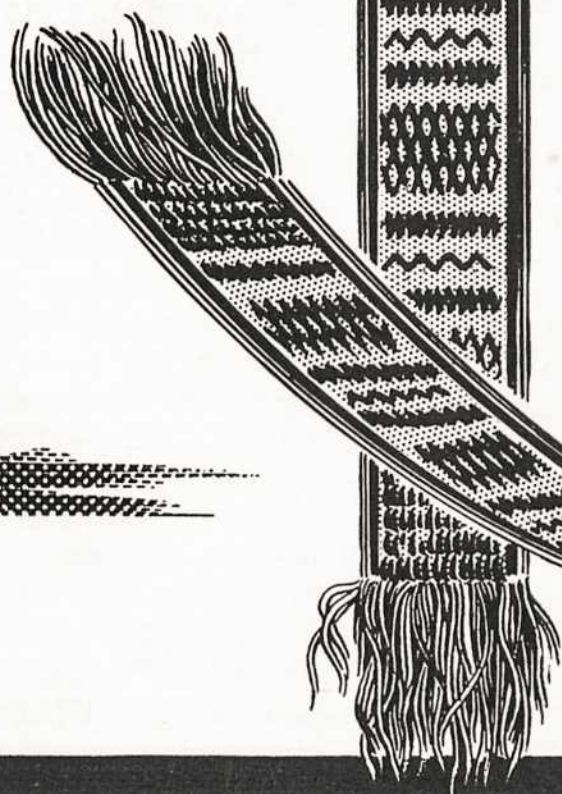
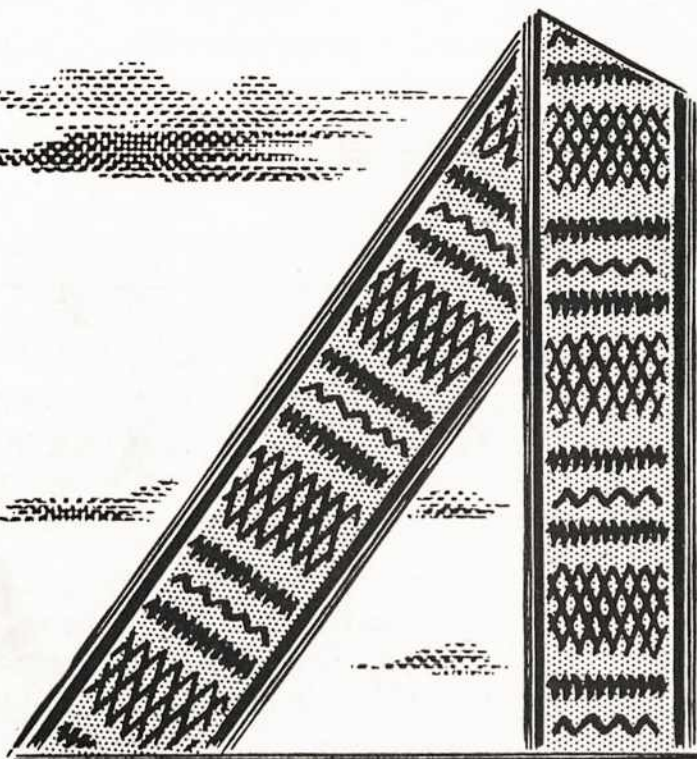


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the Knight

Go ever onward faithful KNIGHT,
Let nothing swerve you from the right!
May God lead and light the way,
And ever steer you, lest you stray.
Be loyal and devoted too,
To your U.S.A. be ever true.
And, have within your heart a place,
A special spot, none can erase,
For much LOVED, much HURT,
LITHUANIA!



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45 METŲ LIETUVOS VYČIAI

Dievui

Lietuvos Vyčių pilnas veiklos lapas bus užrašytas istorikų. Ten neužginčijamai kalbės vertingi lietuvių jaunų žmonių pasiryžimai, sielvartai, planai ir puikūs darbai. Vyčiai, išiebę Dangų siekiantį žemėje šūkį: "Dievui ir Tėvynei", vykdė jį visomis savo jaunystės užsidegimo jėgomis. Dangaus Viešpačiui pirmiausia užsimoję tarnauti, nekrypo į šalis, o žengė Jo tarnyboj aiškiu žingsniu. Žinodami savo žmogišką nepajėgumą, šaukėsi Jo pagalbos Vyčių Himnu: "Nuženk, Galybė, iš Dangaus, sustiprink jauną vyčių dvasią".

Religinė vyčių linija išliko ryški. Vyčiai žygiavo 45 metus remdamiesi katalikiška pasauliožiūra savo asmeniškame, šeimos ir organizaciniame gyvenime. Ką įsirašė savo Konstitucijoje, tą ir vykdė, ką pasirinko, tą sekė ir tuo gyveno. Niekas negali abejoti vyčių giliu religingumo vertinimu, katalikiškos dorovės dėsnių vertinimu ir gyvendinimu. Jie malda, šauksmu į Dievą pradėjo savo organizacinį judėjimą, tęsė jį visu uolumu. Jei tuo atžvilgiu kai kur prasiskverbavo kad ir maža silpnybė, vyčiai būdavo grįžta atgal į savo idealų kelią su nauju pasiryžimu, kad išliktų sąmoningais, praktikuojančiais, pavyzdiniais, vadovaujančiais žmonėmis. Todėl jų susirinkimai, Seimai, Konferencijos, Minėjimai ir visi kiti žygiai turi religinį bruožą, katalikišką pobūdį. Todėl Vyčiai rengia kelis sykius metuose Bendrą Komuniją, šv. Valandas, rekolekcijas, šv. Kazimiero šventės minėjimą, atitinkamai dalyvauja parapijos religiniame gyvenime ir veikime. Vyčiai su savo dvasios vadovais pilnai bendrauja. Jie žino, kad vyčiai gali išlikti vyčiais tik kaip gyvoji parapijos dalis, Dvasios Vadų globojama, o religiniai ir moraliniai jų vadovaujama. Religinė vyčių programa buvo ir yra Vyčių pirmoji ir pagrindinė veiklos dalis. Pasirinkę savo Globėju šv. Kazimierą, vyčiai turi labai artimą lietuviams dangišką pavyzdį, užtarėją ir niekuomet nepailstantį bendradarbį. Rašant vyčių istoriją, vyčių religinė veikla bus galima įrašyti labai stambiomis ir brangiomis eilutėmis.

Tėvynei

Nemažiau karštai ir sekmingai vyčiai vykdė savo išipareigojimus antrai šūkio daliai "Tėvynei". Pirmieji Vyčiai Tėvynę turėjo Lietuvą. Jos garbei ir naudai Vyčiai atsirado, dirbo ir aukojosi. Tik todėl galima suprasti ir Vyčių Himno žodžius: "Mums viską davė Lietuva, vaduosim galva ją sava". Žinome, kad jaunieji šią Himno dalį norėtų kitaip išreikšti, bet Himnas pasilieka Himnu, kol Vyčiai pasilieka Lietuvos Vyčiais. Todėl jau pritaikyta Vyčių Konstitucija sako, kad "Lietuvos Vy-

čiai žadina jaunuomenėje prisirišimą į savo tėvų žemę — Lietuvą ir meilę savo gimtosios kalbos bei mūsų tautos papročiu".

Vytiška garbė, galybė, prasmė ir reikšmingumas buvo ir turi pasilikti lietuviškume. Vyčiai atsirado, išaugo, gyveno, veikė, kentėjo ir net mirė už lietuviškas spalvas, Lietuvos Vytį, lietuvių kalbą, dainą, Lietuvos ir lietuvių laisvę. Negaliu ir niekas negalėtų atskirti vytiškumą nuo lietuviškumo, nes tuo nebeliktų vyčių. Juk ir vyčių religinė veikla taip gražiai suderinta su vyčių lietuviška veikla. Jų Globėjas šv. Kazimieras yra ir Lietuvos ir kiekvieno lietuvių ypatingas globėjas, vyčių malda, šventės, pasiaukojimai pirmiausia ir daugumoj už Lietuvą ir lietuvi.

Didžiai ir garbingai vyčiai dirbo už lietuviškumą. Vyčiai meldžiasi ir kalba lietuviškai, skaito lietuvišką spaudą, dainuoja lietuvišką dainą, gieda giesmę, vaidina lietuvišką vaidinimą. Vyčiai sudaro lietuviškas šeimas ir auklėja savo jaunąją kartą lietuviškai. Taip — lietuviškai. Jei kiti ir nuleidžia savo rankas, tai vyčiai neturi nei teisės ar pasiteisinimo taip skubiai pamiršti lietuviškumą. Mes jį turime išlaikyti! Lietuvos rérimas, Lietuvos bylos gynimas, lietuvių laisvinimas, jų gerovės kėlimas buvo ir yra vyčių esminis veikimas. Ta prasme vyčiai padarė milžiniškų darbų, atliko didžių žygių. Pilna darbų apžvalga būtų visa graži knyga.

Konkretūs darbai

Visiems žinoma, kad mūsų dienų vyčiai atskirti 45 metų laiku nuo pirmutinių vyčių. Todėl ir jų lietuviškas veikimas atitinkamai yra suprantamas ir gyvendinamas. Tai yra gyvenimo tikrovė, kurią ir nuoširdžiausi lietuviškumo mylėtojai turi matyti ir suprasti. Bet kol dar lietuviška dvasia neprarasta, kol lietuviškumo tikslai siekiami, tai dar vyčiai lieka vyčiais. Jau savo 19 metų su vyčiais bendravimo laikotarpyje aiškiai matau pakitimą, bet vytiškumo idealą dar neiškeistą į ką nors kitą. Kol dar vyčiai gieda: "Ei, Vyčiai, gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai" — tai dar yra daug vilties, galima laukti laimėjimų ir didžių vytiškų darbų.

Ir nelabai palankiose sąlygose vyčiai yra ryžtingi, besiveržią pirmyn, nors priešinga srovė žiauriai juos griebia ir nori nešti visai nevytiška linkme. Jei ir tokiose veiklos ir gyvenimo aplinkybėse vyčiai netik gyvuoja, bet veikia, veržiasi, planuoja, auga ir stiprėja, tai tik pagarbos, pagyrimo ir paramos užsipelno. Todėl vyčius vertinu už jų lietuviškas pastangas veikti ir dirbti ne sau, bet bendram lietuvių ir Lietuvos bei lietuviškumo gėriui.

Tik keleta čia suminėtu vyčių žygių parodys jų dabartinę veiklumą ir girtinus darbus vytiškumui ir lietuviškumui. 1. Leidžia puikiai redaguojama "Vyti", vis gerėjanti ir daugiau ir daugiau vytiškumo turinti. Jame matai ir skaitai nuo sendraugių iki mūsų jaunių vyčių mintis, darbus, pasiryžimus ir planus. Ilgamečiai mūsų redaktoriai p. Dr. J. Leimonas ir p. P. Grendelytė užsipelno didžios padėkos. 2. Vykdomas ceremonijalas visu uolumu. Vyčiai tampa labiau susipratę ir turi ko siekti, kai siekia aukštesnio savo organizacinio laipsnio. Laipsnių gavimo paprotys ir uolus jo vykdymas praturtina ir visą organizacinį gyvenimą, ypač suvažiavimuose, konferencijose, Seimuose. 3. Apskričių veiklos išvystymas, su jų sėkmingais suvažiavimais, konferencijomis, vadų kursais ir kita, kelia vyčių susipratimą ir vytišką garbę. Šia prasme labai daug gera padaryta vytiškumui. Visa apylinkė jaučia vyčių įnašą į lietuvišką apylinkės gyvenimą ir skaudžiai atjaučia didelį trūkumą, kur vytiško judėjimo nėra. 4. Neapsakomai didelė lietuviškų reikalų programa, vykdoma jau per keliolika metų, padarė milžiniškos naudos lietuviams ir Lietuvai. Vyčiai savo laiškų ir rezoliucijų užpylimu į viešą gyvenimą tiek daug patarnavo, kad tik gėrėtis ir džiaugtis tenka mūsų vyčių pasišventimu. 5. Religinė ir lietuvių kultūros programa yra įvesta į vyčių gyvenimą ir norima sistematiškai ją išėti. Tai priklauso nuo kuopų ir kuopų vadų, kiek ji praktiškai esti įvykdoma, kiek Centro Valdyba duoda programai medžiagos ir ragina vykdyti. 6. Jaunių Vyčių organizavimas, jų pasistumėjusi veikla, su savo programa, "Vyčio" skyriumi, savo planais, rodo gyvybinį vytišką susipratimą. 7. Sendraugių ir vyčių profesionalų, vyčių Vadovų organizuotas veikimas padės vyčiams ir toliau taip pat ryžtingai gyvuoti. 8. Vyčių Seimų darbingas pravedimas auklėja vyčių vadų ir duoda įkvėpimo bei pasiryžimų visiems metams. 9. Medalio įsteigimas už nuopelnus Lietuvai ne lietuvio padarytus iškelia vyčius į plačią visos Amerikos visuomenę. 10. Mokslo Stipendijos Fondo sudarymas duos vyčiams susilaukti jau savo vadovų, inteligentų, ateities vyčių veiklos varytojų. Štai kur galima matyti vyčių darbus, jų žygius ir pasiryžimus.

Žvilgsnis į ateitį

Kokia vyčių ateitis? Ko vyčiai turėtų laukti ar ko siekti ateityje. Organizacija negali pasitenkinti tik praėjimais ar gyventi šia diena. Ji turi žvelgti į ateitį, planuoti. Gal bendrai manoma, kad daugiau planų sudaroma, ypač daug jų užrašoma ypatingomis progomis Seimuose, susivažiavimuose, kaip kad įgyvendinama. Tačiau ir be tinkamų ir praktiškų planų toli nenužengsi. Kokia kryptimi vyčių planai galėtų būti daromi ateičiai yra vienas svarbesnių uždavinių.

