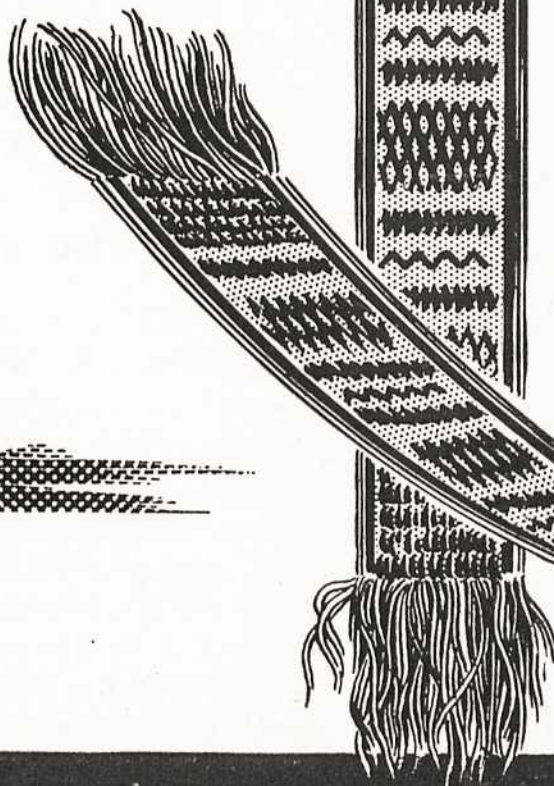
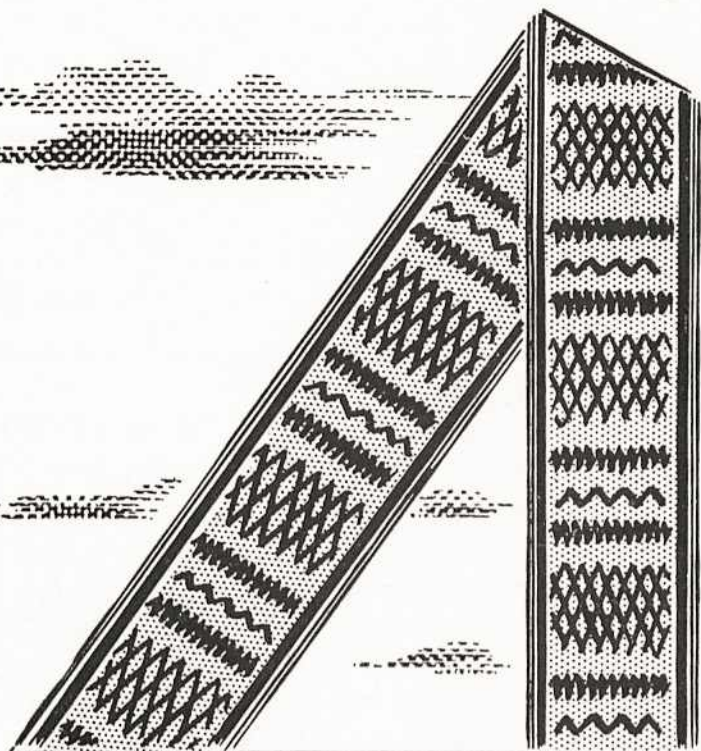


# VYTIS



## 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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## ST. CASIMIR BOOKLET



Rev. Albert J. Contons

"Casimir, wonderful on earth, more wonderful in heaven." Such is the inscription found on one of the bells of the church of Kražiai in the Lithuanian Lowlands.

After Casimir's death in 1484, nobles, widows, students, and poor came to his tomb. Not only did they pay their respects to him, but they prayed and begged his heavenly help. Many miracles were worked through his intercession.

Devotion to St. Casimir rapidly spread throughout Lithuania and Poland. It took root in such far off places as Belgium, Sicily, and Italy. Ultimately emigrants from Lithuania and Poland carried the devotion to the United States, where many churches are dedicated in honor of St. Casimir.

This year Lithuanians everywhere, and particularly the Knights of Lithuania, who have St. Casimir as their special patron, are observing the 500th Anniversary of the birth of their heavenly patron. Lest interest in St. Casimir cease with the close of his Jubilee Year on March 4th, the Knights of Lithuania have recently published an attractive, 48-page, illustrated booklet on the life of St. Casimir in English. This is, indeed, a praiseworthy and concrete expression of love for our patron saint. It will serve to foster, increase, and widen devotion to St. Casimir not only in Lithuanian circles, but in others as well.

It would certainly be a most inspiring sight if every K. of L. member would adopt the circulation of this booklet as a personal religious apostolate to honor St. Casimir during the coming months. There are many beautiful lessons to be learned from the life of St. Casimir — as inspiration for parents, children, students, those in authority, engaged couples, those tempted to disappointment, impurity, neglect of prayer, and injustice. Here we have an opportunity of uplifting young and old alike by offering to them the example of St. Casimir.

This is an apostolate worthy of the enthusiasm, zeal, and devotion of every K. of L. member, who is truly dedicated to St. Casimir.

There are very many suggestions we might offer for distributing the "ST. CASIMIR" booklet. Members might consider selling or donating copies to their Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian friends who might not otherwise receive the booklet. Some might wish to send the booklet to their friends in place of Christmas cards. Others may find it possible to donate copies to their local libraries, newspapers, clubs, or waiting rooms.

Councils could appropriately distribute the booklet during their annual St. Casimir's Day observances on March 4th. There may be zealous members in each council who would sell the booklet at any parish gatherings, meetings, or after devotions. It might be practicable if councils would arrange to distribute it through pamphlet racks or local book stores.

Some councils may find it possible to arrange with their pastors to distribute "ST. CASIMIR" to school children in the 5th grade and up. The booklet would be a suitable gift for Junior K. of L. members, altar boys, scouts, CYO, Sodality, or Holy Name members.

As author of the English text of "ST. CASIMIR," I would like to make the following acknowledgments, which could not be made in the booklet itself, because of its limited size. I am deeply indebted to Prof. Zenonas Ivinskis, whose scholarly articles and in the Lithuanian Encyclopedia and Aidai, and whose book, "ŠVENTAS KAZIMIERAS", provided the basic source materials for our booklet. I am grateful to Father Viktoras Gidziunas, Provincial of the Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers, who suggested the preparation of "ST. CASIMIR" and graciously offered the use of the format and illustrations contained in his Lithuanian booklet "ŠVENTAS KAZIMIERAS."

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Most particularly, I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. William Gorski for his invaluable assistance and suggestions in preparing and proof-reading "ST. CASIMIR."

Also, I am most grateful for the encouragement and suggestions of Sister Imelda of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified.

A special word of gratitude belongs to the Knights of Lithuania, whose national convention generously and unanimously voted to publish the booklet, even though it involved a considerable financial commitment.

The enthusiastic response of the delegates of the convention, many of whom made sizeable donations toward the publication of the booklet, was most inspiring. It is our hope that many more will find it possible to join their ranks as "HONORARY PUBLISHERS OF 'ST. CASIMIR'."



# P R I E Š 45 M E T U S

Ignas Sakalas

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija įsteigta 1913 metais balandžio 27 d., o savo laikraštį VYTI pradėjo leisti 1915 metais spalio 27 d. Taigi per du metus jos veikimas buvo registruojamas mūsų periodinėj spaudoj Drauge, Darbininke, Moksleivyje, Tautos Ryte ir kituose. O kad tas veikimas buvo dinamiškas, kad organizacija dideliu gaivališku plėtėsi po lietuvių naujokynus, liudija faktas, kad per tuos dvejus metus įsisteigė 51 kuopa, į kurias susibūrė 2,100 jaunimo (skaičius paimtas iš 1915 m. Centro finansų sekretorės Salomėjos Šlegaitės pranešimo metiniam suvažiavimui Wilkes-Barre, Pa.), susikūrė apskritys Naujosios Anglijos, New York ir New Jersey valstybių, Pennsylvania — rytinės ir vakarinės — sričių ir Chicagos. Iš kuopų ir apskričių veikimas liejosi visomis sritimis ir kaip gaisras plėtėsi. Kur tikėtai susidarė didesnė lietuvių išeivių bendruomenė, žavėdamasis veikimu Lietuvos jaunimas

steigė kuopas ir dėjosi prie bendro veikimo, bendros kovos už Dievą ir Tėvynę.

Šiandie sunku yra prieiti prie augščiau minėtų laikraščių komplektų (daugelis gal jau visai dingę) ir iš jų pageltusių lapų parodyti šių dienų skaitytojui visa tai, ką per tuos du metus vyčiai yra nuveikę. Tad pradėsime tikėtai nuo 1915 metų spalio 27 d., kuomet Amerikos lietuvių katalikų laikraščių šeimoje gimė dar vienas gražus kūdikis — vyčių organizacijos laikraštis — Vytis.

## Baisi nelaimė

**Chicago.** Organizaciją dar slėgė gedulas dėl vyčių 14 kuopos narės Petronelės Laurinaitės tragiškos mirties 1915 m. liepos 24 d. Tą dieną Western Electric Co. darbininkai ruošė laivu Eastland ekskursiją Michigan ežeru. Ekskursantų tarpe buvo ir Laurinaitė. Ekskursantams suėjus į laivą ir susiburus į vieną

pusę, laivas neišlaikė pusiausvyros ir apvirto. 812 ekskursantų nuskenodo, jų tarpe ir Laurinaitė.

Ji buvo Amerikoj gimusi ir augusi ir nepaprasto pasišventimo jaunimo draugijoms. Kuopos ir apskrities veikime ji buvo pirmose gretose ir vadovaujanti. Visur ir visuomet išdidžiai ji save persistatydavo lietuvaite, labai mylėjo lietuvių kalbą, ja didžiavosi ir grožėjosi. Kitataučių tarpe kiek žinodama kėlė lietuvių tautos garbę. Skaitė lietuvių laikraščius ir domėjosi visu lietuvių politiniu veikimu.

Palaidota Šv. Kazimiero kapinėse. Chicagos vyčių pastangomis, padedant ir kitoms kuopoms aukomis, ant jos kapo pastatytas gražus paminklas, kuris ir šiandie tebestovi (netoli didžiųjų vartų prie pirmojo kairėj kelio).

## Blaivininkai

**Cicero, Ill.** Vyčių 14-ji kuopa susirinkime (1915 m. rugsėjo 29 d.) nutarė dalyvauti Tarptautinėje

## “ST. CASIMIR” BOOKLET

### GARBĖS LEIDĖJAI — HONORARY PUBLISHERS

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#### Jie mums ne pora

**Boston, Mass.** Vyčių 17 kuopa parapijos salėj įrengė naujas scenos dekoracijas ir scenos uždangą. Dekoracijų ir uždangos įteikimo vakare kalbėjo Darbininko redaktoriai kun. F. Kemėšis ir Pr. Gudas, centro Literatūrinės komisijos narys J. Ramanauskas ir buv. centro sekret. O. Kašėtaitė. Pastaroji ypatingai ragino jaunimą nebendrauti su kitataučiais, nes 'jie mums ne pora'. Vakare kuopon iširašė 13 naujų narių.

#### Lituanistikos mokykla

**Melrose Park, Ill.** Vyčių 22 kuopa įsteigė lituanistikos mokyklą. Mokyklą globoti apsiėmė kuopos steigėjai A. Jonča ir P. Valuckas. Mokytoju pakviestas V. Babičius.

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**Chicago.** Vyčių 16 kuopos veikėjas komp. A. Pocius įsteigė Beethoveno vardo muzikos konservatoriją 950 W. 33 St. Be jo, mokytojais buvo dain. O. Pocienė, komp. A. Aleksandravičius (Aleksis), vėliau pakviesti smuik. Jakaitis, dain. G. Šidiškiūtė (Giedraitienė) ir k. Konservatorija lietuvių chorams davė išlavintų narių.

#### Gabūs menininkai

**Chicagoje** (1915 m. spalio 3 d.) vyčių 4-ji kuopa suruošė vakarą kleb. kun. M. Krušui pagerbti vardinių progą. Programą sudarė kompozitorius A. Aleksandravičius (Aleksis), Beethoveno konservatorijos profesorius. J. Brazaitis piano išpildė Clementi "Sonatina", A. Martinaitė padeklamavo S. Tarsijos "Pasveikinimas", K. Volteraitė ir A. Vytis smuikais išpildė E. Strietel "Annie Larie", L. Šimutis gambiai atliko savo paties sukurtą monologą "Radzibatorius", mergaičių choras padainavo J. Štarkos "Siuntė mane motinėle", D. Šulckaitė pianu paskambino C. Morrison "Meditacija", vyčių kuopos choras, vedamas komp. A. Aleksio padainavo Sasnausko "Kur bėga šešupė", M. Petrausko "Oi motulė mano" ir Vyčių himną.



