardis. At the breakfast, Attorney Konstant Savickus, Chief Aid to State's Attorney and K. of L. Legal Adviser gave a brief talk on the history of Lithuania. Mr. John Stoskus made a fine Master of Ceremonies.

## OHIO-MICHIGAN DISTRICT

### DAYTON, OHIO (C-96)

Both Seniors and Juniors commemorated St. Casimir's Day, March 4th. Mike Petkus acted as Master of Ceremonies at our communion breakfast held in Ada Sinkwitz's basement. Elinor Sluzas read an article on St. Casimir, prepared by Jack Stukas, chairman of the Cultural Committee. Both the special Mass and breakfast were well attended by our members.

Our religious discussion group has been quite successful. During Lent, meetings were held every Friday evening, after Lenten services. After Easter, the group will meet the first Friday of each month. One hour is allotted for the program — first half hour will be Spiritual material sent by the Supreme Council; the second half hour will be devoted on some special topic planned in advance by the committee.



ADELĖ GRYBAUSKAITĖ,

L. Vyčių 25-tos kuopos (Cleveland, Ohio) narė, įžymi jos veikėja ir ilgametė geradėjistės (sunshine box) vedėja. Jos užduotis yra: mirus nariui-rei ar narių tėveliams, užsakyti šv. mišias už jų sielas, o ištikus narį ligai ar sukūrus šeimyninį gyvenimą, tai kuopos vardu ji suteikia dovanas. Kada Vyčiai turėjo savo chorą, Adelė buvo jo nuolatinė narė ir scenos mėgėja. Už jos ilgus ir našius darbuotės metus 25-tai kp., ji pereitais metais buvo pakelta į trečią laipsnį.

Adelė yra veikli ir rimto būdo lietuvaitė. Ji gražiai kalba angliškai ir lietuviškai. Nors ji yra čia gimus ir augus, bet ją visada matai lietuvių gyvenime ir veikime.

We find these meetings very interesting, and hope other councils have similar program on their agenda.

Our bowling league is really knotted up. The last place team is only 3 games away from first place. It will be interesting as to which team wins.

MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT to take place May 19th and 20th. Saturday, bowling 5:30 p.m., McCook's Bowling Alleys, 1301 Keowee St. "The Eleventh Frame Party" will be held at the parish hall, 1922 Leo St., immediately after bowling (food-music-fun!) Sunday — Mass at Holy Cross Church, 1922 Leo St., 10 a.m. (members will meet in the parish hall at 9:45 a.m. and as a group will march into church for the 10 o'clock Mass).

Annadel and Sally Miller spent three glorious weeks in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.



We welcome Tom Scott, our newest member. March birthday greetings are extended to Helen Vaitkus, William Leasure and Bea Noreikas.

See you all at the annual Ohio-Michigan District Convention to be held on April 7th, Detroit, Michigan. Host: Council 102. **Us Petkus'**

## **NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT**

**Liet. Vyčiu Globėjo —  
ŠV. KAZIMIERO  
Apvaikščiojimas**

The annual Communion and Breakfast of our district took place on Sunday, March 4th, with Newark, N. J., Council 29, as hosts for the day.

There was a large attendance at the special Mass said in Holy Trinity Church, with Msgr. I. Kelmelis, spiritual adviser of C-29, as celebrant. K. of L. choiristers included — Vera and Daniel Laukzemis, Charles Balchiunas, June Youch, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Douches and Joseph Krukauskas. Soloist was Douches. It was quite impressive to notice the district members approaching the altar and receiving Holy Communion — such a wonderful demonstration of faith. It also appears, that in the last several years, there seems to be a deeper meaning and greater significance of the K. of L's celebrating St. Casimir's day.

