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IN A QUEST FOR NATIONAL SURVIVAL

An address given at the K. of L. Convention by Dr. J. J. Bielskis, Lithuanian Consul at Los Angeles, California, August 10, 1957



Many years have elapsed since my previous appearance before the Knights of Lithuania National Convention. I had the honor some 38 years ago of having been elected president of this lively organization. However, the time in that exalted position was cut short by national exigencies. I had to lead a group of militaries to Lithuania in an effort to strengthen the defenses of that young Republic. In my absence, the leadership of the organization was taken over by the vice president.

Although involved in complicated national affairs, nevertheless I followed with interest and admiration the glorious activities of the Knights of Lithuania. There were many members of the organization in important posts in the national struggle for the restoration of an independent State. They have distinguished themselves in their assignments and I consider it an honor to have had the privilege in collaborating with them.

As the Knights of Lithuania organization has done in the past, I am confident that it has now also placed the question of the situation of Lithuania high on the agenda of this Convention. It is not my intention to preach or dogmatize on that subject, there is no need for that; all of you are familiar with the

generalities of that problem. I merely wish to emphasize the particular points, the fundamentals and most essential parts of it. **I am convinced that, after due consideration, you will concur with me that at this time the problem of the national survival is the most important to everyone of Lithuanian descent.**

We all are fairly well acquainted with the recorded history of the repeated attempts of unfriendly neighbors to destroy the Lithuanian nation. They have used every means conceivable to them to attain their purpose, that is, to distort the Lithuanian proud history, valued language, interesting traditions, enlightening customs and high national culture, and to relegate them to oblivion. Those efforts of envious and greedy neighbors now have assumed more drastic and more destructive forms and proportions. Besides suppressing by devious means the language, religion and the love of the native country, they now are destroying the national leaders, tearing apart the families and scattering them throughout the Siberian wilderness. Our youth is being deported into the depths of Russia and subjected to communistic and atheistic indoctrinations and russification. The invaders and occupants of Lithuania obviously are determined to make their genocidal efforts definitely effective.

However, knowing the past struggles and resistance of the Lithuanian nation, we believe that the present designs of the enemy are also bound to failure. **I say we believe, yes, but it is up to all of us descendents of that old and great nation to make certain that those destructive processes will fail!**

I am always glad to meet Americans, descendents of Irish, German, French or of other great nations. It is refreshing to note that although generations were born here, nevertheless they proudly admit their origin. They usually are acquainted with the history, traditions, culture of their old nation, and thereby they are better Americans. The knowledge of your own historic ancestry is of great psychological and moral value. It is uplifting to the morale in knowing that one has descended from a cultured nation which has to a large measure contributed to the creation of this great country of the United States. **That knowledges strengthens their pride, brightens their vision and stimulates their enthusiasm!**

Judge Charles E. Wyzanski of the United States District Court of Massachusetts, speaking to a group of editorial writers, remarked: "Turning to our origins nourishes those emotions which make us receptive to spiritual influences." The

late Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, speaking to a gathering of Jewish leaders, asserted that: "To be good Americans, we must be better Jews." Now, **emulating the eminent Jurist, I must state that, to be good Americans we must first be better Lithuanians! Loyalty to our own ancestors enhances the loyalty to the United States!**

We are justly proud in frankly admitting that we are offsprings of the Lithuanian nation. Obviously, centuries of relentless efforts of the hostile neighbors have tarnished some of the great events and cultural achievements of the historic past of Lithuanian and its great independent State. Some sinister neighboring writers have deliberately minimized the importance of the Lithuanian role in the family of free nations. However, there are sufficient records of impartial writers and historians revealing the facts and showing the unusual virility and ability of that nation to organize, manage and defend an independent State.

Situated like on an island in a turbulent ocean, for centuries they were able to withstand the stormy siege and have safeguarded what has always been dear to them: national survival, freedom and independence. The historians give full credit to Lithuanians for saving the Western civilization from the onslaughts of the asiatic hords.

The philologists and other scholars express themselves with amazement that, inspite of all the impediments the Lithuanian nation has succeeded in preserving its ancient language. Being surrounded by Teutonic, Slavic and Scandinavian tribes and nations, and being entirely unrelated to them, and linguistically totally distinct from all of them, yet it has retained its identity as an original branch of the Indo-European language.

Our own famous philosopher Immanuel Kant wrote about the Lithuanian language with profound understanding and great admiration. Prof. Alfred Senn, the late prof. Harold Bender and many other well known philologists and scholars described in their books the scientific value and importance of that language in the research and study of the origin and migration of mankind.

Our ancient dainos and raudos (folksongs and dirges or lamentations) depict the profound mentality, philosophy, customs and high culture of our ancestors. This, of course, is not our own boasting, but it is the considered conclusion of the writers and scholars of other great nations. Among the literary greats of Germany, evaluating the Lithuanian language was G. E. Lessing, who in 1759, in his "Literary Letters", wrote as follows: **"I came upon some precious rarities which gave me no end of delight. These were the Lithuanian dainos or folksongs. What naive pleasantries. What charming simplicity. The frequent use of diminutives give extreme grace to the language of these songs."**

Another literary great, J. C. Herder, in his work on "Voices of Nations in Songs", published in 1778, included a number of Lithuanian dainos and spoke of them in eloquent manner.

Perhaps one of the greatest of the greats in literature, Johann Wolfgang Goethe, in 1780 included some of the dainos in his writings and showed much interest and enthusiasm for the Lithuanian language.

In 1825 L. J. Rhesa had 85 dainos in his book. He wrote of them admiringly and stated that "folk poetry reveals to us a rich treasure, by means of which we may study the human spirit, be it on the shores of Greece or on the banks of the Nemunas." Rhesa also pointed out that numerous diminutives in the Lithuanian languages frequently denote exaltedness and ecstasy.

In 1745 Philip Ruhig included a number of dainos in his book entitled "Reflections of the Lithuania Language." His son Paul wrote the "Fundamentals of a Lithuanian Grammar."

As early as the nineteenth century, Wulfstan recorded in the "Scriptores Rerum Prussicarum" about the Lithuanian dainos.

Krause, in his book published in 1834, in part writes as follows: "The charming thoughts and keen sensitiveness are characteristics of the Lithuanian dainos. They possess a tenderness of sentiment all their own, a great cordiality of feeling for ties of family and fatherland. They depict the natural innocence

of Lithuanian customs. It is desired that such a tender respect for the basic human relations, and such a purity of love as expressed in them, might also be found among most cultured nations everywhere."

It is said that some of the outstanding composers, such as Schumann, Chopin, Schubert and others have composed music to some of our dainos.

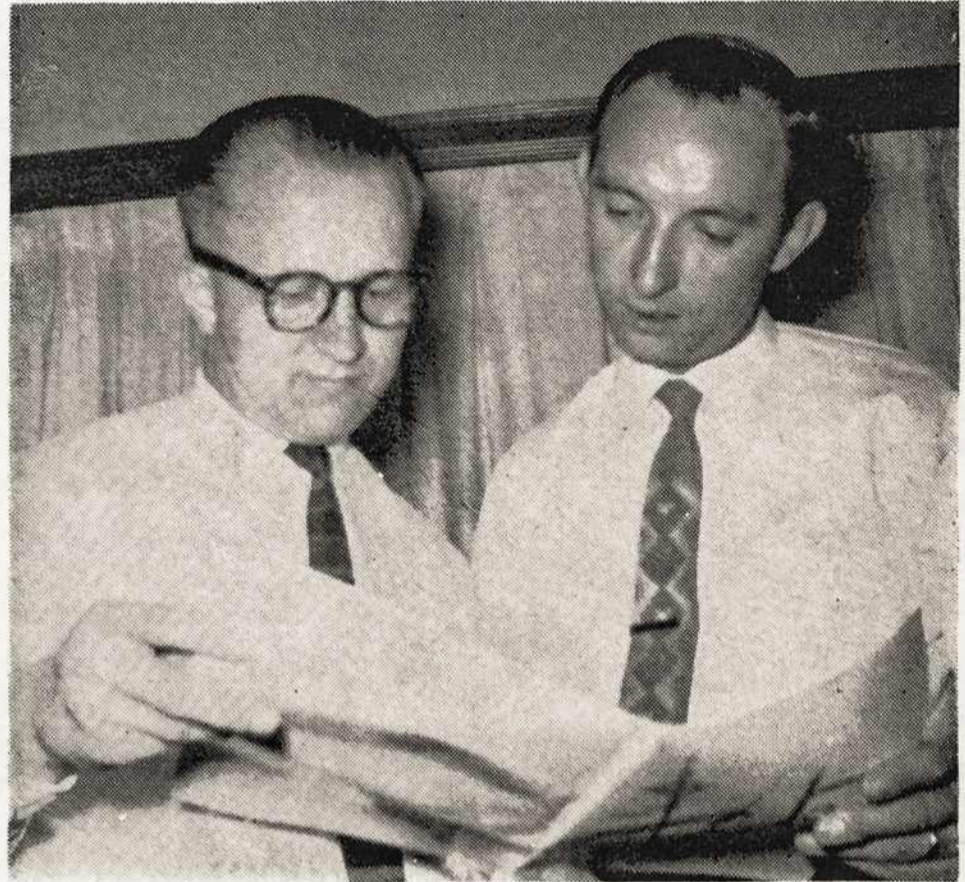
Another prominent writer stated: "The enthusiasm for the Lithuanian dainos among poets of other nations has remained constant. The dainos constituted a cultural monument of that nation." Still another luminary wrote: "The richest cultural heritage of the Lithuanian people is the dainos. Many variations of these peasant songs were sung thousands of years ago."

Of course, our own greats, such as Prof. Mykolas Biržiška, the late Dr. Jonas Basanavičius and others have also written much about that.

These are the documented conclusions of some of the world's literary greats in regard to the scholarly importance of the Lithuanian language and ancient culture. The unbiased and unprejudiced history of Lithuania, such as written by Prof. Henrik Paszkiewicz, Dr. V. Sruogienė and other historians, is replete with valuable information about the high culture of that nation. We can always be justly proud of being its descendants. That is our precious heritage. **However, being proud of it is not enough. Our ancestors worked and fought to preserve that heritage and to pass it on to us. Now it is our sacred duty to continue that task, to safeguard the language and everything Lithuanian!**

Our diplomatic and consular corps, as well as political organizations are working for the restoration of an independent Lithuanian nation. Because a nation without its own States is like a body without a heart. By the same token a State without a consolidated nation is one without a strong foundation. **Therefore, now it is for us, each and everyone of us, to work, safeguard and preserve the Lithuanian national entity, integrity and unity, and proudly to pass it on to the future generations to carry on. That is the call of the national spirit and we should respect it with eagerness and sponteneity!**

Leonard Valiukas, General Chairman and **Edward Bartkus**, Chairman of the Convention Executive Committee, together with their committee members are accredited for having arranged such a successful convention. Mr. Bartkus, originally of Chicago, Ill., has been very active in a number of Lithuanian-American organizations since he came to Los Angeles. Ed is a member of St. Casimir's Parish Committee, Chairman of C-133 Spiritual Program Committee and has held a number of offices in the Council.



PRE AND POST CONVENTION ACTIVITIES 44th National Convention

EDWARD J. BARTKUS

After traveling several thousand miles, our delegates enjoyed the pre and post convention activities planned by Council 133, host to the 44th K. of L. National Convention.

Even though the first scheduled tour was cancelled due to the late registration of our guests, thanks to the quick thinking of Walter Chinik, our Supreme Council President, the tour was re-scheduled when a sufficient number of people showed up the last minute to guarantee a private tour for our group.

The first tour through Forest Lawn, Hollywood, Farmer's Market, Beverly Hills and a drive through the Pacific Palisades to the coast line was well received and pleasantly enjoyed by all participating. Everyone was deeply impressed with the beauties of Southern California and the unique architecture of Spanish influence through many of the private homes. Forest Lawn was awed by everyone, especially by those who love beautiful art. "The Last Supper" a stained glass window and an accompanied dialogue explaining the history behind the picture brought deep feeling of thought to many; and the "Crucifixion", the world's largest painting in existence with its minute details of the surrounding country side will be a scene few will ever forget.

The trip was highlighted by a visit to the Farmers' Market in Hollywood where everyone had a

selection of delicacies prepared by the Chefs of fourteen different nations.

The beautifully landscaped homes of various Movie stars and other well-to-do people of Beverly Hills was also a major point of interest including the drive along Sunset Boulevard.

The following day, we planned two activities for our delegates and guests, namely: First, the Golf Tournament; second, TV program "Queen for a Day". There were hopes that one of our fairer K. of L'ers would be chosen Queen for a Day, but no such good fortune.

The post-convention activities started with a tour to Knott's Berry Farm — Ghost Town of the Wild West. Here one saw the town's general store, cracker barrels, candy jars, women's calico dresses, bonnets and all. A town of the Wild West would not be complete without the Essay Office with its large ledger of stakes for gold mining claims and various mineral rocks scattered around the dusty shelves, numerous saloons with their polished brass foot rails, and village church of Transfiguration, one of the highlights of the historic place. Walking through the town one frequently found an old nickle playing piano in perfect working order. One building is entirely devoted to old musical instruments, some of which are over two hundred years old. The main purpose of this en-

chanting town is to keep the people entertained while they wait for their turn to taste the well prepared and deliciously served chicken dinners and boysenberry preserves for which Knott's Berry Farm is noted for. From a little country side cafe to the present million-dollar institution was the accomplished dream of this fine family of just a few decades ago.