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Sorry not all Council write-ups appear in this issue, due to the fact that Convention reports take precedence. Be assured more Council news will appear in the next issue.

Editors



# S V E I K I N I M A I

**HIS HOLINESS** (Message received by Rev. Fr. A. J. Contons, national spiritual director) — "The Holy Father has graciously directed me to send you this acknowledgment for the offering which you forwarded to Him recently with your assurance of filial devotion, on the occasion of the forty-fifth National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania. In this presentation His Holiness sees an evidence of filial attachment and of a desire to assist Him in His apostolate of charity. He bids me give expression to His warm appreciation and cordial thankfulness, and, as an earnest of a bounteous reward from on high, He lovingly imparts to you and to the Officers and Members of the Knights of Lithuania, their families and loved ones, His paternal Apostolic Blessing. With sentiments of high esteem and regard, I remain, Yours sincerely in Christ,

(Signed, A. Dell' Aqua, Substitute)."

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**KUN. JONAS J. BAKANAS** — (Kleb. Šv. Kazimiero Par., Worcester, Mass.) — "Lai praėities nuveikti darbai skatina Jus prie didesnių ir milžiniškų darbų ateityje."

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**LEONARDAS ŠIMUTIS (DRAUGO, Chicago, Ill.)** — "Kad vyčiai yra išvarę plačią vagą tautinėje ir kultūrinėje Amerikos lietuvių veikloje, tai žino kiekvienas, bent kiek akyliau sekąs mūsų spaudą ir visuomeninį gyvenimą. Pagaliau, kad įdomu, apie vyčius gali pasiskaityti jų skyriuje, kuris būna 'Drauge' šeštadieniais, arba pačiame organizacijos mėnesiniame žurnale 'Vytyje'."

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**ATTY. A. O. SHALLNA, LITHUANIAN CONSUL (Boston, Mass.)** — "It is a real privilege and an honor to send greetings to a representative organization of the youth of Lithuanian Americans. In your service for GOD and COUNTRY you have been doing exemplary work. In honoring Congressman Daniel Flood you are demonstrating that our people are appreciative of the Congressman's aggressive and positive work for the regaining of Lithuania's independence."

**PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER** — "Hope that you will assure all of the members of the Knights of Lithuania of our Government's continuing support for the cause of Lithuania and the other Baltic States. As you know, the United States firmly refuses to recognize the forcible incorporation of the Baltic States into the Soviet Union, and we remain confident that the peoples of the Baltic States will ultimately regain their freedom and national independence." (Signed Thomas E. Stephen, Secretary to the President).

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**GOVERNOR GEORGE M. LEADER (Pennsylvania)** — "I know that the Americans of Lithuanian extraction who will be assembled here in the shadow of Independence Hall will renew their already impressive efforts for the preservation of liberty and freedom. I hope you enjoy your stay here and that you have ample opportunity to see the shrines and historic sites that are so close."

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**MAYOR RICHARDSON DILWORTH (Philadelphia)** — "I will be happy to send a representative to the opening session of your convention on Thursday morning, August 21, and have asked Dr. Leon J. Kolankiewicz, Councilman-at-Large, to represent me on that day."

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**JONAS BUDRYS, GENERALINIS KONSULAS (New York City)** — "Prašau priimti mano geriausiai linkėjimus sėkmės Jūsų Seimui ir bendrai Jūsų patriotinei organizacijai."

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**B. ŽUKAUSKAS, PIRM.** — (Philadelphijos Ateitininkai Sendraugiai) — "Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstybėse gyvenę Ateitininkai su džiaugsmu seka Lietuvos Vyčių kultūrinę veiklą ir ypač gėrisi Jų kovą dėl Lietuvos laisvės."



**CONVENTIONS.** The Internal Revenue Service makes a ruling on taking an income tax deduction for expenses of attending conventions held by certain organizations. If the organization is such that contributions to it are deductible, IRS says you can claim as a charitable contribution any unreimbursed costs you may pay as an official delegate to its conclaves. The IRS ruling was issued for the American Legion and a church group, but the principle would apply also to conventions of such organizations as a P-TA, or a charity.



Joseph P. Sipas

**CANDID SHOTS** taken during National Bowling Tournament, panel discussions and socials at the 45th K. of L. National Convention, Philadelphia, Penna. (August 20-25, 1958).



## CULTURAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

JACK J. STUKAS, Chairman

### ACTIVITIES

1. Series of six cultural talks forwarded to all councils in November, 1957. Included essays on Lithuanian folk dances, its countryside, lakes and forests, and a survey of the development of Lithuanian National Music.

2. Cultural essays have been reproduced in bulletins of Ansonia (Council 135 — "Knight Light,") and South Boston (Council 17 — "The Lancer"). This is an excellent means of getting this valuable material in the hands of all council members.

3. Requests of many councils for additional cultural material, including post essay mailings, as well as request for various information on Lithuanian books, recordings, etc. have been met.

4. New Jersey - New York District established Lithuanian language classes last Fall in Newark and Elizabeth, which were successful for a time.

5. Concert in Newark, during the Eastern Regional Committees Conference sponsored by New York - New Jersey District exclusively featured K. of L. talent, and was highly successful.

### CRITICISMS:

1. Lack of K. of L. sponsored concerts, dramatic presentations, etc., even in this anniversary year of St. Casimir's 500th birthdate, noticeable, and deplorable. Although this Philadelphia Convention Committee did not sponsor a concert for the delegates and general public, it has made provisions for a musical program during the banquet. The Committee must especially be recommended for its efforts in obtaining radio time for airing a Knights of Lithuania radio show, which will be broadcast Saturday afternoon, here in Philadelphia, over WTEL, through the cooperation of the program director, Stasys Petraitis. A 12-minute radio skit paying homage to St. Casimir, our patron saint, produced by Joe Boley in New York, will have its premiere on the show, and later repeated on the Pittsburgh, New York, and other Lithuanian programs. The cast was made up of N. Y. - N. J. District K. of L'ers. This significant cultural venture is the idea and product of Joe Boley.

2. District did not name their Cultural Chairmen, nor did councils select their Cultural Committee representatives. Only two responses from Councils were received. If the chairmen or representatives were named, your chairmen did not receive their names. This should be corrected as soon as possible.

3. No council or district reported inviting a distinguished or interesting Lithuanian speaker to a meeting, to make the evening culturally enlightening. This should be a regular function or procedure of each council or district.

4. Inquiries were not received or guidance sought, similarly as in the past year, for assistance for a program in Lithuanistics from Junior Councils. This area should certainly be strengthened. Folk songs and dances are the chief means of attracting youngsters to Lithuanian activities. Playlets also help a great deal in this regard.

### FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. In Los Angeles, the Cultural Committee Panel recommended, among other things, that Lithuanian language classes be fostered by every means available. Suggestions taped Lithuanian Language courses to be played back — at council meetings, classes set up with the assistance of local pastors or nuns.

Pre-recorded taped lessons would be accomplished by mimeographed instruction sheets. Rev. Puidokas offered a resolution to the National Convention, that a special committee be set up to discuss further possibilities of Lithuanian Language instruction under the auspices of the Knights of Lithuania, including furnishing texts, recorded tape lessons, inviting teachers for certain localities, etc.

2. The Cultural Committee panel in Newark, at the Eastern Regional Committees Conferences in January, 1958, recommended the recording or taping of cultural essays being furnished each council, and their circulation among the councils.

The panel also suggested reports be regularly sent "Vytis" on various activities of the Cultural Committee, also the Committee should sponsor a Lithuanistic contest for Junior K. of L'ers (which Junior Council would put on the best skit, songfest, etc.)

Finally, the panel recommended Lithuanian songs be sung at our meetings from specially purchased Lithuanian song books, and include brief sketches, poetry or dramatizations at meetings for the pleasure of those attending the meeting.

It was also emphasized that K. of L'ers should seek the cooperation of local Lithuanian radio program directors in airing K. of L. News and cultural features.

3. The next series of cultural essays will be released in October or November of this year. One paper will include the latest information as to obtaining the latest books in English on Lithuania, Lithuanian sheet music, recordings and similarly valuable "Where To Find It" information.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

WINIFRED J. SKUDRIS

Since my election last August, I have endeavored to the best of my ability and time to fulfill all the duties required of me.

During the past year 622 delinquent notices were sent. Payments were made by 292 members to date. The respective Council Financial Secretaries were also notified.

As of August 1, 1958, we have a total of 5 Districts, 40 regular councils; 4 Senior Councils; 13 Junior Councils. 2 councils, namely C-1, Brockton, Mass., and C-30, Westfield, Mass., have been reactivated; 1 new Junior Council in Elizabeth, N. J., (C-52) has been organized. On the roll are 29 honorary members.

Copies of this report together with detailed membership standing will be sent to all councils. Any discrepancies should be called to my attention so that the national records will coincide with those of the council.

In closing I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all the persons I've worked with this past year for their wonderful cooperation and assistance.





## PAGYRŲ PUODAS – NIEKAD NETAUKUOTAS

ALFA SUŠINSKAS

Žmogaus tuštybė ir puikybė yra ypatingai gabi dvasinė piktžolė: ji isimeta, kur tik sau vietą randa. Ir auga ji įvairiais pavidalais, prisidengdama gražiomis spalvomis ir neretai gardžiai, patraukliai kvepėdama. Ši piktžolė mėgsta žmogaus širdį, ir jei tik jis yra neapdairus, ji vešliai joje sulapoja.

Viena iš šios piktžolės rūšių yra pomėgis girtis.

Gyrimasis yra savimyliška tuštybės ir puikybės išraiška, siekiant išskelti ar padidinti savo tikrus ar prasimanytus darbus, turimas ar neturimas savybes. Nelaikoma pasigyrimu, kai nuveikti darbai ar turimosios savybės iškeliamos esant reikalui.

Gyrimosi tikslas yra susilaukti garbės, atkreipiant į save kitų dėmesį.

Kaip pagyrų puodas — niekad netaukuotas, taip pagyrūnas — visada kuo nors žymus, neeilinis, vis pranašesnis už kitus.

Kiekvienas pagyrūnas yra pilnas savimyla, ir jo svarbiausias rūpestis — asmeninė nauda, kurios jis viskuo siekia.

Užkietėjęs pagyrūnas nemėgsta kito žmogaus laimėjimų ir garbės: savo pasigyrimais jis stengiasi juos aptemdyti, aplenksti, jų nematyti. Būdamas su kitais žmonėmis, jis visada išlenda ir save kaip centrinį asmenį iškelia; jis nuolat trokšta, kad visa aplinka tik apie jį tesisuktų, kad visi būtų jo pranašumo nustebinti ir sužavėti. Jei kitas kurį nors savo laimėjimą ar gerą savybę pamini, pagyrūnas tuojau skuba pasirodyti su dar pranašesniais laimėjimais, su dar žymesnėmis savybėmis, nors jam čia tektų ir perdėti ar net ir sugalvoti, iš piršto išlaužti. Jis negali ramiai ir šviesiai žiūrėti į kito žmogaus pasižymėjimą ir pranašumą, kurį jis mato, bet dėl savo puikybės nenori viešai pripažinti.

Gyrimasis dažnai eina kartu su

pavydu kito atžvilgiu; pagyrūnas dažnai esti ir nemažas pavyduolis.

Jis save laiko kalbėtoju: ir nebetokiu — pačiu žymiausiu. Po savo prakalbos ar paskaitos jis būtinai kreipiasi į girdėjusįjį, klausdamas išpūdžių ir, žinoma, pats tuojau atsakydamas.

— Nu ką? Patiko? Sužavėjau? Kalbėti man yra lengviau, negu stiklą vandens išgerti!.. Čia aš jaučiuos tikras specialistas!

Po laikytos paskaitos ar pasakytos kalbos jis dar ilgai apie ją pasakoja jos negirdėjusiems pažįstamiems, vaizduodamas klausytojų susidomėjimą, ir kaip ir kodėl juos sužavėjęs.

— Žinai, aš suprantu žmonių psichologiją ir kalbėdamas jaučiuos esąs didžiausias oratorius. Todėl ir paveikiu juos...

— Gaila, kad nebuvai: būtum išgirdęs, ko dar niekad negirdėjai. Žiūrėk, ateik manęs pasiklausyti, kai kitą kartą kalbėsiu...

Jis gyvena savo paties susikurta gražbylystės didybe, apie kurią jis kalba visiems ir visur, kur tik gali.

Kiekvieną kitą kalbėtoją jis be matant sutrypia ir nuvainikuoja.

Tačiau žmonėms jo gražiakalbystė visai kitaip atrodo: jų sprendimu, jis vienas iš daugelio eilinių kalbėtojų. Nepaprastas ir neeilinis jis tėra tik savo išpūstais ir įkyriais pasigyrimais...

