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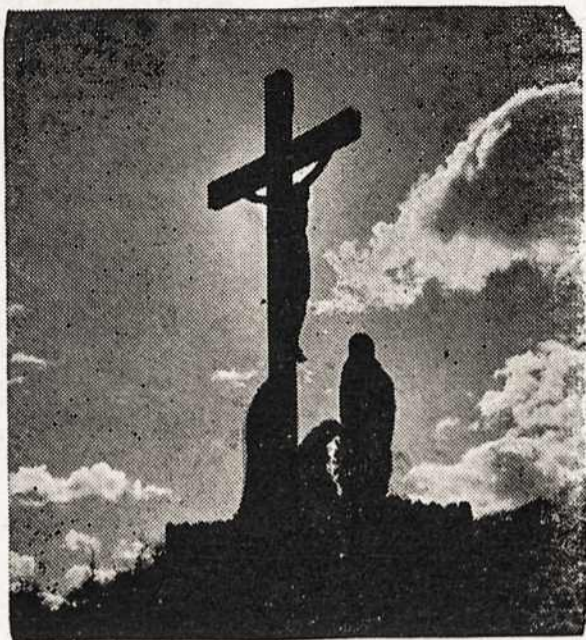
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“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE”

Rev. Albert J. Contons

One of the most wondrous miracles performed by Jesus before His death was the rising of Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus of Bethany, brother of Martha and Mary, had already been dead four days before Jesus arrived at the request of the sisters of Lazarus. When Martha came out to meet Jesus, He promised her, “Thy brother shall rise.” Then He spoke to Martha the words that have been such a consolation to all those who mourn in bereavement, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, even if he die, shall live; and whoever lives and believes in me, shall never die.” At the tomb of the dead man, Jesus commanded, “Take away the stone.” After praying to His heavenly Father, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, Come forth!” And at once the dead man came forth still bound with the bandages in which he had been wrapped during his burial.

Remarkable as was the miracle of Bethany it was as but a shadow compared to the brilliance of the miracle of Christ’s Resurrection from the dead on Eastern morning. For at Bethany a living Jesus had restored Lazarus to life, but at the tomb by the hill of Calvary Jesus himself, who had been dead, arose from the dead by His own power. Fittingly could Jesus say, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

The miracle of Christ’s Resurrection is indeed the greatest of the many miracles performed by Jesus during His earthly sojourn. It is the cornerstone of Christian faith. St. Paul writes emphatically to the Corinthians, “... if Christ has not risen, vain then is our preaching, vain too is your faith.”

St. Paul amasses convincing proof of the authenticity of Christ’s Resurrection. In his Epistle to the Corinthians he writes forcefully, “I delivered to you first of all, what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and after that to the Eleven. Then he was seen by more than five hundred brethren at one time, many of whom are with us still, but some have fallen asleep. After that he was seen by James, and then by all the apostles.”

Unfortunately, there are some who reject the possibility of any miracles on preconceived principles, and therefore refuse to believe in the Resurrection of Christ. Emile Zola, the French writer, is supposed to have said, “I don’t believe in miracles. Even if all the sick in Lourdes were cured in one moment, I would not believe in them.” It is said that an English truck driver, injured at Gillipoli during the last war, was received a disability allowance. After a visit to the shrine of Lourdes, he was cured. He got qualms of conscience about taking his pension so he wrote to the British government and explained how he had been cured. The government official replied definitively that there were no such things as miracles and refused to discontinue the pension which the healthy veteran was receiving. Such persons close their eyes to fact and refuse to accept the testimony of reliable witnesses and the evidence of history.

The Resurrection of Christ stands as an irrefutable seal upon the Gospel of Jesus and as a living pledge of the resurrection of all from the dead.

For the Knights of Lithuania reflection on the mystery of the Risen Savior offers an opportunity of renewing our zeal for the spiritual activities of our organization. Attentive study of our religion, frequent reception of the Sacraments, and generous cooperation in the religious and charitable undertakings of the Knights of Lithuania will give more permanent joy and satisfaction than any other activity of the Knights.

Essential to our Supreme Council Spiritual Program is the program of monthly religious instruction presented by the council spiritual director. Some councils have expanded this feature of the program to include a separate religious conference each month, weekly discussions during Lent, and regular religious discussion clubs.

Monthly reception of the Sacraments is urged upon all K. of L. members. All councils should plan on receiving Holy Communion “in corpore” on the feasts of St. Casimir and of Christ the King.

During this year we urge all K. of L. members to make a closed retreat. This is one of the finest ways of deepening one’s spiritual life and drawing closer to Christ.

Easter season is a time for sharing in the joy and happiness of the Risen Savior. By enthusiastically supporting the spiritual activities of our organization, we remain close to Christ who is the source of our joy and life. For did not Jesus say, “I am the resurrection and the life?”



"THIS HAPPENED TO ME"

JOHN V. CHERVOKAS, member of Council 27, Norwood, Mass., presently studying at Fordham University, Contest Winner (2).

An early Sunday morning crowd flocked around the outdoor galleries in Boston's Public Gardens. Humanity represented in many forms scanned the entries in the highly-publicized Boston Arts Festival. There was a scowling five-year-old searching for a painting of a "collie dog like mine"; there was the young intellectual couple who had found bliss in discussing the latest in abstractionism; there was the impeccably dressed gentleman prepared to take notes on the displayed paintings and there was a student eager to see what today's artists were producing to enhance America's cultural standard. That observer was me.

After one brief hour the five-year-old hadn't found his "collie dog"; the couple found enough material to wile away many evening hours; the gentlemen rapidly used up his paper pad; and the student left with gaudy spots before his eyes and a "what was that?" attitude.

Modern art had struck Boston in its most bizarre form. Red and orange splotches in mad disorder were wearing prize ribbons, or red stars signifying that some patron had purchased the work. The vase of peonies and the Maine winter scene had disappeared. In their stead were creations which bore such subtle tags as "Untitled", or "Work of

January 5, 1954". And how did the viewers appraise the eye-teasers?

The dog-hunting lad ran to his mother bewailing the fact that no "collie dog" was there (at least, not in any distinguishable form); the young couple were in intellectual heaven, remarking with animation about their unusual findings; the gentleman, with his well-scribbled pad, found solace in a refreshing swanboat ride; and the student, imitating the remarkable Dunninger, attempted to read the artists' mind and to explain the paintings. But all that could come to mind were the words of the vitriolic Oscar Wilde: "Through Art and Art only can we shield ourselves from the sordid perils of actual existence."

Then the logical retort arose. Are the "sordid perils of actual existence" so unbearable that we have to "shield" ourselves with shield-like smearing? Experts claim that no explanation of a work is necessary since the painting is only a manifestation of the artist's feeling and is his alone to possess. Maybe Billy Pearson or Vincent Price could give a more feasible answer, but until that bewildered student finds an excuse for this "artistic madness" he will wonder whether it was notable painting or just the interpretation of a Chinese opium dream.

LEADERSHIP

Phil Carter, C-103, Providence, R.I.

Teamwork is necessary in all councils of our great organization. The guiding genius of a gifted leader is only part of the job. It takes members from all councils working together, imbued with the spirit of teamwork to get results.

A leader accepts full responsibility for the success of his council. As a leader you can fulfill your responsibilities by showing faith and tolerance for those whom you lead in your council. Planning is just a matter of thinking in advance. In planning you often get new ideas and better ways of doing things. Try it.

A leader is handicapped unless he knows how to conduct a meeting and knows how to handle his members. That's where diplomacy comes in such a leader will always remain a leader.

What kind of a reception does a new member in your council receive? A new member's first meeting is your opportunity as well as his. Make him feel that he is wanted. Introduce him to the members of your council right away. Explain the motto and the work the K. of L., and answer his questions clearly and to the point.

It is up to you to create interest in the K. of L. Does your council



Alfa Sušinskas

VELYKINIAMS VARPAMS GAUDŽIANT

Atgaila, įvairiomis maldomis, pasninkais ir visokiais apsimarinimais per visą gavėnią katalikas ruošiasi sutikti Velykas. Gyvendamas Išganytojo kentėjimais už žmoniją, tikintysis ne tik save labiau pažįsta, bet jis ir daugiau priartėja prie savo Išganytojo Jėzaus Kristaus.

Grauduji ir rimtąjį gavėnios laikotarpį apvainikuoja Dieviškoji Pergalė, kurią Bažnyčia išreiškia Prisikėlimo Mišiomis, jose visas maldas nukreipdama į Viešpaties Prisikėlimą iš numirusiųjų.

Šioms Prisikėlimo Mišioms Bažnyčia yra parinkusi labai prasmingą ištrauką iš šv. Pauliaus laiško korintiečiams. Čia jis primena ti-

get monotonous? A smart leader doesn't give the feeling of monotony a chance to grow. He gets busy and finds ways to make the K. of L. interesting. Remember, where there is interest monotony cannot thrive. Think it over. Issuing clear instructions is part of a good clear-headed leader. Don't assume understanding or comprehension. Make it clear in detail, and avoid, "what", "when", "where", and "why". Confusion is a state of mind. It leads to wasted effort, lack of direction and a lot of other headaches. Of course you have to set an example. You can't expect others to practice what you preach if you don't.

Bickering — small petty arguing doesn't fit in the K. of L. It is a waste of time, temper and energy. Your prestige and your council will suffer and can be harmed by bickering. When you see an argument coming — try to steer conversation into other interests.

kintiesiems švęsti Viešpaties Prisikėlimą ne vien žodžiais, ne vien apeigomis, bet ir savo širdimi, savo atnaujintu, apvalytu gyvenimu. Jis rašo:

— Broliai, apsivalykite nuo senojo raugo, kad būtumėte naujas imaišymas, taip kaip jūs ir esate nerauginti. Juk mūsų velykinis avinėlis, Kristus, jau paaukotas. Taigi švęskime ne senu raugu, ne pikybės ir nedorybės raugu, bet nerauginta tikrybės ir tiesos duona. (1 Kor. 5, 7-8)

Taip pat ir Evangelijos ištrauka Prisikėlimo Mišiose yra labai prasminga ir graži. Ji drąsina moteris, kurios jį ieškojo Viešpaties.

— Subatai praėjus, Marija Magdalena, Marija Jokūbo motina ir Salomė nusipirko kvėpalų eiti Jėzaus patepti. Labai anksti pirmą savaitės dieną jos atėjo pas kapą, saulei jau užtekėjus. Jos kalbėjosi tarp savęs: Kas mums atris akmenį nuo kapo angos? Bet pažvelgusios pamatė akmenį atristą; o buvo jis labai didelis. Įėjusios į kapą, jos pamatė jaunikaitį, sėdintį dešinėje pusėje, apvilktą baltu drabužiu, ir nusigando. Jis joms tarė: Nenusigąskite; jūs jį ieškote Jėzaus Nazareno, kuris buvo prikaltas ant kryžiaus; jis prisikėlė, jo nėra čia; štai vieta, kur jį buvo padėję. Bet eikite, pasakykite jo mokytiniais ir Petru, kad jis eina pirmas jūsų į Galilėją; tenai jį matysite, kaip jis yra jums sakęs. (Mork. 16. 1-7)

Šie gražieji Apaštalo Morkaus žodžiai tinka visiems, kurie jį ieško Viešpaties. Jie įkvepia drąsos ir liepia nenusigąsti kovoje ir nepasisekimuose. Jie yra didelė paguoda ir mums, lietuviams, kuriuos gaudina didžioji brangiosios Lietuvos nelaimė — jos kruvinoji vergija, rusų bolševikų uždėta ant visų mūsų tautiečių Lietuvoje.