From there we continued on to Disneyland, a fairyland in reality. Disneyland originally was constructed for children, but it is now and adult attraction of national renown. To describe it in detail would be impossible. We were only able to enjoy part of "Alice in Wonderland", "Jungle Land", "Adventureland", "Frontierland", "Tomorrowland" and Fantasyland" due to lack of time. Some people spend days before they can appreciate the delicate beauty of Disneyland.

The next day, and final tour was to Tijuana, Mexico. We traveled through colorful landscapes and beautiful citrus groves of Southern California. We visited San Juan Capistrano where the original Mission was constructed by Indians centuries ago. Here, we saw swallows darting around. These swallows have been brought to the nation's attention by their unusual behavior. They return to San Juan on the Feast of St. Joseph, on the exact hour every year without fail. They leave the same way in the Fall. Also tamed pigeons fly on



FLORENCE KORSAK, well-known dramatic soprano, was born in Chicago, Ill. She was graduated from Northwestern University with the intention of studying law, however was advised to train her voice. Came to New York and studied for several years with Astolfo Pesca and other known coaches. Miss Korsak has appeared as soloist on the radio, symphonic concerts and in many recitals throughout the United States, including Chicago, New York and other Eastern Cities and in Southern California, where she now resides with her folks. As member of the Knights of Lithuania, she was guest artist at the 40th anniversary of the New York - New Jersey K. of L. District banquet which was held at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N. J., last fall. This past September, Miss Korsak toge-

one's arms, head or shoulder and eat from one's hand. We visited a second Mission, the largest of the entire chain of Missions built by Father Junipero Sierra, also San Luis Rey Mission, one of the youngest Missions of all. Here, a Brother from the monastery guided us through the entire grounds and explained the early history of the Spanish settlers and Indian Tribes. Our next stop was at the colorful La Jolla, a beautiful little resort town built along the cliffs near the coast of San Diego. Here, we lunched at one of the hotels overlooking the mighty Pacific. The day was bright and clear, so many of our camera fans enjoyed the picturesque seashore of La Jolla. From this

K. OF L. CALENDAR

- November 9 — Norwood, Mass. (27) **MARDI GRAS BALL**, Runerberg Hall, Wilson St., Norwood.
- November 10 — Seventh K. of L. **RADIO BANQUET - DANCE**, arranged by Council 19, Pittsburgh, Pa., St. Casimir's Hall, 5 p.m.
- November 17 — New England District, K. of L. **LEADERSHIP COURSE**, Our Lady of Vilna parish hall, Worcester, Mass.
- November 23 — Bayonne, N. J. (67) **STARDUST DANCE**, American Lithuanian Citizens Club, 9-11 W. 25th St., Bayonne.
- November 27 — Chicago, Ill. (112) **GOBBLERS HOP**, K. of L. Youth Center.
- November 30 — South Boston, Mass. (17) **ANNUAL DANCE**, Hotel Bradford, Boston.
- November 30 — Newark, N. J. (29) **PILGRIM MASQUERADE**, St. George's Hall, 180 New York Ave., Newark.

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- January 11-12 **K. OF L. REGIONAL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE**, Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, N. J., 10 a. m. (Saturday eve. — Semi-Formal Dance; Sunday — Concert, 5 p.m.). All are cordially invited to attend Conference, Dance and Concert.

ther with John Lombardi, baritone of the San Francisco Opera, were guest artists at the **LITHUANIAN DAY** sponsored by St. Casimir's Church, Los Angeles, California.

point, one could see the entire city of San Diego far below. To the right of the San Diego Bay we could see our mighty Navy's Warships anchored. Returning from the Point, we passed through the beautiful residential area of San Diego along the Bay past the fisherman's boat landing to Ferry of Coronado. Here, our coach had a little rest while we crossed on the Ferry (mile wide Bay) to the Peninsula. On our way towards Mexico we passed some of the old historic places on the island and continued along the narrow strip of land towards the border. Since no public conveyance is allowed across the border, we parked our coach along the side, walked across into Mexico

- January 18 — Brockton, Mass. (1) **14th ANNUAL "SNOWFLAKE BALL"**, Walk-Over Club, Brockton, Mass.
- February 1-2 **ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL** sponsored by Council 10, Athol, Mass.
- April 26-27 — **NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION**. Host: Council 135, Ansonia, Conn.
- August — **45th K. of L. NATIONAL CONVENTION**. Host: Council 3, Philadelphia, Pa.

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and boarded a a mile away. Here, everyone was eager to try out his bargaining qualities. Those who knew Spanish tried out their lingo but soon found out that the Mexicans knew better English than they did Spanish. Leather goods, silver jewelry, handwoven articles, etc. can be obtained at much less cost in Mexico than in this country, if you know how to "derétis".

Our trip back to Los Angeles was uneventful because we had traveled for sixteen hours and everyone was quite tired. Our committee hopes that all delegates enjoyed every minute of their stay and in the near future, we may again get together for a convention in the State of California.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA REGIONAL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

Sponsored by the N. Y. - N. J. District

All Proceeds to the National K. of L. Scholarship Fund

January 10, 11, 12, 1958 — Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, N. J.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10th

Registration at the Hotel from 6:00 P. M.

Get-Acquainted Party, St. George's Hall — 9:00 P. M.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th

Mass — Holy Trinity Church, Newark, N. J.

8:00 A. M. for the repose of the soul of Charles Bason

General Assembly of Conference at the hotel — 10:00 A. M.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

FIRST SECTION — 11:00 A. M. — 12:00 P. M.

1. Spiritual Panel
2. Lithuanian Affairs
3. Panel on cooperation with the Ateitininkai
(How to cooperate with other Lith. organizations.)

LUNCHEON AT HOTEL FOLLOWING PANELS

SECOND SECTION OF WORKSHOP — 2:30 — 4:30 P. M.

1. Lithuanian Culture
2. Sports
3. Panel to solve the problems of: How the K. of L. can prove its worthiness to the professional man.

THIRD SECTION of Workshop — 4:00 — 5:30 P. M.

1. Ritual
2. Juniors
3. Finances

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th

Mass — Holy Trinity Church, Newark, N. J. — 10:30 A. M.

Brunch following the mass at St. George's Hall

General Assembly Reconvening at the hotel at 2:00 P. M.

Concert — Featuring all K. of L. Talent at 4:30 P. M.

Program subject to change — — — —

TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Since the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA organization will be commemorating its 45th anniversary next year (founded April 24, 1913), our theme for the year will be "Let's Get a New Member". We need YOUR help to increase our general membership in the K. of L.

We want YOU to become a more ACTIVE member in your Council this coming year. Perhaps this has been said to the point where it has lost its impact — but we are going to say it again. "The Council is what YOU make it." At the risk of shocking, it might also be said that when YOU do not assume your rights of participation, YOU lose your privileges to criticize.

Despite the wide diversification of interests found in a Council with a small or large membership, there must be ONE committee, ONE type of activity which interests you — and our many committees offer a wide choice. There is a committee for YOU.

ATTENTION — COUNCILS AND DISTRICTS

The March 1958 issue of VYTIS will be devoted to commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Birth of St. Casimir, our Patron Saint. All are kindly requested to send in articles, news items to be published in this special issue by DECEMBER 15th, 1957.

THE EDITORS

So... how about INVESTING a little of YOU in the Council in which you are member? You will collect INTEREST on your investment through participation in the operation of your Council. As a DIVIDEND you will make new acquaintances and renew old friendships. YOU will find it a most rewarding experience.

Resolve to INVEST in K. of L. in the year 1958. Collect INTEREST and DIVIDENDS — be a RICHER K. of L'er.

Give YOUR Committee Chairmen YOUR ideas.. YOUR help.. YOUR support.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT



STUKAS, chmn.

44th K. of L. National Convention Committee. — From left, seated: Lorraine Samolis, Ann Laurinaitis, Leonard Valiukas, general chairman, Mrs. Helen Bartkus, Helen Nashlenas. Standing: Joseph Zichwic, Loretta Papsis, Edward Bartkus, chmn., Mary Ann Slenis, John Antanavich and Anthony Skirius.

Inasmuch as our committee was organized in 1955 in accordance with the resolution passed at the National Convention in Newark, a broad program that can easily be adhered to by all our councils cannot be accomplished easily in two years; however, many steps in the right direction have been taken in the past year in the cultural area.

1. Weekly Lithuanian language classes were instituted last winter in the Newark and the Boston councils. The New York-New Jersey District at its June meeting voted to inaugurate Lithuanian language classes next autumn on the district level.
2. Series of 6 cultural talks-essays on different aspects of Lithuanian cultural have been furnished each council. The fourth series of talks will be sent out later this month. This cultural activity is most adhered to by majority of councils.
3. We are grateful to Mrs. Eleanor Jenuss for her assistance in preparing stencils and mailing. The total coast of postage, paper and stencils, approximately \$30 was borne by your chairman and is a donation from the chairman.
4. Your national chairman corrected erroneous reference to the Battle of Tannenberg in a recent issue of Life Magazine. It was pointed out that this battle was won not by the Poles alone but by a combined Lithuanian-Polish army led by Vytautas the Great. This was in line with the advise of the cultural committee of correcting or objecting to errors or slurs regarding Lithuanian in papers, books, magazines, and scholarly publications.
5. The policy of concerts given at K. of L. convention, first in Chicago last year and then Los Angeles this year, is a very good one. Our conventions thus gain an important cultural aspect. It would be recommended that important speakers distinguished in a field of Lithuanian culture should be invited to address national conventions on an important subject. Greetings by these important people are insufficient; new and fresh ideas derived from their lectures are needed.
6. Many inquiries were received from various councils for lists of available Lithuanian books, dictionaries, etc., also recordings. This information was readily supplied. Information on specific ideas for plays, production, etc., was also furnished various councils.
7. Plans for the celebration of 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir's birth, to which the National Convention in Chicago last year delegated to the Cultural Committee, will be independently submitted and carried out by a special sub-committee, composed of Joseph Boley, chairman, Father V. Karalevičius and Jack Stukas.
8. The program for the Knights of Lithuanian scholarship project will be also submitted separately to this convention. This project was also delegated to the Chairman of the Cultural Committee.

In conclusion, your chairman would like to list the following observations and criticisms in the hope that the activities of this committee will be improved in the next year.

K. OF L. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In accordance with the Resolution passed at our 43rd National K. of L. Convention held in Chicago, Ill. (1956), Jack Stukas, chairman of the Lithuanian Cultural Committee presented the following Scholarship Program to the delegates at the 44th National K. of L. Convention held in Los Angeles, California (Aug. 8-11, 1957):

The Scholarship Program is intended to help a worthy and deserving Knight to obtain a college education. It should be a stimulus for young people to join our organization.

Recommendations were presented for approval — based on investigation and contact with the provisional members of the temporary committee consisting of Rev. P. Cinikas (Chicago), Rev. A. Contons (Boston), Mr. L. Simutis (Chicago) and Joseph Boley (New York).

1) This Scholarship is to be given annually to one worthy and deserving K. of L'er as a **grant**.

2) Applicant's qualifications to be based on recommendations made by:

- a) Council President;
- b) District President;
- c) Local Pastor; and
- d) Former teacher.

3) Previous scholastic record.

4) Character reference.

5) Personal interview (where possible).

6) Possible examinations — College Board Entrance Exams.

Scholarship fund to start at once. **Applications must be submitted by March 1st, 1958.** First grant for the academic year to begin in September, 1958. Total

scholarship of \$600.00 to be divided in half. Before each semester, \$300.00 to be paid directly to the school. In exceptional cases, the grant may be made in one lump sum. Grant to be made to a different Knight each year.

One stipulation — the applicant, if possible, is to attend a Catholic college or university. If not, a non-sectarian college or university upon the approval of the Board of Trustees. Grant may be made to a person for graduate or undergraduate work. No age limit.

Although the grant may be given to the most brilliant K. of L. member yet in some instances it may go to a student in the first half of the graduating class. Organizational activity would be an important criterion for his obtaining a scholarship along with his academic record.

Sources of Funds

1. Donations by philanthropic individuals and organizations (wills, etc.).
2. Assessment of 25c. by each K. of L. member.
3. Annual raffle.
4. Activities sponsored by individual councils, districts (such as dances, etc.).
5. Generous person investing \$10,000.00, and donating the annual accumulated interest to the Scholarship Fund.
6. L. D. S. — confidential nature to be respected in the entire Scholarship program.

