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## DETROIT CROSSROAD

REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS



Soon hundreds of Knights and Ladies will converge upon Detroit, the crossroad of America, to take part in the 46th annual convention of the Knights of Lithuania. The enthusiasm and industry of the convention committee is assurance that all will be delighted by the arrangements and program that will greet them.

We will have the pleasure of seeing familiar faces assemble from all parts of America: Boston, New York, Chicago, Dayton, Newark, Philadelphia, and a score of other communities. These faces will express the dedication, idealism, joviality and eagerness of ever loyal **KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA — SOLDIERS OF CHRIST.**

But if writers can refer to the changing face of America, in a sense we can speak of the unchanging face of the K. of L. Much as it is enjoyable to see the same faces at convention after convention, we miss the sight of new and eager youthful faces at our conventions. The absence of great numbers of new faces is a sign of the absence of a vital force in the K. of L.: **GROWTH.**

Year after year we sponsor membership drives, and year after year our membership totals remain practically the same. It seems that a heavy smog of smug routine and contented passivism has engulfed many councils. We need a strong challenge and a high goal to arouse us from our drowsiness.

A timely challenge is the approach of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Lithuania, April 24, 1913. It would be most appropriate to dedicate the entire year 1962-1963 to the fitting observance of this Golden Jubilee.

To do justice to this anniversary, plans must be begun at Detroit. Our anniversary program should be extraordinary, ambitious, original, and challenging.

Our first goal should be **TO DOUBLE OUR MEMBERSHIP** by the fiftieth national convention.

Secondly, we should plan on the publication of the history of the Knights of Lithuania by the end of 1962.

Thirdly, every K. of L. council should determine to acquire **THREE FACTS** for the Golden Jubilee: **JUNIOR, REGULAR, and SENIOR.** Only then will each council be in a position to realize its full potential of growth.

These goals are difficult to achieve. They require intelligent discussion and careful planning. Opportunities for these will be offered in the workshop of the Detroit convention.

Perhaps the key workshop will be one dealing with membership, highlighting the problem of winning new and saving old members.

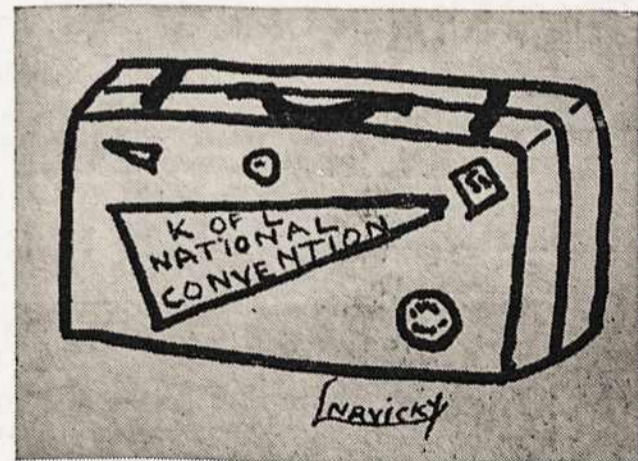
Some of the questions that merit discussion are: Why are some councils successful in gaining members, while others lose them? What appeal, or lack of appeal, is there in the K. of L.? How can we reach and interest Lithuanians living in the suburbs? What activities do we offer to appeal to married couples? What is the best way to gain young members? How can we take advantage of the offer of some of our teaching sisters to help with the Junior K. of L.? How can we draw into our activities Lithuanians married to non-Lithuanians, and their families?

Discussion of such questions will help the K. of L. adapt itself to changing times and needs.

Another vital aspect of K. of L. growth is its program: spiritual, cultural, and social. To familiarize the delegates with the spiritual program for next year, a liturgical workshop will be presented during the convention. Its purpose will be to explain the importance of lay participation in the Sacrifice of the Mass, particularly in the chanted Mass and Dialogue Mass. Practice will be given in singing the response of High Mass. During the convention it is hoped that all the audience will take part in chanting the response of the High Masses.

Without inspired and industrious leaders, the most ambitious programs will be ineffectual. For that reason another period will be set aside for officers' panels and discussions. This will afford them an opportunity to exchange ideas on how best to carry out the various programs of the K. of L.

Detroit can be called the crossroad in the life of the K. of L.: is it to be **GROWTH** or **STAGNATION**; is the face of the K. of L. to be **CHANGING** or **UNCHANGING**?



# VYČIO MINTYS SEIMAN

VYTIS KUN. STASYS RAILA

*“Lietuviai užmiršo dejuoti ir verkti!...  
Jie žino, kad laimi tik drąsūs kariai!...”*

*Bet Vyčiai neužmiršo aukotis, dirbti, kovoti  
Ir laimėti kaip laimi narsūs kariai!..*

Nežinau ar pasiseks nuvykti į vytišką saskridį — Seimą, nors labai norėčiau ir turėčiau ten būti. Tačiau niekas negali sulaukyti minčių, kurias per “Vytį” ir siunčiu. Štai jos.

1. **Seime atidengiama vytiškojo veikimo metraštis.** Čia pamatai mūsų dienų vytį ir vyte, išgirsti jų aimanas, rūpesčius, pasiryžimus ir džiaugsmus, plaukiančius iš jų puikių žygių. Čia kaip metraštyje atidengiama praeitis, o ypač paskutiniųjų metų vytiška veikla. Jei pavieniai veikdami ir negalėjom visko matyti, kas dedasi Vyčiuose, čia atvirai viskas pasakoma ir parodoma. Seime ir save galime geriau pažinti kaip nari, lietuvi veikėją. Seime gali išskaityti mūsų vytiškų vadovų ir narių pasišventimą, aukojimąsi, rūpestį vytiškiems, lietuviškiems idealams. Mes pamatome kiek daug įdėjo savo sielos, jėgų, laiko ir net pinigų Centro Valdybos žmonės, pradėdant pirmininku, Dvasios Vadu su visais kitais. Pasirodo ir Komisijų darbai, išryškėja Vyčių Apskričių ir kuopų darbų paveikslai, ypač skleidžiant lietuvių ir lietuviškumo meilės spindulius savoj apylinkėj, ar kovojant už lietuvių teises tūkstančiais laišku, protestų ir maldų galybe. Seime geriau suprantama “Vyties” Redakcijos uolumas, Jaunesniųjų ir Sendraugių ypatingieji uždaviniai. Tik čia ryškiau išgirsti lietuvišką bendrą balsą giedant ar dainuojant, lietuvių kalbą viešai Seime vartojant, Lietuvos ir lietuvių gelbėjimu besisielojant. Seime lyg sudaro vieną gražiai susigyvenančią, veikiančią, dirbančią, kovojančią lietuvišką šeimą. O kaip galingai ne vienas nusiteikia iš sekmingo vytiško Seimo namo grįždamas! Tik Seime tikrai pajuntama, kad Vyčiai neša aukštai iškėlę lietuvišką vėliavą ir skleidžia lietuvišką dvasią ten, kur tas lietuviškumo žiburys apgesęs. Kur dar yra vyčiai, ten dar yra vilties, lietuviškos dvasios ir laukiama šviesesnės ateities.

2. **Vyčiai vadovai — pakilkite.** Kiekviename Seime iškeliamas vadų reikalas. Tai aišku. Nekartosime. Bet šis Seimas turėtų garsiau sušukti — **Vyčiai vadovai pakilkite, ateikite, vadovaukite mūsų lietuviškam jaunimui.** Jei keli ar keliolika mūsų pasišventėlių gali tiek daug nuveikti, tai kiek daugiau galėtų 100 tokių vadovų. O mes jų turime, tik pašaukime, patraukime, uždegkime.

a) **Kunigai** yra savo pašaukimu geri vadovai. Mūsų, t. y. vyčių uždavinys susirasti kunigą, kurs vyčiams gelbėtų, auklėtų, vadovautų. Žinoma, kad kunigai toliau laikosi nuo vyčių ne dėl to, kad jie negerbtų ar neįvertintų vyčių, bet gal labiau todėl, kad neži-

no ar vyčiai jų nori, ar jie galės būti vyčiams naudingi. Tiesa, asmeniškai manau, kad kunigas pirmas turėtų pasisiūlyti vytiškon talkon, bet ne visi taip galvoja, ypač jaunesni, ir jie laukia aiškaus vytiško ir draugiško kvietimo. Todėl **kunigų pasitarimas** vytiško veikimo klausimais yra BŪTINAS, neatidedamas, tik gal pavėluotas metų metus... Centro Valdyba ar speciali Komisija turėtų būti sudaryta sukviesti Kunigų Pasitarimą. Kunigai mato ir žino, kad kur yra vyčių, ten yra daugiau lietuviškumo, lietuviškų šeimų.

b) **Suburti pasauliečius vadovus.** Visose apylinkėse yra galingų vadovauti. Vyčiai turėtų patraukti juos į savo tarpą ar bent gauti jų vadovaujančią pagalbą įvairiose srityse — mene, muzikoje, sporte, socialiniame veikime, ir t.t.

3. **Centro Valdyba — Vytiškumo širdis ir smagenys.** Dabartinėse vytiško veikimo aplinkybėse, kai neturima jokio pastovaus Centro, apmokamo reikalų vedėjo, Centro Valdyba yra viskas. Giliai įsitikinęs, kad vyčiai kilsta ar smunka pagal Centro Valdybos “muziką”. Kaip ji groja, taip kuopos ir nariai mėgina šokti... Todėl šis Seimas turėtų padaryti svarbų nutarimą ir praktiką, **rinkti Centro Valdybą tik iš vienos artimos apylinkės.** Jei Centro Valdybos narys negali dalyvauti kiekviename posėdyje ir dar reikalui esant dažniau pasitarti su kitais Centro žmonėmis, tai jis yra miręs, ne-naudingas, nežiūrint kiek nuopelnų turėtų ar norėtų dirbti. Jis pasidaro kenkėju, nes jo vietoj galėtų būti darbininkas, o dabar jis yra tik vardo nešiotojas, laiškelių rašytojas, ir Seime nelaimingu atsiprašinėtoju, kad negalėjo nieko nuveikti. Į tą įeina ir vyčių padalinių Dvasios Vadovai. Jie irgi turėtų būti arti. Be to, reiktų nebijoti dažniau keisti vyčių padalinių Dvasios Vadovus, nes tik taip mes daugiau kunigų Vyčių veiklai gausime.