Pagrindinės gairės

1. Vyčiai yra gyvybinė lietuvių organizacija. Lietuvos vyčiai savo 45 metų darbais užsipelnė savarankiškos, centrinės, pilnutinio pripažinimo organizacijos vardo. Kaip tokia ji turėtų ir ateityje žygiuoti. Vyčiams nebereiktų maldauti, prašyti, belstis į lietuvių katalikų visuomenę, kad ten juos išileistų, priimtų. Ne. Vyčiai turi teisės ir pareigos ten būti, jei kuri lietuviška vieta-lė nori dar save lietuviška vadintis. Su tokia mintimi ir tokiu užsidegimu ir nuotaika vyčiai turėtų pradėti

naują penkmetį 50 metų savo gyvavimą apvainikuoti. Vyčių uždavinys ir didžioji vytiška pareiga vėl užlieti lietuvišką visuomenę vytišku veikimu, kaip tai įvyko prieš kelias dešimtis metų, kai vyčiai pradėjo organizuotis. Gal tik reikėtų kiek ilgiau paplanuoti, talkininkų pajieškoti.

2. Kelti, aiškinti vyčių tikslus. Vyčiai lietuvių dvasios skleidėjai ir palaikytojai; vyčiai lietuvių kalbos, lietuvių papročių, bendrai lietuviškumo nešėjai ir palaikytojai, Lietuvos ir lietuvių laisvės gynėjai. Visos jų veikimo priemonės tarnauja tik šiam didžiajam vytiškam tikslui. Juk netiek svarbu keletą naujų narių susilaukti, kiek svarbu narius uždegti vytiškais uždaviniais. Pasiryžėliai ir pasišventę vyčiai daugiau narių pritrauks, kaip kelių metų nuolatiniai narių vajai. Vykdyti daugiau pavyzdinių, veiklių vyčių vajus, kuopų darbų laimėjimus atžymėti, iškelti, kad ir kiti užsidegtų, o netiek sielotis tik pavienių narių prirašymu, kurie neradę vytiško veikimo vėl pasitraukia. Traukime vyčius savo nepaprastais, vytiškais darbais.

3. Jaunieji Vyčiai ir jų programa turi pirmą kartą vytiškame veikime. Jaunieji turi susilaukti savo tinkamų vyčių vadovų, savo konferencijų, sporto švenčių, spektaklių, dainų ir tautinių šokių švenčių, stovyklų. Jiems reikėtų turėti sporto aikščių, žaidimų salių, skaityklų. Jei per 45 metus vyčiai negalėjo net 1 stovyklos suorganizuoti, ilgesnių vadų kursų praveisti, tai jau tas meta Vyčiams tamsų šešėlių. Juk tai yra naujausias ir pačios būtiniausios sėkmingo veikimo priemonės.

4. Vyčių vadovų reikalas turėtų būti vienas svarbesnių ateities vyčių planų. Pirmiausiai surasti kelių ir būdų patraukti daugiau jaunų kunigų į vytišką darbą. Kiek dabar su vyčiais dirba jaunesni kunigai, tai jie rašo savo nepaprastų darbų kilnią istoriją mūsų jaunimui ir lietuviškumui. Bet reikia daugiau jų. Geriausia būtų, kad patys jaunieji kunigai ateitų ir dirbtų su vyčiais, nes tai jų kaip lietuvių pareiga, uždavinys ir pasididžiavimas. Gal būtų galima ir jų atskirą suvažiavimą apylinkėse padaryti, kad arčiau su vyčiais ir jų tikslais surišti. Juk mes čia Amerikoje negalėsime sulaukti, kad vyskupas skirtų kunigus veikti su vyčiais, kaip tai būtų Lietuvoje, kai visi kunigai turėjo dirbti su jaunimu, nes tai buvo vyskupų ir Bažnyčios tokia valia. Ir kunigai dirbo ir vežė didžiausią mūsų katalikiško jaunimo veiklos vežimą, kol priaugino pagelbininkų, kitų vadovų. Reikia žvalgytis, jieškoti, rengti ir pasaulionių vadovų. Jų jau yra ir dar daugiau bus, jei vyčiai juos kvies, jieškos, rengs. Mintis, kad organizuoti lietuvių profesionalus į vyčius, yra labai sveikintina ir būtina. Tokie asmens bus geriausi vadovai mūsų vyčiams.

5. Vyčiai turi eiti su visu lietuvišku katalikišku gyvenimu, o ne ribotis tik savo veikla. Todėl Vyčiams reikėtų turėti savo atstovą L. K. Federacijos Taryboje ir Centro Valdyboje. Vyčių Dvasios Vadas galėtų įeiti ir į Kunigų Vienybės Centro valdybą. Juk Vyčių organizacija yra pagrindinė, vienintelė katalikų jaunimo organizacija, kuri apima visus ir visur kur tik lietuvių esama. Vyčiai savo atstovais ir bendradarbiavimu turėtų jungtis į visą lietuvišką Bendruomenę Amerikoje ir visame pasaulyje.

6. Stipri ir pajėgi Vyčių Centro Valdyba su nuolatinio savo Organizatoriumi turėtų varyti vyčių veiklos ratą kiekvieną valandą ir minutę per išėjusius metus.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF LIGHT

REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS



"You are the light of the world." This is the beautiful metaphor which Jesus applied to His disciples. "A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under the measure, but upon the lamp-stand, so as to give light to all in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Since its founding forty-five years ago, the Knights of Lithuania organization has always tried to hold high the light of Catholic faith. To those who dwell in the house of faith, the K. of L. brings stronger and richer light. To those who dwell apart, the K. of L. shines forth resplendent in good works to draw men closer to the house of faith and to Jesus, its divine Master.

Spiritual Program

Today, one of the most popular features of the K. of L. is the spiritual program sponsored by so many councils. Practically all councils sponsor a religious instruction or discussion period during the monthly meetings. Most members have adopted the ideal of monthly Communion. More and more councils are finding the idea of a closed retreat popular with their members. The annual observance of the patronal feast of the K. of L., St. Casimir's Day, reached its climax this year when literally thousands of members and friends took part in solemn services and programs commemorating the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Casimir.

And yet the current enthusiasm for the religious activities of the K. of L. is simply the flowering of forty-five years of concerted Ca-

tholic action. But we would be at a loss to evaluate properly the spiritual influence of the K. of L. upon its members and upon the community at large. For how are we to judge the spiritual impact of plays, concerts, parties, outings, conventions and socials? How are we to measure the influence for good of religious talks, Holy Hours, frequent Communion, closed retreats and good Catholic example? What value are we to place upon the development of personality among young members, the advantages for training and growth in leadership, the opportunity for young men and women to meet socially and to choose partners for a happy Catholic marriage? How are we to recount the moral and financial help given to our Lithuanian Catholic parishes? Who is to say what would be the situation with our Lithuanian parishes, our Catholic leaders and our youth if the K. of L. had not existed?

Testimony of Catholic Leaders

During the forty-five years of its existence, the K. of L. has enjoyed the confidence and support of Lithuanian Catholic leaders who give testimony to the achievements of the K. of L.

Very Rev. John Balkunas, Consultant of the diocese of Brooklyn, N. Y., as president of the Lithuanian Catholic Priests' League of America, addressed the 1953 national convention of the K. of L. as follows, "The Central Committee of the Lithuanian Priests' League extends its sincerest greetings to the delegates and guests of the convention of the K. of L., rejoices in the great Lithuanian contribution of the organization to American Lithuanian life, is grateful for the very con-

siderable help given to the Lithuanian clergy in their pastoral work, and wish you success in the work of the convention."

Bishop Vincas Brizgys, formerly Auxiliary bishop of Kaunas, and presently living in the Chicago Archdiocese, expressed his esteem for the K. of L. in the following words spoken at the national convention at Dayton, Ohio, in 1952, "A model of Catholic life and an active crusader against all that is unchristian in public life — this is the Knight of Lithuania in America. That parish in which your council exists should regard you as warriors of the Catholic Church; your town, your state, all of America ought to consider you as defenders of Christian customs, morality, and faith. And especially, the Catholic Church of America should regard your activities as the Catholic action of well organized Lithuanian youth."

The K. of L. organization has tried always to instill in its members a love and respect for the customs, language, and culture brought by their parents and grandparents from Lithuania. This devotion and fidelity to the things dear to their parents and ancestors was warmly praised by Bishop Vincas Padolskis, Rector of the Lithuanian College in Rome, during an address to the K. of L. convention in Boston in 1953, "Your hearts, dear members of the Knights of Lithuania, have always been sensitive to the needs of Lithuania. We are proud of all Lithuanians of America, but especially of you, Knights of Lithuania. You were quick to respond to every misfortune of the land of your fathers both by word and by action... In the history of the liberation of Lithuania the name of your organization will be written in golden letters."

As we observe the forty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the K. of L., may we resolve to live and work in such a way as to be worthy of the very beautiful tributes paid to the K. of L. by our Catholic leaders.

May we always remember that in a certain sense we too are "the light of the world." May we always hold high the light of faith, enrich it with our good works, that we may fulfill the command of Christ, "Let your light shine before men."

45 YEARS

OF LITHUANIAN ACTIVITY

REV. JOHN C. JUTT



The very name of our organization indicates a close relationship with Lithuania, the land of our forbears. Since Lithuania is predominantly a Catholic country and possesses a language and customs admired even by non-Lithuanians, it is obvious that the Knights of Lithuania was founded as a Catholic organization for our American Lithuanian youth. Hence it is not surprising that in the Constitution we read that the purpose of the K. of L. is "to unite American Lithuanian youth into a strong organized force, governing itself according to Catholic precepts and morals, instilling within its members a deeper knowledge and frequent practice of the Catholic faith (art. II Par. 1) and inspiring within its youth loyalty to the fatherland, Lithuania and a love for the mother tongue and Lithuanian traditions." (art. II Par. 3).

This year marks the 45th anniversary of our organization's existence. During these years its very history clearly demonstrates that it has adhered very closely to its Catholic and Lithuanian principles.

Despite the fact that Lithuania was for a number of centuries a Catholic country, a certain few, having come to this country and for reasons of false intellectual pride, espoused the atheistic cause. Their vicious anti-clerical attacks motivated a number of Lithuanian young men some 50 years ago to start thinking of a youth organization as a means of combating their shameless attacks. Thus was the idea of the K. of L. born.

Through the organized activity of the K. of L., our Lithuanian young men were able to hold discussions sponsor lectures and formulate convincing answers in refutation of the false charges made by the atheistic group. Adequate refutations were published in newspapers first to confound them and secondly to prove to the Lithuanian people the fallacy of their stupid arguments. What our young men succeeded is a matter of history. The K. of L. proved to be an effective means of keeping our young people truly Catholic and ever faithful to Catholic ideals and principles.

Both during and after World War I, K. of L. councils sponsored bands, plays, choirs, dances and other

affairs which made the Lithuanian name better-known among non-Lithuanians and the general public. This activity continues even to the present day.

When Lithuania proclaimed her independence in 1918 to the entire world, our organization at once went to her aid. Financial support was given her through generous contributions to the "Tautos Fondui", rallies were held for the quick sale of Lithuanian Liberty Bonds, help was rendered her many but new institutions. In short, everything possible was done to assist Lithuania in getting back on her feet and assuming her rightful place among the free and independent nations of the world.

With the advent of World War II in 1939, Lithuania's position as a free nation became very precarious. Within a year, her territory was forcibly occupied by a cruel but determined Soviet. Her institutions were annihilated, her people exiled to Siberia, her lands were confiscated and her Government was dissolved. Thus Lithuania was seized against her will and ceased to exist as a free and independent nation. As this unjust absorption of Lithuania by communistic Russia became known by the free world, some, ignorant of Lithuania's past and oblivious of her right to freedom, had the audacity to state boldly and without shame that there was nothing wrong with Russia's action of taking over Lithuania.

Such bold statements could not be forgotten unchallenged. Ever awake to defend what rightfully belonged to Lithuania, a certain few members individually reached to this by challenging their statements and by demonstrating with factual evidence the inaccuracies and fallacies contained therein. Lithuania's right to live as other free nations did have to be defended and the early success of these few active members who made strong and effective refutations prompted the organization of a joint effort to defend Lithuania and her right to freedom.

Thus was the committee on Lithuanian affairs born, first on a council basis, then on a district basis and some twelve years ago, on a national level. For twelve years now, this National Committee has fought for the

VYČIAI IR LIETUVIŲ VISUOMENĖ

JONAS VYTIS

Vyčių organizacija šiais metais švenčia savo 45 metų veiklos sukaktį. Tai labai reikšminga Amerikos lietuvių katalikiškojo jaunimo sukaktis. Ji rodo nepaprastą šio jaunimo gyvybingumą ir neša jam didelę garbę. Beto, turint galvoj, kad vyčiai yra išvystę tokia stiprią lietuvių tautos reikalų gynimo akciją, kuriai neprilygsta net kartu paėmus visi laisvam pasauly gyveną lietuviai, parodo šio jaunimo gilų lietuvišką sąmoningumą ir Lietuvos partizanų kovingumą dvasia. Taigi, Lietuvos Vyčiai prieš Dievą ir lietuvių tautą savo 45 metų veikla egzaminus išlaikė. Ir juos už tai tenka nuoširdžiai sveikinti. Deja, lietuviškoji visuomenė vyčių atžvilgiu egzaminų neišlaikė. Ji, su labai retomis išimtimis, vyčius paliko be paramos jų pačių likimui. Ir vyčiai vis vien išsilaikė ir toliau laikosi. Toks lietuviškos visuomenės elgesys savojo jaunimo atžvilgiu gali būti bent pavyzdžiu, kaip visuomenė neturėtų elgtis savo jaunimo atžvilgiu.