Velykos yra dvasinės gyvybės šventė. Jos iškelia gyvenimo vertinimą ir prasmingumą. Jos padrąsina gyventi, siekti, nenusiminti ir nenusigąsti tų, kurie, Viešpatį atmetę ir paniekinę, gąsdina ir kankina tikinčiuosius.

Velykiniai varpai ižiebia naują viltį žmogaus širdyje. Velykos yra tiesos kovotojų šventė: tokių žmonių, kurie kovoja dėl Dievo, dėl savo krašto laisvės, dėl geresnio gyvenimo.

Su kiekvienomis Velykomis Lietuvoje tebevergaujančiųjų ir laisvėje begyvenančiųjų lietuvių širdys prisipildo nauja tautinės kovos ir laisvės dvasia. Visi tikrieji lietuviai dabar yra kovotojai, visokiais būdais bekovoja dėl Lietuvos laisvės. Čia nieko nereiškia, jei kaikurie lietuviai ir nėra Lietuvoje gimę, nėra jos nė matę. Kiekvienas lietuvis, kurio gyslomis teka neišdavikiškas lietuviškas kraujas, persiėmęs Velykų dvasia, yra nepavargstas ir neišgądinamas kovotojas dėl Lietuvos laisvės.

Velykos yra ir meilės šventė: begalinės Viešpaties meilės žmogui ir žmogaus meilės Viešpačiui ir žmogui... Meilė, būdama šventa, yra nuostabi ir stebuklinga jėga, viską įveikianti ir laiminanti. Meilė yra šventa ugnis, ir kiečiausias širdis sutirpdanti ir perkeičianti. Be šventos meilės gyvenimas būtų tuščias, nykus ir šaltas — jis būtų žvėriškas. Tikra meilė yra betkurios laimės pagrindas. Meilė Viešpačiui ir žmogui yra pati brangiausia vertybė šioje žemėje.

Velykiniai varpai savo gaudimu prikelia žmogų iš dvasinio miego, kad jis gyventų tikru žmogumi ir šventu krikščionimi. Jie sukelia jame norą ir jėgą kovoti dėl tiesos ir liepsnoti meile Viešpačiui ir žmogui, savo artimui. Aleliuja!

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Mergaičių Pasaulis

Redaguoja Veronika Kulbokienė

TRADICINIS VELYKU STALAS

Keičiantis gyvenimui, keičiasi papročiai. Dar taip neseniai daugelyje kraštų, taip pat ir Lietuvoje, turtingesniųjų žmonių buvęs paprotys rengti Velykų stalą, baigia išnykti.

Velykų stalas tuo yra ypatingas, kad prie jo nesėdama valgyti, ant jo tikrai laikomi velykiniai valgiai gražiai išdėstyti ir dailiai padabinti, kurie nenuimami visą Velykų laikotarpį. Stalas statomas tokioje vietoje, kad iš visų pusių būtų lengvai prieinamas; prie jo nestatomos kėdės. Velykų stalas apdengiamas balta staltiese taip, kad jos kraštai būtų nukarę žemai, iki grindų. Jie apsagstomi žaliumynais, apipinami girliandomis.

Daugelyje kraštų Velykų švenčių tradicinis valgis yra kalakutas. Lietuviuose tų tradicinių valgių yra daug: kalakutas, paršiukas, kumpis, visa kiaulės galva, vyniota mėsa (ruliados), paštetai; paivairinimui daromos silkės ir žuvis. Kepinių būna: puošnūs raguolis, bobos, tortai, trapūs mozūrėliai, beržo šakos ir kt. Velykų simbolinis valgis yra rūpestingai lietuvių išgražinti margučiai. Valgiai išdėstomi ant stalo tam tikra tvarka: vidury raguolis (baumkuchenai), iš vienos ir kitos jo pusės po tortą, už tortų statomos bobos, padedami kelių rūšių gražiai papuošti mozūrėliai ir beržo šakos. Ant galų stalo statomos mėsos iš vienos ir kitos pusės: virtas ar keptas kumpis, keptas paršiukas, kalakutas, veršio kepsnys, paukštiena, paštetai, vyniota mėsa ir žuvis. Tarp valgių, keliose vietose statomos iš anksto tam tikslui sudaigintos avižos, gėlės ar šiaip žaliumynai, tradicinis sviestinis, su vėliavėle avinėlis tarp žalių avižų ir gražūs margučiai. Valgiai sudedami ant stalo nepiaustyti. Visi tie patiekalai būna kuogražiausiai išpuošti Velykų simboliais bei įrašais



ir gražiai, estetiškai atbaigti pvz.—kalakutui apvyniojamos kojos karpytais popieriais, kiaulės galva išmarginama gražiais raštais, bobos ir mozūrėliai pagražinami liukrais ir kremais.

Ant Velykų stalo nededamos valgomos lėkštės nei valgomi įrankiai. Padedami tikrai tie įrankiai, kuriais atsipiaunami ir išidedami valgiai. Greta turi būti staliukas, ant kurio sudėtos reikalingos lėkštės ir peiliai su šakutėmis. Kitas staliukas su gėrimais ir stiklais.

Kai Velykų stalo ruošą būna baigta, jis šventinamas šeimininko ar šeimininkės arba tam tikslui pakviesto kunigo.

Valgytojai, šeimos nariai ir svečiai, eidami aplink stalą atsipiauna norimų valgių po truputį ir valgo ant kito šalimais padėto stalo.

Velykų stalas tuo yra patogus, kad nereikalingas patarnavimų, čia ir šeimininkės vaišinasi kartu su visais. Velykų metu pietūs paprastai neverdami.

V. Kulbokienė

VELYKINIAI KEPINIAI

Migdolinis mozūrėlis

Pusę svaro sviesto ištrinti iki baltumo, pridėti visą laiką maišant pusę svaro cukraus, 6 trynius ir pusę svaro miltų. Gerai išmaišyti, pridėti ½ svaro sugrūstų migdolų ir 6 baltimų putelę. Sudėti ant skardos, dengtos sviestu išteptu popierium. Tešlos turi būti piršto storumo. Pastatyti į vidutinio karštumo krosnį pusei valandos. Iškepta, ataušinus paglajuoti, pagražinti.

Citrininis glajus. Paimti ½ sv. cukrinės pudros, įtarkuoti citrinos žievę, įdėti 1½ šaukšto citrinos sunkos. Trinti inde kol sutirštės ir pabals. Užtepti kepinį, padžiovinti, pagražinti vaisiais ar kit kuo.

Velyku
gėlės
ir
margučiai



Antonia M. Wackell... In Short

POETESS, PAINTER and SPORTSWOMAN

Several years after this century began to make history, and Worcester was recognized as a good-sized city, the population was suddenly augmented by the arrival of a new feminine citizen, christened later as Antonia (Tonie) Glavickas. The event did not coincide with a flood, hurricane, tornado (nor anything) to have marked it a spectacular and outstanding August day.

Her memory in those early days, according to her, was limited; so she recalls nothing about the first few years, but a white, circular crocheted cape — fashionable in those days — wrapped snugly around small shoulders. A few birthdays later, with a younger brother, she was taken to Lithuania. To an American born child, Lithuania had little to offer in food assortments, at least, that was this young lady's gloomy observation; sour black bread, sour milk, and fried salt pork in mashed potatoes did not always please the American palate already bored from the monotony of European food; it was longing for dishes more interesting. Surprisingly though, she survived, and even learned to appreciate and admire other attraction in, and about, this land across the wide water.

Days came, as days shall always do, accompanied by many changes. The younger brother and a still younger sister were both asleep in the Lithuanian country cemetery, when she and her parents embarked on a crawling ship for the U. S. A rumbling train brought them back to Worcester.

After necessary steps were taken (rigid school requirements) she entered and set upon a long course in search of gold in knowledge, and silver in wisdom. Diplomas received were proof that the search was partially successful, but silver in wisdom could only be acquired in a School of Experience, which meant, many more years to come.

While in high school, she studied enthusiastically — not brilliantly, she admits — and hoped to further her studies in the field of medicine, at Tuft's Pre-Med. in Boston. But, man makes plans only to have them



MRS. STANLEY J. WACKELL (Tonie Glavickas) of Worcester, Mass., is the kind of easy-going person whose gentleness hides her energy and industry. She is quite versatile. She is fluent both in Lithuanian and English, for one of her favorite hobbies is translating stories and poems into Lithuanian. Composing her own poems is another favorite pastime. Many have been published in the monthly magazine of the American Lithuanian Women's Alliance and VYTIS. She keeps them in a leather notebook she calls "Inkdrops," typing them first on scrap paper and then transferring them to the notebook, freshly typed. Subjects range from children to Spring housecleaning, "God's Gift To Man," "Tranquility" and "Fireflies." Recently, Mrs. Wackell was the only Lithuanian member elected to the St. Vincent Hospital corporation. The Wackell family, active in C-116, Knights of Lithuania, is an exemplary one.

go astray; and so did hers. She began to study anatomy... but it was at the Boston School of Practical Art instead. A Holy Cross star athlete, studying at the Boston University School of Law, and commuting daily with her on the 7:27 a.m. train, was far more convincing than the future, patients she would have, brought about the change in plans.

In addition to school work and church choir rehearsals, her other interests were centered in the K. of

L., a busy Worcester Council 116 in those days. The Moksleivių Grupė, limited to high school and college students only, listed her as a vice president and later a president. When that same B. U. student organized the first choir in the new parish of Our Lady of Vilna, the members elected him as their first president, and she was elected vice president. This group introduced the first minstrel show in the young parish, and to this day, the parish's annual minstrel shows have set a record-of-sorts for longevity, outlasting all other local minstrel shows in the city.

Graduation days come and young people grow older; then wedding bells ring and confetti-rice greets the bride and groom. So they, too, followed the ages — old custom one October day. Her interests now revolved around domestic cares, children and croup; some major and minor illnesses; and a sprouting business struggling through depression days. As the children grew, they became less dependent and less demanding. There was time for courses in painting and sketching from life at the Worcester Art Museum; simultaneously, she bestirred herself in parish work and in various organizations: social, fraternal, state, civic, charitable and diocesan. Art has been temporarily shelved (she maintains that if Grandma Moses became famous so late in life, there is a possibility that she too, may bask in the shadows of Grandma) presently her work is limited to making her annual Christmas cards. There is little leisure nowadays to begin a painting or a pencil sketch — her favorite medium — or even to sit on the piano bench before the old upright, where, only a short while ago, duos and trios were coaxed from the keyboard. These are the fillers in her day: general housework, meals, assorted phone calls etc.