Vyčiai negali rizikuoti savo veikimo vadovaudamiesi tuscia garbe, ar nepagrįsta baime, kad jei viena apylinkė paims C. V. vadžias, tai vyčiai pasidarys tik tos apylinkės draugija, o ne tautine organizacija. Tik darbšti, vienoj vietoj gyvenanti Centro Valdyba išlaikys ir išugdys vyčius. Tik išivaizduokime kokią palaimą atneš tokia Centro Valdyba, kuri vyčiams dirbs ne kelis sykius per metus, bet visą metą, visi, visomis jėgomis, visiems vyčiams. O po metų ir vėl duoti kitiems, naujoms jėgoms, naujiems sumanymams, talentams. Taip augs vyčiai ir atsiras naujų vadų...

4. **Ar bus jaunieji Vyčiai ar nebus vyčių.** Jaunių organizavimas yra Vyčių gyvenimo ir mirties klausis-

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COMING K. OF L. NATIONAL CONVENTION

Aside from the events already published in previous issues of VYTIS, we now would like to inform you that the Convention Committee has added more attractions to the Convention Calendar. The Wednesday night "EARLY BIRD GET-TOGETHER" at the Circus Room of the Goebel Brewery, will truly be a rare treat; refreshments, food and entertainment at absolutely no cost to the delegates and guests. Anyone having movies of previous conventions is asked to bring them along, so that we may all enjoy them.

Thursday evening, evening, after Bowling, a buffet supper will be served — consisting of Lithuanian food prepared by our own ladies, to prove that Detroit's hospitality is second to none.

Friday night, "K. of L. CAPERS" will be staged in the hotel ballroom — "cabaret style". Besides the local talent, ATEITIS DANCERS of Chicago, stars of a national TV Show, will be featured.

Saturday, an innovation has been added to the business session, in response to a call for greater "lay participation" in the Liturgy by our Holy Father, John XXIII. A Liturgical Workshop will be held to familiarize the delegates with methods, means of fuller and more active participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Throughout the convention days, a Lithuanistic Exhibit will be held in the hotel, with Lithuanian folk arts and crafts, collection of Lithuanian products, pictures of historical value and rare Lithuanian books on display. A rare opportunity to get a glimpse of our Lithuanian heritage!

**Robert S. Boris, Chairman**

mas. Kuopos be jaunių, tai šeimos be vaikų. Jos geros, bet be atžalų, be ateities savo giminei tęsti, savo tradicijoms palaikyti. Todėl vertinti vytišką veiklą netiek pagal tai kiek naujų narių gauta, bet kiek jaunių po vytiška vėliavos spalva priglausta. Yra labai šviesių vilčių, kad artimu laiku jaunieji vyčiai pradės veikti seniausioje lietuviškoje apylinkėje, kietųjų anglių kasyklų srityje. To laukiama, ir tikimasi, nes ten vyčiai seniau gerai veikė. Per jaunuosius vyčius galima atgavinti vytiškumą visur, kur tik yra lietuviškų sielų.

5. **Lietuviškumo programa — gyvas vytiškumas.** Lietuviškumo programa paskelbta asmeniškam ir kuopų veikimui. Šis Seimas turi neatšaukiamai pasisakyti už jos vykdymą. Ar sekantis Seimas turės lietuviškumo laimėtojus ir džiaugsis, arba vyčių lietuviškumas apmirs ir vyčiai paskės nelietuviškumo jūroj, kaip daug kitų panašių organizacijų kad padarė. Šiame Seime paskelbti dovanas laimėtojams ir vykdyti lietuviškumo programą visu karštumu, o juk to ir laukia mūsų idealai.



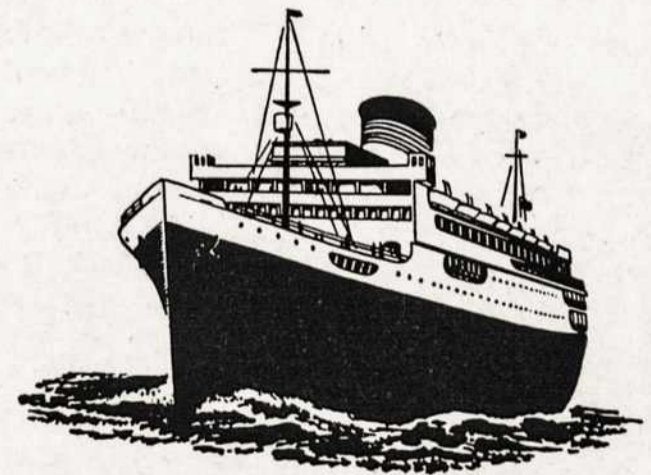
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**MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICERS.** Seated, from left: Loretta Paulauskas (Detroit) secretary; Stanley Vaitkus (Dayton) president; Julia Aleshunas (Pittsburgh) vice president; Rev. V. Katarskis (Dayton) spiritual adviser; Anthony Buknis (Cleveland) treasurer. Standing: Mary Lucas (Dayton) chmn. Cultural Committee; Frank Gudelis (Dayton) chm. Lithuanian Affairs Committee; Mary Trainy (Cleveland) trustee; Robert Boris (Detroit) chm. Ritual Committee; and Nellie Arunski (Cleveland) trustee.



**Mes Vykstame**

**Į Vyčių Seimą Detroitan!**



## PROF. ALEXANDER J. ALEKSIŠ

Our esteemed and beloved leader was born in Lithuania, the youngest of eight children, son of Francis and Elizabeth (Sumskis). Orphaned at eight years of age, he went to live with his eldest brother, the Right Reverend Monsignor Vincas Aleksandravicius, in the diocese of Seinai, who provided the means for his education. Here the youthful Aleksandras grew up in an atmosphere of deeply religious, patriotic and social culture. Graduated from the Warsaw Conservatory of Music with a music teacher's degree for piano, organ and composition, he was offered the position of assistant director of the Russian Army Band in Lomza, Poland, but declined. Instead, he came to the United States, September 1, 1913, and went to Chicago, Illinois, where he lived for some time with his illustrious cousin, the Rev. Dr. A. Staniukynas, founder of the Lithuanian order of the nuns of St. Casimir.

Prof. Aleksis has been organist, choirmaster, music teacher and organization leader in Chicago, Ill.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Detroit, Mich.; Springfield, Ill.; and in Waterbury, Connecticut since January 1, 1924. He is honorary member and past National President of Knights of Lithuania, the Lithuanian American R. Catholic Federation, the Lithuanian Organists Alliance, the Lithuanian Catholic Workers Association and of Pavasaris, youth organization of Lithuania.

In Waterbury, Prof. Aleksis has been particularly active as head of the Catholic Federation, the Society for the Liberation of Vilnius, the Servicemen's Families Society, the Knights of Lithuania, the Lithuanian American Council, the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America. He is actively associated with the Waterbury Chamber of Commerce Arts Council, the Mattatuck Musical Art Society, the International Piano Teachers' Association, the American Guild of Organists the Mattatuck History Society.

Prof. Aleksis is composer of Vyčiu Himnas, the patriotic operetta "Į Tėvyne" (To Our Fatherland) and eighty classical and folk songs and religious motets. Under his direction approximately eighty-five concerts and plays have been presented for the benefit of St. Joseph's church and other benevolent enterprises. Special programs of Lithuanian music, songs and native folk dances were presented at Yale University, the Brooklyn Academy of Music (New York), Marianapolis College, Franciscan Monastery (Kennebunkport, Maine), St. Joseph's Cathedral (Hartford), in the community halls of Ansonia, Bridgeport, Danbury, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Terryville, Torrington and at innumerable inter-faith and international functions locally.

Prof. Aleksis produced and directed live programs from Waterbury radio stations WIXBS, WATR, WBRY, WWCO and New York City's municipal station WNYC during the New York World's Fair, 1939, at the request of Lithuanian Consul General Jonas Budrys. Prof. Aleksis originated Lithuanian radio programs in Waterbury.

For outstanding musical achievements and selfless dedicated service in promoting national culture and patriotism, Prof. Aleksis was knighted with the Order of Grand Duke Gediminas by the government of Lithuania on the country's twentieth Independence Anniversary, February 16, 1938, being the first to receive this distinct honor in Waterbury.

An adequate evaluation of what Prof. Aleksis has meant and done cannot be accomplished in this brief summation. Suffice it to say that by his tireless zeal, infectious patriotism, perennially youthful and engaging personality, he has endeared himself and transmitted to the minds and hearts of countless numbers a profound affection and attachment to Church, Society and Country. We heartily salute Prof. Aleksis with a prayerful God Bless You and Ilgiausiu Metu!



**600 ATTEND TESTIMONIAL CONCERT HONORING PROF. ALEXANDER J. ALEKSIS** for his thirty-five years of church and community service in Waterbury, Conn. Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church were joined by community leaders, government officials, clergy, nuns, and musical directors from other cities for the event in honor of Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania, who will resign this summer as organist and choirmaster of the Lithuanian parish. Former choir members, many of them now living in distant cities, joined the present choir in rendering selections in tribute to the musician and parish leader. Mayor Raymond E. Snyder and U. S. Representative John S. Monagan were among civic leaders who addressed the gathering and praised Aleksis for his devotion to his profession and the many parish and community activities in which he has participated. Prof. Aleksis has been president of many local and national Lithuanian organizations. Arnold Voketaitis, New York bass baritone, was guest artist. Larry Fountain of New York, was piano accompanist. Mrs. Raymond E. Snyder, wife of the mayor, was program announcer. Miss Marcella Andrikis, was master of cer-

emonies. A purse was presented to Aleksis in behalf of the gathering by Mrs. Stephanie Miklinevich and Mrs. Carl Ortlieb. Special guests also included Mrs. Monagan, Mrs. James T. Patterson, Probate Judge James and Mrs. James R. Lawlor, State Rep. John D. Adams and Mrs. Adams, Rev. Joseph J. Valantiejus, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Rev. Paul Sabulis, Rev. A. Karalius, Rev. W. A. Vichas, Rev. V. Razaitis of New Britain, Sisters of the Order of Holy Ghost. Usherettes included Joan Brazauskas, Lillian Malinauskas, Susan Miklinevich, Lillian Paulauskas, Lokadija Sulauskas and Agnes Zdanis. Pictured in the photo (above), seated in front is Rev. Joseph J. Valantiejus, pastor of St. Joseph's Church and honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania. First row, standing, from left — second, fourth and fifth respectively are Larry Fountain and Arnold Voketaitis, both of New York and Nell P. Meskunas. Ninth is Mrs. James T. Patterson, Professor Aleksis and Mrs. John S. Monagan. Trio toward the end are Mrs. Raymond E. Snyder, U. S. Rep. John S. Monagan and Miss Marcella Andrikis, concert master of ceremonies.

