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## IR LIETUVA DALYVAUS PERGALĖS TRIUMFE

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Mylimiausiasieji Kristuje,

Gegužės 13 d. kasmet mums primena didžius mūsų ir visos lietuvių tautos įsipareigojimus Dievui ir Marijai. Tą dieną 1951 m. Romoje lietuvių Šv. Kazimiero Kolegijos koplyčioje keturi Lietuvos vyskupai tremtyje paaukėjo Lietuvą ir visą lietuvių tautą Nekalčiausiai Marijos Širdžiai, sekdami 1917 metais Fatimoje, Portugalijoje, pasirodžiusios Dievo Motinos troškimą, kad visi žmonės ir atskiros tautos būtų paaukotos jos Nekalčiausiai Širdžiai.

Vykdamas šį Dievo Motinos troškimą, Jo Šventenybė Popiežius Pijus XII 1942 m. spalio 31 d., pačiame antrojo pasaulinio karo įsiliepsnojime, baigiantis 25 metų Fatimos apsiareiškimų sukakties minėjimo iškilimams, Vatikano radijo bangomis pavedė visą žmoniją Marijos Nekalčiausiai Širdžiai. Ši žmonijos pavedimą Nekalčiausiai Marijos Širdžiai Šv. Tėvas dar pakartojo tą pačių metų gruodžio 8 d. šv. Petro bazilikoje.

Šis Šv. Tėvo padarytas žmonijos paaukojimas liečia kiekvieną mūsų, liečia šeimas, tautas ir valstybes. Jis galioja visiems laikams. Tačiau Bažnyčia nori, kad jis būtų kartas nuo karto pakartojamas, kad paaukojimas Marijai būtų vis sąmoningesnis, prisimenant įsipareigojimus tvarkyti savo krikščioniškąjį gyvenimą Marijos globoje. Paaukojimo aktas neturi būti tik formulės atskaitymas, bet turi siekti plačiau ir giliau, turi apimti žmogaus gyvenimo gelmes.

Kai Lietuvos vyskupai Romoje 1951 metais pavedė Lietuvą ir lietuvių tautą Nekalčiausiai Marijos Širdžiai, iškilmingai pareikšdami visos tautos vardu aiškų tautos norą ir pasiryžimą būti ištikimais Dievui ir jo įsakymams, būti ištikimais Kristaus mokslui, būti uoliais krikščioniškojo gyvenimo vykdytojais ypatingoje Marijos globoje, tai jie norėjo taip pat, kad paaukojimas Nekalčiausiai Ma-

rijos Širdžiai būtų daromas ir pavienių tikinčiųjų ir šeimų ir parapijų, kad tas pasivedimas Marijai vis giliau įleistų šaknis lietuvių ir visos lietuvių tautos sąmonėn ir tuo būdu krikščioniškam gyvenimui būtų vaisingesnis. Šiuo metu ypač pageidaujamas šeimų paaukojimas, nes tai jų vidinį ryšį sustiprina ir paskatina jas nepasiduoti blogoms laiko įtakoms.

Reikia tik pasidžiaugti, kad šis Lietuvos vyskupų noras dvasiškių ir pasauliečių buvo gerai suprastas ir yra dedama pastangų kasmet, bet ypač geg. 13 d. tą paaukojimą atnaujinti ar tai pavieniai, ar šeimose ar parapijose. Vertas ypatingo pagyrimo Mėlynosios Armijos Lietuvių Sąjūdis, kuris deda didelių pastangų šiai minčiai lietuviuose plačiau paskleisti, užsimojęs taip pat paaukojimą Nekalčiausiai Marijos Širdžiai sujungti su paaukojimu Švč. Jėzaus Širdžiai, kuriai visa Lietuva buvo paaukota 1934 metais pirmojo Lietuvos Eucharistinio Kongreso metu. Šiuo atveju paaukojimas Švč. Jėzaus Širdžiai yra tinkamai papildomas ir gražiai atbaigiamas. Jais iškeliami patys didžiausi Lietuvos ir lietuvių tautos įsipareigojimai Dievui, Kristui ir Marijai. Neabejojama daug gražių vaisių galime tikėtis iš tokio ištikimybės Dievui pareiškimo.

Gegužės 13, Lietuvos ir lietuvių tautos paaukojimo Nekalčiausiai Marijos Širdžiai sukakties diena, jau kelinti metai yra ir viso pasaulio lietuvių Maldos bei Atgailos diena už nusidėjėlių atsivertimą, pasaulio taiką ir Lietuvos laisvę. Tai didelės ir brangios mūsų širdžiai intencijos.

Marija Fatimoje ragino daug melstis už nusidėjėlius, aukotis už juos, ragino ypač kalbėti rožančių bei priimti pirmaisiais mėnesių šeštadieniais atsisteisimo Komuniją, jau nekalbant apie reikalingą pakeisti savo gyvenimą bei liautis įžeidinėti nuodė-



## JOHN KAMINSKI, REST IN PEACE

On March 30th the Illinois-Indiana district was saddened with the untimely passing of a staunch 4th degree knight, JOHN KAMINSKI. He left behind his wife Sophie, one son Bernard, two daughters Johanna, Antoinette and six grandchildren. In Detroit he left his mother Sebastian Gloc and a brother Frank. Another brother, Edward, resides in Gary.

John Kaminski was born in Duquesne, Pennsylvania in 1903, but five years later the family moved to Gary, Indiana which became his permanent address. He was educated in Gary and in due time the steel mills, with their job opportunities, beckoned the ambitious one. John became connected with the United States Steel Corporation where he stayed on for 39 years and worked his way up to supervisor.

John Kaminski joined the Knights of Lithuania in 1920 and became an outstanding member

of Gary Council 82. There he held the office of president four times. In 1958 John was elected president of the Illinois - Indiana district and presently was serving as Chairman of the Board. It must be said that John and his pleasant-mannered wife were in the center of the K. of L. beehive of activities in Chicago as well as in Gary. John attained his 4th degree one year ago on St. Casimir's Day in Chicago while his wife received hers at the K. of L. National Convention in Philadelphia.

While John was resting from the K. of L. he served as trustee of St. Casimir Church, was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and served two terms as president of the Holy Name Society. He was also member of the Catholic Layman's Club, Supervisor's Club of U.S. Steel and the Goodfellows Club. John's last project was the Midwestern Bowling Tournament which he got rolling as Gary C-82 president and chairman. He had invited the mayor as the principal speaker at the Tournament's banquet, May 17th.

In bidding John Kaminski adieu we know that we have lost a fine, devoted Christian gentleman — a splendid Lithuanian who loved the language, customs and traditions of his ancestors. One who devoted himself to his fellow kinsmen in the land of his birth.

Tony Yuknis

mėmis Dievą. "Jei žmonės darys, ką jiems sakysiu, — kalbėjo Marija Fatimoje, — daug sielų bus išgelbėta ir bus taika". Persekiojimai ir karai Marijos žodžiuose Fatimoje tėra tik bausmė už žmonių nuodėmes. Jei norime iš tų baisenybių išsigelbėti, yra tik vienas kelias: grįžti prie Dievo ir jo įstatymų.

Šiuo metu dorinis pasaulio vaizdas, deja, nėra paguodžiantis. Daug yra tokių, kurie niekais laiko švenčiausius Dievo įsakymus. Dialektinis materializmas, kuris klaikiausioje savo išvaizdoje yra įsikūnijęs bolševizme, pasišovęs atitraukti žmoniją ne tik nuo Dievo įstatymų, bet ir nuo paties Dievo. Pasaulis, galima sakyti, yra akligatvy atsidūręs. Didelio sukrėtimo jam reikia ir gausios Dievo malonės, kad pasuktų išganymo keliu. Štai kodėl reikia daug melstis ir atgailoti, ne tik už savo nuodėmes, bet ir kitų, kad Dievas visų pasigailėtų. "Jei nedarysite atgailos, visi taip pat žūsite", kalbėjo Kristus žydams prisiminus apie nelaimes, ištikusias Jeruzalėje kai kuriuos žydus (Luk 13, 3, 5).

*Ir pasiilgtos taikos žmonija dar vis nesulaukia. Ji laukia ne bet kokios, bet teisingos taikos. Ir mes lietuviai jos nesulaukiam. Mes visi laukiam iš politikų pagalbos, jos laukiam iš stipriai ginkluotų ka-*

*riuomenės pulkų. Bet tai nėra pati tikroji jėga, kuri mūsų tėvynei galėtų laisvę gražinti. Jos turime laukti iš dangaus per Mariją, kartu jungiant savas pastangas. "Jei Viešpats nestatys namo, veltui vargšta tie, kurie jį stato. Jei Viešpats nesaugos miesto, veltui budi jo sargas", sako Šv. Raštas (Ps. 126, 1).*

Kad ir kaip klaikus galėtų būti šiuo metu pasaulio vaizdas, vis dėlto neturime nusiminti ir nuleisti rankų, nes Marijos pagalba ir galutinė pergalė mums yra užtikrinta: "Mano Nekalčiausioji Širdis galų gale triumfuos", pasakė Marija Fatimoje. *Tai stiprina mūsų viltis, kad ir Lietuva, praaukota Nekalčiausiai Marijos Širdžiai, dalyvaus jos galutiniam triumfe, jei visi jos vaikai eis Dievo įstatymų keliu. Savo maldingumu ir gyvenimo kilnumu rūpinkimės turėti Dievą savo pusėje. O "jei Dievas yra už mus, kas prieš mus?", sako šv. Povilas Apaštalas (Rom. 8, 31).*

Gegužės 13 d. teparodo mūsų visų vieningą ryžtą eiti šiuo maldos ir atgailos keliu. Iš naujo pasiaukodami Nekalčiausios Marijos Širdžiai rūpinkimės, kad Nekalčiausios Marijos Širdies pergalė ir triumfas visame pasaulyje ir mūsų brangioje tėvyneje kaip galint greičiau pasireikštų.

Roma, 1959 m. kovo 25 d.

# SUGYVENIMO KELIU

ALFA SUŠINSKAS



Ar mums patinka ar ne, bet ne vien tik mes, o ir kiti turi savas ideologijas bei organizacijas, kurios tarp savęs būna ir labai skirtingos.

Dėl ideologinių ir organizacinių skirtumų dažnai kyla aštrių nesusi-pratimų, nesugyvenimų ir net kovų.

Tačiau ar taip turėtų būti? Argi žmogus turėtų būti priešas kitokių idėjų žmogui? Argi priešingos idėjos jau turėtų tiek nužmoginti patį žmogų, kad jis kitą žvėrimi pultų, norėdamas jį sunaikinti? Žinoma, čia neliečiamas komunizmas, kuris savo esme yra nežmoniškas ir nukreiptas vien naikinti bet kokiams kitoms idėjoms bei jų žmonėms.

Idealizmas ir tvirtas savųjų idėjų laikymasis yra puošni dvasinė žmogaus vertybė. Tačiau jei idealistas mano, kad kitokių idėjų žmonės yra mažiau verti ir menkesni už jį tik todėl, jog jų siekiai bei idealai yra kitokie, negu jo, tai jis jau patampa idėjiniu farizėju bei fanatiku. Šitoks žmogus kaip reikiant nesupranta savo idealų, ir juos savo farizėjiškumu jis tik pažemina bei išniekina.

Idėjiniai fanatikai bei farizėjai neretai užkuria tokias rietenas ir net kovas, kad iš jų gražiųjų idealų nė pėdsako nebelieka...

Idėjinės tarpusavio pjautynės rodo idėjinį asmens lėkštumą, siaurumą ir nesubrendimą. Skirtingų pažiūrų žmonės tarp savęs nesugyvena tik tokie, kurie yra dvasiniai trumparegiai ir nekultūringi. Juk skirtingas idėjas padaro praktikoje agresyviais tik žmonės.

Turinčiųjų kitokias pažiūras gražus ir darnus tarpusavio sugyvenimas nereiškia savųjų pažiūrų paniekimo ar nuo jų atsisakymo: toks sugyvenimas iškelia idėjinį subrendimą ir kilnų charakterį.