Following Mass, breakfast was served in the church hall. Among the guests and speakers were — Rev. Dunston Smith, OSB, dean of Discipline at St. Benedict's Prep School, Newark; Msgr. I. Kelmelis; Alexander Wesley, national president; Joseph Boley; Larry Janonis, district president; Dorothy Dutkus, district secretary; Frank Vaskas, chmn. Lithuanian Affairs Committee; and Joseph Sakevich, national vice president. Charles Bason, chairman of the Awards Committee (assisted by Anne Klem and Helen Pinkin) presented citations in recognition for outstanding work in the Knights of Lithuania organization during the past year to two deserving members — Vera Laukzemis of Newark and Larry Janonis of New York. Also, as a memento of the breakfast, other members

and guests were presented with a small figurine of the Blessed Virgin and prayer to Our Lady of Šiluva. Master of Ceremonies was Jack J. Stukas, chmn. of the national Cultural Committee. Committee on Arrangements consisted of Christine Korbet, chairlady, Joseph Sakevich, Ann Ocealis, Estell Kupris and Vera Laukzemis.

In the afternoon, district conference took place. Following gave reports: Frank Vaskas on Lithuanian Affairs, Larry Janonis reported on the district activities, particularly Sports, Jack J. Stukas on Culture and Joseph Matachinskas on Leadership. Victor Guzevičius of Linden was elected chairman of the Annual Picnic. Also present at the session were Msgr. I. Kelmelis, Rev. Peter Totoraitis, and Rev. V. Karalevičius, district spiritual adviser.

Next district conference will take place June 9th and 10th, with Council 113, Linden, N. J., as host. Headquarters — Lithuanian Liberty Park, Mitchell Avenue, Linden. On the Agenda — elections of district officers and delegates to the 43rd National K. of L. Convention (Chicago, Ill.), and other important matters to be discussed.

### **Morsels from Breakfast Table**

**Jack Stukas** — we all agree, is one of our most outstanding Master of Ceremonies; **Rev. Dunston Smith, OSB** — one of the best talks we've heard in a long time; **Charles (Kazimieras) Bason - Basanavičius** — as usual, active in the district affairs — was presented with a birthday cake on the occasion of his birthday, March 4th. Others celebrating birthdays in March were Vera Laukzemis (March 5) and Christine Korbet (March 13). Our National President Alexander Wesley gave an inspiring talk on the Knights of Lithuania organization, and urged all to continue working for "God and Country."

**The Wanderer**

### **AMSTERDAM, N. Y. (C-100)**

Our annual Mass, honoring our Patron Saint, was traditionally held at St. Casimir's Church, March 4th, followed by a communion breakfast at Patrick's Highland House. Among the attendants at the breakfast were: Father Robert K. Baltch, Sophia Gavry, Helen Poremba, Con-

nie Zygel, Sadie and Charles Karbus, Aldona Bablinskas, Ann Beleckas, Sophie Olbie, Ruth Zostant, Genevieve Gobis, Matthew Kazlauskas, Donald Nikstenas, Edward Bablinskas and Eleanore and Edward Baranauskas of Schenectady, N. Y. Aldona Bablinskas and Ann Beleckas were co-chairladies of the breakfast committee.

"What Catholics Think of the Church" was the topic of the month — given by Father Baltch, our spiritual adviser. He also gave a brief talk on the life of St. Casimir. Following the interesting talks, Edward Bablinskas made a few comments — he believed our council, though small in membership, is one of the most enthusiastic groups in the parish, and that sometimes more is accomplished in a small group than in a large group of a parish.

**1956 Council Officers:** Sophia Gavry, president; Helen Poremba, vice president; Sadie Karbus, treasurer; Pauline Urban, secretary; and Connie Zygel, financial secretary. Genevieve Gobis, once again heads the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, to be assisted by Sadie Karbus, Valentine Kerbelis, Matthew Kazlauskas and Donald Nikstenas.

### **News Bits**

Missed at our communion breakfast were Prof. Joseph Olšauskas, Pauline Urban, Atty. A. Stokna and his wife Edna, and Val Kerbelis. We understand Prof's situation — the organ in the church could not be silent; the Stokna family took Sr. M. Coronata to Albany, New York (Sister Coronata appeared on TV that day on the Family Rosary Hour, where she recited a decade of the Rosary.)

Our parish choir is putting on a 3-act Lithuanian Comedy — SVE-TIMOS PLUNKSNOS, the first part of May. Professor Olšauskas, director of the play, has one of the leading roles; also participating in the play are Don Nikstenas and Genevieve Gobis, K. of L'ers.

Eleanore and Ed Baranauskas were in an auto accident. Good to learn neither of the two were injured.