Board of Trustees elected at the convention were: Jack Stukas (New Jersey), Leonard Valiukas (California) and Joseph Boley (New York).

a. District Cultural Committee chairmen were not selected for all districts. If they were, their names were not submitted to me. Therefore, each council in many cases had no specific regional guidance on cultural matters. Councils, furthermore, were slow or lax in most respects in furnishing your chairman with the names of the council cultural committee representatives to whom committee material could regularly be sent and who would be in constant touch with the national chairman.

b. Invitations to important and distinguished Lithuanian personalities to give brief talks on Lithuania at council meetings and district conventions were not extended. This should be done. Meetings would thus become more interesting and meaningful.

c. Knights should be encouraged to subscribe to and write articles on K. of L. activities in the cultural as well as other spheres to Lithuanian Catholic periodicals. These publications would gladly either translate the article into Lithuanian or publish it in a special English section. The average Lithuanian knows too little of the contribution the K. of L. is making for the perpetuation of Lithuanianism in America and to the fight for Lithuanian freedom.

d. There is a noticeable lack of concerts and other cultural activities being sponsored by K. of L'ers. This area should be improved.

e. No inquiries received from or help given to Junior Councils. At the Junior K. of L. level, cultural participation, learning Lithuanian songs and dances, etc., is especially important. A fondness for Lithuanian songs and dances, etc., acquired at this age level remains with the Knight for the rest of his life.

f. Your chairman feels a great need for frequent committee panel discussions and seminars. These are essential to co-ordinate activities. The idea of a regional K. of L. Committee Conference to be sponsored by the New York and New Jersey District in Newark, the weekend of January 10-11, at the Robert Treat Hotel is, therefore, warmly welcomed. We hope this conference will be well attended by K. of L'ers. Such regional conference would enable our national committees to meet frequently and accomplish considerable more work.

It has, indeed, been a pleasure for your chairman and also an honor, to have directed many cultural activities in the name of the Knights this past year.

REPORT — EDWARD DANIELS,**VICE PRESIDENT**

As 1st vice president, I have attempted to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability as circumstances permitted. I attended all meetings but one called by the Supreme Council President Walter Chinik, and corresponded with councils concerning the formation of Junior Councils and possible ways of increasing the activities of the Juniors.

Following Junior Councils registered as of August, 1957: Philadelphia, Pa. (3), Worcester, Mass. (26), Brooklyn, N. Y. (41), Bayonne, N. J. (67), Dayton, Ohio (96), Providence, R. I. (103), Pittsburgh, Pa. (19), Lawrence, Mass. (78), Kearny-Harrison, N. J. (90), Chicago, Ill., Gr. A. (99-24) and Amsterdam, N. Y. (100).

The only new Junior Council organized this past year was Council 12, New York, N. Y., making a total of 12 Junior Councils.

A summer camp for Juniors was investigated. Plans for a camp this year have been dropped, but camps will be set up for the summer of 1958. By then a suitable location will be found, and an interesting program set up with capable councillors in attendance. Most of the ground work for a camp program has been accomplished by Miss Helen Shields, Junior councillor of C-3, Philadelphia, Pa.

In closing, may I express my gratitude to all those who have assisted me in any way this past year, especially Helen Shields who has done so much for the Junior Program both locally and nationally.

REPORT — JOHN S. DANIELS, TREASURER

From my report (income and expenses attached) it would appear that the Knights of Lithuania treasury is not entirely exhausted. However, if we subtract the VYTIS FUND balance from the General Checking Account, you will find that there is very little left to cover the cost of publishing VYTIS for the remainder of the year.

The response to my letter sent to each district and council re: annual donation to the Treasury was very poor. Only the following sent in donations:

New England District (paid for the publishing of April 1957 issue of VYTIS)

Hartford, Conn. (6)
 South Boston, Mass. (17)
 Cambridge, Mass. (18)
 Pittsburgh, Pa. (19)
 Worcester, Mass. (26)
 Brooklyn, N. Y. (41)
 Lawrence, Mass. (78)
 Providence, R. I. (103)
 Chicago, Ill. (112)
 Ansonia, Conn. (135)

I, therefore, request that all councils and districts that have not sent in their annual donation please do so upon return from the convention. Only through such donations can we expect to meet the payments which will become due between now and the end of the year.

REPORT — RITUAL COMMITTEE,**LONGINAS L. SVELNIS, chmn.**

During the past year 80 — 1st degrees, 16 — 2nd degrees, 16 — 3rd degrees and 1 — 4th degree were granted to members in the following councils: New York, N. Y. (12), Pittsburgh, Pa. (19), Worcester, Mass. (26), Newark, N. J. (29), Chicago, Ill. (36), Dayton, Ohio (96), Chicago, Ill. (112), Worcester, Mass. (116), and Los Angeles, California (133).

To date — grand total degrees bestowed upon qualified candidates: 1st — 1717; 2nd — 849; 3rd — 370; and 4th — 166.

The Ritual Committee has worked in great harmony; members had the normal amount of delay due to late, incomplete applications and no record of previous degrees having been received by applicants for 3rd and 4th degrees. We have tried to be helpful to secretaries and council Ritual committees and stressed closer ties with District Ritual Committees. We were quite disappointed in the number of councils participating in Ritual activity. It has been decided to prepare two copies of Supreme Ritual records — one copy of which will be sent to council secretaries immediately after the convention so as to inform each council of its status and qualifications for higher degrees. (Ritual members — L. L. Svelnis, chmn., Stephen J. Onaitis, treas. and Joseph J. Sakaitis, sec'y.)

REPORT — K. OF L. ARCHIVES,**HELEN GUDAUSKAS**

The Illinois-Indiana District, in charge of the K. of L. Archives, has given proper housing for the archives at the K. of L. Youth Center located at 2453 W. 47th St., Chicago, Ill.

Since the last report, we have received quite a bit of new material, mostly from Miss Phyllis Grendal, who presented a large assortment of pictures used in VYTIS publications, also 2 cartons of "cuts" from Immaculata Press, Putnam, Conn.

During the Chicago convention held in 1956, we had our Archives on exhibit. We have now completed compiling a list of convention medals, program books and VYTIS (bound). Shortly, we expect to put out a bulletin asking all members to contribute certain material and copies of VYTIS still missing.

PRIZE WINNERS

1st — John Czyroy of Brockton, Mass., \$175.00
 2nd — A. Didziulis, Trenton, N. J., \$10.00
 R. Masiulionis, Buffalo, N. Y., \$10.00
 Chas. A. Stapel, Los Angeles, Calif. \$10.00
 J. M. Loughrey, Pittsburgh, Pa. \$10.00
 J. Skilandziunas, Ontario, Canada \$10.00
 3rd — Victor Campbell, Los Angeles, Calif. \$5.00
 Br. Jasevicius, Detroit, Michigan \$5.00
 John Antanavich, Los Angeles, Calif. \$5.00
 Olga Melton, Los Angeles, Calif. \$5.00
 Lucille Shimkus, Duquesne, Pa. \$5.00
 4th — John Rugelis, Los Angeles, Calif. — contest winner in directing orchestra (bottle of Champagne)

RESOLUTIONS

To the President of the United States
Dwight D. Eisenhower
The White House

The Knights of Lithuania, an American-Lithuanian Catholic Youth Organization, assembled for their 44th National Convention at Hotel Statler, Los Angeles, California, express their sincere thanks for your gracious greetings and best wishes, and have

RESOLVED, that an expression of sincere gratitude be extended to the

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

for the stand he has taken in not recognizing the Russian occupation of the Baltic States and ask that he keep alive the fight against the spread of Communism and its evils in the spirit of the United States Constitution.

RESOLVED further, that the President of the United States be respectfully urged and requested to utilize the funds of the Kersten Amendment to the Mutual Aid Bill of 1953 authorizing the amount of 100 million dollars for use in combatting Communism in Lithuania and other enslaved nations.

The Knights of Lithuania express their loyalty and patriotism to our great country of America, the guardian of freedom-loving peoples everywhere.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the 44th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania held in Los Angeles, California, August 8th to August 11th hereby express its sincere thanks to Rev. John Kucingis, pastor of St. Casimir's Church and to the host Council 133 in Los Angeles, Calif. for their cordial reception of the delegates and guests of this convention.

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BE IT RESOLVED that a committee be appointed by the Knights of Lithuanian National Conbention to continue discussions begun with the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance of America on October 13, 1956, concerning mutual cooperation between the Knights of Lithuania and Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America.

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BE IT RESOLVED that an incumbent Supreme Council Officer upon written notification of acceptance to the Supreme Executive Board be allowed to be nominated for office in absentia, for the 1957 convention.

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BE IT RESOLVED that each Knights of Lithuania Council appropriately commemorate the 500th anniversary of St. Casimir's birthday in accordance with the plan submitted by St. Casimir Jubilee Committee.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Convention send a note of sympathy and also a note of gratitude to the Razvadauskas, Bason and Karpalis Families for the wonderful work that they accomplished over the course of many years in the Knights of Lithuania.

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BE IT RESOLVED that this Convention by unanimous vote approve the suspension of the rules, and bestow upon His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys, Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas, Lithuania, our highest award of Honorary Membership during the 500 year Jubilee Anniversary of the Birth of St. Casimir, with appropriate dignity and ceremony at the 1958 National Convention.

PAGEIDAVIMAS: Kad Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba, apskričiai ir kuopos stengtų visokiais būdais bendradarbiauti su Ateitininkų Sąjunga, kurios idealai yra taip artimi Vyčių organizacijai.

PAGEIDAVIMAS: Seniorų "panel", išdiskutavus seniorų kuopų steigimo klausimą, siūlo, kad visos Lietuvos Vyčių kuopos bandytų iki kito seimo įsteigti seniorų kuopas.

PAAGEIDAVIMAS: Sekančio seimo metu sušaukti specialią seniorų konferenciją.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, an American-Lithuanian Roman Catholic Youth Organization, pledge their filial devotion to their Church, their loyalty to His Holiness Pope Pius XII, and their cooperation with their Hierarchy. United in faith and heritage we have rededicated ourselves to our principles and purpose.

"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania will accept the resolutions of the World Lay Apostolate Congress which will take place in Rome on October 5, 1957. We are wholeheartedly united in our promise to support and fulfill our sacred obligations as members of the Catholic Laity.

DONATIONS (during Convention)

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| Msgr. Francis M. Juras, hon. memb. (Lawrence, Mass.) | \$25.00 |
| Msgr. K. A. Vasys, hon. memb. (Worcester, Mass.) | \$25.00 |
| Illinois - Indiana District | \$25.00 |
| Council 29, Newark, N. J. | \$25.00 |
| Council 109, Great Neck, N. Y. | \$25.00 |
| Stanley Simulis, hon. memb. (Chicago, Ill.) | \$20.00 |
| Rev. Jonas C. Jutt, hon. memb. (Worcester, Mass.) | \$15.00 |
| Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, hon. memb. (Waterbury, Conn.) | \$10.00 |
| Jack L. Jatis, hon. memb. (Chicago, Ill.) | \$10.00 |
| Rev. Vl. Karalevicius, spir. adv. N. Y.-N. J. District | \$10.00 |
| Frank Vaskas, (Newark, N. J.) | \$10.00 |
| Rev. Peter Cinikas, spir. adv. Ill.-Ind. District | \$10.00 |
| S. Markevicius (Elizabeth, N. J.) | \$10.00 |
| Council 82, Gary, Indiana | \$10.00 |
| J. Vembré (South Boston, Mass.) | \$10.00 |
| Anna Mae Uznis, (Detroit, Mich.) | \$ 5.00 |
| Juozas Sadauskas, hon. memb. (Cleveland, Ohio) | \$ 5.00 |
| The Antanas Mazeika Family, hon. memb. (New York) | \$ 5.00 |
| Attorney Konstant Savickus, Chicago, Ill. | \$10.00 |
| Total | \$265.00 |

ŠIRDIS UŽ ŠIRDĮ

ALFA SUŠINSKAS

Seno padavimo pasakojimu, kartą Dievas savo tarnams, dorybėms, suruošęs danguje didelį pokylį. Visos dorybės ten susirinkusios nepavėluodamos.

Nusižeminimas sėdėjęs prie Dievo stalo paskutinėje vietoje; Artimo Meilė dalinusi valgius dideliais kiekiais; Kantrybė nė kiek nesiraukusi ir nemurmėjusi, patarnaujama paskutinė; o Tikėjimas ir Viltis kartu sėdėję. Kiekviena dorybė puikiai jautusis ir bepokyliaudama smagiai leidusi laiką.

Pačiame pokylio ikarštyje Artimo Meilė pastebėjusi, kad dvi dorybės atrodžiusios visai svetimos viena antrai. Ji labai nustebusi, nes iki šiol maniusi, kad jos visada kartu būnančios; dėl to ji ir susodinusį jas abi šalia viena antros. Ilgai nelaukdama, Artimo Meilė priėjusi prie šių dviejų dorybių ir jas paklaususi, ar jos esančios kada nors susitikusios. Kai jos atsakiusios, jog dar nepasižįstančios, Artimo Meilė panorėjusi jas supažindinti tardama:

— Gerume, prašau susipažinti su Dėkingumu!

Abi dorybės labai nustebusios, sužinodamos viena apie antra, ir Gerumas tada taręs Dėkingumui:

— Mes abu visada turėtume kartu būti. Deja, už patirtą gerumą žmonės neatsilygina dėkingumu. Dėl to ir mums neteko anksčiau susitikti...

Šis gražus padavimas, nors ir sustiprintomis spalvomis, alegoriškai vaizduoja gana dažną, bet liūdną reiškini žmonių gyvenime: nedėkingumą.

Vargu ar yra toks žmogus, kuris išsiverstų be kitų pagalbos. Vienas pats jis neivaliotų gyventi, nesinaudodamas kitų žmonių paslauga. Už daug ką, gaunama iš kitų, žmogus niekuomet neistengia atsilyginti, ir jo dėkingumas čia tėra lyg vienintelė kaina, mokama už gaunamą betkokią gėrybę ar vertybę: dvasinę ar medžiaginę. Visaip patiria žmogus kitų gerą širdį, tačiau už ją ir savo gera širdimi jis turi atsilyginti.

