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NEVYSTANČIOS CHRIZANTEMOS MARIJAI

(Iš ką tik pasirodžiusios A. Sušinsko knygos jaunimui "Jaunystės maršas")

JAUNUJU ROŽANČIUS

Gabiausias gina rožančių. Vienoje Italijos bedieviškos dvasios mokykloje yra pats egzaminų ikarštis. Mokiniai, lyg rytmečio špokai, anksti ima klykauti mokyklos kieme.

Bežaidžiant vienam mokiniui iš kišenės iškrenta rožančius. Jį pastebėjęs tuojau pagriebia kitas mokinys ir nuneša mokyklos direktoriui, kuriam, šlykščiai pataikaudamas, jis išdidžiai pareiškia:

— Žiūrėkite, pone direktoriau, mūsų mokykloje yra ir tokių mokinių, kurie kalba rožančių ir tu mums gėdą daro!..

Ateistas direktorius, nepaisydamas net pagrindinių auklėjimo nuostatų, sušaukęs mokinius, liepia prisipažinti, kieno iš jų yra radinys...

Visų akivaizdoje prieš pat egzaminus, kada mokiniai nemaža bijosi ir stengiasi savo elgesiu neišsikviesti, į priekį išsina linksmas jaunuolis ir ramiai, bet drąsiai taria:

— Rožančius yra mano... Jį kasdien kalbėdamas prašau Dievą, kad laimintų mano darbus ir į savo vynuogyno darbininkus mane pašauktų...

Tai pasakęs, jis ramiai paima rožančių ir įsideda į kišenę.

Jo nuoširdžią maldą Dievas išklauso: pasibaigus egzaminams, paaiškėja, kad jis geriausiai juos išlaikęs! Viešpats ir toliau laimina šį religinį jaunuolį: po daugelio metų jis jau kunigas, o į savo amžiaus galą jis yra išrenkamas net vyriausiu Bažnyčios vadu — popiežiumi. Jis pašivadina Leonu XIII.

Reikia pažymėti, kad jis yra buvęs vienas iš gabiausių, drąsiausių ir darbščiausių Bažnyčios vadų.

Rožančius laimina savo gerbėjus.

Rožančius studento rankose. Arba štai vėl panašus įvykis, rodąs kataliko pagarbą rožančiui. Tiesa, reikia pastebėti, kad viso pasaulio katalikai savo atsidavimą rožančiaus maldai išreiškia įvairiausiomis progomis visur ir visada.

Taigi vienos technikos mokyklos darbo salėje religijai priešingas studentas atranda rožančių. Pasitaręs su panašiais ir save draugais, rastą rožančių jis išneša laukan ir pajaukai pakabina ant medžio šakos šaukdamas:

— Tepasirodo čia tas tamsuolis, kuris rožančių dar kalba: pažiūrėsimė, kas per Molio Motiejus jis yra!

Netrukus sužinojęs tvirtu žingsniu atžygiuoja tas studentas, kuris neseniai profesorių tarybos buvo pripažintas geriausiu kurso studentu... Visi ten buvusieji nutyla lyg mirę. O atvykusysis drąsuolis sau ramiai nusikabina rožančių ir, kreipdamasis į aną pašaipininką, prabyla:

— Dėkoju tau, mielas kolega! Ši rožančių esu gavęs iš savo motinos, ir jis man yra labai brangus... Manau, savo religijos praktika nedarau gėdos mokyklai!..

Iš tikrųjų, tenka tik sveikinti šitoks religinis drąsuolis. Šia proga dar reikia pridėti: kas moka taip drąsiai ginti savo religinius įsitikinimus, tas sugeba garbingai tarnauti ir savo tėvynei, o prireikus toks išdris net ir mirti dėl jos!

"SVEIKA MARIJA" ŽYMIUJU LŪPOSE

Rožančius muziko rankose. Žymusis muzikas Wolfgangas Amadeus Mocartas, didžioji muzikų įžymybė, vieną savo kompaziciją scenoje pamatęs ir išgirdęs, iš kišenės išsitraukia rožančių ir pamaldžiai jį sukalba, už gautus muzikinius gabumus amžinojo grožio Kūrėjui padėkodamas.

Rožančius yra palaima. Prieš mūsų akis stovi ką tik pražydes jaunuolis Kristupas Gluckas.

Karališkasis Vienos miesto dvaras kartą pasikviečia labai pasižymėjusį muziką koncertuoti. Po kiek laiko tas pats muzikas kviečiamas ir į karališkąją Paryžiaus dvarą. Pasirodo, šis žymusis muzikas yra nie-

kas kitas, o Kristupas Gluckas. Visą savo muzikinį pasisekimą jis priskiria rožančiaus maldai. Ir nėra ko čia stebėtis: jis kasdien kalba rožančių ir vadina jį "muziko brevioriumi" — muziko maldaknyge. Parašęs kurį nors muzikinį kūrinį, padėkodamas Viešpačiui, jis rožančių sukalba.

Rožančius kaip vaistas. Susipažinkime su gydytoju profesoriumi Recamieru. Apie šį savo laiku labai garsų gydytoją ir garbingą pareigos vyrą masonas Mace šitaip rašė:

— Kartą besisvečiuodami aš ir mano draugai pas Recamierą pastebime keistą daiktą. Spėkite, ką? Ogi rožančių! Prisipažįstu, aš labai nustebau! Mokytojas Recamieras, žymusis medicinos mokslo autoritetas, kurio vardas visoje Europoje yra žinomas — kalba rožančių!.. Kai jis sužinojo mūsų nusistebėjimą, jis visai kukliai pastebėjo: "Taip, aš kalbu rožančių... Kai esu labai susirūpinęs ligonio sveikata, kuriam jau duota visokių vaistų, o vis dėlto jie nieko nepadėjo, tada aš kreipiuosi į Tą, kuris vienas gali viską išgydyti. Tačiau aš nevisada turiu tiek laiko, kad Augščiausiajam Kūrėjui galėčiau pasakyti visus savo prašymus... Tada aš kreipiuosi į šventąją Dangaus Mergelę Mariją, savo Globėją, vieną ar kelias rožančiaus paslaptis sukalbėdamas... Iš to sulaukiu nuostabių vaisių"...

Su rožančiumi rankoje už tautos laisvę. Prisiminkime čia ir didįjį Airijos (Eire dabar besivadinančios) laisvės kovotoją advokatą Danielių O'Connellį. Jis skiria visas jėgas savo mielajai tėvynei Airijai. Jis kovoja su Anglijos valdžia, reikalaujamas savo tėvynei laisvės, nes Anglija tada buvo pavergusi airius. Ypač katalikų teisės čia buvo nepaisomos, varžomos ir niekinamos.

Šitokiam didžiam, patriotiškam darbuviui reikia Dangaus pagalbos. Jis ir susilaukia jos. Ypatinga priemonė šiai Dangaus paramai gauti jam yra rožančius, kuri jį kalba net seimo salėje...

Danieliaus O'Connellio darbo vaisiai yra nuostabūs: jo ir kitų tokių vyrų nepalūžtamam pasiaukojimu Airija atgauna laisvę ir pasidaro savarankiška respublika, kurioje katalikai turi visas teises.

Rožančiaus maldos yra dvasinės rožės Marijai; jos — lyg nevystančios chrizantemos Saulėtajai Dangaus Mergelei.

LITHUANIAN R. CATHOLIC ALLIANCE OF AMERICA AND THE K. OF L.

REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS

For many months to come the Knights of Lithuania are going to hear much about a brother organization called the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America. The K. of L. is young compared to the Alliance, which was founded as a fraternal benefit society in 1886 and incorporated in 1906 under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the purpose of issuing life insurance benefits on a Legal Reserve Basis and to encourage intellectual, moral and social attainment, as well as works of charity and benevolence. At present the Alliance comprises 10,000 members, possesses assets of \$2,500,000 and has in force life insurance policies amounting to \$7,000,000.

At the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation Congress in Boston on Oct. 13, 1956, Mr. William Kvetkus, secretary of the Alliance, spoke with members of the Knights of Lithuania as well as with the Supreme Council. He advanced attractive proposals for cooperation between the K. of L. and the Alliance. An invitation was extended by the Alliance to have four members of the Supreme Council meet with Alliance representatives in New York City at the expense of the Alliance to discuss these proposals further.

As a result of this invitation, four members of the Supreme Council, namely, Rev. Albert Contons, Walter Chinik, John Stoskus, and Legal Adviser Konnie Savickas, met with Mr. William Kvetkus and Attorney Edward Lopatto of the Alliance in New York City on Jan. 12, 1957. It was agreed that cooperation between both organizations could be mutually beneficial and that the proposals should be offered for consideration to the officers and members of both organizations.

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania, at its meeting held in New York City on Feb. 2, 1957, was presented a summary report of these discussions. It was voted by the Supreme Council to approve these negotiations in principle. In Worcester, Mass., on March 30, 1957, the Supreme Council discussed the matter more thoroughly and, in view of technical questions which arose, delegated Mr. Walter Chinik, its president, and Rev. Albert Contons, its Spiritual Director, to investigate the proposals further.

ADVANTAGES TO THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

In summarizing the proposals offered by the Alliance representatives, the following advantages to the K. of L. were suggested:

1. An opportunity for K. of L. members to accept positions of leadership and responsibility in the Alliance.
2. Financial assistance in publishing the K. of L. official organ, VYTIS.
3. The use of a substantial Alliance youth fund for K. of L. youth activities.
4. The possibility of offering attractive insurance benefits to K. of L. members.

5. The prospect of retaining members in the K. of L. longer because of an insurance program.
6. A wider scope for K. of L. activities, with the possibility of organizing K. of L. councils among 1000 juvenile members of the Alliance.

ADVANTAGES TO THE ALLIANCE

Naturally, the Alliance, being a business as well as fraternal organization, must expect certain benefits to accrue to itself as a result of its offer to the K. of L. Some of these might be:

1. The sale of insurance to a considerable number of K. of L. members.
2. The enrollment in its ranks of large numbers of energetic young people, whose qualities of proven leadership might make it possible to enliven and expand the social and charitable activities of the Alliance.
3. The expansion of the youth program of the Alliance.

MUTUAL ADVANTAGES TO BOTH ORGANIZATIONS

It is possible to envision advantages to both organizations by closer cooperation. Actually the ideals of both societies are similar and friendly cooperation for mutual betterment. Such advantages might be:

1. Formation of a strong, united force in the Lithuanian Catholic community by allying the considerable financial strength and hard won community prestige of the Alliance with the energetic, young leadership and the lively spiritual, cultural and social programs of the K. of L.
2. Combination of Alliance financial backing and K. of L. organizational talent in promoting a more active youth program along the line of scholarships, youth camps, and academic and sports competitions.
3. Increase of the prestige and influence of the Lithuanian Catholic community in America through the united efforts of the Alliance and the K. of L.
4. Elimination of duplication of effort by attempting to coordinate publications, by arranging conventions under mutually convenient conditions, reimbursing delegates to conventions and secretaries through arrangements with the Alliance.

OBSTACLES TO COOPERATION

Pleasant as it is to reflect on all the possible advantages which might come from a closer cooperation of both organizations, we would not be realistic if we did not consider factors which flash the red light of caution.

1. Essentially, the Alliance is an insurance company which is seeking to sell insurance to and through K. of L. members. From the viewpoint of a business proposition, how does Alliance insurance compare with other insurance? Are the Alliance rates equally favorable, or better than the rates of other insurance companies and fraternal societies? Will a K. of L. member buying an Alliance insurance policy get the best coverage at the lowest cost? If the Alliance insurance rates cannot meet the test of fair competition, it would be difficult to recommend them to our K. of L. members.

2. How secure is the financial position of the Alliance? If at present it is secure, what are the prospects for the future? Is the Alliance a growing business, which will still be operating many years from now when our members begin to make demands for the payment of policies?

3. What will be the attitude of the leaders of the Alliance and the K. of L. toward the new policies which would be advocated as a result of a closer association between both organizations? Older people are especially reluctant to recognize the need for change and are liable to resent the interference of young people in their accustomed habits of living. Would this factor seriously hamper efforts at cooperation?

4. If the Knights of Lithuania should vote for a plan of cooperation with the Alliance, it would be done principally in consideration of the very concrete advantages expected by the K. of L. organization. Yet what guarantee is there that these financial benefits will ever materialize? The premiums that K. of L. members would pay would represent very specific and tangible outlay on the part of our members, yet the benefits to the K. of L. would remain very vague and general, and subject to arbitrary change on the part of the governing body of the Alliance.

5. Of course, both the Alliance and the K. of L. would continue their individual and independent existence. There is no talk of eliminating either the one or the other by merging into one organization. The proposals advanced deal only with a closer cooperation and working arrangement between the two organizations, with each retaining its separate identity.

But how is this to be accomplished? Will the establishment of Alliance lodges within the K. of L. councils merely for insurance purposes satisfy the needs of the situation? Would K. of L. councils be weakened in any way? Would officers working for the insurance program diminish their interest in the traditional aspects of the K. of L. program?

CONCLUSION

Although there are many favorable aspects to the Alliance proposals, there are many questions which must be solved before any concrete action can be taken toward their realization. To ask a K. of L. member to obligate himself to invest money for an insurance policy is a matter of the most serious importance. Before the K. of L. organization attempts to do this on an official basis it must examine every aspect of the proposals with all their implications. Of primary importance is the question of the financial merits of an Alliance insurance policy. Secondly, the K. of L. organization cannot be asked to commit itself to a particular course of action solely on the basis of vague promises.

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VYČIŲ 44 METŲ JUBILIEJUS

Ši pavasari sueina 44 metai nuo Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos įsikūrimo Brockton, Mass. Per tuos suvirš keturiasdešimt keturius metus vyčiai drąsiai ir ištikimai laikosi savo užsibrėžto tikslo dirbti "Dievui ir Tėvynei". Pirmais sunkiaisiais organizavimosi metais organizacijos steigėjui Mykolui A. Norkūnui trūko išsilavinusių veikėjų, bet netrūko žmonių norinčių tą sunkų organizavimo darbą dirbti.

Per ištikus 44 metus vyčių organizacija ruošė lietuvišką jaunimą kovai prieš subedievėjimą ir prieš nutautėjimą. Sunki paskirtis, bet mūsų vadai visuomet turėjo tą lietuvišką ugnį, kuri giliai jų krūtinėse ruse no. Gražius Lietuvos Vyčių darbo rezultatus galime rasti kiekvienoje lietuvių kolonijoje.

Lietuvos Vyčiai yra kupini energijos ir pasiryžimų, jie neieško asmenišką įvertinimo, bet noriai dirba organizacinį darbą. Amerikos lietuvių visuomenė turėtų įvertinti šią organizaciją ir paskatinti savo sūnus ir dukras stoti į Vyčių organizaciją. Vyčių organizacija yra lietuvių jaunimo organizacija. Mes nuoširdžiai skatinam lietuvių jaunimą stoti mūsų eilėms. Šiuo reikalu galima kreiptis laišku, asmeniškai į Lietuvos Vyčių centro naujų narių vajuos vedėją: John A. Stoškus: 5177 West 64th street, Chicago 38, Illinois.

Jonas A. Stoškus,
Vice-Pirmininkas

The Alliance is to be congratulated on taking the initiative in beginning negotiations for a working alliance between our two Lithuanian Catholic organizations. Proposals advanced display rare imagination and originality. Yet we must admit that there will be little progress in these negotiations until satisfactory answers can be provided for the questions raised above.



