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A New Year

by JOANNE H. NEVIERA

According to some definitions, a "resolution" is someone's firm resolve or promise to either do or omit something. For centuries, it seems that an approaching new year has brought forth countless resolutions — some carelessly muttered, others carefully planned out. For some people, a New Year's resolution is forgotten at the first opportunity to forget; others have been known to persevere until it becomes second nature to do the thing resolved. But why are resolutions made? Is it the nostalgic strains of "Auld Lang Syne" that prompt one to reminisce over the past year, bringing either remorse or half-felt joy?

The familiar, esteemed motto of the Knights of Lithuania is "For God and Country." With the motto is included an unwritten obligation. Primarily, our first obligation, to God, glares at us in our every waking moment. As Catholics, our obligations extend to countless situations and encounters; as Catholic women, our obligations extend even further. As Catholic women of Lithuanian heritage, our obligations continue to enumerate — we have a tortured nation to preserve. Throughout each year, the opportunities are many to meet these obligations. How do we meet them, IF we meet them?

Our second obligation, to Country, is very seldom considered. The obligations involved in this part of our motto are often met with the indifference and apathy so common of our present day. To many, our Lithuanian nation is still "Luthernia." Do we bother to explain that it is not? Do we attend affairs that are Lithuanian - sponsored to show that we are proud to be Lithuanian? Do we try to preserve some of the traditions that have served to make our beloved Lithuania the unique and often — imitated nation that it is; or do we sometimes find ourselves thinking that these customs are "old-fashioned" and a little "behind the times?" And most important, how often do we remember



Joanne H. Neviera

to lift our minds and hearts to God in a simple prayer for our persecuted mother country? The bishop's of the world have met and formulated many official prayers — recognizing the dire need of the many suffering countries. Others are saying these prayers — others who don't have any personal connection or ties. We do; yet, how often do we remember to whisper "Help Suffering Lithuania?"

A new year brings with it great expectancy — many optimistic hopes — an enthusiastic spirit "to start again." The last day of the year can find these expectations joyously fulfilled, the optimistic hopes a reality, and the enthusiastic "start" a glorious finish. The strains of "Auld Lang Syne" can be the happy memories of another fine year in the climb uphill if we spend a few moments to analyze ourselves, and our obligations, and resolve to meet them.

Prie kiekvienos vyčių kuopos būtinai turi veikti ir jaunesniųjų vyčių kuopos. Organizuokime!

Naujieji Metai

Kiekvieną kartą, kai artinasi Naujieji Metai, mummyse savaime kyla geresnių laikų viltis.

Gerai, kad žmogus gyvena viltimi. Jei vilties neturėtumėm, mūsų gyvenimas pasidarytų dar sunkesnis. Kas tiki į geresnius laikus, tas lengviau užmiršta praeities nemalonumus ir mieliau neša dabarties kryžių. Viltis sužadina žmoguje paslėptas jėgas, ir jis drąsiai iriasi per gyvenimą pirmyn.

Pasižiūrėję į praeitį ir į dabartį atviromis akimis, mes pastebėsime, kad tik tos viltys išsipildė, kur mes patys idėjome nemažai pastangų. Be mūsų darbo ir prakaito, be mūsų valios įtempimo nebūtumėm pasiekę to, kuo dabar džiaugiamės.

Panašiai vyko ir mūsų dvasiniam gyvenime. Jei mes esame kantrūs, paslaugūs ir teisingi, mes turėjome vesti ilgą kovą prieš mūsų ydas ir jas palengva nugalėti. Gal tą ilgą kovą palengvino mums mūsų būdas ir Dievo malonė, bet be mūsų pačių pastangų praeityje nebūtumėm nieko pasiekę dabartyje. Iš praeities kovų, aukų ir pastangų kyla dabarties džiaugsmas. Ką anksčiau pasėjome, tą galime dabar pjauti.