**After DETROIT WORCESTER 1960**



## VYČIŲ GARBĖS NARIAI



**PROF. ALEKSANDRAS ALEKSIS,**  
Vyčiu Garbės Narys ir Didis Lietuvos  
veikėjas

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**THE MAŽEIKA FAMILY, So. Ozone, New York.** Anthony and Sue Mažeika celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 3, 1959. Mr. Mažeika, engineer, honorary member and past national president of the Knights of Lithuania and his wife Sue have been active in the organization continually since the early '30s, and the children are following their footsteps. Seated, left to right: Joan, Mr. Anthony J. Mazeika, Sr. and his wife Sue; standing — Anthony, Jr. (president of newly organized Council 41, Queens), Denis and Maria. Anthony, Jr. is attending Queens College; Joan is Junior at the Mary Louis Academy, and Denis, honor student, plans to attend the Archbishop Molloy High School this fall. We wish the exemplary family God's blessings and to Anthony and Sue Mažeika continued happiness in their wedded life.





## ON TO DETROIT K. of L. CONVENTION AUGUST 18 - 23

Host Councils 79 and 102 of Detroit cordially invite all fellow Knights to the Knights of Lithuania 46th National Convention in Detroit, August 19 through 23rd to be held at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel.

Michigan beckons all K. of L'ers to plan now for a wonderful vacation this year while you attend the National Convention in Detroit. Detroit, the Convention City, is located on many of the state's principal highways and is recognized as the "Gateway to the Water Wonderland of Michigan."

Here in Michigan man has supplemented nature's work with the finest of accommodations in luxurious resorts, resort hotels, motels, tourist courts, guest homes, rental cottages and cabins and outstanding eating and dining places.

Michigan Vacation activities are designed to appeal to all budgets and every interest from those of guests who enjoy roughing it to those who desire big city atmosphere as Detroit and its de luxe facilities.

Recreation facilities are unlimited with the complete gamut of water sports and available at virtually all vacation centers in addition to swimming or relaxing sunbathing on warm, sandy beaches.

There's fishing in the "big Lakes", on inland waters and in miles of clear streams and many rivers, many world famous for their production of trout.

Other vacation activities and interests available in the Detroit area and surrounding State, include well kept and sporty golf courses, shuffle board and tennis courts, industrial plant tours, theaters, night spots, river and lake boat cruises, thrilling and scenic dune rides, horseback riding, dancing, unique markets, art centers, historical shrines, national institutions, sporting events, colleges and universities, museums, music concerts, Great Lakes port activity including commercial fishing: archery, sightseeing tours, zoos and wildlife sanctuaries.

Joe Chaps



**HISTORIC PLAQUE OF THE LITHUANIAN KNIGHT**, which once belonged to the first Detroit council of St. George's Church organized over forty years ago, is admired by the 46th K. of L. Convention Committee Chairman Robert Boris, Lillian Stepan, secretary, Rev. Dr. Ignatius F. Boreisis, pastor of St. Anthony's Church and Rev. Michael J. Kundrat, pastor of the Divine Providence Church.



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## Mergaičių Pasaulis

Redaguoja Veronika Kulbokienė ir Joanne H. Neviera

## ŠYPSENA

Kaip į saulės šviesą krypsta margaspalviai žiedai, taip malonus, šypsena spindintis mergaitės veidas patraukia žmonių žvilgsnius. Kūrėjas tačiau nelygiai apdovanojo mus, kaip kitomis, taip ir šia ypatybe. Vienu veidai beveik visuomet giedri, šypsena, kitų šypsena yra labai retas svečias.

Lietuviams, apskritai, gamta šios savo dovanos pašykštėjo; mūsų veidai dažnai esti rimti, susimąstę, nelinksmi. Gyvenimo sunkumai daugeliui rūpesčiais išraižo veidus. Niekvienas gali juoktis, kai širdis verkia. Bet dažnai mūsų veidai apsiniaukia dėl menkiausių priežasčių ir mažaverčių dalykų. Būti linksmi ir abejingai smulkiems nemalonumams — viena didžiausių žmogaus dovanų. Savo nepasisekimus bei kentėjimus geriau užgniažti savyje, neverkti prieš pasaulį, nes už ašaras pasaulis moka panieką.

Visa prigimtis mums šypsosi, kada esame laimingi. Oras tada atrodo skaidresnis, dangus skaistesnis, gėlės maloniau kvėpia ir paukščiai linksmiau gieda. Pakilios dvasinės giedros privalo siekti kiekvienas. Garsusis vokiečių rašytojas Goethe sako, kad reikia kas dieną išgirsti nors vieną dainelę arba perskaityti nors vieną gražų eilėraštį, pamatyti gražų vaizdą.

Kiekvienas žmogus turi palinkimą bendrauti su kitais. Iš patyrimo žinome, kad labiausiai patrauklūs yra linksmi žmonės. Tokių žmonių draugystėje kiekvienam yra malonu ir gera. Linksmieji savo gera nuotaika užkrečia ir kitus. Priešingai, apsiniaukę ir rūstūs veidai atstumia draugus. Šypsena nulemia kartais net žmogaus likimą. Linksmą, gerai nusiteikusių darbdavys noriau priima į darbą, nei surūgusį ir ne-



Linksmos ispanės

patenkintą. Darbe malonios veido išraiškos žmogus labiau mėgiamas bendradarbiu.

Šypsena ir žmogaus sveikatai turi įtakos. Prie Vilniaus Universiteto studentų ambulatorijos durų, buvo užrašas: "Nusijuok! gera nuotaika yra tavo sveikatos laidas". Linksmieji užmiršta savo negalavimus o susirgę greičiau pasveiksta. Ligoniai malonus yra tas lankytojas, kuris savo linksmą nuotaiką išblaško jo negalavimus.

Kaip malonu yra prie valgių stalo namuose ar svečiuose, kada linksmas šeimininkas šamojingu savo žodžiu apjungia stalo dalyvius. Tuomet ir patiekalai būna skanesni ir apetitas geresnis. Smagu būti tokioje draugystėje, kur prie stalo visi linksmi šnekučiuoja juokauja.

Linksmas moteris ir savo šeimoje yra labiau mylima. Iš darbo grįžęs vyras pamiršta savo nuovargį, kai randa namuose besišypsantią, patenkintą, be skundų ir priekaištų žmoną.

Vaikučiai šeimoje taip pat laukia šilto motinos šypsnio ir švelniai pamokančio žodžio. Iš kitos vėl pusės šypsosi laiminga motina, girdėdama linksmą ir dainuojančią savo dukterį, ir giedrėja tuo metu rūstus tėvo veidas. Pakanka bent vieno giedrios nuotaikos asmens namuose, o visų nuotaikos pakyla.

Mergaitė ar moteris, kuri moka įnešti giedros į savo namus, tampa tų namų valdove.

Ver. Kulbokienė

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## WOMAN – A TOOL AGAINST COMMUNISM

by Joanne H. Neviera

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a course on understanding the objectives of communism, and I also had the opportunity to participate in a panel on the same subject. The facts were overwhelming!!! The ignorance of God-fearing and patriotic citizens was unimaginable. Without any realization on their part, they were becoming the communist's chief weapon — "the dupe." And, a great number of these "dupes", or propoganda carriers, were women. Women who shopped in super markets; women who sat under hairdyers, women who attended church functions regularly; women whose citizenship was one of their proudest possessions.

Many instances can be sadly recounted where, because of the clever and expert propoganda put out by the communists, women have

fallen prey to their insidious tactics; women who vow the downfall of the savage enemy with their every breath.

What can be done about the situation? Our Lady of Fatima has urged us to PRAY daily the rosary so that Russia would be converted. Pray for world peace!!! Without prayer, nothing can be accomplished.

What more can be done? Read. Read the right books. The Catholic Church is the greatest single enemy of the communists. Read the writings of her great priests and laity. Read what the Federal Bureau of Investigation has done; read what J. Edgar Hoover has written on the enemy he is dedicating his life to impede. Find out where Red China is, even if it sounds as if it is in another world, and will never affect us. Find out what the situation is there. When you hear and read about the suggested bans of nuclear warfare because the effects might harm your children and your children's children — find out where the arguments are coming from — read the counter - articles

on the subject. Accept nothing, unless you know the source.

Remember our motto is "For God and Country!!!" Our beloved persecuted Lithuania is savagely suffering. Our God is being blasphemed and despised at every possible moment. Our own country is being threatened by those that dare to call themselves human beings; those that claim to have a human heart.

Women are not interested in politics or warfare as a whole, and never will be. But women can find out about the terrors that are not limited to Red China. Women can be able to discuss world situations and summit conferences; women can be alert in detecting communist propoganda, and not be guilty of the indifference and apathy that the communists find such delightful breeding ground for their hate-filled seeds. Women can become great tools in this ever-present fight for "God and Country." And never forget Our Lady's words at Fatima — "Pray the rosary daily so that Russia will be converted." The time is now.

### ŽAGARĖLIAI

- 5 egg yolks
- ½ cup sugar
- 5 tbsps. sweet cream
- 1 jigger rum or brandy flour

Cream yolks and sugar. Add cream and rum. Add enough flour to make stiff dough. Roll thin on floured board. Cut in diamond shapes. Slit middle, and pull one end of diamond through hole. Fry in deep hot fat till light brown. Drain on paper; sprinkle with powdered sugar.

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### PYRAGAS

- ¾ lb. butter
- 15 eggs
- 2 cups cream (heated)
- 4 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 squares yeast (3/5 oz.)
- 1 teaspoon salt

Cream butter till smooth; add all the eggs one by one, mixing the butter after each addition; add two

cups hot cream and 4 cups flour so that the consistency would be like a waffle batter. Add one cup sugar and add yeast and salt. Beat batter well, and let stand until it rises. After it rises, beat again.

Knead dough for one half-hour; place it in loaf pan which has been greased with butter and sprinkled with crumbs. When dough rises again, bake for one hour.