ŠV. KAZIMIERO MINĖJIMAS

Ir Vysk. V. Brizgio Nuopelnai Jaunimui

IGNAS SAKALAS

Mūs organizacijos globėjo dieną sendraugiai kartu su jauniais vyčiais praleido tikrai šventiškoje nuotakoje.

Dvasinė puota įvyko šv. Mykolo parapijos bažnyčioje. Nedidelė čia lietuvių parapija, nedidelė ir bažnyčia, tačiau prieš ketvertą dešimtį metų ši lietuvių kolonija savo susiorganizavimu ir veikimu buvo laikoma gražiu pavyzdžiu. Čia įsisteigė antroji iš eilės Chicagoj vyčių kuopa (5-ji). Čia kilo mintis ir viešas žodis Lietuvių Darbininkų Sąjungai, kuri tapusi kūnu su centru rytinėse valstybėse, su laikraščiu "Darbininkas" S. Bostone, subūrė aplink save mases lietuvių darbo žmonių, juos švietė, kultūrinio ir jiems vadovavo lietuviškam veikime. Čia veikė vienas stipriausių visoj Chicagoj ALRK Federacijos skyrius, Katalikų Susivienijimo, Moterų Sąjungos ir kitų centrinių organizacijų kuopos, o taip pat lokalinės organizacijos, kaip Labdarių Sąjunga, vienuolynų rėmėjai-jos, ir k. Scenos meno samburis, vyčių 5-tos kuopos įsteigtas ir vadovaujamas, buvo taipgi vienas stipriausių ir veikliausių visoj Chicagoj. Šiuo metu čia klebonauja vyčių Garbės narys kun. A. Valančius, žymaus Cicero veikėjo A. Valančiaus, sr., sūnus, geras pamokslininkas ir toks pat lietuvis patriotas. Vikaruoja taipgi žymus lietuvių katalikų veikėjas, visuomet kupinas naujų idėjų, žurnalistas kun. dr. A. Juška.

Varpui 10 val. pradėjus kviesti žmones mišioms, parapijos mokyklos koridoriuose išsirikiavo eilės vyčių jaunių ir sendraugiu, kurių priekyje plevesavo JAV, Lietuvos, Lietuvos Vyčių ir Amerikos Legiono Dan Varnas posto vėliavos, o jas sekė paminėto posto garbės sargyba (didžiumoje vyčiai). Eiseną bažnyčioje pasitiko parapijos varg. N. Kulys gražia vargonų muzika.

Iškilmingąsias šv. mišias laikė svečias iš rytinių valstybių — Marianapolio kolegijos direktorius kun. J. Petrauskas, MIC. Asistavo kun. J. Borevičius, SJ., ir vyčių Illinois - Indiana apygardos dvasios vadas kun. P. Činikas, MIC., kuris taip pat pasakė ir labai gerai paruoštą pamokslą.

Per mišias parapijos choras svečius stebino savo gražiu giedojimu. Šauniai išpildyta giesmė į šv. Kazi-

miera, o baigiantis mišioms darniai sugiedotas vyčių himnas rodė, kad choras toms iškilmėms buvo gerai pasiruošęs. Garbė ir padėka už tai parapijos vargonininkui N. Kuliui.

Po mišių puotos dalyviai suėjo į parapijos salę, kur vyčių 5-ji kuopa, vadovaujama pirm. L. Mačekonytės, suruošė pusryčius, kurie nusitęsė gerą valandą, nes be eilės kalbų, šešioms nariams 3-jo laipsnio įteikimo, "Chicago American" religinio skyriaus redakt. S. Pieža dar parodė ir filmą iš savo pastarosios kelionės Europoje.

Popiet vyčių salėj Illinois - Indiana apygardos buvo suruošta linksmoji šventės dalis. Čia žaista "bunco", vaišintasi, vakare užkandžiauta, o 8 val. prasidėjo priešų užgavėniniai šokiai. Kartu su jauniais linksminosi, vaišinosi ir didžiama sendraugių.

Šv. Kazimiero minėjimą ruošė Illinois-Indiana apskrities valdyba (taip bent "Drauge" kovo 2 d. paskelbta), kuri negali išeiti be priekaištų.

Šventei ruošiasi ne stropiai. Sendraugiai (o gal ir visos kitos vyčių kuopos) negavo jokio rengėjų laiškų kvietimo šventėj dalyvauti ir kokia tos dienos programa. Manau, tokių kvietimų gal negavo nė kitos jaunimo organizacijos (ateitininkai, skautai, sodalietės).

Pašonėj turime dienraštį "Draugą", kuris nemokamai tarnauja draugijoms. Jame tik šventės išvakarėse (kovo 2 d.) buvo įdėta korespondencija, kur, kas ir kada bus. Dėl tos priežasties nė sendraugių valdyba negalėjo savo nariams pasiųsti pranešimų - paraginimų, dėl to nenuostabu buvo matyti tiek mažai šventėje organizacijos veteranų. "Vytyje" (vasario num.) taipgi nė žodelio apie šv. Kazimiero minėjimą tiems, kurie lietuviškai rašomu laikraščiu nesidomi ir neskaito.

Spauda yra ne vien bizniui garsinti, bet visokiems kultūrinėms sumanymams, veikimams skelbti ir iš to moralinės naudos turėti. Tad tokiai šventei — metinei vyčių tradicijai — paskelbti, argi galėjo užtekti vienos korespondencijos "Drauge"? Kai kitos organizacijos mažiausi savo pajūdėjimą stengiasi gerai išsigarsinti, tuo tarpu vyčiai net savo metinei tradicinei šventei plačiai išgarsinti žinių spaudai pašykštėjo.

Vysk. V. Brizgys ir jaunimas

Šv. Kazimiero minėjimo atgarsiuose tyčia praleidau vieną dvasinės puotos dalyvį, kuris ir parapijos salėj kartu su vyčiais bendrai pusryčiavo, nes norėjau šia proga atskirai jį vyčiams pristatyti.

Kalbu apie J. E. vysk. V. Brizgį. Sunkiai žodžiais išreiškiamas jausmas pagavo mane ir kartu dvasinio pasididžiavimo banga užliejo sielą įėjus į bažnyčią ir pamačius sanktuariume besėdintį Ekscelenciją.

Nuo pat atvykimo į JAV nėra buvę mūsų organizacijos seimo (išėmus atvejus, kai reikalas buvo išvykti su būtina misija į kitą kraštą), didesnio rajoninio suvažiavimo, žymesnio jubilėjaus, didesnės organizacijos šventės, religinės puotos, kur Ganytojas būtų atsisakęs dalyvauti, mišias atlaikyti, pamokslą pasakyti, paskaitą skaityti ir t. t. O kiek mūsų laikraštyje "Vytyje" yra tilpę Ganytojo raštų pačiais opiausiais jaunimo ir jo organizacijos klausimais. Visa tai byloja, kad Ganytojas myli vyčius ir jų veikimą nuoširdžiai remia, kad jis trokšta jog vyčių organizacija nuolatos jieskotų naujų kelių savo veikimui stiprinti ir savo gretoms papildyti, kad jos nariai spinduliuotų tikėjimu ir lietuviškumu ir kad jie savo tėvų papročius kuo ilgiausiai išlaikytų.

Nežiūrint viso to, reikia prisipažinti, kad iki šiol mes vyčiai per mažai turėjome ryšių su Ganytojum jaunimo organizacijos reikalais ir per mažai naudojome jo šviesaus ir gilaus proto patarimus. Ypatingai Chicago apylinkės vyčių vadams ir veikėjams tas turėtų daug reikšmės, nes Chicagoj jaučiamas nesulaikomas vyčių silpnėjimas. Verčia tikėti, kad po tokių pasitarimų atsirastų naujų kelių, naujų būdų kuopoms atgavinti, o veikiančioms naujo darbo, kuriuo susidomėtų jaunimas ir išlietu naujos gretos į vyčių organizaciją.

J. E. vysk. V. Brizgio nuopelnai mūsų organizacijai tiek dideli ir taip ryškūs, kad šių metų visuotinam seime, kuris įvyks Los Angeles, Calif., suvažiavę atstovai vienu balsu turėtų Ganytoją pakelti į Garbės narius. Tai būtų vienas gražiausių seimo nutarimų, kuris ne tik dideliu džiaugsmu nuskambėtų per kuopas, bet neabejotinai jas uždegtų ir išjudintų prie stipresnio ir sėkmingesnio veikimo, kuriam visi organizacijos nariai esame pašaukti.

A TESTED FORMULA FOR A HAPPIER LIFE

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

JUST FOR TODAY I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

JUST FOR TODAY I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out. I will do at least two things I don't want to do — just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt, but today I will not show it.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP WORK FROM
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Hurry Hurry Hurry JOHN A. STOSKUS,
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Redaguoja Veronika Kulbokienė

VEIKLIOJI VYTĖ KOVOJE
UŽ LIETUVOS LAISVĘ

Daugelis Amerikos lietuvių savo gražiais darbais ne tik garcina Lietuvos vardą, bet ir veikliai kovoja, norėdamos pagreitinti laisvės gražinimą Lietuvai.

Viena tų veiklių yra DARATA DUTKUTĖ, Marijos ir Augusto Dutkų duktė, gyvenanti 133 Prospekt Ave., Maywood, N. J. Ji yra gimusi ir augusi nedideliame Amerikos miestelyje, kuriame prisiglaudė tik tai kelios lietuvių šeimos. Ten nebuvo ir nėra nei lietuviškos bažnyčios, nei lietuviškos mokyklos. Tačiau Darata išėjo puikią lietuviybės mokyklą pas savuosius tėvelius. Ji gražiai kalba lietuviškai ir uoliai dalyvauja lietuvių organizaciniame gyvenime. Jau 17 metų ji priklauso vyčiams, pastoviai eidama sekretorės pareigas. Trejus metus ji yra buvusi New York - New Jersey apskrities sekretore ir apie 12 metų sekretoriavo Patersono kuopai; ketveri metai kai ji dirba Lietuvos reikalų komitete, priklauso Petersono šv. Kazimiero parapijos chorui, daug dirba įvairiuose organizaciniuose komitetuose, kaip 16 vasario minėti, vyčių seimuose ir kt.

Darata Dudkutė nepaprastai daug dirba Lietuvos reikalų komitete. Ji yra uoli talkininkė vyčių garbės pirmininko kun. J. Jutkevičiaus organizuojamų darbų. Per metus ji parašo apie 600-800 originalių laiškų įvairiems Amerikos valstybininkams, visuomenės veikėjams, laikraščiams, televizijai bei radijui bendrovėms ir kt. Šioje srityje vyčių tarpe jai priklauso antroji vieta po Prano Vaško. Ji yra viena iš tų jautriųjų stebėtojų Lietuvos reikalų Amerikos gyvenime, kuri stengiasi tuojau tinkamai reaguoti. Už parodytą palankumą ji rašo padėkos laiškus, padarytas klaidas ji prašo atitaisyti, nepastebėtus ar praleistus Lietuvos reikalus ji prašo iškel-



DARATA DUTKUTĖ

ti. Dutkutės rūpesčiu Patersono majoras įvedė Lietuvių dieną. Prašoma ji paruošia kartais net proklamacijų tekstus. Kai kurie gubernatoriai yra atsiuntę jai Lietuvių dienos proklamacijų tekstus. Net viceprezidentas Nixonas su žmona atsiuntė Dutkutei Kalėdų sveikinius. Ji turi sudariusi didelę karto teka atsakymų į jos raštus bei laiškus. Tai svarbi medžiaga Amerikos Vyčių veiklos istorijai.

Dutkutės itakoje ir kitos Patersono vyčių bando žengti jos pavyzdžiu. Be kasdieninio jos sekretorės darbo ir daugybės visuomeninių pareigų, Darata suranda laiko ir malonumams. Ji yra didelė sporto mėgėja, priklauso moterų sporto klubui Maywood ir turi nemažai pasiekimų šioje srityje.

Dutkutės veikla džiaugiasi ne tik jai tėvai, vyčių ir vyčiai, bet ir visi lietuviai, linkėdami jai daug energijos ir jėgų tęsti iki laimėjimo — iki Lietuvai bus atgauta laisvė.

V. Kulbokienė

LIETUVĖS MOTERYS SENOVĖJE

Senovė išnyksta su nykstančiais žmonėmis. Tik pasakose, padavimuose ir istorijos knygose prisimename savo tautos praeitį.

Gyvename naujus laikus, rūpinamės kasdieniais reikalais, žiūrimė į ateitį, gi pažvelgti praeitin, ypač savosios tautos, nedaug turime progų. Gyvendamos svetimų kultūrų aplinkoje, nejučiomis prarandame savo tautos bruožus, ilgai nitenkame mums savito būdo. Tos, kurios laiko save lietuvėmis privalo pažinti jos praeitį ir kultūrą.

Šiuo straipsneliu ir norima duoti vieną kitą bruožą senovės lietuvių mergaičių bei moterų gyvenimo

Turint galvoje, kad senovėje buvo daugiau karų, kad nuolat iš vakarų į Lietuvos pusę slinko Lietuvos krikštytojai kryžiuočiai, naikino Lietuvos kraštą ir švedai ir totoriai ir rusai, vyrams daug laiko reikėdavo sugaišti mūšiuose. Tada visi namų ir ūkio darbai tekdavo moterims, nes likusieji namie seneliai ir vaikai tiems darbams būdavo per silpni. Senovės lietuvė buvo nuolatinė ūkio ir namų prižiūrėtoja, rūpintoja, vedėja. Jai tekdavo kartu auklėti vaikus, rūpintis pasenusiais tėvais, gaminti maistą ir aprangą, prižiūrėti gyvulius, namų tvarką ir švarą, žemę arti, sėti, šieną piauti ir laukus valyti. Tuos pat darbus moterims tekdavo dirbti vyrams išvykus į medžioklę.

Ramiuoju metu ji dirbo namų darbus: verpė, audė, siuvo, skalbė. Toks nuolatinis darbas senovės lietuvę darė sumanią, kantrią, tvirtos valios, mylinčią savo tėviškę, darbščią, sąžiningą moterį.

Senovės lietuvė mylėjo visa, kas yra sava, kas jos pačios rankomis, kas jos ūkyje, jos tėvynėje padaryta. Dėl to nešiojo tik savo darbo rūbus. Kiekviena lietuvaitė stengėsi

susikrauti kuo didesni kraiti. Ilgus metus verpdavo, ausdavo, dėjo i skrinias drobes, kad ištekėjus kraičio užtektų visam gyvenimui. Kraitis buvo kraunamas ne vyrui privilioti, bet kaip butinybė naujame ateities gyvenime. Ji matė, kad jauni paukščiai lizdą tik tada apleidžia, kai jie visiškai gerai apauga plunksnomis ir būna pajėgūs savarankiškai gyventi. Todėl ir pati ištekėti pačioje jaunystėje skaitė neišmintinga.

Pažymėtina dar tai, kad dideliu prasižengimu būtų skaitoma, jei lietuvaitė ištekėtų už ne lietuvio. Svetimtaučio pinigai ar kitos gerybės jos neviliojo — verčiau tekėti už paprasto lietuvio, nekaip už turtinčiausio ir gražiausio svetimtaučio. Ir dėlto lietuvių šeimos buvo stiprios, sutariančios, draugiškos ir malonios.

Senovės lietuvaitė mylėjo dorą, skaistumą, švarą. Ji buvo ramaus, taikaus būdo. Jos kalba padori, atvira, nuoširdi; elgimasis — mandagus ir švelnus. Mergaitei dorumas buvo brangiausias dalykas. Už tai mylėjo rūtas ir lelijas, kaipo dorumo ir skaistumo ženklus. Ne mergaitė būtų, jei prie jos namų lango nebūtų rūtų darželio, kurį ir savo dainose gražiai apdainavo. Darželiai teikdavo lietuvaitėi ramumo, pagodos, linksmumo. Čia ji pailsėdava po visų dienos darbų, čia ji laukdavo ir pasitikdavo atvykstantį bernuželį. Jos tėvų namelis ir rūtų darželis buvo jai už viską brangesni.