Ar ilgai vyčiai išsilaikys? Tai klausimas be abejonės visiems yra idomus. Atsakyti į jį tai reiškia pranašauti. O pranašauti šios žemės mirtingiesiems žmonėms nėra lengvas dalykas — labai lengva suklysti. Taip, geriau nepranašauti. Galime tik pareikšti savo nuomonę išeidami iš davinių, kuriuos mes turime žvelgdami į vyčių 45 metų veikimą ir į dabartinę jų padėtį. O ta padė-

tis mums šneka, jog vyčiai nori ir stengiasi užkariauti čia gimusio ir augusio jaunimo širdis ir kad tas jaunimas nuo jų nesišalina. Iš to seka, kad, planingai ir energingai veikiant, vyčiams yra pagrindo ir toliau egzistuoti ir su nemažesniu sėkmingumu reikštis. Bet svarstant vyčių tolimesnės egzistencijos ir reikšimosi problemą, manau, bus pravartu panagrinėti kai kuriuos klausimus, kurie gali turėti reikšmės jų ateičiai. Štai keli iš jų:

1. Naujų ateivių jaunimas ir vyčiai

Su pastarąja tremtinių banga į Jungtines Amerikos Valstybes atvyko ir daug jaunimo. Jei to jaunimo būtų išijungę į vyčių eiles, vyčių veikimas būtų buvęs gerokai sustiprintas. Bet, deja, tas jaunimas, su labai nedidele išimtimi, į vyčių tarpą vis dar neįsijungė ir neatrodo, kad jis artimiausiu laiku išijungs. Tą padėti reikėtų išstudijuoti ir taisyti, nes ji silpnina lietuviškojo jaunimo veikimą. Atrodo, kad kliūti bendram darbui daugiausiai sudaro psichologiniai skirtumai. O kad tie skirtumai vis mažėtų, pirmiausia reikalinga vieni kitus geriau pažinti. Tuo būdu susidarys atitinkama bazė bendram kontaktui. Iš čia jau seks ir kiti dalykai. Kad bendras darbas galimas ir neša gerų vaisių, tai mes jau turime džiuginančių pavyzdžių. Šiam reikalui paminėsime,

kad ir šių dviejų tremtinių veiklą vyčių tarpe, būtent: a) Leonardo Valiuko, kurs vadovavo puikiai pavykusio praėjusių metų Vyčių Seimo Los Angeles, California suorganizavimo darbams, yra Vyčių Centro Valdybos Vice-Pirmininku ir vadovauja naujų narių vajeaus akcijai ir b) Edvardo Šulaičio, kurs dabar yra kartu su Antanu Yukniu Vyčių skyriaus "Drauge" redaktorius. Jau vien tik šie du asmens turi vyčių veiklai didelės reikšmės. O kas būtų jei dar bent keletas tokių į aktingą darbą vyčių organizacijos išijungtų?

2. Vadų klausimas

Amerikoj gimusio ir augusio jaunimo, dalyvaujančio vyčių organizacijoj, jau yra gana daug. Jeigu būtų išvystyta tinkama akcija, tojo jaunimo dar būtų galima kur kas daugiau įtraukti. Bet, šiam ir kitiems vyčių organizacijos stiprinimo tikslams, reikalinga gerų vadų. Ar vyčiai tokių vadų turi? Taip, turi, bet nepakankamai. Jų yra per mažai. O iš kur daugiau jų gauti? Atrodo, kad gabių, tinkamų vadovauti jaunuolių Amerikos lietuvių katalikiškojo jaunimo tarpe, neįtrauktų į atsakingesnę darbą ir nesančių vyčių eilėse, dar gerokai yra. Reikia jį tik į vyčių veiklą įtraukti, atitinkamai pagloboti ir duoti galimybės aktingiau pasireikšti. Bet vieniems vyčiams tai bus sunku padaryti.

right that Lithuania has for freedom and has striven to make her better known to the outside world. It has accomplished this by praising and thanking those who in any way have mentioned or written anything favorable to the cause of Lithuania. It has corrected erroneous notions about her by protesting and explaining to those who were mistaken in what they had to say or write about her. Over 250,000 letters have been written by members of this committee in behalf of Lithuania and her right to freedom. Thousands of dollars have been spent in the mailing of these letters, in the sending of telegrams pleading Lithuania's cause, in the offering of books and pamphlets to editors, Congressmen and others who could draw from them accurate and precise information concerning the fatherland of our ancestors. The way this work has attracted the attention of Lith-

uanians and non-Lithuanians alike is ample proof of the effectiveness of this Committee's efforts.

Besides this, our K. of L. continues to sponsor religious programs for the purpose of making our youth better Catholics, cultural programs for the purpose of acquainting our youth with the richness of the Lithuanian tongue and culture and social programs for the purpose of providing for our youth adequate opportunities for wholesome pleasure and enjoyment.

For 45 years, our K. of L. has been active on the Catholic and Lithuanian level. It will remain active for many years to come so that Lithuania may eventually but, please God, soon regain her freedom and so that our precious youth may ever remain more faithful Catholics better American citizens and more patriotic Lithuanians.

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Reikia, kad jiems nuoširdžiai talkininkautų kunigai, tėvai, lietuviai veikėjai ir kiti geros valios žmonės. O dabar ar jie tuo rūpinasi? Ir taip ir ne. Rūpinasi, bet tik kur ne kur vienas kitas. Taip jaunimo masės ir lieka nepajudintos ir reikalinga atranka nepadaryta. Jei taip ir toliau paliks, tai palaidosim ir tai ką dabar turim.

3. Jaunesnieji vyčiai

Jei norima, kad organizacija būtų gyva, pajėgi veikti, jai reikalinga turėti prieauglį. Tą prieauglį tektų sistematingai ruošti iš jaunesniųjų tarpo. Jaunesniųjų traukimas į vyčių eiles yra geriausias naujų jėgų šaltinis. Vyčių pasipildymas iš jau suaugusio jaunimo tarpo neturi organizacijos gyvybei reikalingo pastovumo ir tikrumo. Tai yra daugiau pripuolamas dalykas, kurio, žinoma, irgi nereikia atsisakyti. Be to, papildant vyčių eiles iš jau suaugusio jaunimo, kurs yra savo ipročiais daugiau nusistovėjęs, susiformavęs, sunku jau jį, nekalbant apie kai kurias išimtis, padaryti lankstų ir entuziastingą organizaciniam veikimui. Visai kas kita yra su jaunesniaisiais, kurie nuo ankstyvo savo gyvenimo amžiaus ipratinami organizaciniam darbui ir išugdomi vyčių idealų dvasioj. Su tokiais jau kitas darbas.

Bet kur tokio prieauglio gauti? Didžiausias jaunesniųjų šaltinis, tai paprinės pradžios mokyklos. Seselems mokytojoms talkininkaujant ir kunigams atitinkamai globojant, iš čia galėtų eiti nuolatinia gaivia srove naujos jėgos vyčių organizacijai. Mes turime gerai atsiminti, kad jei tas priaugantis jaunimas

nenueis pas vyčius, tai, galimas dalykas, daugelis iš jų nueis kitais, klaidingais keliais ir iš jų neturės naudos nei Katalikų Bažnyčia nei lietuvių tauta. Ir dėlto seselių mokytojų ir kunigų pastangos talkininkaujant vyčiams neš išganingų vaisių. Vyčių organizacija bus geriausia tolimesnė jaunesniųjų globa, nes tuo būdu jie bus įstatyti į tinkamą gyvenimo kelią. Jei prie to viso dar pridėsime pačių vyčių, tėvų ir kitų geros valios žmonių pastangas, tai gausime pakankamą visumą, kuri pajėgs šį reikalą sutvarkyti taip, kaip to reikalauja dabartinė padėtis.

4. Finansiniai reikalai

Jau yra žinoma, kad jaunimui veik yra neįmanoma pačiam savo akciją finansuoti. Ir dėlto, jei iš jaunimo laukiama akcijos, tai jė tos akcijos finansavimui paprastai teikiama visuomenės parama. Kitaip yra pas vyčius. Jie savo akciją patys turi ir finansuoti. Kitų pagalbos labai mažai gauna: tik retais atvejais vienas kitas jų draugas juos kiek paremia. Ir nuostabu, kad vyčiai, patys turėdami daug vargo dėl savo finansinių sunkumų, dar gerokai ir kitiems padeda. Jie daro parengimų ir kitokiais būdais stengiasi sutelkti lėšų savų lietuviškų parapijų naudai. Jie ivairiais būdais telkė lėšų ir rėmė lietuviškus reikalus čia Amerikoje ir ypač atsikuriančiai nepriklausomai Lietuvai. Jie yra gerokai aukoję ir kitokiems lietuviškiems bei katalikiškiems reikalams.

Šiuo metu vyčių finansiniai reikalai yra ypač sunkioje padėtyje. Tai yra dėlto, kad ne tik Amerikos lie-

tuvių visuomenė mažai vyčiais domisi ir juos remia, bet kad ir patiems vyčiams, net prie geriausių jų pastangų, vis sunkiau ir sunkiau daros savo visuomenę pasiekti. Ir dėlto vyčiai, gyvybingiausia Amerikos lietuvių katalikiškosios visuomenės dalis, taip ir atsiduria vis sunkesnėje padėtyje. Tuos dalykus reikia turėti galvoj ir pasirūpinti viską padaryti, kad vyčiai, Amerikos lietuvių katalikiškojo jaunimo branduolys, galėtų gyvuoti.

Organizuoto veikimo reikšmė

Štai keletas minčių vyčių reikalais, švenčiant jiems 45 metų savo veiklos sukaktį. Jokia tauta negali būti gyva be gerai veikiančio savo jaunimo. Tai liečia ir lietuvių tautą, ypač dabar, kai jai tenka tiek daug sunkumų pergyventi. O gera jaunimo veikla paprastai būna tuomet, kai jaunimas veikia organizuotai. Organizuotas jaunimas didi galybė. Tai šiais laikais pravartu pabrėžti Amerikos lietuvių visuomenei, nes ji laisvam pasauly turi atstoti pavergtąją Lietuvą. Tai ją ipareigoja ypatingai susirūpinti savo jaunimu, taigi ir vyčiais. O vyčiai savo 45 metų veikla yra įrodę savo didelę vertę ir Amerikos lietuvių visuomenei ir visai lietuvių tautai. Neabejotina, kad, visuomenės talkininkaujami, jie dar daug gero padarys ir ateityje. Taigi paremkime juos ir sudarykime jiems galimybes vis pilniau reikštis. O pačius vyčius šia proga nuoširdžiai sveikiname ir linkime, nebojant vėtrų nei audrų, drąsiai žygiuoti pirmyn didžiuoju savo idealo Dievui ir Tėvynei keliu.

K. OF L. CHOIR and DRAMA ACTIVITIES

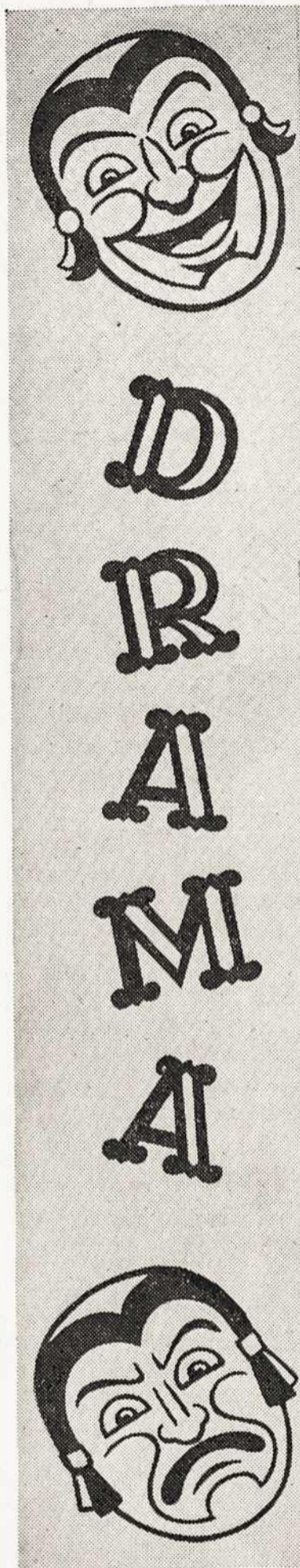
Tony Yuknis

During the golden age of the Knights of Lithuania the drama and choir groups distinguished themselves handsomely. Many councils presented dramatic shows and sponsored choral groups. They sang the beautiful Lithuanian folk songs that our ancestors sang for many centuries and have handed down to us. With variations, our forefathers had over 100,000 folk songs about the birds and flowers—about the rivers and forests—about the young lovers.

As time marched on, the individual councils gave way in favor of the districts. For example, in the Illinois - Indiana District, the K. of L. choir was warmly received. From 1941 to 1951, inclusive, the District K. of L. Choir was under the able direction of Leonard Šimutis, Jr., a prolific music teacher and composer. During his tenure the choir averaged 60 members and they sang at various Lithuanian and American public functions. They appeared in native Lithuanian costumes which they made themselves. They made tape recordings for the Chicago Board of Education for classroom use. In all, they made 40 appearances at different events.

The fact that Mr. Šimutis had taught music at De LaSalle High and Fenwick High, at the Chicago Teachers College and De Paul University was reflected in the choir. It was top notch.