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**FRANK VASKAS** of Newark, N. J. was honored for his many years of Knights of Lithuania and community service by the New York-New Jersey District K. of L. with a Testimonial Dinner held on May 23rd in St. George's Hall. Several hundred members and friends attended. Guest speaker of the evening was National Spiritual Director Father Albert J. Contons of Boston, Mass. Toastmaster was Jack J. Stukas, Lithuanian Radio Announcer, who just returned from a trip Around the World. Others on the program included Msgr. I. Kelmelis, pastor of Holy Trinity Church; Rev. V. Karalavicius, District Spiritual Adviser, who presented Frank with the Papal Blessing; Larry Janonis, District President; Rev. J. Vaskevicius, relative of Frank's; Rev. P. Totoraitis; Rev. R. Thompson; National President Joseph Sakevich; Nat'l Vice Pres. Helen Shields; Charles Strolis, President of Council 29; John Gvazdaitis; and Honorary Member Jack Jatis of Chicago, Ill. Frank Vaskas was born and educated in Newark, N. J. He has been a member of Council 29 for 19 years, and served on many committees in the council and district, and is past National Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs. He is well known as staff member of **THE KEY**, council publication, and contributor to the **VYTIS** under the pen name of The Wanderer. The committee consisted of National Vice President Larry Janonis, Chairman; Charles Strolis, Co-Chairman; Helen Zindzius, Secretary; Vera Lang, Souvenir Journal; Anne Pocius and Julia Strolis, Tickets; and Helen Yocis and Dorothy Dutkus, Publicity. To Frank, we wish him continued God's Blessings!

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"Operation Enterprise", — Team Captain — Elmer Krueger introducing Jack J. Stukas, Jr. at Hongkong Conference.

**JACK J. STUKAS, JR.**, National Cultural Chairman of the Knights of Lithuania, has just returned from a trip throughout Asia, Australia, the Middle East and Southern Europe. He was acting as tour manager for a team composed of ten outstanding United States marketing executives arranged by the National Sales Executives-International. They held conferences on selling and marketing techniques with business leaders. Jack Stukas is manager of NSE's International Department which supervises the activities of more than 30 affiliated SEClubs in countries throughout the world. These clubs have an aggregate membership of more than 3,000 sales and marketing executives. The tour covered a concentrated 60-day period, visiting 14 countries and holding 17 one-day conferences with total audiences of more than 5,000 top business executives. His next major project is assisting in organizing, promoting, and developing the 4th Industrial European Marketing Congress which will be held in Berlin, September 23 to the 26, where executives from all the countries of Eastern Europe as well as many other parts of the world including North and South America will gather.

Jack Stukas had a most active time during his recent world tour. He also managed to contact Lithuanians in Auckland, New Zealand and attend a meeting of the American Lithuanian Community Organization; visited with Lithuanians in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia; met with Mary Stonis, former K. of L'er of East Orange, N. J., who is presently working in Hongkong; visited the Lithuanian College of St. Casimir and participated in the St. Casimir celebration where among the high officials attending were the former Prime Minister of Italy; Cardinal Pizzardo; Mr. and Mrs. Lozoraitis; Mr. Girdvainis; Bishop Padolskis; Msgr. Tulaba; and Rev. Mincevičius, chairman; also visited the Lithuanian College's Farm and the Lithuanian Marian College. In Amsterdam, Holland, accidentally one evening, while listening to a radio broadcast, he heard the Lithuanian

## ATTENTION PARENTS AND YOUTH

The Lithuanian Franciscans opened a high school at Kennebunkport, Maine, three years ago. They invite boys who have completed grammar school to enroll at St. Anthony High School. This year the first three grades are in session. Apt pupils can transfer to St. Anthony School by presenting the necessary documents. The dormitory can accommodate up to 100 students.

Since last fall the school has been operating in the new modern building which contains dormitories, classes, recreation room, library, and laboratory.

At the present time only Lithuanians and boys of Lithuanian descent are accepted. The Lithuanian Franciscans themselves teach the classes and are in charge of the dormitories. St. Anthony High School is approved by the State of Maine, and the customary subjects are taught together with Latin and Lithuanian.

The tuition, which includes room and board, is \$400.00 a year. Brilliant students who are unable to meet the financial obligation may be partially or completely excused from paying the tuition.

Preference is given to those desiring to join the Lithuanian Franciscans. Later these students will be educated and prepared for the apostolate, both among Lithuanians here and, God willing, among the people in Lithuania itself.

All Lithuanian parents who are anxious to imbue their children with a Christian and Lithuanian spirit are urged to consider St. Anthony High School. For all pertinent information kindly write to Father Rector at this address:

**Fr. Victor Gidziunas, O.F.M.**  
Franciscan Monastery  
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language — an oppressed voice speaking from an oppressed country. His final contact with Lithuanians was in Paris.

Now, Jack, back at his desk at NSE headquarters, 63-3rd Ave., New York, continues to direct the activities of Sales Executive Clubs. He will make plans for new clubs in sections of the world where the benefits of American marketing techniques are as yet unknown. In his spare time, by night, by weekend and by vacation, Jack is a folk-dancing, disc-jockeying, and an articulate spokesman for the New York-New Jersey area's, large and vital, of Lithuanians, where he conducts a radio program called "Memories of Lithuania" over station WEVD, New York City, for the past 18 years. Jack Stukas is also chairman of the K. of L. Scholarship Fund, and lives with his parents and younger brother, Louis, in Hillside, N. J. Among his various activities, he is continuing his academic pursuits by working on his doctoral thesis at New York University.

# THE WORLD LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY

DR. J. GIRNIUS

On the 28-31 of August, the World Lithuanian Congress took place in New York City. Concurrently a representative exhibition of Lithuanian art and a chamber music concert were presented, at the Riverside Museum; while in Carnegie Hall the combined forces of four choirs, soloists and a symphony orchestra performed. Thousands of Lithuanians from the U.S.A. and other Western countries gathered in New York City for the occasion. 112 official delegates to the congress represented Western countries having substantial Lithuanian colonies, including the United States, Canada, England, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela, Germany, France, Italy and others. In all these countries Lithuanians have already been organized into national communities. And with this congress the process of welding these national groupings into one World Lithuanian Community reached its conclusion. In view of this occasion we would like to acquaint our readers with the reasons for the existence of the Lithuanian World Community and with the ideas upon which this community is based.

## The Reasons for Existence

What needs did originally evoke the idea of a World Lithuanian Community? The old immigrants founded many organizations, particularly in the United States, where Lithuanians are most numerous (up to 500,000 or more). The new immigrants, the former displaced persons, also founded many organizations upon their arrival in the various countries. And truly, there was no need for another organization, but there was a need to combine all of the Lithuanians scattered throughout numerous countries and numerous organizations into one. The need was two-fold.

On the one hand, every organization not only unites but also separates. A religious organization, obviously, cannot include atheists

among its members and inversely, Christians do not belong to a society of freethinkers. And if in other cases the division is not as extreme, it still exists. This differentiation leads to certain tensions which may develop into real conflicts. It is natural, that free men differ in their opinions. But from the national point of view there is a danger that these differences will obscure the essential point: national ties. **Lithuanian unity is the central idea upon which the World Lithuanian Community is based.** In principle, this community unites all Lithuanians without exception, for it excludes only those who have sold themselves to the Soviet Union. These are a minority of the older immigrants who have been deluded by Communism. Regardless of the individual's religious, political or social views, the Lithuanian Community unites all into one body, the heart of which is **Lithuanian brotherhood and Lithuanian consciousness.** Lithuanian brotherhood bridges all differences, while Lithuanian consciousness illuminates the fact that in any battle the essential tie cannot be forgotten. The Lithuanian Community, in organized form expresses the Lithuanian will to preserve their nationality according to the slogan, "Lithuanians we were born, Lithuanians we must remain."

Secondly, it is necessary that the natural feeling of brotherhood become a united will to preserve it from degeneration into futile sentimentalism. Individual organizations (religious, fraternal and others) can only fulfill the limited functions for which they were founded. But they cannot perform those functions which demand the joint effort of all. Yet the refugees have the duty of preserving all the activities and institutions of the free cultural life which in normal times are fostered by the state. For the realization of these common aims the Lithuanian refugees united into a World Lithuanian Community. The genesis of

the idea first occurred some ten years ago among displaced persons living in Germany at that time.

## The Newcomers

These people had abandoned their native land, not of their own free will, but due to force. Some had been deported by the Nazis for forced labor in Germany. Others fled their homeland from the approaching Communist terror. Both groups tragically experienced the loss of Lithuanian independence, when the end of the war did not bring her freedom but a second occupation by Communist forces. Whether Nazi deportees or Soviet refugees, both found themselves sharing the common fate of a refugee. Having no other alternative, they emigrated to various countries. Although grateful and loyal to the new countries which accepted them, they, nevertheless, remain a unique kind of newcomers — **immigrants with the consciousness of political refugees.** The normal immigrants leave their homeland in search for a better livelihood and more or less sever their ties with the native land. The exchange homelands hoping for a better and happier environment. A political refugee, on the contrary, does not seek a higher standard of living but is primarily fighting his political fate. Not the search for happiness, but rather loyalty to one's self is the main concern of such a refugee.

For many of them personal welfare problems hardly exist; during the ten years of immigrational life a comfortable standard of living has been achieved. Usually newcomers would be quite satisfied with this achievement, but a comfortable standard of living is not sufficient for political immigrants. Personal welfare cannot supplant the feeling of tragedy in face of the threatened destruction of one's nation. Nations are mortal. In this age it is not difficult to annihilate a nation of about three millions. Geno-

cide is being carried out in Lithuania while the world is silent and refuses to see what it does not want to see. No Lithuanian, faced with this tragic possibility, can remain satisfied only with personal well-being and enjoy his personal happiness. The question does not concern only the restoration of a Lithuanian state, but it involves the life or death of the whole Lithuanian nation. In view of this, every Lithuanian exerts the will to remain within his own nationality regardless of the country assigned to him by fate. The World Lithuanian Community is the best means of expressing the will of Lithuanians in the free world to **remain within the nationality**, to preserve the ties and to remain Lithuanian wherever they may be.

### The Melting Pot

But how can this will be realized in the "melting pot" reality which is the lot of all immigrants? How can the loyalty to one's native land be reconciled with loyalty to the new country? The problem can be solved without recourse to the "melting pot." And although the "melting pot" is the usual fate of the immigrant, it is an essentially futile solution. Futile from two points of view: that of the immigrant himself and that of this new country. For denationalization always implies despiritualization; all interests are reduced to the primitive drive for personal happiness; in fact this is equivalent to the stifling of all the profounded interests, for it involves abandoning all roots in the spiritual reality which is the respective national tradition. And in this manner, the country which gains this individual gains nothing more than mere "labor force." This "labor force" can be desirable and valuable as "raw material." Its social integration, however, always gives rise to problems. (It is not surprising that the question of personal and social adjustment, as well as juvenile delinquency, experiences its greatest intensity in the United States, which has frequently been identified with the "melting pot" approach).