Mūsų viltys mūsų neapgauna, jei mes rūpestingai atliekam kasdienės savo pareigas. Kas atlieka savo pareigą, tas turi kuo pasidžiaugti. Sažiningas pareigos atlikimas yra geresnių laikų garantija. Kas vengia pareigos, tas eina sliđiu keliu į nežinomą ateitį. Kas pareigą apleidžia, tas nustoja žmonių pagarbos ir Dievo palaimos.

Mūsų viltys išsipildo, kai mes, atlikdami savo pareigas, nuolankiai prašome Dievo pagalbos. Malda ir pareigos darbas yra mūsų gyvenimo pamatas. Ant to pamato mes galime drąsiai statyti savo gyvenimo ateitį.

Sutikdami Naujuosius Metus, mes dėkokime Dievui už praeitį ir dabartį. Nauji Metai yra nauja Dievo dovana mūsų labui. Tik mokėkime ta dovana tinkamai pasinaudoti kaip katalikai, lietuviai ir vyčiai bei šio krašto piliečiai, visur gerai atlikdami savo pareigą.



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NEW COVER

May today's **KNIGHT OF LITHUANIA** be a brilliant symbol of **VIGILANCE, YOUTHFULNESS, THOROUGHNESS, INSPIRATION** and **SPIRITUAL AWARENESS**, midst a pandemonium of distorted ideas.

May His (and Her) ideals be translated into unselfish pursuits and good works, which like the rays of a bright sun will be felt not only over our great United States, but will strongly reflect, as well, far beyond our shores and over the "Iron Curtain" — to sustain the hopes of the hopeless in beautiful but much hurt Lithuania.

To fail to live up to these high ideals, by overemphasis on social activities, is to ignore the true purpose of the existence of the **KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**. We cannot live on "dessert" alone, we must have "meat" to make us strong!

STAN Kancewick

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"VYTIS"

How the Editors expect you to help with the "VYTIS":

1. The members be more concerned with "VYTIS" and write more. In the past, it has been very hard to get articles from the members.
2. Request for more photographs of members and their activities, parties, gatherings, etc.
3. Support the "VYTIS" financially. This can be done by donations and by seeking subscriptions.
4. Send the Editors your ideas about the "VYTIS".
5. Write the Editors and tell them what you like most about the "VYTIS."

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The VYTIS again reminds you that this is YOUR publication and is designed to serve YOU and express YOUR OPINIONS.

We earnestly solicit your ideas, criticisms, and, more important, feature articles.

The VYTIS generally goes to press the tenth of the month.

EDITOR'S DESK

Which District will be first to sponsor and finance in its entirety one issue of VYTIS this year?

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ ĮSISTEIGIMO DATOS KLAUSIMU

Ignas Sakalas,

Lietuvos Vyčių Istorijos red.

Neturėjau malonumo dalyvauti šių metų Lietuvos Vyčių visuotinam suvažiavime-seime Detroit, Mich., bet iš dalyvavusių jame kuopų atstovų, pagaliaus iš ilgai laukto poseiminio "Vyčio" numerio (spalio mėn.) sužinojau, kad seime, be kitų aktualių organizacijos klausimų, buvo iškeltas ir jos įsisteigimo aukštinio jubilėjaus minėjimas, o jos istorijai išleisti priimta sekanti rezoliucija:

"Nutarta įsteigti Lietuvos Vyčių Istorijos Fondą ir išrinkti jo globėjus, kurie ne tik tą fondą globotų, bet jį škotų mecenatų, garbės prenumeratorių ir rėmėjų sukėlimui iki 1961 m. pakankamai finansų spaudos darbui pradėti, kad užtikrinus galimybę atspausdinti Lietuvos Vyčių Istoriją 50 m. jubilėjaus sukakčiai". ("Vytis" spalio mėn. 1959 m.).