Neretai pasitaiko, kad vienokių pažiūrų žmogus siekia niekinti ir už save žemesnį laikyti kitokių pažiūrų žmogų. Šitoks elgesys labiausiai paniekina patį niekintoją.

Idėjų aiškumas, didingumas, lo-giškumas bei kilnumas ir paties idealisto garbingumas daugiausia paveikia kitokių pažiūrų žmogų: jį sudomina arba net ir patraukia.

Skaudžiai klystama pamirštant, kad kiekvienam žmogui savi idealai bei savos idėjos yra brangūs dalykai: jie yra jo asmenybės dalis. Paniekinant jo idealus ir idėjas, jis pats jaučiasi tuo paniekiamas bei pažeminamas.

Nors žmonių idealai ir skirtingi būna, tačiau žmonės savo žmogiškąją prigimtį (tam tikra prasme) yra vienodi bei lygūs, ir daug bendrų dalykų juos vienija bei jungia. Skirtingiems idealams darnią vietą gyvenime duoda tik kultūringi žmonės. Idėjinių skirtumų buvo, yra ir bus. Tai yra normalus reiškinys. Kai žmogus parodo gražų sugyvenimą idėjiniuose skirtumuose, jo žmoniškumas tada sušvinta patrauklia šviesa. Nekultūringos idėjinės rietenos paprastai niekam iš savo dalyvių nesuteikia garbės: visi idėjiniai peštukai iš jų apipešiotomis plunksnomis išeina...

Jei idėjinio sugyvenimo reikalu konkrečiai liesime save, lietuvius, pamatysime netaip jau linksną vaizdą. Mūsų skirtingas idėjinis gyvenimas spaudoje ir šiaip įvairiose kitose srityse neretai pasireiškia nekultūringa bei tikrai negarbinga forma.

Juo kilnesni ir didingesni idealai, juo kilniau ir žmoniškiau turėtų juos gyvenime reprezentuoti jų atstovai ir juo garbingesni jie turėtų būti su kitokių pažiūrų žmonėmis.

Nors ir yra skirtingų siekių, tačiau žmonės turėtų sugebėti būti vieni kitiems draugiški ir turėtų surasti bendrą kalbą, atstovaudami kad ir skirtingus idealus.

Argi ne visi žmonės yra to paties Dangiškojo Tėvo vaikai, nors ir nevienodais vardais besivadina? Argi mes, lietuviai, ne to paties tikslo siekiame: Lietuvos laisvės ir laisvo, kultūringo gyvenimo?..



# THE KNIGHTS' CRUSADE

## FOR LITHUANIAN CULTURE

Dear Knights:

We present herewith a practical plan for attaining true knighthood. Let us adopt it at once, so that it will not remain as only so many words put together by your committee.

The Knights of Lithuania can boast of many accomplishments for God, for Country, for the United States of America and for the Lithuanian community. But we shall be true Knights only in so far as we excel in work of Lithuanian nature. The Lithuanian Culture Committee, therefore, offers this long-range plan. Let us embrace it with all our resources. Irrespective of what others do, let each of us and our councils, our officers and all VYTIS readers begin and continue ceaselessly this grand effort in behalf of the Lithuanian way of life.

An important condition for the success of this work is that we begin it at once, now, **TODAY**. We must not procrastinate, put it off until some indefinite future date. We can and must come to the aid of preserving and spreading and developing our precious, ancient, almost sacred Lithuanian culture now.

So, to work! We are called to this honorable task by God and Country, by our Lithuanian blood, by the Lithuanian nation's disastrous position, by the murderous design of the enemy, by our unfavorable living conditions. But we will work, and we will win! We look to a bright future, a living, fruitful, cultured Lithuanianism. Let us begin. Register and inform the Lithuanian Culture Committee of even the slightest Lithuanian act. Let us show that we are working and not merely talking and living in the past. Let us work, dear Knights, on a modest scale, if needs be, but ever constantly for Lithuanianism and Lithuania!

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### A. WHY MUST THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA LABOR FOR LITHUANIAN CULTURE:

1. The Knights of Lithuania Constitution decrees:  
"The Knights of Lithuania encourage among the youth an attachment to the land of their fathers — Lithuania and an affection for the Lithuanian language and customs."
2. The K. of L. 1958 Convention resolution obligates us as follows:  
"We firmly resolve to honor our and Lithuania's patron, Saint Casimir, by our love for Lithuania and Lithuanianism. We, therefore, propose to make Lithuanianism the main essence of our personal and council activity. We pray untiringly to our Patron Saint for the preservation of the Lithuanian heart, for Lithuania's freedom and for the propagation of Lithuanian culture and customs."

### B. OUR AIM — FOR EVERY KNIGHT TO:

1. Love Lithuania and Lithuanianism
2. Speak and write Lithuanian
3. Preserve and cultivate Lithuanianism in one's daily life
4. Make Lithuanianism the core of our organization and council activity
5. Pray and sing both hymns and songs in Lithuanian
6. Read and support Lithuanian publications
7. Know Lithuania's glorious past, its history
8. Help organize Lithuanian plays, concerts, gatherings
9. Interest one self in Lithuanian music and help form choruses and orchestras
10. Dance Lithuanian folk dances and organize folk dance groups
11. Arrange for broadcasting of Lithuanian radio and TV programs
12. Treasure Lithuanian folk art, folk-lore, national costumes
13. Be acquainted with and observe Lithuanian customs
14. Belong to Lithuanian parish and societies
15. Associate with patriotic organizations and their members
16. Work for Lithuania's freedom and the welfare of Lithuanians
17. Take part with other members in praying to St. Casimir for the worthiness of all Lithuanians and for a speedy recovery of Lithuania's freedom
18. Diligently practice and encourage perpetual devotion to St. Casimir among the Knights and Lithuanians throughout the world

**C. LITHUANIANISM PUT INTO PRACTICE**

1. The council president appoints a leader for the Lithuanian Program. This leader at once registers with the Lithuanian Culture Committee, selects his or her assistants and provides leadership for the council's Lithuanian Program. At frequent intervals the leader submits reports to the Lithuanian Culture Committee. The council president follows this activity closely and when necessary appoints a new leader.

2. The Lithuanian Culture Committee publishes a summary record of the councils' Lithuanian Program in VYTIS.

3. The Lithuanian Culture Committee consists of the following members:

**Jack Stukas**, chairman, in charge of Lithuanian music and recordings, Lithuanian radio and television programs, folk dancing, English language lectures on Lithuanian culture and English language text-books for the study of Lithuanian language.

**Joseph Yanulaitis**, in charge of Lithuanian folklore, Lithuanian coin and stamp collections, slides and motion pictures of Lithuania and Lithuanians and Lithuanian photo albums. He also keeps a record of the points earned by the councils for their Lithuanian Program work.

**Father Stasys Raila**, prepares plans, writes articles and suggestions dealing with the preservation and advancement of Lithuanian culture; prepares suitable dramatizations and outlines of programs for various K. of L. observances and occasions.

**D. TWO OUTSTANDING MEMBERS TO BE HONORED**

At each national convention, two members — one man and one woman — will be honored for their work in this sphere. The individual winners of the Lithuanian Culture contest will be judged for the following accomplishments:

1. Lithuanian action in the council and in the Lithuanian community.
2. Speaking Lithuanian and reading Lithuanian press, or making a serious effort to learn to read, write and sing in Lithuanian.
3. Reading of Lithuanian history and being able to relate it to others.
4. Observance of Lithuanian customs.
5. Having a Lithuanian prayer-book and other Lithuanian books.
6. Making or acquiring a national costume, Lithuanian pictures, decorations, folk-craft objects.
7. Giving a Lithuanian talk or recitation, singing a solo in Lithuanian, writing of literary or news articles for the Lithuanian press.
8. Participating in Lithuanian Action, such as Lithuanian R. C. Federation, BALF (United Lithuanian Relief) and being an active member of a Lithuanian parish.
9. Being deeply interested in Lithuanian life and Lithuanian affairs here, in Lithuania and throughout the world.
10. Forming and maintaining a Lithuanian family.

To receive consideration for the title of honor, a record of one's Lithuanian activity as outlined above and including other Lithuanian work, for example, reading of Lithuanian books, writing of Lithuanian letters, dissemination of St. Casimir's booklet, enrollment of new K. of L. members, must be reported in detail either by the individual concerned or the council to the Lithuanian Culture Committee.

**E. HOW COUNCILS PARTICIPATE IN LITHUANIAN WORK**

A council, too, can win a title of honor, if it earns sufficient credits for its Lithuanian culture work. To be eligible for council honors, each council must report its entrance in the Lithuanian Culture Contest and the extent of its activity. The number of members involved in each activity will also be taken into consideration in determining the winning council. The progress of the contest will be published regularly in VYTIS.

The councils will receive credit for each activity in accordance with the following plan:

1. How many council members speak, write, understand Lithuanian?  
(The number of members will determine the number of points.)
2. How many members are studying Lithuanian language?
3. a) How many and which Lithuanian newspapers and magazines does the council subscribe to?  
b) How many and which Lithuanian newspapers and magazines do the individual members subscribe to?
4. For conducting classes in Lithuanian language or history ..... — 50 points
5. For presenting a Lithuanian play — 40 "
6. For having an active Lithuanian chorus ..... — 50 "
7. For conducting a folk-dance group — 40 "
8. For acquiring one Lithuanian national costume ..... — 20 "
9. For conducting a council meeting in Lithuanian ..... — 10 "
10. For arranging a Lithuanian entertainment ..... — 20 "
11. For preparing one Lithuanian radio or TV program ..... — 30 "
12. For creating a Lithuanian square in a park or street ..... — 50 "
13. For making a Lithuanian garden — 30 "
14. For setting up a Lithuanian cross — 50 "
15. For publishing a Lithuanian bulletin (submitting a copy) .... — 50 "
16. For collecting Lithuanian antiquities ..... — 10-50 points
17. For conducting Lithuanian handicraft groups and for the articles created ..... — 10-40 "
18. For active participation at Lithuanian religious services by singing, reciting prayers in a body etc. .... — 10-40 "
19. For other Lithuanian work, as evaluated by the Committee.

# LITHUANIAN HISTORY

## VYTAUTAS THE GREAT GRAND PRINCE of THREE NATIONS

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Of all of the rulers of Lithuania, Vytautas the Great presents the most difficult problem of adequately describing his unusual personality, renown accomplishments and the perplexing times he lived in. Perhaps in the future some great biographer or historian will present to the English — speaking world a volume that will do justice to this illustrious Lithuanian prince and his polycultural empire.

Grand Duke Vytautas not only was fluent with his native Lithuanian but also used Latin, Slavonic, German, Russian, Polish and Tartar. In his enigmatic personage he fused together the cultures of western and eastern Europe. From the East he obtained his majestic bearing and designs of vast potentiality; from the West was drawn many practical ideas and knightly Christian ideals. Under his rule, Lithuania rose to heights that had never yet been attained. Her territory stretched from the Baltic to the Black Sea and to the gates of Moscow. The area was larger than that of France and Germany combined. Modern Lithuania is but one tenth of that immense domain that over 500 years ago owed unquestionable allegiance to the ruler of Lithuania on the throne at Vilnius.

Born in 1350 at Trakai in southeastern Lithuania, Vytautas grew up very familiar with the beauti-

ful Lithuanian countryside and the innate qualities of his countrymen. His parents, Kęstutis and Birutė, must have both exerted a great deal of influence during his early formative years. He was unyielding to his ideals as his father yet merciful like his mother. The murder of his father by Jogaila's associates found Vytautas at the age of 32 imprisoned in a very uncomfortable dungeon. Eventually he escaped with the aid of his wife Anna who is said to have been publicly whipped by Vytautas' enemies in the streets of Vilnius.

Princess Anna was a very lively, wise and dignified woman. Her influence was felt in many councils of her husband and his nobles on various affairs of state. She was greatly respected by all of the foreign delegations at the imperial court at Vilnius. The German Teutonic Knights often sent her very expensive gifts in an attempt to obtain her favor. Anna as the grand duchess traveled with her husband in many foreign countries and visited Prussia, Poland and Masovia. She was Grand Duke Vytautas' constant companion whether he was crowned with great honors or sat in a dismal prison cell. An ardent Roman Catholic and a firm believer in the application of practical Christianity, she aided the Church and the priests whenever an opportunity pre-

sented itself. Princess Anna always liked to visit holy shrines and had a great appreciation of books. Her intelligence and background placed her among the most educated and cultured women of the medieval era. She is reported to have been also one of the best dressed women in eastern Europe.