Sophia Gavry is planning to participate in the bowling tournament to be held in Miami, Florida, next month. Best of luck to the Amsterdam bowling team!

**Smile & Sparkle**



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

Many of our members attended the district dance held January 14th, at which Council 90, Kearny-Harrison, N. J. was host. Full cooperation of ALL councils in the district is quite desirable in order that our district affairs may be a success.

On March 4th, our district convention was held in St. George's parish hall, Newark, N. J. Gloria Mack and Joy Santa Maria were C-67's delegates. The session itself was interesting and educational, especially Joseph Matachinskas' talk on LEADERSHIP. We're quite certain that Charlie (Kazimieras) Bason of Jersey City, N. J., had a very happy birthday that same day. Thank you, Council 29, for your gracious hospitality.

**Sports Department**

Under the capable leadership of our athletic director and bowling captain, Bill Brunza, Jr., our Bayonne bowling team has a fair chance to win the trophy this year. Other teams competing in the district are Kearny A, Kearny B, New York City, Linden and Elizabeth.

**Welcome!**

At our December meeting, we welcomed back an old friend, Al Brunza. He is again active in our council. At our January meeting, Dolores Krizenowski and Gloria Mack joined our ranks. Sveikiname!

**From Alaska**

During the Christmas holidays, former member of our council, Mildred (Brunza) Alonis and her husband Ralph visited with their family and friends in Bayonne. For the past two years, Ralph and Mildred have been living in Alaska. We enjoyed seeing them.

**Local Tidings**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Rita Miskewitz on the recent loss of her grandmother, Mrs. Helen Nowicki.

On April 7th, wedding bells rang for Kathryn Miskewitz, member of our council and John Braden.

We enjoyed Joan Glembocki's recent party held at her home.

**ELIZABETH, N. J.**

On March 4th (St. Casimir's Day) members attended the 8 o'clock Mass and received Holy Communion at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Mass was celebrated by Rev. V. Karalevičius, spiritual adviser. Breakfast was served in the parish hall.

After breakfast, our monthly meeting was held and presided by Charles Oskutis. Stanley Naiva reported on Catholic Action and Carol Bowen gave a brief talk on the life of St. Casimir (Šv. Kazimieras).

Ann Mitchell, chairman of the Ritual committee conferred K. of L. degrees upon the following qualified applicants: Ruth Laucius, Martha Brazinski, Eleanor Kesolits, Joseph Kesolits, Adele Labanauskas, Ann Duditis, Irene Jasukaitis, Stanley Naiva, Alexander Lasco, Richard Lasco, Adolph Lignugaris and Thomas Shenauski (1st degree); Dr. Albert Degutis, Daniel Degutis, Mrs. Mary Budreckis, Algirdas Budreckis, Mary Motecus, Helen Balandis, Veronica Krezonis, Norbert Wysocki, Frances Buzis, Mary Ann Urbine and William Shimonis (2nd degree).

Joseph Boley of New York City, former national president, congratulated all recipients of Ritual degrees. Joseph Sakevich of Newark, N. J., national vice president, praised our council for its activities and Daniel Degutis for his diligent work as Membership Chairman.

At our next meeting, the Cultural Committee will have prepared a topic of interest — "Traditional Easter Customs in Lithuania."

"Pinky"

**NEW ENGLAND  
DISTRICT****ATHOL, MASS. (C-10)**

We congratulate our officers for 1956: Brownie Kukauskas, president; Barbara Milosh, vice president; Frank Anoris, secretary; Nellie Melaika, treasurer; William Wisnauskas, financial secretary; Maryann Rodski, VYTIS correspondent. (Former four officers were reelected and latter two, elected.)

**Communion Breakfast**

On St. Casimir's Day (March 4th) members received Holy Communion at the 8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by

Father Yankauskas at St. Francis Church. Breakfast held at the Cedar Lodge was attended also by many guests, including Attorney Stephanie Krustapentus who gave a talk on her recent visit to several shrines in Canada. (Members are thinking of making a pilgrimage to Canada this summer.) Brownie Kukauskas and William Wisnauskas were co-chairmen of the festivities.