Senovės lietuvaitė žiūrėjo, kad jos namuose būtų viskas švaru. Be to, švaros žiūrėjo ir savo kieme ir aplink namus, kas šeštadienį nušluodama kiemus.

Lietuvė mylėdama savo tėvynę, mylėjo ir tos tėvynės gynėjus. Mergaitė, žuvus jos mylimajam, žmona — žuvus vyrui, norėdamos kartu su jais būti, dažnai eidavo į vadinaimą šventąją ugnį ir drauge susidegindavo. Tėvynei esant dideliame pavojuje, lietuvės imdavosi ir ginklo ir kartu su vyrais stodavo į mūšį. Taip 1276 metais, kada susitarę vokiečiai, gudai ir totoriai, naikindami Lietuvą, apgulė Naujapilę, lietuvės liepė vyrams išeiti iš pilies ir grumtis pasieniuose, o jos pačios sulipo ant pilies sienų ir vilyčiomis mušė priešą. Ir taip jungtinėmis jėgomis priešas buvo nugaltas ir pilis išgelbėta.

Eglė

The Brightness of Eternal Light

DANUTĖ IZBICKIENĖ

*"For she is the brightness of eternal light
and the unspotted mirror of God's majesty,
and the image of His goodness"*

(Wisdom, 7:26)

These words of the Old Testament exalt the virtue of Wisdom. Yet as I read these words, something else comes into my mind — the picture of the Virgin Mother of God. The fairest and purest of the children of earth, it is she who may be called the unspotted mirror of God and the brightness of His eternal light. Conceived without original sin — that first flaw of every human soul, — and all her life overshadowed by Divine grace, Mary led a life that was unstained by any imperfection.

Shining and pure was Our Lady — but she was of the race of men. And the steps of men, from the dawn of their existence, are followed by a spirit as evil as it is timeless — the fallen angel. Even the Son of God, when He came to earth, had to endure the temptations of Satan. What, then, of His Virgin Mother? Did she also wage war with the eternal enemy of man?

The Scriptures do not say anything about Our Lady being tempted by Satan. But then, they say very little about Our Lady at all. Theology teaches that no human being is immune from the attacks of Satan if God permits them. We might suppose, that, in greater or lesser degree, Mary was also tempted by the fallen angel. She was more capable to resist his attacks, because she was always filled with grace and because her existence and all her thoughts were always turned towards God.

In these temptations Mary but shared the common lot of mankind. I would like to speak about something else — something that began a long, long time ago. It began, when the shadow of sin first fell over man.

*"I will put enmities between thee and the woman
and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy
head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel."*

(Genesis, 3:15)

These words of the Lord were the prologue to a drama of redemption. Just as a woman was the cause of the fall of mankind, so a woman was to be the cause of its salvation. This was the beginning of a mortal conflict between the Virgin and the Serpent. There was to be no compromise — it was either the one or the other.

From this first prophecy on, there are in the Old Testament echoes of the woman who is to come and bring forth the Messiah: but it is only in the New Testament that she actually enters the scene. Mary is such a gentle shadow among the leaves of the Scripture that we are sometimes apt to forget the role she played in the drama of redemption.

We see Mary, so young and tender, bowing her head to the message of Gabriel. It is the first time that the serpent receives a blow from the Virgin. We see

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OH, CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME!

(The L. A. Convention is "A MUST" On My List)

Joseph Boley, New York, N. Y.

*So roll out the carpet, let's join in the fun!
Oh, California, here we come!*

They said, go west, young man, go west;
The country there's by far the best:
The sun's pure gold (and so are the girls),
But I always knew it was all in jest.

I'll stay in the east, where I know my way,
Where the towns and the people are friendly and gay.
The west? Why, that's only a point on the map;
You can count me out, 's all I can say.

For I'm one of those who will turn a deaf ear
To the call of the west that makes it appear
Our New York is nothing but a noisy old town
Just ripe for oblivion and a lusty Bronx cheer.

If New York doesn't suit, why there's Hartford for you,
And Boston, and Brooklyn, and Providence, too,
And a host of the loveliest New England towns,
With their peaceful, refreshing, enjoyable view.

And what about Pittsburgh, the City of Steel?
Detroit and Cleveland, don't they appeal?
If you must meander in search of a place,
What's wrong with Frank's Dayton for an excellent deal?

And if it's far west that you want to go,
Then dear old Chicago is quite apropos;
It has zest and it's west, and it's full of zoom —
You'll not find such another, search high or search low.

But if these notions were all upset,
We're all in Laura's and Lenny's debt.
When you've reached Chicago, they pointed out,
You've hardly crossed the Hudson yet.

Oh, come on west, they said to us,
By train or plane or omnibus;
Come, feast your eyes on something new
And see our land miraculous.

If you long to survey from Olympian heights
A scene one could find in Arabian Nights,
Just be on hand at convention time
And open your eyes to Los Angeles sights.

See missions and mansions and palm trees tall,
Famous foot prints of many a doll,
Swimming pools and studios and anything you like,
For all this is yours, if you answer the call.

We found Lenny and Laura an unbeatable team —
We listened enraptured to stories supreme
Of how to embark on a pilgrimage far
And bring into being a beautiful dream.

There is no covered wagon that you will need,
No trunk loads of victuals, no horses to feed,
No wild Indians to scare you enroute;
The entire venture is facile indeed.

Thus Laura and Lenny just pleaded and talked
And orange grove glories they gently unlocked,
While we merely listened and marvelled and sighed,
And soon with our ballots to their side we flocked.

For here is our chance to behold something new,
That garden of Eden reserved for the few,
A dream world vacation we'll never forget —
And again it's the Knights that gave us our cue.

Again it's the Knights that lead on to new ways,
To life that is richer, to happier days.
Ambition, achievements are part of our creed,
While we win for the Knights more honor and praise.

And now that they've broken down our resistance
And we've grown accustomed to the thought of such distance,
Chicago becomes just an eastern metropolis
And ceases at once its western existence.

I cannot do justice by silly old rhymes
To the historic occasion, the talk of the times,
But the L. A. convention is "a must" on my list
And I forthwith start saving my nickels and dimes.

*So, blow the bugle and roll the drum,
For, California, here we come!*

**THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
44-th NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**Convention Dates: August 8, 9, 10
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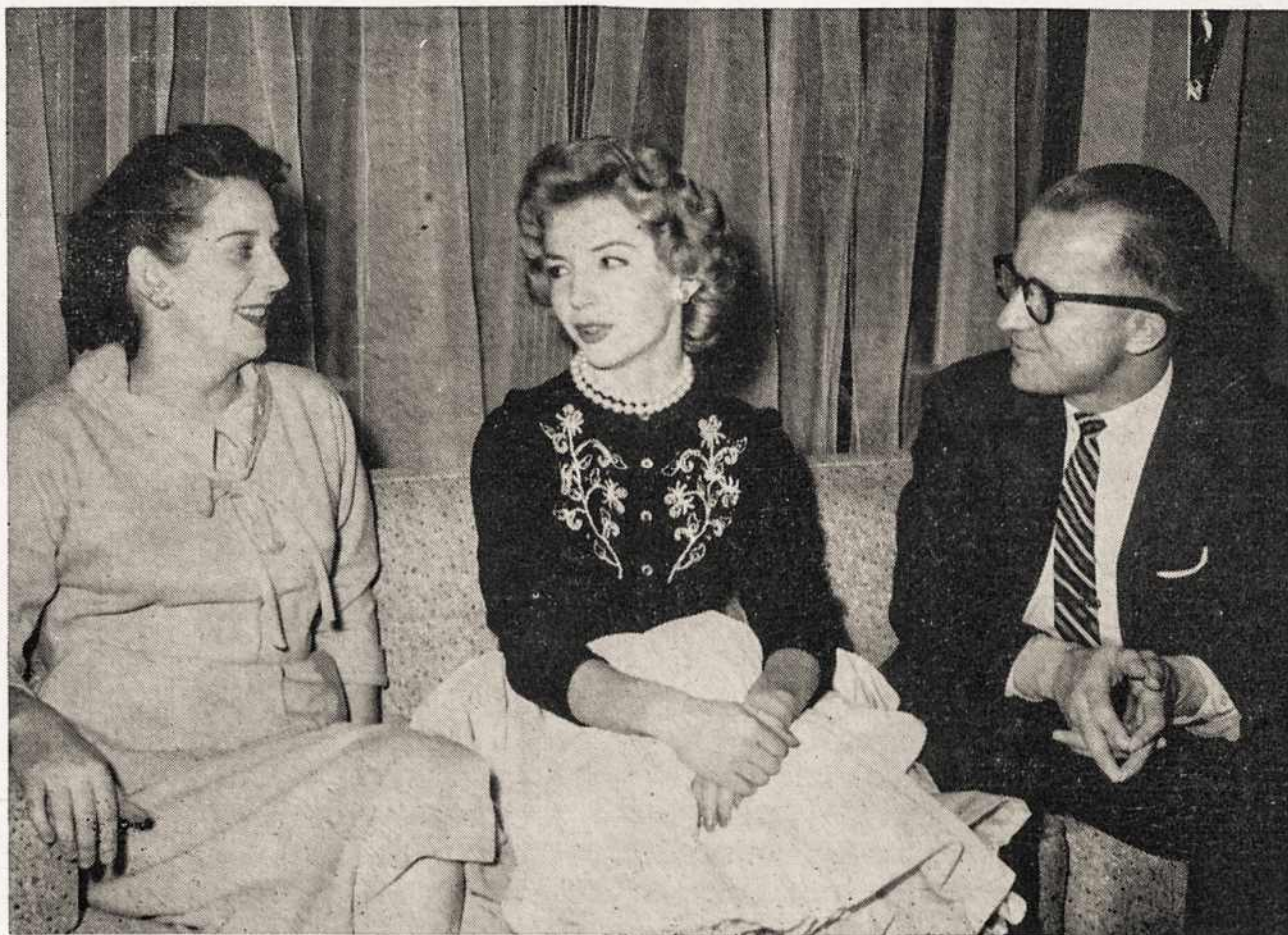
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Miss Ruta Lee-Kilmonis (center), lovely and charming Lithuanian-American movie and television actress, discusses the 1957 K. of L. National Convention plans with Miss Lorraine Samolis, Secretary of Council 133 and also Secretary of Convention Executive Committee, and Leonard Valiukas, President of Council 133 and General Chairman of the Convention Executive Committee. Miss Ruta Lee-Kilmonis is a member of Council 133 and she is very active in other Lithuanian-American organizations of Southern California. Miss Ruta Lee-Kilmonis was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, came with her parents to live in Hollywood 9 years ago. She has had roles in a number of movies and in over 50 television films and shows. Read her letter of invitation on this page.

Photo by L. Briedis

Hello, K. of L'ers:

I am grateful for this opportunity of extending to each and everyone of you my personal invitation to join us in Los Angeles this summer for the 1957 National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

I am certain that you will find our beautiful city an ideal location for this important meeting and I am sure that you will enjoy being here in Southern California. It is a wonderful place: — there is so much to see and so much to do. I will take a great pride in showing Los Angeles to you.

So, besides making this 1957 National Convention a successful one, I know that your sojourn with us will be one of your most pleasant memories.

We are all very happy about the plans being laid for what I think will be a very exciting meeting. I am eagerly looking forward to meeting you soon and certainly hope that you all will be able to come.

God bless you, and make your journey a safe one!

*Sincerely,
Ruta Lee-Kilmonis*

MISS RUTA LEE-KILMONIS, Lithuanian-American movie and television actress and member of K. of L. Council 133, extends her personal invitation to all K. of L'ers to attend the 44th National Convention which will be held on August 8—11, 1957 at the Hotel Statler in Los Angeles.

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It has been called "The New Cathay," "The Riviera of the West," and a modern "Promised Land." But to seven million Southern Californians it is a way of life — easy, friendly, casual and better than anything yet invented.

THE MISSIONS:

Southern California's rich Spanish heritage is preserved in the quiet beauty of the original missions established by the Franciscan padres. Father **Junipero Serra** was the benevolent founder in 1769 of the coastal mission chain built along El Camino Real. At San Juan Capistrano the return of the swallows to the eaves of the mission is an annual phenomenon. The missions, with their original bells, ivy corridors, sacred relics and authentic Spanish architecture, provide an inspiring view of early California history.

MARINENLAND OF THE PACIFIC:

Bold adventurers, whalers and pirates once anchored along the rocky coastline of Portuguese Bend, where today a thrilling undersea drama unfolds in Marinenland's wondrous Oceanarium.

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Hollywood is a street, a community, an industry, and an island of make-believe where Cinderella could be the girl next door, and often is. The Hollywood of lavish spectacles, bathing beauties and romantic revelry is a household symbol of glamor throughout the world.

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High atop the Southern California mountains renowned astronomers probe the mysteries of the universe under ideal atmospheric conditions. At nearby Griffith Observatory (right) in the Hollywood Hills, visitors may take a thrilling trip to the stars via afternoon and evening shows in the dome of the Planetarium.

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Soaring native oak trees, delicate lily ponds and broad green lawns provide a fairy-tale setting for one of the nation's greatest collections of art and literature, at the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery in San Marino.

BEACHES:

Colorful beach colonies nestle against the foaming surf and white sand for miles along the Pacific coastline. Sun, surf and sailing enthusiasts flock to Southern California beaches from all points of the compass.

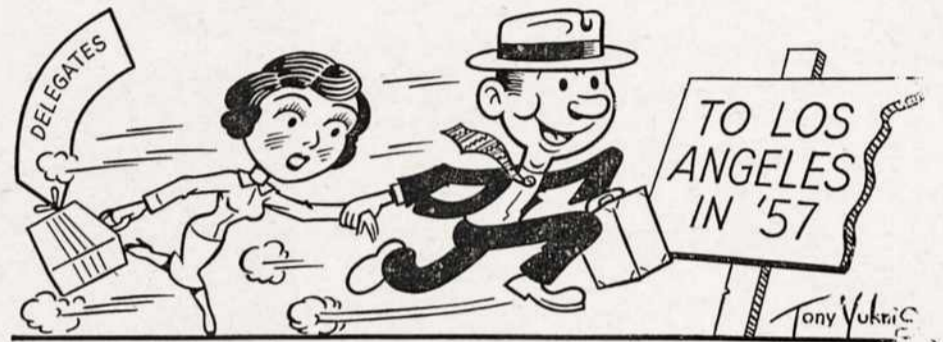
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Attend the K. of L. National Convention in Los Angeles on August 8—11, 1957!

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44th K. of L. National Convention



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her, silent under the reproaching glances of Joseph and her kinsmen. She kneels beside the crib in the little shepherd hut of Betlehem — triumphant again. She flees to Egypt with the child: Satan strikes but misses.

As Jesus advances in age and wisdom, His mother stands beside Him and ponders in her heart over the things she see about her Son. It is at her bidding that Our Lord performs the first miracle, thereby entering His public life. How her heart must have trembled, sending her Son into the world and knowing that the Evil One was lurking there with his traps set ready! She is like a shining blade of steel that neither rusts nor breaks, and is so strong and sharp it reaches the heart in a single moment.

Three long, tiring years Mary watches her Son step by step nearing His final destiny — and stands quietly by. The days of passion come, and she stands there, silent. When her Son is led to Golgotha, she does not cry and wail like the women of Jerusalem — she stands, silent. As the child that she bore under her breast is hanging on the cross, she stands under it, silent: because her grief is too great for words or tears.