The Illinois - Indiana District Drama Group of 1951 put on fifteen skits which was climaxed by a one-hour variety show held at St. George's Hall. Other participations of the Drama Group included radio broadcasts, skits for the Seniors, and St. Michael's Society, Indiana Harbor, Lithuanian Day, Halloween' Show and Costume Party, Show and Barbecue. One of the most impressive shows was the dramatization of the history of the Don Varnas Post, A. L., at its Fifth Anniversary Banquet. The enthusiastic director of the Drama Group was Charles VeSota, now residing in Hollywood California. (His actor brother Bruno has been seen in quite a few moving pictures).



ILLINOIS - INDIANA K. OF L. DISTRICT

The Illinois - Indiana K. of L. District Drama Group actors at the Don Varnas Post Anniversary Banquet (top). Left to right (seated): Alex Shulicke, Charles Ve Šota; drama director Jack Jatis; Peter Butkus, Lucille Joslin, Frank Jurgaitis and Richard Jurgaitis.

Center (on the Šaltimieras Lithuanian Hour on WGES): Philomena Rekasius, Lucille Joslin, Jean Pavis, Tony Yuknis, John Pocius.

Bottom (The Broadway Barbecue Show): Peter Butkus, John Pocius, Alfons Zemaitis and Alex Shulicke.

GILSHE

By VINCAS KRĖVĖ

(Translated from the Lithuanian under the supervision of Professor Alfred Senn.)

Out of the high mountains, from a large palace, through a copper gateway, rode the famous Prince Sharunas into the green forest to hunt wolves and bears, to chase bears and stags, to shoot gray ducks and white swans, to stretch his pliant bows, to exercise his steeds. While hunting, while chasing the swift beasts, while shooting ducks and swans, he rode up to the high palace of the squire, and when he approached, he was astonished. High as was his own palace, this one was higher; wide as was his estate, this one was wider. And, astonished, he drove his steed to the copper gate, and blew his horn over the whole estate. The squire came out to open the copper gate, to receive his distinguished guest.

He opened the copper gate and Sharunas rode into the great court.

"Whose is this high palace?" asked the prince.

"This high palace, illustrious prince, is mine."

"I did not know, I never thought, that there lived squires in my country whose wealth was greater than mine, and whose palaces were higher than mine."

And the prince dismounted from his swift steed, and the squire led him into the high bower, and drank to him with the green wine. And the young lady came out sparkling like the sun, moving like a swan, and spoke loving words as the dove coos, welcoming and honoring the famous Prince Sharunas. In one hand she carried the green wine, in the other a golden goblet, when her foot slipped and she spilled the green wine.

"The gods are sending misfortune; they give us evil," the lady said, not so much frightened as greatly saddened.

"Twelve years we have lived in this high palace. To this day a drop of water has not been spilled, nor a crumb of bread dropped, and now the green wine is spilled."

"Do not fear anything, young lady," spoke Sharunas: "Misfortune will not come upon you even if you

should see as many evil omens as there are stars in clear sky. If the sky should fall down on you, we would prop it up with our weapons; if the earth should part under you, we would spread covers over it; if the whole world would rise against you, we would defend you with our swords."

Three days and three nights Sharunas drank, ate and made merry in the squire's palace. The green wine flowed in rivers, the sweet mead stood about in lakes. On the fourth night sleep overcame them all. Scarcely had guests and hosts fallen asleep, scarcely had Sharunas, the illustrious prince, closed his bright eyes, when he heard a great voice wakening him.

"Get up, Sharunas, don't lie there, and when you awake, don't wait, wake up your nimble servants, take up your tough bows, your shining weapons, your glistening swords, mount your steeds, ride away from this palace into the green forests to hunt."

The nobleman opened his eyes slightly, thinking his own people were awakening him, but looking around he saw no one, only the dark night. As yet the cocks hadn't crowed, so the prince again fell asleep.

Ere his eyes were completely shut, ere he had fallen into sound slumber, he heard again the great voice:

"Get up, Sharunas, do not lie there! Order the gray steeds saddled, and ride swiftly away from the palace, that you do not fall into misfortune, that you do not perish in vain."

The prince sat up, drew out his keen sword, and began to speak:

"Let the earth part her, let Perkunas strike here, I will not go. I will not ride away from this palace, until the bright sun rises, until the sharp dew falls."

And having thus spoken, he clapped his hands, calling his soldier-companion and awakening the young squire from sweet slumber; he ordered them to prepare the

weapons and to search the whole palace, to look into every corner, to find who had tried to waken him thus, who had tried thus to arouse him... and he himself lay down again and fell sound asleep.

"Get up, prince, your high palace is burning!"

Sharunas opened his eyes slightly; he saw that his truest friend was awakening him, showing him a great blaze in the sky, in that direction where Sharunas' palace stood.

Sharunas jumped up from his soft bed, sat on his swift steed, rode from the high palace toward that place where a blaze brightened the sky. Ere he had ridden half the way, when he had just ridden into the green forest, he saw that the great fire had died away, only the stars sparkled in the clear sky like the bitter dew on the green leaves. The great Sharunas was saddened; his handsome head slumped.

"While we drank and made merriness here, our foes started to burn our palace there, enslaved our friends and kinsmen. But my sword is not dull yet; what they took with the sword, I will take back with the sword; him who bought with the sword, him I will pay back with the sword."

But he saw that he did not have his glistening sword with him. He had left it on the white table in the large palace of the squire. Sharunas sent a soldier back to the large palace to bring his glistening sword back to him. The horseman returned, but did not find the high palace; he only met a deep lake, a great pool of water. And, frightened, he drove his horse back and, overtaking Sharunas' great troop, he told him the woeful news.

Sharunas could not believe it. Grieving for his glistening sword, doubting the report, he rode back to see the palace, to see with his own eyes. When he rode up to that mountain, where the palace had stood, he saw a deep lake, a great pool of water. Near the shore a white table floated, on the table lay the glistening sword.

LITHUANIAN HISTORY

GEDIMINAS

Rex Lithuanorum Et Multorum Ruthenorum

Albin S. Adomaitis, Baltimore, Md.

With the death of his brother King Vytenis, Gediminas succeeded to the throne of the kingdom of Lithuania during 1316. Two main issues dominated the reign of King Gediminas: incessant warfare with the German Teutonic Order on the western frontier and a peaceful expansion into the Eastern Slav or Ruthenian territories that were under the ruthless yoke of the Tartars. Indeed Gediminas merited the above Latin title of "King of the Lithuanians and many Ruthenians."

Significant communications were interchanged between King Gediminas through the assistance of the Archbishop of Riga with Pope John XXII, the Franciscans and Dominicans of Saxony and

Thus the young squire and his fair love perished.

All mourned, not the large palace so much, as this young wife, her dainty footsteps, her blond tresses, her youth.

But each year at midnight when the cocks crow on that night when the great palace disappeared, the bright moon glistens, and raises white mists. In the middle of the lake by the light of the moon, a young girl and young lad play together, hidden by the white mists.

And deep, deep is this lake; no one can reach its bottom. Only on a hot day, when there are no waves beating, when the bright sun shines, deep, deep in the middle of the lake can be seen the high towers of a palace, but whoever swims there, whoever rows there, never returns...

And people call this lake "Gilshe."

the cities of the Hanseatic League. Caustic yet poignant accusations were made against the Teutonic Knights. It was stated that Lithuania had accepted Christianity in 1251 under King Mindaugas, but due to the example of the Teutonic Order's avarice and lust for temporal power, the religion had never affected the mass of the Lithuanian people. Previous kings had asked for priests and teachers but the Germans had continually sent soldiers and depredators. The messengers of Gediminas who were sent to discuss peace between Lithuania and the Germans were ambushed and savagely murdered. The Teutonic Knights sold converts as slaves and did everything to make the acceptance of Christianity as hateful and loathsome as it was possible.

The Archbishop of Riga excommunicated the Teutonic Order in 1325 but it was too late to regain the goodwill and trust of the Lithuanian king. The war with the Germans raged on! Conditions for peace became absolutely hopeless when Emperor Ludwig IV approved the plans of Dietrich von Altenburg, Grand Master of the Teutonic Knights, to incorporate all the territories of the Lithuanian kingdom into the German empire with title being invested with the Teutonic Order.

It is ironic that during the reign of Gediminas, the kingdom of Lithuania had its first alliance



with the kingdom of Poland. Gediminas' daughter Aldona married the Polish crown prince and as a token of good will 40,000 Polish prisoners were sent home. However these first dealings with the Poles were symptomatic. While Gediminas rendered aid to the Polish state in the wars against the Germans, the Poles continually gave excuses for never coming to the help of the Lithuanians. Two decades later the Polish King, son-in-law of Gediminas, invaded Lithuania. The infamous Polish policy directed toward the extinguishment of the Lithuanian government, nation, and culture was initiated during this period. These bombastic and irrational Polish ideas have plagued the two different and distinct nations even to our own times.

Gediminas died during 1341 from a gunshot wound inflicted by the new weapons thrown into use by the Germans. He will always be remembered not only as a valiant ruler but also as the founder of the permanent Lithuanian capital of Vilnius. This will be discussed in the next monthly essay continuing this series on the highlights of Lithuanian history.

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POLICEWOMAN

By JAMES M. OWENS

Policewoman Frances M. (Armaitis) Ostroske of Hartford, Connecticut, the only Lithuanian feminine law enforcement officer in the Nutmeg State, has proved time and again that there is no substitute for a friendly approach in police work.

Preferring to look upon the "enemies of society" much as did the dying Saviour who smiled on Dismas, she has added much needed dignity to the police profession and at the same time, established herself as one of the top police officers in her department.

"Who am I to judge another?" asks the 34-year-old policewoman who is quick to point out that police work, basically, should be preventive, but once a crime has been committed, the offender should be taken into custody before others are harmed.

This is especially reflected in Policewoman Ostroske's persistence when children are molested. The key to the solution of such cases is always with the victim and a child's confidence must be won immediately by a policewoman to recall details that even adults are prone to forget.

Children, according to congenial policewoman, often make better witnesses than adults when small details are involved. It is that minute description that Frances Ostroske has gained from such innocent victims that has led to the molester being sentenced to long terms in state prison.

In five short action-packed years, Policewoman Ostroske has learned that the work of the nation's 2,000 odd policewomen is much like the



POLICEWOMAN PHOTOGRAPHER: Frances M. (Armaitis) Ostroske soon mastered the use of a Graphic camera and is frequently called upon to photograph crime scenes.

work of any woman — it's never done.

Policewomen have been accustomed to drop what they are doing immediately without asking questions. Such was the morning a short time ago in Hartford when Frances Ostroske was called upon to accompany the narcotics squad on a raid; counsel a 15-year-old girl who was veering from the straight and narrow path and then join detectives who were investigating a homicide.

But always, the tall, blond policewoman finds, there is an opportunity, to use a kind word, be patient and do many of the little things that are so important at the

time for a person who winds up at Police Headquarters.

"We all need help. Who can refuse a person in their time of need?" points out the soft spoken guardian of the law, who since girlhood, has never left her home without a medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary pinned under her collar.

Such attitudes of policewomen have not gone by unnoticed by the foremost authority of law enforcement, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who recently said in part when commenting on the role of policewomen:

"Time after time, the lady officer, from her feminine ingenuity, brings great understanding and ability to bear on investigations. Women officers have a definite role in law enforcement. They are today performing many valuable services for their community and stand as stalwart companions of the male officers."

She has repeatedly single handedly completed cases that has included taking statements and confessions, photographing and sketching a crime scene and then turned in neatly typed, detailed reports to guide the prosecution.

A former bank teller with a college background, Policewoman Ostroske proved very adaptable for police work as soon as she joined the department. Within a week, she worked undercover and gained sufficient evidence to put a "bottle club" out of business that the liquor squad always found out of their reach.

The procedure was so simple that the underworld characters who sold liquor without a permit and after hours, couldn't believe what was happening. After gaining ad-



HELPING HAND: Policewoman Frances M. (Armaitis) Ostroske finds the most satisfaction in her work when she is able to counsel a young woman to keep her out of future trouble.

mittance with her "escort," a rookie patrolman, they watched where the liquor was hidden, who served it and how much it cost. When the liquor squad was admitted after a delay, the hiding places were no longer a secret.

Policewoman Ostroske also holds the distinction of being the only Hartford police officer in the history of the department to uncover a death written off by the medical examiner as "natural causes" two years later and then probe it was a homicide.

Despite her success as a police officer who has made far more than her share of headlines in sensational cases, the greatest satisfaction comes to Frances Ostroske when she is able to steer a young woman out of the path of future trouble.

Reuniting a girl with her religion is one approach she takes whenever possible, but as she points out, this must be done very discreetly, almost to the point of letting the troubled young woman think she suggested it herself.

Nor is there any doubt in her mind that much preventive work must be done in the home. Parents, she is of the opinion, hold the key to suppressing the nation's rising crime rate among young people.

"If respect isn't found in the home, it won't be found later in the school or for the law. Parents have just got to spend more time with their children; grow with them;

work and play with them and forget a few of their own wordly pleasures."

Perhaps it is because of the closeness to her own son, Gary, that Policewoman Ostroske doesn't hide her contempt for parents who wilfully neglect their children.

It was during one of the many arrests she has made of parents who neglect children, that Policewoman Ostroske obtained a conviction in court when counsel for the accused asked the wrong question.

Policewoman Ostroske has also had her "fortune told" more often than any woman in Hartford, but much to the distress of the professed seers, they learn to their regret, that they neglected their own future when she pulls out her badge and places them under arrest.