**Spiritual Program**

As part of our monthly spiritual program, members visited a newly-built church, Holy Cross Church in East Templeton, Mass. Father John Sweeney, pastor guided the tour through the new rectory. Other churches visited that same day were the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, South Gardner and St. Edward the Confessor Church in Westminster.

**March Meeting**

We met at the home of Frances and Barbara Milosh in Gardner, Mass. Plans in making a pilgrimage to Canada was discussed at length. We also welcomed into our council four new members: Ann Penny, Frances Milosh, Patricia Batutis and Elizabeth Kasputis. We enjoyed having Mary Pirigas back with us again, too.

**Here and There**

Rumor: Fr. Yankauskas is taking up skiing!

**PROVIDENCE, R. I. (C-103)**

February ended with a round of affairs and doings. February 15th the Honorable Dennis J. Roberts received a delegation of K. of L. members and presented the "Lithuanian Independence Day Proclamation" to Fr. John A. Vaitekunas, pastor and honorary member of K. of L. Those attending were the Reverends J. A. Vaitekunas, A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., Mr. & Mrs. Victor G. Mathieu, Barbara Cyronak, John Beinoris, choir director and K. of L. member, Josephine Vaitkunas and Julia Meciunas. Pictures were taken and also WJAR-TV covered the presentation. It was shown that same evening on television on Local News.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

New Feature Being Added in VYTIS, beginning with May issue.



February 19th, a program was held in the church hall designating Lithuanian Independence Day. The choir (of which most of our K. of L'ers are members) sang. Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P. read the proclamation. The girls from the Juniors really showed themselves off in Lithuanian costume dancing Lithuanian folk dances. The boys from the Juniors supplies the music under the apt supervision of John Beinoris. The orchestra is really coming along and before long we'll be having our own orchestra for our affairs. WJAR-TV also covered this program and was shown on Local News both on Sunday night and Monday.

March 4th the K. of L. received Holy Communion "en corpore." Both the Juniors and Seniors attended. After mass, coffee and pastry was served in the church hall to all K. of L'ers.

We had a special Issue run off of our bulletin the ONE-O-THREE in honor of St. Casimir. We hope to continue them each month providing that the mimeo machine doesn't run on the fritz or that its workers know how to run it properly.

We want to thank Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, Joe Russell and Julia Mecinas for the wonderful work put into the special issue of the 103. We really found ourselves a very apt artist in Joe Russell and know that in the coming months and years that we can rely on him for all the drawings that we'll need. Great work, Joe!

#### Tidbits

Charlie, what happened the night you decided to take a short ride and ended up in a long one? Where?

We enjoyed June Lucas' shower party which was given by her folks. June really received many beautiful gifts, also some very useful ones. Lucky Gal.

Our deepest sympathies to Joseph Gumauskas on the recent losses of both parents within a short time. Joseph Gumauskas was past president of our council before entering the Army.

We're keeping our fingers crossed, Joe R., that you pass your entrants exams for P. C.

It seems that another member is sporting a new car. It's really a beauty, Myts. Lots of luck with it.

It seems that an adopted Lithuanian by marriage was really sur-

prised and pleased by the write-up afforded him in the special Issue of the ONE-O-THREE. You deserve it Vic and hope that you will continue to help us along with Bea, who has been doing such a wonderful job with the Juniors in the past and also helping with them now. JAM

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

The cover page of THE LANCER (Feb. issue) carried a translation of the Declaration of Lithuania's Independence which was signed by the TARYBA in Vilnius, Lithuania on February 16, 1918. An appropriate editorial on Lithuania also appeared in that same issue. The Staff is to be commended for dedicating the issue to Lithuania. It consists of Fr. John Zuromskis, spiritual adviser; J. Olevitz, editor; Lillian Navicky, art; and John Daniels, Bill Gorski, Loretta Lescinskas, Roland Martinus, Phyllis Rudis, Rita Shatas, Diane Shatas, Wini Skudris, Florence and Marie Zaleskas, associate editors.

The January social was an ice skating party at the MDC rink in Milton. It was a beautiful, clear, cold night and those who went had a grand time. Joe Marcinkevičius, member of Norwood Council, and his carload arrived just in time to join the group for a snack at Howard Johnson's.