The seven swords enter her heart, one by one — seven strikes of the serpent.

Her mission is ended, there, on that cross.

"Consummatum est"

Her Son's death is the last strike of the serpent and the end of the age-old conflict.

But before He, Who was the Virgin's only Son, died, He said something to her: "Woman, behold thy son." Eve, the mother of Mankind, brought it to downfall: the woman Mary becomes its mother, because, through her Son she gave it a new life.

Resurrection is the triumph of the Virgin. The Serpent's head is crushed by her heel. It does not matter that the weak souls of men will fall again and again: the gate to a new life is open: "Death, where is thy sting?!"



Dayton, Ohio — Council 96 members assembled in front of Suttmiller's.



Council 3, Philadelphia, Pa. jointly with Ateitininkai and Skautai commemorate St. Casimir's Day by attending Mass and Communion Breakfast, March 3, 1957. Close to 200 attended.

A. A. Kazimierui Basanavičiui, pasišventusiam vyčių vadovui ir buv. New York - New Jersey Vyčių Apskrities Pirmininkui staiga mirus, jo giminėms ir artimiesiems reiškia užuojautą ir kartu liūdi

L. Vyčių Centro Valdyba
ir "Vyties" Redakcija

Frank Gudelis

SILVER JUBILARIANS

Although we are now celebrating the 25th anniversary of the reorganization of Council 96, Dayton, Ohio, the origin of our council goes considerably way back. It was first organized in 1917 and was active until 1921. The Knights of Lithuania Band, however, continued its activity for several years more.

In 1928, V. E. Pajaujis - Pavis of Chicago, Ill. came to Dayton for the purpose of reorganizing the council, but was unable to do so due to the non-cooperation of the pastor at that time.

Early in 1932 Vincent Damašus and Frank Gudelis undertook to revive the council and this was done in February of that year. The council has been on an active basis since that time. Following its revival, the council achieved substantial membership and was very active. Drama productions were presented, card parties and dances held, and sports were much featured — especially basketball. The K. of L. teams, playing under the name Holy Cross, were Dayton city champions for several years. The sports director was Joseph Goldick, now deceased, who was also prominent in other council activities and was council president for several years. In 1937, the national K. of L. convention was held in Dayton.

The most difficult period of the council's existence was during World War II. Majority of the male members went into military service and a good portion of the remaining members withdrew from the council. However, there remained an immovable nucleus that would not give up the cause, and the existence of the council continued unbroken.

After the war, the council again began to grow in membership and activity. At the present time we have more than 60 members. In 1952 the Dayton council was again host to the K. of L. National Convention. During the past several years, we have arranged 3 district conventions and 2 bowling tournaments. We hold annual picnics, dances and other activities. The most prominent sport at the present time is bowling. More than 40 members participate every Sunday evening in the K. of L. bowling league. As part of our Spiritual program members "in corpore" receive Holy Communion 4 times each year, and annually visit the graves of deceased members. From the patriotic angle, we have the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, which also operates in other councils. Members of this committee write letters of commendation to newspapers, magazines, public officials and others who write or act in behalf of Lithuania and the Lithuanian people. Conversely, improper acts are censured. From the answers received, we know that much good is accomplished by the activities of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. We also wish to mention that we have a K. of L. Junior Council in active operation. Those boys and girls of Lithuanian descent who have not yet joined our Junior Council are cordially invited to do so.

Thus we end this brief outline of our council's history.



25th Anniversary Observed by Council 96, Dayton, Ohio (February 22-24, 1957). Top, Father Walter Katarskis, spiritual adviser; center, Mr. Alfred P. Strozdas, guest speaker; bottom, Stan Vaitkus being presented 4th degree K. of L. medal by Frank Gudelis.

VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

Nauja vadovybė. Sausio mėn. susirinkime buvo išrinkta Nominacijų komisija iš M. Paukštienės, E. Širvinskienės ir J. Žemaitienės, kuri sudarė sąrašą kandidatų šių metų sendraugių vadovybei. Reikia pažymėti, kad kandidatų parinkimas buvo atliktas kruopščiai, atsižvelgus kiekvieno numatyto sąrašo asmens. Tai pasirodė ir vasario mėn. susirinkime, komisijai, perskačius sąrašą, nes nei vienas nekėlė balso, būk jis ištrauktas sąrašo neatsiklausus sutikimo.

Susirinkimui sąrašą patvirtinus, tą patį vakarą, baigus kuopos susirinkimą, nominuotieji susirinko ir pareigomis pasiskirstė sekančiai: dvasios vadas (nutarta kreiptis į prel. Ig. Albavičių, kad ir toliau sūtikėtų pasilikti tose pareigose), pirm. V. Paukštis, vicepirmininkai A. Petrulis ir J. Kerulis, sekretorius Ona Aleliūnienė, fin. sekretorius Peggy Zakaraitė, išdininkas N. Karlaivičius, izdo globėjai K. Paukštys ir T. Norbutienė, tvarkdarys M. Paukštienė, korespondentai Ig. Sakalas ir E. Samienė.

Linkime naujai valdybai ko geriausio pasisekimo vesti sendraugius vyčių obalsio Dievui ir Tėvynei keliu ir ko daugiausiai nuveikti sendraugių ir visos organizacijos labui.

Rašo lino istorija. J. Žemaitienė, neišsemiamas tautosakos (dainų, padavimų, mįslių, patarlių, priežodžių ir k.) šaltinis, šiuo metu rašo Lietuvos lino istoriją, kuri apims nuo lino sėklos įbėrimo į paruoštą dirvą iki jo vaisiaus — puikios lietuviškos drobės ir tautinio kostiumo. Darbą jau įpusėjo — turi parašius 40 puslapių.

Renka aukas Vasario 16 gimnazijai. P. Cibulskis, vienas vyčių 24 kuopos (Aušros Vartų parapijoje, West Side) steigėjų, daug nusipelnęs organizacijai sendraugis pasiryžo padėti Vasario 16 gimnazijai Vokietijoje. Rinkdamas tai mokyklai aukas jis lankosi net po lietuvių namus.

Pabuvojo Floridoje. L. Šimutis, Draugo redaktorius, L. Vyčių Gar-

bės narys ir žymus Amerikos lietuvių veikėjas, Vasario 16 proga buvo pakviestas kalbėti Miami, Fla., lietuvių suruoštame Vasario 16 minėjime. Ta proga ištisą savaitę paviešėjo pas daugelį pažįstamųjų ne tik Miami, bet ir jo apylinkėse, taip pat turėjo progos ir saulėje pasikaitinti. Kelione ir žiemos atostogomis labai patenkintas.

Ačiū sendraugiui. Chicago American, vienas stambių Chicagos dienraščių, dažna proga įdeda žinių ne tik iš Chicagos lietuvių gyvenimo, bet ir apie Lietuvą ir jos kančias bolševikų vergijoje. Ir šių metų Vasario 16 proga tas dienraštis idėjo net vedamąjį straipsnį ryšium su Lietuvos nepriklausomybės šventės minėjimu. To dienraščio redakcijoj jau ilgas laikas kaip dirba žinomas žurnalistas ir vyčių veteranas Stasys Pieža. Dėl to tas dienraštis dažnai parašo Lietuvos ir apskritai mūsų tautos reikalais.

Pavyzdinga šeima. Onai ir Vincui Paukščiams minint 40 metų vedybinio gyvenimo sukaktį, jų dukros, žentai ir vaikaičiai (anūkai) sausio 20 dieną sukaktuvininkų namuose suruošė šaunią šeimynišką puotą savo tėvams ir uošvėms pagerbti. V. ir O. Paukščiai ne tik patys pavyzdingi veikėjai, bet ir savo dukras išaugino susipartusiomis lietuvaiteimis. Visos priklausė vyčių organizacijai, o ištekėjusios ir savo vaikus mokina lietuviškai kalbėti. Sukaktuvininkas V. Paukštis yra nuostabios energijos. Jis veda (žinoma, žmonai padedant) savo geležinių daiktų krautuve, darbuojas kitose organizacijose, yra LRK-SA 160 kp. ilgametis sekretorius, Vyčių namo tarybos narys ir kartu eina Ramovės užvaizdo pareigas, o šiemet išrinktas dar sendraugių pirmininku. Iš judrumo niekas nesakytų, kad tai 74 m. amžiaus žmogus.

Ilgiausių metų sukaktuvininkams.

Dovana mokyklai. D. Jurjonas, turintis namų reikmenų krautuve 3251 So. Halsted St., šv. Jurgio parapijos mokyklai paaukojo 24 pje-

destalų atramėles, reikalingas Marrijos statulėlėms pritvirtinti. D. Jurjonas yra vienas naujųjų ateivių, Lietuvoj vertęsis stambia prekyba. Atvykęs Chicagon iširašė į vyčius sendraugius, dalyvauja veikime ir yra dosnus vyčių orijos reikalams.

Entuziastiškai priimtas įnešimas vysk. V. Brizgi pakelti Garbės nariu. Kovo 19 d. Vyčių salėj įvykęs sendraugių metinis susirinkimas vienu balsu patvirtino naują šių metų tarybą (valdybą). Išeidamas iš pirminko pareigų I. K. Sakalas padarė trumpą sendraugių kultūrinio veikimo apžvalgą, kiek ilgčiau sustodamas prie kaikurių asmenų, rodančių didelio susidomėjimo vyčių organizacija ir jau turinčių nemažą nuopelną. Vienas tokių — J. E. vysk. Vincentas Brizgys, kuris nuo pat atvykimo į JAV rodė ir teberodo didžiausią prielankumą vyčiams savo dalyvavimu metiniuose seimuose, savo prakalbose - paskaitose, savo iškalbingais pamokslais per didesnes vyčių šventes, minėjimus, savo raštais "Vytyje" ir kitais būdais rodo didelį susirūpinimą mūsų organizacija, kad ji augtų, visapusiškai stiprėtų, kad subūrusi kuo didžiausias mases jaunimo jį globotų, lietuviškumą ir visas mūsų tėvų tradicijas ugdytų. Baigdamas kalbėti iškėlė sumanytą, kad įvyksiantis šiemet vyčių seimas Los Angelyje vysk. Brizgi pakeltų Garbės nariu. Entuziastišku rankų plojimu sumanymas vienbalsiai buvo priimtas. Sakalo žodžiais, vysk. V. Brizgio pakėlimas Garbės nariu ne tik dideliu džiaugsmu nuaidėtų per visas kuopas ir apskričius, bet ir pačiai organizacijai būtų didelė moralinė nauda ir didesnis paakstinimas ir toliau uoliau veikti ir išlikti gyva lietuviška jaunimo bendruomenė.

Metinis a. a. kan. F. Kemėšio minėjimas. Pernai vyčiai sendraugiai sužinoję apie vieno uoliausių vyčių organizatoriaus ir jaunimo auklėtojo bei švietėjo kan. F. Kemėšio mirtį Sibiro tyruose, suruošė išpūdingą minėjimą — pamaldas Dievo Apvaizdos parapijos bažnyčioje, kur

klebonauja nuoširdus vyčių bičiulis kun. A. Martinkus, ir akademija Vyčių salėj. Per akademiją buvo sudėta per pusantrą šimto dol. aukų išleidimui vieno "Vyčio" numerio su platesniu aprašymu apie velionį ir jo mirties paminėjimą. Kartu buvo išgelbėtas ir Chicagos apskrities vardas nuo atsilikimo, nes Chicagos vyčiai kažkodėl jau nebe pajėgia sukelti lėšų vienam "Vyčio" numeriui išleisti, kaip tatai daro rytinių valstybių apskritys. Minėtos sumos likutis \$15 buvo pas komisijos išdininą Garbės narį Stasį Šimulį, kuriam pasitarus su kitais komisijos nariais nutarta Dievo Apvaizdos parapijos bažnyčioje užprašyti šv. mišias už kan. F. Kemėšio sielą, kaip metinį jo mirties paminėjimą. Mišios buvo atliktos gegužės 19 d. 10 val. Į šias pamaldas buvo kviečiami ne tik vyčiai sendraugiai, bet jaunia ir visos kitos organizacijos, kurias velionis organizavo, rėmė, dvasios vado pareigas ėjo ir kitais būdais jas stiprino ir gaivino. Po mišių visi dalyvavę pamaldose nuvyko į Vyčių salę užkandžiui ir trumpam prisiminimui velionies gyvenimo bei veikimo Amerikoje, ypatingai lietuvių jaunimo tarpe.

Turėjo malonią staigmeną. Beneta Cicėnienė, viena sendraugių ir kitų kultūrinių organizacijų narė bei veikėja, gimtadienio proga turėjo malonią staigmeną, kai jos būtų "užgriuvo" visas būrys draugių ir bičiulių su sveikinimais ir dovanomis. Sukaktuvininkė viešioms atsidėjo šauniomis vaišėmis. Pobūviui vadovavo žymi senosios kartos moterų veikėja Jadvyga Čepulienė.

35 metai kaip bendradarbiauja "Drauge". Į metinį sendraugių susirinkimą kovo 19 d. buvo atsilankęs vienas žymiausių Lietuvos Vyčių organizatorių ir pirmasis "Vyčio" redaktorius dr. Al. M. Račkus, kuris pasveikinęs susibūrusius veteranus linkėjo ir toliau nepailsti gražiam vyčių veikimo bare. Šia proga reikia pažymėti nepaprastą dr. Al. M. Račkaus sukaktį: 35 metai, kaip jis dienraštyje "Drauge" veda savaitinį sveikatos skyrių antrašte "Sveikata — brangus turtas". Surinkus visus jo straipsnius bei patarimus sveikatai liečiančiais dalykais susidarytų keli stori tomai. Tokia sukaktis, tai savotiškas ir retas rekordas.

Vyrai, lenkime galvas moterims. Paskutiniu metu sendraugių su-

sirinkimuose pradėjo išgyventi gražus dalykas. Baigus posėdį, tai viena, tai dvi susidėjusios narės patiekia užkandžio. Jos tai daro laisvu noru, nereikalaujamos jokio atlyginimo. Ir metiniame susirinkime dalyvavę nariai ir narės tokiu pat būdu T. Norbutienės ir M. Paukštienės buvo vaišinami. Visiems buvo labai malonu, kaip po susirinkimo pakviesti į didžiąją salę pamatė paruoštus stalus, ant kurių baltavo lietuviškas sūris, kvepėjo namie kepti pyragai ir garavo karšta kava. Kaip pavyzdinga šeima susėdę prie stalų sendraugiai užkandžiavo, kalbėdamiesi organizacijos ir savo kasdieniniais reikalais.

Moterys sendraugės! Mes jus gerbiame ir galvas prieš jus lenkiame.

K. Žaromskio paminėjimas. Prieš trejetą metų juodoji viešnia Chicagos vyčių tarpe padarė didelę spragą, išversdama amžinybėn vieną stambiujų šulų, visą gyvenimą pašventusį jaunimui organizuoti, Garbės narį a. a. Kastą Žaromskį. Vyčiai, ypatingai sendraugiai ir 36-ji kuopa dažnai jį prisimena savo maldose, o kovo 31 d., Ant. ir Kazimieros Petrulių pastangomis, buvo užprašytos sudėtinės mišios už velionies sielą šv. P. Marijos Nekalto Prasidėjimo parapijos bažnyčioje. Pamaldose dalyvavo visi 36 kp. nariai, daug sendraugių ir jaunių vyčių iš kitų kuopų.

Po pamaldų visi susirinko Vyčių salėn bendram užkandžiui. Čia pasidalinta atsiminimais iš velionies gyvenimo ir veikimo.