When finally Jogaila after a civil war acknowledged Vytautas' rights to Kęstutis lands in Lithuania, the Vitoldian era in the history of eastern Europe began. At first Prince Vytautas was given only the duchy of Trakai by right and was to serve in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius as a regent for Jogaila. The latter was now not only the grand duke of Lithuania but also the king of Poland and had to spend much time in the Polish capital of Cracow. However three years later the princes and nobles of Lithuania paid homage to Grand Duke Vytautas as their unquestionable sovereign.

During the reign of this great Lithuanian prince, the governmental structure of the State underwent many fundamental changes. Originally the administration of both ethnic and Ruthenian — Slavic divisions of Lithuania had not been rigidly centralized by the grand prince or king. The supreme ruler at Vilnius had under his direct personal control only the area sur-



rounding the capital. The other principalities under Lithuanian rule had more often than not autonomous regional princes.

Their allegiance to the throne at Vilnius was based on support of the grand prince or king in wars, the payment of taxes, and close adherence to his foreign policy. Thus whenever a weak personality was ruling, some regional princes refused to obey Vilnius, pay taxes, and acted quite independently. During the civil war between the forces of Jogaila and those of Kęstutis — Vytautas, the ties that bound many of the Slavic duchies to the throne were seriously weakened.

The first steps that Vytautas undertook when he assumed power was to remove all of the regional rulers who had been disobedient to Vilnius. They were sent to Jogaila in Poland. The vacancies thus created in the administrative apparatus were filled with regents selected from the barons of ethnic Lithuania. The latter owed direct obedience and unquestionable loyalty to Grand Duke Vytautas. His power became so great that he was acclaimed a king by the Lithuanian Lowlanders (Samogitians) in 1398.

Although Vytautas the Great made some mistakes in his military and political activities, there can be no question of his love for his native land. He had two opportunities of being crowned a king of foreign nations and refused both!! The crown of Bohemia was offered by the Czechs in 1422. Vytautas sent Sigismund Kaributaitis to rule as regent. The latter valiantly fought the Germans for Czech freedom but finally was defeated and thrown into prison. Eventually he was released and returned to Lithuania. The Czechs to this day have a great respect for Vytautas the Great. In 1930 the government of Czechoslovakia honored his memory as a ruler of their medieval kingdom with special ceremonies at the Lithuanian Legation in Prague.

During January 1429 a conference was called in the Vitoldian fortress of Lutsk to discuss

eastern European affairs. Together with Grand Duke Vytautas, King Jogaila, and the Papal Legate, Emperor Sigismund of the Holy Roman Empire was in attendance. Many dignitaries were also present from Muscovy, Tver, Ryazan as were several Tartar khans. Most of the vassals of Lithuania had come and there were representatives from Denmark, Wallachia, Masovia and the Byzantine Empire. During the sessions the coronation of Vytautas as the king of Lithuania was proposed. King Jogaila did not oppose this proposition as it served his dynastic interests but when the emissaries of Poland heard it, pandemonium broke loose. Incensed at this threat of cutting of the personal union between Lithuania and Poland, the Poles left in protest. Soon thereafter the conference ended and the guests departed for their homes from nearby the Atlantic ocean or Adriatic sea to the distant Ural mountains.

The Poles presently went so far as to even offer Vytautas the crown of Poland (with the abdication of Jogaila) if only he would give up the idea of the coronation as the king of Lithuania. But the grand duke was adamant and Lithuania prepared for war. Poland then spread calumnies and patrolled the border between Lithuania and Poland with troops in order to harass the negotiations of Vilnius with western Europe. Then as the final act of iniquity the desperate Poles stole the royal crown destined for Vytautas. During the resulting uproar in Lithuania, the Angel of Death entered the scene. Vytautas the Great died on October 27, 1430 after two weeks' illness. With him, the zenith of Lithuanian expansion had been reached. His death was greatly grieved not only by his own people but also by many others. Eulogies were delivered all over Europe and in most Vytautas was compared to Alexander the Great of Macedonia.

Lithuania had entered the arena of European politics in 1253 with the coronation of Mindaugas as the first Christian king

## Amerikoje gyvenantiems lietuviams

Garbingajam Kauno arkivyskupui ir pirmajam Lietuvos bažnytinės provincijos metropolitui Juozapui Skvireckui, didelių nuopelnų asmeniui visai mūsų tautai ir ypatingai katalikams, šių metų birželio 24 d. sukanka 60 metų nuo jo pašventimo į kunigus ir liepos 13 d. sukanka 40 metų nuo pašventimo į vyskupus.

Šiuo metu garbingasis jubilatas yra silpnos sveikatos. Paprašykime jam Viešpaties palaimos ir pagalbos pakelti amžiaus ir tremties našta.

Kreipiuosi į visame pasaulyje esančius lietuvius kunigus, katalikiškas ir visas kitas lietuvių organizacijas ir visus lietuvius šią sukaktį paminėti ypatingai maldos būdu. Nebus nieko netinkamo, kad šalia maldos kur įvyks ir kitokio pobūdžio minėjimai. Gerbiamieji kunigai ir pasauliečiai visuomenininkai savose vietovėse nuspresite, kur ir kas būtų tinkama ir imanoma.

Nuoširdžiai Jūsų Kristuje

Vysk. V. Brizgys

of a united state. Now an era of decline was soon to begin. Eventually circumstances led to the complete destruction of the Lithuanian state in 1795 with the partition of the Lithuanian - Polish Commonwealth by Austria, Prussia, and Russia. The impact of Vytautas was very great in Eastern Europe. He was not only esteemed by all Lithuanians but also by the Tartars who respected him as their great benefactor. (A Mohammedan mosque was erected by them in his honor in the pre-war republic of Lithuania). The Eastern Slavs, especially the Ukrainians, pay him tribute as one of their most distinguished rulers. Indeed, Vytautas the Great was a man of many abilities and many cultures.

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# Mergaičių Pasaulis

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## AUŠROS VARTU MARIJAI

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

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

Išėjus skausmo kelią kartu  
Tenepaluš ir nepalinks,  
Tau padėkot prie Aušros Vartu  
Visa tauta tesusirinks.

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

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## "TIS THE MONTH OF OUR MOTHER..."

by Joanne H. Neviera

The month has joyously arrived wherein we pay tribute to our Mother. As defined by Webster, a mother is "that which has produced or nurtured anything; the source of origin or birth..." When Our Lord died on the cross, He gave Mary, His Mother, to us. By his great gift, Mary, the Mediatrix of all graces, became our own Mother — not by way of Webster's definition, but by unselfish and loving bestowal. Is there any more fitting time than during the beautiful May to pay tribute to Our Lady?

A beautiful custom begun many years ago is beginning to slowly die out. In many, many Catholic homes there used to be a beautiful May

altar carefully set up with "flowers of the rarest" placed lovingly at Our Lady's feet. Together, each evening, the family would kneel and recite special prayers to their great Mother in heaven. The children took a great pride in having the most beautiful May altar in the neighborhood. Today, the May altar is no longer a tradition in many Catholic homes. Like many other beautiful traditions, it is now considered "a thing of the past." The lovely scent of lilies of the valley no longer means a crown for the head of the Blessed Mother. Devotion to the Mother of God is seeping down to a low ebb, because modern people are too instilled by indifferentism about such matters.

May is also the time we pay special homage and tribute to our own human mother. A mother's tender, selfless love and her sacrifice have been the inspiration for

many artists and poets. There is no sight more tender than a mother holding her newborn babe. There is no sound more tragic than a mother's anguished cry at the sight of her child in pain. There is no moment more proud than watching a mother who is seeing her child rewarded for a deed well done.

A mother's love has been studied and analyzed by many renowned and learned men. They agree that there is no greater love; no stronger instinct than maternal instinct, no greater hurt than a mother's hurt.

Throughout the year there are many occasions when we show our appreciation and love for our own mother; but May has been especially set aside for this tribute.

By loving and honoring our dear mother on earth, we are also honoring our Mother in heaven. "Sveika, sveika, sveika Marija..."



## DANGAUS LELIJA Ver. Kulbokienė

Gegužės mėnesį, kai laukai, pievos ir miškai pasipuošia margaspalviais žiedais, tikinčiųjų širdys prisipildo tuo metu malda į Dangiškąją Gėlę — Dievo Motiną Mariją. Jos garbei yra paskirtas ir tasai puošnūs pavasario mėnuo. Bažnyčiose Marijos altoriai bei Jos statulos paskęsta gėlėse. Žmonės renkasi bendrosios maldos, gieda Marijos garbei sukurtas giesmes ir himnus.

Lietuvoje, toje Marijos žemėje, gegužės mėnesį kiekviena seklyčia virsta Marijos Mergelės koplyčia. Mergaitės eina į miškus ir pievas, skina puošniausius žiedus, pina vainikus, sudarinėja puokštes Marijos altorėliams puošti. O vakarais, nepaisydami nuovargio po sunkių dienų darbų visi, suaugę ir vaikai, vyrai ir moterys, renkasi į kurią didesnę kaimo seklyčią bendrai melstis. Maldingai suklaupę prie degančių žvakių, prašo Marijos užtarimo

pas savąjį Sūnų. Ir galingai skamba sujungtais balsais giesmės žodžiai:

“Palaimink laukus mūsų šalyje;  
Gink mus nuo bado, sveika Marija!

Tačiau sunkiaisiais Lietuvos istorijos metais nevisada ir nevisur lietuvis galėjo laisvai sava kalba garbinti Mariją ir prašyti Jos užtarimo. Štai po I pasaulinio karo, kai Lietuvai nušvito laisvės rytas, jos senoji sostinė Vilnius ir visa rytų Lietuva buvo lenkų okupuota per 30 metų. Lenkų administracinė valdžia, norėdama ko greičiau sulenkinti Vilniaus krašto lietuvius, be kitų persekiojimų, draudė melstis bažnyčiose savąja kalba. Tad ir gegužinės pamaldos daugeliu atvejų buvo trukdomos. Vilniaus Aušros Vartų koplyčioje gegužinės pamaldos lietuviams buvo leistos tik 5 val. ryte, dar saulei netekėjus, kada dar visi saldžiai miega. Tačiau nepaisant

ankstumo Vilniaus lietuviai, brangindami savas tradicijas, ne tiktaigausiai rinkdavosi į ankstyvasias gegužines pamaldas, bet jaunimas buvo susiorganizavęs stiprų chorą, kuris kiekvieną gegužės rytą saulei tekant sveikindavo Aušros Vartų Mariją giesmės žodžiais:

“Sveika Marija, dangaus lelija,  
Tu gailėstinga ir maloninga,  
Motin malonės, išvaduok žmones  
Varguose skęstančius.”

Buvo lenkų, kurie ateidavo į lietuvių gegužines pamaldas pasiklausyti gražaus lietuvių giedojimo. Lietuvių studentai pradžioje turėjo vakare gegužines pamaldas Šv. Jono bažnyčioje, kurios vėliau buvo uždraustos.

Dabartinėje Lietuvoje taip pat yra daug sunkumų Mariją garbinti. Daugelis lietuvių Sibire, neturi laisvės arba išblaškyti po svetimus kraštus. Užtat mums laisvėje esantiems krinta dviguba pareiga gegužės mėnesį karščiau melstis ir už save, ir už tuos, kurie nė melstis laisvai negali.

## KARO METO TREMTINĖS LAIŠKAS MOTINAI

*Ištrauka iš legendos apie ilgėsį*

NELE MAZALAITĖ

“Mama, mes jau išvykstame, mes jau negalime, kaip susitarėme, atvažiuoti pas Tave. Ak, juk tai buvo linksma, kai mes visi kalbėjome apie tą kelionę. Gal būt, sakėme, mes ateisime pėsčiomis, kaip piligrimai, su lazdomis ir ryšulėliais, ir basi, ir Tu Mama pasitiksi mus su pienu ir puikia kaimo duona. Ir mes pralauksime audrą tylioje Žemaitijoje, arba iš lėto trauksime drauge su Tavimi — tačiau dabar mes esame užklupti ir bėgame kaip iš gaisro”.