Some of the organizations she has worked for, and still works for, give her enjoyment and great satisfaction. She receives no remuneration. For approximately 9-10 years she has been chairman of the parish's annual suppers. Caterers were never engaged. She and a group of untiring parish women worked hard for 3 days prior to the Sunday banquet, and the day following it they returned to serve

as the clean-up brigade. Between 500-700 people attended. **Catholic Federation of Societies** of the parish, she served as secretary. **BALF, Worcester chapter**, was an organizer and committee member, and Women's Social Club of Our Lady of Vilna... an organizer and its first press and publicity chairman, and past recording secretary. Member of the Women's Society of Our Lady of Vilna Parish. In the Holy Family Society for Men and Women, she has been the recording secretary for 8 years (re-elected again). She served as the president of the Catholic War Veteran's Auxiliary. In the local chapter 69, American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance, she was publicity and press chairman, recording secretary, financial secretary, vice president and the chapter's president for 10 years. On the Regional scale she was secretary and president of the Maine, Mass., and New Hampshire Regional Board. She served on various committees on the National Board and was its first vice president. She was conferred the title of Honor Member at the national convention in 1955. She is chairman of the Literature Committee of the Worcester Catholic Women's Club. As a trustee on the Grafton State Hospital Board of Trustees, she was secretary for 4 yrs., vice chairman and is now the chairman of the Board of Trustees. In the Massachusetts Association of State Hospital Board of Trustees, she was a member of the committee on education.

Elected to the St. Vincent Hospital Corporation by Bishop Wright, she is also active in the hospital's aid society, The Guild of Our Lady of Providence, where she served as corresponding secretary and now is chairman of the volunteer service, and chairman of the Guild's new project, the Bishop's Book Committee. Proceeds from the sales will go towards the hospital's School of Nursing. She attended the American Hospital Association's National Convention in Sept. 1956 as the delegate from Guild.

She was Discussion Leader in the Christian Doctrine class in Our Lady of Vilna parish. During the flood (Aug. 1955) the National Liturgical Week took place in the Worcester Auditorium where — in spite of flooded Worcester — delegates came from all parts, Mrs.



MRS. STANLEY J. WACKELL of Worcester, Mass., General Chairman of the Guild of Our Lady of Providence for the sale of diocesan history. From left, John G. Deedy, Jr., editor of the Catholic Free Press; Bishop Wright, who wrote the volume's preface and selected some of the motifs; Mrs. Wackell; and Jack Frost, Boston and Cape Cod artist and illustrator of the book entitled "The Church in Worcester, New England." Proceeds of the sale will contribute to the building of a nurses' training school at St. Vincent Hospital.

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Wackell served on the Bishop's Reception Committee. She is a member of Council 116. In the Diocesan League of Catholic Women she was chairman of the delegate's kit at the first congress; chairman of the opening exercises of the second congress; 2nd vice chairman of the third congress; first vice chairman of the fourth congress and chairman of the fifth congress. She was press chairman for the sixth congress and is exhibits chairman for the seventh congress (1957).

To add variety to the aforementioned she writes, poetizes and translates from the Lithuanian into English. Her family includes her husband, Stanley, (who organized and captained the K. of L. basket ball team years ago) an insurance broker. Richard, son, is associated with Travelers Insurance, and was formerly active in the Minstrel shows, and one of the first Equestrian Staff members. Vivian, daughter, office manager of Maryland Casualty Company, was editor of the Equestrian, Council 116; and a tiny member called Kippy, a blue and gray parakeet. For years she had been plagued by a temperamental typewriter with an unnatural de-

mand for new typewriter ribbons, but she received a pretty gray new one from her sympathetic husband, who now uses the old one. Her filing cabinets are overflowing and would easily win the most confused prize. Over 2 dozen potted plants, aphids, mealy bugs and other parasites demand careful attention and sprays.

She has her likes and dislikes — as you and I — and among the dislikes are clams, buckwheat, hot summers and lower than zero-cold winters. Every summer, with her family, she relaxes at their favorite fishing spot in the northern part of Vermont on the shores of Missisquoi Bay. There they hook into huge, powerful bass; stubborn walleyes; sleek, strong pike, and prehistoric mudfish that will bite a plug in two, and your fingers too, if you don't watch out! There too, she writes are the most glorious sunsets; breathtaking aurora borealis shows, and some mighty frightening (if you want to be frightened) storms. Otherwise, she informs us, she is just as normal as any other housewife with a busy family and lots to do, but not enough time in which to do it all.



Sesuo M. Apollinara, buvusi Providence C-103 "Vytė". Dabartiniu laiku Immaculata Press spaustuvės vedėja.

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VELYKŲ ŠVENČIŲ!

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Sesuo Gertruda (apačioje) ir sesuo Skolastika (viršuje), tvarko atspausdintą "Vytį".



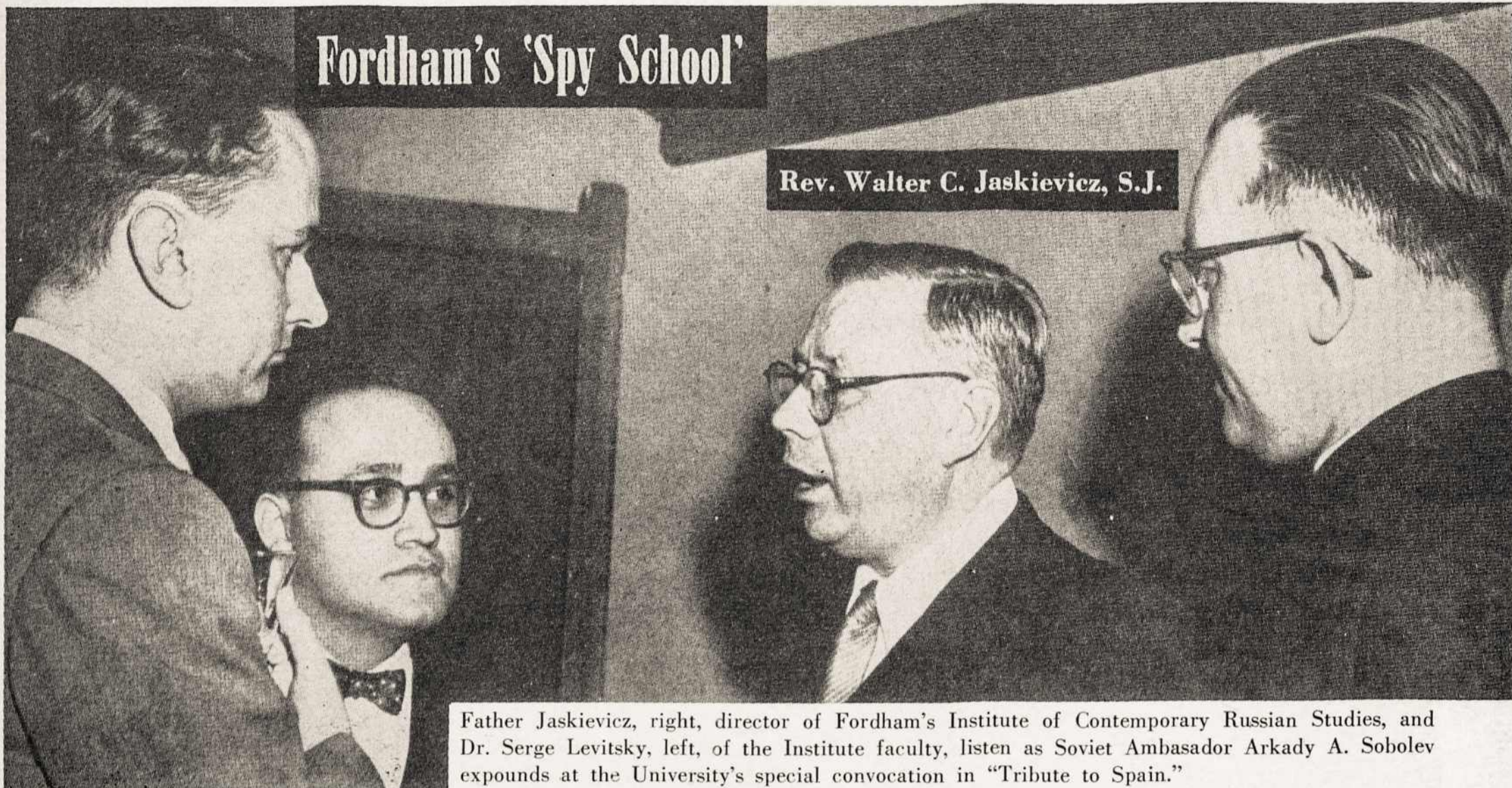
Sisters of Immaculate Conception, Putnam, Conn., having a hand in the printing of VYTIS. From left, Sisters: Palmira, Oliveta, Margaret, Annette, Natalie, Gertrude and Apolonia, seated. (Immaculata Press — VYTIS magazine printers since February, 1954.)



"Vyties" rinkėjas J. Kumpa ir "Vytį" spausdinti ruošiančios seselės darbo metu.

NEKALTO PRASIDĖJIMO SESELIŲ SPAUSTUVĖJ, Putnam, Conn. asmens, kurie atlieka "Vyties" spausdinimo ir išsiuntimo darbus. Jų dėka mes gauname gražiai atspausdintą "Vytį" ir už tai esame jiems giliai dėkingi.

Fordham's 'Spy School'



Rev. Walter C. Jaskiewicz, S.J.

Father Jaskiewicz, right, director of Fordham's Institute of Contemporary Russian Studies, and Dr. Serge Levitsky, left, of the Institute faculty, listen as Soviet Ambassador Arkady A. Sobolev expounds at the University's special convocation in "Tribute to Spain."

During the past summer, I spent some time in Europe. The reason for my being in Munich was not secret: I attended some meetings on Soviet Affairs and looked into the Slavic program at the University. However, within a few months of my return, the Hungarian Fight for Freedom broke out, ripping off the assiduously developed smiling mask of the Soviets. Despite my repeated assurances that I had nothing to do with it, there still remain some who are not entirely convinced. After all, haven't the Soviets attacked us in their press as being a "spy school" which trains "dopes" to be "spies with diplomas and certified killers?" If that be the case, then Fordham's Institute of Russian Studies must have had something to do with this uprising against Soviet tyranny.

The older alumni regularly marvel at the changes on Rose Hill. But even the younger ones lift an eyebrow when they hear of this venture of their Alma Mater. It should not, but it does surprise them to learn that Fordham's reputation and activity gets under the skin of the Soviets. The Communist Press has seen fit to condemn us at least three different times, but the accolade which we treasure most is the "poem" which was dedicated to us. This appeared in a special box in *Ogonyok* (*The Flame*), the popular Soviet literary journal, in 1952, just two years after the Institute was founded. I chuckle each time I read it, so I shall give it in full, — in my own imitative translation:

TEMPLE OF LEARNING

Fordham — an American "temple of learning!"