Po Lietuvos Vyčių Vyriausios Tarybos posėdžio šių metų spalio 31 d., Newarke, N. J., kur jį škota būdų seimo nutarimams įgyvendinti, kun. S. Raila spaudoje paskelbė, kad "Vyčiai nepailsta žygiuoti nuo 1912 metų" ir toliau, kad "rimtai pradėjo rengtis savo jubilėjui 1962

metais" (žiūr. "Draugas" nr. 279, Vyčių Veikla skyrių).

Seni lietuvių katalikų laikraščiai, taip pat ankstyvesnieji "Vyčio" komplektai, pagaliaus dar ir gyvianų laikų veikėjai gali paliūdyti, kad Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija buvo įsteigta ne 1912, bet 1913 metais. Tiesa, vyriausieji organizacijos sumanytojai ir pirmieji to darbo pionieriai M. Norkūnas ir S. Bugnavičius 1912 metais buvo pribrandinę mintį tokiai organizacijai steigti, bet žodis tapo kūnu, kai balandžio 27 d. 1913 metais Šv. Pranciškaus parapijos Lawrence, Mass., salėje įvyko organizacijos steigiamasis susirinkimas, kuriame pagimdytam "kūdikiui" buvo duotas vardas "Sakalai", ir kai tų pačių metų birželio 24 d. ALRK Federacijos kongrese Pittsburghe, Pa., kun. Ant. Kaupas pasiūlė vardą pakeisti — iš "Sakalų" į **Lietuvos Vyčiai**, kas kongreso buvo vienbalsiai priimta. Vadinas, Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija 1913 metais buvo de facto įsteigta ir de jure pripažinta katalikiškosios bendruomenės, kokia tuomet skaitėsi ALRK Federacija.

Ir po steigiamojo seimo ir Federacijos pripažinimo, kaip M. Zujus

rašo "...dar ir tuomet nebuvo aiški bendros organizacijos nauda. Atskiri jaunimo klubai, kuopos ir draugijos visu uolumu paisė ir gynė savo savarankiškumą... Susirinkę atstovai į pirmąjį suvažiavimą arba kongresą Lawrence nenorėjo nei klausyti, kad kokia ten Centro Valdyba turėsianti teisės juos valdyti, duoti bendras instrukcijas ir t. p. Vis tik šiaip taip pasiekta tikslo. Organizacija buvo įsteigta ir įstatai, nors netobulai suredaguoti, buvo priimti. Centro valdyba išrinkta" (žiūrėk "Vytis" nr. 14(127) 1922 m.).

Organizatoriams energingu darbu siekiant tikslo, išryškėjo, kad iki sekančio seimo, kuris įvyko liepos 7, 8 ir 9 dienomis 1914 metais jau veikė 12 kuopų su 700 narių.

Taigi Lietuvos Vyčių įsisteigimo data yra 1913 metai balandžio 27 d. Nuo tos dienos ir prasideda jos istorija.

Gera, kad šių metų seimas iškėlė jubilėjaus minėjimo klausimą. Visuomet geriau yra pradėti anksčiau ruošti, juoba, kad prieš akis stovi toks milžiniškas darbas — istorijos išleidimas, kuris pareikalaus ne vieno tūkstančio dol.

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ SEIMAS

šiais 1960 metais įvyksta rugpiūčio 19, 20 ir 21 dienomis Worcester, Mass. Visi vyčiai ir jų prieteliai maloniai kviečiami seime gausiai dalyvauti. Laukiame.

Vyčių Centro Valdyba

The Den of Wolves

"Years ago when I was a teenager, I found a novel by Moravska VILKŲ LIZDAS (THE DEN OF WOLVES) in my parents' library in Worcester, Mass. I liked it so well that even then I thought that it was a pity it could not be read in English. As the years went by and I completed my education at Holy Cross College in Worcester, it occurred to me I might try my hand at it some time. So here it is!"