“Ne, bet tai netruks ilgai, mes grįšime anksčiau, negu nunoks obuoliai mes atvažiuosime tiesiai pas Tave ir visi pradėsime laisvą gerą gyvenimą. Visiškai iš naujo — nes mes paliekame viską ir nerasime nieko. Karas turi baigtis — juk tai taip aiškiai matyti, mes nesimatysime tik trumpą laiką. Iki pasimatymo, mama — galvok, kad mums viskas gerai, ir žinok, kad mylime Tave...”

Bet kas įteiks šį laišką mano motinai, kas nuveš jį — atsilyginsiu dėkingumu ir pinigais.

Niekas.

Kas paims šitą laišką, kas nuneš jį mano motinai, ryt, poryt, už savaitės — atiduosiu žiedą ir aukso grandinėle, atiduosiu papuošalą su brangakmeniu.

Niekas. Niekas.

Jau nėra kelio atgal. Čia bėga žmonės, gyvuliai, vežimai, laivai ir vandenys pirmyn.

“Mes truputį užtrunkame, mama, bet Tu juk supranti, kad pasaulio reikalai nėra mūsų parapija — niekas negalvoja, kaip mums skubu. Aš neleidžiu sau galvoti nieko, nes tada nežinau kas turėtų pasidaryti. Ne, aš negaliu meluoti: baisiai skauda širdį. Praėjo vasara. Tavo vardo dieną aš negalėjau atnešti Tau net gėlės lapo.”

“Motina mano, ką Tu galvoji apie mane, vienintelį savo vaiką? Palikau Tave be atsisveikinimo, be žodžio — visą gyvenimą nebuvau išsiskyrusi su Tavimi ilgiau kaip keletą savaičių — dabar palikau Tave gal būt ant visados. Ką Tu pasakysi, jeigu manęs ieškodami priešai paims Tave vietoj manęs, ką Tu pagalvosi? Man būtų lengviau, jeigu Tu prikaišiotum ir pyktum, būtų gera, kad Tu išsižadėtum manęs! Bet aš žinau, kad Tu viską atleidi ir myli. Aš graužiu savo pirštus, ir negaliu nuvaryti minties: gal būt, priešai kaltina tavo motiną, gal jie nužudė ją, arba išvežė į taigas ar kaitras? Tu sėdi saugiai, o tavo motinai yra atimta teisė net numirti savo namuose. Ach viskas ten gali įvykti, o aš esu kurčia ir akla už tūkstančių mylių. Ir mano bejėgiškumas sugniuždo mane, ir aš nebegaliu net melstis.”

Mama, skaitei jog aną gegužį atėjo taika — ir ji nepadarė nieko. Niekas nekalba tiesos apie jus, jūs esate užgriuvę, visas kraštas kaip griuvėliais užverstas namas, ir niekas neateina jūsų atkasti.

# VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

**Kiti apie mūs narius.** Ne tik sendraugių kuopa gerbia savo narius už nenuilstamą veikimą, bet taip pat ir kiti gražiai apie juos atsiliepia. Pav. apie Joną Kerulį, kuris labai daug yra pasidarbavęs Vyčių namo reikaluose, neimdamas jokio atlyginimo.

Chicagoj labai gražiai veikia Nekalto Prasadėjimo Marijos Seserų Rėmėjų vienetas (apskritis), kuriai pirmininkavo J. Kerulis. Šiomet jam atsisakius iš tų pareigų, V. Manelis apskrities vardu Drauge šitaip parašė:

“Jonas Kerulis priklauso tai retėjančiai senosios kartos Amerikos lietuvių šeimai, kuri su dideliu atsidėjimu ir pasiaukojimu eilę metų rūpinosi ir vis dar tebesirūpina religiniais ir tautiniais lietuvių reikalais. J. Kerulis, šiuo metu, būdamas 67 metų amžiaus, šiame krašte išgyvenęs jau 50 metų, išauginęs ir išmokslinęs du sūnus, kurių vienas yra advokatas, nepasitraukė į ramų pensininko gyvenimą, bet pasiliko stipriai įsijungęs į lietuvišką visuomeninę veiklą, su kuria sutapo ir suaugo ankstyvesniais metais. J. Kerulis šiuo metu aktyviai dalyvauja visame tuzine lietuviškų religinių organizacijų, būdamas daugumos jų valdybos nariu arba ir pirmininku. J. Kerulį gerai pažįstame Balfe, ALRK Federacijoje, Vyčiuose, Labdariuose, Šv. Vardo dr-joj. Įdomus reiškinys, kad J. Kerulis dalyvauja bene visose lietuviškų vienuolynų rėmėjų organizacijose, būtent Nek. Pras. Marijos Seserų, Kazimieriečių, Pranciškėčių, Marijonų, Jėzuitų, Saleziečių. Šitas dalyvavimas nėra tiktai popierinis. Visur J. Kerulis yra prisidėjęs su savo reikšminga medžiagine auka ir visa eile darbo valandų, atitrauktų nuo poilsio ir asmeninio malonumo. Net ir ALRK Federacijos Jaunimo stovykla, kurios gilioji prasmė senajai Amerikos lietuvių kartai ne visai yra lengva suvokti, ir toji yra sulaukusi J. Kerulio paramos, turėdama jį savo narių šimtininkų tarpe.”

Nei kiek neperdėta.

Nauju apskrities pirmininku išrinktas taip pat vytiš sendraugis

prof. B. Vitkus, vienas naujų lietuvių, nepriklausomaj Lietuvoj profesoriavęs Žemės Ūkio akademijoje Dotnuvoje, veikęs su ateitininkais, o atvykęs į J. A. Valstybes įsijungė ir į vyčius sendraugius. Net gyvendamas už Chicagos ribų, Orland Parke, o paskutiniu metu Brocktone, Mass., visuomet palaikė sendraugių narystę, gi prieš keletą mėnesių grįžęs Chicagon vėl įsijungė kuopon aktyviu nariu.

**Vakaras V. Paukščiui pagerbti.** Šiame skyriuje jau buvo rašyta, kad ilgametis Vyčių salės administratorius V. Paukštis dėl pašlijusios sveikatos nuo praeitųjų Naujų Metų pasitraukė iš tų pareigų. Ilgą laiką jis dirbo be jokio atlyginimo, dėl to sendraugių kuopa nutarė suruošti jo pagerbimui vakarą. Tai įvyko kovo 17 d. Vakaram susirinko ne tik gausiai narių, bet ir nemažai kitų organizacijų atstovų, taip pat gausus būrys ir V. Paukščio bičiulių. Kalbose, kurias pasakė kun. dr. A. Juška, atstovavęs sendraugių dvasios vadą prel. I. Albavičių, prof. B. Vitkus, kun. P. Činikas, MIC., Draugo redakt. L. Šimutis ir Chicago American religinio skyriaus redakt. S. Pieža, nušviesta V. Paukščio veikimas ne tik vyčiuose, bet kitose liet. katalikų organizacijose ir parapijose. Kalbas pajvairino Nekalto Prasad. Šv. P. Marijos parapijos varg. J. Kudirkos sudaryta iš parapijos choro vyrų grupė, kuri susirinkusius žavėjo gavėnios rimčiai pritaikytais kūriniais. Galop adv. K. Savickas parodė idomų filmą iš savo kelionės po Europą.

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Vakarą apvainikavo sendraugių įteikta V. Paukščiui puiki dovana—elektrinis automatinis indas kavai virti.

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**Margučiu paroda.** Balandžio 4 d. Vyčių salėj buvo suruoštas pirmas toks Chicagos vyčių istorijoje vakaras — margučiu (velykaičių) paroda.

Prieš parodą niekas, net ir pati parodos ruošimo komisija, nesitikėjo, kad toji paroda taip pavyks, kad jon bus sunešta ir atsiūsta daugiau šimto įvairiausiai tautiniais motyvais peiliuku išskutinėtų, vašku išrašytų ir įvairiaspalviais dažais išmargintų kiaušinių.

Ilgam stalui parodai paruošti ir papuošti, taip pat margučius meniškai išdėstyti komisijai į talką atėjo didelė velykaičių dažymo mėgėja Jieva A. Lukošūtė-Lukas, čia augusi lietuvaitė, žymi Lietuvos vardo ir jos gražių tradicijų skleidėja kitataučių tarpe. Ji yra pirmininkė ir Lietuvių Filatelistų Draugijos, kuri Lietuvos pašto ženklais taip pat puikiai atstovauja Lietuvą ir lietuvius kitataučių filatelistų tarpe. Ji kartu sutiko įeiti ir margučiu vertinimo komisijon ir premijų paskirstymui. Kiti vertinimo komisijos nariai buvo E. Vilimaitė ir D. Jurjonas, abu iš naujųjų ateivių ir žinomi veikėjai kultūrinėje dirvoje.

Atsilankę parodon visi stebėjosi ir grožėjosi įvairiaspalviais margučiais. Vieni gražūs, kiti dar gražesni. Prie kiekvieno margučio — paskiro ar grupės — buvo pridėta kortelė su slapyvardžiu, o margučiu savininkų vardai ir adresai buvo uždaruose vokuose pas komisijos pirmininką.

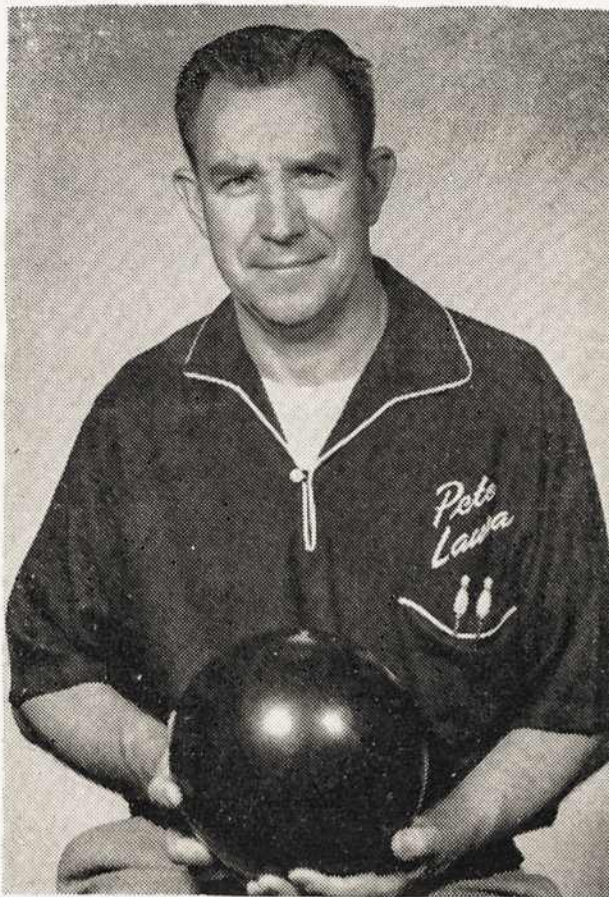
Nelengva buvo komisijai margučius vertinti ir jiems premijas paskirti. Ir kol komisija tai darė, daugelis susirinkusiųjų susėdę aplink stalus žaidė bingo. Čia stalas irgi

buvo nukrautas prizais, kurie buvo paskirstyti laimingiesiems žaidėjams. Šiuos prizus parūpino komisijos nariai, o nemažai paaukojo ir kiti nariai.