Yipes, what a laugh! No student there is yearning
For books. This Alma Mater only suckles

Her agents with knives, lock picks and brass
knuckles.

This "U" is the boast of Washington, D.C.,

Because at Fordham, dopes are prepared to be
(Mind you, at one of Amerca's pillars!)

Spies with diplomas and certified killers.

(Honest! That's what they said, in Russian, about
Fordham!)

Rather than refute the allegations, perhaps a brief commentary on them will tell more about the Institute of Russian Studies here at Fordham. Incidentally, we did get sort of a half-hearted apology from the U.S.S.R. delegate to the United Nations, Arkady Sobolev. After the death of Stalin, when I brought it to his attention, he answered, not too loudly, "probably a misunderstanding". But that must have been "off the record" because we haven't seen any official retraction yet.

Double Program Envisaged

The Institute began in 1950, after much planning by the then dean of the college, the Rev. Thurston Davis, S. J., with the assistance and advice of Dr. Richard Burgi (C'42) and the Rev. J. Franklin Ewing, S. J. The latter two were the first and second directors of the Institute, respectively. They envisaged a double program, on the undergraduate and on the undergraduate and on the graduate level, to offer opportunities at Fordham for students to acquire sound knowledge of Russian and Soviet Affairs, both domestic and international. True, the government did need "Soviet experts" but more important, the well-informed citizen of today had to have a proper understanding of the international tug-of-war between this twentieth century enslavement centered in the Kremlin, and man's innate right to be free, championed by the United States.



The Institute took up the challenge. Work at the Institute was geared accordingly: to know everything possible about the Soviet Union — language, history, economics, geography, cultural traditions, literature, religion, politics, sociology, and above all, the motivating philosophy behind the Communist movement. The techniques of the Communists in the United States came in for a share of attention, also. But what I believe caused even more consternation to the Soviets were the courses in basic Marxist philosophy which were made an integral part of the curriculum. If the basic bricks of the domineering colossus were shattered, it would not be long before the entire structure would begin to crumble. And, of course, anyone who did not blindly admit that dialectic materialism was the philosophy of the future, just had to be a fool.

Burglar Tools Missing

I'm not sure of two points which the Soviets brought up in their ode to the Institute. As yet I haven't been able to find the fancy burglar tools supposedly willed to me by my predecessors. And I have been looking since 1952, when I took over. We have installed phonographic equipment for language training, and a short wave radio to monitor Radio Moscow. We have an adequate library which is constantly growing, and racks of Soviet magazines and newspapers. In addition, we are now planning a language laboratory to sharpen the basic tool needed for research, the Russian language. But our modest inventory just cannot list the knives, lock picks, and such. We can't find them. At times, when I've forgotten my keys, I almost wish we had a drawer full of lock picks.

My second doubtful point is just how much pride Washington has in Fordham's endeavor. Many of our graduates are working in one or another of the intelligence services, but as far as material support goes, from Washington or from any of the fabulous

foundations, it just isn't there. This is a venture supported almost entirely by Fordham, because it believes in its importance. Apart from a few small grants for books and equipment, the only black we operate in is the intense faith that Fordham's president and administration have in promoting positive and Christian values in the understanding of contemporary and world affairs, as in all other fields.

Institute Reaps Praise

The Institute has received accolades from our side, just as we have had a few "firsts" also. In July, 1955, the *American Mercury* wrote up the Institute in "Reading, 'Riting, and Russian." This was picked up by the *Catholic Digest* in October as "Fordham's Little Russia." Subsequently we were editorialized in the *Denver Sunday Post*. They didn't mention our modest "firsts" but the Institute's radio program SOVIET SPECTROSCOPE, conducted by Dr. Serge L. Levitsky, predicted Malenkov's step-down four days before it happened. And Dr. George A. Taskin, our geographer and economic analyst, foresaw the agricultural reforms 10 days before Khrushchev announced them to the Soviet people. No wonder that *America* could state that in 1955 Fordham's Institute of Contemporary Russian Studies "is unique among Catholic institutions."

No, at least directly, we were not responsible for the Soviet headaches in Poland and Hungary, but we did jump in to join the protest marches against these atrocities. And we did sponsor the Memorial Mass here on the campus for the Hungarians who died in the Fight for Freedom. We have only one prime fight here at the Institute. It is the same fight to which Fordham itself is dedicated: the fight for truth. Because we are convinced that "the truth will make you free," or as the Late Holy Father, Pope Pius XI phrased it in 1937, "This supreme reality, God, is the absolute condemnation of the impudent falsehoods of Communism."

AFTER SEEING CALIFORNIA AND ITS BEAUTIES, WE FEEL YOU'LL WANT TO STAY!

The Rev. John A. Kucingis, Pastor of St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Lithuanian Parish in Los Angeles, extends his cordial invitation to all K. of L-ers to come to California in August and to attend the 44-th National Convention at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles.

MY BELOVED KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA:

Los Angeles, March 4, 1957.

St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Lithuanian Parish of Los Angeles is a young one. Enthusiasm and freshness are the main traits of the parish. St. Casimir's Parish is not only a center of religious but also of cultural life of the Lithuanian-American community of Los Angeles.

St. Casimir's Parish has a new and beautiful church, a large hall, a new rectory, kindergarten, and convent. The 1957 Knights of Lithuania National Convention, to be held on August 8—11 in the City of Los Angeles, will be a great fete for the K. of L-ers and guests and for all Lithuanian-Americans of the Golden State. All K. of L-ers and guests from the four quarters of the U. S. — all of you are invited by every Lithuanian-American in the State of California to come to Los Angeles and the Golden State, the country of wonders and contrasts.

In Los Angeles and California you will see the first missions built by Padre Serra; motion picture studios; luxurious residences of the Hollywood actors and actresses; beautiful gardens. While here you will enjoy the refreshing summer climate of California and its natural wonders. After seeing California and its beauties, we feel you'll want to stay!

Personally and on behalf of all my parishioners, I extend a most cordial invitation to all members of the Knights of Lithuania to attend the 44th National Convention and to see this tremendously -growing city of Los Angeles and the Golden State. Do not forget to bring your parents with you. Let them see how beautiful and interesting is our country, the United States of America. Your parents and grandparents were the ones who built this country through their sweat and labor.

I will be seeing you all at the Los Angeles Convention on August 8—11, 1957!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

REV. JOHN A. KUCINGIS, Pastor
St. Casimir's Lithuanian Parish



LOS ANGELES K. of L-ers (C-133) with Dr. Owen J. C. Norem (fourth from left), former U. S. Minister to Lithuania (1937-1940) and author "Timeless Lithuania". From left, 1st row: Anthony Skirius, vice president; Ann Grikavicius; Rev. Dr. Antanas Bucmys, spiritual adviser; Dr. Norem; Miss Ruta Lee-Kilmonis, movie and TV actress; Frank Speecher, president of St. Casimir's Parish Committee; Mrs. F. Speecher; Leonard Valiukas, president of C-133 and General Chairman of 1957 K. of L. National Convention Executive Committee; Miss Lorraine Samolis, secretary. 2nd row: Edward Bartkus (third from left), chairman of Spiritual Program Committee; Mrs. E. Bartkus (behind Miss Ruta Lee-Kilmonis), financial secretary; Miss Ann Laurinaitis (next to Mrs. Bartkus), treasurer.

P. Jasiukonis



The Rev. John A. Kucingis, Pastor of St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Lithuanian Parish in Los Angeles, discusses the 1957 K. of L. National Convention plans with Leonard Valiukas (left), General Chairman of the Convention Executive Committee and President of Council 133, and Miss Žibutė Nida Balsys, one of the Secretaries of the Convention Executive Committee and Chairlady of Lithuanian Cultural Committee of Council 133.



P. Jasiukonis

A group of Los Angeles Council officers and members with Dr. Owen J. C. Norem (third from left), former U. S. Minister to Lithuania (1937 - 1940) and author of the book "Timeless Lithuania". Dr. Norem has promised to attend the main events of the 44th K. of L. National Convention. Pictured from left, 1st row: Leonard Valiukas, General Chairman of the Convention Executive Committee; Ann Laurinaitis, Treasurer; Dr. Norem; Miss Ruta Lee-Kilmonis, movie and television actress and active member of C-133; Rev. Dr. Antanas Bucmys, spiritual adviser; Mrs. Helen Bartkus, financial secretary. 2nd row: Edward Bartkus, Chairman of Spiritual Program Committee; Miss Lorraine Samolis, secretary; Anthony Skirius, vice president, publisher of **Lithuanian Days** magazine and former editor of VYTIS.

K. OF L. CALENDAR

April 24 — Ansonia, Conn. (135) FOUNDER'S DAY Banquet.

April 27-28 — NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION, Worcester, Mass. Host: Council 26 (St. Casimir's parish). Pre-Convention Dance — Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Saturday eve., April 27th.

May 4 — Cambridge, Mass. (18) — SPRING DANCE, American Lithuanian Club, 163 Harvard St., Cambridge.

June 1-2 — Mid-Central and Illinois - Indiana Districts Bowling Tournament. Headquarters — Hotel Roosevelt, Pittsburgh, Pa. Activities: May 31st, June 1 — Tourney, and June 2 — Banquet.

June 8 — Newark, N. J. (29) JUNE JAMBOREE, St. George's Hall, 180 New York Ave., Newark. Music by Jersey Twins Orchestra; dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a. m. Refreshments — FREE.

July 7 — Norwood, Mass. (27) — ANNUAL PICNIC, Grape Arbor, Walpole. (In case of rain — postponed to July 14th.)

August 8-11 — 44th K. of L. NATIONAL CONVENTION to be held at Hotel Statler, Los Angeles, California. Host: Council 133.

October 12 — Hartford, Conn. (6) ANNUAL AUTUMN DANCE, Holy Trinity School Hall.

November 9 — Norwood, Mass. (27) MARDI GRAS BALL, Runerberg Hall, Wilson St., Norwood.