Žmonės vadina ją plepe ir pagyrūne. Kaimynus ir pažįstamus belankydama, ji mėgsta apie savo gyvenimą pasakoti vis perdėdama, visai pagražindama. Smulkūs ir asmeniniai šeimos įvykiai, reikalai jos žodžiais išauga į didelius ir svarbius; visokie pirkiniai, jos nupasakojimu, būna vis brangesni: vadina si, vis geresnės ar geriausios rūšies.

— Kaip patinka mano naujoji skrybėlė? Graži? Kaipgi ji nebus graži, jei už ją tiek brangiai sumokėjau! — ji giriasi pažįstamajai,

skrybėlės kainą dvigubai pakeldama.

Žmonės nelabai tiki jos pasakojimais ir bodisi jos plepiu atsilankymu: juk pagyrūnai nėra nei patikimi, nei pageidaujami, nei mėgstami.

Daug kas žino, kad jis yra geras chorvedys, neblogas muzikas. Betgi taip pat jie nuolat girdi iš jo iki kartumo igrisusi gyrimąsi savo muzikiniais talentais.

— Mano choras — tai bent choras! Aišku, reikia sugebėti, talentą turėti...

Ir taip jis, kada reikia ir nereikia, kur tik progą nugriebdamas, vis apie savo muzikinius praeities pasiekimus tekalba, didžiųjų ateities darbų planus vis tepasakoja. Jei jis tiek nesigirtų, jis būtų žmonėms mielesnis, patrauklesnis ir jų labiau mėgstamas.

Pagyrūnas yra šališkas žmogus ir nepakelia kad ir mažos kritikos. Rodydamasis už kitus vis pranašesnis, į patiriamą kritiką jis žiūri kaip į asmeninį įžeidimą: jis gi jaučiasi esąs nepaliečiamas ir neprilygstamas.

Nuolatinis gyrimasis rodo charakterio metaurumą, dvasinį netobulumą, nekilnumą, savanaudiškumą ir net vaikiškumą. Persiėmusysis dvasiniu, dorybiniu gyvenimu ir subrendusio charakterio žmogus nemėgsta girtis. Šitoks ne pats save šlovina, bet leidžia savo darbams už save kalbėti.

Tikroji ir neaptemstančioji garbė auga ne iš pasigyrimų, bet iš nuveiktų darbų ir iš dvasinio kilnumo.

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## P A D Ē K A

Lietuvos Vyčių 45-tasis Seimas, susirinkęs 1958 metais Rugpiūčio 21-24 dienomis Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., reiškia savo vytišką padėką:

1. Vyčių Centro Valdybai už jų uolų veikimą savai Organizacijai, ypač už jų padengimą kelionės išlaidų vykstant į Centro Valdybos posėdžius.
2. Edvardui Šulaičiui ir Antanui Yukniui už vedimą Vyčių Skyriaus, "Drauge."
3. "Vyties" Redaktoriams Dr. J. Leimonui ir Panelei Felicijai Grendelytei, ypač už specialaus "Vyties" išleidimą 45 metų Vyčių sukakčiai ir jubiliejiniam Šv. Kazimiero pagerbimui.
4. Prelatui Ignui Valančiūnui už Globojimą Seimo ir malonų priėmimą savo pastogėj.
5. Vietos 3 kuopai, Seimo Komisijai pirmininkei Elenai Šaulytei, už jų pasišventimą surengti šį Jubiliejinį Seimą.
6. Prof. K. Pakštui už jo gilią lietuvišką mintį steigti Naują Lietuvą.
7. Juozui Boley už lietuviškos radijo programos švento Kazimiero garbei parengimą ir įrašymą į plokštelę Vyčių naudojimui.

## YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE . . .

### JUNIOR K. OF L. SECRETARIES

Every Junior K. of L. Council Secretary is kindly requested to send the following information to **Helen Shields, 217 Wharton Street, Philadelphia 47, Penna.**, just as soon as possible.

1. Names and address of your council's Junior K. of L. officers.
2. Number of members in your council.
3. Name and address of your counsellor or moderator. If you have more than one, please list all of them.
4. Time, place and date when your meetings are held.
5. Approximate age of your group's youngest and oldest member.

If you are unable to answer some of the above questions yourself, please do not wait until your meeting, but contact the other officers or your counsellor immediately for the necessary information. Please reply promptly. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

**Helen Shields,**

1st Vice President

N. B. JUNIOR COUNSELLORS: Please make sure that your Junior K. of L. Secretary reads the above. Ačiū.

*THE PURPOSE OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA is summed up in its motto "For God and Country" (Dievui ir Tėvynei)... The organization's aim is to encourage each member to show a personal and practical responsibility in instilling a deeper knowledge of Catholic faith to the market-place, especially — 1) government, 2) education, 3) Lithuanian affairs, 4) Lithuanian language, history and culture,*

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MARY LUCAS

As National Vice President in charge of Juniors, I have performed my duties to the best of my ability whenever it was possible. Although I was unable to attend the Supreme Council meetings with the exception of one, held in Cleveland at which I was present, I have had communication with the other national officers and my contact with them has been most enjoyable and enlightening in my goal toward performing the duties of the office to which I had been elected.

This past year, although the membership of our Juniors has been increased by just one new council, the other Junior councils have remained active and in good standing with the exception of Chicago Jr. Council 24-99 which has been dissolved.

I had written letters to all councils presidents in the organization urging them to organize the Juniors in their community and to report to me on their progress, but with the exception of C-52, Elizabeth, N. J. who had organized a Jr. council immediately after the last national convention, I received no response to my letters from any of the other councils.

During the 44th national convention held in Los Angeles, the Juniors Panel suggested having a guide book by which a Junior Council could abide in planning their activities and in having a definite program to which they can refer. I have attempted, during my reign of office, to compile such a guide book for our Juniors and I hope that after reading it through you can give us constructive criticism and suggestions for improving it so that the newly-elected Supreme Council may go ahead with printing up copies for each council.

To date, the following Junior Councils are registered with the National Financial Secretary:

C-3 Philadelphia, Penna.	C-67 Bayonne, N. J.
C-12 New York, N. Y.	C-78 Lawrence, Mass.
C-19 Pittsburgh, Penna.	C-82 Gary, Ind.
C-26 Worcester, Mass.	C-90 Kearny, N. J.
C-41 Brooklyn, N. Y.	C-96 Dayton, O.
C-52 Elizabeth, N. J.	C-100 Amsterdam, N. Y.
	C-103 Providence, R. I.

The job of organizing Junior Council is a never-ending one and it must go on with an even greater drive than it has in the past, for only in this way can we be assured of the survival of the Knights of Lithuania.

5) Entertainment, 6) Sports... Positive, constructive action is essential. Little is accomplished by complaining and criticising. The K. of L. is the largest American Lithuanian Catholic youth organization in the country, and boasts of publishing a bi-lingual monthly magazine called VYTIS for over forty years. Take pride in being a member of such an organization; also in your heritage.



## PADEKOS ŽODIS

Man yra didelė garbė būti pirmu Vyčių stipendininku. Vyčių Seime, Filadelfijoje, kai man buvo įteikta stipendija, aš buvau taip netikėtai sujaudintas, kad negalėjau tinkamai atsidėkoti. Dabar prieš pat mokslo metus, turėdamas laiko pagalvoti apie stipendiją, aš norėčiau keletą padėkos žodžių pasakyti.

Visų pirma noriu dėkoti Vyčių stipendijos iniciatoriams, be kurių planų ir darbų nei aš nei koks kitas vytis studentas nebūtų gavęs paramos savo studijom. Taip pat dėkoju Stipendijos Komisijos nariams ir linkiu jiems viso gero — tegul jų stipendininko pasirinkimas visada būna vaisingas Vyčių organizacijai ir Amerikos lietuviams. Dar noriu tarti nuoširdų ačiū Niujorko - New Jersey Apskričiai, kuris surinko pusę pajamų ir visiems vyčiams, kurie aukojo darbą ir pinigus stipendijai sudaryti.

Galų gale noriu prižadėti, kaip pirmas Vyčių stipendininkas, stengtis būti geru pavyzdžiu ir būti vertu šio apdovanojimo. Aš taip pat prižadu darbuotis Vyčiams, kiek tik išgalėsiu.

**Algirdas Budreckis**

Elizabeth'as 1958 m. rugsėjo mėn. 10 d.

## BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Larry Janonis, Sports Director

A very successful King & Queen Bowling Tournament was held on Thursday, August 21, 1958 at the 45th National Convention in Philadelphia, Pa. There was a total of 57 bowlers participating with all districts being represented.

This tournament was divided into two groups: The regular bowlers, with established average, and novice bowlers, those with no established average in big ten competition. The winners and runners-up in both division were as follows:

### NOVICE

Queen — Irene Varevice, Philadelphia .....	363
2nd — Rose Chestnut, Worcester .....	323
King — Jack Jatis, Chicago .....	445
2nd — John Dauginas, of New England .....	415

### REGULAR (With Handicap)

Queen — Loretta Kassel, Chicago .....	534
2nd — Lillian Zindzius, New York .....	526
Eleanor Rokas, Kearny .....	526
King — Len Rokas, Kearny .....	566
2nd — J. Utkus, Phila. ....	540

The registration fee was \$2.50 per person and after expenses, covering the bowling



**Algirdas M. Budreckis**

### PIRMASIS VYČIU STIPENDININKAS

Gimęs Amerikoje, Newark, N. J. I Vyčių organizacija istojo 1953 metais. 1956, 1957 ir 1958 metais jau buvo 52 kuopos Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos Pirmininkas. Tais metais taip pat buvo ir 52 kuopos Kultūros Komiteto Pirmininku. O nuo 1957 metų yra New York-New Jersey Vyčių apskrities sekretorius ir Lietuvių Kalbai Išlaikyti Komiteto narys. 1958 metais sausio mėn. padėjo suorganizuoti Newark, N. J. lietuvių kalbos kursus vyčiams. Šiuo metu dar yra Lietuvių Bendruomenės Elizabeth Apylinkės valdybos narys, Elizabeth Lietuvių Skautų vadas ir Elizabeth Amerikos Skautų Skautininko padėjėjas. Aktingai dalyvauja ir kitoje lietuviškoje veikloje. Studijuoja teisę Rutgers Universitete. Kalba angliškai, lietuviškai ir vokiškai. Dar gali susikalbėti lenkiškai ir rusiškai.

alleys and trophies, there was a balance of \$16.03, which was donated by the host council, Philadelphia, to the New York & New Jersey District Bowling League. On behalf of the bowlers of the New York & New Jersey District, I would like to thank Philadelphia for this donation, which will be used towards prizes this forthcoming season.



## EXCERPTS OF VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

LEONARD VALIUKAS

### Tied down in California, unable to attend.

I take this opportunity to extend my best wishes and greetings to all K. of L-ers and guests who will attend this year's national convention. I promise to be with you next year in Detroit or wherever you will decide to hold our next annual gathering.

### My efforts regarding the 1958 membership drive

As your 2nd Vice President, I was in charge of the 1958 membership drive.

As you know, we did not have any literature (leaflets, pamphlets, brochures, etc.) about our organization. I have tried to do something about it in order to better this situation. I have prepared a leaflet about the Knights of Lithuania organization, and Anthony Skirius (National Chairman of the Senior Committee) published it without any charge. 20,000 copies of this pamphlet were printed and used by our councils during this year's membership drive.

Everybody knows that there are many Lithuanian communities in the U. S. where we do not have a K. of L. council. I have tried to contact pastors or priests of Lithuanian parishes in those communities asking them to help us to organize K. of L. councils. I also mailed a good supply of literature about our organization to each and everyone of them. Only two answered. And they are: Rev. Dr. A. Deksnys of East St. Louis, Ill. and Rev. J. Riktoraitis of New Haven, Conn. There is a very good chance to reactivate Council 40 in East St. Louis, Ill., and Council 50 in New Haven, Conn. Both priest have promised their assistance regarding this particular matter.

I had on my mailing list over 300 names of councils' officers and prominent K. of L'ers from all over the country. Three newsnotes were prepared, printed and mailed to everyone of them (March 2; March 30; and May 24). In my newsnotes I mostly dealt with matters regarding this year's membership drive.

I have asked our Catholic newspapers in this country to give us as much publicity as possible. Editors of Lith. Catholic daily, "Draugas"; "Darbininkas", published twice a week; and Lith. Catholic weekly, "Garsas", were very generous along this line. Mr. Leonardas Šimutis, Chief Editor of "Draugas", and Prof. Simas Sužiedėlis of "Darbininkas" wrote very fine editorials dealing with our organization and this year's membership drive. Mr. Ed. Šulaitis and Mr. Anthony Yuknis, Editors of the K. of L. section in "Draugas", were very cooperative.