Mes esame Viešpaties Kūrėjo vaikai ir visai tinka, kad Jį prašome įvairių malonių, visokios pagalbos. Betgi mūsų dėkingumas Jam dažnai

yra daug mažesnis ir retesnis, negu mūsų prašymai.

Du angelai danguje dirbę maldu registracijos skyriuje. Vienas iš jų buvęs labai apkrautas darbu ir turėjęs dirbti net antnormines darbo valandas. Kas sekundė vis naujos maldos buvusios siunčiamos jo telefono laidu, tuo tarpu antrasis angelas beveik neturėjęs ko veikti ir skambinęs arfa. Tik kada nekada kokia malda pasiekdavusi jį telefonu.

Pirmasis angelas nebeiškentęs ir taręs antrajam:

— Sakyk, kodėl aš turiu tiek daug darbo, o tu sėdi beveik dykas, neturėdamas ko veikti?

Tada antrasis angelas jam šitaip paaiškines:

— Čia ne mano kaltė, bet žmonių, gyvenančių žemėje. Manau, tu turėtum suprasti: juk tu tvarkai jų prašymus, o aš — padėkas...

Žmogaus dėkingumas Viešpačiui Kūrėjui yra vienas iš gražiausių religinio gyvenimo bruožų: dėkingumu Dievui žmogus išreiškia Jam savo meilę, pripažindamas Jį savo Valdovu ir visko Davėju.

Ir žmogaus dėkingumas kitam žmogui, artimam ar svetimam, yra šviesi charakterio žymė. Dėkingumas yra žmoniškumo dalis. Jis taip pat yra viena iš artimo meilės išraiškų.

Šeima yra pirmoji vieta, kur dėkingumas užsimezga ir pilnai sužydi. Iš mažens neipratintas ir nenuiteiktas būti dėkingas, žmogus ir vė-

lyvesniajame amžiuje nepasižymi dėkingumu. Šeimos nariai turi suprasti ir atjausti, ką jie joje gauna, ir už viską saviškiams jie turi būti dėkingi meiliu žodžiu ir mandagiu veiksmu.

Mokykla su mokytojais ir draugais vėl yra kita didelė jaunystės proga, kur jaunas žmogus gali parodyti dėkingumą už įvairiausių pagalbą ir visokias paslaugas.

Pagaliau iki savo gyvenimo saulėlydžio geros širdies žmogus visur ir visada suranda progų, kuriomis jis jaučiasi įpareigotas būti dėkingas kitiems žmonėms.

Deja, yra ir nedėkingų charakterių, kurie greitai užmiršta iš kito patirtą gerą širdį, kurie tik iš kitų telaukia dėkingumo, o patys nesijaučia privalą būti dėkingi kitiems. Tokie žmonės dažniausiai esti saviemyliški tipai, tegyveną žemam egoizmui, vien sau. Nedėkingumas tėra išorinis piktos ir saviemyliškos širdies drabužis.

Dėkingas žmogus nesileidžia užkrečiamas kito nedėkingumu: jis visada yra pirmasis padėkoti, nė kiek nelaukdamas, kol kitas jam dėkingumą parodo.

Dėkingumas yra taurios ir kilnios širdies išraiška. Jis traukia žmogų prie žmogaus, dažnai paskatina į didelius darbus ir praskaidrina žmonių santykius.

Dėkingumu žmogus daugiau pasiekia, negu vien reikalavimu, pasipūtimu, kietu, dirbtiniu savo pranašumo ir autoriteto pabrėžimu.

PADĖKOS DIENA

TODAY far too many of us think of Thanksgiving in terms of food and football — overlooking the fact that there is so much more food offered than that which is placed on the family table. For there is much "food for thought" as well.

Thanksgiving is a time to take stock of life's blessings... to take your whole family to church for an hour of prayer and thanks that will make your holiday mean so much more.

True, our lives are far removed from those of the Pilgrim Fathers. We live in the uncertainty of the Atomic Age. But we also live in the abundance of 20th Century America. Has any one of us so much or so little that he cannot find room or time in his heart for thanks?

This Thanksgiving, why not take time to offer your word of thanks?



ILGIAUSIŲ METŲ!

Hartford, Conn. 6 — Stella Zielnis

Various anniversaries have been commemorated by Knights of Lithuania in Hartford, Connecticut. This year however, a celebration was prompted by the completion of the 45th year of Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Ambot as Pastor of Holy Trinity Church. On this special occasion the council presented Msgr. Ambotas, who is also honorary member of K. of L., with a Spiritual Bouquet; and an exquisitely decorated cake from the bakery of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yankus was brought to a place of attraction, and shared with the honored guest by Daniel Medeska, Madelyn Bansevich, Daniel Endrelunas, Susanne Bairunas, Berard Saukis, Agnes Atanaitis, Robert Lawrece, Frances De Vito, Alex Pavilon, Marian Mazens, Joseph Rukas, Sally Shimkus, Mrs. Fred Yankus, Robert Samuelrich, Dorothy Zale, Stella Zielnis and a representative student of Holy Trinity High School.

Ilgiausių Metų linkime Prelatui Ambotui!



LITHUANIAN FOLK DANCE GROUP — directed by Mrs. Ona Ivaska of Boston, Mass. Since 1937, Mrs. Ivaska's folk dance group had appeared at various college and city functions in Boston, and also in the National Folk Festival which had been held in St. Louis, Missouri. Last Summer they participated in the Lithuanian Song and Dance Festival in Chicago, Ill.

MANDATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Districts represented — 5; Councils — 23; Supreme Council — 6; delegates and alternates 101; Priests — 8; Honorary Members — 4; Senior — 2; Junior Council (Chicago, Ill.) — 2; Guests — too numerous to have registered.

BROCKTON, MASS. (1) — Rev. Albert Abracinskas.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (3) — Hedy Sarcewicz, Helen Shields, Joseph Yanulaitis.

WATERBURY, CONN. (7) — Marcella Andrikis, Atty. Vincent P. Matasavage, Ruth W. Matasavage.

ATHOL, MASS. (10) — Rev. A. Jankauskas.

CHICAGO, ILL. (13) — John Jesulaitis.

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS. (17) — Joanne M. Dravinskas, John J. Olevitz, Steponas Kontautas (guest).

PITTSBURGH, PA. (19) — Rev. Walter C. Karaveckas, Pat Bartkus, Marian L. Bartkus, Mrs. Mildred Chinik, Antoinette Naujelis, Margaret Potts, Margaret Papeaka.

CHICAGO, ILL. (24-99) — Gordon Gudas, Ann L. Jatis, John R. Jatis (Jr.), Anthony J. Rudis, Mrs. A. J. Rudis, Anthony J. Rudis (Jr.), Anthony Yuknis (Jr.).

CLEVELAND, OHIO (25) — Frances Machutas, Ursula Yankauskas, Mary Trainy.

NEWARK, N. J. (29) — Marian Matachinskas, Joseph S. Matachinskas, Helen D. Nausedas, Joseph A. Sakovich.

WESTFIELD, MASS. (30) — Rev. Vincent Puidokas.

CHICAGO, ILL. (36) — Eileen Dockus, Loretta Kassel, Dell Tamasauskas.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. (41) — Eugenia Karpus.

ELIZABETH, N. J. (52) — Casimir F. Chaponis, Anne Mitchell, Charles Oskutis, Steve J. Vainis.

GARY, INDIANA (82) — Stanley Juknevich, Joe Kurpalis, Carol Ann Shirvinskis, Michealine Shirvinskis.

KEARNY, N. J. (90) — Anne M. Klem, Anna Scharnas.

DAYTON, OHIO (96) — Steponas A. Bučmys, Mary Lucas, Veronica Omlor.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y. (100) — Genevieve Gobis.

DETROIT, MICH. (102) — Robert S. Boris, Bronius Polikaitis, Carl Gobis.

GREAT NECK, N. Y. (109) — Lou Ann Sosaris, Josephine Rusas.

CHICAGO, ILL. (112) — Sylvia A. Greicius, Ann Marie Paukstis, Patricia Tucker.

WORCESTER, MASS. (116) — Frank R. Ciras, Ruth Ciras, Ann V. Laukaitis, Marion Lukason, Louise R. Totilas.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (133) — Anthony Skirius, Joseph Guest, Rev. L. Jankus, Mary Kiskis, Julius P. Kiskis, Rita Medzuik, Helen Nashlenas, Lorraine Samolis, Anna Wilkas, Joseph E. Zichwic.

SUPREME COUNCIL

Rev. Albert J. Contons (Boston, Mass.), Walter R. Chinik (Pittsburgh, Pa.), Mrs. Marcella Onaitis (Pittsburgh, Pa.), Betty Tucker (Chicago, Ill.), Longinas L. Svelnis (Boston, Mass.), Stephen J. Onaitis (Pittsburgh, Pa.).

DISTRICTS

CALIFORNIA — Leonard Valiukas, Edward Bartkus.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA — Helen Shirvinskis, Peggy Zakaras.

MID-CENTRAL — Julia Aleshunas.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY — Jack J. Stukas, Frank Vaskas.

NEW ENGLAND — Winifred J. Skudris, Florence Zaleskas.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Jonas L. Juozaitis (Chicago, Ill.), Stanley Simulis (Chicago, Ill.), Joseph Boley (New York, N. Y.), Felicia Grendal (Boston, Mass.).

SPIRITUAL ADVISERS

(registered)

Rev. J. Kučingis, pastor of St. Casimir's Church (Los Angeles),

Rev. Dr. A. Bučmys, (Los Angeles),

Rev. Jonas Jankus, (Pomona),

Rev. Albert J. Contons, national spiritual director (Boston),

Rev. Walter Karaveckas, (Pittsburgh),

Rev. Albert Abracinskas, (Brockton),

Rev. A. Jankauskas, (Athol),

Rev. Vincent Puidokas (Westfield).

SPECIAL GUESTS — GREETINGS

(in person)

His Eminence, James Francis Cardinal McIntyre (California), His Excellency Vincent Brizgys, Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas (Illinois), Dr. Julius Bielskis, Lithuanian Consul (California), Professor Mykolas Biržiška, signer of Declaration of Independence of Lithuania (California), Poet Bernardas Brazdžionis, editor of "Lithuanian Days" (California), Mr. Liaudanskas, representative of "Bendruomenė", Juozas Andrius, pres. of L. A. Ateitininkų Sajunga, Anthony J. Rudis, national pres. of Lithuanian Catholic Federation of America (Chicago), Dr. Alfonsas Šešplaukis, (Columbia University), Dr. Robert Fenton Craig, (University of Southern California), Dr. Owen J. C. Norem, former U.S. Ambassador to Lithuania, Frank Lubin, captain of the U. S. Basketball Team at the Olympic in Berlin, and coach - captain of the Lithuanian National Basketball Team (champions), Vaclovas Verikaitis, Lithua-

nian - Canadian Bass - Baritone singer, Dr. P. V. Vy-gantas, editor of "Lituanus", Phyllis Grendal, Assoc. Editor of VYTIS (and in behalf of Dr. J. Leimonas, Editor).

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

President of United States of America, Dwight D. Eisenhower,
Vice President Richard Nixon
His Excellency, Most Rev. Amleto Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to U. S. at Washington — Apostolic Benediction from His Holiness, Pope Pius XII.
His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre
Hon. Goodwin J. Knight, Governor of California
Hon. Juozas Kajeckas, Charge d'Affaires, Lithuanian Legation at Washington, D. C.
Hon. P. Daužvardis, Consul General of Lithuania at Chicago
Hon. Jonas Budrys, Consul General of Lithuania at New York
Hon. Anthony O. Shallna, Lithuanian Consul at Boston
Msgr. M. Krupavicius, former pres. of Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania
Most Rev. Vincentas Padolskis, Vilkaviškio Koadjutorius, Roma
Hon. Fletcher Bowron, Judge of Supreme Court, Los Angeles
Dr. A. Trimakas, pres. of Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania
Kan. Pijus Aleksa, C-137, Portland, Oregon
Stasys Barzdukas, nat'l pres. of BENDRUOMENĖ
Šv. Juozapo R. K. Lietuvių Darbininkų Sąjunga (V. J. Kudirka & A. F. Kneišys)
Lithuanian Radio Hour (A. F. Kneišys of Boston, mgr.)
Hon. Seth J. Johnson, Member of Assembly, 56th Dist., Sacramento.
Rev. John Zuromskis, N. E. District spir. adv., Boston, Mass.
P. J. Montvila, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Council 135, Ansonia, Conn.
Feliksas A. Zaleskas, South Boston, Mass.
Antanas F. Kneišys, hon. memb., Norwood, Mass.
K. Liaudanskas, rep. of BENDRUOMENĖ, Los Angeles
Lithuanian American Council, Inc. (L. Simutis, pres.)
Sisters of St. Francis, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Matas Zujus, hon. memb., Wilkes Barre, Pa.
Lithuanian R. C. Priests' League of America (Rev. J. G. Čepukaitis, pres.)
Rev. M. Tamulevičius, spir. adviser, C-26, Worcester, Mass.
Prel. Ig. Valančius, Philadelphia, Pa.
Council 27, Norwood, Mass.