Dėkojame už pagalbą. Naujai sendraugių valdybai perėmus kuopos vadovavimą, antriems metams išrinkta sekretorė Ona Aleliunienė nusistatė aplankyti visus sendraugius, kurie ar toliau gyvendami ar dėl kokių nors svarbių priežasčių negali atsilankyti į susirinkimus ir apsimokėti savo nario mokesčius. Tai didelė pagalba finansų sekretoriui. Manome, kad belankant senuosius narius O. Aleliunienei pasiseks rasti ir naujų narių.

Pasisekimo savanoriškame žygyje.

Remiam pagal išgalias. Dvieju vienuolynų — šv. Kazimiero seserų ir šv. P. Marijos Nekalto Prasidėjimo seserų — rėmėjų draugijoms jų metinių seimų proga sendraugai paaukojo po \$10. Atstovais išrinkti: šv. Kazimiero seserų rėmėjų seimanas T. Norbutienė, o šv. P. Mari-

jos Nek. Prasidėjimo rėmėjų — M. Paukštienė, T. Norbutienė ir P. Zakaraitė.

Paaukojo atlyginimą. Sendraugių kuopa savo abiems sekretoriams už jų darbą skiria metinį kuklų atlyginimą — protokolų sekretoriui \$15, o finansų — \$25.

Knygų revizijos komisija praneša, kad protokolų sekretorė O. Aleliunienė jai skiriamą atlyginimą už 1956 m. paaukojo kuopos išdui.

Nuoširdus jai ačiū. Ona ir jos vyras Tadas yra žinomi ne tik draugijų veikėjai, bet ir bendro darbo rėmėjai.

Parengimas salės virtuvei pagerinti. Vyčių salė juo toliau, tuo labiau darosi populiariškesnė. Neskaitant vyčių kuopų, apskrities bei centrinių organizacijų susirinkimų, įvairūs pobūviai, sportininkų vakarai, tautinių šokių grupės repeticijos, studentų sueigos, įvairių sambūrių parengimai, banketai, vestuvės ir t.t. ir t.t. sudaro tokią ilgą parengimų pynę, kuri jau atsiduria į pat vasaros mėnesius.

Daugelis tų parengimų neapėina be virtuvės. O kad virtuvė patogu būtų ir šeiminkėms darbuotis ir patarnautojoms svečius greit aptarnauti, reikia ne tik gerų krosnių, bet ir įvairių indų, o esant didesniems parengimams buvo jaučiama stoka to inventoriaus.

Šis reikalas buvo iškeltas Namų Taryboje, kuri nutarė kreiptis į sendraugių kuopą prašant talkos. Todėl sendraugiai ir nutarė suruošti didelį parengimą birželio 9 d. ir visą pelną paskirti minėtam reikalui. Parengimas bus vyčių salėj ir sode. Komisija jau pradėjo darbuotis: platina bilietus, renka dovanas "bingo" žaidimui. Kiekvieno vyčio yra pareiga prisidėti geresne dovana prie pramogos pasisekimo. Dovanas galima iteikti komisijos pirmininkei E. Širvinskienei, 4541 S. Rockwell St. Telef. LA 3-4841.

Sendraugiai ALRK Federacijos Parengimu komisijoj. ALRK Federacijos Chicagos apskritis, norėdama pagyvinti savo veikimą, kovo mėn. susirinkime išrinko vadinamą Parengimų komisiją, kurion įėjo vyčiai sendraugiai T. Stučinskienė, E. Ramašauskienė ir J. Kerulis. Komisijai jos planuose talkins apskrities valdyba.

Sendraugiai tikisi, kad komisija, darydama planus Federacijos veikimui pagyvinti, tuo pačiu vieną kitą planą pateiks ir sendraugių kuopai,

kuriai irgi reikalingas toks veikimo pagyvėjimas.

Iš meilės artimui lietuviui. Jonas Kerulis, sendraugių atstovas Vyčių Namų Taryboje, nepamainomas to namo darbininkas, kai yra reikalingas ką pataisyti ar atremontuoti, daug laiko ir lėšų aukojas draugijoms, remiančioms vienuolynus bei užsienio misijas, daug taip pat veikia kitose idėjinėse draugijose. Jis kartu su didele meile dirba ir lietuviams tremtyje pagelbėti per BALF Chicagos apskritį, kurios valdyboje yra nariu ir labai rūpestingai atlieka jam patikėtas pareigas. Jis savo namų dalį yra padaręs sandėliu BALF aukojamiems drabužius priimti, kartu padėdamas juos sutvarkyti ir išsiųsti į centrinį sandėlį. Dirba iš pasišventimo, iš meilės savo broliui lietuviui.

Metinis išvažiavimas. Be įvairių parengimų, kokius sendraugiai rengia vasarą Vyčių salės sodelyje, dar turės vieną metinį išvažiavimą į Justice Park apylinkę. Tai bus rugsėjo 26 d. Tikimasi, kad pikniko komisija šiam išvažiavimui sudarys naujų pramogų, kurios patenkins ir sendraugius ir jaunius, o taip pat ir vaikučius. Be to, komisija žada pasirūpinti, kad neturintieji susisiekimo priemonių (automobilio) būtų nuvežti į pikniką ir parvežti namo.

— **Kazimiera Petruilienė** vardinių progų savo namuose susilaukė daug bičiulių, kurie sveikindami linkėjo viso geirausio. Nuoširdžius sveikinimus savo brangiai mamai atsiuntė iš Vokietijos ir sūnus Alfonsas, kuris ten tarnauja JAV kariuomenėje. Bičiulius nuoširdžiai vaišino vardavininkės vyras Antanas.

— **T. Stučinskienė** išrinkta Lietuvių Bendruomenės Cicero apylinkės valdybon.

— **Prel. I. Albavičius**, šv. Antano parapijos Cicero klebonas, paaukojo \$100 Cicero lituanistinei mokyklai paremti. Sendraugių dvasios vadas — prelatas pagal savo išgales labai nuoširdžiai remia tiek lietuvių katalikų kultūrines organizacijas, tiek katalikų švietimo, labdaros ir k. įstaigas.

— **Namų statytojas M. Zizas** sutiko įeiti nariu į Tautinių šokių šventės Finansų komisiją.

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Vyčiai sendraugiai

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Vyčių sendraugių kuopas!



Amsterdam, N. Y. Matthew Orante, vice president of Council 100 and proprietor of a men's clothing store located at 30 Market St., had his window decorated with different items on Lithuanian on February 16-17th. Matt is also an artist - sculptor.





Philadelphia K. of L'ers traveled to Harrisburg, Pa. to meet with Governor G. Leader as he signed proclamation naming February 16 "Republic of Lithuania Day" in Pennsylvania. Observing the ceremony, standing from left, are: Stanley Petraitis, Leon Macionis, Mrs. Brone Gasparenas, Rev. Bernard Shimkus, Prof. John Puzinas, Helen Shields, Joseph Yanulaitis, Mrs. Sabas. Seated, Dorothy Barauskas, Governor Leader and Hedy Sarcewicz.

#### 1957 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The final results of our three-month concentrated Membership Drive should appear in the next issue of the "Vytis". Three more councils were added to the list of councils participating in our drive. Bernice Kavadaras (C-116), is currently in the lead as bringing in the most new members in 1957. Councils 26 and 96 are tied for enrolling the greatest amount of members since September 1, 1956. Council 116 has enrolled the greatest amount of new members in 1957. Further results of the Drive will be published in subsequent issues of VYTIS.

If you have done nothing about the Membership Drive, it is NOT too late to do something about it now. Start working for the SPECIAL AWARD. PERSON receiving most points for general membership work from September 1, 1956 to August 1, 1957 will be awarded a ROUND TRIP AIR-COACH ticket to the Los Angeles Convention. It doesn't cost you anything to try for this award. YOU will be doing yourself some material good, and the organization will profit membership - wise from your endeavors. Let's keep the new and re-joined members coming into the Financial Secretary!

**JOHN A. STOSKUS,**  
Membership Chairman

#### NEW MEMBERS — 1957

Stella Zielnis  
Joseph Barnaskas  
Kathleen Nesfield  
Lorraine Whitkens  
Frances Balukonis  
N. Abromaitis  
Theresa Abromaitis  
Albert Bendokas  
Eleanor Bendokas  
Thomas Dyer  
Lillian Waitkevich  
Helen Streimikis  
Francis Degutis  
Paul Valinski  
Ann Zaleskas  
Carol Watts  
Veronica Omlar  
Rose Ann Flether  
Leo Razauskas  
Joseph Staknis  
Matthew Orante  
Ed. Urba  
Peter Stokes  
Shirley V. Navickas  
Bernice Tamalevich  
Anthony Tamalevich  
Alfred Zemeikis  
Steve Vainis  
Felix Goldick  
Helen Goldick  
Margaret Kavalauskas  
Veronika (Sinkevičiutė) Omlor  
Sophia Girzadas  
Regina Gerutis  
Barbara Shillinsky  
Robert Shillinsky  
Janet Laukaitis

#### K. of L. CALENDAR

- May 18 — Worcester, Mass. (116), Annual Spring Dance, The Bungalow, Daris Way, Shrewsbury (on the shores of Lake Quinsigamond).
- May 26 — New England District ANNUAL PICNIC, Romuva Park, Brockton (Montello), Mass., turn at Howard Johnson's Restaurant on Route 37 — follow signs. Rain or Shine — Noon till nine.
- June 1—2 — Mid-Central and Illinois - Indiana District Bowling Tournament. Headquarters: Hotel Roosevelt, Pittsburgh, Pa. Activities — May 31st, — Tourney, and June 1 — Banquet.
- June 8 — Newark, N. J. (29) JUNE JAMBOREE, St. George's Hall, 180 New York Ave., Newark. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. Refreshments — FREE.
- June 23 — Dayton, Ohio (96) ANNUAL PICNIC, Eintracht Park.
- 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. Attention, Delegates and Guests: All those wishing to travel in a group, starting from Illinois-Indiana area, contact **John A. Stoskus**, 5177 W. 64th St., Chicago 38, Ill. From Mid-Center district, contact **Frank Gudelis**, 129 Rita St., Dayton, Ohio. From Mid-Central district, contact **Mrs. Marcella Onaitis**, 2304 Sarah St., Pittsburgh 3, Pa. From N. Y. - N. J. district, contact **Jack Stukas**, 1264 White St., Hillside, N. J. New England district, contact **Joseph Sakaitis**, pres., 60 Harrison St., Worcester 4, Mass.
- September 28-29 — NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION. Host: C-30, Westfield, Mass.
- October 12 — Hartford, Conn. (6) AUTUMN DANCE, Holy Trinity School Hall, Hartford.
- November 9 — Norwood, Mass. (27) MARDI GRAS BALL, Runerberg, Hall, Wilson St., Norwood.

Carol Laukaitis  
Ronald Mattson  
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Juselis  
Richard Butkus



# The Stanley Pieza Story

TONY YUKNIS

One of the most outstanding K. of L. members is Mr. Stanley Pieza who is the promotional director of, and since 1947, the religious editor of the **Chicago American**. Stanley began his newspaper career in 1934 as a cub reporter and eventually having flings as a police reporter, court and train reporter. In the latter capacity he has interviewed presidents Hoover, Roosevelt and Truman. Among the many movie stars he has met was Lillian Gish, an all time great Hollywood luminary. Stanley has made five trips to Europe and has had ten audiences with His Holiness Pope Pius XII. He has covered the Eucharistic Congress in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil for the International News Service being accompanied by His Eminence Cardinal Stritch.

Stanley Pieza was born in Lithuania as was his wife, Anne Rezgaitė. At an early age he emigrated to America with his parents who settled in the Brighton Park district of Chicago. There Stanley attended Immaculate Conception School, and later, Quigley Prep, De Paul and Loyola Universities.

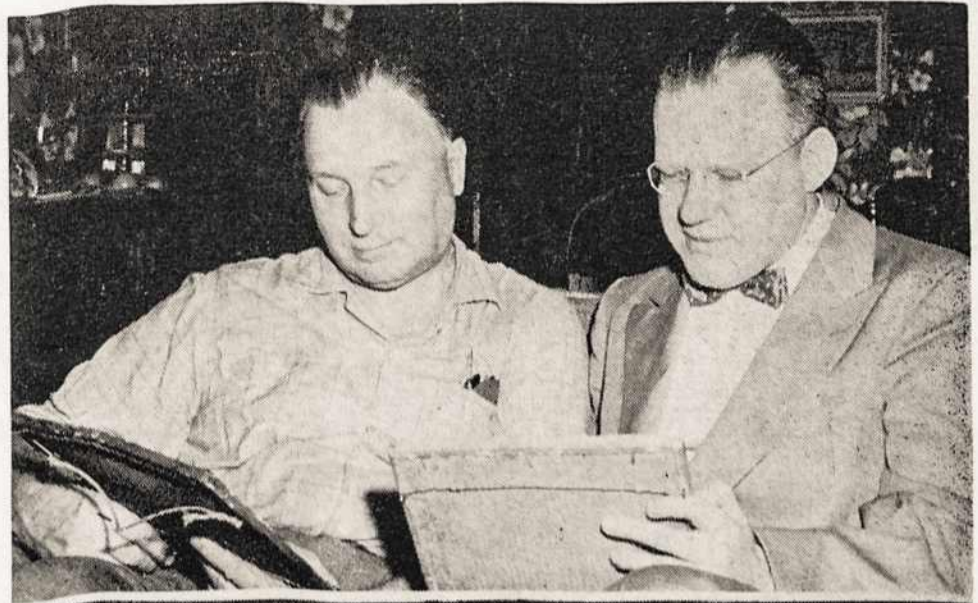
Stanley became a very active member of Council 36 of which he served as president for three years. He helped organize C-36 basketball and league baseball teams of which he served as captain. They played in the K. of L. league which embraced the Middle West area. This was the Golden Age of the K. of L. which was synonymous with the Golden Age of sports in America. In those wonderful days C-36 had about 300 members and was perhaps the strongest council in the country. Other Chicago area councils were strong too — especially Waukegan, Ill. which dominated the K. of L. leagues in sports. Tired of Waukegan's domination, C-36 plotted to do something about it. So it "signed up" two skilled Irish lads named O'Brien and Groark. The former was renamed "Obreenas" while the latter became "Agurkas." So it went out and trounced Waukegan for the basketball championship to the chagrin of the Waukeganites.

Besides athletics, C-36 had other outstanding activities. It published a monthly bulletin "The Babbler" which had a life of seven year; had a drama group which put on many fine shows; held regular round table discussions in McKinley Park fieldhouse, and on one occasion, a debate on capital punishment, attracted 1,000 people.

In yesteryear, a religious editor as well as a school of journalism, was practically unknown. All religious news found its way into the wastebasket. Stanley Pieza protested to the editor that he was throwing circulation away. So the editor defied Stanley to make something of it. So it wasn't very long before the job grew so big that Stanley was named religious editor — perhaps the first in the country. He proved that people are interested in religion outside the Sabbath Day. As the years rolled by Stanley earned the respect of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant religious leaders for his impartial treatment of all religious news.

Stanley Pieza promoted the idea of naming the Lithuanian section of Marquette Park as "The Lithuanian Plaza" which consists of Maria High School, St.

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(Photos by Frank Jurgaitis and Chicago American.)

TOP: Stanley Pieza (left) 4th degree K. of L. member shows photographs of Council 36 League Baseball Champions of yesteryear to Tony Yuknis, 4th degree candidate.