But these are but a few of the accomplishments of Hartford's seemingly tireless policewoman. She has also used her voice to open the doors of bookies that vice squad sledge hammers couldn't open and on more than one occasion, she has found convicting evidence other detectives have missed on such raids.

The success of Policewoman Ostroske hasn't been accidental. She quickly learned how to use a camera and today is considered one of the best photographers in the de-

partment and nightly after her son has gone to bed, keeps abreast of the latest police textbooks and use of new scientific devices.

Outside of spending virtually every possible minute at home with her son, Gary, a fourth grade student at the Holy Trinity Lithuanian School, Mrs. Ostroske also finds time to keep active in affairs of the Holy Trinity Church.

In addition to serving as publicist for the Blessed Mother Sodality, she volunteered to keep the books of the fund raising drive of her parish to help rebuild St. Joseph Cathedral which was totally destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Ostroske also played a major role in the recent celebration of the Holy Trinity Church when Monsignor John J. Ambot was honored on his 45th year as pastor and the burning of the church mortgage. Through her efforts, the affair received more notice from newspapers, radio and television than any like celebration in many years in Hartford.

Hartford residents and Lithuanians in particular, can point with pride to one of the city's most unusual police officers, one who has replaced the third degree and nightstick with kindness and understanding — Frances M. (Armaitis) Ostroske.

TEACH THEM TO "PUT IN", AS WELL AS "TAKE OUT"

A young lady just out of college applied for a job as secretary at a New York publishing house. At the interview she asked about salary, hours, time off, social security, surroundings and chance of advancement. But she didn't say one word about work. Her whole attitude was one-sided. Her only interest was to "take out" as much as possible and to "put in" as little as she could.

She not only lost the job, but perhaps forfeited the one big chance of her lifetime to be in a position of far reaching influence.

Proper home training might have helped this young lady to rise above the self centered smallness which will probably plague her for the rest of her days.

Christ warns us: "For what things a man shall sow, these also shall he reap." (Gal. 6-8)

Young people can lead truly exciting lives if they continually strive to widen their range of influence and service in Christ's name.

VYČIŲ VEIKLĄ NAGRINĖJANT

EDVARDAS ŠULAITIS

Šių metų gegužės mėnesio "Vytyje" teko skaityti J. Sadausko straipsnį — "Kodėl mes tiek mažai veikiame?", tad ir man kilo mintis panagrinėti tą klausimą "Kodėl?".

Tame straipsnyje buvo nurodyta eilė vardų, kurie aktyviai reiškėsi vyčių spaudoje, o taip pat buvo sužymėta ir nemaža tų, kurie šiuo metu jau yra nutolę nuo šio darbo. Be to, straipsnyje yra išvardintos vietovės, kur vyčių veikla gražiai bujoja ar priešingai — yra gerokai aptilusi.

Turiu pasakyti, jog toks reikalo kėlimas, šio klausimo diskutavimas yra labai reikalingas, net būtinas dalykas. Dabartiniu metu "Vytyje" ar kituose laikraščiuose retai yra galima užtikti panašių minčių vyčių veiklos pagyvinimo reikalu.

Čia mes prieiname vėl prie to paties klausimo: "Kodėl mes tiek mažai veikiame?" Taip, kodėl? Man atrodo, jog štai dėl ko taip yra.

J. Sadauskas, savo straipsnyje paminėdamas anuos vardu, užkliuvo už žmonių, kurie, mano žiniomis, visi jau yra perkopę 60 metų amžiaus ribą. Taigi, jis užkliudė tuos asmenis, kurie jaučiasi, jog jie jau savo dalį yra atidavę ir nori malonaus poilsio. Dėl to juk jų nebegalima kaltinti, nes juk amžius daro savo žymes ir su tuo norint — nenorint reikia sutikti.

O be to juk žinome, kad vyčių organizacija, bent daugumoje, yra jaunimo organizacija ir kaip tokią reikia jaunų planuotojų, jaunų narių. Žinoma, čia nenorima pasakyti, kad senieji vyčių tarpe yra nepageidaujami, tačiau tik norima užakcentuoti, jog vien tik senaisiais pasikliauti mes negalime. Vyresniesiems galima rasti tam tikras pareigas: jie turėtų prižiūrėti jaunesnius ir, matant ką nors taisytino, pamokyti, patarti.

Tačiau, mano nuomone, jog vyresniesiems vyčių veikėjams šiuo metu nėra daug ką veikti. Jiems nėra tos atmosferos, kurioje galėtų pasireikšti jų patariamasis žodis bei pagelbstančioji ranka. Nenorėkime iš jų, jog jie dabar vėl imtųsi vyčių

organizavimo darbų ar, būdami atokiau nuo jų veiklos, spaudoje brėžtų konkrečius organizacinius planus. Juk laikai keičiasi, keičiasi ir priėjimas prie įvairių reikalų ir ta visa galima užčiuopti tik esant arti to veikimo, arti organizacinio aparato. Vyresniesiems reikia palikti vietą sendraugių tarpe ir, kaip jau minėjau, jaunųjų patarėjų-globėjų eilėse (žinoma, tik tose vietovėse kur yra ką globoti).

Vyčių veikla turi bazuotis jaunais vadais, jaunais nariais, jaunais plunksnos žmonėmis. Čia ir yra visa problema, jog tokių asmenų vyčių eilėse daug nebėra. Lankantis į vyčių parengimus, teko pastebėti, jog daugumas narių jau yra peržengę 35 metų amžiaus ribą, o jauno prieauglio bemaž kaip ir nesimato. Tas pats yra ir su vyčių spaudos bendradarbiais: čia iš jaunesniųjų tarpo teturime vos vieną, kitą atstovą (neskaitant angliškai rašančiųjų kuopų korespondentų).

Redaguojant vyčių skyrių Drauge, tenka susidurti su medžiagos gavimo problema ir čia patys vyčiai neberodo intereso tokiam skyriuje bendradarbiauti. Nemanau, jog vyčių tarpe nebūtų raštingų žmonių (korespondenciją parašyti mokslo daug nebereikia), tačiau, atrodo, jog tam nėra skiriama didesnio dėmesio. Todėl yra svarbu, kad išjudintume tokius iš apsnūdimo ir kad jauni žmonės ateitų į spaudos puslapius: nėra svarbu ar jie rašys lietuviškai ar angliškai (redakcijos gali išversti jų rašinius), bet yra būtina, jog rašytų jauni žmonės, o ne žilo plauko sulaukusieji asmenys.

Taip pat nemažas vyčių veiklos stabdis yra kalbos, papročių bei pažiūrų skirtumas. Nedažnas šiame krašte gimęs lietuvis, ypatingai antros ar trečios kartos, jau nekalba lietuviškai, o dar mažesnis procentas iš jų gali lietuviškai rašyti. Taip pat ir čia gimusiųjų lietuvių pažiūros į lietuviškus reikalus yra žymiai skirtingos, jas lyginant su Lietuvoje gimusiųjų jaunuolių pažiūromis ar papročiais.

Aš esu tikras, jog vyčių organizacijos narių skaičių būtų galima bent 50% padidinti, o taip pat ir tokiu pat procentu veiklą pagyvinti, jeigu vyčių susirinkimai būtų pravodami leituvių kalba ir jeigu organizacija turėtų lietuviškesnį išvidinį veidą. Patyrėme, jog tą padaryti nebūtų sunku, nes dauguma vyčių moka lietuviškai, bet nekalba vien tik iš ipratimo.

Dabar gi, organizacija yra tapusi bemaž vien tik angliškai kalbančių lietuvių sambūriu, be didesnių vilčių savo narių skaičiaus padidiniui. Šiame krašte gimusieji lietuviai ją, matomai, laiko per daug "lietuviška", o iš tėvynės atvykusieji per daug "amerikoniška". Ir iš tiesų esu patyręs, nemaža atsiliepiamų iš naujai į šį kraštą atvykusių lietuvių tarpo, kurie vis negali suprasti — kaip lietuviškos organizacijos nariai oficialiai kalba ir rašo tik angliškai. Tad ar nebūtų gera apsispręsti ir pasukti naudingesniu bei našesniu organizacijai keliu, labiau akcentuojant lietuviškumą išvidiniame gyvenime.

Tokiomis keliomis mintimis tenka baigti šias kuklias pastabas. Būtų gera, jog jos išsauktų ir daugiau pasisakymų. Juk mūsų visų tikslas yra vyčių veiklos praplėtimas ar bent jos gražinimas į anksčiau turėtąsias pozicijas, kada Chicagos lietuviai turėjo vyčių chora, savas krepšinio komandas, dešimtis lietuviškai rašančių jaunų spaudos darbininkų, šimtus jaunų (ne jaunių "senių") narių ir t.t.

Tad imkime ir iš pagrindų šį klausimą apsvastykime. Gal būt, rasime išganingą atsakymą?

NOTICE

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CHURCH CELEBRATION: Anna Kaskas, Metropolitan Opera contralto, left, chats with Monsignor John J. Ambot at a celebration honoring him for his 45 years as pastor of the Holy Trinity Church, Hartford, Conn. Miss Kaskas, who sang in the Holy Trinity choir as a girl, came from Florida to take part in the celebration which Policewoman Frances M. (Armaitis) Ostroske played a major role in organizing. Mayor James H. Kinsella is on the far right.

1957 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

One of the principle functions I had as your Supreme Vice President during 1956 - 1957 was to conduct a K. of L. Membership Drive. A wonderful way to give impetus to a Drive is to reward members in some tangible manner for their efforts in behalf of an organization. Having this in mind, I proposed two distinct Drives. One was the **concentrated Membership Drive** encompassing the work of getting new and old members into the various councils. This Drive was for a period of three months with its own rewards. The other was a Special Award Drive covering **general membership work** from September 1, 1956 to August 1, 1957. Rules covering both Drives were presented to the Supreme Council at its meeting held in Boston, Mass. on October 12, 1956, and approved. These rules were published in "Vytis" and specially printed letters were also sent to all councils.

In all contests, rules are set down to be adhered to — for eligibility or ineligibility. Our rules for the Special Award specified that points would be given for **general membership work** i. e. points to be given for each new or old member enrolled into the Knights of Lithuania organization; special points for organizing or reorganizing Regular, Senior or Junior councils. This was a specific factor in the Special Award Drive, and this was to be based solely on the records of the Supreme Council Financial Secretary and **not** on the records of the council. Another factor was that each new or old member brought into the organization had to pay one year's dues in order that the person sponsoring him may be credited for same. This was specified in the rules of the contest and repeated in a subsequent issue of the "Vytis". Some councils took upon themselves the task of privately interpreting the rules of the contest. Oral and written complaints about procedures followed

by certain councils in patting the membership were received, and this factor caused me great discomfort and concern in declaring a winner for this award. I insisted that a complete breakdown of the Membership Drive be submitted to me before I would make the \$175.00 presentation to the Knights of Lithuania organization, which I had personally promised.

In December, 1957, I finally received the much requested membership report and in turn gave my report to the Supreme Council at its meeting held in Boston, Mass., in January of this year. Simultaneously I presented \$175.00 to the Supreme Council although the one main factor covering any new or reorganized Regular, Senior or Junior council for the period covered was not known to me, nor the persons participating in this work who were to be credited with points for this phase of the contest. Therefore, it was further decided that this information be sought from our former Supreme Financial Secretary and that the decision of the Membership Chairman be upheld.

On March 8, 1958 I made a long distance call to our former Supreme Financial Secretary and ascertained the information that we had been waiting for. This information I immediately relaid to our Supreme President and he in turn stated that he would announce the decision of the Supreme Council at the coming National Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., and name the winner of the contest. If I were to name a winner last August, according to the records in my possession at that time, surely the current winner would only have been a runner-up. That is why I wanted a complete Membership Drive report in order that my action would be justifiable.

All expenses during the aforesaid Drive were covered by me personally without any financial assistance from either the Supreme Council or any private individual or concern.

John Stoskus

OUR AMERICAN PRIDE

REV. ALPHONSE B. JANUSONIS

A popular syndicated columnist recently wrote: "I wonder, if with all our remarkable American progress, we are not losing something infinitely more precious — our American pride."

The writer went on to say that while riding to town, he was "thumbed" for a ride by a big, husky, young man in his early twenties. He was disturbed at the sight of a healthy young fellow, standing at the side of the road, asking for a form of charity, as any beggar might do.

He couldn't understand it — for he had been brought up in rugged days himself, in a town where everyone had to work for an existence — and at a time when men didn't thumb their way to the next town, but walked.

"Get as much as you can for nothing — from whom you get it doesn't matter." This is the philosophy of life that is growing up in our age. I wonder if we Americans haven't a rather exalted opinion of ourselves. I wonder if sometimes we won't think that because we ARE Americans we have a right to share everything that the other fellow possesses. I wonder if we haven't a sort of pride which makes us think that we should be helped simply and solely because we are living in the United States.

Some of our overseas GIs reveal this last fault when they show themselves to feel quite free to break or ignore the laws and regulations of foreign countries, whether they be in Persia, India, England, or China. When they are called to task, they answer: "I'm an American — and I'm not going to be pushed around by a lot of foreigners." They forget that in these lands they themselves are foreigners. The fact that one is an American does not give him the right to ride roughshod over everyone else.

National pride is a good thing — provided it is the right kind — "pride with acknowledgments." And what does this mean?

All of you, Knights of Lithuania, are American born or American by choice. You must not forget that

you are in America through the grace of God. YOU might just as easily have been born an Italian, Brazilian, or some other nationality. Or you might just as easily have chosen Italy, Brazil, or some other country. The fact that you ARE an American gives you nothing to boast about — of yourself. Instead you have only something to be thankful for.