Bingo pertraukos metu, kai margučių vertinimo komisija baigė darbą, buvo pakviestas pirmininkas ir paprašytas atidaryti vokus pagal slapyvardžius. Pirmoji premija paskirta "Audronės" slapyvardžiui. Voką atidarius pasirodė, kad tai K. Virškutienė iš Flint, Mich. Premija pripažinta už lietuviškomis juostomis ir tulpėmis išskutinėtus raštus. Tiesių linijų tautinių spalvų lova dengtės rašto buvo vienas margutis su slapyvardžiu "X-S". Voką atidarius pasirodė, kad tai Sakalo nuosavybė. Jam buvo pripažinta antroji premija. Visų akį traukė margutis, ant kurio raudoname dugne buvo nupieštas Lietuvos valstybės herbas — Vytis. Prie jo ir slapyvardė buvo "Vytis". Voką atidarius pasirodė, kad trečioji premija teko Ant. Jonučiui, kuris pastaruoju metu pradėjo įsijungti talkininku Vyčių namo remonto reikaluose. Jo žmona Stefanija yra dienr. Draugo skelbimų skyriaus vedėja. Abu priklauso sendraugiams. Ketvirtoji premija buvo paskirta už kiaušinius jurginiais ir tulpėmis išmargintus, o penktoji už ryškias žydras rūtas kiaušinio apvalume. Vokus atidarius pasirodė, kad ir gi sendraugė ir žymi Moterų Sąjungos veikėja M. Paukštienė tų gražių velykaičių savininkė. Šeštoji premija teko B. Pivariūnienei už originaliai išmargintą "Aleliuja".

Besigerėdami įvairiais margučiais daugelis pageidavo, kad vyčiai sendraugiai margučių parodą padarytų tradicine. O kad tokia paroda susidomėjimas yra didelis, parodė ši pirmoji.

**Sveikiname.** Jonas ir Veronika Simonavičiai, gyv. 4531 So. California Ave., katalikiškųjų organizacijų nariai ir lietuviškųjų reikalų rėmėjai balandžio 12 d. atšventė 50 metų vedybinio gyvenimo jubilėjų. Ta intencija Švč. P. Marijos Nekalto Prasiidėjimo parapijos bažnyčioje atlaikytos šv. mišios, kuriose dalyvavo jubiliečiai, jų išauginti, išmoksinti ir savistoviai gyvena sūnūs, marčios ir daug draugų bei pažįstamų. Sveikinimų vainikan jubiliečiams savo linkėjimus įpynė ir vyčiai sendraugiai.



**Peter D. Laura-Laurinaitis**, Honolulu, Hawaii, one of three picked to the "Hall of Fame", Oahu Bowling Association, in 1958. Peter was born in Newark, New Jersey. In the early '20s, the Laura family moved to Elizabeth, N. J., attended Lithuanian school, and in 1926 joined the Knights of Lithuania organization and was one of the first to join the Bowling League. Later he became manager of the Lithuanian Liberty Boys Bowling Team (1929-32), and won 1st place in the City Athletic Bowling League (1930-31), and 2nd place (1929-30). In 1934, Peter enlisted in the U.S.

Army and while stationed in the Hawaiian Island he won 1st place in the Inter Service League, having the highest average and high series. In 1936, he traveled with the Hawaiian team to the American Bowling Congress at Indianapolis, Indiana, averaging 200. This was the first Hawaiian team to participate in the A.B.C., having visited many States. Bowling and seeing many points of interest everywhere, will always be a momento to Peter Laura and his teammates.

After completing his Army service, Peter returned to Elizabeth, N. J. in 1938, rejoined Council 52, Elizabeth, and bowled in the New York - New Jersey District K. of L. Bowling League. In 1939, he traveled with the K. of L. team to the A.B.C. Tournament held in Cleveland, Ohio. Later Peter Laura returned to Honolulu, joined the Honolulu Bowling Center, and in 1947 traveled with the team to Los Angeles, California, and in 1954 to Seattle, Washington, to participate in the A.B.C. Tournaments.

Peter Laura has organized many bowling leagues and tournaments, helped many top bowlers with the fundamentals of the game, and is now a certified instructor for Joe Willmans School. He is married to Rose Enos and makes his home in Honolulu. His Sister, Ann Laurinaitis is an active member of Council 133, Los Angeles, and was National Convention Committee Treasurer in 1957.

#### ADJUDICATION OF GENERAL KOSCIUSZKO'S WILLS IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Congressman John W. McCormack, Majority House Leader, inserted in the Congressional Record of this spring Anthony O. Shallna's entire article "Adjudication of General Kosciuszko's Wills."

The article, in addition to making reference to Kosciuszko's four wills, shows clearly and undeniably that Kosciuszko was "a native of Lithuania in Poland" and that "Kosciuszko's domicil of origin was Lithuania in Poland."

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In January 1958, the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee forwarded all councils an official announcement, application and reference forms to be utilized by prospective candidates for the Scholarship Award in your council. Again, this year, we mailed another set of forms for the 1959-1960 award. Please encourage your members who can qualify for the \$600 award, to submit their application to us at the earliest opportunity.

You will agree that this important and worthwhile project of the Knights of Lithuania deserves support and proper attention from each and every council. Yet only a few councils supported the Scholarship Fund last year, either through money raised by voluntary assessments of 25¢ per member, or social functions sponsored in behalf of the Scholarship Fund. Furthermore, councils did not solicit donations from philanthropic individuals, businessmen and other organizations. Had it not been for the proceeds received from the New York and New Jersey Regional Conference, held in Newark last year, the awarding of a scholarship to the deserving winner, Algird Budreckas of Elizabeth, New Jersey Council Number 52, would not have been possible. He was selected over three other excellent candidates.

The awarding of the second payment of \$300 to the Scholarship winner has resulted in a \$110 deficit in the Fund for this year (which sum was borrowed) and \$600 must be collected for the 1959-1960 award.

Will your council members, therefore, do what they can to raise the money needed for our Scholarship Fund? In accordance with a resolution passed by the 1958 Philadelphia Convention, we are starting a Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund Booster Club of \$1, and up. Attractive membership (receipt) cards will be printed and presented to all donors to the Fund.

Please have your council members "put their shoulders to the wheel." With everyone cooperating, we cannot but help to succeed in this noble task. Send your donations to Scholarship Committee Treasurer, Mr. William Kolicius, 3522 Marge Drive, Pittsburgh 34, Penna.

Į darbą branĳieji, Vyčiai, ir mūsų pastangas telaimina Aukščiausias!

Nuoširdžiai Jūsų,

JACK J. STUKAS, Chairman



Tėvas Viktoras Gidžiūnas, O.F.M.,  
Lietuvių Pranciškonų Provinciolas

## TĖVU IR JAUNIMO DĖMESIUI

Lietuviai pranciškonai, prieš trejus metus atidare Kennebunkport, Maine, savo gimnaziją (High School), kviečia į ją stoti pradžios mokyklą baigusius jaunuolius. Šiais metais pranciškonų gimnazijoje jau veikia trys klasės. Gabūs mokiniai, pristatę savo mokslo pažymėjimus, gali persikelti ir iš kitų gimnazijų. Vietos bendrabutyje yra 100-tui mokinių.

Nuo praėjusiojo rudens mokykla veikia naujose moderniškose patalpose, kuriose yra bendrabutis, klasės, žaidimų salė, biblioteka ir laboratorija.

Į mokyklą priimami tik lietuviai ir lietuvių kilmės berniukai. Mokyklai ir bendrabučiui vadovauja patys lietuviai pranciškonai. Gimnazija turi visas valdžios mokyklų teises, ir joje išeinamas visas vidurinėms mokykloms nustatytas kursas su lotynų kalba ir lituanistika.

Už mokslą ir bendrabutį atlyginimas tik 400 dol. metams. Neturtingi gabūs mokiniai gali būti dalinai arba ir visiškai nuo mokesčio už mokslą atleidžiami.

Pirmenybė teikiama norintiems stoti į lietuvių pranciškonų vienuoliją jaunuoliams. Vėliau jie vienuolijos lėšomis bus mokomi ir ruošiami misijonieriais, kad tarnautų lietuviams išeiviams ir išlaisvintai Lietuvai.

Visi lietuviai tėvai, kurie sielojasi savo vaikų auklėjimu krikščioniškoje ir lietuviškoje dvasioje, prašomi atkreipti dėmesį į šią gimnaziją. Įstojimo reikalais prašoma rašyti rektoriui šiuo adresu:

Tėv. Viktoras Gidžiūnas, O.F.M.  
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## LIETUVIŠKUMO VAJUS SEKMINGAI EINA PIRMYN

Malonu pranešti, kad paskelbta Lietuviškumo Programa susilaukė didžio pritarimo. Tas rodo, kad daug lietuviškų širdžių remia vyčių kilnų darbą už lietuviškumą. LKK karštai dėkoja visiems savo rėmėjams ir kviečia ir toliau dirbti sykiu su vyčiais.

Pirmasis kun. Dr. J. Prunskis tarė savo svarų įvertinimo žodį ir paskyrė \$50.00 dovanoms lietuviškumo laimėtojams. Kun. K. Grigas, Shenandoah, Pa. irgi sveikina vyčių pasiryžimą ir skiria savo \$5.00 auką dovanoms. Dovanų dydis ir kaip jos bus skirstomos bus paskelbta vėliau, kaip tik Lietuvių Kultūros Komisija nutars. Komisija mano, kad svarbiausia būtų atžymėti laimėtojus lietuviškumo vertenybėmis, kaip lietuviška knyga, albumas, juostomis, gintaru, ir kt.

Vyčių Centras ir Vyties Redakcija rengia Programos atspaudus lietuvių ir anglų kalbomis. Kai bus atspausdinti, apie tai bus tuojaus pranešta. Lauktume geradarių, kurs paaukotų išleidimo apmokėjimą.

Kuopų Pirmininkų prašome tuoj pranešti mums Lietuviškumo Vadovo vardą, pavardę ir adresą, kaip pasakyta instrukciju įgyvendinimo plane nr. 1. Nedelskite, bet tuč tuojaus praneškite. Pirmininkai yra atsakingi už tokių vadovų suradimą ir jų veikimą. Jau šiame numeryje turėjo būti visi vadovai paskelbti. Bet tai negalėjome padaryti, nes negavome pranešimų. Pranešimus siųskite LKK nariams, ar "Vyčiui" tiesiog, kad neužtruktų paskelbimas.

Jau laukiame ir pirmųjų lietuviškumo darbų pranešimų. Dirbkime ir apie tai praneškime.

**LIETUVIŲ KULTŪROS KOMISIJA**



"Vyties" meno dalies vedėjas Stan. Kancewick  
savo gražioj vytiškoj šeimoj.

# REPORT OF THE JUNIOR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

## RALLY HELD SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1959

### — THE JUNIOR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA HAVE MADE HISTORY!!

These were the words of the National Vice President Helen Shields, in charge of the Juniors, as she opened the first Junior Rally, held in Kearny, N. J., at Our Lady of Sorrows R. C. Church Hall. Previous to this rousing salutation, the rally had been opened by Rev. Thompson, spiritual adviser and Josephine Rupinski, president, both of Host Council 90 in Kearny. All of the participants had registered, received badges, and many had well begun the delightful chore of mingling with the other councils, but now all were seated, awaiting the address of the first guest speaker.

Mr. Albin Janks of Newark, N. J., after a few appropriate words of greeting, began and stressed through his entire talk, the wonderful heritage that we Lithuanian - Americans all have in common — our Lithuanian ancestry and parentage. One of the most interesting points, brought out quite tactfully during the course of the talk, was the proof of the fact that the Lithuanian language is the oldest living language in existence today. This has been proven several times when professors, with years and years of background in the knowledge of ancient languages, have shown difficult passages of Sanskrit (the oldest known written language) to Lithuanian peasants, who have been able to translate it with very little difficulty. This and other fine characteristics of the Lithuanian language and customs, brought out by Mr. Janks, thoroughly convinced everyone present, that it is our pleasant duty as Lithuanians, to hold our nationality high above us, and to be ever proud of the fact that Lithuanian blood flows through our veins.

The presidential reports of club activities were next on the agenda. The participating councils and their presidents: Council 90 (Kearny) — Josephine Rupinski; Council 67 (Bayonne) — Dolores Gursky; Council 52 (Elizabeth) — Georganne Anda, Jane Cells, and Council 3 (Philadelphia) — Wm. Wallace.

Mr. Joseph Boley, honorary member of the K. of L., and the next guest speaker, told us "How the K. of L. differs from Other Organizations." Mentioning practically every phase of religious, cultural, and social life, he pointed out that the K. of L. is adaptable to all of these activities, and beside offering them to us, they likewise afford us the opportunity to participate in these activities, not just as a group, but as an organized club, made up of fellow - Lithuanians. Before closing, he asked us to accept upon ourselves the challenge of taking over in the near future, the reigning of this wonderful organization, the Knights of Lithuania and

to help it to flourish as well as it has in the past 46 years of its existence.