Lowell, Mass. Council 115. 1957 officers, seated from left: Ann Stys, secretary; Father Alphonse B. Jansonis, spiritual adviser (former K. of L'er from South Boston, Mass.); Al Jurius, president; Agnes Dreven, treasurer. Standing, Joanne Jurius, Patricia Voveris, Victoria Varoski, Helen Andriuskevicius, financial secretary; June Mumgaudis, publicity chairman; and Albert Valentine, vice president.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT HISTORY

*Vaizdai iš Naujosios Anglijos L. Vyčių veikimo talpinami
šiuose puslapiuose kartu su jų dešimtmečio veiklos aprašymu.*

Several of our councils submitted brief history of their council: **Council 10, Athol, Mass.** Even before the small parish of St. Francis was born, there were two organizations already in existence, namely: "Aušros Vartu" society and the Knights of Lithuania. In the late '30s, there were 80 active members. K. of L. choir made headlines in the newspapers. Its fame attracted the attention of the Dean of Music, University of Massachusetts, and he invited the K. of L. choir to present a concert at the University. In recent years, the Athol Council has become the Athol - Gardner Council, with many members having joined from that area. Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month in the parish hall, members' homes and summer camps located in Athol and Gardner. Generous donations have been made to the parish, including a large beautiful crucifix. For the past several years, annual "Winter Carnivals" have been held at the Tully Brook Inn with dinner, skating, skiing, dancing and other events. The committee in charge this year was headed by Barbara Milosh, president, and assisted by Maryann Rodski, Brownie Kukauskas, Frances Milosh, Alvin Rodski, Anne Penney, William Winsauskas, Mary Piragis, Frank Anoris, Barbara Bennett, Mary Gauronsky, Robert Ponusky, Nellie Melaika and Leonard Davidonis. This year, the council observed the feast of St. Casimir with a Communion and Breakfast at Cedar Lodge. Rev. Albin Yankauskas, spiritual adviser, celebrated the mass and acted as toastmaster at the breakfast. Miss Ida Valaski, prominent artist, spoke on art and the various art museums she visited in Europe recently. Barbara Milosh and Robert Ponusky were co-chairmen. Through the years, the council was under the guidance of Father Jakaitis, Fr. A. Petraitis, Fr. P. Juraitis, Fr. M. Tamulevicius, Fr. Br. Mazukna and Fr. Albin Yankauskas.

Council 17, South Boston, Mass. Organized August 23, 1914. In 1938

with a view of having a bowling business and limiting the liability of the members, it was decided to incorporate and get a charter from Massachusetts. The **incorporators** were: Frank Razvadauskas (dec'd 1956), Stephen Mickevich, Phyllis Grendal, Eva Norinkevich-Ball, Anthony Gaputis (Chief Parachute Rigger, U. S. Navy), Vincent Averka and John Petrauskas (dec'd). The bowling business was managed for a number of years until 1952 by Martin Gaputis. The council has managed to be quite active throughout the years and is apparently one of the strongest in the district. At one time it had an active membership of over 200. **Among its accomplishments** — the council had sponsored softball and basketball teams and provided the players with equipment and uniforms. After World War II, our **presidents and spiritual advisers** were: Sgt. Stephen J. Contons, Jr., Lt. John Contons, Victor Anchukaitis (U. S. Army), John Olevitz (U. S. Navy), John Daniels, Peter Bizinkauskas, Mrs. Angela Yelmokas, and currently Winifred Skudris; Fr. A. Abracinskas, Fr. J. Baltrusius, Fr. A. J. Contons and since 1954 Fr. John Zuromskis. Some of the more **substantial donations** made were: \$1000.00 check to Fr. F. A. Virmauskis, pastor of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church for stained glass church window (Oct. 29, 1950); \$500.00 to Archbishop Cushing's Charity Fund for Carney Hospital; on different occasions to Sisters of Jesus Crucified; BALF, both local branch and national for displaced persons in Germany; and in 1956, gold vases for the church were presented to Fr. F. A. Virmauskis, hon. memb., one of the founders and staunch supporters of the organization, on this 40th anniversary in the Priesthood. **Plays and Minstrel Shows:** Gay Ninety Show (1947); minstrel show chairmaned by Tony Yakovonis, U. S. Army (1948); Minstrel Show chairmaned by Major Joseph Matachinskis (1949) and Mrs. Alice Plevock Ruseckas, music director;

"Šnipšnytis" produced and directed by Lt. Commander Joseph Lola (1950). **KEYHOLE NEWS** (edited by Dr. Evelyn Bender Vaskas-1950), and since January 1955 **THE LANCER** is being edited monthly by Fr. John Zuromskis, spir. adv., John J. Olevitz, editor-in-chief, Lillian Navicky, art, and associate editors John Daniels, S/Sgt. William Gorski (Asst. Press Sec'y to Gov. Furcolo), Loretta Lescinskas, Roland Martinkus (U. S. Army), Phyllis Rudis, Rita Shatas, Winifred Skudris, Florence Zaleskas and Marie Zaleskas. **Religion** — St. Casimir's Day, Mother's Day and Feast of Christ the King observed with Communion and Breakfast. Since February 1957, K. of L. Monthly Communion Mass has been inaugurated. **Spiritual** talks given by Fr. Zuromskis (in compliance with the National Spiritual Program chairmaned by Fr. Contons since 1955). **Lithuanian** classes conducted by Kazys Mockus. Socials, including dances, outings, weekend skiing, etc. are still being sponsored annually.

National Convention — C-17 was host to three important conventions; 1st — In 1925; 2nd — 30th anniversary (August 1942 — Capt. Charles Jenkus, spir. adviser, Longinas Svelnis, pres., Frank Razvadauskas, nat'l pres., Phyllis Grendal, nat'l sec'y., Rev. F. A. Virmauskis, hon. chmn., Atty. A. J. Young-Jankauskas, chmn., Nella Marks Davis, Chas. Gaputis, Stephen Contons, Anne Razvadauskas Kudirkā, Lillian Vareika); and 3rd — 40th anniversary (August 1953 — held at the Hotel Statler, Boston — Rev. F. A. Virmauskis, hon. chmn., Fr. A. J. Contons, Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., Fr. John Zuromskis, John Olevitz, pres., J. Ginkus, chmn., John Daniels, Winifred Skudris, Dr. J. Leimonas, A. Laudansky, A. Norvilas Carter, Phil Carter Frank Razvadauskas, Eleanor Daniels, Phyllis Grendal, Rita Shatas, Mrs. Patricia Akule, Al Akule, S. K. Gri-ganavičius, Diane Shatas, Lillian Romanskis Gailius, Aldona Jaku-



LOWELL, MASS. Council 115. City Manager Frank Barrett is pictured here signing a proclamation making February 16th Republic of Lithuania Day. Shown with the city manager are left to right, William Plein of the Lithuanian D. L. K. V. club; Albin J. Varoski, Knights of Lithuania program chairman; and Rev. Peter A. Shakalis, spiritual adviser of C-115.



PROVIDENCE K. of L'ers receiving Proclamation issued by Governor Dennis J. Roberts, left to right: Victor G. Mathieu, Mrs. V. G. Mathieu, Miss Julia Meciunas, Miss Josephine Vaitkunas, Mrs. Eugene Krecioch and His Excellency, D. J. Roberts. Lithuanians in Rhode Island observed the 39th anniversary of Lithuania's independence, and exercises commemorating the occasion were written up in all the local newspapers.



LOWELL K. of L'ers observe Independence Day for the first time since its reorganization — The 39th anniversary of the Lithuanian Independence day was celebrated February 17th with services at St. Joseph's Lithuanian church (Rev. Fr. J. Skalandis, pastor) and the D. L. K. V. Lithuanian club. From left, front, are Aldona Hamel and Jurate Anorkunas. Rear, Dr. Juozas Leimonas, editor of VYTIS, Rev. Peter Shakalis, spiritual adviser, William Plaen, Councillor, John Janas and Stephen Bomal.

bauskas, Larry Svelnis, Atty. A. J. Young, Florence Zaleskas, Edmund Rudis, Julian Alexander - Arlauskas, Joseph Lola, Peter Bizinkauskas, Virginia and Joan Kleponis, Rita Stakutis, Mrs. Angela Mason Yelmokas, Al Ivaska, Martha Markelionis Puzin, Frances Poskus, Joanne Dravinskas, Stephen Roklan — close to 6500 attended the Jubilee Convention throughout convention days.)

Council 78, Lawrence, Mass. With the zealous efforts of Father P. Shakalis, the council was reorganized on July 12, 1948, and its president John Zenevitch. Under the direction of Joseph Lola, "Šnipšnyčio Vestuvės" was presented on January 9, 1949. It was a SMASH HIT. The following years, the council sponsored whist parties, picnics, Communion and Breakfasts, dances, sleigh rides, skating parties and a "Hi-Neighbor" party. Proceeds from these affairs were given to the parish fund. The council members, known as "Glo-Trotters" attended district conventions, leadership courses and Holy Hours. On April 1, 1951, upon the passing on to Eternity of Tėvas Norkūnas, the council felt a tremendous loss since he frequently attended meetings. Since the reorganization of the council, following served as presidents — J. Zenevitch, Wm. Brown, John Zemis, George Unick, Leo Gaidis, Helen Marcinkevich and Anthony Padvaiskas. This year, Helen Marcinkevich was again elected president, and Fr. Albin Janiunas, spiritual adviser.

Jointly with the Juniors, St. Casimir's Day was observed March 3, 1957, with a Communion and Breakfast held in the parish hall. Distinguished guests included Msgr. Francis M. Juras, hon. member and pastor, Fr. Klimas, Fr. Janiūnas, also John Zemis, director of Juniors, Joan Lisauskas, pres. of Junior Council, and Helen Marcinkevich, council president.

Junior Council 78, Lawrence, Mass. Organized by Fr. Albin Janiunas on November 16, 1955, and supervised by John Zemis and Helen Marcinkevich.

Council 116, Worcester, Mass. — Organized on January 18, 1928 in the then young parish of Our Lady of Vilna, whose pastor was the late Rev. Julius Chaplikas. Attorney Frank Boblis was its first president, and the late Rev. Stanislaus Vem-

bre, spiritual adviser. Shortly after the death of Rev. Chaplikas, Msgr. Constantine Vasys was appointed pastor, and besides being director of a Lithuanian newspaper, publisher of books, etc., Msgr. Vasys found time to encourage the growth of the council to the present day. Other spiritual advisers who helped influence C-116 members were Rev. V. Puidokas, Rev. J. Bakanas, and Rev. John Jutt (1940-1955). Having been transferred to St. Casimir's parish in 1955, Rev. Alphonse Volungis was appointed spiritual adviser. As a group, the council's past and present accomplishments are many. For years, the council has sponsored softball and basketball teams, weight-lifting, debating and bowling teams. One of its members, Albina Osipavich, won the Olympic swimming championship. For the past 12 years, it has edited a monthly newspaper called "Equestrian." It has had a Folk Dance Group, class in the Lithuanian language, and a year ago, a K. of L. choir was organized with a great deal of success. The tableau on the "History of Lithuania" presented by members when host to the N. E. District Convention in 1956 will not be forgotten for sometime to come. Members are quite talented. Annually, "The Knightmares" created and staged by its members prove to be both socially and financially successful. This show gave way to the annual Minstrel Show sponsored by the council for the benefit of the parish. The council takes active part in all parish activities, and has made generous contributions to the parish fund. Each year, St. Casimir's Day is observed by having a Communion and Breakfast. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month in the parish hall. 1957 officers — Rev. Alphonse Volungis, spiritual adviser; Bernice Burdulis, president; Bernice Kavadaris, vice president; Mary Klimkaitis, rec. sec'y.; William Burdulis, Jr. fin. sec'y.; Robert Paluses, treasurer; Robert Swedis and Dorothy Sinkavitch, sgts.-at-arms and Ann Miller and Joseph Krasinskas, trustees.