You were born in — or have come to — a land of plenty — where the greatest opportunities in the world are offered to the average man — where something is left of liberty and individuality — where the fundamental rights of man are at least acknowledged.

While we can legitimately be proud of many things in our country, there are also a lot of things of which we should be intensely ashamed; our record of one divorce in nearly every three marriages; our juvenile delinquency problem; our high rate of crime; our vulgar, and at times indecent advertising.

I'm not suggesting that, as a nation, we are any worse than many another nation. What I am suggesting is that we cannot continue to hold ourselves up to the rest of the world as an example to be followed — unless we make some drastic changes in our ways.

The fact of the matter is that, to a large extent, we are living on the prestige of those who went before us — who were prepared to work, to sacrifice, and to suffer for the America they dearly loved.

Too few of us are like them today. Too many of us want to do nothing but "thumb" our way through life — expecting others to give us the necessary lift simply because we now bear the name "American."

Yes, we should be proud to be Americans — especially Lithuanian Americans — American Knights of Lithuania. But our pride is justified only when we ACT as real American Knights of Lithuania — who fulfill that part of the K. of L. constitution which says: "The K. of L. educates its members to good American citizenship, urging them to participate in promoting the country's welfare."

So instead of demanding, let's do a little giving. Let's make the "hitch-hiking" Lithuanian - Ameri-

can a thing of the past. What we need today are Knights of Lithuania who are not afraid to step out along the road of life, fortified with fine moral principles, and a keen sense of responsibility to their fellow Knights.

There's a bright future ahead for America as a world leader, but only if her children realize that REAL PRIDE lies in the fact that they are not merely sons and daughters of a particular nation, but sons and daughters of GOD — and act as becomes such a dignity.

Knights of Lithuania, this is the way to become worthy leaders in a world that sadly needs such leadership.

JUNIOR PAGE

Junior Council 103

Providence, R. I. — Jr. Council 116 of Worcester, Mass., had a "Record Hop" recently and nine of our Juniors were transported by our Spiritual Adviser, Father Martin and Council President Vera.

We presented Birute Mackevicius with a birthday cake at our April meeting (belatedly). She was pleasantly surprised!

Junior Council 3

Philadelphia, Pa. This year's MINSTREL SHOW was known as "Here Comes the Showboat." Some of Juniors who participated in the Show were: Margaret Gestite and Christina Salciunas (up-to-date in sack dresses — purina chow burlap sack); Pat Rimkus and Pat Johnson (stepped out in their red satin, black trimmed, flapper outfits); Diane Beletsky, Bernadette Balionis, Brigid Banevicius, Arlene Eberle and Frances Smoluk (danced and sang to "Old Folks at Home"); William Wallace (played at the piano — "12th Street Rag"); and Jackie Smoluk and George Kateiva (stage workers). Guests in our audience included Msgr. I. Valancius, pastor; Father Nevers, spiritual adviser; Father Vezis and Father Shimkus. Two weeks later, the Seniors treated the entire cast with a dinner, for our splendid performance.

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KAN. A. STEPONAČIO PAGERBIMAS

Dvigubo jubiliejaus proga: 50 m. kunigystės ir 75 m. amžiaus Kan. A. Steponaičio Pagerbimo banketas įvyko kovo 23 d., 1958 m. Šv. Kazimiero parapijos salėje. Banketas buvo sėkmingas, sutraukė 220 lietuvių, sveikino beveik visų liet. organizacijų atstovai, gauta daugybė sveikinimų telegramomis ir laiškais iš viso pasaulio. Programą idomiškai pravedė A. Dabšys ir A. Dundzila pasikeisdami. Išsamią paskaitą apie jubilato gyvenimą ir darbus skaitė I. Medžiukas. Meninę dalį išpildė solistė Liucija Zaikienė, akompanuojant muz. Br. Budriūnui ir poetė D. Mitkienė, padeklamuodama savo eilėraštį.

Kat. Moterų S-gos narėms, kurios taip stropiai dirbo ir paruošė puikias vyčiams vaišes, priklauso visų nuoširdi padėka. Taip pat nuoširdus ačiū programos dalyviams ir vedėjams. —Kor.



Los Angeles, Calif. VERY REV. A. STEPONAITIS (right), spiritual adviser of Los Angeles Seniors Council, was tendered a testimonial dinner on the occasion of his 50th anniversary in the Priesthood. Seated at the head table with the Jubilarian (l. to r.) Anthony Skirius, K. of L. National Chairman of the Seniors Committee, V. Kazlauskas, chmn. of Catholic Federation (L. A. chapter), Professor M. Biržiška, and Rev. J. Kučingis, pastor of St. Casimir's Church.

PARDON THE MISSING ISSUES

The reason that you will not receive the August and September issues of VYTIS magazine is a simple one: *lack of funds prevents us from printing them.*

The cost of printing VYTIS, addressing, handling and mailing copies monthly to our entire mailing list mounts up to several hundred dollars, monthly. The K. of L. policy since its founding on April 24, 1913 has been that councils and districts arrange at least one affair each year, and allot the profits for Supreme Council operating expenses. Not all have been supporting our ever growing Knights of Lithuania projects. However, there have been some thoughtful members and friends who have donated to the VYTIS Fund. Membership dues received by the Supreme Council Financial Secretary does not cover the cost of printing VYTIS, and therefore fundraising drives are sorely needed.

We confidently believe that God will provide the "donors" if we trust in Him and devote our time and energy to stirring up the "doers".

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LAMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- If a secretary writes a letter, it's too long.
- If she sends a postal, it's too short.
- If she doesn't send a notice, she's lazy.
- If she attends a committee meeting, she's butting in.
- If she stays away, she's a shirker.
- If she duns a member for dues, she's insulting.
- If she fails to collect dues, she's slipping.
- If she asks for advice, she's incompetent.
- If she does not, she's bull-headed.
- If she writes reports complete, they're too long.
- If she condenses them, they're incomplete.
- If she talks on a subject, she's trying to run things.
- If she remains quiet, she's lost interest in the meeting.

Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust,
If others won't do it,
THE SECRETARY MUST!!!

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VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ SUSIRINKIMO

Neperdėsiu pasakydamas, kad šiuo metu iš visų Chicagoj vyčių kuopų veikliausia ir pavyzdgingiausia yra sendraugių kuopa. Daugelis narių ne tik lankosi į kiekvieną susirinkimą, daug laiko pašvenčia įvairiems Vyčių namo - salės reikalams, bet ir savo kišene prisideda prie didesnių salės pajamų. Štai pavyzdys.

Gerinant Vyčių sodą piknikams būtinai reikėjo naują tvorą užtvirti ir buvusi patvoryje nereikalingą laužą pašalinti. Tam reikėjo talkos, kurion savanoriai pirmieji atėjo: Namo Tarybos pirmininkas V. Jodelis, sendraugių kuopos išdinininkas N. Karlavičius, vienas didžiausių namo reikalams pasišventėlių J. Kerulis, nuolatinis ir mielas namo reikaluose talkininkas A. Petrusis per trejetą dienų darbą atliko pasigerėtinai. Gi judri sendraugių tarpe H. Širvinskienė per visas dienas budėjo virtuvėje, paruošdama talkininkams pietus, vakarienę ir šalto gėrimo troškuliui nuraminti.

Paskutinę talkos dieną vakare įvyko kuopos susirinkimas, kuris nuoširdžiai dėkojo visiems talkos dalyviams. Pažymėtina, kad talkininkai dirbę ištisą dieną atvyko ir susirinkiman, o V. Jodelis po darbo net namo nevažiavo (jis gyvena tolokai nuo Vyčių namo), kad galėtų dalyvauti susirinkime. O reikia žinoti, kad V. Jodelis turi maisto ir nesvaiginančių gėrimų krautuvę, kur labai reikalingas klijentams patarnauti. Padėka ne tik jam, bet ir jo žmonai ir šeimai, kurie supranta ir vertina organizacijos reikalus.

Susirinkimas nutarė iš kuopos išdo apmokėti talkininkų pietus, vakarienę, o Namo Taryba nieko neskaityti už šaltąjį gėrimą troškuliui nuraminti.

Dabar tokios talkos laukia kitoj pusėj tvora, o taip pat nemažas darbas sandeliams sutvarkyti, kad jie kitaip atrodytų atsilankusiems piknikuosna svečiams.

Medžio dažymo darbą žadėjo atlikti organizacijos veteranas Petras Cibulskis, kurio sūnūs yra vadovaujantieji nariai 24-toj kuopoj, o vienas jų — Valteris — Chicago ap-

skrities yra išrinktas Vyčių Namo tarybon ir čia eina buhalterio pareigas.

Padarius pranešimą apie buvusi Vyčių sodo atidarymo pikniką, kuris sumanių darbuotojų — virtuvėjų M. Paukštienės ir J. Žemaitienės, o bufete V. Paukščio — davė pelno, plačiau pasvarstytas kitas sendraugių kuopos išvažiavimas Bruzgulinės sode Willow Springs, Ill., rugpjūčio 17 d. Šio pikniko komisijon išrinkti pirm. Ignas Sakalas, išdinininkas N. Karlavičius, žymus sendraugių rėmėjas J. Kass, sekr. Ona Aleliūnienė ir buv. ilgametė ALT Chicago skyriaus sekretorė, visuomenės veikėja ir TT. Marijonų Chicago apskr. pirmininkė E. Samienė.

Jau kelintas mėnuo, kai susirinkimuose nebematom veikliųjų narių Prano Čižausko, Teklės Norbutienės ir J. Klimienės. Paašškėjo, kad visi trys serga. Nutarta visus aplankyti ir Komisijon ligoniams lankyti išrinkti H. Širvinskienė ir O. Aleliūnienė. Šia proga pranešame visiems nariams, kad nekviestai viešniai — ligai atsilankius į namus, prašoma tuojau pranešti kuopos sekretorei Onai Aleliūnienei, 3251 So. Union Ave., kad komisija galėtų aplankyti ir sendraugių kuopos vardu palinkėti sveikatos ir greito sugrįžimo į organizacinę veiklą.

Tradicinis Illinois - Indiana valstybių apskrities išvažiavimas - piknikas bus liepos 4 d. Pikniko reikalams sendraugių kuopa paaukojo \$10 ir komisijon išrinko H. Širvinskienę ir A. Petrusį. Kuopa taip pat duos darbininkų piknikui, jei apskrities komisijai jų bus reikalinga.

Susirinkimas, išklauses pranešimo savo atstovų į TT. Marijonų Bendradarbių seimą ir švč. P. Marijos Nekalto Prasad. seserų (Gildos) konferenciją, priėmė pakvietimą į Amerikos Lietuvių Kongresą birželio 27 ir 28 dienomis, So. Boston, Mass. Nesiradus savanorių, kurie važiuotų į kongresą, valdyba įgaliota kongresą pasveikinti ir pasiūsti auką. Lietuvai laisvinti vyčiai sendraugiai ne tik darbuojasi, bet ir aukoja kiekviena proga. Kai-

kurie nariai yra šimtus dol. paaukoję Lietuvos laisvės reikalui ir tuo nesididžiuoja, nes tai būtina kiekvieno tautiečio prievolė.

Vincui Paukščiui, Vyčių namo užvaizdai - menedžeriui padarius pranešimą ūkiniais namo reikalais, susirinkimas pasidžiaugė gražiu ir tvarkingu biznio vedimu, bet pranešimo pabaigoje visų veiduose pasirodė rimtis, kuomet V. Paukštis pasisakė, kad sveikatos ir kitų aplinkybių verčiamas nuo tų pareigų atsisakas ir atsisakymą įteikęs Namo tarybai. Visi labai apgailestauja V. Paukščio pasitraukimą iš svarbiųjų Vyčių namo — salės pareigų. Iki bus surastas naujas namo užvaizdas - menedžeris, V. Paukštis pasižadėjo pasilikti savo vietoje.

Susirinkimas baigtas malda prašant Dievo sveikatos visiems nariams, nes darbo organizacijoj niekuomet nebuvo permaža, gi darbininkų visuomet stokoja.

Senas Vytis

Pirmininkas atsirado. Vyčių sendraugių kuopa buvo pasigedus savo pirmininko Igno Sakalo. Nariai žinojo, kad šių metų pradžioje ji buvo pačiupus nekviestoji viešnia — liga. Vėliau, turbūt gydytojo isakytas, buvo išvykęs ilgesnių atostogų. Pagalios nudžiugom, kai gegužės mėn. susirinkime atsistojo prie prezidiumo stalo su... kūju rankoje. Saulės gerokai nubučiuotas, bet sakosi gerai jaučiasi. Ir vis didžiuojas, kad tai nuopelnas dr. O. Vaškevičiūtės.

Nudžiugom taip pat susirinkime pamatę sekr. O. Aleliūniene, kuri irgi buvo išvykusi į Arizoną pas savo dukrą ir žentą. Susirinkiman taip pat atvyko ir jos vyras, senosios kartos žymus Bridgeporto lietuvių ir lietuvių draugijų veikėjas.

Nieko neteko girdėti apie R. Mazeliauskienę, kuri taipgi yra išvykus ilgesnių atostogų į Arizoną. Jei ne sekančiame, tai kitame susirinkime tikimės ir ją pamatyti.

E. Samienė kaikuriems padarė surpriją gegužės mėn. susirinkime. Buvo žinių, kad ji vyksta Liurdan su maldininkų ekskursija, kuriai

CAN'T BE TRUSTED

(Following article by JOSEPH BOLEY, New York City, published in NEW YORK TIMES, April 20, 1958, in answer to the article "As We Confront Russia: The Basic Problem" (April 6), wherein Harry Schwartz, a specialist on Soviet affairs, warned Americans that, if we are to reach a satisfactory settlement with Russian diplomats at a summit meeting, we must base our policy on facts and not upon the illusions that we hold about the Soviet Union..)