The Question and Answer period that followed, produced somewhat of a turn-about, when Chairman Miss Shields took the initiative to ask questions of the participants in the rally. After a fifteen-minute session, the Juniors were asked to withdraw to the rear of the auditorium, where Mrs. Matulaitis of Brooklyn, N. Y. began her Lithuanian Folk Dancing instructions. Mrs. Matulaitis, very skillfully but always affably, took it upon herself to teach and explain this most enjoyable art to the entire assemblage of Juniors. She certainly is to be congratulated for her skill in handling beginners, and, in general, for her ability to teach dancing. Thank you very much Mrs. Matulaitis for your time and patience. The meeting was officially closed with the singing of the "Vyčiu Hymnas" and a prayer. The Juniors next adjourned to the church, where Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was held at 4:00 P.M. This brief but impressive service was closed with a group singing of the "Šventas Kazimieras Hymnas."

The variety program was under way in no time at all, and it certainly did offer variety. Skits and individual acts were introduced from the various councils, ranging from poetic recitation to group singing, Lithuanian folk dancing, to short dramatizations, and comedy routines, to special surprises. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy this portion of the program, where the Juniors performed to entertain their fellow-Juniors.

A very pleasant setting and delicious buffet supper, prepared by several Council 90 mothers, awaited the Juniors following the program. Although an untimely snowstorm was wetting the streets and highways outside, it did not dampen the spirits of the Juniors who enjoyed the meal, and the dance which followed. When the record player broke down for a short period of time during the dance, the talents from several of the participating Juniors kept the pace spirited, and a few polkas from the "fixed" record player brought this first Junior Knights of Lithuania Rally to a close. As the buses pulled away, the Juniors made their reluctant farewells and stated they were looking forward to next year's Rally.

We are most grateful to the spiritual advisers and counsellors of the Juniors Councils, honored guests and particularly to Vice President Helen Shields, who worked so untiringly to organize, promote and execute this first historic Junior Rally.

Šventas Kazimierai, melskis už mus ir už kenčiančią Lietuvą!

William J. Wallace, C-3  
251 Mountain Street  
Philadelphia 48, Pa.



## FRANK VAŠKAS TO BE FETED AT N. Y. - N. J. DISTRICT TESTIMONIAL

Frank Vaškas, a native of Newark, N. J., graduated from St. James Parochial School. He attended East Side High School and Drake Business College in Newark.

Frank Vaškas has been a member of Council 29 since March 17, 1936. He helped reactivate Newark Council 29 (which had been dormant for some time) soon after he joined the group.

Frank Vaškas has served on various committees and has held many offices in Council 29: he was on the staff of "The Key", a council publication; he served as trustee, financial secretary and manager of the council's softball team.

Frank has also been very active in the New York - New Jersey District organization. He served two terms as trustee in the district and also a term in similar capacity for the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania. He was a member of the New York and New Jersey District K. of L. Choir.

Frank served three years as National Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee of the Knights of Lithuania. Frank Vaškas has a distinguished record on the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. He was responsible for writing thousands of letters in the past 15 years furthering Lithuania's cause in the eyes of the American public. As a member of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, Frank Vaškas has written, on the average, over 400 letters each year.



For the past eight years, he served as Public Relations Chairman for the New York - New Jersey District. He also served in the same capacity for Council 29 using the pen name of the "Wanderer."

Frank Vaškas will be feted at a Testimonial Dinner sponsored by the New York - New Jersey Knights of Lithuania. The Testimonial Dinner will be held on May 23, 1959 at St. George's Hall, Newark, N. J. Father Albert J. Contons will be guest speaker. A. B.

Members are urged to make general Convention plans now. It is recommended that you plan to be in Detroit, August 19, arriving in the morning, if possible, in time to tour the Ford Motor Company, the Rotunda, the Edison Museum and fabulous Greenfield Village — major tourist attraction in the U.S.A.

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**KIEKVIENOJ LIETUVIU  
GYVENAMOJ VIETOJ  
SUORGANIZUOKIME  
VYČIU KUOPA!**

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Jau daug yra lietuviškų parapijų,  
kur nėra vyčių kuopų. Suorganizuokime ir padėkime joms veikti.



Junior Council 19, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Folk Dancers

### K. OF L. CALENDAR

- May 16 - 17 — Midwestern Bowling Tournament, Gary, Indiana.  
Host: Council 82. (See Gary, Ind. Council Activities Section for Program Schedule.)
- May 19 — Detroit, Mich. (102)  
CARD PARTY, Northland's Hospitality House, 8 p.m.
- May 23 — Testimonial Dinner for Frank Vaskas, St. George's Hall, 180 New York Ave., Newark, N.J.
- July 12 — Amsterdam, N. Y. (100)  
OUTING, Rimkūnas' Camp, Lake Galway, New York.
- July 26 — Pittsburgh, Pa. (19)  
ANNUAL PICNIC.
- August 20 - 23 — 46th K. OF L. NATIONAL CONVENTION, Detroit, Michigan. Hosts — Councils 79 and 102.

## JUNIOR PAGE



### JUNIOR RALLY A SUCCESS

It was an enjoyable and profitable day that the Knights of Lithuania Juniors of the New York - New Jersey District had at a Rally held on April 12 in Kearny, N. J. Four councils were represented, with the largest group coming by chartered bus from Elizabeth, Council 52. Other groups were Council 3, Philadelphia; Council 67, Bayonne and Council 90, Kearny. There were also 3 unofficial representatives from Council 12, New York City. Altogether there was a group of over a hundred lively youngsters — the girls outnumbering the boys, all anxious to learn new facts about the K. of L. and Lithuanians in general, all eager to ask questions and ready to do things.

The session, held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall, was opened at 2:15 P.M. with a prayer by Father Raymond Thompson, Spiritual Adviser of the Kearny Council, and the singing of the National Anthem and the Lithuanian Hymn. After a word of greeting by Father Thompson and Jr. Council 90 President Helen Shields, national vice-president of the K. of L., took over the chairmanship of the meeting. The varied agenda included an address by Albin Janks of Newark (It was his inspiring talk that undoubtedly was responsible for several of his audience making inquiries after the meeting on how they could learn more Lithuanian); reports by Junior Council officers on the extent of their activities; a talk by Joseph Boley of New York on the Lithuanian aspects which make the K. of L. different from other organizations; a Question and Answer period; brief statements by the Spiritual Adviser of each of the Junior Council and a much too brief session of Lithuanian folk dancing under the expert guidance of Mrs. Matulaitis of Brooklyn. The singing of the Knights of Lithuania Hymn and a closing prayer by Father W. Karalevicius of Elizabeth brought the session to an end, for it was time to go upstairs to the church for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 o'clock.

A half hour or so later the Juniors reassembled in the hall, where they were treated to a Variety Program. Each council presented on the stage its

### JUNIOR COUNCIL 19

**Pittsburgh, Pa.** We are proud of our new officers! They are: Charlotte Jarvis, president; Kathy Gailys, vice president; Jean Long, secretary; and Patricia Dansevich, treasurer.

In February, we participated at the Lithuanian Independence Day exercises which were held in the St. Casimir's school by dancing Lithuanian folk dances and singing Lithuanian folk songs. We also gave a review of Lithuanian history, and had a display of Lithuanian foods, handmade articles of little wooden shrines, plaques, and handwoven linens. This was all done with the assistance of Sister M. Gabrielle, principal of St. Casimir's School and Mrs. Marcella Onaitis, our counsellor. In appreciation, we presented Sister Gabrielle a very nice plant which adorned her office, and Mrs. Onaitis a corsage depicting the colors of the Lithuanian flag.

In March, jointly with the regular council, we commemorated St. Casimir's Day with a Communion and Breakfast.

**Charlotta Jarvis**

own prepared act, a portion of which, we are pleased to report, was in Lithuanian. By the time the curtain fell on the final scene everybody was ready for some nourishment. Without much coaxing, all helped themselves to delicious buffet supper, prepared by the older members of the local council. There followed a session of dancing to recorded music. Then it seemed as if it were only a few minutes later, though actually the clock was chiming 8 o'clock, when the entire proceedings had to fold up to allow the happy and still not-tired participants of the Junior Rally to start their respective journeys homeward.

It was a great day — an historical day — beautifully organized by Helen Shields and supported and assisted by the District. No detail was overlooked, even down to the program booklet and the Lithuanian character of the decorations in the hall. The most inspiring sight, of course, was the youngsters themselves, who appear to be anxious to become better Lithuanians by being active members of the Knights of Lithuania.

*Nejaunametis*

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Elizabeth, N. J. — 52 "Nuff said"

Our annual Communion Breakfast, election of officers took place on March 15th, with Father Walter Karalevičius, spiritual adviser, opening the festivities with a prayer and a word on the activities of Junior K. of L'ers.

A rousing vote of thanks to our outgoing officers for a job well done; and a grand welcome to our incoming officers: President Algirdas Budreckis, Vice President Edward Anilonis, Recording Sec'y. Ruth Laucius, Treasurer Daniel Degutis, Financial Sec'y. Frances Balandis, Corresponding Sec'y. Ann Mitchell, and Committee Chairmen — Ann Mitchell (Lithuanian Affairs), Ann Baronis and Mary Motecus (Welfare), Ann Baronis (Spiritual Program), Mary Motecus and Norbert Wysocki (Trustees), Charles Rusteika (Sports), Ann Mitchell, James Stokas and Edward Anilonis (Ritual), and Charles Oskutis (Social).

It was voted to change the date of our meetings — to the THIRD SUNDAY of the month, following the 9 a. m. Mass. This should bring back some of the old faces.

We welcomed into our fold, Dorothy Zemeikis; also happy to have Madeline Sarockas as our guest.

May 9th — at the Lithuanian Liberty Hall — has been reserved for fun-time. If you miss THIS one, don't say you weren't informed.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Senkus on the arrival of a son, George William. This correspondent, also, must proudly announce the arrival of a son, Valerian Eugene Jurkunas.

At this writing, our council should be seeking first place in the district bowling league.

What's the attraction at the "Jug End Barn" in Barrington, Mass.? Cars are no longer used for this mid-winter expedition — but instead, a BUS. Charles O. tells me he has reservations for next winter's ride coming in already. "Don't miss the bus" is the slogan!

Philadelphia, Pa. — C-3 "Twinkle"

Our fourth Annual Minstrel Show took place in April with an attendance of over 300 people. We wish to commend our Juniors for having a part in the show; Agnes Timmins for her musical arrangement and dance routines; Interlocutor Walter Svekla; End Men Al Ozalis and Chris Miedzius; the Sunflower Sisters, who danced to **I've Got Rythm**; newcomers, Eleanor Chebatoris, Ann Simmons, Virginia Linkewich, Lillian and Irene Sasnauskas as the "five Black Pearls"; "Walter and Friends" who sang a few numbers; and the six members of the cast who danced and sang to "If You Knew Susie" and "I'm Wild About Harry."

At the request of Father Raila, the cast gave a repeat performance on April 26 in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania (high school auditorium).

An enjoyable time was had by everyone who attended our Blynų Balių on March 10 in St. Casimir's Hall.

We welcome into our council the following new members: Barry Palmer and Charlie Maciunas.

Amsterdam, N. Y. — 100 Smile & Sparkle

Our April meeting started off with a bang! We welcomed two new members into our midst — Patricia Sargalis and Anthony Rusilas. Anthony's father, Walter, was one of the charter members of our council. We also had the pleasure of having Father John Ruokis of Little Falls, New York as our guest.

Father Baltch started the meeting with a prayer. President, Don Niks-

tenas, outlined the council's participation in the fall bazaar which the parish plans to hold in October. Next he spoke about the K. of L. Scholarship Fund and urged all to join the Booster Club.

Last but not least, our outing is being planned for July 12 at Rimkunas' camp at Lake Galway, New York.