Council 135, Ansonia, Conn. Organized on April 24, 1950, St. Anthony's church hall. Jack Jatis, national president, organizer. First president elected — John A. Sabulis; Rev. B. F. Gauronskas, spiritual adviser. Under capable leadership, the council attained new heights in

the local Lithuanian circles. Movies, dances, Masquerade parties, Lithuanian Affairs, outings, membership drives with unique methods, active Ritual work were some of the outstanding activities that brought popularity to the K. of L. in Ansonia. In 1951, C-135 was host to the N. E. District Convention; John A. Sabulis and Olga Savitskas were co-chairmen. Notwithstanding the distance, members represent the council in district affairs. On April 24, 1957, the council is celebrating its 7th anniversary. Banquet to be held at the Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, Conn. On this occasion, tribute will be paid to the late Tėvas Norkūnas, founder, whose visit to Ansonia never materialized due to his untimely death on April 1, 1951. 1957 officers are: Olga Savitskas, president; Peter Gumbulevich, vice president; Ann Barauskas, secretary, Rose-Marie Tabaka, fin. secretary; Ann Ramonauskas, treasurer; and Albert Jesulaitis, sgt.-at-Arms. (John A. Sabulis, Historian.)

Council 115, Lowell, Mass. Reorganized on April 6, 1956 by Rev. P. Shakalis, and assisted by Rev. A. J. Contons, nat'l spiritual director, Edward Daniels, nat'l vice president and Rita Pinkus, nat'l fin. secretary. First members to join — Albin Varoski, Joanne Jurius, Agnes Dreven, Albert Valentine, June Mumgaudis, Leonard Andriusaitis, Helen Andriuskevicius, Al Jurius and Patricia Voveris. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month in the church hall. The 39th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence Day was commemorated jointly with the DLKV Lithuanian Club on February 17, 1957 and Proclamation issued by the City Manager Frank Barrett, for the first time in the history of Lowell. Bowling team meets once a week, on Wednesday evening, at the Brentwood Alleys. Mid-season banquet was held at the DLKV club last January. St. Casimir's Day was observed on March 3, 1957 with a Communion and Breakfast. Honored guests included Rev. J. Skalandis, pastor and Father A. Jansonis, new spiritual adviser. (Ann M. Stys, Sec'y.)

Council 7, Waterbury, Conn. Our local council was organized March 31, 1916, mostly through the efforts of our present esteemed pastor, Rev. J. J. Valantiejus and Rev. Benedict Gauronskas, now pastor of St.



PROVIDENCE, R. I. Council 103. Top (left to right): **Rev. Fr. John Vaitekunas**, honorary member of **Knights of Lithuania** and pastor of St. Casimir's Church chatting with **Julia Meciunas**, president, **Father A. A. Jurgelaitis**, O.P. of Providence College and **Barbara Cyronak**, district vice president, just before **Communion Breakfast** held in the parish hall, March 3, 1957. **Members and officers of C-103:** Seated, **Charles Cyronak**, treasurer; **Veronica Minalgo**, secretary; **Father Vaitekunas**; **Julia Meciunas**, president; and **Father Jurgelaitis**. 1st row (standing) — **John Moricas**, **Barbara Cyronak**, **Daniel Cyronak**, **Algird Straznick**, **William Belconis**; 2nd row — **Ruth Krecioch**, **Beatrice Mathieu**, **Vyto Savickas**, **Joseph Kiela**. **At Communion Breakfast** — **Fr. Jurgelaitis** franked by **Dorothy Labucki**, **Algird Straznick**, and **Eleanor Labucki**. Bottom (l.-r.): **Out-of-towners attending New England District Dance** held in Providence (February 16, 1957) and chaired by **Phil Carter**: **Jean Chamberlain** (Brockton), **Joseph Sakaitis**, national trustee, **Edward Daniels**, national vice president and **Ed. Vaitkunas**, all of Worcester, Mass. **South Boston members** relaxing with Providence members at a dinner after the dance. **Distinguished guests** at the dance seen, standing: **Stanley Balberis**, district president (Brockton), **Barbara Cyronak**, district vice president (Providence), **Edmund Rudis**, national trustee (South Boston), **Frank Ciras**, Sports Chairman (Worcester); seated: **John Olevitz**, Ritual Chairman (South Boston), **Edward Daniels**, national vice president (Worcester) and **Sylvia Shukis**, district secretary (Brockton).

(Candid shots by B. Cyronak)



Athol, Mass. Council 10. (Top to bottom). Members attending Communion Breakfast, March 3, 1957. Seated in center Fr. Yankauskas, spiritual adviser. **Barbeque** held in Gardner, Mass. **Group visiting Blessed Sacrament Monastery** in Barre, Mass., one of the outstanding events planned by the Spiritual Program Chairman, Father Albin Yankauskas.

Anthony's Church, Ansonia, Conn. The charter also bears the names of Messrs. Joseph B. Šaliunas, Joseph Tamošaitis and Joseph Dvileškis. **Past achievements** have been great and multiple in the religious, national and social culture fields. Generous contributions have been made to church, community and country. The council made history with its annual St. Casimir's and Mother's Day observances, Halloween Masquerades and outstanding basketball and bowling events with the K. of L. winning many state and city championships. Who will ever forget the famous names of Boley, Swazey, Alexander, Stankus, Dieliniks, Lesunaitis, Bendler, Saldukas and others! Tennis, golf, volleyball, pool and other sports tournaments have also been won. **National Convention** — the council

fittingly marked its tenth anniversary being host to the K. of L. National Convention in August 1926, which was master-minded and managed by Prof. A. J. Aleksis, zealous K. of L., pioneer and composer of the K. of L. hymn. Archbishop George Matulaitis (God grant the Lithuanian nation to see His holy Excellency proclaimed Saint) headed a long list of distinguished clergy and prominent lay leaders. A delightful highlight was the artistic presentation of the spirited patriotic operetta "Į Tėvyne" by the St. Joseph's K. of L. Choir directed by A. J. Aleksis, composer of the operetta. **Life Begins at Forty** — Going the way of all flesh, we reached heights, hit rock bottom but never "folded up." Having just recently celebrated our 41st birthday we have really again begun to

live. Indicative proof is this year's calendar of events. To date, we have commendably commemorated Lithuania's Independence Day and Feast of St. Casimir; presently we are preparing for an exemplary Mother's Day Communion Mass and Breakfast (May 12) with other parish organizations participating. **Ei, Vyčiai!** God bless and help our Council 7's 1957 officers and members to live up to, safeguard and perpetuate the Knights of Lithuania lofty ideals and beautiful motto "Dievui ir Tėvynei" — (Marcella Andrikis).



CHARLES BASON - BASANAVIČIUS of Jersey City, N. J. (C-124) to be given a **Testimonial Dinner** on Saturday evening, May 25, 1957 in Kearny, New Jersey at the Lithuanian Club Hall, 134 Schuyler Avenue. **Members and Friends** are planning to assemble for the dinner, to pay honor to Charles Bason, well known throughout the country for his activity in the Knights of Lithuania on local, district and national levels. The event will be sponsored by the New York - New Jersey District so that new and old friends and members in the district and its surrounding area might have an opportunity to express congratulations to "Vytis Kazimieras" and show their esteem. Many know him and worked with him in the district when he was general chairman of district functions including Finance Committee work.



K. OF L. MEMBER ORDAINED PRIEST

Rev. Anthony Benzevich, for many years an active K. of L. member, was ordained to the priesthood at Holy Cross Cathedral, Boston on Feb. 2, 1957. Archbishop Richard J. Cushing was the ordaining prelate. Father Anthony offered his First Solemn High Mass at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church in So. Boston on Feb. 10.

Born on Aug. 19, 1931, Father Benzevich attended the local public schools and graduated from So. Boston High School in 1948. At school he was a member of the tennis team and the Junior Achievement program. After two years of study at Boston College, Father Anthony enrolled at St. John's Seminary in September of 1951 and continued his studies there until ordination.

Father Benzevich has always been active in Lithuanian circles. As a youngster from 1939 to 1949 he was a member of the famed Boston Lithuanian Folk Dance Group under the direction of Mrs. Ona Ivaskiene. He was always active in St. Peter's parish activities, being an altar boy for ten years, a member of the CYO basketball and baseball teams, the Holy Name Bowling team and camp counsellor for the altar boys.

Beginning his K. of L. activities with the Juniors, Father Anthony joined the regular K. of L. in 1948 and has been active with the organization ever since.

Since Feb. 18, 1957 Father Anthony Benzevich has been a curate at St. Ann's Church in Littleton, Mass.

The Knights of Lithuania are happy to congratulate Father Anthony on his ordination to the priesthood, and to wish him every blessing and grace in his new work,



L. to r. — Phyllis Rudis; Father Zuromskis, Loretta Leschinskas, and Florence Zaleskas. **Kitchen Cuties** prepare to cut-up for the "blynų balius" held recently at their clubhouse.



SOUTH BOSTON, MASS. Council 17 officers, seated left to right: Patricia Plansky, secretary; Winifred Skudris, president; Rev. John Zuromskis, spiritual adviser; Anne Kleponis, treasurer. Standing, Rita Waitkunas, trustee; Joan Dravinskas, trustee; Florence Zaleskas, financial secretary. (Not pictured — Albin Jaritis, vice president and Charles Marcinkevich, marshal.)
Edward J. Sharkey

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE DURING OUR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE?

April 24th marks the 44th Anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Lithuania by Mykolas Norkūnas, and a handful of faithful followers. Increased membership can help make this 44th anniversary a most worthwhile event. This is the time when each member can rededicate himself to the ideals and objectives of the Knights of Lithuania, and the desires of our founder. You can strengthen your council and the organization through your personal effort in the solicitation of new members.

Certain councils and individual members have been very active and have done their share in the Membership Drive. Since our last national convention we have gained the following number of members: September — 27; October — 10; November — 4; December — 5; January, 1957 — 30. Councils 26 and 17 are in the lead during the 1957 Membership Drive. Edmund Vaitkunas (C-26) and Ada Sinkwitz (C-96) are the individual leaders in the concentrated Membership Drive. Councils 26, 96, 133 and 17 have enrolled the greatest number of members since September of 1956. Eve Grudzinskas (C-26); Rev. Peter Shakalis (C-115); Laura Yucius (C-133); and Anthony Skirius (C-133) are tied in the Individual Award Contest. (\$175.00 cash award or round trip air-coach fare to Los Angeles Convention). This is one of the greatest awards ever offered in our organization's history. It should serve as an incentive for more people to become active in the Membership Drive.