An historical novel of the Medieval Kingdom of Lithuania — **THE DEN OF WOLVES** (Susanna Moravska) — condensed, edited and freely translated into English by V. S. Adomaitis from the 1911 Lithuanian edition of A. Vėgėlė. **TIME** — 14th century Lithuania under the illustrious reign of King Gediminas at Vilnius. **SCENES**— primeval forests and the forbidding castles of medieval Lithuania and Germany. **PEOPLE** — **Tubingas** — a regional prince of Lithuania. **Siaurutis & John** — lads imprisoned by the Teutonic Knights. **Dietrich** — First Marshal of the Order. **Father Germane & Brother Bernard** — religious under German control. **Gediminas** — King of Lithuania and founder of Vilnius. **Aldona** — his daughter destined to be a queen.



Vytautas Š. Adomaitis
Knight of Lithuania since 1943

FOREWORD

This story does not attempt to be an authoritative account of the wars on the southeastern shore of the Baltic Sea between the Kingdom of Lithuania and the Teutonic Knights of the Cross. Highly qualified historians have written works about this poignant era of Balt history.

It is some time that the translator has waited for translations into English from Lithuanian of historical romances vividly picturing the gallant Lithuanians of the middle ages. Apparently, the lethargy among those most qualified to undertake such work in English smacks of a lack of idealism among Americans, and a predisposition to accumulate vast material wealth among the recent refugees from Soviet oppression.

This foreword is not intended as an apology but as a warning that the authoress has tried to present a story picturing the deeds and spirit of an age in northeastern medieval Europe as she understood it. The translator has tried to preserve her spirit during the condensation, translation and editing of her work. Entertainment and not scholarly study is the basic objective! Nevertheless, the reader will see why Christianity was late in coming to Lithuania.

It is hoped that **THE DEN OF WOLVES** published in **VYTIS** will stimulate others to give a little of their spare time for the cause of Lithuanian freedom and American security.

Vytautas Šukis Adomaitis,
Baltimore, Maryland

CASTLE & SACRIFICE

Chapter I

By S. Moravska

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Dark green walls of the dense Lithuanian forest enclosed a building. In reality it was not an ordinary dwelling but a small castle. On higher ground and even further elevated on a mound of piled oak trunks, its outer walls were protected with hardened clay. Moss practically covered the entire surface and it was difficult to tell whether the walls were wood or stone.

Beyond the ramparts, small square windows were visible but the openings were covered with rusty-white animal membranes. However, one window was without a covering. Through here the rays of the spring sun penetrated a room and competed in giving light with a fire burning on a stone surface. The cold winter had finally ended. Although the forest still glistened in places from the melting snow and the sparkling streams were very cold, life was awakening! Worms were stirring deep beneath the earth, animals were no longer hibernating and migratory birds were returning to their Baltic summer home. The primeval forest was heeding the call of Spring! Men and women also dreamed of a better life in the coming months. Little children wondered at their inability to catch the golden beams of the sun with their innocent hands.

Prince Tubingas, lord of the castle, had practically spent the entire winter months on his bear skin covered bed; and he had usually stared at the fire burning on a stone in his chamber. However in recent days he had been gazing at the sun filled window. One day finally he clapped his hands. A young woman came out of the adjacent room and asked "What is it Father?"

The old prince pointed with his hand toward the sunlight and simply said, "The sun warms". The woman joyfully smiled and quickly left the room; soon the castle became



Mindaugas, Lietuvos valstybės ikūrėjas

filled with the sounds of unusual activity. Children were heard gleefully repeating, "The sun warms!"—soon to be followed by women's voices. When the same phrase came off the lips of men of warrior age, all surrounded Tubingas. Then everyone left the castle and departed into the dark forest.

Prince Tubingas was a renowned Lithuanian ruler. Many a Pole and German had felt his sword; but now for many years he only led his people in religious rites for the seasonal festivals. He was now leading them to the sacred grove in the forest where the rites of greeting the reborn spring sun were to

be performed. The man was old: his silvery beard reached his waist and his eyes stared unmovingly — it was evident that he could neither see the sun nor the forest. Nevertheless he walked straight with vigor and helped himself along with a strong cane.