A VOTE FOR THE JUNIORS?

Joseph Boley

The recent national convention saw fit to bestow upon the attending Junior members the right to cast one vote. It was said that this would give the Juniors encouragement. Besides, one vote among 90 or 100 could in no way upset the apple cart. Also, it was recalled, the Juniors were granted a similar favor at one or two previous conventions.

Before the procedure becomes a full-fledged tradition it might be well to give it a little leisurely thought between conventions and examine its virtues and weaknesses, if any.

It is heartening, of course, to have some Junior members with us at a convention. They are our pride, our joy and our hope. And when they come in the company of their parents, which is about the only safe way we can expect Juniors to travel long distances, or when they drop in as future members of the local council, it is a pleasant and comforting sight. The Juniors are our most welcome guests.

But is the right to vote any great attraction to them? To us it is an important privilege. We guard it zealously. It gives us authority to evaluate the past and to plan our course for the future. Apportioning our votes in relation to our councils' numerical strength and through our system of mandates and verifications we try to make certain that the right to vote is not in any way misused.

But can we expect the youngsters, who actually are only candidates for membership, to appreciate fully the power of the vote or the size of our favor that we so magnimously grant them? They are in no way prepared to use the vote. They have not had the opportunity to learn very much of the form or the function of the organization and are not qualified to be members of the organization's highest deliberative organ, the national convention. Granting somebody a vote is not just extending a mere social courtesy but implementing him with power which is to be used with wisdom and discretion. Important issues come up before the convention: election of officers; the setting of the annual dues; approval of reports; the decision as to the type of one or another political resolution etc. In these and other such matters we now make this Junior vote of equal importance with that of the officially elected delegate.

Again one might say, what is one vote among many? But whether it's one vote or a small fraction of one vote it must not be considered trivial. And, practically, even one vote often makes a lot of difference. One single vote in the balance can mean the election of A and not B. In the case where a 2/3 majority is required a single vote can prevent some worthwhile change in the constitution, or it can equally be instrumental in introducing some detrimental alteration of our organization.

The Junior vote or votes can easily be directed, of course, by someone else's more mature judgment



A. Buknis (Cleveland)

AT MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE — Officers, left to right, seated: Mrs. Mary Lucas (Dayton), recording secretary; Julia Aleshunas (Pittsburgh), president; Mary Trainy (Cleveland), vice president. Standing, Frank Gudelis (Dayton), chairman of Ritual; Al Shigo (Cleveland), treasurer; A. Buknis (Cleveland), memb. Ritual; Stephen Onaitis, National Ritual Chairman. In Center, Frank Petrauskas of Syracuse, New York (left) and Ben Brazis, president of Council 25, Cleveland, greeting National President Walter R. Chinik of Pittsburgh, Pa. District Seniors - Officers, l. to r., seated: Valerija Žitkiutė, recording secretary; M. Trainauskaitė, president; Adele Grybauskaitė, financial secretary. Standing, Ant. Kunigiškis, Rožė Sadauskienė, Juozas Sadauskas, hon. memb. and treasurer; Ant. Buknis.

SVARBUS PRANEŠIMAS VYČIAMS

Šv. Kazimiero, Vyčių Globėjo, 500 metų nuo jo mirties sukakčiai paminėti, ateinančių 1958 metų kovo mėn. išleidžiamas specialus "Vyties" Nr. Vyčių Centro Valdybos nutarimu, visos vyčių kuopos kviečiamos iš anksto to "Vyties" Nr. užsisakyti didesnį kiekį ir jį išplatinti lietuvių visuomenei prie bažnyčios durų ir visokiais kitokiais būdais. Taip darydami vyčiai daugiau supažindins lietuvių visuomenę su šv. Kazimieru ir patrauks ją prie vyčių. "Vyti" užsisakyti per "Vyties" Redakciją 395 W. Broadway, So. Boston 27, Mass., kartu prisiunčiant ir pinigus. Atskiro numerio kaina 10 centų. Pardavinėti galima didesne kaina. Užsisakyti reikia iki 1958 metų Sausio 15 dienos.

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ CENTRO VALDYBA

VISŲ VYČIŲ ŽINIAI

"Vyties" Redakcija, ruošdama specialų šv. Kazimierui paminėti "Vyties" Nr., nori atspausdinti tame "Vyties" numeryje ir vyčių pasisakymus: a) Kokios jam turi reikšmės vyčių organizacija, b) Kodėl jis vyčių idealams ir organizacijai dirba ir c) už ką jis labiausiai vyčių organizacijai yra dėkingas. Trumpus atsakymus su savo fotografija prašome prisiųsti "Vyties" redakcijai iki 1958 m. Sausio 1 d. Laukiame. Ačiū.

"VYTIES" REDAKCIJA

and guidance. But this in effect merely extends the voting strength of some council which already has its full compliment of votes as provided by the constitution and eventually could lead to abuses.

There is no arguing the point that our Juniors need encouragement. Those who come to the convention with their parents should be introduced to the convention and otherwise made notice of. They could be invited to express their opinion on matters that come up on the floor. They could have a little conference with the vice-president in charge of Juniors. Where there is a local or nearby council

of Juniors, they might have on the eve of the convention a party of their own and meet a half dozen of prominent delegates and those interested in Juniors. At this get-acquainted session a short discussion with them of their activities might result in mutual benefit. Ways can and ought to be found for making a fuss over them and expressing our interest in them. This might give them added strength and we might learn something in return. Careless distribution of voting privileges, however, seems to offer no benefits either to our beloved Juniors or to the organization.

VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja IGNAS SAKALAS

Išsamūs pranešimai iš seimo. Nors šių metų organizacijos seime sendraugių kuopa oficialių atstovų neturėjo, bet sendraugiai ir organizacijos Garbės nariai J. Juozaitis ir S. Šimulis kuopos susirinkime rugpjūčio 20 d. padarė platų pranešimą iš seimo darbų. Ypatingai sendraugius pakiliai nuteikė pranešimas, kad sendraugių kuopos inėšimas J. E. vysk. V. Brizgį pakelti Garbės narių seimo vienu balsu buvo priimtas. Susirinkime taip pat dalyvavo ir kai ką iš seimo papildė kuopos finansų sekr. P. Zakaraitė ir E. Širvinskienė.

J. Juozaičiui ir S. Šimuliui viešai pareikšta padėka už pranešimus iš seimo.

Rožė Mazeliauskienė, viena žymiausių senųjų ateivių moterų veikėja katalikiškose draugijose, šimet turėjo malonumo susilaukti giminių iš arčiau ir labai toli: Alfonso ir Rožės Puidokų iš Londono, Anglijoje, Antano ir Teresės Balnių iš Kanados ir R. Puidokienės brolio Liudviko iš Kalifornijos.

Šia proga reikia pažymėti, kad R. Mazeliauskienė yra specialistė šiaudinukų, kuriais kasmet būna papuošta lietuvių eglutė Kalėdų laikotarpyje Mokslo ir Pramonės muzėjuje, Chicagoje. Tos rūšies tautodailės ji pagamino ir suruoštai tautodailės parodai šv. Kazimiero seserų vienuolyne Lietuvaičių Seserų instituto lituanistikos kursų metu.

R. Mazeliauskienės šakota veikla Chicagoje lietuvių katalikų organizacijose apima ir vyčius sendraugius.

Julė Petkūnienė gali džiaugtis savo trimis sūnumis. Viši gražiai lietuviškai kalba ir priklauso Vyčių organizacijai bei šv. Vardo draugijai. Vienas jų — Anicetas yra vedęs ir gyvena skiriam, o kiti du — Pranas ir Kazimieras gyvena kartu su motina.

In corpore šiluvos šventėje. LRK Federacijai nutarus kasmet iškilmingai švesti šiluvos Marijos šventę, rugsėjo 8-tą, ir tą nutarimą pranešus susirinkime rugpjūčio 20 d., sendraugiai nutarė visais galimais

būdais dėtis prie kuo iškilmingesnio šventės paruošimo ir in corpore dalyvauti pirmoje tokioje šventėje, suruoštoje šiluvos Marijos šventovėje, švč. Marijos Gimimo parapijos bažnyčioje, kur iškilmėms vadovavo pats Chicagoje arkidiecezijos ganytojas kardinolas S. Stritch.

Jonas Andrešius, organizacijos veteranas, vyčių sendraugių kuopos veiklos rėmėjas, kasmet atostogos praleidžia skirtingose JAV vietovėse. Šimet atostogavo žavingame Wisconsin Dells.

Marijona Paukštienė sendraugiuose pasižyminti geros nuotaikos palaikymu ir kartkartėmis pateikimu susirinkimui malonių staigmenų, turėjo viešnių iš Hartford, Conn. Viešėjo jos giminės Marijona Celkonas ir Aleksandra Mikaljunas.

Marijona Paukštienė yra žymi ir Moterų Sąjungos veikėja. Šių metų tos organizacijos seime Ciceroje M. Paukštienė išrinkta direktore Illinois valstybėje. Ir praeityje M. Paukštienė yra buvusi įvairiose centrinėse komisijose.

Svečiuose pas senus vyčių veikėjus. Darbo dienos (Labor Day) savaitgalis teko praleisti Clevelande, Ohio, kur malonu buvo susitikti su senais vyčių 25-tos kuopos veikėjais, -jomis. Šis malonumas man, o kartu ir mano žmonai Sofijai, buvo suruoštas nepailstančios vyčių veteranės, o taip pat ir kitų kultūrinių orjų ir Clevelando lietuvių senios kartos veikėjos Polos Glugodienės.

Sužinojus, kad minėtą savaitgalį atvyksime pas savo gimines Povilą ir Uršulę Skirb, P. Glugodienė savo gražios rezidencijos sode (170 Eddy Rd.) suruošė šeiminišką vyčių sendraugių pobūvį, kuriame teko susitikti su seniai matytais veidais (J. Čeriauka, J. Sadausku, ir jo žmona, J. Kuzu, A. Kunigiškiu, A. Bukniu, F. Saukevičiu ir k.), o taip pat antrosios ir naujosios kartos vyčių jaunių 25 kp. ir sendraugių veikėjomis V. Žitkute, Mary Trainis ir k.

Per šaunius pietus, kuriuos iškėlė kviestiesiems svečiams P. Glugodienė, buvo pagerbti sendraugių

kuopos valdybos nariai ir šių metų vyčių seimo atstovai. Pati namo šeimininkė visus pagerbiamus papuošė gėlėmis, mano žmonai prisegė orchidėjos korsažą, o man įteikė Sheafers firmos brangią plunksną.

Pietų dalyvių kalbose buvo reikiama pageidavimas, kad Chicagoje ir Clevelando vyčiai sendraugiai sueitų į glaudesni bendradarbiavimą. Kaip žinoma, Clevelando vyčių Dramos sambūris buvo sutraukęs žymiausias scenos mėgėjus ir suvaidinęs visą eilę įvairaus žanro scenos veikalų. Didžiuma tų mėgėjų (įskaitant ir režisierius J. Sadauską ir P. Glugodienę) priklauso sendraugiams. Dramos sambūris savo repertuare turi keletą veikalų, kurių Chicagoje teatro mėgėjai dar nėra matę. Galimas daiktas, kad ateinančią žiemą Clevelando vyčių Dramos sambūris vieną tų veikalų suvaidins ir Chicagoje. Tuo reikalu Chicagoje vyčiai sendraugiai jau tarėsi.

Salėj piknikavom. Rengtas vasaros sezonui uždaryti vyčių sendraugių piknikas rugsėjo 15 d. buvo sutrukdytas priešpietinio lietaus. Tad vyčiai ir jų bičiuliai suvažiavo į Vyčių salę ir čia pašokta, padainuota, pasivašinta. Gryno pelno padaryta \$80.60.

Nuoširdus dėkui Rengimo komisijai: J. Kass, N. Karlavičiui, pirm. V. Paukščiui, šeimininkėms T. Norbutienei, O. Aleliunienei, E. Samienei ir J. Žemaitienei, K. Petrušienei, muzikantams M. Gestautui ir A. Valiūnui, kurie nemokamai visą popietį grojo šokiams.

Kilnių darbų rėmėja M. Jaunienė savanoriai buvo atėjus sendraugiams į talką vaišinti saldinais susirinkusius, kurie buvo laimingi atspėti, kokį skaičių — pora ne pora — pasemia sauja ar rieškučiomis. Sendraugių draugiškumas ją taip sužavėjęs, kad žadėjo išrašyti kuopon. Susilauksime veiklios narės.

Kalbant apie vyčių sendraugių parengimus, juos rengia, komisijose dirba, dovanų aukoja ir pačiuose parengimuose ne vieną dolerį praleidžia, kad tik daugiau pelno liktų. Tuo tarpu turime visą eilę narių,

kurių niekad nematome parengimuose. Nereikia nė aiškinti, kiek ūpo ir energijos pridutų nuolatiniams darbuotojams ir "spendintojams" niekuomet nematomų ar retų "svečių" atsilankymas ir parama.

Parvežė sveikinimus. Rugsėjo mėnesio susirinkime Ig. Sakalas perdavė mūs kuopai Clevelando vyčių sendraugių sveikinimus ir linkėjimus, taip pat papasakojo apie planus tampresnio bendradarbiavimo. Kuopa tiki, kad užmegztas ryšys stiprės ir susidarys galimybės vienu ar kitu būdu sueiti į artimesnę pažintį ir vieni kitiems padėti.