Father Ruokis spoke on the man who said he was king. The king of the large domain had the habit of waking early in the morning so that he could take a stroll through the nearby woods. Once, while on his daily walk, he met a stranger going through the woods. The king asked the man who he was. The stranger replied, "I am a king." So, the king continued to interrogate the man by asking him the name of his country and the number of subjects he ruled. His reply was, "I am my own domain! I rule myself!" "Whatever the goal I set, I try to accomplish it. Therefore, I am king over myself."

In the March 31st issue of "Darbininkas", appeared an article entitled "Valandėlė Pas Didįjį Ganytoją." It was written by none other than our Spiritual Adviser Father Baltch. It deals with the many phases of Bishop Paltarokas' life and Father Baltch's memories of meeting him.

While having the tasty desserts, we listened to another folklore read by Father Baltch, "Why the Sun is Always Red."

### News Bits

At long last Gene Gobis persuaded Jack Stukas to visit Amsterdam. Jack, his father and a friend, Jim Jenkins, arrived Sunday, April 5 to attend the 40th anniversary banquet of the founding of the American Lithuanian Club. Guest speaker at the affair was none other than Jack, himself. The people enjoyed his talk tremendously. Toastmaster for

the occasion was K. of L'er Attorney A. C. Stokna. Father Baltch gave the Benediction. Jack met many of our council members at the Club — Prof. Olsauskas, Milda Zemaitis, our president, Don Nikstenas, Pauline Urban, Eleanore Stakauskas, Edna Stokna, Regina Drenzek. He was instrumental in getting two new members to join our council — Pat Sargalis and Anthony Rusilas. Thanks for the pep talk, Jack.

Not only was Tony Stokna toastmaster for the 40th anniversary banquet, but also for the recent C.Y.O. banquet. Speaking of Tony, he was reelected for the second term as Exalted Ruler of the Amsterdam Elks. Since the formation of the Elks in 1880 in Amsterdam, Tony is the eighth Ruler to succeed himself, the last being in 1933. He is also the first Lithuanian to hold this office in Amsterdam. A hearty congratulations from our council, Tony! We can't forget Tony's lovely wife, Edna. For the third year in succession, she has been reelected Trustee of the Emblem Club, an affiliate of the Elks Club.

Birthday congratulations to Pauline Urban (April 26).

Marion Jakaitis won first place in the doubles of the Bowling Roll-Offs. Capt. Sophie Olbie's team **Alerander's** came in second. **Dauciunas's Market** (Gene Gobis' team) won first place. In the roll-offs, Mary Dauciunas and Gene Gobis came in first in the doubles, whereas Gene came in second in the singles.

Your reporter misses very little as far as news goes. Here is what happened one Monday night (one week prior to the K. of L. meeting). In the midst of the Novena services to St. Anthony, Prof. Olsauskas had a guest choir member — Eleanor Baranauskas of Schenectady. She planned to attend our K. of L. meeting. Who advised her — our president, Don Nikstenas! He got his Mondays mixed.

#### **Kearny-Harrison, N. J. — 90**

"Ta Taradaika"

The Barn Dance, held April 17th at the Lithuanian Political Club, was a success, thanks to our energetic committee — Jack Borris, Lenny Rokas, Katherine Velevas and Pete Brazinski.... Many of our members attended the Mission



**New York - New Jersey District Convention - Communion Breakfast held March 8, 1959, with C-90, Kearny - Harrison, N. J. acting as host. Pictured from left: Helen Shields, national vice president; Rev. J. Mačiulionis, MIC; John Nakrosis, toastmaster; Larry Janonis, national vice president and district president; and Anthony Shalna, Jr., district vice president.**

given by Father Maciulonis, during the week of March 2nd.... Our district Communion and Breakfast held on March 8th in honor of St. Casimir, our patron saint, attracted many members from all councils in the district, including Helen Shields, national vice president, who traveled all the way from Philadelphia, Pa.... Congratulations to Al and Eleanor Borris and Jane and Paul Kelly, both couple having been blessed with a baby boy.

#### **OUR BELOVED FRANK VAŠKAS**

**Our district is honoring Frank Vaskas with a Testimonial Dinner on Saturday, May 23, 1959, at St. George's Hall, Newark, N. J. The reason — because of his untiring efforts in the Knights of Lithuania organization, and other Lithuanian activities.**

**Brief biography: Frank is a member of the Holy Name Society of Holy Trinity Church; member of the New Jersey Lithuanian Council which is affiliated with the National Lithuanian Council in the United States; member of the Newark Chapter 35 of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America; member of the Ticket Takers and Ushers Union Local 343 of New Jersey; and past chmn. of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee of the Knights of Lithuania. Quite regularly he has attended all conventions held by these organizations in the United States.**

**In his earlier days, Frank was public relations man for St. James Parochial School, his Alma Mater; also Ironbound Community House and Community Center — sports activities.**

**Frank Vaškas - Vaškevičius' family tree is a great one. Known for its Lithuanianism. Frank is beloved by all — he is known throughout the United States. Has traveled extensively.**

**Yes, we shall all gather at St. George's Hall, May 23rd, to honor no better deserving person than Frank Vaškas.**

Charles Strolis

#### **Newark, N. J. — 29 The Wanderer**

Our Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, March 15th in St. George's Hall after the 9 o'clock Mass celebrated by Msgr. Ignatius Kelmelis, pastor and spiritual adviser of our council, in the Holy Trinity Church. More than 50 members received Holy Communion, and Msgr. Kelmelis complimented the council for such beautiful demonstration of Catholic Action, and urged all to continue to live up to the ideals of our patron — Saint Casimir. Guest speaker at the breakfast was Joseph E. Monaghan of the Speakers Bureau of the Serra Club of the Oranges who gave an interesting talk on vocations (priests and nuns). Others called on to say a few words included Msgr. Kelmelis, Rev. Augustine Sabas, Frank Vaskas, Al Janks, Charles Balchiunas and Charles Strolis, president of Council 29. First and second Ritual degrees were presented to Mr. and Mrs. A. Shadis, Mr. and Mrs. V. Vosylius, Stella Andrews, Mrs. Ann Chapulis, Mrs. Eva Treciokas, Mrs. Isabel Dilis. Ritual Committee which took charge of the presentation consisted of Joseph A. Sakevich, Vera Laukzemis, Frank Vaskas, Peter Padgalsky, Joseph Zwingil, Edward Thompson, Stanley Pocius. Our National President Joseph A. Sakevich acted as toastmaster; Committee on Arrangements for the breakfast consisted of Mrs. Mary Balchiunas, Elsie Kupris, Ann Ocalis and Charles Strolis, pres.

**This and That.** Card party held February 14th, under the capable management of Vito Jadelis, chair-

man, Mary Balchiunas, Charles Strolis, Ann Ocealis and Elsie Kupris, brought in new revenue to our treasury.... Our February 17th meeting was dedicated to the commemoration of the 41st anniversary of the Declaration of Lithuania's Independence. Among the speakers were Rev. Raymond Thompson, curate of Our Lady of Sorrows parish, Kearny, N. J., National President Joseph A. Sakevich, National Vice President Larry Janonis, Mrs. Eva Trečiokas, Mrs. Walter Dilis and Frank Vaskas, past national chairman of Lithuanian Affairs Committee. The Proclamation issued by Governor Meyner was read by Frank Vaskas. Daniel Laukzemis gave a reading on Lithuanian literature. The affair was widely publicized in the Newark Evening News of February 18th.... Mr. and Mrs. William Senkus were blessed with a baby boy, George William, on January 31st. Congratulations!... Wedding bells rang for Dalia Slepkovaitė (Paterson C-61) and Kazys Navickas (Newark C-29) on Easter Sunday, March 29th. They were married at St. Casimir's Church, Paterson by Rev. J. Kinta, pastor. Wedding reception was held at St. George's Hall, Newark.... Stella Andrews and John Paldunas have set their wedding date as May 16th. Both are members of our council. Sveikiname!... God's blessings to the following priests who will be celebrating their Silver Anniversary in the Priesthood: Father V. Demeikis, asst. at St. Casimir's Church (Paterson) June 7th; Father P. Totoraitis, asst. of Holy Trinity Church (Newark) June 21st; and Father Dr. Joseph Vaskas, M.I.C., July 15th. Father Vaskas, born and raised in Newark, served as an altar boy in Holy Trinity Church and before entering the Marian Fathers Order was an active member of Council 29. *Lai Dievas Jus Laimina!*

## **ILLINOIS-INDIANA** **DISTRICT**

### **Gary, Indiana — 82**

Council 82 of Gary, Indiana has lost its beloved President John Kaminski. He answered God's summons on March 30, 1959.

To his family goes our heartfelt

sympathy and sincerest prayer in their bereavement. They have lost a husband and father while we have lost an able leader and beloved friend.

It was his greatest pride and joy to be able to have the Midwestern Bowling Tournament take place in Gary for this year and here is the last letter he dictated to those of the Knights of Lithuania who will be participating in it —

Dear Knights,

You are most cordially invited to the Midwestern Bowling Tournament which will take place in Gary, Indiana on May 16-17.

### **PROGRAM**

**Saturday May 16, 1959**

**Registration will begin at 9 A.M. in Hotel Gary.**

**Brunch from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.**

**Bowling at the Ambassador Lanes Squads to begin at 1 P.M. SHARP.**

**Dancing at St. Casimir's Parish Hall, 8 p.m.**

**Sunday May 17, 1959**

**Mass for the Living and the Dead of the K. of L. members to be at 10:00 A.M. in the St. Casimir's Church 15th and Lincoln Street.**

**Banquet and Presentations at 1:00 P.M. St. Casimir's Parish Hall.**

**Registration fee for bowlers \$10.00; for guests \$7.00.**

**Chicago, Ill. — 112**

Geraldine Kantaut

Our regular monthly meeting, held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 was interrupted by the booming strains of "Did Your Mother Come From Ireland," heralding the arrival of one Patrick O'Shay (convincingly played by Al Shulicke), who came with the high hope of becoming a K. of L'er. After some heavy questioning, he confessed his name wasn't really O'Shay but Oshaylauskas and that he was really a true-blooded Lithuanian because his grandfather had once eaten kugelis. We finally agreed he would make a suitable new member and welcomed him into the organization. Later, we all gathered around the piano for some singing and enjoyed the special St. Patrick's Day refreshments prepared by social chairman Dolores Yuknis.

A bright array of Easter finery was found whirling beneath the gayly hung decorations in the Knights of Lithuania Youth Center on Sunday, March 29. Providing the perfect ending for an Easter Sunday, Council 112 presented their Annual Bunny Hop for members and friends. We are happy to announce that this marked another successful and enjoyable social affair for our council, thanks to all those who worked so hard along with dance chairman Edwin Ubis and his committee members.

More birthdays! Everyone joins in extending birthday greetings to Josephine Jagmin, Ron Lumsargis, Louis Rogers, Honorable Alphonse Wells, and Dolores and Andy Yuknis, who celebrated birthdays in April.

Quite a number of our council's members turned out for Council 5's dance on Saturday evening, April 4. Good music and a pleasant atmosphere made this an enjoyable evening to spend with our North Side friends.

**Chicago, Ill. — 36**

Primrose

Many of our members attended the annual St. Casimir's Day Communion at Our Lady of Vilna Church and breakfast at the Youth Center. To help celebrate St. Casimir's Day, Dolores Naverouck, Isabelle Caldwell and Bob Boris from Detroit visited Chicago.

To return the compliment and visit Scotty Zukas, Loretta Kassel and several other Chicago K. of L'ers traveled to Detroit the following weekend to attend Detroit's St. Casimir's Day Mass and Breakfast. They found their hospitality overwhelming.

We extend our warmest welcome to our new members Loretta Sausnas, Emilija Vilimaite, Joseph Wevicius, Helen Pius, Rita Garb, Joan Jakunas, Stanley and Emily Branauskas, Edward and Anne Mikalauskas. We welcome back Vince Samoska, Al Pecilunas and Aldona Kaminskis.

Joan Dumblauskas gave a very inspiring talk on the life of St. Casimir at our March 4th meeting. After the meeting, movies of Lourdes were shown by John Sakas. Refreshments were served. Thanks to Mrs. Petrulis for the delicious cakes.