On one of his sides walked his son Kronivas, dressed in a long leather tunic with a large ax at his belt. On the other was Daurutė, the wife of Kronivas. Together with them was their young son Siaurutis. They were followed by many men, women and children who served in the castle or lived in the adjacent village. Finally the procession

reached a grove in which grew a gigantic unusual oak tree.

Prince Tubingas slowly but confidently mounted the steps toward the stone altar upon which burned the Eternal Fire of Perkunas (Thor). As a young man he had sacrificed here, and all of his life he had led his sons and descendents in prayer to the Creator. Standing thus before the sacred oak tree, he intoned, "The fire is dying but it will not die because the light from the heavens will renew its holy flames." While so speaking he also raked the embers while Kronivas placed dried branches into them in order to strengthen the dying flames. Immediately after Kronivas, his wife Daurutė threw in an offering of wheat and herbs that had been saved through the long winter months. After her, Siaurutis also threw in a handful of wheat. He was followed by others who as they offered herbs and dried branches prayed, "Glory to the Sun, glory to Spring!"

"Glory to the Sun, glory to Spring!" echoed the forest. Gradually the voices were lifted in a religious chant whose melancholy melody permeated the area. The Eternal Fire grew stronger and its flames leaped to the sky. The ancient oak tree swayed in the wind as if joining the people in worship.

Suddenly breaking branches were heard mingled with sounds from the hoofs of horses and the clatter of arms. The religious chant stopped and shouts of panic became evident. Tubingas's muscles tightened but he outwardly remained calm and continued his offerings to the Eternal Fire. Kronivas removed his war ax from his belt for he also understood the nature of the coming unwelcome guests. Soon about 40 well armed horsemen came charging out into the sacred grove. The crosses on their tunics indicated what unexpected knights were these.

"Women to the castle!"—shouted Kronivas seeing the attack of the German Teutonic Knights infamously known as the Crucifers. "Children to the castle!" — he further shouted but his wife Daurutė seemed frozen in her tracks. She did not move as if she had become a statue guarding the sacred flames. The Kronivas shouted "Save Siaur-

rutis!" Daurutė grabbed her son and started running toward the castle. However it was already too late; the Crucifers had surrounded them. In this particular foray, the German knights were not keen for battle but were eager to take captives. Kronivas raised his battle ax and rushed into the foray to join the other men protecting their wives and children.

Meanwhile Prince Tubingas had not left his position near the sacred oak tree. He appeared to be not conscious of the desperate battle that raged about him. As he was praying and adding branches to the fire, a German knight seized a part of his bearskin cloak. Tubingas fell to the ground and the Crucifer prepared to bind his slave. Immediately the old man smashed a burning brand straight into the knights eyes. Then with his bare hands he grabbed more burning embers and threw them at anyone he heard approaching. "The devil, it is the devil himself!" screamed the Crucifer knights as many became blinded or living torches. And it really appeared as if some supernatural strength had penetrated a helpless old man's body; with naked hands he kept hurling fire at his enemies. Meanwhile the knights' horses began to stampede because of the flames everywhere. Both Germans and Lithuanians were crushed beneath the hoofs.

It had been a fairly small band of Teutonic Knights that had struck this peaceful Lithuanian village. Their fundamental purpose in coming here had not been knightly combat but an economic venture to gather captives and animal skins. They did their utmost to seize little children. After bringing their innocent victims back to their castles, the children were forced to learn German and later tricked into be-