Nauji nariai. Rugsėjo mėn. susirinkime sendraugių kuopon išrašė du Vyčių organizacijos veteranai Juozas ir Marijona Ramanauskai. Jaunikaičiu būdamas Juozas gyveno Roselando lietuvių kolonijoje, ten turėjo prekybą ir buvo vienas žymiausių lietuvių veikėjų. Jis yra vienas vyčių 8-tos kuopos, o taip pat ir kitų katalikiškųjų organizacijų, steigėjas ir rėmėjas. Išėjęs iš prekybos, persikėlė į Marquette Park rajoną, kur išigijo gražius namus prie Marquette bulvaro.

J. ir M. Ramanauskai visuomet buvo nuolatiniai vyčių sendraugių ir jaunių parengimų lankytojai ir rėmėjai.

Geri žmonės. Antanas ir Kazimiera Petruliai ne tik daug dirba ir aukoja sendraugių, o taip pat ir Vyčių namo, reikalams, bet pasižymi ir dideliu draugiškumu. Gražiai išikūrę Brighton Parke, jie užmiestyje turi žemės sklypą, kuri kasmet išnaudoja įvairioms daržovėms auginti. Vasarai baigiantis, jie tomis daržovėmis apdovanoja savo gimines, artimuosius ir bičiulius; ne tik apdovanoja, bet savo automobiliu tas gerbybes jiems ir atveža.

A. ir K. Petrulių vienturtis sūnus Alfonsas šiuo metu tarnauja JAV kariuomenėje ir yra Europos dalinyje, kur pasižymi kaip gabus sportininkas kariuomenės rinktinėje.

Nors tuomi atsilygino. Rugsėjo mėnesio susirinkime gauta liudna žinia, kad širdies smūgiu staiga mirė Aleksandra Petkevičienė. Velionė buvo geros širdies moteris. Priklausė įvairioms brolijoms ir vienuolynų rėmėjų draugijoms, o sendraugiams visuomet parengimuose talkino virtuvėje.

Sendraugiai nutarė už velionės sielą užprašyti mišias ir "in corpore" dalyvavo šermenyse.

A. a. A. Petkevičienė yra Stelos

Pavis motina. Keletą metų Stela labai pavyzdingai ėjo sendraugių finansų sekretorės pareigas, daug dirbo įvairiuose sendraugių parengimuose, o anksčiau buvo viena žymiausių veikėjų Chicagos apskrityje ir Apskrities chore. Jos vyras Vincas yra pirmininkavęs sendraugių kuopai ir Vyčių Namų tarybai.

Remia vienuolynus ir mokyklas. Vyčiai sendraugiai jaunose dienose veikimu ir finansiniai rėmė išsteigimą lietuvių vienuolynų, o vėliau steigę ir rėmę draugijas tiems vienuolynams remti, ir dabar neatsisako nuo medžiaginės jiems paramos. Marijonų, jėzuitų, pranciškonų, saleziečių, kazimieriečių, pranciškiečių, vargdienių seselių vienuolynams remti draugijų suvažiavimuose sendraugiai siunčia savo atstovus ir pagal išgales skiria aukų. Taip ir rugsėjo mėnesį susirinkime Tėvų Marijonų Rėmėjų draugijos metiniam suvažiavimui išrinktas atstovu vienas žymiausių senosios kartos veikėjų Antanas Bacevičius ir paskirta auka.

Renka žinias apie lietuvius vaistininkus. Vaistininkas Vincas Petrauskas ruošia idomų leidinių apie lietuvius vaistininkus visame pasaulyje. Jo vaistininkų žinyne yra keletas šimtų lietuvių vaistininkų su jų biografijomis. Vyčiai prašomi jam talkos. Žinantieji apie lietuvius einančius vaistininko mokslus arba baigiančius, prašomi pranešti: Vincas Petrauskas, 4021 So. Artesian Ave., Chicago 32, Ill.

Vaist. V. Petrauskas yra senosios lietuvių kartos Chicagoj žymus veikėjas. Ir mokslo siekdamas daug veikė Kat. Federacijoje, vyčiuose ir kitose katal. organizacijose, taip pat buvo nuolatinis katal. laikraščių bendradarbis. Dabar jau kelinti metai dirba kito vyčio sendraugio vaistininko K. Jonaičio vaistinėje, Brighton Parke. K. Jonaitis senosios nalistas ir poetas, pasirašydavęs Žilvičio slapyvardžiu.

Po posėdžio — vaišės. Sendraugių rudeninio pikniko komisija vieną posėdį turėjo pas komisijos narę ir sendraugių kuopos sekretorę Oną Aleliūnienę. Po posėdžio šeiminingė ir jos vyras Tadas susirinkusius pavaišino lietuviškais valgiais ir amerikoniškais gėrimais.

Onos ir Tado Aleliūnų veikla Chicagos lietuvių tarpe yra plačiai žinoma, taip pat ir jų parama kilniesiems darbams, o taipgi ir nuoširdumas, vaišingumas.

AUŠROS VARTU MARIJAI

**Marija, Motina geroji
Tėvynės mūsų Lietuvos,
Taikoj ir laisvėj ją globojai,
Globok ir vėtrose kovos.**

**Tėvų sodybos žiburėlis
Te amžių amžiais neužges,
Ant savanorio kapo gėlės
Tesaugo viltis mūs brangias.**

**Išėjus skausmo kelią kartų
Tenepaluš ir nepalinks,
Tau padėkot prie Aušros Vartų
Visa tauta tesusirinks.**

**Marija, Motina geroji,
Tu būki saule mūs šviesia,
Taikoj ir laisvėj mus globojai,
Globok ir karo dienoje.**

Bernardas Brazdžionis

Vėl netekom vieno sendraugio. Negailėstingoji mirtis vėl aplankė sendraugių šeimą, išsivesdama amžinatvėn sendraugi a. a. Rapolą Baliauską. Mirė rugsėjo 24 d. Palaidotas rugsėjo 28 d. šv. Kazimiero kapinėse.

Velionis buvo senosios kartos ateivis, pavyzdingas katalikas ir susipratęs lietuvis. Kiek išgalėdamas rėmė kultūrinės ir mokslo įstaigas, o Lietuvos reikalams Vasario 16 ir kitomis progomis aukojo dešimtimis ir daugiau dolerių.

Velionis labai mėgo sceną ir lietuviškąją dainą. Buvo ilgametis Aušros Vartų parapijos shoro, Lietuvos Vyčių Chicago apskrities choro ir Vargonininkų Sąjungos Chicagos provincijos vyrų choro narys. Visų tų chorų repertuaro didžiumą dainų ir veikalų mokėjo atmintinai Lietuvių vakaruose, piknikuose, įvairiuose pobūviuose jis visuomet būdavo pirmas užvesti lietuvišką dainą ir tuojau sutraukdavo apie save būrį pritarėjų jo skardžiam baritonui.

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai priklausė veik nuo jos išsteigimo. Paskutiniu metu priklausė sendraugiams. Ir Kenosha, Wis. gyvendamas palaikė ryši su Chicagos sendraugių kuopa, dažnai atvykdavo į susirinkimus ir nepraleisdavo nė vieno sendraugių vakaro bei kitosios pramogos.

Daug sendraugių dalyvavo šermenyse, o galintieji palydėjo į amžino poilsio vietą.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Athol, Mass. — 10

D. V.

St. Joseph's Church was the scene of one of the most colorful weddings between Dorothy Plona of Gardner and Vito Kapiskas of Providence, R. I. The Nuptial Mass and reception held in Gardner were attended by 426 guests from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine and Rhode Island, including Father John Vaitekūnas, pastor of St. Casimir's Church (Providence) and uncle of the bridegroom. Numerous wedding gifts were received from such faraway places as London, Paris and Canada. After a honeymoon through the N. E. States and Canada the K. of L. couple will make their home in Providence.

Worcester, Mass. 116 Ann Miller

Our council has a new spiritual adviser, Father Albin Yankauskas, due to the recent transfer of Father Alphonse Volungis, to Athol, Mass. We wish Father Alphonse success in the new Lithuanian parish, also to Father Albin we extend a warm welcome.

Socials — During the summer our Shish-Ka-Bob outing, beach trip to Ocean Park, New London, Conn., and K. of L. Choir at Point Roc were tremendously successful, thanks to the hardworking committee.

Softball Team — jointly sponsored with C-26 did very well and received great publicity from local newspapers throughout the season. Our boys were tied in first place, only to lose in the play-off game. They placed third in the second and third rounds.

"Naujienos" — Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ostrowski nee Irene Balukonis on the birth of a

son... Also to Grace Rackauskas and Bob Vieraitis who were married on September 28th... Louise Totilas, Marion Lukason, Ruth Ciras and her brother Frank were fortunate members who attended the Los Angeles convention... Other vacations enjoyed by members were Dotty Sinkavitch, Mary Klem, Bernice Kavadaris and Maryann at Rockport, Mass. Dotty and Mary also spent some time at Bar Harbor, Maine... Trudy Zibinskas spent the month of September in Pensacola, Florida... Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lapinskas toured Canada... Pauline Sabage and Janice Sabanaitis discovered old Cape Cod this summer... Anna Miller of Paxton was the lovely attraction at Jones Beach... Mr. and Mrs. Al Krasinskas took in several Red Sox ball games... Helen Daltwas enjoyed the brotherly love in Philadelphia... Joan Akstin visited the nation's capitol... Ann Matachinskas took in several shows in Boston... Cynthia Sinkavich found New London very interesting... If Irene Jonaitis and Mary Balukonis was nervous these days — it is because Irene's wedding date was October 5th and Mary's — October 19th... We welcome to our fold Mr. and Mrs. John Drumstas and Francis Mattson as new members.

Worcester, Mass. 116 Ann Miller

The Harvest Kickoff Party which was held on September 14th at the LNC Hall was a tremendous success. Bob Zinkus and his Polka Band scored a touchdown with his lively music. We thank our neighboring councils for supporting this dance, also the hardworking committee.

During the month of September, several members were bestowed with 3rd Ritual degrees: Mildred Buda, Bernice Burdulis, Ruth Ciras, Helen Daltwas, Marion Lukason, Ann Markvenas and Dorothy Sinkavitch.

Our bowling season is well under way. To date, 15 bowling enthusiasts have been meeting every Thursday evening at the Federal Alleys.

The K. of L. Choir has started rehearsals after the summer vacations. The choir has been getting some very favorable reports for its singing at the 11 o'clock Mass.

Dis and Data

Best wishes to Mary Balukonis and Victor Mrozinski who were united in marriage on October 19th. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Kasper, proud parents of a third son... Cynthia Sinkavich has joined the drivers' club — just received her license... Bob Stevens having joined the K. of L. Choir, makes the odds 30 to 1.

South Boston, Mass. 17 Florence Zaleskas

During the summer months, many members spent their vacations in Florida, Europe and California.

To catch up on all that has transpired in the past few months, we'll have to "flash back" to the month of May. This year, at the parish's annual May procession and dedication to Mary, another one of our popular members, Joanne Neviera, Prefect of the N. E. Lithuanian Parish Sodality, was chosen as May Queen. Her attendants were Madeline Druzdis, Lorraine Whitkens, Dalija Karablis, Wanda Griganavicius, Helen Suprin, Patricia Plansky, Joanne Dravinskas, Winifred Skudris, Florence Zaleskas, Rita Waitkunas and Lorretta Lescinskas — all K. of L'ers.

That same month, Marie Zaleskas and Eddie Ruka were wed at a Nuptial Mass. Both Marie, former secretary, and Eddie have been active members and certainly hope they will continue to attend our

meetings and activities, since the couple are residing in South Boston.

The latter part of May, Alice (Plevock) and Robert Ruseckas were blessed with a son.

In June, several of our members graduated — Lorraine Whitkens and Madeline Druzdis from Archbishop Cushing Central High School and Loretta Lescinskas from South Boston High School. Lorraine is planning to study for the teaching profession. Our present secretary, Patricia Plansky, graduated from Chandler School for Women and is now employed by the General Radio in Cambridge. John Daniels, national treasurer, graduated from the Mass. Military Academy and received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the National Guard. Also Arthur Gailius, now employed by the General Electric Co. in Virginia, spent two weeks in Texas — Army Reserve Training.

The month of July was highlighted by two special events. First, the wedding of Stephanie Wisniewski and Joseph Marcinkevicius, both active members; also many K. of L'ers participating at the Parish Outing which was held at the Brockton Fair Grounds.

In August, Rita Shatas, former N. E. District secretary and Walter Lincoln were wed; also Rita Stakutis and Jerome Venis.

Same month, Rita Waitkunas, R. N. set sail for Europe; also Father Contons, Joanne Dravinskas, Florence Zaleskas, Wini Skudris, Phyllis Grendal, John Olevitz and Larry Svelnis made a cross-country trip to California and attended the K. of L. National Convention. Three of our members were honored by being elected on Supreme Board — Father Contons, as spiritual director, John Daniels, treasurer and Winifred Skudris, financial secretary. Father Zuromskis and John Daniels were unable to make the trip (previously planned by them) due to the fact that their two-week's training with the National Guard fell at the same time.