### Results We have gained —

- (1) 151 new members (including 14 married couples) have joined the Knights of Lithuania;
- (2) 82 former members rejoined (including 17 married couples);
- (3) 1 new junior council organized in Elizabeth, N. J.;
- (4) 2 councils reactivated — Westfield, Mass. (C-30), and Brockton, Mass. (C-1).

We have gained 295 members (either new or former members).

Following have received most points during the membership drive:

- (1) Kunigunda Coach, C-30, Westfield, Mass.;
- (2) Eleanor Rokas, C-90, Kearny, N. J.;
- (3) Charles Strolis, C-29, Newark, N. J., and Rev. A. Janiūnas, C-78, Lawrence, Mass.

Kunigunda Coach has received 152 points; Eleanor Rokas — 52 points; and Charles Strolis and Rev. A. Janiūnas — 23 points each.

The following councils have received most points during the membership drive:

- (1) Council 30, Westfield, Mass.;
- (2) Council 7, Waterbury, Conn.; and
- (3) Council 1, Brockton, Mass.

I take this opportunity to thank the following who gave me fine assistance: Mr. Anthony Skirius of Los Angeles, Calif.; Miss Winifred Skudris of Boston, Mass.; Mr. Ed. Šulaitis and Mr. Anthony Yuknis, both of Chicago, Ill.; Editors of "Draugas", "Darbininkas" and "Garsas", and all K. of L'ers who tried to do their share during the membership drive. Of course, I have to thank all national officers who were very cooperative along this line, too.

## PANEL: "HOW THE K. OF L. CAN ATTRACT THE PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE INTO ITS MEMBERSHIP"

Friday, August 22, 1958, 4:30 P.M.

CHAIRMAN — Rev. Albert J. Contons

SECRETARY — Miss Mary Klimkaitis

ATTENDANCE — 26

The participants seemed to be in agreement that the K. of L. must offer a program which is interesting and appealing to the professional person.

Many people will devote their time to an organization if they feel that the organization is satisfying their important needs. If the K. of L. is to be successful in increasing the number of professional people in its ranks, it must try to develop activities which will make them feel that their time is well spent.

The K. of L. has the unique advantage of offering Lithuanian professionals an opportunity of meeting other Lithuanians and keeping their ties with Lithuanian culture and friends.

More emphasis could be laid upon cultural activities, lectures on subjects of interest, folk dance and musical groups, community projects, and charitable activities. Some socials could be arranged with the professionals in mind.

There are so many facets to this problem, that it is recommended that in each council groups meet for the purpose of analyzing their own program and studying how it might be made more interesting to its members. Special effort should be made to contact professionals on a person to person basis and to show a practical interest in them.



## LITHUANIAN HISTORY

### KING GEDIMINAS FOUNDER OF VILNIUS — CAPITAL OF LITHUANIA

*Albin S. Adomaitis,  
Baltimore, Md.*



As was the custom during the medieval period of European history, most nations and states did not have any permanent capital. The center of government happened to be at the particular site where the sovereign was residing or encamped.

Mindaugas, the first Christian king of Lithuania (crowned 1253), had maintained a royal residence at the fortress of Voruta. King Traidenis had ruled from the ancestral stronghold of Kernavė, while King Gediminas had resided for a while at Trakai and Kernavė.

It is probable that even prior to the fourteenth century some sort of settlement already existed more or less on the present site of the great metropolitan city of Vilnius. However the formal establishment of the city as the capital of Lithuania occurred during 1323.

Romantic Lithuanian tradition relates the following legend as to the foundation of Vilnius:

During the summer of 1323, King Gediminas was out hunting in the dense forests of the Vilnius area. He was accompanied by the princes and nobles of the Lithuanian royal court. Many servants raised a tremendous clamor by blowing horns and beating drums in an attempt to drive out the wild game into the open. Packs of hounds sought out the many wild animals inhabiting the primeval woods. Much game was obtained and a magnificent auroch was struck down by Gediminas himself.

As night approached, an en-

campment was made by the royal party on the top of a high hill overlooking the surrounding region. Gediminas chose this spot because of the beautiful panorama presented by the rivers Neris and Vilnelė coming together in this hilly terrain covered with lofty pine and oak.

Tents were thrown up and fires were soon roasting the catch of the day. After properly celebrating the exciting events of the hunt with food and mead (Lithuanian national drink), the weary hunters retired for the night. Only the ever vigilant royal guards patrolled the now silent camp.

During the night, Gediminas had a remarkable dream. A gigantic wolf clad in glistening iron armor was standing on the top of a mountain and roaring as if a hundred wolves were within him! The piercing ethereal howls echoed and re-echoed from the distant hills steeped in silent gloom. The very air was electrified crackling with moonbeams spearing the misty earth. Eerie sounds poured out in an ever increasing crescendo from the supernatural apparition!

Dawn finally came and King Gediminas related his fantastic dream to the priests and nobles present but no one could offer an explanation. Finally he appealed to the High Priest Lizdeika who was living nearby at the temple of Perkūnas (Thor). The high priest listened attentively to the king's narration of the unusual dream and finally interpreted its meaning. The iron clad wolf

symbolized a vast and imperial city spread out over the hills where now impenetrable forests grew. The howling signified the clamor that would surround this Lithuanian citadel for centuries. Its proud and mighty influence would reach far beyond the nation's borders into Europe and Asia.

Being highly pleased with the interpretation of his dream, King Gediminas returned to his castle at Kernavė. Here he summoned his craftsmen and engineers; they were commanded to build a mighty fortress at the site of the dream. After it was completed, the royal court of the kingdom of Lithuania was transferred to the new location. Thus the legend dates the foundation of the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius during the year 1323.

Known historical records confirm this same date. During that year King Gediminas issued royal invitations from Vilnius to the craftsman and merchants of western Europe to come and live in the city. A communication was also sent to Pope Joannes XXII complaining of the invasion by the German Teutonic Knights of his kingdom. Also Franciscans and Dominicans were invited to take charge of the Christian churches that had been built for their use in the Lithuanian capital.



## DONATIONS

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Council 19, Pittsburgh, Penna. ....	50.00
Kun. Jonas J. Bakanas, St. Casimir Church, Worcester, Mass. ....	45.00
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Anna Mae Uznis, Dearborn, Michigan .....	10.00
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	\$400.00

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	\$30.00

(Hope other members will help increase this Special VYTIS FUND, originated by Carl Gobis, by sending in their donations to VYTIS FUND, 395 W. Broadway, P. O. Box 54, So. Boston, Mass.)

**RITUAL REPORT.** The Ritual committee has worked in great accord. There were some delays due to incomplete applications. We have tried to be cooperative with secretaries of Council Ritual and likewise Districts. Joseph Sakaitis, secretary, presided at Panel discussions in the New England District K. of L. Workshop held in Worcester, in November, 1957. He also attended the Eastern Regional Committees Conference held in Newark, N. J., in January, 1958. About the same number of councils participated in Ritual activity as last year. About thirty per cent of all councils were represented. Letters were sent to councils showing the members' standing in degrees. This work was completed by the first of this year. There were no changes made this past year in the Ritual constitution. It was decided at the Supreme Council Officers' meeting held in May, 1958 (Cleveland, Ohio), to give part of the Ritual funds for Honorary Members' Medals. Stephen Onaitis, chair-



CHICAGO, ILL. Lithuanian night at the Basilica, June 27th, found a jammed packed Church with no room left for standees. Some 1500 Lithuanians came to the Basilica in pilgrimage, sang native songs honoring the Mother of God and appropriately, through the Lithuanian Consul Dr. Petras Daužvardis, officially presented the first Lithuanian flag which became the first of such flags to represent various national groups in the Chicago area. Actually most first and second generation Americans have two countries — America and the land where they originated. It is impossible to uproot in a few years customs and language that are associated with a special flag. All pledged to pray for peace, the restoration of the homeland by fulfilling the requests OUR LADY made at Fatima, while attending the SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA. Lithuanian Choral singers led hymns outside Novena Basilica while procession formed to enter Upper Basilica for service. Among those attending were John Kaminskas, president of the Illinois-Indiana District and Walter Cibulskis, district officer. The cover of "Sorrowful Mother Novena Notes", edited by C. Brissette, O.S.M., (July issue), illustrates an historical scene — the Lithuanian Consul with American girls in traditional Lithuanian dress; there also appears an interesting article on Lithuania by said editor.

(Submitted by Jerry Jesulaitis.)

man, and Jack Jatis, treasurer, agreed with the Supreme Council to do so. This was in accord due to the fact that originally (some 10 years ago) that the Supreme Council had advanced \$300.00 for Ritual material. This was never repayed. Therefore, this is considered as partial payment on this loan. All expenses of the Ritual committee were donated. During the past year 52 — 1st degrees, 52 — 2nd degrees, 10 — 3rd degrees and 6 — 4th degrees were granted to members. To date — grand total degrees bestowed upon qualified candidates: 1st — 1769; 2nd — 901; 3rd — 380; and 4th — 172. (Stephen J. Onaitis, chmn., Joseph J. Sakaitis, secretary, Jack L. Jatis, treas.)



# VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

**Ir mes džiaugiamės.** Chicagos anglų dienraščio "Daily News" parinkti teisėjai visose augštesnėse mokyklose išrinko 96 moksleivius, labiausiai pasižymėjusius matematikos moksle. Vienas tų moksleivių — Jonas Cibulskis, 2136 W. 23rd Pl., lankas Šv. Pilypo augšt. mokyklą.

Jonas Cibulskis yra vienas iš septynių vaikų Petro ir Stasės Cibulskių šeimoje. Jis kartu su savo broliu Valteriu priklauso vyčių 24-tai kuopai ir yra pavyzdingi savo veikime. Trečias Cibulskių sūnus yra kunigas marijonas. Dukterys ištekėjusios ir jau sukūrusios šeimas. Visi vaikai lietuviškai gražiai kalba.

Petras Cibulskis yra vienas seniausių West Side gyventojų, vienas žymiausių tos kolonijos veikėjų ir draugijų organizatorių, jų tarpe ir vyčių kuopos, kuriai ilgus metus vadovavo. Dabar priklauso sendraugiams.

Stasė Cibulskienė (Radzevičiūtė) čia gimusi ir augusi yra ne tik pavyzdinga motina, gražiai išauklėjusi septynis vaikus, bet ir pavyzdinga moteris. Kai daugelis net iš Lietuvos atvykusių moterų nesideda prie seniau įsteigtų moterų draugijų, Cibulskienė ne tik priklauso toms draugijoms, bet ir valdybose nuolatos darbuojasi.

Kartu su tėvais ir mes visi sendraugiai džiaugiamės J. Cibulskio gabumais, kurie jį papuošė Sidabričio Ritierio garbės ženkle.

**Zanavykas, broli, zanavykas.** Vienas sendraugis, kilimo augštaitis, teigė, kad J. Lebežinskas, vyčių veteranas ir žymus North Side lietuvių kolonijos veikėjas, yra augštaitis, nes esą tik augštaičiai yra tokio mielo būdo žmonės. Dabar pasirodė, kad ne. Spaudoje buvo paskelbta, kad J. Lebežinskas yra vienas šakių Apskrities Klubo steigėjas. Taigi, zanavykas, broli, zanavykas.

**Puikiai iširengė.** N. Karlavičius, visuomet nuoširdžiai veikia vyčiams, neseniai persikėlė į naujus namus, kuriuos pasistatė ir iširengė pagal savo planą. Namas mūro, o viduj, kiek kur reikėjo medžio, visur panaudota brangus medis. Namus Karlavičiai pasistatė priešais

nuosavą apartmentinį namą Claremont ir 70 gatvių sankryžoje.

N. Karlavičius yra vyčių sendraugių išdininkas, o jo žmona Emilė (čia gimusi ir augusi) ilgametė Moterų Sąjungos 55 kuopos išdininkė ir veikėja.

**Gausus susirinkimas.** Birželio 16 d. įvyko gausus vyčių sendraugių susirinkimas, kurin atsilankė ir Illinois-Indiana apskr. vicepirmininkas, organizacijos veteranas Albinas Manstavičius, ir tos apskrities Liepos 4 d. tradicinio išvažiavimo Rengimo Komisijos narys Walter Cibulskis.

Minimą tradicinį Chicagos apskr. išvažiavimą sendraugiai parėmė ne tik auka, bet tam pat susirinkime paėmė 100 knygučių bilietų dovanoms laimėti. Sekr. O. Aleliunienė tuoju knygutes išsiuntinėjo visiems nariams. Labai gražų pavyzdį davė sendraugė Paliliūnienė — paėmė keturias bilietų knygutes ir sumokėjo pilną sumą — \$20.