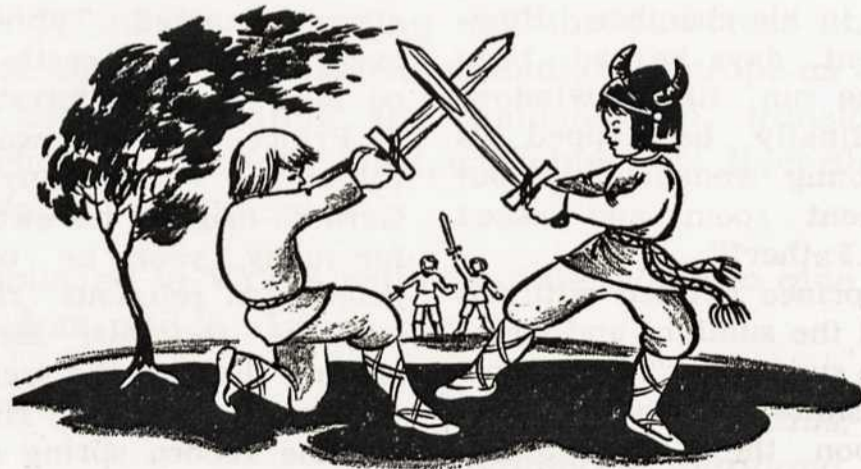
traying their native land. However this band had apparently been not too successful in their mission and a retreat was sounded.

Kronivas had rushed to the aid of the women and children. He had cut through the German knights with his battle ax as if they had been trees. Unexpectedly a heavy sword had struck him and his body lay slumped on the ground. Blood oozed from his shoulder and covered the mossy ground that was being warmed by the spring sun. Eventually the dashing sounds of battle died. The moans of the wounded began dribbling through the forest indicating the results of the mission of the Teutonic Knights to the Lithuanians. Through all of this, the screams of a woman was heard, "Siaurutis! Siaurutis!" The voice sounded like the shriek of a wolf whose offspring had been ripped from her. It nearly blended with the whisperings of the forest as the sun hid behind a cloud.

Prince Tubingas meanwhile had been left alone near the Eternal Fire of Perkūnas. He added more wood to the flames and began walking toward the direction from which groans were coming. He soon slipped on a pool of blood and fell upon a body. A moan was heard and Tubingas pressed his lips against the forehead of the valiant Kronivas. "He is my last one! — cried the old one as he pressed his beloved descendent to his heart. "He is still alive! alive! but where is the wound!?" and he began to look for the swords slash.

At that moment a woman ran toward them. Her clothes were torn, her shoulders bleeding and she tore her hair as she ran wailing "Siaurutis! Siaurutis!" Daurutė then collapsed near her wounded husband and old Tubingas.

(To be cont'd.)



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fair

Mergaičių Pasaulis

Redaguoja Veronika Kulbokienė ir Joanne H. Neviera

MEILĖ, LAIMĖ IR SĄSKAITOS

R. PETRONIENĖ

Kai jaunavedžiai grįžta nuo alto-rius — laimės šypsnyš puošia jų veidą, o jų širdys pina žavingiausias svajones apie jų bendrą gyvenimo kelią... Visi jiems linki laimės. Laimės linkėjimai yra įpinti ir šv. Mišiose laikomose už jaunavedžius: "Visagalis Dieve, meldžiam Tave, saugok patvarioj ramybėj tuos, kuriuos sujungei teisėtai draugystei"...

Tačiau, kai užgęsta žvakės, nuvysta vestuvių gėlės ir kai grįžtama iš po vestuvinės kelionės, tada prasideda naujo gyvenimo tikrovė bei kasdienybė.

Teko girdėti vieną jaunamartę sakant, kad po vestuvių iškilmių, po pasivažinėjimų, kai sugrižo į savo pastogę ir kai jaunas vyras paklausė: "Mieloji, ką mes valgysim šiandie pietų?"—tada ji net krūptelėjus atsibudus, lyg iš gražaus sapno ir supratus, kad dabar prasideda tikrasis gyvenimas, su rūpesčiais apie kasdieninę duoną, namų ruošą, sąskaitų apmokėjimus ir kitus žemiško gyvenimo atributus. Ir tas atbudimas yra tragiškesnis tai mergaitei, kuri iki šiol tais dalykais per daug nesuko savo galvos. Viskas buvo atlikta mamos ar aplamai — tėvų. O dabar — realusis gyvenimas pažvelgia tiesiai į akis su visomis smulkmenomis. Atsiranda pareigos, paprastos — ūkiškos vienam ir kitam. Šiaip ar taip daugiausia tų smulkučių pareigų tenka atlikt moteriai. Tos pareigos moters neatleidžia ir labai pasiturinčiose šeimose. Ypač šiame krašte, kur sandomoji pagalba yra brangi.