The February social was held at Sholes Riverview. Pete Dravinskas had the "honor" of taking the most spills for the evening. Fr. John Z. and Bill Gorski just glided on the ice but we understand they have plenty of practice at the Brighton Skating Club, each Sunday afternoon.

February birthdays were celebrated by Ed Rudis, Pat Akule and Nancy Yonkers.

On March 4th, we had an unusual communion breakfast in the St. Peter's parish hall at which four outstanding Boston College grid stars (Lithuanians), including Dick Lucas of S. Boston, 1955 O'Meilia Award winner, were honored. Special scrolls were presented by Fr. Zuromskis to John Miller of Lowell, captain of the B. C. football squad of last year, Leonard Andrusaitis of Lowell, Joseph Poskus of Stoughton and Lucas. Besides the tribute, the program included the conferring of 1st and 2nd Ritual degrees upon several members. The committee

was headed by Ann Wisniewski and Helen Ivanauskas, and assisted by Frank Stanaitis, Mrs. Angela Yelmokas, Rita Waitkunas, Marie Zaleskas, Joan Kleponis and Charles Marcinkevicius. Among the priests attending the event were Fr. Francis Virmauskis, pastor and honorary member of the K. of L., Fr. Albert Contons, national spiritual director and Fr. John Zuromskis, council and district spiritual adviser. Master of Ceremonies was Joe Lola.

March 10th, a Whist Party, for the benefit of the Supreme Council, was held in the parish hall. According to Wini Skudris, a nice profit will be handed over to our national treasurer.

A. E. L.

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

Many months have passed since our council has been heard from. It was not due to inactivity. In fact, we have been very active.

#### Autumn

Last September, both Seniors and Juniors visited the Shrine of Our Lady of La Sallette, in Ipswich, Mass... In October, we held a Military Whist Party and profits derived from it were used for the Christmas Party given to our parochial school children. We also held a Harvest Dance at Maironis Park, and our council treated the Juniors with a Halloween Party... December 4th, the district Holy Hour was held in St. Casimir's Church, followed by coffee and doughnuts served in the church hall. On the 23rd of the same month, we held a Christmas Party at which 372 children were presented with gifts and enjoyed refreshments.

#### Winter

In the New Year, following officers were installed: Anthony Morunas, president; Joseph Landis, vice president; Mrs. Rita Pinkus, treasurer; Adele Ivaska and Mrs. Ann Bender, recording secretaries; Mrs. Anne Ridick, financial secretary; Virginia Daniels and Edmund Vaitkunas, auditors; Joan Grigas and Leo Bankit, sgts. at-arms; Olga Kersis, chairlady of Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Father Michael Tamulevicius heads our Executive Board as spiritual adviser.

January 26th, we held another successful Military Whist and two-



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thirds of the proceeds went to the Parish Fund.

At our February 14th meeting, we invited the Juniors as our guests. After the meeting, we had a pre-Lenten party and dance. "Kugelis" was served by Mrs. Anne Ridick, Mrs. Rita Pinkus, Mrs. Ann Bender, Mrs. Eva Grudzinskas and Mrs. Nell Thompson. That same evening, many of our Juniors were installed as Senior members. We sincerely hope they will continue to work as diligently as they did when they were Junior members.

March 4th, we celebrated St. Casimir's Day in traditional fashion by attending Mass and holding a communion breakfast in the church hall. Don Prohovich, basketball player of the Holy Cross College was our guest speaker. Other speakers were Fr. Petraitis, pastor, Fr. Tamulevičius and Fr. Jutt. Vincent Grazulis was master of ceremonies. Joan Grigas, Joanne Savage, Stasys Raudonis, Beverly Cunic and Daniel Shimkus were in charge of the breakfast.

#### Spring

We plan to celebrate our 40th Anniversary with a banquet to be held May 6th (keep this date open) in the parish hall. We hope that our friends from neighboring councils will attend and help us commemorate our 40th anniversary.

This brings us up to date with past council activities. We shall try and keep you posted as to what's going on in our community EACH month (not belated news).

"Annie"

#### ANSONIA, CONN. (C-135)

Here we are again, after a long absence from these columns!