**Didelio pasiaukojimo nariai.** Kur du stos, visados daugiau padarys. Vyčių namo sodo tvora seniai reikėjo arba iš pagrindų taisyti arba naują išvesti. Vienam žmogui toks darbas neįmanomas. Bet atsirado šeši vyrai sendraugiai — J. Kerulis, A. Petrulis, V. Jodelis, K. Rubinas, N. Karlavičius ir V. Paukštis, — kurie seną tvorą nugriovė ir jos vietoj išvedė naują. Po to atėjo dar du sendraugiai — P. Cibulskis ir Al. Manstavičius su dviem sūnumis — Albinu, Jr., ir Steponu-Algirdu, kurie tvorą nudažė. Dabar miela pažvelgti į tą pusę. Beje, talkininkams užkandžio ir vėsinančio gėrimo paruošė H. Širvinskienė.

**Tėvų namai vaikams visuomet mieli.** E. Samienės, žinomos Chicagos lietuvių katalikų veikėjos, gausi šeima išikūrus Kalifornijoje (sūnūs vedę, dukros ištekėjusios). Bet visi jie nepamiršta savo tėvų ir vasarą tai viena, tai kita proga atvyksta Chicagon aplankyti. Šių metų Motinos dienos proga buvo atvykus duktė Bernarda su vaikais. Išbuvo iki Tėvo dienos. Rugsėjo mėn. atvyko sūnus Aleksas, taip pat su vaikais.

Samų net trys anūakai šiemet baigė mokyklas. Viena, Hyacinta, baigė pradžios mokyklą ir rudenį pradės lankyti Šv. Trejybės augštesniąją mokyklą. Kitas, Pranas, baigė Šv. Juozapo augšt. mokyklą, gaudamas Kolumbo Vyčių stipendiją ir rudenį pradės lankyti De Paul universitetą. Trečioji, Joyce, Chicagoj lankė Marijos augšt. mokyklą, o persikėlus į Kaliforniją šiemet baigė viešąją augšt. mokyklą. Ji gavo tarnybą garsiajame Disneyland, o vakarais siekia augštesnio mokslo.

**Gausus susirinkimas.** Nežiūrint vasaros ir atostoginio laiko, liepos mėnesį vyčių sendraugių susirinkimas buvo gausus. Į šį susirinkimą atsilankė ir visuomet "busy men" žurnalistas, dienraščio Chicago American religinio skyriaus redaktorius Stasys Pieža. Susirinkusieji taip pat nudžiugo pamatę pirmą kartą po sunkios ir ilgos ligos atsilankusią dažną sendraugių parengimų šeimninę Teklę Norbutienę.

Išklausius daugelį pranešimų: iš Illinois-Indiana apskrities veikimo, liepos 4 d. tradicinio išvažiavimo, namo finansinės apyvartos, kuopos buvusių parengimų, vieni priimti kaip skaityti, o dėl kitų padaryta vienokių ar kitokių pastabų. P vz. apskrities išvažiavimo rengimo komisijai pastebėta, kad per daug buvo užsakiusi loterijos knygučių. Turint galvoje ne taip jau vertingas dovanas, galėjo užtekti 500-800 knygučių, o ne 1,500. Spėjama, kad sendraugiai bene daugiausiai bus išpardavę bilietų. Visi nariai buvo prašyti iki sekančio susirinkimo atiskaityti už bilietus Onai Aleliūnienėi, 3251 So. Union Ave. (telef. VI 2-5635).

**Atstovė ir auka.** Šių metų vyčių sukaktuviniam seime Chicagos sendraugius atstovavo žymi Chicagos lietuvių katalikų draugijų veikėja Marijona Paukštienė. Nors ji savaistoriai sutiko vykti Philadelphijon, tačiau susirinkimas iš izdo paskyrė kuklią sumą būtinoms kelionės lėšoms, taip pat seimui nuveš sendraugių pasveikinimą ir auką \$25.

**Pavaišino.** Atsilankę liepos mėn. susirinkiman sendraugiai turėjo



staigmeną. Baigiant susirinkimą pirm. paprašė narių neišsiskirstyti, nes T. Norbutienė ir M. Paukštienė turinčios nariams ką nors nauja. Ramovėj tuojau buvo paruošti stalai ir ant jų atsirado sumuštinių, sudėtinių, ar kitaip kaip juos vadina (sendvičių), lietuviško sūrio ir lietuviško pyrago, kurie ypatingai tiko prie kavos... Užkandžiaudami nariai dėkojo šeimininkėms ir aukotojoms, linkėdami visoms ko geriausios sveikatos.

**Pasikeis atstovai.** Liepos mėn. susirinkime dabartinis sendraugių globėjas (trustee) Vyčių Namo Taryboje ir salės šeimininkas (manager) V. Paukštis atsisakė iš tų pareigų. Antanas Petrulis, vienas pirmųjų organizacijos narių (priklausęs 4-tai, 36-tai kuopoms, dabar sendraugiams) sutiko įeiti Paukščio vieton, bet tikrai nuo ateinančių Naujų Metų. V. Paukštis sutiko, kad jo rezignacija bus priimta gruodžio mėnesį. Kaip jau buvo nekartą rašyta, V. Paukštis yra reto darbštumo, malonumo, atvirumo ir sąžiningumo žmogus.

**Aplankė Michigan lietuvius.** Ona Aleliūnienė, sendraugių sekretorė, su savo vyru Tadu ir taip pat sendraugiu J. Andrešiūnu savaitę viešėjo pas bičiulę Antaniną Juškienę, turinčią vasarnamį Custer, Mich., kartu aplankydami ir daugiau toje apylinkėje gyvenančių lietuvių.

J. Andrešiūnas yra vienas steigėjų 16-tos kuopos Bridgeporto kolonijoj. Dabar priklauso sendraugiams ir prie 31 ir Union veda prekybą — taverną.

**Vis dar gydytojo priežiūroj.** Teko aplankyti sendraugį ir kitų liet. katal. organizacijų veikėją Praną Čižauską, kuris jau senokai serga. Nors dar tebėra gydytojo priežiūroj, bet sakos kasdien jaučiasi geriau ir tikisi neužilgo savo petį pridėti prie sendraugių veikimo.

**Perrinktas Alto pirmininku.** Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės narys, "Draugo" redaktorius, LRKSA Centro pirmininkas, Amerikos lietuvių veikimo veteranas, Leonardas Šimutis, pirmame Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos posėdyje perrinktas tarybos pirmininku. Naujoji Amer. Lietuvių Taryba buvo išrinkta rugpjūčio mėn. sušauktame Amerikos Lietuvių kongrese Bostone, Mass.

Liepos 18 d. Vyčių salėj Krikščionių Demokratų sambūrys Chicagoj buvo suruošęs pagerbtuves svečiui iš Romos vysk. V. Padolskiui. Kartu buvo pagerbti vysk. V. Brizgys ir L. Šimutis. Savo kalboje L. Šimutis pastebėjo: jei norime, kad Altas galėtų tinkamai veikti, neturi būt einama kaip toj pasakėčioj gulbės, lydžio ir vėžio — kas sau. Altui buvo ir bus reikalinga visų lietuvių parama.

**I Kanadą ilgesniam laikui.** R. Mazeliauskienė, sendraugių ir kitų katal. organizacijų veikėja ir dosni rėmėja, išvyko atostogų Kanadon pas savo gimines A. ir R. Puidokus ir A. ir F. Balnius.

**Apskrities biuletėnis.** Illinois-Indiana apskritis leidžia neperiodinį biuletėnį, kuriame telpa įvairių žinių iš apskrities ir kuopų veikimo. Biuletėnį gauna ir sendraugiai. Redaguoja dabartinis apskrities vicepirm. Al. Manstavičius-Manst.

**Sendraugei laimė nusišypsojo.** Tradiciniam Chicagos apskr. piknike liepos 4 d. Bučo darže lioterija buvo leidžiama net keliolika dovanų, kurių viena — \$25 vertės JAV Karo bonas teko sendraugei Antaninai Aukštaitienei.

**Ilgisi vyčių sendraugių.** Stasys Rumšas, iš tremties atvykęs į Chicagą tuojau iširašė vyčių sendraugių kuopon ir įsijungė į veikimą. Po kiek laiko Waukegane, Ill., gavęs geresnį darbą persikėlė ten gyventi, tačiau visą laiką priklausė sendraugiams ir nepraleisdavo ne tik parengimų, bet ir susirinkimų. Paskutiniu metu buvo susirgęs ir net porą mėnesių išgulėjo šv. Teresės ligoninėj. Išėjęs iš ligoninės nuvyko pas savo dukterį ir žentą, gyv. Spencerville, Ohio, kur tarnauja Abott laboratorijoj. Jo žentas, iš profesijos veterinaris, su kitu tos profesijos Spencerville, O. yra įsigiję smulkių gyvulių ligoninę, kurioj gydo ir stambius gyvulius. Jis planuoja kur nors netoli Chicagos pirkti gyvulių ligoninę. Taip įvykus, S. Rumšas sako "ir aš persikėčiau arčiau Chicagos ir galėčiau dažniau susieiti su mielais vyčiais, kurie čia man yra kaip Lietuvoj pavasarininkai".

**Paaukojo rėmus.** Petronelė Zakaraitė, vyčių sendraugių kuopos finansų sekretorė, paaukojo puošnius rėmus šiluvos švč. Marijos paveiks-

lui, kurį nupiešė dail. Adomas Varnas, statomai koplyčiai vienuolių saleziečių sodyboje Cedar Lake, Indiana valstybėj.

**\$1,000 labdariams.** Antanas Bacevičius, L. Vyčių 5-tos kuopos No. Side vienas steigėjų ir veikėjų, taip pat vienas žymiausių veikėjų visose senesnės kartos lietuvių organizacijų (Federacijos, Susivienijimo, Liet. Darbininkų Sąjungos, Kat. Spaudos Draugijos, Tautos Fondo ir k.), Labdarių Sąjungai paaukojo \$1,000. Šiai sąjungai Bacevičius ne tik darbavos nuo pat jos įsisteigimo, bet per keletą metų buvo jos ūkio užvaizda. Sąjungos anksčiau pastatytoji seneliams prieglauđa šiuo metu baigiama padidinti nauju pastatu. A. Bacevičius savo auką skiria vieno kambario įrengimui.

**Balsuosime už sendraugį i JAV kongresą.** Inž. Antanas Rudis, Rockwell Engineering Co. prezidentas, kandidatuoja į JAV kongresą nepriklausomu partijoms sąrašu iš 3-ojo distrikto, kuriame be įvairių kitų tautybių yra ir lietuvių didžiausia kolonija (Marquette Park).

Inž. A. Rudis priklauso vyčiams ir visai eilei Chicagos lietuvių organizacijų, taip pat yra Chicagos Prekybos ir Pramonės sąjungos įstatų leidimo komiteto narys, Illinois Darbdavių sąjungos narys, Chicagos Eksportininkų klubo pirmininkas ir Imigrantų muzėjaus New Yorke direktorius. Jis vadovavo naujos lietuvių Marquette Park bažnyčios ir Draugo naujųjų patalpų lėšų telkimo komitetui, o ir pats yra parodęs didelio dosnumo lietuvių parapijai, katal. spaudai ir lietuvių kultūrinėms reikalams.

**Perdavė seimo nutarimus ir savo išpūdžius.** Rugsėjo mėn. susirinkime M. Paukštienė, E. Širvinskienė ir P. Zakaraitė perdavė gausiai susirinkusiems nariams buvusio metinio vyčių seimo nutarimus ir papasakojo savo išpūdžius. M. Paukštienė ypatingai gerėjosi seimo paruošimu ir jame vyravusia lietuviška dvasia. Seimo šeimininkė — Philadelphijos vyčių kuopa, ypatingai Seimo Rengimo komisija savo paslaugumu atstovams visus sužavėjo. Sendraugių pateikti seimui įnešimai taip pat buvo priimti. Čia pat perskaitytas ir seimo prezidiumo padėkos laiškas sendraugiams už auką "Vyčiui" palaikyti.



## RESOLUTIONS – REZOLIUCIJOS

The 45th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania Youth Organization held in the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, Penna., unaniously adopted the following resolutions:

1. Whereas, Lithuania has an inalienable right to freedom and wishes to enjoy this right; and

Whereas, Lithuania is being denied this right by Soviet Russia which, having no sovereign rights over Lithuania, has unjustly and against all principles of humanity occupied the country; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That our Government take the steps necessary to demand that the Soviet leave Lithuania and return to Lithuania all Lithuanians now exiled in the barren wastes of Siberia and elsewhere.

2. Resolved: That the Secretary of the 45th National Convention send a note of congratulations to one of the original founders of the Knights of Lithuania, Monsignor Francis Virmauskis, on the occasion of his elevation to the Dignity of Domestic Prelate.

3. Whereas, our Spiritual Director Father Albert J. Contons is willing to write a story of St. Casimir, and

Whereas, we are commemorating the 500th anniversary of St. Casimir,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania undertake its duty, as published in the By-Laws of our organization, and have printed in pamphlet form, the life of Saint Casimir.