The World Lithuanian Community is the expression of the Lithua-

nian determination to become acclimated not through passive submission, but through positive contribution of their culture to the country which has become their new homeland. This is determination to become integrated not through the loss of self, but through the preservation of one's self, and at the same time through the contribution of all that is valuable in the national tradition. This is the more difficult road, but it is certainly more fruitful. From the personal point of view, an individual, determined to follow this road, also chooses to face the tension between two cultures. In certain cases this cultural tension may give rise to problems of adequate adjustment. At the same time, however, this determination enables the individual to integrate himself freely and creatively within the new country rather than blindly submerge in the "melting pot." All countries are worthy of respect and patriotic love. But love, which remains blind, is of little value. True love is never satisfied with that which is, for it is always accompanied by the search for new roads and the imperative of profounded ideals. All countries are worthy of being valued, but no country is the "Kingdom of God," the final perfection. And, therefore, those who can enrich the cultures of their new countries by means of their particular national heritage are always of greater value than those who lose themselves and feel that the adoption was successful, while in reality it only added to the masses which are equally international in their primitiveness. Freedom not to think, "peace of mind," Coca-Cola, portable radios, television crime stories and tasteless advertisements is **not** what America stands for; it means freedom of thought, the pioneering spirit, Emerson and James, Th. Wolfe and E. Hemingway, E. O'Neill and W. Faulkner. The same analogy is applicable to any other country. The acquisition of new customs and learning new language do not constitute complete integration. The loss of one's self is not necessary in this process. Everywhere it is possible to remain oneself and everywhere this is necessary in order that one's individuality could enrich others. In founding the



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World Lithuanian Community, the Lithuanians of the free world have determined not to succumb to the "melting pot," but to remain what they are and at the same time make their own valuable contribution.

"Lituanus"

# FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

by

Brother Donald Petraitis, M.I.C.

Since the founding of the Benedictines by Saint Benedict, countless numbers of religious communities have come forth. While many have disappeared others are still doing the work set down by their Founder.

Not many people are aware of the fact that the Congregation of Marian Clerics Regular of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly known as the Marian Fathers, almost suffered extinction. Yes, in 1909 there was only one Marian Father alive, Father Vincent Senkus, M.I.C., at Marijampole in Lithuania. But before relating his story, let us glance at the history of the seventeenth century.

In France absolutism was developed, the nobles were weakened, religious unrest arose, and the Thirty Years' War began; England was faced with a civil war, Charles I was tried and executed, and the **Mayflower** set sail for America.

In 1661 a man was ordained a priest in the Piarist Order; he was Stanislaus of Jesus and Mary Papierny. Shortly after his ordination, Father Stanislaus became a teacher at the Royal College in Warsaw. He became known as a great preacher, was the confessor of the Papal Nuncio, Anthony Pignatelli, who later became Pope Innocent XII, and confessor to King John Sobieski III.

When Pope Clement X reinstated the privilege of solemn vows in 1670 and extended to each member of the Piarist Order the choice of secularizing or remaining in the Order, Father Stanislaus left the Piarists with the desire to found an Order dedicated to the Mother of God in a special way.

After much deliberation, three years later in 1673, Father Stanis-



Archbishop J. Matulaitis

laus founded his first monastery on the Plains of Korab. At the time there were four members: Father Stanislaus and three ex-soldiers. Soon there were only two, Father Stanislaus and a brother.

Later a second monastery was founded at Gora Kalwaria. Two years later in 1679 the Holy See approved the Marian Order. Its members took solemn vows, white habits, and followed the rule of the Ten Virtues. Father Stanislaus took his vows in the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio; the others made their profession in the hands of their Founder. In this way the first Order of men dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, 175 years before the latter was proclaimed a dogma of the Church, was founded.

Not long afterward Father Stanislaus became ill and died in the odor of sanctity on September 17, 1701. He was laid to rest in the Marian church of the Last Supper

in Gora Kalwaria. Upon his deathbed the Founder of the Marians foretold that the Community would endure much persecution, but that God and Mary Immaculate would continue to protect it.

After his death the people clamored for the canonization of Father Stanislaus. A petition for his beatification was introduced approximately fifty years after his death. The Holy See has bestowed upon him the title of "Venerable Servant of God."

As the Community increased, the members spread throughout the continent. Father Casimir Wyszynski, with the blessing of Pope Benedict XIV, set the foundations for the Order in Portugal, founding a monastery at Monte Balsamao. He died there on October 21, 1755. Father Casimir was laid to rest in the church of the monastery where he had spent his last days. His cause for beatification is likewise in process and he also has received the title of "Venerable Servant of God."

Throughout the years the Marians suffered trials and persecution under Napoleon, especially under the Czarist Government of Russia.

We have information that a Marian Father, Father Andrew Strupinkas, was living at St. Raymond's rectory in New York in 1866. From records we also know that Father Andrew was given a passport by the Russian Government on the condition that he would not return. After spending seven years in Bolivia and some time in Paris, Father Andrew came to America. He died on November 24, 1892 and was buried in St. Joseph's cemetery, Shenandoah, Pa.

Another Marian priest, Father Kolesinskas, believed to have been



shot in 1863, but who in reality escaped and came to the United States, was the pastor of St. Casimir's church in Pittston, Pa. around 1890. In 1892 he came to Chicago and took charge of the newly formed St. George's parish. Soon afterward Father George built St. George's church. Because of ill health he resigned from the parish in 1893. On March 5, 1912, Father George Kolesinskas went to his eternal reward and was laid to rest in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

Already the schismatic Russian Government had issued its decree forbidding religious communities to accept any new members. The Marians were all banded together in the Marian Monastery at Marijampolė, Lithuania. Because the Marians had monasteries in those countries occupied by Russia, this decree was a death sentence.

In 1871 Father Vincent Senkus was appointed Procurator of the Community and in 1893, after the death of the Superior General, he was elected by his fellow religious as Superior General. As the years went by, Father Vincent watched his Community grow smaller and smaller with the death of each member until in 1909 there remained only one Marian, Father Vincent himself. (N. B. It was not known at the time that Father George Kolesinskas was in the U.S.).

Father Vincent prayed daily, begging Mary Immaculate to watch over the Community dedicated to her Immaculate Conception. He prayed that his beloved Community would not be listed among the extinct religious communities. His prayers were answered, for God sent a devout priest, Father George Matulaitis, who, inflamed with the desire to serve God as a religious, went to see Father Vincent and told him of his desires. How overjoyed Father Vincent must have been! The Community would continue.

As entrance into the novitiate and public profession of vows was prohibited by civil law, Father George, after having obtained a special dispensation from the Holy See to make his vows without the



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required novitiate year, secretly made his first vows on August 28, 1909 in the presence of Father Vincent Senkus. At the same time, Fa-

ther Peter Bucys, later Bishop, began his novitiate. A new era for the Marians began at this time.

After the death of Father Vincent in 1911, Father George was elected Superior General. He had obtained the approval of the reorganized Community from Pope Pius X, now Saint Pius X, in 1910.

Because of persecution, the white habit of the Marians was changed to the black of the secular clergy. White habits would have meant sure death. To escape detection by the government, a temporary novitiate was established at Fribourg, Switzerland in 1911.

In 1913 the Renovator of the Marians, Father George Matulaitis, sent two priests, after they had completed their novitiate year, to Chicago, Illinois. There they founded a religious house and novitiate. In this way the American Province had its humble beginning.

As the years went by, the Community extended its work throughout the United States. In 1927, Father Renovator, Archbishop George Matulaitis now, became ill and died on January 27, 1927. He had lived long enough to see the Congregation get on its feet again. His cause for beatification is now in process in Rome.

Even today the Congregation is suffering. Its priests and brothers have been and are being deported to Siberia because they are religious. Others have died serving God and Mary Immaculate. The Congregation's history is one of suffering and trial. It seems that just as Satan hates the Mother of God, so he hates those communities dedicated to her. He is waging an endless war. The Founder of the Marians, Father Stanislaus, told his children of the trials and persecution to come, but I am sure that Mary Immaculate is guiding the Congregation, no matter where its members are, whether they are in the occupied countries, Siberia, or the free world; all are working for Christ and the Church. Joy is found in suffering for something good. From one end of the globe to the other, Marians will continue to work for Christ and the Church wherever they might be.



ALFA SUŠINSKAS

## TAS, KURIS VADOVAUJA...

Besiartinantysis Vyčių Seimas, be įvairių svarbių darbų, turės vieną ypatingą atsakingą darbą: jis rinks naujus organizacinius vadovus, į kurių rankas atiduos organizacijos vadovavimą.

Šia proga, manau, būtų naudinga sustoti ties vadu pažvelgiant, koks jis turėtų būti, kad galėtų naudingiau dirbti jį išrinkusiems ir juo pasitikėjusiems.

Zodis vadas lietuvių kalboje reiškia asmenį, kuris ką nors veda ar kam nors vadovauja. Čia vadas suprantamas ne vien pirmininkas, bet ir kiekvienas asmuo, kuris bent už kelis asmenis yra atsakingas ir kuriam nors darbui vadovauja.

Vadų yra įvairių. Čia teliečiu tik organizacinius vadus.

Ar kiekvienas žmogus tinka į vadus? Manau, kad nekiekvienas. Juk vadas turi turėti ar bent išgyti charakterio savybių, kurios jam padėtų būti tinkamu vadu.

Vadovaujantysis turi būti bent vidutiniškai gabus ir sumanus. Jis turi pasižymėti sveiku galvojimu ir sveikais nervais. Jis turi būti neatsilikęs nuo gyvenimo ir nors šiek tiek apsišvietęs. Knyga ir laikraštis yra jo mėgiami palydovai. Jis nevengia jokios progos, daugiau šviestis padedančios. Suprantama, iš jo nereikalaujama būti visų sričių specialistu. Tačiau jis turi stengtis vis daugiau ir daugiau išsilavinti. Niekas tuščia galva nesugeba vadovauti kitiems.

Vadas neturi būti silpnos valios. Būdamas silpnavalis, jis negalės tinkamai vadovauti: ne jis ves kitus, bet kiti ves jį. Jam reikalinga stipri valia, kad jis galėtų pasiekti organizacinius tikslus, kliūtis nugalėdamas. Nors organizacijoje visi nariai turi dirbti, tačiau vadovaujan-

tysis yra tas asmuo, kurio paskirtis yra narius išjudinti ir nuteikti akcijai. Be stiprios valios jis neveiks to atlikti.