**1956 Council Officers:** Floyd Trapkauskas, president; Leon Barauskas, vice president; Ann Barauskas, secretary; Violet Brazaitis, financial secretary; Ann Romanauskas, treasurer and Lil Chaplik, sgt.-at-arms. We thank the outgoing officers for a job well done and at the same token, wish the newly-elected officers success in all their undertakings.

#### "The Big Floods of 1955"

As many of you probably have read in the papers, last year was a bad year here in Ansonia. We suffered great losses in the two floods.

Belatedly, we would like to thank our Spiritual Adviser Father Ben for delivering such a heartfelt sermon on that Sunday morning of October, and leading us in prayer so that we might be spared from greater destruction.

During the floods, we had two K. of L's and members of the Police Force, namely: Johnny Sabulis and Stanley Varshelka, busy day and night.

#### "Merry-Go-Round"

Lil Chaplik, Olga Savitskas and Isabel Trapkauskas are the new trio hitting the gay spots as of late. They have been seen in Bridgeport, Conn. — at the Ritz, taking in movies, etc. Lil even roped a cowboy on New Year's Eve and left her friends in search of "moneybags." ...New cars are being sported by the Barauskas family (Chevy), Pete Gumbulevich (Oldsmobile) and the Sabulis' (Buick). 1956 Models! ...Many of us were able to get Channel 13 (WATV) and enjoyed the Lithuanian program presented on February 18th by Jack Stukas. Congratulations! Channel 13 is located in New Jersey and the program was beamed from the Empire State Building, New York City. ...Joe Draugelis and Stanley Varshelka are in the employ of FARREL's, one of Ansonia's leading industries, (makers of heavy machinery). Ask Olga Savitskas, she'll tell you... Not seen too often is our old pal Joe Chernauskas, who got tired of living alone and decided to get married... Pete Gumbulevich is now losing weight. Pete gives credit to Arthur Murray... The Barauskas' are getting educated these days (busy little beavers). Ann is in training as a Practical Nurse, Leon is delving in X-Ray, and Al is counting up the "dough" in the cellar of his home... Millie Driznus was last seen collecting information on travels to far distant places. Wonder where she'll end up this time... Father Ben has been giving us some interesting talks on RELIGION, lately. We enjoy the spiritual talks given to us at each meeting... Many plans are being made by our new officers for this coming year, including bingo, picnics, movies, etc. We hope that our members will come to our meetings and help formulate these future plans.

"Nakties Pelėda"

#### WORCESTER, MASS. (C-116)

Apologies, to you readers. Your correspondent was a bit lazy gathering the news.

Our Executive Board for this year consists of: Bernice Burdulis, president; Frank Ciras, vice president (immediate past president — 2yr. term), Louise Totilas, recording secretary; Ann Markvenas, financial secretary; and Mrs. Millie Lapinskas, treasurer. We take this opportunity in thanking Frank Ciras for his untiring efforts for the past two years, as president.

Something new has been added! We have organized a KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CHOIR, headed by our president. More people seem to be attending High Mass on Sundays. Could it be because they enjoy listening to the K. of L. Choir?

On March 4th we celebrated the Feast of St. Casimir by receiving the Holy Eucharist "en corpore", followed by a communion breakfast. Speakers included Rt. Rev. Msgr. C. Vasys, pastor and hon. memb. of K. of L., Rev. Justin Steponaitis, Rev. Alphonse Volungis and Rev. T. McGuire of the Passionist Fathers. Our guest of honor and principal speaker was John Mazeka, former member of our council, who spoke on his position as Guidance Counsellor in the Public School System.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, our Military Whist took place on March 8th. Thanks to Al and Julia Krasinskas and their committee for a successful turnout.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Marion Lukason who lost her beloved dad a few months ago, and just recently, her sister.

To Anna Miller (Millbury Street) we give a "pat on the back" for a good job done as editor of the "Equestrian" — council bulletin. We also extend best wishes to our new editor-in-chief, Mary Klimkaitis and her staff.

Congratulations to Shirley Miller on her recent marriage to Joseph Rovezzi. We hope you will continue to come to our meetings and socials, Shirl.

At this writing, our committee, headed by Bernice Burdulis, is busy making arrangements for the coming annual New England District convention which is to take place April 28-29th in our city.

"just me"