4. Išklaušę Garbės Narių Komisijos raportą, vienbalsiai ir su ovacijomis nutarta suteikti Jo Ekscelencijai Vyskupui Vincentui Brizgiui Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Nario titulą ir pirmą L. Vyčių Garbės nario medalį.
5. Lietuvos Vyčių 45-as Seimas, susirinkęs šv. Kazimiero 500 Gimimo, 350 metų nuo Marijos Apsireiškimo šiluvoj, 40 metų Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Sukakties, Philadelphia, Pa. 1958 m. rugpjūčio 21-24 d., giliai ir nepalaužiamai ryžtamasi pagerbti savo Lietuvos Globėją šventąjį Kazimierą Lietuvos ir Lietuviškumo meile — todėl mes pasiryžtame padaryti Lietuviškumą mūsų asmenišką gyvenimo ir kuopų veikimo esmine žyme. Mes kalbėsime, giedosime lietuviškai visur ir visada, o ypač, kada tik būsime su vyčiais. Skaitysime lietuvišką knygą, organizuosim lietuvių kalbos ir istorijos kursus, lietuvių tautinių šokių ir vaidintojų grupes, radijo ir televizijos programas. Nepailstamai melskimės į savo Globėją už lietuviškos širdies išlaikymą, Lietuvos laisvę, lietuvių kultūros ir papročių ugdymą.

Kad mes galėtumem įvykdyti savo didžius lietuviškumo uždavinius, praplečiame Lietuvių kultūros komisiją, kurią sudarytų 3 L. V. Seimo rinkti va-

dovai. Ši grupė būtų nuolatinė Lietuviškumo palaikytoja. Jie skelbia Lietuviškumo programą, vaju, skiria atsižymėjimo dovanas nariams, kuopoms už lietuviškumo laimėjimus. Jie vadovauja lietuviškai veiklai visiems vyčių padaliniams — sen draugiams, vyčiams ir jaunesniesiems vyčiams. Jau šiame seime prašome kiekvieną kuopą paduoti vieno asmens vardą ir adresą, kuris būtų L. K. K. pirmininku.

6. Išklaušę Garbės Narių komisijos raportą, šis seimas vienbalsiai priima pasiūlymą, kad panelė Ann Mitchell — 52-os kuopos Elizabeth, N. J. narė, būtų pakelta į garbės nareš per ateinantį 46-tą L. Vyčių Organizacijos Seimą su atitinkamais ženklais ir ceremonijomis.

### SUGGESTIONS — PAGEIDAVIMAI

1. That in view of the limited finances available for the VYTIS monthly publication of the Knights of Lithuania, that increased efforts be made to secure donors from councils and members to cover the cost of printing a page in the VYTIS.

(C-96, Dayton, Ohio)

2. That a special committee be set up to discuss further possibilities of Lithuanian language instruction under the aegis of the Knights of Lithuania, including furnishing texts, recorded tape lessons, inviting teachers for certain localities, etc. Pre-recorded taped lessons would be accompanied by mimeographed instruction sheets.

(Cultural Committee)

3. That October 3rd, the actual date of St. Casimir's birth, be celebrated with a Holy Hour or some similar spiritual exercise by all councils.
4. As to different means of raising additional funds for our Scholarship Fund, Father Contons, a trustee, has made the following suggestion. Form a Scholarship Club, with membership dues of a dollar a year. In return for his membership dues, each participant would receive a numbered card which would be placed in a drawing to be held at the National Convention. Various prizes or "dividends" could be awarded, as an incentive for membership each year. Membership cards could be distributed to members of the Knights of Lithuania and to non-members who would be willing to support this worthwhile program.
5. The Supreme Council in the past has tried to get sponsors to help defray the cost of publishing one issue of VYTIS. This should be continued although results will remain extremely limited. We recommend that increased efforts be made to secure donors among councils and members, since this will be more within the range of their capabilities.



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Larry Svelnis	C-17	1.00	Sophie Kaminski	C-83	1.00
Wanda Yelmokus	C-17	1.00	Eleanor Rokas	C-90	1.00
Florencija Zaleskaitė	C-17	1.00	Leonard Rokas	C-90	1.00
Pat Janks	C-18	1.00	Tony Shalna	C-90	1.00
Antoinette Naujalis	C-19	1.00	Dick Pauza	C-93	1.00
Marcella Onaitis	C-19	1.00	Virginia Pauza	C-93	1.00
Stephen Onaitis	C-19	1.00	Mary Vezelis	C-93	1.00
Doloris Papeaka	C-19	1.00	Frank Gudelis	C-96	1.00
Margaret Papeaka	C-19	1.00	Mary Lucas	C-96	1.00
Rose Chestnut	C-26	1.00	Pat Zelinskas	C-96	1.00
Ed Daniels	C-26	1.00	Gordon Gudas	C-99	1.00
Helen Gillus	C-26	1.00	Helen Shirvinskas	C-99	1.00
Vyto Morkunas	C-26	1.00	Tony Yuknis	C-99	1.00
Rita Pinkus	C-26	1.00	Gene Gobis	C-100	1.00
Magdalene Ranucci	C-26	1.00	Bob Boris	C-102	1.00
Helen Balchunas	C-29	1.00	Anna Mae Uznis	C-102	1.00
Albin Janks	C-29	1.00	Josephine Rusas	C-109	1.00
Vera Laukzemis	C-29	1.00	Ann Sosaris	C-109	1.00
Anna Pocius	C-29	1.00	John Sable	C-113	1.00
Joseph Sakevich	C-29	1.00	Ruth Ciras	C-116	1.00
Kazys Sipaila	C-29	1.00	Mary Klimkaitis	C-116	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Strolis	C-29	1.00	Ann Markvenas	C-116	1.00
Jack Stukas	C-29	1.00	Barbara Mattson	C-116	1.00
Frank Vaskas	C-29	1.00	Barbara Mazeika	C-116	1.00
Kunegunda Coach	C-30	1.00	Dorothy Sinkavitch	C-116	1.00
Anna Sabonis	C-30	1.00	Marija Paukstis	Seniors Chicago	1.00
			Peggy Zakaras	Seniors Chicago	1.00
			Juozas Sadauskas	Seniorai Cleveland	1.00
			Antanas Buknis	Seniorai Cleveland	1.00
			Loretta Macekonis	C-5	1.00
			Helen Zimmer	C-5	1.00

6. Since the Eucharistic Congress is to take place in Munich, Germany in 1960, it is suggested that the Knights of Lithuania organize a pilgrimage to the shrines and places of interest in Europe, under the leadership of Father Contons.
7. Kas metų ketvirtį dėti "Vytyje" narių mokesčių lentelę su smulkiu paaiškinimu, kad kuopų finansų sekretoriai žinotų, koks kurio nario yra metinis mokestis...
8. Lietuvių Studentų leidžiamą žurnalą Lituanus prašoma paremti straipsniais, užsisakyti sau, ar lietuvių prieteliams.
9. Kun. Jono Jutkevičiaus Lietuviškumo Komisijos Garbės pirmininko pranešimą ir kalbą atspausdinti lietuviškuose laikraščiuose ir "Vytyje".
10. Raginti Vyčių kuopas kviesti Kun. Joną Jutkevičių aplankyti apskričių suvažiavimus ir pasakyti panašias kalbas.

### EXPENSES

Certificate & Frame	25.00
Engraving	12.50
Plaque	15.00
Postage, phone calls & telegram	6.78
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	\$59.28
Donations by delegates at Convention	90.00
Expenses for 1958 Award	59.28
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For 1958-1959 expenses of Committee on Lithuanian Affairs	\$30.72

To the above, to everyone who made a sacrifice for this year's Award Medal, the Committee on Lithuanian Affairs expresses its sincerest gratitude. Your generosity is typical of the spirit of not a few of our members.

REV. JOHN C. JUTT, Chairman



# MANDATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Districts represented 5; Councils — 27; Supreme Council — 10; Spiritual Advisers — 15; Honorary Members— 12; Seniors — 2; Juniors — 2; Guests — too numerous to have registered.

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

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (3) — Walter Svekla, Joseph Yanulaitis, Hedy Sarcewicz, Albert Dameika, Theresa Macei, Helen Shields.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (Juniors) — William Wallace, Peter Shelus.

CHICAGO, ILL. (5) — Helen Zimmer, Loretta Macekonis.

WATERBURY, CONN. (7) — Marcella Andrikis, John Alanskas, Alfred Greblunas, John Varnauskas, Walter Pitcavage, Lillian Paulauskas.

NEW YORK, N. Y. (12) — Veronica Alukonis, Helen Zindzius.

CHICAGO, ILL. (13) — Jerry Jesulaitis.

S. BOSTON, MASS. (17) — Aldona Jakubauskas, Wanda Yelmokas, Florence Zaleskas, John Olevitz, Larry Svelnis.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. (18) — Valerie Janks-Jankauskas.

PITTSBURGH, PA. (19) — Stephen Onaitis, Mildred Chinik, William Kolicius, Antoinette Naujelis, Andrew Rozger, Margaret Papeaka, Joe Allen, Margie Potts, Dolores Papeaka.

CHICAGO, ILL. (24) — Peggy Zakaras.

CHICAGO, ILL. (Seniors) — Marija Paukštienė.

CLEVELAND, OHIO (25) — Ursula Yankauskas, Nellie Arunski, Frances Machutas.

CLEVELAND, OHIO (Seniors) — Juozas Sadauskas.

WORCESTER, MASS. (26) — Mrs. Rita Pinkus, Vytautas Morkūnas, Joseph Sipas, Claire Grigaitis, Mrs. Magdelene Ranucci, Mrs. Helen Gillis, Rose Chestnut, Mrs. Tillie Gerulis.

NEWARK, N. J. (29) — Frank Vaskas, Anna Pocius, Vera Laukzemis, Charles Strolis, Kazys Sipaila, Stanley Pocius, Stella Andrews, Albin Janks, Gertrude Janks.

WESTFIELD, MASS. (30) — Kunigunda, Coach, Anna Sabonis.

CHICAGO, ILL. (36) — Sophia Zukas, Loretta Kassel, Frances Valancius.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. (41) — Antanas B. Mazeika, Antanas J. Mazeika, Diana Mockeliunas, Ann Schwabas.

ELIZABETH, N. J. (52) — James Stokas, Alex Balandis, Mary Motecus, Ann Mitchell, Charles Oskutis, Norbert Wysocki, Ronnie Krezonis, Frances Balandis.

PATERSON, N. J. (61) — Dorothy Dutkus, Dalia Slepakovas.

BAYONNE, N. J. (67) — Rita Miskewitz, Martin W. Rusgi.

GARY, INDIANA (82) — Joseph Kurpalis.

HARRISON - KEARNY, N. J. (90) — Eleanor Rokas, Veronika Fogel, Leonard Rokas, Mary Ann Gelezus, Robert Rokas, Valentina Bilaitis, Richard Butkus.

DAYTON, OHIO (96) — Pat Zelinskas, Veronica Omlor, Frank Gudelis.

DAYTON, OHIO (Juniors) — Elaine Lucas, Mary Lucas.

CHICAGO, ILL. (99) — Anthony D. Yuknis, Gordon Gudas.

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

DETROIT, MICHIGAN (102) — Anna Mae Uznis, Robert Boris.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (103) — Mrs. Beatrice Mathieu.

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

WORCESTER, MASS. (116) — Barbara Mattson, Barbara Mazeika, Ruth Ciras, Stanley Grigas, Ann Markvenas, Frank Ciras, Ann R. Miller, Mary Klimkaitis.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (133) — Joseph E. Zichwic, Mrs. J. Zichwic.

**SUPREME COUNCIL** — Rev. Albert J. Contons (Boston, Mass.), Walter R. Chinik (Pittsburgh, Pa.), Mrs. Mary Lucas (Dayton, Ohio), Mrs. Marcella Onaitis (Pittsburgh, Pa.), Winifred J. Skudris (Boston, Mass.), Helen Shields (Philadelphia, Pa.), Edw. Daniels (Worcester, Mass.), Joseph A. Sakevich (Pt. Pleasant, N. J.), Konstant J. Savickas (Chicago, Ill.).

## DISTRICTS —

CALIFORNIA — Joseph E. Zichwic.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA — John Kaminski, Michealine Shirvinski. Alternates — Sophie Kaminski, Helen Shirvinskas.

MID-CENTRAL — Antanas Buknis.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY — Joseph Sable, Joseph Boley. Alternate — Anthony Shalna.

NEW ENGLAND — Joseph J. Sakaitis, Dorothy V. Sinkavitch.