Bėga savaitės, mėnesiai. Į jaunąją šeimą ateina naujas narys. Su juo pražysta šeimos laimė, bet kartu atsiranda ir daugiau rūpesčių. Šioje vietoje tenka pasakyti, kad gana svarbu iš anksto suplanuoti šeimos biudžetą. Gal tinkamiausias laikas



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tai padaryti, kaip tik N. Metų pradžioj. Panašiai, kaip daro visos imonės bei įstaigos. Planingumas, tinkamas pajamų ir išlaidų subalansavimas yra svarbus veiksnys kiekvienos šeimos gyvenime. (Šiuo atveju nekalbame apie psichologinius bei kitus dvasinio pobūdžio aspektus, kurie kuria šeimos laimę).

Bedirbant vienoj siuvelykloj, vienas lietuvis, patpręs "prestorius", kartą skundėsi: — Kas savaitę parnešu į namus po 70-80 dol., bet žmonai vis neužtenka, nes ji kas savaitę perka po naują suknelę arba ką kita. Metų gale — pusę jų išmeta į šiukšlyną, kaip netinkamus daiktus... Išlaidų priderinimas prie pajamų yra tam tikras menas. — Kada pajamų nebeužtenka išlaidoms

padengti — iškyla nemalonumų — viens kitam priekaištų. Štai kodėl kartais "apsiniaukia" šviesioji laimė ir prigęsta karštoji meilė. —

Tiesa, lietuvaiteis ir apskritai lietuviškos šeimos — yra taupios ir santūrios. — Tačiau gyvenant miestioniškoj aplinkumoj, kur tiek daug reklaminių pagundų, moteris, turinti lakią vaizduotę, o mažiau šalto proto, pasiduoda toms prabangos vilionėms lengviau, negu vyrai. Užsigeidžiama prabangių baldų, ištaigingo buto įrengimo, perbrangių drabužių. Senas lietuviškas priežodis, skamba: "Pagal Jurgį ir kepurė". O troškimas "kepurės" ne pagal Jurgį — daugelį moterų priverčia apleisti namų židinį ir išeiti uždarbiauti. —

"Jeigu moteris, atsisakiusi savo natūralių pareigų, savo, kaip žmonos, teises supranta tik taip, kad ką vyras uždirba, tai turi tekti jos neribotos vaizduotės tenkinimui, tai ji klaidingai supranta moterystę, save ir savo pareigas bei teises", sako J. E. Vysk. Brizgys ("Negesinkite aukurų", 113 psl.).

Tačiau, ačiū Dievui, dar pakankamai yra taurių motinų, kurios atskiria esminius dalykus nuo antraeilų: ar svarbiau išauginti dori žmones (vaikai) ar išigyti prabangius baldus ir kasmet keisti automobilį?

Galiausiai labai pravartu, kad motinos augančioms dukterims primintų tą tiesą, kaip svarbu priderinti savo reikalavimus prie turimų pajamų. Tuo atveju, kad ir gana kukli medžiaginė padėtis nesuardys darnumo šeimos gyvenime. Taip pat jaunos mergaitės turėtų tėvų namuose pamažu priprasti, pasipraktikuoti: produktus supirkti, apskaičiuoti maisto kiekį, išmokti paruošti paprastus pietus ir kt. Šeima — ta mažoji "respublika", kur žmogus pribrandinamas ekonominio, socialinio ir religinio gyvenimo uždaviniais.