Much can be said in regard to the problems of a summit meeting with the Soviet Union. I fully agree with Mr. Schwartz' premise that "to reach a settlement that serves our best interests, we must base our policy upon facts and not upon illusions." I also agree with his list of realities, unpleasant though they are, and the illusions that we too often entertain. But, after all that, why is Mr. Schwartz so anxious to reach "some kind of agreement"? The one basic reality, which was listed by the writer but ignored in his conclusion, is that the Russian leaders themselves place little value upon their agreements.

Until the Soviet Union proves its sincerity, by honoring the hundreds of treaties to which it has already committed itself and then unilaterally scrapped, until it has returned Poland to the Poles and Hungary to the Hungarians, until it respects the nonaggression pacts it solemnly signed with Lithuania and the other Baltic countries, until it honors the promises it made as recently as the Geneva Conference, the one basic reality that we must always bear in mind is that agreements made with the Soviet Union, at summit or below, are worthless.

By pleading that "some accommodation must be reached," is it not fostering another illusion that some

vadovauja kun. A. Miciūnas, MIC. Pasiteiravus pas ją pačią sužinota, kad rimtai buvo nusistačiusi dalyvauti maldininkų ekskursijoje, tačiau... sveikata išpėjusi nesiryžti ilgai kelionei, kurios, nežiūrint kaip būna suorganizuotos, vis tik nuvargina.

Priklausydama sendraugiams E. Samienė ilgus metus taipgi dideliu pasišventimu dirbo Federacijos Chicago apskrėčiai (nuolatos sekretoriaudama) ir Chicagos Lietuvių Tarybai, kur taip pat sekretoriavo ir dirbo įvairiose komisijose. Jos įnašas į lietuvių katalikų veikimą, taip pat į Lietuvos laisvinimo pastangas yra nepaprastai didelis, tik mažai įvertintas.

Plokštelės iš Lietuvos. Balandžio mėn. vyčių sendraugių susirinkime ir gegužės 11 d. vyčių sodo pikniko atidaryme teko pasiklausti dabar-

tinės Lietuvos dainų plokštelėse. Dainos (choro, dueto, solisto) naujos, negirdėtos, tačiau nė vienoj neįjunti, kad dvelktų komunizmu. Plokštelės gamintos Rygoje. Plokštelės iš Lietuvos gavo Vyčių namo prievaizda Vincas Paukštis.

Išrinkta įnešimų komisija. Gegužės mėn. vyčių sendraugių susirinkime išrinkta komisija (Ign. Sakalas, E. Samienė ir O. Aleliunienė) suredaguoti kaikuriuos įnešimus būsimam šių metų seimui. Tarpe kitų įnešimų, būtinai reikėtų įterpti porą čia paduotų, būtent 1. spausdinti "Vytyje" ištiesai seimo protokolą, kad kiekvienas narys galėtų matyti, kokius nutarimus ar pageidavimus seimas padarė, 2. kad Centro finansų sekretorius kas ketvirtį metų skelbtų "Vytyje" kokios kategorijos narių koki mokesčiai centrai. Pavyzdžiui, yra šeimų, kuriose

tėvai ir vaikai priklauso organizacijai. Jų mokesčiai nėra vienodi, nes ne visiems siunčiamas laikraštis. Mokesčių tabelė "Vytyje" žymiai palengvintų darbą kuopų finansų sekretoriams. Yra dar narių, kurie nežino, kad prieš porą metų (Chicagos seime) buvo pakelti mokesčiai. Ir iš kurgi žinos, jei "Vytyje" neskelbiama, nepakartojama.

Auka Amerikos Lietuvių Kongresui. Gegužės mėn. sendraugių susirinkime buvo perskaitytas Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos kvietimas siųsti atstovus į Amer. Lietuvių Kongresą, įvykstantį šių metų birželio 27-28 dienomis, So. Boston, Mass. Kvietimas priimtas. Kadangi Vyčių namo reikalai pareikalavo lėšų, tad neišgalint pasiųsti bent su pakenčiamu atlyginimu atstovų, nutarta kongresui pasiųsti pasveikinimą ir \$10 auką.

1958 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

* I hope that you have been busy signing up new members in your council. How many have you signed up? I am certain that you have done your share!

* Officially the Membership Drive was ended on April 27, 1958. But do not stop your good work! Try to get new members all the time!

* From now until July 20, 1958:

1. Do your best and try to sign up as many new members as possible;
2. Probably a number of your council members are in arrears with their dues: suspended or discharged. Give a helping hand to your Financial Secretary and help her to collect the dues from all those who are suspended or discharged. And please do this until July 20, 1958!

* Do you have in your parish a Junior Council and Senior Council? If not, have you done anything about it? Have you discussed this particular matter at one of your regular meetings? Have you elected or formed special committees to organize Junior and Senior Councils? If this has not been done, you can do it now! It is never too late!

* Each and every one of you will be asked to submit a report concerning your activity in this year's Membership Drive. I'll contact each and every one of you some time before August 1, 1958. Be ready for your report!

Leonard Valiukas,
National Membership Chairman

great good would come to us through that accommodation? Haven't we sufficient proof already that agreements signed with men who lack all sense of moral responsibility contribute nothing to national security or our peace of mind?

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Philadelphia, Pa. 3 "The Cuckoo Bird"

Our third annual Minstrel Show took place in April. Over 300 people attended it, including some out-of-town guests — Jack Stukas and Joseph Sable (both of New Jersey); Joseph Sipas (Worcester, Mass.); Larry Janonis and friends from New York. In addition to our Juniors having a part in the Show, we wish to commend Irene Varevice for her hard work in making the backdrop for the "Showboat"; Captain Al Dameika, Al Anona and Tommy Meron as witty and comical End Men; Walter Svekla with his "two-minute speech"; Irene Varevice and Agnes Timmins as Sunflower Sisters; Terry Macey, Mary Ann Burch, Joan Tarris, Irene Varevice and Agnes Timmins for their singing "Sugartime"; Pat Johnson and Pat Rimkus for their singing "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot". It was a huge success, and the cast enjoyed the after-the-Show dinner party given it by the council, under the supervision of Helen Shields.

Ten of our members journeyed to Ansonia, Conn. to attend the New England District Convention, and enjoyed meeting delegates and guests from that district.

Several of our members decided to "rest up" before the National Convention convenes in our city — they are Hedy Sarcewicz, Dot Barauskas and Theresa Mazeika. They are now vacationing in Bermuda.

We welcome into our council the following new members — Virginia Linkewich, Albert Ozalis, Irene Sasnauskas, Carl Kazakauskas and Chris Miedzius, who rejoined.

Our Convention Committee has been meeting quite regularly, and final arrangements have been made to greet all delegates and guests at

the 45th National Convention (August 21-24). We expect hundreds of delegates and guests from the Pacific and Atlantic coasts.

Elizabeth, N. J. — 52 "Nuff Said"

Father Anthony Kasper, past national spiritual director of the K. of L., inaugurated a devotion to St. Jude at the greatly attended Novena to "Our Lady of Perpetual Help" in St. Michael's Church. We all enjoyed the proficient narration on the life of St. Jude.

Several of our eligible bachelors — Charles Oskutis, Norb Wysocky, Ed Anilonis, Tony Pinkin, Tom Kasetta, Herb Horbacz and Ed Sharkis — rented a Bungalow at W. Pt. Oh, yes, they promise to take time off and attend the National Convention in Philadelphia, Pa.

Elizabeth Council can go on record as having a multitude of members attending the national convention — some will commute daily back and forth via turnpike, others will stay throughout the convention days.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Peter Kasilonis on the loss of his beloved mother.

A good time was had by all who attended our Spring Dance, thanks to Norb Wysocky and Charles Oskutis, co-chairmen and their entire committee.

In May, our council held an informal luncheon in honor of our immediate past president, Charles Oskutis. The luncheon took place at Tally-Ho, Union, N. J. Charles has done a lot for our council and the Knights of Lithuania organization, as a whole, and know we can count on Charles in the future.

Kearny, N. J. — 90 Ta Taradaika

The Bunny Hop Dance (April 11) held at the Lithuanian Catholic Community Center was a great affair, thanks to the efforts of Len Rokas, Alfred Ditchkus, Jack Borris and Ed McBride. Among our

guests from across the river were District President Larry Janonis and his wife.

Mother's Day Communion Breakfast was held in the parish hall. Mothers were particularly honored that day — in traditional manner, under the guidance of Father Dominic Pocius, spiritual adviser.

Brooklyn, N. Y. — 41 Anthony B. Mazeika

In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of St. Casimir's Birth, a special meeting was held on April 26th at the Annunciation School. Father John Pakalniskis gave an interesting talk on the life and works of St. Casimir; Joseph Boley recited several short Lithuanian poems; and at the conclusion of the program, there was a discussion on an article which appeared in the Readers Digest showing the hypocrisy of the Russians in regards to the keeping of Treaty agreements with Lithuania.

Several of our members attended the wedding reception of Angela Ragazinskas who was wed at the Annunciation Church on May 31st.

At our annual meeting held in April, the following were elected officers: Father John Pakalniskis, spiritual adviser; Diana Mochelunas, president; Jeanne Karpus, vice president; Anthony B. Mazeika, secretary; and Joseph Boley, treasurer. (After many years of brilliant leadership, Joseph Boley, K. of L. Honorary Member, declined to be reelected president of our council.) Also Diana Mochelunas accepted to be chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs, and Anthony B. Mazeika, as "Vydis" correspondent.

The council voted to donate \$20.00 to the Supreme Council; also \$4.00 to the K. of L. Scholarship Fund.

Amsterdam, N. Y. — 100 Smile & Sparkle

"The best turnout for the season!", Father Baltch exclaimed

when he saw the large number of K. of L'ers attending the May 26th meeting. President Don Nikstenas brought up the question of a summer outing which we now consider an annual fete. **REMEMBER THE DATE: Sunday, July 13.** Place: MR. RIMKUNAS' CAMP at Lake Galway, New York.

Father Baltch gave a talk on "Our Lady of Fatima." He also brought in Fordham University's schedule of the Lithuanian courses being taught during the summer months. We also looked through the latest issue of the magazine published by the Sisters of Jesus Crucified. At the close of the meeting, cake and coffee (tea) were served by Sadie Karbus, our most capable treasurer.

News Bits

The new Exalted Ruler of the Elks (B. P. O. E. 101) in Amsterdam is none other than our own good member Attorney A. C. Stokna. Congratulations, Tony!

Participating in the Journal American Bowling Tournament in New York City on May 17 was our President Don Nikstenas. He was high man on his team. Marion Jakaitis received the high triple award in bowling on the Powderette League. A trophy winner of St. Casimir's Women's League was Sophie Olbie.

Our Father Baltch was guest preacher during the Forty-Hour Services in Rochester, N. Y., May 18-20.

Connie Zygel and Father Baltch were guest soloists over Radio Station W.C.S.S., April 13. This was a special broadcast celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Lithuanian Hour. Also participating on the program were two more K. of L'ers, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas and Anthony Beleckas. Both were in the cast of the comedy "Adomas ir Jieva."

Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis have been checking on the summer resorts during the past few weekends — Lake George, Sacandaga Reservoir, and Speculator. While in Lake George, they met up with Marion Jakaitis and her family.

Gene Gobis and her pals, Betty Smith and Ann Grabowski spent a weekend in Palisades Park, New Jersey visiting K. of L'er, Isabelle Dapkus. The girls had a very busy Saturday — shopping on Fifth

Avenue and seeing the comedy, "Lil Abner." That same evening Isabelle drove the Amsterdam girls to Newark for the K. of L. dance, where they met — Gert & Al Janks, Mr. Pocius and son, Bob, Ann Klem, Winifred Skudris (Boston), Chip Chiponis, Frank Misakevicz, Joe Sakaitis and Ed Daniels (Worcester), Charles Oskutis and his buddies from Elizabeth, Dick Pauza and sister Virginia and Mary Vezeulis (Rochester).

Sunday, Isabelle and Elizabeth, Chip, Frank, Steve, and Charles Rusteika, took Gene, Betty and on a picnic to Bear Mountain. Everyone had a wonderful time, but all too soon it was time for the Amsterdam crew to take off for home.

Having just returned from the K. of L. meeting (May 26), Gene received a phone call from none other than two of the Elizabeth K. of L'ers Frank Misakevicz and Steve. Where did the call originate? Amsterdam! The boys stopped to say "hello" while on their way to Canada for a short vacation.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Convention Report —

Mary T. Klimkaitis

About 60 people consisting of delegates from eight councils, visitors from National Convention City, Philadelphia, the clergy and other guests attended sessions of the Annual New England District Convention.

The practice of awarding 3rd K. of L. Ritual Degrees at the District Convention was initiated at this meeting and the following were present to receive the said degree: Barbara Cyronak, C-103, Providence; Vytautas Morkunas, C-26, Worcester; and Joseph Landis, C-26, Worcester.

Resolutions Voted Upon:

(1) That the District sponsor a Ski Weekend next winter under the direction of the District Sports Chairman.

(2) That a letter be sent to President Eisenhower and the Senators and Representatives of Mass., Conn. and R. I. asking that the U. S. refuse to sanction the occupancy of Lithuania by the U.S.S.R.

(3) That the District donate a sum of money to the Supreme Council (during 1958) to help defray its operating expenses.

(4) That the District hold a picnic to help replenish its Treasury.

(5) That the District subscribe to a full-page ad in the National Convention program book this year.