Twenty - one Councils: 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 17, 19, 25, 26, 90, 96, 100, 103, 109, 113, 115, 116, 133, 135 and 112 have taken an active part in the drive. I sincerely hope that by the time I receive the next report from our Financial Secretary, Rita Pinkus, I can proudly report that ALL of the councils have done their bit for the Knights of Lithuania.

*John A. Stoskus,
Membership Chairman*

K. OF L. MEDAL AWARD

Donors

Mrs. Magdalene Liutkus, Cleveland, Ohio (25) \$1.00

Daniel Shimkus, Worcester, Mass. (26) \$1.00

Julius Paskus, Newark, N. J. (29) \$1.00

Ona Aleliūnas, Chicago Seniors \$2.00

Donations are still welcome!

*Rev. John C. Jutt
41 Providence St.
Worcester, Mass.*

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Mirus Domininkui Norvilui (Brockton, Mass.), reiškiamė gilios užuojautos poniai Aldonai Carter (Cranston, R. I.), dukterei. Mirus p. Mathieu (Providence, R. I.), reiškiamė gilios užuojautos p. Viktorui Mathieu, sūnui, ir jų giminėms ir artimiesiems.

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There are many types of insurance, the most common of which is life insurance. In a policy of that kind you keep on paying a small premium until it's paid up or until you pass out of the picture. If and when that happens your beneficiary gets the money and will probably give you a decent burial out of the proceeds. In the endowment type of life insurance you keep on paying the premiums for twenty-years and collect the check for the full amount yourself; that type is the same as putting money in the bank. The difference is that if you die before twenty years is up your beneficiary gets the full amount.

There are many kinds of companies that sell insurance. One of the best known to the Lithuanians is the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance, of Wilkes - Barre, Pennsylvania. This association has been in business since 1886. By taking out insurance with them you have the same kind of protection and help out a Lithuanian society. Your policy is quite welcome whether it's \$500 or \$5,000. They are under state supervision just like any other company. Remember other nationalities preserve their culture and language by dealing in business with their people so it's time we wise up and do the same.

Let's say you are twenty four-years old — that means if you take out a policy now you will pay less premium; it costs you less because you're not supposed to die until you are sixty-five years old according to the mortality table. Let's say you wait until you are forty years old and take out life insurance — that means your payments will be much greater because your life expectancy is shorter. So it's to your advantage to get insurance while you're young and keep it. The kind you take doesn't matter too much as long as you have it to protect your loved ones and guarantee a decent burial for yourself. If you are under 45 years of age you don't have to have a doctor's examination to get the policy. A minimum policy of \$1,000 is recommended; however increase that amount in keeping with your earnings.

For your application or more information contact: Rev. A. J. Contons, W. R. Chinik, J. A. Stoskus or K. J. Savickas. (Address in the VYTIS) Do it Now!

Konnie J. Savickus

EDITOR'S DESK

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Council 26 of St. Casimir's Church, Worcester, Mass. —organized May 1, 1916. Charter members were A. Ciginskas, P. Zataveckas, J. Galiauskas, J. Bacys and Rev. J. J. Jakaitis. 1957 officers are: Joseph L. Landis, president; Edward A. Daniels, vice president; Bertha Adamaitis and Joan E. Grigas, recording secretaries; Mrs. Ann E. Ridick, financial secretary; Mrs. Rita E. Pinkus, treasurer; Edmund J. Vaitkunas and Virginia E. Daniels, auditors; John V. Ridick and Ronald W. Valinski, sgt.-at-arms; and Daniel F. Shimkus, Chairman of Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Rev. Michael Tamulevich is spiritual adviser.

The council holds its meetings regularly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the clubroom located in St. Casimir's School. Annual social activities include a picnic, weenie roasts, autumn and spring dances, dinner-dance, square dancing parties, Halloween and Valentine's Day parties and beach party. Annually, Council 26 makes a financial contribution to the parish, in addition to sponsoring a Christmas party with gifts for the children of St. Casimir's School. A communion breakfast, held in honor of St. Casimir (K. of L. Patron Saint) is held each year in March. Members make several trips during the year and visited shrines and other places of religious interest in the area. In 1956, the council celebrated its 40 years of successful organization with a banquet and program which was attended by hundred of Knights on the local, district and national level.



PROVIDENCE, R. I. (C-103). For his untiring efforts in behalf of Lithuania, Governor Dennis J. Roberts was presented with a beautifully wooden-carved Cross by Councillor Victor G. Mathieu. Looking on, left to right: Mrs. Victor G. Mathieu, Miss Julia Meciunas and Miss Josephine Vaitkunas.



(Top) WORCESTER, MASS. — Council 116 Bowling Team. (Bottom) 1957 Officers, left to right (seated): Bernice Burdulis, president; Bernice Kavadaris, vice president; Mary Klimkaitis, recording secretary; Dorothy Sinkavitch, sgt.-at-arms; Ann Miller, trustee. Standing, Robert Paluses, treasurer; William Burdulis, Jr., financial secretary; and Robert Shilinsky, sgt.-at-arms.

10-Year Summary of New England District

April 1947 - April 1957

During World War II (Sept. 16, 1940 — July 25, 1947) our members in service were not only considered members in good standing in the organization but also received VYTIS regularly, paid by district councils. After World War II, with many of our fortunate members just returning home and getting adjusted to normal life, the district held a 1947 Post War Membership Drive. Under the chairmanship of Lt. John Contons (U. S. Navy), Mrs. Bertha Čiočys Cunningham and Edmund Vaskas, many new members joined. Mrs. Mary Janowski, director of a dramatic group (Worcester) and her cast of 25 presented a comedy (in Lithuanian) throughout the district during the drive. The group traveled quite extensively that year.

Financially, the New England District has been a pace-setter. In 1953 during our 40th Jubilee celebration, it donated \$500 and again this year, 1957, it is financing the April issue of VYTIS.

Consequently one might be interested in knowing how the district accomplishes some of its successful endeavors and manages to keep up the active and continuous good work for "God and Country." Fortunately, from the beginning of the Knights of Lithuania (founded April 24, 1913 in Lawrence, Mass.) there have always been live wires and enthusiastic workers for the K. of L.

This district has had some outstanding Monsignorii and priests for guidance and support, among whom are the following: Rev. Francis Virmauskis (South Boston), Msgr. Francis M. Juras (Lawrence), Msgr. J. J. Ambotas (Hartford), Msgr. C. A. Vasys (Worcester), Msgr. Francis Strakauskas (Brockton), Rev. J. Valantiejus (Waterbury), Rev. Pius Juraitis (Athol), Rev. Vincent Puidokas (Westfield), Rev. J. Švagždys (Chaplain of Sisters of Jesus Crucified Convent), Rev. F. Juskaitis (Cambridge), Rev. A. Petraitis (Worcester), the late Rev. Stephen Kneišys (Norwood), Rev. Felix A. Norbut (Norwood), Rev. J. Skalandis (Lowell), Rev. John Vaitekunas (Providence), Rev. Benedict F. Gauronskas (Ansonia), also Rev. John Jutt (Worcester), Rev. Albert J. Contons (South Boston), Rev. Modestas Stepaitis, OFM (Lewiston), Rev. Juv. Liauba, OFM (Greene, Me.), Rev. M. Tamulevičius (Worcester), and Rev. John D. Zuromskis (South Boston).

The district conventions are held semi-annually the last weekends of April and September. One council acts as host, starting with Ansonia, Connecticut and ending with Waterbury, in alphabetical order. The New England District consists of the following councils which demonstrated the greatest activity and interest during 1947-1957: South Boston (17), Worcester (26 and 116), Lawrence (78—reorganized in 1948 by Rev. Peter Shakalis), Norwood (27), Providence, R. I. (103), Hartford (6), Waterbury (7), Athol (10), Cambridge (18), Brockton (1), Westfield (30), Ansonia (135—organized in 1949), Lowell (115—reorganized in 1956

by Rev. P. Shakalis), and Lewiston, Maine (2—reorganized September 8, 1946 by Very Rev. Justinas Vaškys, OFM, Provincial of U. S. Franciscan Fathers and assisted by Miss P. Grendal, nat'l fin. sec'y., John Kumpa, Asst. Managing Editor of VYTIS (Jan. 1946—Sept. 1946), and Peter Kupraitis, nat'l trustee, now member of Los Angeles, Calif. This C-2 was active for about 5 years during that period.

The regular grist of the mill work is carried on by the officers of the various councils. Their work, however, becomes more appreciated during convention times. Our conventions have always been interesting, inspiring and stimulating for carrying on the work of the Knights of Lithuania.

Starting with the rock-bound coast of Maine, our semi-annual conventions have been held in the following cities:

- 1947 Lewiston, Maine (2) and Hartford, Conn. (6).
Joseph A. Lola, Lt. Commander — U. S. Naval Aviator, President; Rev. Juv. Liauba, OFM, Spiritual Adviser.
- 1948 Norwood, Mass. (27) and Providence, R. I. (103).
Joseph A. Lola, President.
- 1949 Boston, Mass. (17) and Worcester, Mass. (116).
Bronius Kudirka, President; Rev. J. Tamulevičius, Spiritual Adviser. K. of L. Founder's Day Banquet was held at the close of the convention held April 24, 1949 at the Hotel Vendome where many dignitaries were present to pay tribute to M. A. Norkunas, Rt. Rev. Msgr. C. Urbonavičius and Rev. F. A. Virmauskis.
- 1950 Waterbury, Conn. (7) and Westfield, Mass. (30).
Joseph A. Lola, President; Rev. A. Kacevičius, Spiritual Adviser.
- 1951 Worcester, Mass. (26) and Ansonia, Conn. (135).
Joseph A. Lola, President.
- 1952 Athol, Mass. (10) and Brockton, Mass. (1).
Sgt. Vincent Grazulis, U. S. Army, President.
- 1953 Cambridge, Mass. (18) and Hartford, Conn. (6).
Joseph Nazaka, U. S. Army, President. Unexpired term—John Olevitz, U. S. Navy, President; Rev. A. A. Jurgelaitis of Providence College, Spiritual Adviser.
- 1954 Lawrence, Mass. (78) and Norwood, Mass. (27).
John Olevitz, President; Rev. John D. Zuromskis, Captain of 101st Combat Engineer Battalion, 26th Infantry Div. of Mass. — National Guard, Spiritual Adviser.
- 1955 Providence, R. I. (103) and South Boston, Mass. (17).
John Olevitz, President; Rev. John D. Zuromskis, Spiritual Adviser.
- 1956 Worcester, Mass. (116) and Waterbury, Conn. (7).
Stanley Balberis, President; Rev. John D. Zuromskis, Spiritual Adviser.

With such excellent spiritual leadership as we have in the Knights of Lithuania we have also taken an active part in developing the athletic and physical side of our members.