CENTER: Stanley Pieza, religious editor of the *Chicago American*, poses with His Holiness Pope Pius XII at Castle Gandolfo, Papal residence. In the center is the Rev. Wachowski of New York. BOTTOM: Stanley explains some of his souvenirs collected from his many trips abroad to Tony. The latter is holding a musical beer mug Stanley obtained in Switzerland.

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LIETUVIŲ TAUTOS TURTAS!



# JUNIOR PAGE



## WHAT IS YOUTH?

Youth is not a time of life — It is a state of mind.

It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips, and supple knees.

It is a temple of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions.

It is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite of adventure over love of ease.

No one grows old by merely living a number of years.

People grow old by deserting their ideals.

— Unknown Author

## JUNIOR COUNCIL 103

**Providence, R. I.** At our Valentine's party, we chose a KING and QUEEN for the day, namely: Anthony Lucas and Eunice Siravo.

Having a love for our fatherland, we, too, observed Lithuania's Independence Day by attending the services in church and exercises, where Governor Dennis J. Roberts gave a talk. Folk dances by our Juniors were well received by the audience.

At our Roller Skating party held at the Roller Rink, three of our members won prizes: Patricia

B. and Carol C. each received a beautiful wallet. Carol McKenna received a boxful of chocolates, as 1st prize.

Jointly with the Senior Council we commemorated St. Casimir's Day by attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion "in corpore" in St. Casimir's Church and followed by a breakfast in the parish hall. That same afternoon, we were hosts to a group of Juniors from Council 26, Worcester at a dance, and also helped entertain two members of the U. S. Air Force.

Bertha Mackevicius

## JUNIOR COUNCIL '96

**Dayton, Ohio.** New officers — Robert Omlor, president; Ann Sinkwitz, vice president, Elaine Lucas, secretary; Marilyn Lucas, treasurer; Ronald Vangas, sgt.-at-arms; Laurretta Omlor, "Vytis" scribe; and Rosalie Vangas, social secretary.

We had 100% attendance at our skating party which was held at Skateland Roller Rink, February 3rd!

For selling the largest amount of gift wrappings during the holidays, Marianne Rendelman received a two-dollar prize... Also, our council presented a pair of gold candle lighters to the parish from money received by collecting cancelled Ohio Sales Tax stamps.

During Lent, all members faithfully promised to attend Sunday afternoon services — as part of the Spiritual Program.

Since our recent paper drive was not as successful as in the past, we shall endeavor to thing up new money-making projects.

Several of our members have become ice-skating enthusiasts and don't mind a few spills on the ice — Ronald and Rosalie Vangas, Elaine and Marilyn Lucas, Anne and Joe Sinkwitz, Marianne Rendleman and David and Joseph Rimkus.

Some of our members participated in the 25th anniversary celebration which our Senior council sponsored — February 22nd (Variety Show) — Robert Omlor gave a congratulatory address; Marianne Rendleman — tap and ballet presentation; and Barbara Rimkus — accordian solo.

Laurretta Omlor  
309 Baltimore St.  
Dayton 4, Ohio



JUNIORS (Lawrence, Mass. — Council 78). From right, Father Albin Janiunas, spiritual adviser; Joseph Antonavitch, Joan Lisauskas, president; Rita Turonis, secretary; Carol Flathers, treasurer, Juliann Bannermon and Mary Ann Flathers.



JUNIORS (Worcester, Mass. — Council 26) and (Providence, R. I. — Council 103) get together, March 3rd.



# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## NOTE:

In editing the reports of individual councils it is immediately apparent that many correspondents wait for the deadline — the 10th of the month preceding the current month of the publication, before mailing the material. That means that such material does not reach the editor's desk until the 12th of the month or so, and it gives very little time for the editor to go over the material. Reports and articles intended for publication in VYTIS should be mailed in time to reach the editor's desk NOT LATER than the 10th day of the month preceding the current month of publication. They must bear the name and address of contributor, but if requested name will be omitted from publication. The editor will reserve the right to revise or reject any written contribution for publication in the VYTIS when in the editor's judgment he or she deems such action necessary in the best interest of the Knights of Lithuania. Communications should be addressed to:

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## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Tony Yuknis

The St. Casimir Communion-Breakfast was held at St. Michael's Church with Northside Council 5 as hosts. The Don Varnas and Darius-Girenas Posts of the American Legion posted colors. Prominent people of Lithuanian extraction adorned the guest table.

Third degrees were awarded to Loretta Kassel C-36, Jeanette Norvillas C-5, Frank Petkunas C-36,

Al Stacey C-112, Dominic Yocius C-112, Veto Gestautas C-36 and John Meizis C-36. Thank you Loretta Macekonis, C-5 president, and your crew of hard workers.

The K. of L. Bowling Day held on March 10th drew 40 people. That same evening a dinner and dance was held at the K. of L. Youth Center which was most enjoyable. District Vice Presidents Pat Kamar and Eleanore Laurin, worked hard to please all attendants. Other helpers were Frank Petkunas and Mrs. Helen Širvinski. Bob Zimmer helped Al Manst compute the bowling doubles scores which came in the following manner at Fero (Ferovičius) Bowling Lanes:

1. Dianne Rekus 429 and Snuffy Stegwell 523, total 952.
2. Eileen Dockus 486 and Tony Yuknis 457, total 943.
3. Gerry Mack 497 and Casey Gubista 440, total 937.
4. Dell Tamasauskas 452 and Vince Samoska 481, total 933.
5. Pat Savoy 371 and Zeke Meizis 508, total 878.
6. Gordon Gudas 335 and Tony Baltunas 532, total 867.
7. Buzz Manst 347 and Ed Pratt 492, total 839.

The Sportsmanship awards went to Walt Cibulskis and Jack Jatis who jointly received a total of 839. Gary's bowling champions got a dry one and finished out of the running. Chicago asked Gary if they were afraid of the competition — to send their best bowlers out. Gary countered by swearing to take Chicago to the cleaners at the next bowl offering a side bet which was accepted.

Charles Stevens, popular caretaker of Don Varnas Post, has opened a restaurant at 5963 S. Halsted St. You must stop here for your Lithuanian Kilbasu.

Memorial Mass was held at the Immaculate Conception Church for

the late honorary K. of L. member Kastas Zaromskis. After Mass a gathering was held at the K. of L. Youth Center with C-36 acting as host.

Frank Petkunas recently held an outing at his Momence, Ill. resort.

Ray Simutis has recently joined C-112 and the Don Varnas Post. It seems that sometimes you wonder if there is a difference between the two organizations. They tell us the K. of L. has more girls.

Council 24-99 has purchased the Lietuvos Vyčių neon sign displayed in the K. of L. Youth Center window.... Al Vaitis was a drum instructor for many years—he should get together with Gordon "drummer" Gudas.... Jack Jatis donated \$200 for the benefit of the Juniors.

Amongst the Council 24-99 members enjoying themselves at a recent bowl were Sally and Adolph Sosnitzki who took time off from the routine of raising four daughters to have some fun.... Vince Samoska (C. 24-99), has been with the Ateitis dance group for some time. This group, which rehearses at the K. of L. Youth Center, will participate in the big Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival to be held at the International Amphitheatre on June 30th where forty dance groups from the U. S. and Canada will participate... Ed Sulaitis (C. 24-99) has articles on the K. of L. and other subjects published regularly in the "Draugas".

Chicago, Ill. 112 J. A. Stoskus

Following our February meeting, Lithuania's Independence Day was commemorated.

Our council's MARDI GRAS took place at Richard Butchas' Grove. Richard has a new HI-FI set and shows movies every Wednesday evening.



On March 3rd, during the district's communion breakfast, two deserving members were bestowed with a 3rd K. of L. degree, namely, Al Stasiunas and Dominic Yocius.

Lorraine and Dolores Wainauskis played host during our council's Board of Directors meeting by serving delicious lasagnes.

Bertha Stoskus, Ritual chairlady, invited the District Ritual Committee, consisting of Anthony Lubert, Irene Sankus and Father L. Vaisvilas, to bestow 1st K. of L. degree upon Genevieve Chepulis, Joseph Andruska, Leonard Astrauskas, James Jagiella, Rita Gorb, Josephine Jagmin, Aldona Miskinis, Irene Rakaitis and Richard Razas. Following the ceremony, George Jonikas, district president, congratulated all recipients of the degree.

Local officers of the Supreme Council, district and council met at the home of your scribe, and discussed K. of L. at length.

At our March council meeting, President Ed Pocius welcomed several new members — James Jagiella, Leonard Astrauskas, Joseph Andruska and Genevieve Chepulis.

NEWS — Father Vaisvilas made his annual retreat at St. Mary's Retreat House in Mundelein, Illinois.... Canon Paskus, pastor, informed our members that our council's contribution to the new church would be the perpetual vigil light... Barbara Lazutka spent Washington's birthday weekend in Worcester, Mass.... Mrs. Al Brazis flew to California to visit her sick sister.... Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Balzekas, Jr. had a grand vacation in Hawaii... Bruno Shukis, Jr., building contractor, opened his new business office at 64th and Crawford Avenue.... Mr. and Mrs. Adam Oskeliunas celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. Adam is very proud of his K. of L. membership and is a staunch supporter of all our activities.... "Fancy Meeting You", a play sponsored for the benefit of retarded children, has as one of its principal stars ANTHONY LUBERT. Tony plays the role of a Brooklyn cab driver.... Father Edmund Budrecki, MIC, blessed the home of John and Bertha Stoskus.... Dolores Yuknis modeled hats at St. Theresa Society's meeting.... Jean Sheures is really enjoying the comforts of her new '57 Chevy.... Delores Rupp went to Iron Mountain, Michigan

to partake in a bit of skiing before the demise of winter.... Lorraine Dombrowski visited her parent residing in Michigan.... Bernice spent her winter vacation in Florida.... Sylvia Greicius is recuperating from her recent illness and hospital confinement. She is going to Gober, Michigan, to act as Godmother.... Irene Sankus (C-36) now resides in our parish.... Frank Naujokas transferred from C-16 to our council. Frank has been very active in both his council and the district.... Andrew Yuknis has been quite busy with his business venture. However, we would like to see a bit more of Andy and his wife Dolores at our council meetings.

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Dayton, Ohio 96      Nakties Pelėda

### 25th Anniversary

Our council's 25th anniversary celebration (February 22-24) will long linger with us. Variety Show's emcee was Stan Vaitkus. Resume of our council's activities (published in this issue) was given by Frank Gudelis. Great deal of credit goes to Father Walter Katarskis, spiritual adviser and Robert Omlor, president of Junior Council 96. The Variety Show consisted of four short Lithuanian plays, with following participating: SŪNELIO TRAGEDIJA — M. Lucas, F. Gudelis, Jim and Joe Kavy, and Frank Ambrose, Jr.; ČIGONĖS ATŠILANKYMAS — M. Blum and M. Lucas; KAMPINĖJ SMUKLĖJ — S. Vaitkus, T. Sluzas, G. Mikalauskas, Jim and Joe Kavy, M. Petkus, F. Gudelis and John Scott; MODERNIŠKA MOKYKLA — A. Sinkwitz, M. Blum, F. Ambrose, P. Zelinskas, R. Ambrose, F. Petkus, K. Sluzas, G. Mikalauskas, E. Berczelly, E. Sluzas, Jim and Joe and Joan Kavalauskas, J. Scott, M. Petkus, T. Eluzas, C. Vangas, F. Vangas and E. Leasure. Solo pianist — Phyllis Petrokas. Barbara Rimkus (Junior) and Judy Petrokas played the accordian. Mariann Rendleman (Junior) did a tap and ballet dance. "Goat Dance" was performed by Charles Vangas and

Jim Kavalauskas, and accompanied by Fran Vangas, accordianist. Our well known trio, the Ambrose Sisters (Elinor Sluzas, Maryann Blum and Rose Ann Fletcher) rendered several songs. Pianist was Julius Rastikis. The program was arranged and directed by Mary Lucas and assisted by Ada Sinkwitz. Ann Scott was in charge of refreshments (kugelis and ausukes). Council archives were also on display during the festivities. One of our honored guests was Ann Goldick — hope to see more of Ann and Charles Goldick.

The dance held at the Idle Hour Club was chairmaned by Pat Zelinskas and Charles Vangas. Music was provided by Ted Wynn and His Orchestra from Cleveland. Many tickets were sold by Stan and Kay Sluzas. It was nice seeing Joe Somentus and the gang from Springfield.... Despite the fact that the University of Dayton had a big game on against its great rival, University of Louisville, everybody arrived at the dance early. Why? Felix and Helen Goldick brought their portable TV set so no one would miss the game! (We're die-heart UD fans our here.)

Members attended the 10:00 o'clock Mass Sunday, February 24th. Soloist was Steponas Bucmys, accompanied by Julius Rastikis. The closing banquet that same day was held at Suttmiller's 1 p.m. Guest speaker was Alfred P. Strozdas, City Welfare and Recreation Director for the City of Dayton. (Hope in the near future he will join our council.) During the banquet, Stan Vaitkus was awarded the 4th degree K. of L. medal. We thank Ann Scott and Elinor Sluzas for the fine job in making arrangements.

After 25 years of exemplary leadership and guidance, we have separated the wheat from the chaff, and now have one of the finest councils in the country. We may not speak Lithuanian fluently, our council may not be the largest, but we have unity, pride in our heritage and work for "Dievui ir Tėvynei." These are the characteristics of all good Lithuanian-Americans.

### St. Casimir

This year's turnout at the Mass and Communion held jointly with our Juniors on March 10th in honor of our Patron, Saint Casimir, was



tremendous! Following Mass, coffee and rolls were served in the parish hall by Mary Lucas and Ada Sinkwitz.