**HONORARY MEMBERS** — Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis (Waterbury, Conn.), Prof. Kazys Pakštas (Honduras - Steubenville, Ohio), Rt. Rev. Constantine Vasys (Worcester, Mass.), Rev. John C. Jutt (Worcester, Mass.), Inž. Anthony J. Mazeika (So. Ozone, N. Y.), Joseph Boley (New York City), Juozas Sadauskas (Dayton, Ohio), Frank Gudelis (Dayton, Ohio), Jack Jatis-Juozaitis (Chicago, Ill.), Miss Felicija Grendal (Boston, Mass.), Matas Zujus (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.), John Spranaitis (Paterson, N. J.), and Bishop Vincas Brizgys, newly-elevated (Chicago, Ill.).

**SPIRITUAL ADVISERS** (attending) — Bishop V. Padolskis (Rome, Italy), Bishop V. Brizgys (Chicago, Ill.), Rt. Rev. Msgr. I. Valančius (Philadelphia, Pa.), Rt. Rev. Msgr. Constantine Vasys (Worcester, Mass.), Rev.



## K. OF L. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

JACK J. STUKAS, Chairman

### 1. Summary of funds received up to Convention Time, August 21, 1958

(Submitted by William Kolicius, Pittsburgh, Penna.)

#### A. Voluntary Council Yearly Assessment of 25 cents on each member.

- \$10.00 — Council 19, Pittsburgh
- 4.00 — Council 41, Brooklyn
- 10.00 — Council 90, Kearny
- 25.00 — Council 96, Dayton
- 15.00 — Council 103, Providence
- 12.00 — Council 116, Worcester
- 5.00 — Council 135, Ansonia

#### B. Activities sponsored by individual councils and districts —

- a. N. J. — N. Y. District **Regional Conference**, January, 1958, in Newark \$290.12 (Plus \$80.00 paid for application & forms printing.)
- b. **Results of raffle** (Council 103, Providence) \$15.00 — already listed above.
- c. **Boosters** and voluntary assessment not yet submitted by Newark Council 29.

#### C. Individual Donations:

- 10.00 — Julia Alesiunas, Pittsburgh (included in regional conference income)
- 5.00 — Rev. A. Contons, South Boston
- 5.00 — Anthony Mazeika, Brooklyn
- Total Monies In Fund: \$381.12

### 2. Summary of expenditures. Printing bill of \$80.00 paid out of funds from Regional Conference in Newark. All postage and mailing, also incidental expenses paid for by Chairman of this Committee as a personal donation to the Scholarship Fund.

### 3. Candidates for the Scholarship.

We have received 4 applications for the \$600.00 scholarship from very deserving Knights. A fifth applicant dropped out because he obtained a scholarship locally. All trustees have received complete information on each candidate for study and decision. Reports of personal interviews with all 4 applicants will be given by assigned trustees at a special meeting at this convention, at which a decision on the winner will be reached. Winner will be announced at the banquet August 24th. Candidates are from Chicago, Elizabeth, Worcester, and Hartford.

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Albert J. Contons (Boston, Mass.), Rev. John D. Zurromskis (Boston, Mass.), Rev. Dr. A. Jurgelaitis, O. P. (Providence, R. I.), Rev. John C. Jutt (Worcester, Mass.), Rev. J. Borevičius, S. J. (Montreal, Canada), Rev. Stasys Raila (Shenandoah, Pa.), Rev. J. Thompson (Kearny, N. J.), Rev. J. Liubauskas (DuBois, Pa.), Rev. V. Karalevičius (Elizabeth, N. J.), Rev. P. Žemeikis (Bayonne, N. J.), Rev. Albert Abračinskas (Brockton, Mass.).

4. Acknowledgments. Our Committees' thanks to Miss Rita Miskevicius of Bayonne Council for her assistance in preparing the material on each candidate for submission to the trustees, also to Miss Ann Klem of Kearny Council 90 for her assistance in mailing applications to all councils.

### 5. Criticisms.

- a. Needed promotion and public relations lacking to bring the entire program to the attention of Lithuanians throughout the country. Donations should be solicited from all organizations and philanthropic individuals. Chairman recommends one of trustees or regional advisory board members assume promotional post.
- b. Council response in submitting names of possible candidates, also voluntary annual assessment of 25 cents per members noticeably lacking. This should be considerably improved. Individual response on the part of each individual Knight also lacking. How many K. of L. members have attempted to boost or obtain funds for our Scholarship Program?

### 6. Suggestions and Recommendations.

- A. "What should be done to help those Knights unable to win the scholarship?" One solution would be to invite them to resubmit an application for the following year, with the necessary modifications. In fact each candidate missing out should be encouraged to reapply for the scholarship.
- B. Suggestions as to different means of raising additional funds for our Scholarship Program are certainly needed. Father Albert Contons, a trustee, has made an excellent suggestion of forming a SCHOLARSHIP CLUB, with membership dues of a dollar a year. In return for his membership dues, each participant would receive a numbered card which would be placed in a drawing to be held at the National Convention. Various prizes or "dividends" could be awarded, as an incentive for membership each year. Membership cards could be distributed to members of the K. of L. and to non-members who would be willing to support this worthwhile program.
- C. Committee Secretary should be given duties of reminding councils of necessity to solicit contributions, submit voluntary assessments, and assist Treasurer in raising funds in other ways. He or she must also administer supporting programs, such as the K. of L. Scholarship Club suggested by Father Contons.

### 7. Conclusion.

Continuity of our Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Program must be assured. We must make membership in our organization more attractive and beneficial to each Knight. Social, sports, and cultural activities are not enough. Additional tangible benefits, such as entailed in this Scholarship Award, must be kept up and fostered. They will not only entice people to join our organization, but also induce them to be more active in our activities.

TEPADEDA MUMS AUKŠČIAUSIAS!



# AČIŪ!

Dear Knights:

It was our great honor and privilege to be your hosts for the Knights of Lithuania 45th National Convention which took place in Philadelphia, August 21 to 24, 1958.

We take this opportunity to thank each and every K. of L'er who attended the Convention, for your splendid cooperation and enthusiasm that was so evident during your stay in the City of Brotherly Love. Being hosts to the Convention, it was our very pleasant duty to plan make arrangements and try our utmost to present a Convention program that would please if not all, at least the greater majority of the delegates and guests of the 45th National Convention. From the many compliments, kind remarks and comments we received at the close of the Convention, in the mail and the tribute that was given us at the Convention Banquet, we are most happy that our plans and preparations met with your approval. Thank you, one and all.

However, we would like to point out, that the REAL SUCCESS of the Convention was due to the K. of L. spirit that you, the delegates and guests, brought to Philadelphia, and so ardently displayed during the entire Convention. The improved attendance at church Friday, Saturday and the Business Sessions was most heartwarming, and your cooperation in observing the Convention Program Time Schedule was a great aid in presenting a "Smooth" Convention.

We hope that all of you had a wonderful time in the City of Brotherly Love, but most of all, that each and everyone of you, without exception, who attended the 45th National Convention returned to your councils with renewed energy, high aspirations and a firm determination to continue working for "God and Country", with even greater ardor than in the past, and will make every effort to surpass last year's accomplishments. May our Patron, Saint Casimir, to whom our Anniversary Convention was dedicated, be Our Guide and help us in our work, so that next year, when we convene in Detroit, he will look down upon us with the greatest of pride and say "WELL DONE, O FAITHFUL SERVANTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA."

*Nuoširdus, lietuviškas, vytiškas AČIŪ visiems Garbingiems Svečiams, Garbės Nariams, Dvasios Vadams, Centro Valdybai, Apskričių ir Kuopų Delegatams ir Svečiams, kurie dalyvavo Lietuvos Vyčių 45-tame Jubiliejiniame Seime.*

*Vytiškai,*

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA COUNCIL THREE  
CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

*Helen Shields, Chmn.*

# VYTIS

PHYLLIS GRENDAL

VYTIS Panel (4 districts represented — attended by Anthony Yuknis, Chicago; Jerry Jesulaitis, Chicago; Mrs. Mary Lucas, Dayton; Ann Markvenas, Worcester; Ruth Ciras, Worcester; Kazys Šipaila, Newark; Peggy Zakaras, Chicago; Rev. Dr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O. P., Providence; Frank Vaskas, Newark; Juozas Sadauskas, Cleveland; Stephen J. Onaitis, Pittsburgh; Genevieve Gobis, Amsterdam; Helen Sirvinskas, Chicago; Joseph A. Sakevich, Newark; William Kolicus, Jr., Pittsburgh; Antanas Buknis, Cleveland; and Annie Mitchell, Elizabeth.)

VYTIS Panel discussion proved to be quite fruitful. All K. of L. leaders present agreed that VYTIS is valuable to the Knights of Lithuania organization. It is the one avenue through which the whole membership can be reached. It is the lifeblood of the K. of L. and it is worth keeping.

VYTIS is rich with the maturity of years — it being published monthly since October, 1915, approximately two years after the Knights of Lithuania was organized on April 24, 1913. It is the oldest and most active bilingual magazine among the American Lithuanians.

VYTIS aims to better acquaint its readers with Catholic Action, Lithuanian Language, Culture, Heritage, History and Customs, Lithuanian Affairs and Sports.

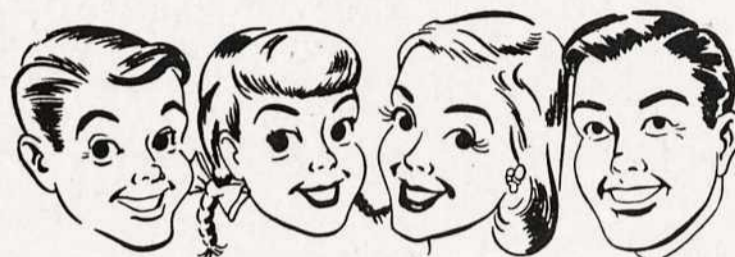
In the past several years, we have particularly noticed that many councils and districts do not appreciate the value of writing up their activities. Many don't realize how effective newspapers and magazines are in molding the ideas of persons. The press is a powerful weapon. It is a university where youth may learn principles of action. It is a platform from which youth can speak its ideas. It is a shield to defend youth against attack. VYTIS is the lifeline which holds our organization together and inspires its youth to SACRIFICE, WORK AND FORGE AHEAD.

Above all, in VYTIS, we hope to find you, the members of the Knights of Lithuania. There are comparatively few youth organizations, even adult organizations for that matter, fortunate enough to have their own magazine. YOU, the members, have an unparalleled opportunity to express yourselves, to influence others, to grow in word power, to develop the quality of leadership. Take advantage of the VYTIS which is published only by the generous sacrifice of money and effort on the part of the Knights. Contribute articles, correspondence, news items, photographs, anything of interest to you as Lithuanians and as members of our organization.

Let's maintain the VYTIS, the official organ of the Knights of Lithuania, an organization we greatly cherish by being members and by our participation at national conventions year in and year out and let it reflect even in our council correspondence and our motto "Dievui ir Tėvynei!"



# JUNIOR PAGE



## MY FIRST CONVENTION

**William Wallace**  
Junior Council 3

I recently spent one of the most interesting, exciting, fun-filled, educational, and eventful weekends of my short life at the Knights of Lithuania's 45th National Convention in Philadelphia, Pa. Junior representation was almost nill, I noticed, so allow me to describe briefly this eventful weekend.

Our Seniors of Council 3, Host Council, enlisted the aid of our Juniors for last minute stapling of song books, decorating, and errand-running, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The tour of Philadelphia took place, as scheduled on Wednesday afternoon.

**Thursday** — Registration took place all day at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Thursday afternoon the bowling tournament drew a rather large crowd, seeking the Kings and Queens of the novices and expert bowlers. The results were the following hard — won titles:

**Novice - Queen** — Irena Varevice  
(Philadelphia);

**Novice - King** — Jack L. Jatis  
(Chicago);

**King** — Len Rokas  
(Kearny); and

**Queen** — Loretta Kassel  
(Chicago).

The Royal Reception was a bit slow getting started Thursday evening, but OH BOY: what a shin-dig afterwards. Everybody seemed to know everyone else, or they were busy getting to know everyone else. After a pleasant skit, put on by our Seniors, everyone vacated the hall in favor of the basement, for dancing and refreshments. Here James Grear and I met the other Junior Delegates from Ohio. (Hi Mrs. Lucas, Mary and Elaine). The reception began to break up a little after 12 A.M.

**Friday** — After 8:00 Mass and breakfast, Junior Council 3 delegates, including Peter Shelus, our alternate, rode in Father Conton's car to the hotel for the opening session. The Junior Hosts of the Convention, welcomed the delegates in English, (Aldona Bartasius) and Lithuanian (William Wallace), The latter of the two being American born and the former, from Lithuania.