Iš anksto pramatęs veikimo planus ir juos stipria valia įvykdas, vadas dar turi turėti ir švelnius jausmus. Demokratinėms organizacijoms netinka žiaurūs ir išdidūs vadai. Tokie čie tuojau atstumia nuo savęs narius: nariai pradeda šalintis ne tik nuo jų, bet ir nuo organizacijos, nuo betkurio veikimo. Švelnumas visada patraukia. Švelnaus būdo vadas labiau sugeba sujungti narius ir jiems ikvėpti norą dirbti bei veikti. Vado švelnumas su savo nariais sukelia juose teigiamą organizacinę nuotaiką, kuri yra labai reikšminga organizacijos gyvenime.

Ne tik pakankamą protą, stiprią valią ir švelnius jausmus turi turėti vadovaujantysis. Norėdamas būti kuo tinkamiausias savo darbui, jis dar turi pasižymėti ir kitomis savybėmis.

Vadas yra vadu ne sau, bet kitiems. Jei vadovavimu jis tesiekia savęs — savo asmens garbės ir naudos, jo vadovavimas nėra naudingas organizacijai. Vado egoizmas daug

kuo blogai atsiliepia organizacinei veiklai.

Vado teisingumas visiems, kuriems jis vadovauja, taip pat yra būtinas organizaciniame gyvenime. Vadas turi būti nešališkas, objektyvus, vienodai atsidavęs visiems jam patikėtiems, o ne kuriai nors vienai grupei, ne keletui asmenų. Vado neteisingumas supjudo narius ir suskaldo organizaciją. Matydami ar jausdami jo šališkumą ar kitoki neteisingumą, nariai pradeda nebesugyventi, vienybė tarp jų ima irti, ir juose atsiranda grupės, kurios neretai pradeda tarp savęs pikta kovoti.

Garbingą vado ar vadovautojo vardą ne už dyką vadas turi. Už tai jis turi atsilyginti pareigingumu ir atsidavimu organizacijai. Jei jis pats yra neolus, kaip tada jis gali reikalauti uolumo iš narių? Vado nerangumas ar net ir tinginystė yra miego piliulė, pamažu užmigdanti organizaciją. Kas nenori ar negali pilnai atsiduoti organizacijai ir nemano rimtai dirbti, tas neturi sutikti išrenkamas ar pakviečiamas vadu.

Vadovaujančiajam kiekvienas narys turi būti brangus ir mielas. Jis neišsirenka tik keleto narių, kurie jam patinka. Organizacijos nariai esti labai jautrūs savo vado taktui, ir jie tuojau pastebi, jei jų vadas save skiria ne visiems nariams. Kiekvienas atskiras narys jam turi rūpėti tiek pat, kiek ir visi kiti organizacijos nariai.

Savo idealu vadas turėtų laikyti Dieviškąjį Ganytoją, savo avimis besirūpinantį. Gerojo Ganytojo taktika turėtų būti kiekvieno vado taktika.

Čia paliečiau vadą tik keliais trumpais bruožais. Mano įsitikinimu, jie yra būtinosios jo savybės.



I Vyčių Seimą!

# VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

**Chicagos Lietuvių Gydytojų draugijos vicepirmininkas.** Dr. P. Atkočiūnas, dantų gydytojas, metiniame Chicagos Lietuvių gydytojų draugijos susirinkime išrinktas centrinės valdybos vicepirmininku. Dr. P. Atkočiūnas yra vienas iš senosios kartos lietuvių katalikų veikėjas. Studen-taudamas daug veikė Katalikų Federacijoje, vyčiuose ir kitose liet. katalikų organizacijose.

**Viešėjo Chicagoj.** Vincas E. Pavis, vienas buv. žymių vyčių veikėjas, vienas pirmųjų sendraugių narių ir buvęs chicagiškės kuopos pirmininkas, taip pat vienas pirmųjų Vyčių namo direktorių ir buvęs direktoriato pirmininkas, su žmona Stella viešėjo Chicagoj pas dukrą ir žentą Žemaičius jų antrojo kūdikio krikšty-nų proga. Gyvendami Ciceroj Vincas ir Stella buvo labai veiklūs ypatingai sendraugių kuopoj ir Chicagos apskrityje. Dabar gyvena Youngstown, Ohio, kur nors maža lietuvių kolonija ir pastaruoju laiku gerokai tautiniai apmirus, tačiau žada pasidarbuoti, kad atgytų vyčių kuopa, kuri senovėje ten gražiai veikė.

**Jau grįžo į veikimą.** Elena Širvinskienė, pakėlusį sunkią operaciją ir po to dar ilgai gydytojo išakymu namie ilsėjusi, jau grįžo į jai paprastą veikimą sendraugių, Moterų Sąjungos, seselių Pranciškėčių Rėmėjų ir kitose draugijose. Sendraugiai džiaugėsi ją pamatę praeitam susirinkime ir nuoširdžiai sveikino. Atsidėkodama sendraugėms už lankymą jai sergant ligoninėj ir namuose, padovanojo didelę dėžę saldinių.

Ant. Jonutis, kuris taip pat buvo gerokai susirgęs ir nors buvo dar gydytojo priežiūroj, taipgi atsilankė į susirinkimą ir pateikė gražų pranešimą iš Vyčių namo direktorių veikimo. Direktoriats jis yra sendraugių atstovas.

**Sendraugių piknikas.** Rugpjūčio 16 d. Bruzgulienės sode sendraugiai rengia pikniką. Kaip ir visuose piknikuose, veiks baras, griež orkestras. Gi tiems, kurie nešoka, bus įvairių pramogų. Šeiminkės sve-

čius vaišins ne tik lietuvių, bet ir kitataučių mėgiamu kugeliu ir kitais lietuviškais valgiais. Be to, burtų keliu trys laimingieji gaus po gerą dovaną.

Vyčiai sendraugiai turi pareigos atsilankyti į šį pikniką, nes jis ruošiamas mūs pačių reikalams. Pelnas yra skiriamas aparato filmams rodyti išigijimui ir Vyčių namo - salės reikalams. Komisija ir visi pikniko darbininkai aukoja savo laiką, darbą (keli net ir aukomis prisidėjo), todėl kiekvienas narys turi jausti pareigos atsilankyti.

**Šeimos "reunion".** Sendraugių pirmūnas ir organizacijos garbės narys Leonardas Šimutis ir jo žmona Angelė birželio 14 d. turėjo nepaprastą šventę — šeimos "reunion". Vienam sūnų — karo aviacijos kapitonui Jonui C. Šimučiui su žmona ir dviem vaikais parvykus Chicagon porai savaitių paviešėti pas savo tėvus, susirinko kiti du sūnūs, duktė, marčios, žentas ir... devyni vaikaičiai. Džiaugsmo ir krykštavimo buvo pilni namai.

**Nedaug tokių turime.** Dominikas Jurjonas, turįs didelę namų apyvokos krautuvę 3251 So. Halsted St., yra ne tik dosnus lietuvių organizacijoms, dirbančioms švietimo, labdaros ir šalpos srityse, bet randa laiko dalyvauti ir tų organizacijų susirinkimuose. Ir sendraugių susirinkimai džiaugiasi jo dalyvavimu ir sveikais, naudingais patarimais. Tokius biznierių ypatingai turėtume palaikyti.

**Pirmas toks pavasaris.** Organizacijos veteranams ir ketvirtojo laipsnio nariams Onai ir Stasiui Piežams šių metų pavasaris buvo pirmas toks jų saulėtame vedybiniam gyvenime: jaun. sūnus Jonas baigė pradžios mokyklą, vyresn. duktė Bernadeta — augštesnę mokyklą, o vyriausioji Joana, jau pasiekus mokytojos laipsnį, ištekėjo už John F. McGlone. Vienu metu trys nekasdieniškos šventės - iškilmės. Joanos vestuvėse dalyvavo daug žymių žmonių lietuvių ir kitataučių. Kaip žinome, Stasys Pieža yra didelio Chicagos dienraščio

## K. OF L. CALENDAR

July 26 — Pittsburgh, Pa. (19)  
ANNUAL PICNIC

August 2 — NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA PICNIC, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. (turn right at White City Park, ¼ mile down So. Quinsigamond Ave.). Dancing, swimming, boating. Music by Joe Russell and The Happy Artists. Jos. P. Sipas, chmn.

August 9 — Dayton, Ohio (96),  
PICNIC, Eintracht Park.

August 9 — Elizabeth, N. J. (52)  
Bus Ride, Bertranda Island, Lake Hopatcong.

August 20-23 — 46th K. OF L. CONVENTION, Detroit, Michigan. Hosts — Councils 79 and 102.

September 13 — Dayton, Ohio (96),  
2nd FAMILY PICNIC, Triangle Park.

September 20 — Los Angeles, Calif.,  
PICNIC, Buena Vista Park,  
Burbank, Calif.

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## ATTENTION

**August and September issues of VYTIS will not be published. Deadline for October issues is September 5, 1959.**

Chicago American religinio skyriaus redaktorius.

Kaip Ona, taip ir Stasys vyčiams priklauso nuo pat jaunųjų dienų. Stasys buvo gabus sportininkas, vėliau "Vyčio", "Draugo" bendradarbis. Ona buvo žymi aktorė, dainininkė ir chorvedė. Ir dabar dar ji vadovauja Švč. P. Marijos Nekalto Prasadėjimo parapijos merginų Glee chorui, kuris ir bažnyčioje gieda ir žymesniuose parengimuose pasirodo gan augštame lygyje.

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Lawrence, Mass. — 78

On June 3rd, members of our council gathered at the grave of Michael Norkūnas at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Andover, Mass., to pray for the soul of the Founder of the K. of L. Father Albin F. Janiunas, spiritual adviser, led the group in prayer.

The new members were impressed with the K. of L. monument over the grave which was blessed about five years ago during the New England District Convention held in Lawrence. Father Janiunas translated to the group the inscription on the monument: "Čia ilsisi Mykolas Norkunas, Lietuvos Vyčių kurėjas ir pirmasis pirmininkas; per 38 metus jų nenuilstamas vadas, Lietuviybės žadintojas, nuoširdus draugas ir mylimas Tėvas. Gimė 1869 m. gruodžio 1 d. mirė 1951 m. balandžio 1 d. Amžina atilsį suteik jam Viešpatie!"

Waterbury, Conn. — 7

### SECOND TESTIMONIAL FOR PROF. ALEKSIS

Tribute to Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis for his leadership in church and community activities was given at a testimonial arranged by our council on Sunday, June 14th, at the K. of L. clubhouse. Approximately 100 members and guests attended.