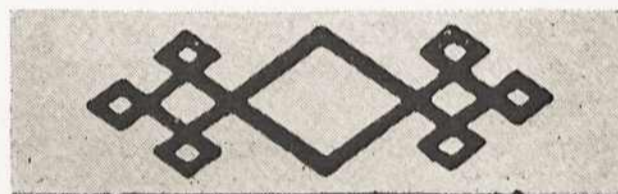


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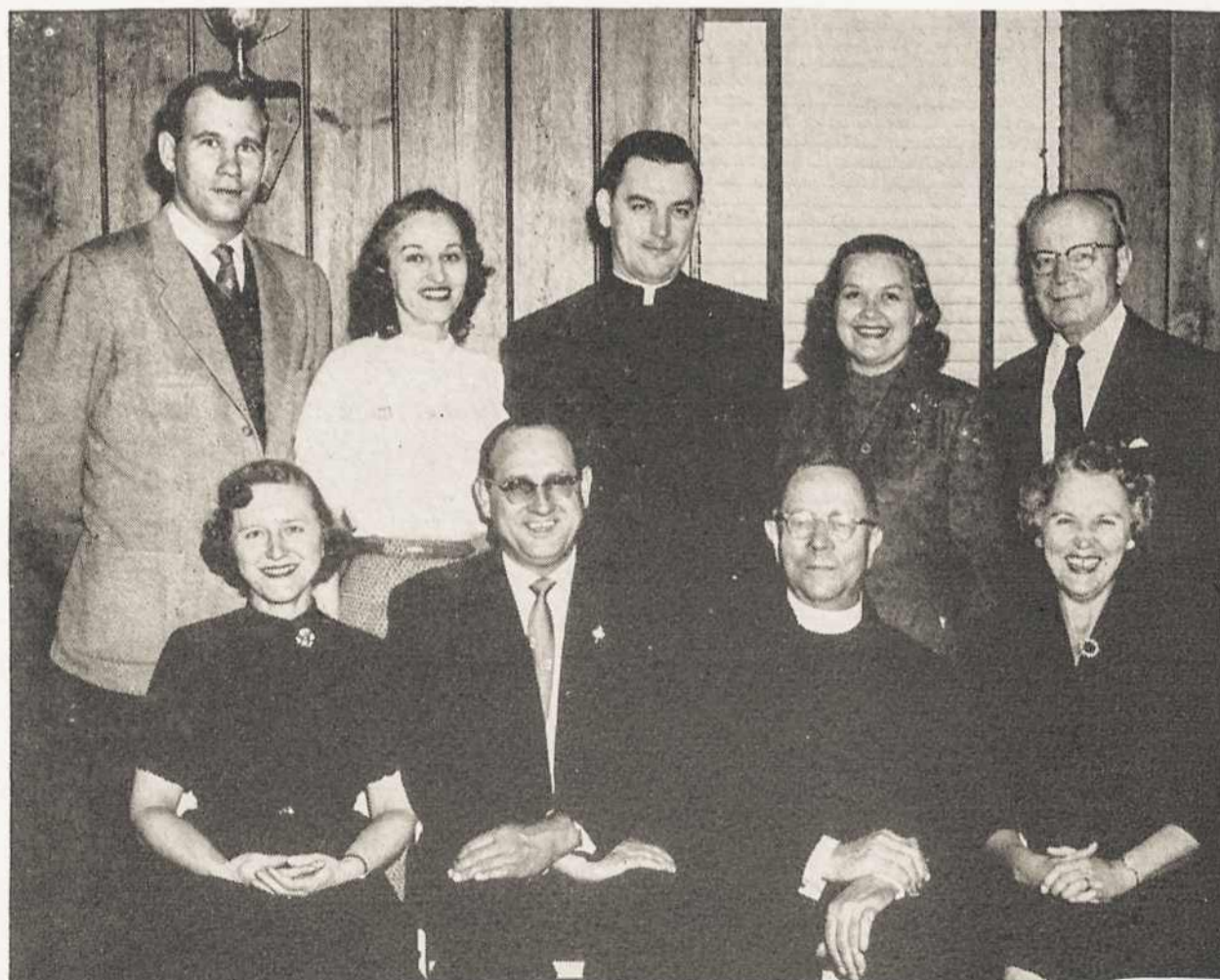
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT K. OF L. OFFICERS (1956-57). Seated, left to right: Mrs. Rita Pinkus of Worcester, Mass., Ritual chmn.; Rev. John Zuromskis of Boston, Mass., spiritual adviser; Miss Barbara Cyronak of Providence, R. I., vice president; Mrs. Ann Bender of Worcester, Mass., financial secretary; Miss Sylvia Shukis of Brockton, Mass., corresponding secretary. Standing, Edmund Rudis of Boston, Mass., Sports chmn.; Miss Florence Zaleskas of Boston, Mass., trustee; Joseph Sakevich of Worcester, Mass., trustee; John Olevitz of Boston, Mass., Cultural chmn. (Not pictured — Stanley Balberis of Brockton, Mass., president.)



JUNIORS (Providence, R. I. — Council 103). 1) **1957 officers**, seated from left: Anna Walska, treasurer; Robert Cyronak, vice president; Anthony Lucas, president; Bertha Mackevicius, secretary; and Frank Dziekiewicz, sgt.-at-arms. 2) **Members**, 1st row: James McKenna, Francis McCarthy, Bertha Mackevicius, Nijolas Jurgelevicius, Carol McKenn; 2nd row: Anna Walaska, Brenda Labbe, Patricia Balkus, Eunice Siravo, Maureen Gallin, Kathrine Cyronak; 3rd row: John Mencunas, Robert Cyronak, Robert Dziekiewicz, Frank Dziekiewicz, Anthony Lucas. 3) **King and Queen** for the day chosen at Valentine's Party — Anthony Lucas and Eunice Siravo.



WATERBURY, CONN. Council 7. Seated from left — Miss Marcella Andrikis, 4th degree member and public relations director; Frank Shaknaitis, president; Rev. Joseph J. Valantiejus, pastor and hon. member; Mrs. Raymond Snyder, director. Standing — Justin Miliun, director; Mrs. F. Patrick Zailckas, director; Rev. Albert Karalis, spiritual adviser; Miss Agnes Zdanis, secretary; Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, hon. member and composer of the VYČIU HIMNAS. (Not pictured — Dr. John R. Jenušaitis, vice president; Mill Lillian Paulauskas, fin. secretary; Miss Eleanor Barkauskas, treasurer; Albert Satkunas, St. Casimir's Day chairman; Atty. Joseph P. Alishausky, director; Joseph Baranauskas, club manager; Walter Pitcavage, Mother's Day Communion Breakfast chairman; and Mrs. Walter Wozniak, director.



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From 1947 through 1950, Track and Field Meets for former scholastic and ex-service track stars were held at Maironis Park, Brockton, Mass. Lt. Al Blozis Memorial Trophy (1st) was awarded to John Tamulevich of Brockton. Al Blozis was killed during WWII, a former Georgetown University athlete and New York Giant football star and considered world's greatest shot-putter. This first post war tribute to Al Blozis, K. of L'er, was headed by Father John Jutt and assisted by Stanley Balberis, Wm. Montville, Rev. A. Jansonis, Major Joseph Matachinskas, Sgt. Stephen J. Contons, Albert Marcin, Helen Sidlauskas, Leon Smelstor, Bronius Kudirka. The second year, Frank Rameika of Providence was recipient of Pvt. John Dubzinski Memorial Trophy, being voted as the outstanding Lithuanian athlete (1946-47) college year, and outstanding hammer thrower representing Holy Cross College and national intercollegiate meet winner. Adam Batakis was chairman. In 1949, K. of L. Sports Day was headed by Bronius Kudirka, Edmund Vaskas, Katherine Yakutis, PFC Joseph Sakaitis, Larry Svelnis (enlisted — U. S. Army), Al Jankauskas, Mrs. Bertha Čiočys Cunningham, Sgt. Vincent J. Grazulis, Phyllis Grendal, Joseph Nazaka, (U. S. Army), Casimir Pinigis, Steve Mickevich; and in 1950, Bronius Kudirka was chairman.

In 1951, Sports Day was held at Marianapolis, Thompson, Conn., and Rev. J. Petrauskas, MIC and Rev. Albin Sheputa, MIC were hon. chmn., Sgt. Vincent Grazulis, chairman and assisted by K. Yakutis, Louise Grazulis and Phil Carter. From 1951 to date, annual Sports Day held at Marianapolis, were chairmanned by Sgt. Vincent Grazulis, Phil Carter, Lt. Edmund Rudis (Jet Pilot), and others. Joe Osmanski of Chicago Bears attended one of the annual Sports Days.

Several Softball Teams in the district were formed. Council 116, Worcester, Mass. Softball team won Mass. Amateur Softball Assn. Class B State Championship by defeating Hendrick's Softball team from Lawrence, Joe Krasinskas, manager, was presented a trophy emblematic of the State Championship. Over the entire season, it played 32 games and lost 3 by very small margin.

Bowling Tournaments have been quite successful throughout the district. At the first tournament held in

Boston, Mass., 26 teams competed for trophies and close to 150 bowlers participated. Each year, tournaments were planned by Sports Co-ordinators, including Steve Contons, John Contons, Phil Carter, Edmund Rudis. Bowling banquets at the end of each season were quite popular.

In addition to the foregoing, the district sponsored some outstanding dramatic and theatrical talents. Dramas and Minstrel Shows were directed and produced by Mrs. Mary Jankowski (Worcester), Mrs. Leona Shierant Guzevičius (Brockton), Joseph Lola (South Boston), and Mrs. Alice Plevock Ruseckas (South Boston). It still maintains a K. of L. Library of Lithuanian plays (for years managed by Mrs. Ona Bacys of Worcester, and now by Mrs. Rita Pinkus).

In recognition of the excellent and hard work that Tėvas Norkūnas had given the Knights of Lithuania, a testimonial dinner was held for him in 1949 at the South Boston Municipal auditorium on his 80th birthday. The dinner was attended with representative Lithuanian Americans participating.

Besides carrying on the regular cooperative work with BALF, this district with a special committee under the co-chairmanship of Fr. J. Jutt and Fr. A. Kacevičius raised funds for distressed Lithuanians, and had sent foodstuffs and clothing to displaced persons in Germany.

In conclusion, one must give credit and recognition to the following for their efforts and results in their respective fields: LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS — Joseph Matachinskas, Mrs. Mary Minkus, Rita Pinkus and Ann Miller — Fr. Jutt, nat'l chmn.; HISTORIAN — Louise Grazulis; RITUAL — Joe Krasinskas, Joe Sakaitis, L. Svelnis; LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE — Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O. P.; JUNIORS — Father A. Contons and John Olevitz — Edward Daniels, nat'l chmn.; LEADERSHIP COURSES — conforming with a resolution passed at the Philadelphia convention, this district was first to sponsor a training - leadership course in Worcester under the guidance of Father J. Jutt. Later by Joseph Lola, J. Matachinskas and Phil Carter. Also a new type of Leadership course was initiated by Fr. Jurgelaitis, O. P. — "Officers Work Shop." SPORTS WRITERS — Stanley Balberis and Phil Carter.

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