The stage was decorated with a towering wayside cross, constructed from wood, by the boys of Junior Council 3 (James Grear, Michael Mapes, William Wallace, in particular). At the hotel, I had the pleasure of meeting, among many of the delegates, Miss Phyllis Grendal, editor of the VYTIS (in an elevator), Prof. Aleksis, the composer and author of the VYČIU HYMNAS, and Mrs. Onaitis and Mrs. Lucas, councillors of Juniors in Pittsburgh and Ohio, respectively. After 1st day's sessions, everyone prepared for the outing to Augusta King Farm, in Jersey. Several delegates went swimming, but eventually everyone wound up in the club house. The gayest of polka music floated about on the farm fields 'til early morning.

**Saturday** — Saturday morning began again with Mass and a small breakfast. After sessions started, several panels began their individual discussions, among which were the Junior and VYTIS panels. After the Luncheon, sessions once again resumed. Saturday evening featured the social highlight of the Convention — THE CONVENTION BALL. Everyone was dressed in their best evening clothes, many of the women in gowns and the men in formal suits. To the music of Joe Resetar, the delegates waltzed and polka-ed, jitter-bugged and tango-ed, all evening. One of the most popular dances all evening was the folk dance, "Noriu Miego". After

the Ball ended, practically everyone attended a room party, or SO, and then retired. It certainly was a superb affair, thanks, to the efforts of our wonderful committee.

**Sunday** — After the processional and the conferring of 4th degree memberships, the religious highlight of the convention, the Solemn Pontifical Convention Mass, was offered by His Excellency Bishop Padolskis. Bishop V. Brizgys seated in the sanctuary during the Mass, was accompanied by Rt. Rev. Msgr. I. Valanciunas, our Pastor at Saint Casimir's.

The Convention picture was taken immediately after Mass. Everyone went to the Hall for "Brunch." A very impressive ceremony at Independence Hall followed the Brunch, at which Walter Chinik and His Excellency, Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, made short talks and then laid a wreath near the Liberty Bell. The delegates then returned to the Bellevue for closing session.

After business was cleaned up and resolutions passed, the delegates decided on Detroit as the site of next year's Convention.

The Banquet began a bit late Sunday evening, but was well worth waiting for. After dinner an excellent program was presented by Attorney A. Romeika, a very interesting toastmaster. After several speeches, the assembly was entertained by one of the Elizabeth, New Jersey delegates, Miss Carol Bowen, by singing several selections in English and Lithuanian. This was followed by several talks and then the closing speech by the chairman of the convention, Miss Helen Shields. The delegates made most of their farewells after the Banquet and several left for home a little later Sunday evening. The Ball brought to an end a memorable 45th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

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I would like to take this time and space to salute the Convention Committee for an excellent job, THANK YOU — COUNCIL THREE — HOSTS.

After experiencing this, my first K. of L. Convention, I am left speechless, except for these words— Detroit '59, Here We Come. —



# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. — 133 L. P.

Amidst cuddly pandas and various other stuffed animals were seen Helen and Ed Bartkus, Mary Ann Zichwic (nee Sleinis), Johnny Antanavich and Loretta Papsys, who contributed to the St. Casimir's parish bazaar by sponsoring a booth. The bazaar took place on June 22nd.

On July 6th we had a marvelous time at our beach party. We thank Mrs. Aidock for acting as hostess at her beautiful home located on Newport Beach.

Congratulations to Mary Ann and Joe Zichwic who tied the knot on July 19th. Best of everything to the both of you! The newlyweds, while on honeymoon, attended the 45th national convention held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, thereby representing our district and council.

Los Angeles, Calif.

### Senior Council 133

Senior members held their meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Skirius, on August 11th, with J. Puikunas, presiding. Julius Kiskis gave a report on the National Scholarship Fund, and all present donated one dollar towards the Fund, including Rt. Rev. A. Steponaitis — \$3. Members not present will kindly send their donations directly to Julius Kiskis, 4439 Gateside Drive, Los Angeles 32, Calif. or President Anthony Skirius, 9204 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 3, Calif. We are most grateful to the president's wife Bernice Skirius for serving a hot meal, preceding the meeting and for all hospitality extended to us. Next meeting to be held at the home of Dr. G. Valancius of 17070 Ludlow St., Granada Hills, Calif.

For those interested in joining our council, we submit the names and addresses of our officers: A. F. Skirius, pres. 9204 S. Broadway,

Los Angeles 3; Mary Kiskis, secretary, 4439 Gateside Drive, Los Angeles 32; Julius Kiskis, financial secretary (same address); J. Puikunas, vice president, 1132 Hyperion Ave., Los Angeles 27; Rt. Rev. J. Steponaitis, spiritual adviser, 2716 St. George St.

### Apie Narius

Frank and Stella Zukauskas just returned from an extended trip to the East Coast... M. Samolis vacationed in Chicago, Illinois... Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Petrauskas, recently retired, moved to their newly-built home in Beaumont, Calif... Mrs. Tillie Skiman is very happy that her fourth son, Bernard and Family, have moved from Chicago to California, to be near her... Dr. G. Valancius opened a new office for mailing packages to Europe — ANAPUS, 3528 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles... Bernardas Brazdžionis, editor-in-chief of LITHUANIAN DAYS magazine, flew to New York to attend the Lithuanian Community of the World Convention which took place August 30-31... Mr. and Mrs. F. Fabyonaitis spent the summer vacation visiting relatives and friends in Chicago.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Holy Hour Pilgrimage and Special Services in honor of Saint Casimir, sponsored by Councils 26 and 116 of Worcester, Mass. were held on Sunday, October 5th, beginning at 3:00 p. m. at Our Lady of Vilna Church and continuing at St. Casimir's Church at 4:00 p.m., with His Excellency, Bishop John J. Wright, D. D., officiating. Hundreds of Lithuanians in the Worcester area and out-of-town members and guests participated in the services.

Bernice E. Kavadaras

The Lithuanian War Vets Club in Shrewsbury, Mass. was the scene of

the bowling banquet of the New England District on Saturday evening, June 21st at 7 pm. Two trophies were presented to Council 26 of Worcester for top honors in both the men's and women's division of the district team competition. Awards for bowling achievements in the District BOWL-OFFS went to the following:

High Average	Mary Jankowski
High Triple	Ann Miller
High Single	Dot Sinkavitch
High Average	Dan Madeska
High Triple	Bob Samuelrich
High Single	Ed Daniels
C26 Worcester	89.6
C116 So. Worcester	289
C116 So. Worcester	116
C6 Hartford	101.6
C6 Hartford	339
C26 Worcester	132

Dance music was provided by Pete Chunis and his orchestra.

Praise and thanks of the sports-minded Knights in the District go to Winifred Skudris and Ed Daniels, sports co-chairmen, for their endeavors in successfully reintroducing bowling on the District level.

Waterbury, Conn. — 7

Two outstanding K. of L'ers attended the Congress of the Lithuanian American Council which was held at the Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass., namely: Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, hon. memb. of K. of L. and Miss Marcella Andrikis, 4th degree member. Prof. Aleksis was reelected Vice President of the Lithuanian American Council, and Marcella Andrikis, together with Mary Kizis of New York City, sang the American and Lithuanian national anthems at the opening of the Congress, attended by representatives of 280 Lithuanian organizations from all parts of the country.

About 200 people attended the 15th annual meeting of Lithuanians and Americans of Lithuanian descent living in the Waterbury area who are striving to keep alive Lithuania's struggle to be free of Soviet



Russia. The meeting was held in St. Joseph's Hall, June 15th. A statement from Congressman James T. Patterson (R-Conn.) was read by Marcella Andrikis. Others on the speaking program included Juozas Audenas, member of the Freedom for Lithuania Committee, New York City; and Rev. Joseph Valantiejus, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, and hon. member of the Knights of Lithuania. Parish choir, directed by Professor Aleksis, offered a program of American and Lithuanian patriotic songs including Irving Caesar's "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag," in observance of Flag Day, and "Malda" in memory of Lithuania's Freedom Fighters. Jacob Trečiokas acted as master of ceremonies.

Marcella Andrikis, who writes for several publications, recently had one of her articles reviewed by the literary critic of DRAUGAS published in Chicago. Her article appeared in the feature section of the June issue of VYTIS. Congressman James T. Patterson of our district, very interested in his constituents, asked that a copy of the June issue of VYTIS be sent to him.

## NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

### Annual Meeting

The District's Annual Meeting was held in June with Council 67, Bayonne, N. J., as hosts. Election results:

President — Larry Janonis;  
1st Vice Pres. — Anthony J. Shalna, Jr.;  
2nd Vice Pres. — Joseph Sable;  
Recording Sec'y. — Algirdas Budreckis;  
Membership Sec'y. — Helen Zindzius;  
Treasurer — Rita Miskewitz;  
Trustees — Helen Shields,  
Constance Mack and  
Vera Laukzemis.

### Brooklyn, N. Y. — 41

**I š t e k ė j o.** Angelė Ragažinskaitė, gegužės mėn. 31 d., Apreiškimo parapijos bažnyčioje, iškėjo už Jono Puodžiūno. Vaisėse parapijos salėje tą vakarą dalyvavo ir Lietuvos Vyčių 41 kuopos nariai. Jaunave-

džiai apsigyvens Philadelphiaj, Angelė pradėjo savo veiklą su Vyčiais dar jaunamečių skyriuj. Iširašus į vyresniųjų kuopą, ji pasižymėjo savo nuoširdumu ir darbštumu. Pakviesta į bet koki kuopos darba, ji niekuomet neatsisakė. Neužmiršime ypač jos lietuvių kalba paskaitymų įvairių švenčių proga. Dar praeitą kovo mėnesį ji prisidėjo kuopos šv. Kazimiero minėjime gražiai paskaitydama šv. Kazimierui skirtą eilėrašį. Kuopa gailisi jos netekus ir linki jai laimės josios naujam luome.

**Baigė mokslą.** Antanas B. Mažeika, sūnus buv. L. Vyčių Centro pirmininko, sekmingai, su pagyrimu baigė La Salle Academy ir birž. 8 d. Hunter College auditorijoje gavo diplomą. Už savo pasižymėjimą moksle jis gavo stipendiją Queens College, kur ši rudenį jis tęs savo mokslą ir pradės ruoštis dentisterijai. Jaunasis Antanas pradėjo dalyvauti su Vyčiais dar jaunamečių skyriuose, anksčiau Pittsburghe, kur jis buvo jaunamečių pirmininku, o vėliau Brooklyne. Į vyresniųjų kuopą jis persikėlė tik prieš pora metų, bet šiemet jau tapo išrinktas 41 kuopos raštininku. Kuopa sveikina Antaną už jo pasižymėjimus moksle ir linki, kad ir toliau, besiekiant savo profesijos ir ją pasiekus, jis naudotų savo gabumus ir lietuvių labui.

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

### Detroit, Mich. — 102 One-O-Two

The pulse of all K. of L'ers in Detroit quickened when our delegates, to the Philadelphia Convention, Anna Mae Uznis and Bob Boris returned with the exciting news that we were selected as the host for the '59 Convention. With such really great recent conventions as in Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and Philadelphia, we have accepted the challenge TO TOP THEM ALL! Ideal, suggestions, and rumors have been flying, yet all plans are still "fraternal secrets." However, without reserve we can say to everyone — start planning to attend now or you'll be sorry.

Much excitement has been caused by the attempts to revive Council

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79 here in Detroit. This council was formerly active at St. George's Parish, but with the change in older neighborhoods, a new parish, Divine Providence Church was established in a newer section. It is at this new parish, under the direction of Father Michael Kundrat, that Council 79 is being reestablished. Our prayers and good wishes go with them.

**Vince Boris**, our president upon receiving his B. A. from Wayne State University, has accepted an excellent position with the Air Force in San Antonio, Texas. How about starting a council there, Vince!

**Miss Genevieve Yuskis**, inherited the presidency vacated by Vince.

While **Dolores Kulikauskas**, took over Gennie's job of Veep and Recording Secretary. Congratulations to you both!

**Anna Mae Uznis** has been receiving fine publicity in the papers and radio for her fashion shows, which are the talk of the Dearborn socialites. Her shop ANN'S FASHIONS is quickly becoming the "Sak's of Dearborn." Continued success, Ann!

## K. OF L. CALENDAR

November 16 — Boston, Mass., Lithuanian - American Symphonic Concert, Symphony Hall. Sponsored by United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America. Archbishop Richard J. Cushing honorary chairman.

November 21-22 — Worcester, Mass. (26) FIRST ANNUAL MUSICAL REVIEW, St. Casimir's Church Hall, Providence St., Worcester, Mass. (Dance — Saturday night at same parish hall).

November 22 — Kearny-Harrison, N. J. (90), DANCE, Lithuanian Center, 6 Davis Ave.

November 23 — Elizabeth, N. J. (52) Communion Breakfast.

November 26 — Chicago, Ill. (112), AUTUMN KNIGHTS DANCE, K. of L. Youth Center. Al Dagus, chmn.

November 29 — S. Boston, Mass. (17) Annual Dance, National Guard Armory, Victory Rd., Dorchester, Mass.