March district bowling was well attended by our members. Stanley Branauskas and Joan Dumblauskas won prizes.

Congratulations to Frank and Dell Petkunas the proud parents of their new arrival, Susan Louise, who was baptized Easter Sunday.

Recently Al Kassel vacationed in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. escaping the cold weather of Chicago. At the present time Stella Danelius is enjoying the sun in Miami, Fla.

Loretta Kassel sailed April 14 for a seven-week trip to Europe. She plans to take in some of the less familiar sights by driving around the continent via Volkswagen.

## **MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT**

F. A. G.  
**Convention**

The annual Knights of Lithuania Mid-Central District convention was held at Dayton on April 11th and 12th. A business session was held Saturday afternoon at Holy Cross Church Hall, and a social Saturday evening for visiting and local members. The decorating committee did an outstanding job for the Saturday evening social with an "April in Paris" theme. After the 10:00 o'clock Mass Sunday morning, Mary Lucas, president of Council 96, invited the participants for breakfast at the home of Joseph and Ada Sinkwitz. The convention dinner and final session were held Sunday afternoon at the Miami Hotel. Guest speaker at the closing session was Alfred P. Strozdas, City of Dayton Welfare Director.

The following district officers were elected for the coming year: Spiritual Adviser — Rev. Bernard Bartis, Cleveland; President — Stanley J. Vaitkus, Vandalia, Ohio; Vice President — Julia Aleshunas, Jeannette, Pa.; Recording Secretary — Loretta Paulauskas, Detroit; and Treasurer — Anthony Buknis, Cleveland.

Figuring prominently at the business session were discussions concerning the K. of L. Midwestern Bowling Tournament at Gary, Indiana on May 16th, and the K. of L. National Convention at Detroit in August.

A resolution will be presented by the district to the National Convention that a commission be appointed to effect the publication of a suitable text book in English for teaching the Lithuanian language.

District conventions will henceforth be held in the fall of the year instead of the spring season as heretofore. The Detroit, Michigan councils will be hosts for the next district convention.

**Detroit, Mich. — 79** "Okay"

Thanks to Bob Boris of Council 102 for the fine suggestion and to Ralph Valatka and Anthony Dainus for engineering the rebirth of Council 79. Originally the "79ers" were active several decades ago at St. George's Parish, and now the club activities are taking place at Divine Providence Parish.

We are but three months old, but under the able guidance of Anthony Dainus as President and Ralph Valatka and Joseph Chapps as Vice Presidents, our membership boasts of over seventy people. Other offices are filled by Lillian Stepan and Aquiline Zane as Secretaries, Ed Salas as Treasurer, Helen Mykolaitis and Lee Galinskas as Trustees.

The "79ers" are hard at work with Council 102 and expect to put forth a publication which we hope to get to every Lithuanian in Detroit so as to keep our membership drive going as well as publicizing the coming National Convention in August.

**Detroit, Mich. — "Knight Life"**

**National Convention —  
August 20—23**

Convention plans are gradually taking definite shape after monthly meetings at the residence of the Convention Chairman, Bob Boris. The convention calendar is nearing completion. It will include sessions, tours, sports, religious services, guest speakers, variety show, dance, trip to Canada, banquet, etc.

Hosts to the visiting delegates will be Detroit Councils 102 at St. Anthony's Church and Council 79 at Divine Providence Church, which is really the parent council from the old St. George's parish, newly reactivated. They said it couldn't be done, but a bit of determination

and a lot of cooperation from the present members, made it possible to reorganize Council 79.

Honorary Chairman of the Convention Committee is Father Ignatius F. Boreisis, honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania, and Father Michael J. Kundrat. We are awaiting word from the Chancery relevant to an audience with Archbishop John F. Dearden, to extend him our personal invitation. Among other notables invited are Bishop Vincent Brizgys, honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania, Governor William, Mayor Miriani.

**St. Casimir's Day**

St. Casimir's Day was observed by Councils 79 and 102 with a corporate Communion and Breakfast at Divine Providence Church. It was an historic moment for the parishioners to see the revived council march into church preceded by American and Lithuanian flags, council and Catholic Veterans banners, and each member proudly wearing a Lithuanian ribbonette. Adding to the solemnity were the bemedalled guests from Chicago led by Jack Jatis, past national president and Loretta Kassel, national recording secretary. Father Michael Kundrat welcomed the Knights who had gathered in fine numbers to pay homage to their patron, temporarily enshrined at the altar of the Blessed Virgin.

After singing the Lithuanian hymns at Mass, the Knights returned to the church hall where 125 were served breakfast. Speakers included Jack Jatis, Bob Boris and Anthony Dainus; the latter introduced the remaining officers of Council 79: Ralph Valatka, Joe Chaps, Lillian Stepan, Aquiline Zane, Helen Mykolaitis, Ed Salas and Lee Glainskas. There was no mistaking — in a few months' time, Council 79 of Divine Providence Church is now established as a major group.

**Pittsburgh, Pa. — 19** Mildred  
Chinik

The members of Council 19 held an informal reception for FATHER JUTT at St. Casimir School Hall on Wednesday evening, March 18, at 8:30 P.M. All those who knew Father John had an occasion to visit with him and those who met him

for the first time were most impressed with his dynamic personality. The members were also glad to see Helen Girdis Zappa, a former Council 19 member, who came in especially to visit with Father Jutt. After desert and coffee Father John gave the members a short inspirational talk. He was in Pittsburgh for the Installation Ceremonies for BISHOP JOHN J. WRIGHT that same morning. Council 19 members were delighted that the occasion gave Father John an opportunity to visit a few days in Pittsburgh.

On April 19, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Council 19 members sponsored a Testimonial Dinner for three of its worthy members — REV. MAGNUS KAZENAS for his continued support to the Lithuanian Catholic Hour Radio Program and to Council 19; KAZYS BAZYS, St. Casimir Church organist and director for both the church choir and the Council 19 choir; and WILLIAM KOLICIUS, Jr. for his untiring work on the Lithuanian Catholic Hour Radio Program. For the past nine years Bill has been its director and announcer with occasional guest announcers, among whom have been ALVIN ONAITIS, VITO JUCEVICIUS and WALTER CHINIK. A big "Lietuviškas Ačiū" to all for their faithfulness to the Knights of Lithuania and to all the Council 19 members and Lithuanian friends who made the Testimonial Dinner a huge success. Among honored guests present were the families of those being honored who sat at special reserved tables — also present was PROF. KAZYS PAKŠTAS, who has been at many of our affairs as speaker and guest. Among the clergy present were the RT. REV. MSGR. URBONAS, a long time friend of Father Kazenas, REV. DR. RAKAUSKAS, REV. WASEL, REV. SKRIPKUS, REV. SUSINSKAS, and our own FATHER KARAVECKAS, who was an ardent worker of the committee which included the co-chairmen, ANTOINETTE NAUJELIS and JULIA ALESHUNAS. Many of the members helped to prepare and the young girls of the Junior Council served as very capable waitresses plus the added touch of beauty! Mr. Alvin Onaitis was the excellent Master of Ceremonies and, needless to say, the wives of the honored guests were present to honor their husbands.

On May 25th, another member of Council 19 is celebrating a special day in his life and we all send him congratulations on the most happy occasion. He is known to all of you as the writer of many Lithuanian articles in VYTIS and in many other Lithuanian publications. He is FATHER ALFA SUSINSKAS and he is celebrating his 25th Anniversary in the Priesthood on May 25th. Congratulations, Father Alfa, from all of us!

Mildred Chinik, your reporter, was a quizmistress in a Parochial School Book Quiz program on Saturday, April 11, at Central Catholic High School. Forty elementary Catholic Schools from the fourth through the eighth grade participated. Not too long ago, a very nice article appeared in a local paper concerning Mrs. Chinik's work as the Branch Librarian of the Carrick Branch, Carnegie Library and in it mention was made of her work and her husband's with the Knights of Lithuania.

Julia Aleshunas, Margie Potts and Marcella and Steve Onaitis traveled to Dayton, Ohio for the District Convention and all but Margie had a wonderful time. Margie, we are sad to report, came back very ill from the trip and is to be hospitalized just as soon as there is an available room. We sincerely hope that by the time this appears in print she will be well on the way to recovery and in the midst of preparations for the Convention trip to Detroit. Margie hasn't missed many conventions and we'd all miss her terribly. All your Council 19 friends are praying for good health for you, Margie.

Mildred and Walter Chinik have been invited to be soloists at a Communion Breakfast being held on Sunday, April 26th at St. Paul's Cathedral. The Communion in a body is being sponsored by the Navy Employees. Because of a great lack of suitable religious solo and duet material for this type of occasion Mildred and Walter have chosen very simple material used mostly in church programs for soprano-alto, tenor I and tenor II arrangements. As a result Mildred Chinik, the soprano, has turned alto with her husband doing the melody honors!

Until next month this is your reporter Mildred Chinik signing off.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Worcester, Mass. — 116

"Platkuvienė"

Our council choir, combined with the parish choir, sang a new Mass on Easter Sunday and many fine compliments were received. Many thanks to Bill Burdulis, our choir director and honorary member of the council, who very patiently trained us to sing the Jubilee Mass.

The April meeting was well attended and Frank Ciras showed the movies he had taken of some of our members at various K. of L. functions. Especially interesting were the pictures of the Philadelphia Convention last year. Seeing them makes us quite anxious to attend the Detroit Convention.

Our March Military Whist was a tremendous success, socially and financially. The committee consisting of Marion Lukason, Millie Lapinskas, Barbara Mazeika, Dorothy Skinisky, Mildred Buda, Robert Stevens, Bart March and Julia Krassinskas deserves a great deal of praise for their fine work.

Another event, coming on May 9, which promises to be a rip-roarin' time, is our Spring Dance. The decorators who have done such a remarkable job of creating atmosphere at our several previous dances are hard at work again to fill the "Bungalow Dance Hall" with spring. The ever-popular orchestra of Joe Fortuna will provide the music.

### Personal Glimpses

Jack Kasper captured the High-Triple title in our council bowling league by hitting 338.

Maryann Sienkiewicz, just back from a glorious eight days in Bermuda, hit a double strike! (She has been struggling to bring her average to a 70 and has been making great strides in that direction!)

Barbara Mattson became engaged recently and is sporting a very pretty sparkler on her third finger left hand.

Welcome new members: Richard Daileda, Dorothy Glaster, Matthew Glavickas and Daniel Nichols. Hope you will grow to love the K. of L. as much as we do!

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# KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

## 46th National Convention

### AUGUST 19 - 23, 1959

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AUGUST 19 through 23 — those are the dates. The place is Detroit, Michigan. And now is the right time to send in your *advance registrations* — and those for all your council delegate members, too!

This year's Convention looks like one of the very greatest yet: Here's what it's got:

- A fine, well-rounded program, with something of interest for every member of the Knights of Lithuania.
- Distinguished speakers on important subjects.
- Side trip to Windsor, Canada.
- A tour through the Ford Motor Company, the Rotunda, the Edison Museum and fabulous Greenfield Village.
- Golf and Mixed Double Bowling Tournaments.
- K. of L. Talent (over 100) to entertain you.
- Fashion Show staged by Ann's Fashions.
- Semi-formal dance.
- 3-hour cruise on the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair.
- Closing Banquet expected to draw hundreds of Lithuanians.

Plus, of course, the regular program of: Discussion Meetings (programming, Senior Councils, Junior Councils, Officers)... Luncheon and Awards (membership drive, golf and bowling)... business meetings... Solemn High Mass... Closing Banquet (distinguished speakers and presentation of K. of L. Ritual Degree and Honorary Member's Medals).

There's no better time than NOW to register. NOW you get the best price. NOW you can get it done, and go on to plan your arrival and departure, and what you'll take in while your AT the Convention.

PLEASE NOTE: The Convention sessions run concurrently. Thus it is physically impossible for one or two people to cover all sessions. Be sure, then, to send one or more delegates and alternates.

Please use Mandate form for advance Convention registrations (mailed to all councils), also Hotel Reservation reply cards.

We look forward to having your registration — very soon.

Joseph A. Sakevich,  
National President