### Bowling League

| Team Standing | Won | Lost | Captain          |
|---------------|-----|------|------------------|
| Suvalkiečiai  | 55  | 29   | Mike Petkus      |
| Kauniečiai    | 45  | 39   | Alex Pietrzak    |
| Zanavykai     | 45  | 39   | Frank Ambrose    |
| Žemaičiai     | 41  | 43   | Jim Kavalauskas  |
| Dzukai        | 41  | 43   | Charles Vangas   |
| Aukštaičiai   | 40  | 44   | Joan Kavalauskas |
| Vilniškiai    | 35  | 49   | Charles Petkus   |
| Kapsai        | 34  | 50   | Gus Blum         |

Top three individual honors went to the following:

#### Single Game High

##### Without Handicap

#### MEN

Tom Scott — 232  
Jim Kavalauskas — 232  
John Scott — 227

#### WOMEN

Kay Sluzas — 190  
Helen Goldick — 189  
Jeanne Zelinskas — 186  
Maryann Blum — 179

#### Single Game High

##### With Handicap

#### MEN

John Scott — 256  
George Zelinskas — 252  
John Akelaitis — 249

#### WOMEN

Joanne Zelinskas — 230  
Bernadette Zelinskas — 227  
Maryann Blum — 226

#### Three - Game Series

##### Without Handicap

#### MEN

Jim Kavalauskas — 606  
Felix Goldick — 589  
Tom Scott — 575

#### WOMEN

Helen Goldick — 532  
Kay Sluzas — 500  
Fran Petkus — 482

#### Three - Game Series

##### With Handicap

#### MEN

Jim Kavalauskas — 651  
Charles Vangas — 640

George Zelinskas — 636

#### WOMEN

Kay Sluzas — 620  
Pat Zelinskas — 604  
Helen Goldick — 601

### Odd and Ends

Ted Sluzas accompanied Frank Ambrose on his recent trip to Ohio State U. in regards to a SPORTS scholarship. Notre Dame still seems to be Frank's 1st choice.... Extend our deep sympathy to Joe Mikalas and George Mikalauskas on the recent loss of their beloved father, Ignatius Mikalauskas also to Father Walter Katarskis and Mrs. J. Gineitis on the death of their beloved mother, in Siberia.... Robert Petros together with Charles Petkus have been elected to represent our council at Parish Committee meetings.... A Summer Recreation Committee has been formed under the guidance of Ann and John Scott, Pat Zelinskas and Alex Pietrzak.... We hope by now our convalescing members are on the road to recovery — Frank Ambrose, Sr., Joe Somentus and Father L. Praspalius, also Annadel Miller and Alex Pietrzak.... Our annual picnic will be held at Eintracht Park on June 23rd (Charles Vangas and Charles Petkus, co-chairmen).... Ticket reservations for the Notre Dame v. Navy game, November 2nd at Notre Dame, have been made. Members will have first choice of seats — remaining tickets unsold will be open to the public.... The Dayton papers did a fine job covering our 25th anniversary celebration. Thank-you letters to the editors were taken care of by the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.... Religious discussions were held Friday after services during the Lenten season.... A bake sale was held Palm Sunday to help sponsor our girls at the Midwest Bowling Tournament, Pittsburgh, Pa.... Council bowling party was held April 27th at which time trophies were presented to the happy winners. Buffet dinner was served... Seven of our male members made a retreat at Gethsemani, Kentucky, the weekend of April 12th. George Mikalauskas made the arrangements.... An annual Mass and Communion will be held May 12th, at which time mothers will be remembered, living and dead, also the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place.... We welcome

Margaret Kavalauskas, former Junior member, into our council.... Belated birthday greetings (March) to Helen Vaitkus, Stan Sluzas, Ronnie Omlor, William Leasure, Bea Noreikas, Helen Goldick and Mrs. Leo Razauskas. Also in April several members celebrated their birthdays — Steponas Bucmys, Rita Ann Ambrose, Eloise Berczelly, Elinor Sluzas, Tony Zelinskas, Josephine Rimkus and Leo Razauskas.... Anniversary congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Romualdas Gineitis.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### SOUTH BOSTON, MASS. — 17

**Communion - Breakfast, March 3.** St. Casimir's Day was observed in traditional manner in St. Peter's Lithuanian Church. Fr. Zuromskis celebrated Mass and gave an interesting talk on St. Casimir. This year's toastmaster at the breakfast in the church hall was Joseph Lola. Guests included Fr. Virmauskis, patsor, Fr. Contons, Fr. Zuromskis, Dr. Leimonas, and Wini Skudris, president. Principal speaker was Albin Neviera, 4th degree member, who is now celebrating his 30th year in the K. of L. Entertainment was provided by the talented Broderick girls, accordionists. Committee on Arrangements: Fr. Zuromskis, Larry Svelnis, Diane and Rita Shatas, Roland Martinkus, Aldona Jacobs, Florence Zaleskas and Joanne Dravinskas. Delicious breakfast was prepared by Mrs. Shatas and assisted by Walter Lincoln, and served by Loretta Lescinskas and Wanda Yelmokas.

**K. of L. Monthly Communion Mass.** On February 24th, a Mass was offered for the repose of the soul of our outstanding K. of L'er, Frank Razvadauskas. K. of L. Mass will be regularly held on the last Sunday of the month, 9 a. m.

**Welcome New Members.** Lorraine Whitkens, Frances Balukonis, Dorothy Chesnell, Joseph Nevaras, and Kasty Sauciunas, former member of C-90, Kearny, N. J.

**Whist Parties.** Held in February and March, and both socially and financially successful.



**Wedding Bells.** Sometime this spring, Marie Zaleskas, past secretary and Edward Ruka, active member, plan to wed. Also, Stephanie Wisniewski and Joseph Marcinkevicius (July 13). Other couples to be married this year are Rita Shatas and Walter Lincoln; Rita Statutis and Jerome Venis (August), and Lillian Paledzus and Boneventuras Tautvaisa.

**Recuperating.** Two members of the Gailius family, Gibby and Arthur, spent a little time at the Carney Hospital.

**In the Service.** March 3rd, Uncle Sam called Pete Dravinskas, and shortly thereafter became stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. His 6 months' service will pass quickly. We'll miss Pete, and hope Ruthie and Joanne will keep us posted as to Pete's activities.

**Winter vacation.** Diane Shatas toured the "Fabulous Florida" during February, visited friends and returned with a beautiful tan.

#### WORCESTER, MASS. — 26 BAC

**Whist Party** held February 26 in the church hall was chairmaned by Rita Pinkus... At our last meeting we saw a couple of new faces — Betty and Anthony Tamulevich... Joe Drumstas was in charge of the square dance held March 2nd at Trow's Farm, Sterling... St. Casimir's Day was celebrated on March 3 with a Communion and Breakfast. Guest speaker was Buster Sherry... Happy Birthday to Beverly Angus (March 6th)...

Bowling social was held March 31st at the Bowling Green, jointly with Council 116. Prizes were awarded to top two and bottom two winners from each council. From C-26, top winners were Franny Dugan and Rita Pinkus, and bottom were Jackie Ridick and Jen Pustis. May 2nd, a bowling banquet will be held at the Sterling Airport.

Joe Drumstas is arranging another Square Dance for May 11th.

Jackie Ridick (26) and Jackie Kasper (116) will head this year's K. of L. Softball Team made up of both councils.

#### WORCESTER, MASS. — 116

Ann Miller

**Softball team** will be sponsored by our council... Plan to hold a dance

in May... **Feast of St. Casimir** was celebrated on March 10th with a Communion and Breakfast in the church hall. Attorney Richard Sarapas was guest speaker...

**New Members Welcomed** — Barbara and Robert Shillinsky, brother and sister team, and Janet and Carol Laukaitis, Joan Aksten and Ronald Mattson. Much credit is given to our membership committee and Bernice Kavadaris, chairman.

**Dis and Data** — Nice things are happening to the Sinkavich family. First, Gloria becomes engaged and then Cynthia Sinkavich and Joe Krasinskas were Godparents for little David Krasinskas, whose parents are Julia and Algird Krasinskas, also Dorothy S. became owner of a car. Happy motoring, Dorothy. With many of our members acquiring cars, transportation in the council should be no problem, because Bill Burdulis also got himself a car, which makes two in the Burdulis family, and recently Trudy Zibinskas became an accomplished driver.

Our April meeting came to an end with an air of enthusiasm and great expectations for some of the socials planned for the next few months. **May 18th** — Spring Dance at the Bungalow. Plans are being made for a trip to Boston to see a Red Sox baseball game (jointly with C-116). Father Al Volungis, spiritual adviser, showed some religious slides at this meeting because it was still Lent.

Military Whist held recently, was both a financial and social success, thanks to the hard-working committee.

Now that the bowling season is over, we are planning to attend the victory celebration dinner. Though neither C-26 nor C-116 bowled spectacularly, the spirit that prevailed will be hard to match. Who knows but that there may be a romance between the two councils — Dorothy Sinkavitch, Bernice Kavadaris and Mary Klimkaitis are the girls who planned this affair and were responsible for the lovely social hour which followed at our clubroom.

**Dis and Data** — Irene Jonaitis became engaged to William Meleski of South Boston. October wedding is planned... Geneva Luikey is engaged to Bob Waterson and set their wedding date to be June 29th. Grace Rackauskas and Bob Vierai-

tis plan to be wed soon... Joan Mikal is really a lonely gal since Bob went into the Service... Overheard a conversation between two members after the meeting — Quote Ann Markvenas: "When I'm down in the dumps, I always get a new hat." Ruth Ciras: "I always wondered where you got your hats." UNQUOTE... Wonder what I did with that train schedule just in case I have to leave town in a hurry... John Yurkenas, Joe Krasinskas and Bob Paluses can hardly wait for the fishing season to start... We understand that a talent scout was anxious to send Mary Klimkaitis to Hollywood after her performance in a play presented by the Sodality Girls. No less than 9 of our K. of L'ers participated in the play. The girls would be a sensation in some summer stock, especially Mary Ann Sienkiewicz, who is quite talented.

#### WATERBURY, CONN. — 7 M. A.

**St. Casimir's Day.** Our council together with the Federation of Societies of St. Joseph's Church observed St. Casimir's Day by holding a Communion - Breakfast and musical program that same afternoon. Rev. J. Baksys of Rochester, N. Y. was principal speaker at the special services. Miss Marcella Andrikis was soloist at the Mass. Rev. Gerald Matiejunas, CP of the Holy Family Retreat House in Farmington was guest speaker at the breakfast. Other speakers included Rev. A. Karalis, Rev. Paul Sabulis, Prof. Aleksis, hon. member, City Sheriff Justin Urcinas, Mrs. R. E. Snyder and Alderman Stephen Petkus. Frank Shaknaitis, president, was master of ceremonies, and Alfred Satkunas, chairman of arrangements. For the afternoon program, Prof. A. J. Aleksis was master of ceremonies. Lithuanian folk songs and patriotic selections were sung by Miss Marcella Andrikis, 4th degree member and Mrs. Nell Meskunas. Rev. J. J. Valantiejus, honorary member and pastor, reported as to the invocation that he had given in the U.S. Senate Chambers, Washington, D.C. on the occasion of the 39th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by Lithuania — February 16th. (In accordance with the custom established 2 years ago, senators and representatives spoke on the plight of the Lithuanian na-



tion and the other Baltic nations which have been subjugated by Russia. Attending the ceremony, besides Father Valantiejus, who gave the invocation, were Prof. Aleksis, nat'l vice president of the Lithuanian - American Council and Miss Marcelle Andrikis, vice president of the Waterbury unit.

#### ANSONIA, CONN. — 135

"Nakties Pelėda"

**Communion - Breakfast.** St. Casimir's Day was observed by attending Mass, followed by a breakfast served in the church hall under the chairmanship of Violet Brazitis and Rose-Marie Tabaka.

Received news from Texas via the Barauskas family from son Leon — "Pop should see me now!" Well son, to keep you up-to-date, your father, Al Barauskas, was seen looking at cowboy boots and ten-gallon hats. Come vacation time, the family will be reunited in the Lone Star State... It was quite a surprise to read in the January issue of VYTIS — a true story "It Happened to Me" written by Johnny Samulis (1st prize winner)... Donna Svelnys is really getting a lot out meetings. She obtained some gratis information about building homes from Al Jesulaitis, contractor.

#### PROVIDENCE, R. I. — 103

Ann Teaks

**1957 Officers** — Julia Meciunas, president; Vera Minalgo, secretary; Charles Cyronak, treasurer. Once more, the Juniors will be guided by Barbara and Charles Cyronak.

The weekend of February 15th, Charles Cyronak together with K. of L'ers from Norwood, Worcester and Hartford, enjoyed skiing in East Madis, N. H. ... Barbara Cyronak also enjoyed outdoor sports in Jaffrey, N. J. with some of the girls in her office.

Barbara Cyronak, chairlady of the N. E. District Dance held in Providence (February 16th), thanks all district members for helping to make the affair both a social and financial success.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gumaskas on the birth of their first daughter... Also, best

wishes to John Maricas on his engagement.

Jointly with Juniors, we observed St. Casimir's Day with a Communion and Breakfast. (See photo in this issue.)

#### NORWOOD, MASS. — 27

Daisy and Mae

Newly-elected officers — Ed Tarutis, president; Francis Kaseta, vice president; Elaine Pupalaigis, recording secretary; Mary Ann Alukonis, financial secretary; Francis Nevins, treasurer; John Shipalauskas and Brownie Kudirka, sgts.-at-arms; and Lil Tarutis and Isabel Shipalauskas, auditors.

We enjoyed an interesting showing of films of Canada by President Tarutis, after our March meeting. It is wonderful to see so many members attending our meetings these past few months. Let's keep the good attendance.

Mass and Communion Breakfast were held March 3rd in honor of St. Casimir. It has been decided that all members will receive Holy Communion "in corpore" the first Sunday of each month.

Watch the K. of L. Calendar in this issue — our annual picnic will be held July 7th; in case of rain it will be postponed to July 14th. There will be swimming, boating, games, refreshments and dancing to a good polka band. All this is in store for you at GRAPE ARBOR, Walpole.

Congratulations to Agnes Kulbok who became engaged to Vic Sticklor. June wedding is planned. Also, Adele Antonitis and Fred Picard plan to be wed in October.

No broken bones have been reported from the Norwood skiers who recently spent a weekend in New Hampshire. They were Vin and Lil Kasauskas, Elaine Pupalaigis, Mary Ann Alukonis, and "Snowshoes" Vaikasis... A second ski trip to Canada was made by Vin and Lil Kasauskas and John Vaikasis. This time, they enjoyed a WEEK of outdoor sports.

Elaine Pupalaigis accompanied Adele Antonitis, who visited her sister and family in St. Petersburg, Florida. They enjoyed two weeks of sightseeing and suntanning.

## NEW YORK

### NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

The Wanderer

District councils met in Kearny, N. J. to observe the Feast of St. Casimir. Rev. Leo Vaiciekauskas was celebrant at the Mass; the choir under the direction of Algirdas Kacanauskas sang during Mass, and soloist was Louis Stukas. Father Voiciekauskas, during the sermon, paid tribute to the late Frank Razvadauskas, past national president and honorary member of the K. of L. (Mass was offered for the repose of the soul of our beloved Frank Razvadauskas.) Following Mass, all members convened in the parish hall. Host Council 90's President, Eleanor Jenuss, Anthony Šalna to be toastmaster. Honored guests and speakers were Rev. Leo Voiciekauskas, Joseph Boley (p. nat'l pres.), Charles Paulis (p. nat'l pres.), Larry Janonis (district pres.), and Jack Stukas (chmn. Cultural Comm.). Winners of prizes given by the Awards Committee under the chairmanship of Charles Bason were Joseph Sable (Linden, N. J.) and Helen Shields (Philadelphia, Pa.). Council 67, Bayonne, was presented a trophy for having most members present on a percentage basis. It was tied with Newark — but the Oil City group prevailed over Council 29.

In the afternoon, a business session was held and presided over by Larry Janonis, pres. Present were— Rev. L. Voiciekauskas, Rev. D. Pocius, Rev. J. Pakalniskis (Brooklyn) and Rev. Vladas Karalevicius, district spiritual adviser (Elizabeth). Encouraging reports were given as follows: **Junior Councils** are quite active in Philadelphia, Brooklyn, New York City, Kearny and Bayonne. **Bowling and Kegling Leagues** have been doing very well and the competition is quite keen. **Jack Stukas**, chmn. of the national Cultural Committee reported progress on the arrangements being made to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Casimir. **Al Janks** gave a very interesting discourse on **LEADERSHIP**.

District Annual Convention will take place in June, with Council 3



Philadelphia, Pa. acting as host. In preparation of the election of district officers, a nominating committee consisting of Joseph Boley, Helen Pinkin, Vic Guzevich and Al Janks was appointed.

At the close of the session, prayers were led by Fathers Pakaliskis and Karalevicius for Lithuania and the late Frank Razvadauskas. We thank C-90 for having arranged such a splendid program, particularly Eleanor Jenuss, pres., Ann Klem, Mary Grinevich, Joseph Balazas and Valentinas Bilaitis.

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**(IN MEMORIAM: News just reached the press that former district president, Charles Bason-Basanavičius of Jersey City, N. J. died suddenly Easter Sunday. He was to have been honored by the district May 25th.)**

New York, N. Y. 12 I. W. T.

Several members were reinstated during the membership drive — Stella Kolesk, Albert and Emily Yatkuskas, Frank and Freda Samulenas, and John Talaiko, also Kay Nessfield was welcomed in as new member.