After Labor Day, Florence Zaleskas started teaching in Quincy (formerly in Stoughton); also Frances Daniels entered her last year as student nurse at the Carney Hospital... Peter Dravinskas has returned to our midst after serving six months in the U. S. Army under the new National Guard program.

Worcester, Mass. 26 BAC

Our beach trip to New London, co-sponsored with C-116, was chaired by Bob Condrate and Beverly Cunic. We had nice weather, and enjoyed all sports games and refreshments.

Council 6, Hartford, Conn. was guest at our softball game held August 18th. We won, 11 to 4. This Fall, our Bowling team will practise at the Central Bowling Alleys, located on Central St. All are invited to participate.

September 22nd, Father M. Tamulevicius, headed the pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of La-Salette, Ipswich, Mass... October 8th a Military Whist Party was held in the church hall. All benefits to go to the Annual Christmas Party Fund for school children... The Annual Harvest Dance was held at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, on October 19th. Committee, consisting of Joe Kondrotas, Joe Ship-lis, Margis Ranucci, Helen Gillis and George Barkanas, is to be commended for the wonderful turnout... Franny Norkunas and Rita Pinkus are making arrangements for a Dinner Dance to be held in the near future... All members are asked to assist in the publishing of our bulletin — KNIGHT TIMES, by contacting Ed Daniels... We welcome into our council a new member — Maryann Rowland.

Waterbury, Conn. 7 MA

Marcella Andrikis, 4th degree member and chairlady of the N. E. District Lithuanian Cultural Committee, and Attorney Vincent Mata-savage were delegates at K. of L. National Convention held in Los Angeles, California. Miss Andrikis was elected Presidium Secretary; Prof. A. J. Aleksis (in absentia) was elected member of the Honorary Membership Committee.

Many of our members participated in the colorful procession to St. Joseph's Church for Mass marking the parish observance of the feast of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, in honor of Our Lady of Šiluva (Sept. 8th). Rev. Walter Vichas celebrated the Mass, assisted by Rev. Paul Sabulis and Rev. Albert Karalis. Rev. Kestutis Butkus, OFM, of Kennebunkport, Maine, preached the sermon. Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, organist, directed

the special musical program featuring the traditional pilgrimage hymn "Virgin of Šiluva." There is a miraculous shrine in Šiluva, Lithuania, where the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared in 1608. One of the soloists was Marcella Andrikis. Rev. Joseph J. Valantiejus, hon. member of K. of L., and pastor of St. Joseph's Church, was honorary chairman of the Arrangements Committee, and assisted by Frank Shaknaitis, pres. and other prominent parishioners.

Brockton, Mass. 1 — "Brockton"

Our first Fall meeting was held in September, with following officers present: Stanley Balberis, president; Doris Tamulevich, vice president; Mary - Ann Blazewicz, secretary; James Condon, treasurer; and Sylvia Shukis, financial secretary.

Plans for our Annual SNOW-FLAKE BALL were discussed, also drive for MEMBERSHIP. In the near future, we shall endeavor to provide entertainment or a social hour following our regular meetings.

During the past summer, we held a beach party at West Dennis on Cape Cod, also an indoor "spaghetti dinner" instead of a "weenie roast" originally planned.

The stork paid a visit to Mary (Morrow) Dabrzynski and Bertha (Gutauskas) Moneikas and left them each a baby daughter... Wedding bells rang loud and clear for Loretta Bielskas (C-1) and Charles Bachelder (Stoughton) on September 2nd; Joan Sullivan (C-1) and Bob Costello on September 22nd; and Jean Chamberlain (C-1) and Paul Gribauskas (Worcester) on October 13th. The wedding ceremonies took place at St. Casimir's Church, Brockton. We wish all couples a happy and blessed wedded life.

Our only delegate to the Los Angeles, California Convention was Fr. "Al" Abracinskas. He said he had a very enjoyable trip despite the emergent appendectomy operation which was performed on him in Chicago — on his way home. He has now fully recovered... Ensign Edwin Chirokas of the Naval Air Force has just received his wings and commissioned Lieutenant (jg) at Barrin Field, Foley, Alabama... Our secretary, Mary-Ann Blazewicz is a student at Bridgewater State Teachers College

Our 14th Annual SNOW-FLAKE BALL will take place on January 18, 1958 at the Walk-Over Club, Brockton, Mass. Dance music will be provided by Eddie Martin's Orchestra. Don't forget to reserve this date.

Lawrence, Mass. 78

OUR NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Joseph Balcius, president; Peter Pavelonis, vice president; Mrs. Mary Eleanor Fyfe, secretary; Vyto Mockevicius, treasurer; John Zemis (Spiritual Program), Peter Willan (Ritual), Anthony Padvaiskas (Lithuanian Affairs). Rev. Albin F. Janiunas, spiritual adviser, together with the newly-elected officers, have great plans for this coming year!

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

M. Klimkaitis

The Fall Convention of the New England District of the Knights of Lithuania took place on Sunday, September 29, in Westfield, Mass., following an enjoyable dance Saturday night. The sessions were held in St. Casimir's parish hall.

After the customary greetings from the Mayor, the attending clergy and Dr. Leimonas, reports on the activities of the various committees were given.

President Sakaitis announced that the District will sponsor a Leadership Course on November 17 to be held in the parish hall of Our Lady of Vilna Church, Worcester, Mass. The principles of the K. of L. and ways and means to achieve them will be the topics discussed.

Ed Daniels, Sports co-chairman, reported that three councils, C-26, C-17 and C-78, will compose the District Bowling League. Six other councils have indicated their desire to participate in bowling roll-offs. The first roll-offs will be held in Hartford on November 3.

John Olevitz, chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, reported that printed letterheads are now available to all district members of the committee.

A discussion on the possibility of the District sponsoring a TV program resulted in the following: A motion was passed that the N. E. District sponsor a TV program providing the program time is free. The following members volunteered to form the committee to put this into effect: John Olevitz, C-17,

Barbara Cyronek, C-103 and Edmund Rudis, C-17.

Following this decision, the delegation participated in a Holy Hour. Father Michael Tamulevicius held the services.

Upon resuming the meeting, the convention listened to the reports on the National Convention submitted by the Wiifred Skudris and Florence Zaleskas, district delegates.

A report from the Mandate Committee indicated that 10 councils were represented at the session; four had no representation.

The following are resolutions which were passed during this convention:

Resolve: That heartfelt thanks be extended to Father Puidokas and Westfield Council 30 for the hospitality shown those attending this convention.

Resolve: That a Nominating Committee of five be appointed annually by the District President to select candidates for office.

Resolve: That the N. E. District form a "Booster Club." (Details on this resolution will be sent to each council by the chairman of the Club, Ed Daniels, C-26.)

Resolve: That council dues to the District be raised from \$5 to \$10 per year.

Resolve: That the officers elected at the Spring 1958 convention have their terms extended to September 1959 and thereafter the District elections will be held in the fall instead of spring.

The Ansonia Council 135 will be asked to act as host to the Spring 1958 District Convention.

After adjournment, the members of Council 30 served a delicious buffet supper.

NEW YORK

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Newark, N. J. 29 The Wanderer

On August 18th, Brooklyn, N. Y., Regina Mockeliunas (C-41) and Anthony Malakas (C-29) were wed by Father Pakalnis of the Church of the Annunciation. August 24th, June Youch (C-29) and Richard T. Scharlach were married at a Nuptial Mass officiated by Msgr. I. Kelmelis, pastor of Holy Trinity

Church. September 1st, Eleanor Jenuss, president of Kearny-Harrison C-90 and Frank Gelenitis of Bayonne were married at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kearny, with Father M. Kemezis, pastor of Elizabeth, N. J., officiating. Best wishes to all couples.

"Šis-Tas" — The writer passed another milestone on September 14th, also Charles Strolis celebrated his birthday September 21st... The SEIMAS is now but a memory, but those of us from the district who attended the convention, will not soon forget it in more ways than one. The reception held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Julius J. Bielskis, Lithuanian Consul, preceding the convention, will be long remembered. The writer and the hosts reminisced a bit — for they remembered the Vaskas family very well, particularly the sister, Barbara (now deceased) who worked quite hard in furthering the aims and purposes of the organization, shortly after it was organized... Among those who made the trip to L. A. from Newark were Joseph Sakevich, Jack Stukas, Frank Vaskas, Helen Nausedas and Ann Scharnus... The delegation from Elizabeth, N. J. (C-52) were most hospitable to all delegates and guests at their suite of rooms in the Hotel Statler... It was most pleasant to meet with former Newarkers — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kasper, Ray Arnashus, Frank Speecher... My trip to Frisco from L. A. after the convention was quite enjoyable, thanks to Fr. Abracinskas, Fr. Yankauskas and Fr. Contons.

Amsterdam, N. Y. 100 Gigi

We had an ideal summer's day outing at Mr. Rimkunas' camp, July 21st. Among the members who attended were The Anthony Stokna Family, Pauline Urban, Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis, Joe Staknis, Don Nikstenas and his mother, Eleanore Stakauskas, Regina Gerutis, Albert and Gabriel Teboul, The John Wolfes Family, Charles and Sadie Karbus, Marion Jakaitis, John and Velma Svidarckas, Michael and Louise Kerbelis, Prof. J. Olsauskas, Rev. Robert K. Baltch, The Kutchis Family, Matthew and Nancy Kazlauskas, Tony and Ann Beleckas, Mary Constantine, Peter and Charlotte Sargelis, Rev. John Grigonis. Entertainment consisted of swimming, boating and card playing, fol-

lowed by refreshments. Since Charles Karbus and Marion Jakaitis were celebrating their birthday that week, a huge birthday cake was presented them by Sadie Karbus. Community singing was directed by Prof. Olsauskas and Father Baltch.

We are very grateful to D. Nikstenas, his mother Josephine, Pauline Urban, Connie Zygel, Marion Jakaitis, Edna Stokna, Eleanore Stakauskas, Regia Gerutis, Sophie Olbie, Gene's mother, Stephanie Gobis, Sadie Karbus, Ann Beleckas and Mrs. Steve Rimkunas, the wonderful hosts, for all arrangements.

Convention Highlights. "The 44th K. of L. National Convention at Los Angeles was a great success!"—loudly voiced by Gene Gobis, our "vienintelė" delegate, upon her return to Amsterdam. Gene enjoyed the trip very much — and at some of the convention doings met with former Amsterdamians — Bernice Raila and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Janulis. The Elizabeth, N. J. Suite 684 — where all delegates met — was truly the bright spot. Hosts were Charles Oskutis, Ed Sarkis, Norbert Wysocki, Chip Chiponis, Frank Misakevics, Steve and Leo. She also took in Las Vegas for one evening, escorted by Jack Stukas. Mentioned it was fabulous — but bad on the purse. We also learned that a newly-acquired friend of Gene's — John Antanavich, formerly of Lawrence, Mass., has a great interest in music. He plays the saxophone and clarinet, and has a small band. California with its beauty, its most charming and friendly citizens had almost bewitched Gene into staying. Even her plane was over an hour late in leaving!

News Bits. Labor Day weekend found Gene Gobis and her companions at Jim Usher's FORT GEORGE LODGE joining in the season's closing festivities. Will wonders ever cease — Frank Misakevics reappeared once again and he was accompanied by Charlie Rusteika... Father Baltch spent part of his vacation in Kennebunkport, Maine and Canada... Regina Gerutis and Eleanore Stakauskas went camping at Sacandaga Reservoir.

Kearny, N. J. 90 Eleanor Rokas

During this past summer, our members travelled far and wide. The trip that will never be forgot-

ten, I am sure, is the cruise taken to Bermuda by Mildred Grinevich... Veronica Kemezis, in view of her 25 years of service in the R.C.A., was honored at a party by her co-workers and employers on August 21. Our hats are off to you, Ronnie... It was very difficult to recognize Val Bilaitis with her tan. A Florida vacation certainly agreed with her... Among interesting activities was the annual North-South Civil War skirmish held at Fort Dix. Representing Council 90 and upholding the honor of the North in this "battle" was Anthony Shalna... Congratulations to Jane Matulaitis and Paul Kelly on their recent marriage; and to our President, Eleanor Jenuss on her marriage to a local attorney, Frank Gelenitis... The stork had no vacation this summer. He visited, and left George and Joan Katilius a son, George Katilius, III, also the household of Bob and Barbara Dean, a daughter, Phyllis Sharon. Grandparents Peter and Mary Velebas are simply overjoyed... Following this year's high school graduation, Marianne Gelcius, Richard Gelcius, Joyce Makofka, Charles Miller and Joseph Yancauskas have entered different walks of life. To them we wish continued success in their chosen fields... It is our hope that Jack, Ursula and daughter Nancy Gelczis, will be very happy in their new Point Pleasant, N. J. home.

Bayonne, N. J. 67 M. Grigalunas

Our newly-elected officers: Martin Rusgi, president; William Brunza, Jr., vice president; Rita Miskewitz, corresponding sec'y.; Constance Mack, financial sec'y.; and Joan Glembocki, treasurer. Committee Chairmen: Dolores Krizenowski, Lithuanian affairs; William Brunza, Jr., Ritual; Gloria Mack, Spiritual Program; and Michael Grigalunas, "Vytis" correspondent.