Prof. Aleksis will resign this summer as organist and choirmaster at St. Joseph's Church after 35 years of service. Rev. Joseph J. Valantiejus, pastor of the church and honorary member of the K. of L., commented, "When he leaves there will never be another one like him." Speaking in behalf of a large number of clergy attending, Rev. B. Be-

nesevich, Hartford, noted that Aleksis has an inexhaustible capacity for work and a selfless dedication to work for others.

Aleksis told the gathering that he received his original inspiration from the K. of L. which he joined when he came to this country. His first musical composition was the K. of L. Hymn, and later St. Casimir's Hymn. He is honorary member and past national president of our organization. Aleksis said he always kept in mind the K. of L. motto "For God and Country" which has been a constant inspiration to him.

Aleksis said two highlights during his 45 years of membership in the K. of L. came in 1923 when he was chairman of a national convention held in the State Capitol building in Springfield, Ill., and in 1926 when he was chairman of the only K. of L. national convention held in Waterbury.

Edward DiNapoli, chairman of arrangements and master of ceremonies, presented a purse to the guest of honor in behalf of the K. of L'ers. Cal Kerwin presented musical entertainment at the cocktail party and dinner.

Other clergy attending included Rev. A. Karalis, spiritual adviser, Rev. P. Sabulis, Rev. John Kripas of Southbury and Rev. G. Vilciauskas, New Britain.

Others on the Arrangements Committee included Walter Pitcavage, president, Patricia Richards, Walter Blinstrubas, Lillian Paulauskas, Alfred Greblunas, Eleanor Barkauskas, City Sheriff Frank Shaknaitis, Locadia Sulauskas, John Alanskas, Nell Meskunas and Charles Amodeo.

### Newlyweds

Prof. Aleksis and Miss Marcella Andrikis, were guests at a reception for Arnold Voketaitis, prominent New York bass baritone, and his bride, the former Marion Devor,

May 31st, in Weeping Willows Restaurant, East Haven. Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Voketaitis, New Haven, parents of the singer, were hosts. Prof. Aleksis accompanied at the piano for selections sung by the bridegroom. Miss Andrikis led the community singing.

Worcester, Mass. — 116

"Platkuvienė"

In spite of the advent of hot weather, our K. of L. Choir is hard at work rehearsing for a concert of Lithuanian and English songs. The event is tentatively scheduled for November. We hope to gladden the hearts of the remaining Lithuanian - speaking people in our parish who have a thirst for Lithuanian songs.

Of course, we don't believe in all work and no play. Our July beach trip is being arranged by Frank Ciras.

To add a little more interest to our meetings, the council voted to give away \$1 each month as an attendance prize. At our June meeting (attended by about 50 members) Dennis Sabonaitis was the lucky winner.

### Personal Glimpses

We are proud of our President, Bernice Kavadaras, who graduated on June 7 from Worcester State Teachers College. We are also glad that her mother is feeling so much better and we will continue to pray for her complete recovery... From Texas we hear that Mr. and Mrs. Ray Daniels (Joan Aksten) became the parents of a baby boy... Welcome to our newest members: Francis Allelunas and Dennis Spain... Happy Vacationing.

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Prie visų vyčių kuopų turi  
būti ir vyčių sendraugių  
kuopos!

## **MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**Detroit, Mich. — 79** J. Chaps

### **Mothers of Many Lands Honored**

Mothers representing 26 nationality groups were honored recently at a Mothers Day luncheon in the Sheraton - Cadillac Hotel. Mothers, chosen by local nationality clubs, were toasted with pink champagne by TV personality Lawrence Welk. They received keys to the city from Mayor and Mrs. Miriani in a "Mothers Around The World" salute, sponsored by the Central Business District. Among mothers honored, was one of our Lithuanian mothers, **Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas**, member of the Knights of Lithuania, Council 79.

### **Membership Drive**

For the past five months, your correspondent sent letters, bulletins, and made personal contacts with prospective members, urging them to join the Knights of Lithuania. We are now in the intensive phase of a new membership drive campaign, as well as publicizing our forthcoming National Convention to be held in Detroit, August 19th through 23rd at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel.

We invite all Lithuanian Catholics in our city to join either Council 79 or 102. By being members of the Knights of Lithuania we can more fully give assistance in our parishes and in our Lithuanian community. It is up to each K. of L'er to pitch in, help bring in new members into our councils. K. of L. was founded on the principle of unity and cooperation among its members. Let's help increase our membership! Meetings, followed by socials, are held the first Wednesday of each month in the Divine Providence parish hall, Schaefer and Grand River, 7:30 p.m.

### **"Knight Life" Bulletin**

We are pleased to inform you that KNIGHT LIFE bulletin, published monthly, is mailed to over 400 families, and that the list of readers is increasing each month. KNIGHT LIFE staff members are: Patricia Ramas and Loretta Paulauskas, editors, and Joe Chaps, Jerry Chaps, Anthony Dainus and

Bob Boris, associate editors. Send news items to 9528 Warwick, Detroit 28, Michigan.

### **Council Activities**

Over forty members attended our last meeting including Bob Boris, Convention Chairman and member of C-102. We wish to thank Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas for teaching us some of the Lithuanian folk dances. We enjoyed an evening of dancing, singing besides the regular business meeting. Father Michael Kundrat is quite confident that the 46th National Convention will be an overwhelming success due to the hard work of the committee. Chairman Bob Boris reported progress on the convention. To date, we have 82 paid-up members in our council. Recently, the following joined — Mr. and Mrs. J. Belickas, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bagden, Mr. and Mrs. E. Slavin, Frank and Edwin Janeck and Mr. and Mrs. J. Mickey. Meetings are held regularly on the first Wednesday of each month.

### **Knight Watch**

Father Kundrat's mother is recuperating at the Providence Hospital... Jerry Graham, our Glee Club director and organist is studying for his Bar Exams. Best wishes!.. Mrs. Paurazas, Detroit's dynamo, finds time to instruct us in Lithuanian folk dances... We are receiving great publicity on the forthcoming convention both in the American and Lithuanian press. Bob Boris, Convention Chairman, is appreciated for his untiring efforts in all convention arrangements... Vicky Chepelonis (call her Ethyl) — is high-octane in the AD Dept... If you like to spend a day of rest — go to the Lithuanian Youth Camp — near Manchester... Our Council President will be glad to assist you. We congratulate the Lithuanian Catholic Women's Alliance, Chapter 54, on its 40th anniversary, also DRAUGAS, published by the Marian Fathers, on its 50th anniversary of service to Lithuanians... Music at the convention dance will be provided by Starck's Orchestra — the Lithuanian WELK.

### **Detroit, Mich. — 102 "One-O-Two"**

Over twenty-five members participated in the annual Midwestern Bowling Tournament held in Gary,

Indiana, May 16th. It certainly is a banner year for us. For the first time in over ten years, we finally won the much coveted Trophy. Our Champion Team consisted of past president Maryanne Guerriero and her husband, Joe, Josie Jonulaite, Leo (Mooney) Smilgis and Donna Kirsh. Many more members walked away with individual trophy prizes, too. Congratulations, CHAMPS, we are proud of you! We thank the Gary council for making such fine tournament arrangements.

On May 19th, our first Card party was held at the Northland Hospitality House, with over 80 people in attendance. Maryanne Guerriero and Pat Ramas were in charge. The three men who attended had a wonderful time among all those lovely ladies! We are looking forward to more of these events.

Mother's Day was celebrated with a Mass and Communion at St. Anthony's followed by a breakfast at the Sheraton - Cadillac Hotel. The traditional celebration was nicely arranged by Genny Yuskis.

Our annual Bowling Banquet, with over fifty members in attendance, brought to a close a season of heated competition. Joe's Shell Service Team won first prize. The team consisted of Ed Salas, Mart and Ruth Wagster, Ann Aleks and Ed Meyers. After the banquet, all were invited to the home of Joe and Jennie Yakstys, to complete the memorable bowling season.

The fame of Anna Mae Uznis' ANN'S FASHIONS, is increasing steadily. Her bid to furnish the outfits for all the Guides at Greenfield Village, won out over the J. L. Hudson and Ernst Kern Co. Congratulations, Ann.

The convention planning and making arrangements have kept the majority of our members extra busy. Meetings, rehearsals, work sessions, etc. are being attended by members whose only thought is to make the 46th National Convention the greatest ever. Wisdom and experience of C-102 combined with the freshness and enthusiasm of C-79 spell out the ingredients of what we hope will be a most enjoyable experience for both out-of-towners and Detroiters as well. We are looking forward to the privilege of welcoming you in August. See you then!

**Dayton, Ohio — 96**

Family Picnic, held June 14th at Eastwood Park — "Elmwood" shelter house, was enjoyed by all member and guests. Activities for the day were well planned by our Sports Committee.

At the close of the bowling season, we had a buffet supper at the Holy Cross Church Hall. Tom Scott was in charge of the affair.

We had a good representation at the Mid-West Bowling Tournament held in Gary, Indiana. Member who made the trip and participated in the tournament were: Mary Lucas, Ernie, Veronika and Jim Omler, Joan Kavalauskas, John and Ann Scott, Tom and Elizabeth Scott, Eva Leasure, Shirley Leasure, Pat Zelinskas, Eloise Berczelly, Rita Ambrose, Frank Ambrose, Anite Goldick, Charles and Sarah Petkus, Frank Gudelis, Mike and Fran Petkus, Al August and Ted Sluzas. For some members it was their first out-of-town K. of L. function. One of our teams was successful in making second place, and Ann Scott was awarded a trophy. This year's winner was Detroit's team. The 1960 Bowling Tournament will be hosted by our council!

Father Walter Katarskis is quite pleased with the volunteers on the Parish Committee for the Archbishop's Greater Dayton High School Campaign. They are: Stan Sluzas, chairman; Jimmy Kavalauskas, co-chairman; Felix Goldick, division chairman; P. Zelinskas, Fran Petkus and Helen Goldick, parish office staff; Gus Blum, auditor; Alex Pietrzak, team chairman; Mike Petkus, George Mikalauskas, Jim Richey, Lou Prasmantas, Ted Sluzas, John Scott, Tony Zelinskas, Charles Vangas, Stan Vaitkus, team members. Eloise Berczelly, chairman of the "Kick-Off Dinner" was ably assisted by Ann Scott, Mary Lucas, Rita Ambrose and Mrs. Ambrose.

Many of our members attended the "Shower" given to Fran Machutas before her marriage to George Mikalauskas of Cleveland on June 20th. We extend our best wishes to the newlyweds... During the National Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament held in our city, Felix Goldick came in single high (with handicap)... The turnout at Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast was great!...