At the OLD TIMERS' SOCIAL, Father Gurinkas, spiritual adviser and pastor, said a few words of greetings. Larry Janonis, district president introduced former council officers who were active in the late '30s and early '40s. The committee and Stella Kolesk are commended for arranging such a social.

On February 22nd, Dorothy Yurksaitis of Hazelton, Pennsylvania, became the wife of our President Steve Andryauskas. The wedding took place at SS Peter's and Paul's Lithuanian Church, Hazelton. The newlyweds, after a honeymoon in Miami, Florida, will reside in Bronx, New York. Several C-12 members were in the bridal group, also guests.

We observed St. Casimir's Day (belatedly on March 17th) jointly with Juniors by attending Mass and Communion Breakfast. Guests at the breakfast included Father Gurinkas, pastor, Father Prancevicius, Joseph Boley (principal speaker) and Mrs. J. Yorkus, president of Holy Rosary Society. The committee consisted of Freda and Frank Sa-

mulenas, Stella Kolesk and Kay Nessfield.

May 25th — Parish Dinner and Dance, at which time the burning of the mortgage will take place.

Amsterdam, N. Y. 100 Smile & Sparkle

#### Council Meetings

**February** — Meeting was well attended; report on the Baked Goods Sale was given by President Sophia Gavry; Father Baltch gave a talk on the work and paintings of Adomas Galdikas, Lithuanian artist. Father Bob is a proud possessor of one of Professor Galdikas' paintings. Following the meeting, colored movies on the Blessed Sacraments were shown, also coffee and cake served by Ann Beleckas.

A special program commemorating the 39th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence Day was held February 17th at the American Lithuanian Club, with Attorney Stokna acting as master of ceremonies. Speakers included Mayor Frank J. Martuscello and Judge Raymond Zierak. "Svetimos Plunksnos", a 3-act comedy was presented by the church choir and directed by Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, K. of L'er. Other members appearing in the play were Don Nikstenas and Gene Gobis. Several pictures were taken of the affair by Matt Orante. (Matt Orante had his window decorated with different items on Lithuania—carved wooden dish, amber beads, Lithuania's coat-of-arms, wooden carved wayside chapel, etc. — pictured in this issue; also the Amsterdam Evening Recorder and the Schenectady Gazette carried editorials on Lithuania; both the Mayor and Governor Harriman proclaimed February 16th as Republic of Lithuania Day.)

**March** — Annual Communion Breakfast was held March 3rd, after Mass, at the Patrick's Highland House. President Sophia Gavry introduced the following guests — Attorney Anthony C. Stokna, Father Robert K. Baltch and Matthew Kazlauskas. Each briefly stressed the need of increasing our membership, also praised our Junior Council, whose president is Elaine Urban. Others attending the breakfast were Pauline Urban, Connie Zygel, Regina Gerutis, Gene Gobis,

Mrs. Sophie Olbie, Mrs. Anthony Beleckas, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Barauskas (Schenectady), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus, and Donald Nikstenas.

**April** — After the Novena to St. Anthony, members convened in the school hall for a meeting. Regina Gerutis, our newest member, sponsored by Eleanore Stakauskas, was welcomed into our council. Some discussion was had on holding a summer outing at Steve Rimkunas' camp, Lake Galway, July 21st, subject to Steve's approval. Father Bob gave some interesting information about Fordham University — that Lithuanian language is taught there, and that a special Lithuanian course will be given this summer. We also got acquainted with LIETUVIŲ DIENOS magazine published in California and EGLUTĖ, wherein appear a number of Lithuanian riddles. Here are a few samples:

Trys mergaitės ėjo iš mokyklos po vienu lietsargiu, ir visos parėjo visai sausos. Kodėl? Father asked us why. Gene Gobis replied — "It wasn't raining!" The answer was correct.

Trys vyrai atėjo darbo ieškoti pas tą patį darbdavį. Darbas buvo geras, bet tik vienam vyrui. Darbdavys pažadėjo darbą tam, kuris perlips per gatvę ištempta virve nuo vieno namo penkto aukšto į kitą namo penktą aukštą. Visi trys vyrai lipo ir visi nukrito. Kas gavo darbą? Father asked who got the job. After awhile, Pauline Urban softly spoke up — "The undertaker." We also learned that in Monterey, California — at the Army Language School, Lithuanian is now being taught. After the meeting, Pauline Urban served coffee and tea.

#### News Bits

Connie Zygel didn't attend out February meeting because she had tickets for the Boston Symphony Orchestra that same evening at R. P. I. Field House, Troy, N. Y.... February 1st, Don Nikstenas was the surprised guest of honor at a birthday party given by his mother — however in the midst of the party, Don had to leave to play in a bowling tournament and then returned before the party broke up.... Father Baltch celebrated his birthday February 17th.... We miss Joe



Staknis at our meetings because Monday evenings he works late.... That same evening Matt Orante, owner of men's shop, was busy marking down his stock for a big sale.... Gene Gobis has been kept busy writing Lithuanian letters to Europe for her family and friends.... Sophie Olbie has a secret recipe for making delicious chocolate cookies which she promised to give to your scribe. (Upon receiving the recipe — we shall publish same in the Feminine Page of VYTIS.).... Holy Cross Church of Schenectady held its annual pre-Lenten dance March 3rd, and which was attended by several of our members — Don Nikstenas, Regina Gerutis, Prof. Olsauskas, Ed and Eleanore Barauskas, and Gene Gobis. They met two former active K. of L'ers at the affair — Joe and Lillian Russell (New Jersey). Joe is now employed by the General Electric Co. in Schenectady and we have high hopes of Joe and Lillian joining our council.

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#### Communion and Breakfast

There was an excellent turnout of members for observing St. Casimir's Day. Msgr. Ignatius Kelmelis was the celebrant at the Mass; Breakfast was held in St. George's hall. President Joseph Sakevich opened the program; Jack J. Stukas was toastmaster, and guest speakers were Msgr. Kelmelis, District President Larry Janonis, and Lt. Colonel Boniface Moll, O.S.B. of Fort Slocum, N. J. The highlight of the breakfast was the bestowing of 1st and 2nd K. of L. Ritual degrees to Helen Balchunas, Agnes Borey, Isabella Dilis, Eva Treciokas, William Ocealis and Eva Ellis (1st degree); and Charles Douches, Joseph Balchunas, Julia Strolis, Gladys Douches, Louis Stukas, Agnes Kolvitis, Ann Ocealis and Elsie Kupepris (2nd degree). Ritual Committee participating in the ceremonies consisted of Joseph Sakevich, Vera Laukzemis, Jack Remeika, Peter Podgalsky and Edward Thompson. That same afternoon, members and friends visited the St. Joseph's Shrine at Stirling, N. J. In charge of arrangements for the Communion and Breakfast were Joseph Sakevich, pres., and assisted by Gladys Douches, Mary Balchunas, Anna Pociu and Julia Strolis.

#### Notes on the Cuff

Tribute was paid to former council presidents — Anthony Vaskas, Jack Remeika, Charles Vaskas (dec'd), Peter Podgalsky and Edward Thompson.... JUNE JAMBOREE to be held Saturday evening, June 8th at St. George's Hall. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. — music provided by Jersey Twin Orchestra. FREE REFRESHMENTS... Many are contemplating in making the cross country trip to Los Angeles, California to attend the 44th national convention.

Brooklyn, N. Y. — 41 Grasilda

#### 1957 Officers

Joseph Boley, president; Diana Mockelunas, vice president; Stella Galiauskas, secretary; and John Andrew, treasurer.

#### Activities

In February, we commemorated Lithuania's Independence Day. Guest speaker Jack Stukas gave an interesting talk on Lithuania.

March meeting was held at the home of Angela Ragazinskas which made it very pleasant indeed. One of the highlights was a well prepared and informative talk on the History of Lithuania by our new chairman of Cultural Committee, Anthony Mazeika, Jr. Tony, an energetic and conscientious young fellow, is former president of our Junior Council, and is the son of Anthony Mazeika, honorary member of the K. of L.

We observed St. Casimir's Day by receiving Holy Communion "in corpore", on March 24th. The following week, we enjoyed the showing of two Lithuanian films by the Motuza brothers.

We are most happy to welcome into our council two new members — Albina Neviera and Barbara Tamoshunas, both former members of Council 17, South Boston. Albina and Barbara at present are teaching in Hicksville, L. I. and plan to be with us indefinitely.

Stella Galiauskas, secretary, spent the weekend of February 22nd in Puerto Rico. Stella works for an advertising firm and is doing quite well, we hear.... Agnes Skarulis and Anthony Simulynas plan to be wed on April 28th. We expect many guests from Worcester to attend their wedding (Eleanor

Drumstas is in the bridal party).... Aldona and Matty Kairys have been quite busy with the bowling group. Perhaps next year, we'll be able to join the district bowling team!

ELIZABETH, N. J. 52

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#### Special Tribute

From time to time, each one of us notices the small and large deeds of our fellow K. of L. members. These are the deeds that usually are not given much recognition. Of course, no one works for the K. of L. expecting to be thanked.

At this time, many of us from the New York and New Jersey district, want to warmly thank our friend, Frank Vaskas. There are many other K. of L. members who have already been honored and recognized in the past, and we feel that Frank deserves this distinction, too. We can think of very few other members who go about serving K. of L. with such zeal and enthusiasm as Frank. His work on the Lithuanian Affairs Committee alone has made him invaluable to us. He attends all meetings and affairs, and sends write-ups to newspapers.

Many members often passively talk about what should be done to improve and help the efficiency of our organization. Very few act — but Frank Vaskas does.

From New York to Chicago to Los Angeles take heed: It is not only the leaders and the top "honor and glory" boys who really hold the K. of L. together, but it is the sincere, faithful and enthusiastic people like Frank Vaskas who keep the organization strong.

Great Neck, N. Y. 109 — "Butch"

While our February Dance was not a financial success, it was definitely a social one. Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the evening. After the dance many of us were invited to Lou Ann Sosaris' home for a snack.

On March 17th, our annual Mass and Communion Breakfast was well attended. After Mass at St. Peter of Alcantara Church, Port Washington, breakfast was served at the Salem Inn.

Our White Elephant (Rummage) Sale was held at the Steamboat Inn, March 24th. In April, we sponsored a Card Party at the Steamboat Inn



and many prizes were awarded. On May 18th, a gala Spring Dance will be held at the V.F.W. Hall, 237 Great Neck Rd.

We welcome back Starcy and Al Wesey who have just returned from a 3 weeks' vacation down Miami way. They visited with Lil and Joe Remenchus, who are now permanent residents of Florida. Lil and Joe send their regards to all and hope to visit us in May.... Julius Picardi is up and around again after a recent hospitalization. Mary, Julius and little Carolee will soon be moving into their new home in Port Washington.... Haven't seen Rosemarie Glowacki at any of our affairs, lately. It seems her time is being taken up by a young gentleman around town. Shall we expect a grand announcement soon? Ann Martens started the New Year off with a new job and a new residence. Everything happens in three's, Ann!

#### Philadelphia, Pa. 3 "Informer"

A group of K. of L'ers, including Helen Shields, president and Father Bernard Shimkus, spiritual adviser were received by Governor George M. Leader of Pennsylvania and witnessed the signing of the PROCLAMATION making February 16th "Lithuanian Independence Day" in Pennsylvania. The delegation also presented His Excellency with a Lithuanian Picture Album. (See photo in this issue.)

On February 24th, we sponsored a 2nd annual Minstrel Show, followed by a dance at which many attended.

At a recent meeting, Joseph Yanulaitis showed colored slides of Lithuania and Lithuanian churches — most interesting. We also welcomed into the council two of our former members — Dolores and her brother Joe Budelis, and new member, Joan Tarris.

A fourth member of ours has responded to the call of Uncle Sam. He is Charles Petronis, now in the Air Force and stationed in Texas. Joe Rinkus, U. S. Air Force, before long will be leaving for England for a two-year stay.

The annual Parish banquet, in honor of Monsignor Valanciunas, pastor, on February 3rd, was well represented by our council.

St. Casimir's Day was observed — the weekend of March 1st, by members attending a Retreat, and at the close of the Retreat having a Communion and Breakfast.

We extend our deep sympathy to Al Bernatavicius on the death of his grandfather.

#### Kearny, N. J. 90

We are certain that all TV viewers enjoyed the program "A Salute to Lithuania" on February 24th. Participants were Ann Klem, Eleanor Jenuss and Aldona Skripkus.

Our Junior members are most active. About 20 of them enjoyed skating in February. They are

grateful to Richard Butkus, Ann Klem and others who drove them to the rink.

RAMBLINGS: Wonder if Ann Klem thought she was driving a Dodge - Em car when she bounced off 4 other cars one icy morning in February. Ann's 1956 Oldsmobile "ain't what it used to be." ... For that matter, neither is Len Rikas' 1957 Ford. Wonder how Len's wife Eleanor explained the fact that the trunk door is now accordion pleated?.... Barney Kohanski and Laima Zujus plan to be wed on May 25th. ...Valentina Bilaitis was quite excited being Godmother for Eleanor and Fred Ditchkus' son, Michael.... Tony Salna, vice president, looks very impressive driving his foreign car.... It's good to see Mr. Nakrosis back on his feet, after a recent illness.... Eddy McBride has enrolled for evening classes at Seton Hall University.... We extend our deep sympathy to William Simelunas on the loss of his beloved father.

**Birthday Congratulations** to Ann Kiernan (April 18), Joe Smigelskis (April 19), Ann Klem (April 20), Jane Matulaitis (April 29), Valentina Bilaitis (May 4), Eleanor Rapsis (May 10), Alfred Ditchkus (May 11), Ann Belavich (May 13), Leonard Rokas (May 21). **Anniversary Congratulations** to Joan (Case) and Gerard Benvenuti (April 14), Fred and Eleanor Ditchkus (April 21), Mr. and Mrs. C. Nakrosis (May 1), Len and Eleanor Rokas (May 15).

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Casimir Convent, Nativity B. V. M. Church and School, Darius - Girėnas monument and Holy Cross Hospital. The Holy Cross Hospital has announced plans for a new 4-million dollar building which will serve the entire southwest side. On July 22, 1956, aided by the Darius-Girėnas Post of the American Legion and Gov. Williams of Michigan, Congressman Murray, Alderman Egan, Judge Well and other dignitaries, it was formally dedicated.

On July 12th, 1956 Congressman Murray of Illinois read on the floor of the House (and into the Congressional Record) the editorial from the **Chicago American** on the Plaza entitled "A deserved honor." Also, he read the full page article by Stanley Pieza, "Chicago, Lith Capital."

On his most recent trip to Europe, Stanley visited Greece, Rome, Austria and Hungary. He cancelled his appointment with the King of Greece in order to observe the revolt in Hungary. The rebels had seized Budapest and had freed Cardinal Mindszenty. The Reds

had slain 160 children and threw their bodies into sewers. The brave little rebels had the gall to attack Red Army tanks with Molotov cocktails. It was very obvious the Reds didn't want any newspapermen around and ordered them to go back to Austria.

On November 9th Stanley had a more pleasant experience when he had his audience with Pope Pius XII at Castle Gandolfo in the Eternal City. He describes the Pope as a man of magnificent stature who speaks eight different languages and understands many more. Stanley makes the observation that the Vicar of Christ is a humble person with a warm smile and mellow sense of humor.

Now Stanley is member of the Senior Council and has warm enthusiasm for the K. of L. Besides raising a family of four children, Joanne, Bernadette, Johnny and Tommy, he finds time to show travelogues of his trips abroad. At this writing, he had merely 50 bookings. His wife Anne, a well known singer in her younger days, directs the Immaculate Conception Choir.