Committee on Arrangements for our dance to be held November 23rd at the Lithuanian Citizens Club, consists of Martin Rusgi, chairman, Constance Mack, Albert Brunza, Joan Glembocki, Rita and Ellie Miskewitz, Michael Grigalunas, Gloria Mack and Dolores Krizenowski.

In order to replenish our treasury, our council is conducting a sale of Catholic Christmas cards.

Philadelphia, Pa. 3 The Cuckoo Bird

Summary of what has transpired these past few months: In the middle of June, our members enjoyed a swimming party at Mermaid Lake... July 6th, our council was host to the Pre-Convention meeting of the Supreme Council officers. For some of us, it was the first opportunity we had in meeting some of the "big wheels" of our organization... In August, a few hardy souls met at Tucker's gas station at 5 a. m. and traveled to Seaside Heights — for "crabbing." They were Al Anona, Walter Svekla, Joan Kilcheski, Irene Varevice and Agnes Timmins.

Helen Shields, Joe Yanulaitis and Hedy Sarcewicz represented our council at the California convention, and were successful in getting the 1958 National Convention to our City. We congratulate our delegates, particularly Helen Shields, who was elected national trustee.

Our council sponsored a "weenie roast" on September 14th; and on September 22nd, it acted as host to the New York-New Jersey District Convention. We thank our members in serving a buffet supper to all delegates and guests — Tom Meron, Al Anona and Al Dameika, also Al's future mother-in-law for making that delicious spaghetti sauce and "skillions" of meatballs.

NEWS NOTES. Al Dameika is now owner of a 1957 Plymouth... Charlie Petronis was home on leave in August. He is presently stationed in Korea... Several of our members enjoyed their vacation — Dorothy Barauskas (Niagara Falls and Canada); Irene Varevice and Agnes Timmins (Florida); Tommy Meron (Wildwood-by-the-sea); and Mary Ann Burch (also at Wildwood-by-the-sea)... Quite a few members attended the picnics held in Elizabeth, N. J. and Rahway, N. J. in the month of September. We're really getting to know all the nice people in northern New Jersey...

Father Albin Neverauskas has been assigned as our new spiritual adviser, and we most heartily welcome him. Father Shimkus, former spiritual adviser, is now teaching at the new Cardinal Dougherty High School.

Joan Kilcheski, Joan Struckus and Stanley Petraitis have joined our ranks. Sveikiname!

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Dayton, Ohio 96 Nakties Pelēda

Annual Garden Party of the Parish (July 20-21) was chairmaned by our K. of L. members, namely: Leo Razauskas, Joe Kavalauskas, Frank Gudelis and Mike Petkus, and assisted by Ann Scott... Our **Family Picnic** (September 21st) was held in the church hall (due to inclement weather) and was arranged by Joe Kavalauskas, Charles Petkus, Mary Lucas and Ada Sinkwitz. **Bowling League** officially started October 6th under the leadership of Alex Pietrzak, treasurer and Bob Petkus, secretary. This year, we'll have only six complete teams (with 4 on a team): KAPSAI (Tom Scott, Capt.), VILNIŠKIAI (Mik Petkus, Capt.), KAUNIEČIAI (Charles Petkus, Capt.), DZUKAI (John Goldick, Capt.).

Convention Notes. Mary Lucas, Ronnie Omlor and Steponas Bučmys, reported to us that they were thoroughly delighted with their trip to Los Angeles and the convention as a whole. Mary Lucas served as Presidium Secretary and was elected national vice president. Congratulations, Mary. They were particularly proud of Leonard Valiukas, former member of C-96, who was General Chairman of the Convention, and who was also elected national vice president. They particularly mentioned the reception at the home of Consul and Mrs. Julius Bielskis; the New Jersey members in Room 613 who entertained our delegates; Johnny Antanovich who escorted them to the original Brown Derby Restaurant; and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kiskis' hospitality.

The latter part of October we held a HALLOWEEN PARTY at the Inland Activity Center. Mike and Fran Petkus were in charge of the affair... On November 2nd, we journeyed to South Bend, Ind. and enjoyed the Notre Dame - Navy game. Christmas cards are being sold by Pat Zelinskas, Ann Scott, Mike and Charles Petkus. All proceeds to go to needy persons in our parish.

Misc. Items. Rose Ann and Bob Fletcher enjoyed their trip to Virginia... Mike and Fran Petkus had a nice visit back in New York and spent some time with Council 12 members — Helen and Lillian Zin-

dzius, Jeanne Janonis, John and Evelyn Bell, Stella Kolesk and others... We welcome into our council John and Anita Goldick.

Cleveland, Ohio 25 A. J. Shigo

Our council is one of the fastest growing councils in the Mid-Central District. It sponsored two bowling teams in the District Tournament which was held in Pittsburgh, Pa. last spring. Also, had a successful picnic in June.

We were quite fortunate in having a representation from our council at the Los Angeles Convention held in August. Delegates were Ursule Yankauskas and Francis Machutas. Mary Trainy, vice president of the district and president of the Seniors Council also attended the convention in the West Coast.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Tony Yuknis

WALTER CHINIK, our national president, honored the district with a visit to Chicago after the Los Angeles Convention, and was warmly received by K. of L'ers. Rev. Peter Cinikas, spiritual adviser and "Draugas" Press Administrator, met President Chinik and his wife Mildred at Berwyn and drove them to the K. of L. Youth Center where there was an informal reception held for them. Among those present were Jack Jatis, hon. member; George Jonikas, district president, Val and Joe Stanaitis, Peggy Zakaras, Eleanore Laurin, Walter and Ron Cibulskis, Frank Jurgutis, Betty Tucker and Tony Yuknis. Various problems confronting the K. of L. were discussed. Helen Širvinskienė served a delicious smorgasbord. En route home from the convention, Father Albert Contons, national spiritual adviser, Jack Stukas and Frank Vaskas stopped in Chicago and visited the DRAUGAS Press and Monastery.

Council 24-99 of Chicago had the largest representation of delegates from this area at the National Convention. Attending were Helen Širvinskienė, Peggy Zakaras, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rudis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jatis, Gordon Gudas, Tony Yuknis and Vince Samoska.

The Seniors Councils (Chicago)

donated \$25.00 to the DRAUGAS BUILDING FUND from the proceeds received at its picnic held in Justice, Ill.

Following K. of L. members were elected officers of the Don Varnas Post: Joseph Stanaitis, Commander; Vytautas Paskauskas, Vice Adjutant; Jack Jatis, Asst. Chaplain; Edwardas Šulaitis, Historian; Peter Butkus, Historian; John Evans, Service Officer; Konnie Savickus, Judge Advocate.

Financial Secretaries — Take Notice! At the national convention held in Los Angeles, it adopted a new system of payment of dues — to be payable on the yearly basis — starting January, 1958.

Gordon Gudas, our best representative in the "you want to lead a band contest" in Los Angeles, finished up his vacation by motor boating with Tony Yuknis on Fox Lake.

Adele Druktenis (C-112) assisted Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis at the 4th Annual Lithuanian Folklore Workshop Convention which was attended by 500 Nuns at the St. Casimir's Convent.

Chicago, Ill. 112 Barbara Lazutka

The John Stoskus Family. John Stoskus, Chicagoan, former national vice president and active district and council member, together with his wife, Bertha and son, moved to the East — and are now making their home in Providence, Rhode Island. We shall miss them both, for John had been a regular council correspondent for years, and Bertha was Ritual Chairlady. We all wish them success in their new environment.

Al Stasiunas was elected Ritual Chairman, successor to Bertha Stoskus; and Barbara Lazutka, Publicity Chairlady, successor to John Stoskus.

At our Beach Party (Miller's Beach, Gary, Ind.) we had two guests from Worcester, Mass.— Ann Marie Pallys, American Airlines stewardess and Joe Stoska.

The Sisters of St. Casimir celebrated their 50th anniversary, and Father Albert Contons of Boston, Mass., national spiritual director of the K. of L. officiated at the Solemn High Mass.

Rev. George Paskus, pastor of Nativity B.V.M. Church, was recently elevated by the Pope to that of Monsignor.

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During the National K. of L. Membership Drive, Aldona Miskinis worked hard, came in third, and because of her efforts was presented with a beautiful rosary by the council.

The committee, consisting of Sylvia Greicius, chairman, Ann Marie Paukstis, Ed Ubis, Ed Pocius, Jim Jagiella and Barbara Lazutka, has completed its plans for the Gobler's Hop, to be held November 27th at the K. of L. Youth Center. Expect a large attendance from all neighboring councils in the district.

As part of the Spiritual Program — our council attended a Day of Recollection and Benediction at the Marian Fathers Seminary, Hinsdale, Ill., which was directed by Father Saulys.

All About Town: Al Mockus, while sojourning in the "Windy City" attended one of our meetings. He now resides in Kansas City, Missouri and is an insurance broker... Two weeks were spent at Tabor Farm, Sodus, Michigan (JJ Bachunas, prop.) by Dutchie and Andy Yuknis and their sons... Juliane Skaminas just returned from a trip to California... Richard Butchas enjoyed vacationing in Northern Wisconsin... Our President Ed Pocius and his wife Anelle visited relatives in Harrisburg, Pa... Barbara Lazutka enjoyed her trip to the East where she visited her Fiance Edmund Vaitkunas & his family in Worcester, Mass.... Dolores Rupp and Monica Kasper toured Canada, visited with The John Stoskus Family in Providence, R. I... Lorraine Johnson (Dombrowski) returned home to Carney, Michigan to attend her brother's wedding... Lorraine Wainauskas took a chance at water skiing while vacationing in Florida and New Orleans... Ray Simutis, in the U. S. Air Force Reserves, spent his two weeks in Columbus, Indiana... Sylvia Greicius, Ann Marie Paukstis and Betty Tucker had a delightful stay in Los Angeles... Irene Masiliunas, Jean Sheures, Monica Kasper, Mr. and Mrs. John Duggan and Leonard Shemaitis attended the Chicagoland Festival at Soldier's Field, and enjoyed listening to the "Torchlighters" (men's chorus group from the Standard Oil of Whiting, Indiana, of which Peter Gagle (C-112) is a member... Anele Pocius, our president's wife, was recently installed

Chaplain of the Don Varnas Auxiliary.

At a colorful wedding — Among those attending the wedding of Dolores Kuksta and Ed Gerut (chauffeured by Ed Ubis, C-113) were Dolores and Lorraine Wainauskis, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pocius, Vyt and Tony Lubert and Al Mockus. Pat Kamar of C-13 was a bridesmaid. Ann Marie Paukstis was one of the K. of L's who helped serve at the wedding reception. **Infantidings** — Julie (Greicius) and Al Zakarka were blessed with a baby girl, Maria Michelle, on September 8th.

All are cordially invited to attend our GOBBLER'S HOP, November 27th, K. of L. Youth Center.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. 133 ASK.

In Appreciation — Mr. and Mrs. A. Skirius of Burbank, Calif., were hosts at a dinner tendered Leonard Valiukas, General Chairman of the 1957 Convention Committee, August 18th, at which time a gift was presented to Leonard by the Convention Committee members. Other guests in attendance were Rt. Rev. K. Steponis, Rev. Dr. A. Bučmys, spiritual adviser of C-133, Miss Phyllis Grendal of Boston, Mass., Miss Marcella Andrikis of Waterbury, Conn., and Miss Gene Gobis of Amsterdam, N. Y.

At our first meeting held after the convention in the parish hall, (Sept. 16th), the committee's treasurer, Ann Laurinaitis reported that the Convention netted a profit of \$330. For a small Lithuanian community, the host council did very well. Sports, including bowling and ping-pong, was discussed.

Seniors Council. A meeting was called at the home of Mrs. M. Samolis, with the purpose of organizing a Seniors Council in our vicinity. Election of officers was held and the following were elected: A. F. Skirius, president; J. Puikunas, vice president; Mary Ann Kiskis, secretary; Mrs. O. Wilkas, treasurer; and Mrs. M. Varkalis, financial secretary. Second meeting of the Seniors took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Ambrose on September 25th, at which several new members joined — Dr. and Mrs. G. Valancius, Frank and Nancy Speecher, Miss E. Zilinskas, Stanley and Suzanna Tiknis, Anthony and Edna Davis. We take this opportunity to congratulate our Senior members — Mrs. Apolonia Bentley and Mr. Mathew Ambrose, who were united in marriage on August 18th.

Anthony F. Skirius, newly-elected national chairman of the SENIORS COMMITTEE, plans to organize Seniors Councils in all States where regular councils already exist.

National Membership Drive. During the recent drive for members, chairmaned by John Stoskus, national vice president, our member, Anthony Skirius, sponsored 71 new members (up to August 1, 1957). Through the efforts of Mr. Skirius, Los Angeles Council 133 gained 71 new members; Seniors (newly organized) — 33 members; San Diego — 7 new members. Total 71. (Full credit goes to A. Skirius for having organized a Seniors Council in Los Angeles.)

We would like to have published in the VYTIS, the Results of the Membership Drive — since neither John Stoskus, chmn. of the Membership Drive nor Rita Pinkus, former national fin. sec'y. were present at the convention. And, therefore, no detailed report on the Drive was given.

In conjunction with the New York - New Jersey Conference, a souvenir journal is being published. Therefore, we are asking the cooperation of all districts, councils and members of the organization to obtain subscriptions for this journal.

The rates are as follows:

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