## **NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT**

**New York, N. Y. — 12** Lorelei

Council 12 closed the Lenten Season by receiving Holy Communion in a body at 11:00 o'clock Mass in Our Lady of Vilna Church on Palm Sunday, March 22nd. It was gratifying to see so many of our members together on this occasion.

During our April meeting, 1st Ritual degree installation was conducted by Father Gurinskas. Our sincere congratulations to Ed Senken, Joe Zukas and Benedict and Joseph Tockarschewsky upon becoming first degree members.

We opened up the Spring season with a Masquerade Ball Dance, held April 18th. There were several original costumes but the ones voted the best were a Geisha Girl and a Red Devil (Ay Monckawitch). The Cha-Cha contest was won by one of our younger members, Joe Tockarschewsky and his dancing partner. It was nice to see many of our former members at the dance and hope be see them more often.

April 26th was the closing date of our Bowling League. Although we didn't quite make first place, we did win second place and brought home a beautiful trophy to be added to our collection. Elizabeth won first place this year and we extend to them our sincere congratulations. We had a very successful closing banquet at St. George's in Newark on May 2nd. A roast beef dinner was served by caterers and trophies and prizes were distributed by our District Sports Chairman, Larry Janonis. We had an excellent bowling season and hope that next year we may have even a bigger and better league. Notice to Council 12 members: Better start practicing for next season... we're looking for a second team.

May 23rd, the N. Y. & N. J. District together with the Newark council tendered a testimonial banquet and dance for Frank Vaskas who has long been an active and hard working member of the K. of L. We certainly wish him the best of luck in all his future undertakings.

On May 24th, Our Lady of Vilna Church celebrated its 54th anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving

and a dinner following in the parish hall. Members of Council 12 served on this committee. We all hope that the parish will enjoy many more years under the guidance and leadership of Father Gurinskas.

We extend to all our friends a very happy summer and will be seeing you at the Detroit Convention in August.

**Newark, N. J. — 29** The Wanderer

Rev. Fr. Peter A. Totoraitis, one of the many priests who was sentenced to a Nazi slave labor camp during World War II, observed the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, June 21st at Holy Trinity Church. He is an assistant in our parish. Father Totoraitis celebrated Mass of thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m., and the sermon was delivered by Msgr. V. Tulaba, rector of St. Casimir's Lithuanian College, Rome, who was a seminary classmate of Father's. St. Cecelia Choir sang under the direction of C. Bagdanavicius. After Mass, a luncheon was served in the parish hall at which parishioners and various societies, including our council, joined in honoring Father Totoraitis. Chairman of the celebration was V. J. Dilis. Father Totoraitis has been in our parish since 1951, upon the invitation of Msgr. Kelmelis and the late Archbishop T. J. Walsh.

## **ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT**

**Chicago, Ill. — 112** Geraldine Kantaut

Despite dark rain clouds which threatened to spill over any minute, our HAYRIDE and WIENIE ROAST at Green Acres Riding Stables went on as scheduled, May 23rd, with an attendance of 30 members. After the enjoyable ride, we returned to our club house to roast the wienies.

Eleven members received their 1st Ritual degree during our regular meeting held May 19th. They were: Father Zakarauskas, spiritual adviser, Adam Anderson, John Chaplin, Wally Gregor, Al Kachinski, Ed Krevikas, Leonard Malas, Pat Usavich, Vince Waidzulis, Connie Rozmin and Leonard Kantwill.

Best wishes to our members celebrating their birthdays in July: Wally Gregor, Monica Kasper, Ann Marie Paukstis and Ed Pocius.

Five bowling teams from our council participated in the Mid-West Bowling Tournament held in Gary, Indiana (C-82), May 16th. Unfortunately, none of the teams received awards, but all did try very hard.

Gary, Indiana — 82 Charlotte Kukurugya

### Midwestern Bowling Tournament

As hosts to the annual Midwestern Bowling Tournament held in our city May 16-17, we more than welcomed all participants and guests. A Brunch at the Hotel Gary on Saturday morning opened the festivities for the weekend. That same afternoon, twenty-one teams from the states of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana competed at the Ambassador Bowling Lanes. Detroit's team (C-102) received top honor. The Closing Banquet was held Sunday afternoon in St. Casimir's Church Hall. Master of Ceremonies Stan Kancewick (member of Toastmasters International) after paying special tribute to the late John Kaminski, who died unexpectedly while in the midst of making all arrangements for this Bowling Tournament, called upon Mrs. Michael Mihauluk and Stan Juknevich to give out the awards to the winners.

Mrs. Sophie Kaminski expressed her deep feeling that her late husband, John, would have been proud of the great turnout. We thank all who helped make the tournament such a huge success, and particularly thank Stan Kancewick for making a special effort to be with us.

### Tribute to the Late John Kaminski

In behalf of the council, Mrs. Kukurugya gave the following speech in tribute to the late John Kaminski: There is a chair missing at the head table this afternoon — John Kaminski's. Even though he is not here in person, I am sure his spirit is with us, for this occasion was his dream. To work for a full year, giving time and ability, waiting for the big day and not being able to see it turn into a success, as all his undertakings were, is truly unfor-

tunate and sad. It leaves an empty space at our head table as well as in our hearts. He gave so willingly all of his spare time in order to make everything enjoyable for us. I hope he is satisfied with the plans carried out as closely as possible by his beloved wife, Sophie, and her assistants. John became a Knight back in 1918. He held every office in the council and worked on every committee down through the years. He was also an active member in the K. of L. Choir. John served as President of our council since 1953. We never worried about things being undone while John and his wife, Sophie, were on the job. John was also President of the Illinois-Indiana District K. of L. for one year besides affiliated with other organizations in Gary. In all, John was a conscientious and hard worker. Let us pray for the repose of the soul of John Kaminski, and may God grant the Knights of Lithuania more Shepherds, like John, for us members to follow.

Elizabeth, N. J. — 52 "Nuff said"

Elizabeth Council won first place in the New York-New Jersey District Bowling League. Helen Balandis received top honor (highest average); Ann Mitchell (second highest); and Charles Rusteika (high three game series). Nice going, team!

Several of our members, eligible for the 3rd and 4th Ritual degrees, will be notified of their qualifications before the district convention which is to be held in Philadelphia, September 20th.

Our council will be well represented at the National Convention held in Detroit. Those who already committed themselves are: Ann Mitchell, Ed Anilonis (delegates); and Frances Balandis, Al Balandis, Norbert Wysocki and Charles Oskutis (alternates). Norb, Ed and Charles Oskutis are going to Detroit via Las Vegas. Isn't that the long way? We shall request a full and detailed report on both cities!

Congratulations and best wishes to Sophie Mindier and Al Balandis who were wed in May. Also, Ruth Laucius, who graduated from Newark State Teachers College. She plans to teach in the Elizabeth Public School System. Last but not least, best of luck to Al Budrecki, for being on the Dean's list in his pursuit of a law degree.

This fall, our council will sponsor an Essay Contest on Lithuanian Culture — for Juniors, only. They are the neophytes of our organization.

**About our Members.** Stan Valatka is a member of the choral group which has a recording titled "Songs of Lithuania". ... Charles Oskutis has been appointed member of the Elizabeth Redevelopment Agency.... Pete Kasalonis is going to Europe for his vacation.... At our last meeting, Father Karalevicius gave a Quiz on Lithuanian culture. Ann Baronis and Madeline Sarockas were tied for first honors. After a toss up, Madeline was declared the winner.... Charles Grinchis is now a veteran member of our City Council.

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. — 133 ASK

### Senior Council Activities

A regular meeting of the Seniors was held the latter part of June at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zukauskas in Glendale. President Anthony Skirius reported on our council's representation at the ALT and Catholic Federation conventions. Also informed members of the death of one of our oldest members, Joseph Urbon and tragic death of P. Aukstuolis, cousin of Julius Kiskis. Prayers were said for both. Officers of the regular council also attended the meeting where we discussed plans for our first picnic. Following new members joined our council: Mr. and Mrs. Felix Collins, William Grigalun, Mrs. Barbara Remdzus, and Mrs. Kaunas. At the close of the meeting, our hosts — Stella and Frank Zukauskas treated us royally with a dinner served on their newly-built patio. Our spiritual adviser, Father Kazys Steponis, was also present.

**PICNIC.** Our first picnic will take place on September 20th at the Buena Vista Park, Burbank, Calif. All profits to go to the K. of L. Scholarship Fund. Committee consists of Eddy Bartkus, Sofija Leonavicius and A. F. Skirius.

**CONVENTION.** Joe and Marian Zichwic were elected delegates to the National Convention to be held this August, in Detroit.

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## K. OF L. 46th NATIONAL CONVENTION CALENDAR

SHERATON CADILLAC HOTEL,  
Detroit, Michigan

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

6 p. m. — 9 p. m.: Delegates register at Convention Headquarters, Sheraton Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

9 a. m. — 9 p. m.: Registration — Hotel Lobby.

9 a. m. — 5 p. m.: TOUR — Ford Motor Co., Rotunda, Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum.

7 p. m.: Early-Bird "Get-Acquainted" and welcoming reception, Circus Room Goebel Brewery.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

9 a. m. — 9 p. m.: Registration.

7 a. m.: GOLF TOURNAMENT, Roseland Golf & Country Club.

4 p. m.: BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Satellite Bowling Lanes.

6:30 p. m.: Buffet Supper, Detroit's Lithuanian Club.

9 p. m.: Bob-Lo Boat MOONLIGHT CRUISE.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30 a. m.: Mass and Breakfast, St. Anthony's Church.

10 a. m.: Convention in session (Founders Room).

12:15 p. m.: Sports luncheon (English Room).

2 p. m.: Convention in session (Founders Room).

8:15 p. m.: Variety Show—K. OF L. CAPERS (Grand Ballroom).

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30 a. m.: Mass and Breakfast, St. Anthony's Church.

10 a. m.: Convention in session (Founders Room).

12:15 p. m.: Luncheon — Fashion Show (English Room).

2 p. m.: Convention in session (Founders Room).

9 p. m.: Knights of Lithuania Dance (Semi-Formal), Grand Ballroom.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

9:45 a. m.: Solemn Pontifical Mass, Divine Providence Church.

After Mass: Brunch and Convention Photo.

2 p. m.: Convention in session (Founders Room).

6 p. m.: BANQUET, Crystal Room.

**HOSTS:** Councils 79 and 102 cordially invite all, delegates and guests, to attend the K. of L. 46th National Convention. There are many more attractions in store for your pleasure and stay in Detroit. Please mail in Pre-registration blanks in order to facilitate arrangements.

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