(6) That the District hold a Membership Drive this year on a district basis.

(7) That each council in the District be assessed the price of five tickets to any affair sponsored by the District.

(8) That because the Booster Club of 1957 was so successful, it be continued in 1958.

The results of the election were:

Officers: President — Joseph Sakaitis, C-26, Worcester (re-elected); Vice-President — John Sabulis, C-135, Ansonia; Recording Secretary — Mrs. Ann Bender, C-26, Worcester (re-elected); Corresponding Sec'y. — Bernice Kavadaras, C-116, Worcester; Treasurer — Louise Totilas, C-116, Worcester (re-elected); Trustees — Bernard Saukus, C-6, Harford and Edward Rudis, C-17, So. Boston. **Chairmen of Standing Committees:** Ritual — Edward Daniels, C-26, Worcester; Sports — Helen Gillus, C-26, Worcester and Margie Ranucci, C-26, Worcester; Lithuanian Affairs — John Olevitz, C-17, So. Boston; and Cultural — Mary Klimkaitis, C-116, Worcester.

Above officers and committee chairmen will serve for 18 months, as voted upon at the fall convention so as to change the election time from the spring meeting to the fall.

District delegates to the National Convention (Philadelphia, August 21-24) elected were Joseph Sakaitis, C-26, Worcester and Dorothy Sinkavitch — C-116, Worcester.

Athol, C-10, will be host to the next District Convention which is tentatively scheduled to be held on September 28, 1958.

Father Albert J. Contons, national spiritual director, installed the new officers and closed the convention with a prayer.

Host Council 135 was commended for the hospitality extended to the delegates and guests, also for the buffet served at the close of the sessions.

Ansonia, Conn. — 135 "Evermore"

CONVENTION NOTES

Felicitations are being received by Johnny Sabulis who was elected Vice President of the New England District. We wish him the best of luck and know the district made a wise choice as he is very active in Ansonia's C-135, local civic and veteran's organizations.

K. of L. received splendid news coverage of the convention through the media of radio, T. V. and newspapers due to the efforts of Johnny Sabulis and Joseph Draugelis.

It was nice to see so many "old" faces once again here in Ansonia and many "new" ones, too. We're glad that those who came had a good time and enjoyed themselves.

Floyd Trapkauskas and "Miss Egypt" of Hartford, were observed enjoying the two-day convention. Floyd really picks them says "Pitt."

Our two capable chairladies in charge of the kitchen, Violet Brazitis and Rose Marie Tabaka, did a fine job and everyone enjoyed their tasty food.

Our expert Mixologist Al Jesulaitis did a little ice dropping — tell us more about it Al.

Excellent comments were received from all the visiting clergy. To them we say thanks and we're glad you were able to come.

Peter Gumbulevich was very quiet with his new "friend". One thing for sure, he didn't introduce too many fellows to her.

Tripping the light fantastic on the dance floor were Mrs. Rita Pinkus and our own Joe Draugelis. If prizes were given for dancing, they would have won one.

This reporter was told the party at the "Three Acres Motel" was enjoyed by everyone. Of course the greeting of Daylight Saving time was not too good as everyone lost an hour of fun.

Council Notes

Our eighth anniversary was partially celebrated by playing host to the New England District Convention. More celebrating is yet to be done at the "Crestwood" in Middlebury, Conn.

Leon Barauskas is becoming a fine bowler in the Air Force. His father says if he (Al Barauskas)

was a few years younger, he could really give Leon a match. Oh yeah!

Don Poehailos, our President, pulled a good one about the "Fish" that was in the Derby — "Silky" Sullivan — no wonder he didn't win.

Council outing being planned — Floyd Trapkauskas hopes the tree branch that Olga Savitskas kept hitting while playing "Volley Ball" has been cut. We invite all to assist in the arrangements.

A group is planning to go to Philadelphia to the National Convention. Those who are interested should see Don Poehailos for details on events, etc.

Active once again is our Ritual Committee. Don't forget, if you want to join the ranks of higher Degree personnel you must work for it and it's fun, too! Start now.

Thanks to Violet Brazitis for being such a fine hostess during all of the meetings held at her home (in preparation for the District Convention).

Providence, R. I. — 103

Bert Stoskus & Ruth Krecioch

Our May Dance was quite successful... Vera and Barbara Cyronak did a nice job in arranging the New England Roll-Off... Congratulations, Barbara Cyronak on your receiving the 3rd K. of L. Ritual degree during the New England District Convention held in Ansonia, Conn... Vytaut Savickis recently joined the Pawt Toastmasters Club and was honored as "Table Topics" master April 16th... Many of our members journeyed to Brockton to help Council 1 celebrate its 45th anniversary, May 10th... Dorothy Labucki was successful in her final exams at R.I.C.E. and received her B. A. degree. Wish her continued success in her chosen vocation... Vera is back in stride, after some months' convalescence... Al Jakutis of Council 18, Cambridge, Mass., chauffeured several of our members to Council 116's (Worcester) dance — Vera, Sally, Dorothy, Irene, Aldona and Regina. Thanks, Al... Happy Birthday greetings were extended to Barbara Cyronak (May 17), Paul Stoskus (May 24th), and Regina Krecioch (May 18).

Parish News — Special church service were held during the Month of our Blessed Mother, officiated

by our Pastor, Rev. John Vaitekunas... Choir dance held in May, was well attended by our members... On June 1st, Bishop Padolskis, Lithuanian Prelate from Rome, officiated at St. Casimir's Confirmation. Canon Vaitkus of Peacedale celebrated his 50th anniversary in the Priesthood that same day. It was a special and rare occasion to have had Bishop Padolskis and Canon Vaitkus in our community.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Dayton, Ohio — 96 Chuck

The attendance at our meetings has been increasing, lately. We were happy to see such members attending as Geraldine Gevat, Andy August, Veronica Omlor and Ida Kavy. Let's hope this continues!

Our Bake Sale affairs prove to be more profitable, under the chairmanship of Mary Lucas, than our dances. Therefore, MORE Bake Sales!

This year's Mother's Day Program was well arranged, and we are certain that our Mothers enjoyed the day very much, particularly the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In charge of the Program were Eloise Berczelly and Pat Zelinskas.

Our main project of the year will be the ANNUAL PICNIC, to be held August 10th at Eintracht Park. The committee consists of Mike Petkus, Stan Sluzas, Bob Petrokas, Frankie Ambrose and Ida Kavy. Let's make it a MUST to attend.

There were 15 members who journeyed to Cleveland and participated in the Mid-Central District Convention and Bowling Tournament. Though they did not bring back the trophy, they did bowl well. They were Charles Petkus, Stan Vaitkus, Mike Petkus, Fran Petkus, Jim Richie, Eloise Berczelly, Tom Scott, Eva Leasure, Ann Scott, George Mikalauskas, Alfred August, Frank Gudelis, Mary Lucas, John Akelaitis, Elizabeth Scott and Joan Kavy. Our thanks to Cleveland Council 25 for being such a fine host. Next year's tournament will take place in Gary, Indiana, with C-82 acting as host.

Birthday Greetings (in June): Mary Kavy, Ann Goldick, Joe Mikalas, Ann Scott, Father Walter Katarskis and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fretic. **Anniversary Greetings:** Felix and Helen Goldick, Stan and Helen Vaitkus, Tony and Joanne Zelinskas, Charles and Fran Vangas, Charles and Ann Goldick, Charles and Sarah Petkus and Joe and Ada Sinkwitz.

Miscellany. Our newest celebrity is George Mikalauskas who caught quite a number of fish. This adventure merited his picture in the Dayton News. Father Walter is now owner of a new foreign car. Hope to make a trip to China one of these days! Let's go to Philadelphia, first!

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Chicago, Ill. — 112 Dolores Rupp

In spite of the weatherman who gave us a miserable rainy day, our Annual Easter Bunny Hop was a success. A hearty "thanks" to our Chairman, Jim Jagiella and his hard - working committee. Our welcome and thanks is also extended to Mary Ann Slenis and Joseph Zickwic of C-133, Los Angeles who attended our dance while in Chicago.

Wedding Bells were in full ring this Spring. Betty Tucker became the bride of Jim Bozec on May 3rd. On April 26 Barbara Lazutka changed her name to Mrs. Edward Vaitkunas, whereby our council lost one of its most active members to Council 26 of Worcester. Best of luck to both couples.

Chicago, Ill. — 36 Loretta Kassel

Our 1958 officers: President Sophie Zukas, First Vice President Tony Balcytis, Second Vice President Al Pratt, Recording Secretary Loretta Kassel, Financial Secretary Eileen Dockus, Treasurer John Meizis, and Trustees Mr. and Mrs. Petrusis and Dell Petkunas — have been hard at work administering a rejuvenating "shot in the arm" to our council — with much success.

We're glad to have new members Lucille Stacy and Stelle Danelius with us... and we're equally pleased about the return of Virginia Balzekas and Bill Kulikauskas to the fold.

Interest has been added to our meetings by the short talks on Lithuanian history and culture given each month by volunteers Tony Balcytis, Loretta Kassel, Mr. Petrusis, and Lucille Stacy.

Having almost recovered from the activity - packed Midwest Bowling Weekend in Cleveland, C-36 bowlers Sophie Zukas, Aldona and Gar Hitzeman, Al and Lor Kassel, Lu Stacy, and Stelle Danelius send their sincerest thanks to Cleveland Council 25 for all the hospitality extended to us, making the trip one we won't forget for a long time. Thanks also to Detroiters, particularly Bob and Vince Boris, who entertained us so well with an abundance of refreshments and songs. And not to forget the important part of the weekend — the bowling — our council maintained its place among the winners, with our team finishing a close second, and team members Gar Hitzeman and Lor Kassel winning individual trophies, Gar for Men's High Game, Scratch, and Lor for Women's High Series, with Handicap.

If you saw Al Pratt with streamers around his neck, boxes of tickets in his hands, or a "polka shuffle" in his step, it was the result of his job as chairman of June Frolic, held June 14 in the Youth Center.

CHIT - CHAT...

The council turned out en-masse to fete members Adella Tamasauskas and Frank Petkunas at their wedding April 20. Naturally, the bride was beautiful, and the groom not too nervous. Members John Meizis, Eileen Dockus, and Vivian Slazas were in the Bridal Party.

Congratulations to John and Helen Meizis on the birth of their second son, John Jr.

To beat the rest of us in the race for a summer tan, Scotty Zukas vacationed in sunny California for two weeks in May.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. — 133 AFS
Senior Council

We, the members of The Knights of Lithuania, Council 133 Seniors, at the meeting held March 16, 1958, 3:00 PM, at the home of Mrs. S. Leonavičienė, unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 1 — Resolved that 25% of all the dues be retained by the councils and 75% be sent to the Supreme Council Treasurer.

Resolution No. 2. — Resolved that the Supreme Council have a balanced budget; be it further resolved that the Supreme Council spend not more than 2/3 of the money received from dues in covering the publishing the VYTIS magazine and other type of printed material; 1/3 of all the receipts from dues by the Supreme Council be left for various other operating expenses of the Supreme Council.

(Council President was empowered to send original Resolutions to our National President with instruction that they be presented at the National Convention (Philadelphia, Pa.) for consideration and that above Resolutions be published in VYTIS.)

Anthony F. Skirius,
Senior President
Mary Kiškis,
Senior Sec'y.

K. OF L. CALENDAR

JULY 4 — Illinois-Indiana District, Fourth of July PICNIC, Willow West Grove.

JULY 13 — Amsterdam, N. Y. (100) OUTING, Rimkunas Camp, Lake Galway, N. Y.

JULY 13 — Norwood, Mass. (27) Annual Picnic, Grape Arbor, Bullard St., Walpole. (in case of RAIN — alternate date — Sunday, July 20.)

AUGUST 10 — Dayton, Ohio (96) K. of L. PICNIC, Eintracht Park.

AUG. 10 — Dayton, Ohio (96) ANNUAL PICNIC.

AUG. 21-24 — 45th K. of L. National Convention, Philadelphia, Pa. Headquarters — Bellevue Stratford Hotel. Host: Council 3.

SEPT. 14 — Providence, R. I., (103) ANNUAL PICNIC.

DECEMBER — New York - New Jersey District to sponsor the December issue of VYTIS, 1958. Anne Klem, chmn.

We extend our best wishes and many years of happiness to Mr. Romualdas J. Leimonas, son of our Editor, and Miss Milda Martinkus, who were united in marriage in Saint Peter's Church, South Boston, Mass., on June 15, 1958.

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— KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA —

45th NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20th —

Tour of Philadelphia — 1 P. M.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 21st —

Registration — Hotel — 10 to 3

Bowling Tournament — 4 P. M.

Royal Reception — 8 P. M.

St. Casimir's Hall — 331 Earp Street

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd —

Mass — St. Casimir's Church

Sessions — A. M. & P. M.

Lithuanian Campfire — Outing

Bring your Bathing Suit

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 23rd —

Mass — St. Casimir's Church

Sessions — A. M. & P. M.

Luncheon

Convention Ball

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th —

Mass — St. Casimir's Church

Final Session

Banquet Closing

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Registration Fee — \$16.00

(Includes tickets to Royal Reception, Lithuanian
Campfire, Luncheon, Convention Ball and Banquet)

Members planning to take Tour of Philadelphia
on Aug. 20th are requested to notify:

Convention Secretary,

Miss Theresa Macey

221 Greenwich Street

Philadelphia 47, Penna.

Bowling Tournament contact Larry Janonis,
2124 Ellis Avenue, Bronx 62, N. Y. re: revised rules
(two important changes made).

Coffee and Cake — after Mass Friday and
Saturday. Brunch — Sunday morning.