HOW TO BE A LEADER!

15 tips

A "**Judas goat**" is used in meatpacking plants to lead sheep to the slaughter — as many as 1,000 trusting sheep a day to their death.

Without a leader of their own, the sheep blindly follow the goat. Only when it is too late do they sniff the blood of the slaughter pen and panic.

The "**Judas goat**" grimly symbolizes the continual betrayals by evildoers of our day.

Their abuse of leadership is making possible the spread of corruption, immorality and subversion on an unprecedented scale today.

The only fear of false leaders is that good people will wake up and start managing their own affairs. **What is a fear for them is a HOPE for everybody else!**

Here's what you can do...

#1. RECOGNIZE THE NEED — Do more than throw your hands up in despair over double-dealing, whether it be local, national or international. An important part of your mission in life as a follower of the Lord is to right what is wrong, not merely sit in judgment.

Above all else, recognize how the failure of good people to provide leadership has made possible the vacuum which false leaders gladly and quickly fill.

Note the great need in almost every field for persons who will take responsibility, not duck it. The "**let George do it**" attitude has too often prepared the way for disaster throughout history.

Once you are conscious of the fact that it is **LEAD OR BE LED** in this atomic age, you will:

a) **Uncover your own hidden capabilities for leadership.**

b) **Give practical support to leaders who are devotedly working for the best interests of all.**

c) **Remind leaders, in a tactful way, of the great good they can render by living up to the important trust placed in them.**

d) **Pray that young people with the potential for leadership start putting it to good use in the challenging years ahead.**

#2. DEVELOP A LOVE FOR PEOPLE — The deeper your love for all people, the more readily will you acquire Christlike qualities of leadership. Imitate Him who said: "**I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. But the hireling, who is not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees.**" (John 10:11, 12)

If you truly love people, you will make an effort, through prayer, word and deed to see that they are

provided with efficient government, suitable literature and entertainment, worthy education, a sound economy and good labor relations. Man needs reasonable conditions on earth to achieve happiness here and hereafter.

Love of your fellowman, based on love of God, can stimulate you to serve the leaderless millions in our own land and over the world. Your efforts may protect at least some of them from the "**hirelings**" and "**Judas goats**" who are roaming the earth as never before.

#3. START FROM WHERE YOU ARE — Whatever your work or responsibilities, you have some ability as a leader right now.

You show it in running your home, taking part in church or school activities, managing a farm, working as a nurse or bricklayer, conducting a business and in countless other ways.

Widen your horizons beyond your "**little world**" into the "**big world**". Take an interest in the great spheres of influence that are shaping the trends of the "**whole world.**"

If you can't step into these fields yourself, encourage others with high ideals and ability to replace those leaders who are indifferent, confused, corrupt or downright evil. Christ warned: "**If the blind lead the blind, both fall into the pit.**" (Matt. 15:14)

#4. GET YOUR IDEAS ACROSS — Most good people over the world don't know how to express themselves — to get into circulation the good ideas that God has entrusted to them. Too often they have unwittingly abandoned the influential fields of speech and writing to persons who communicate effectively, but who may mislead rather than lead.

Here are a few reminders to improve your power to communicate ideas:

a) Remember your importance as a connecting link between God and others. You may be the transmitter of divine truth to many a person who would never hear it except for you.

b) Acquaint yourself with some fundamentals of public speaking, effective writing and parliamentary procedure.

c) Above all else deepen your convictions — your love of God and people. You will never stimulate others to action if your words come only from your lips, not from your heart. The Apostle Paul warns: "**If I do not have charity, I have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.**" (I Cor. 13:1)

#5. PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH — A group of secretaries said the "**ideal boss**" should be "**neat, clean,**

friendly, punctual, loyal, understanding of all office errors, and endowed with a good sense of humor; he should write legibly and sign all letters on time."

These are the very traits that any "boss" would like to find in his secretary.

Most of us know all the qualities of leadership to expect in others, but too seldom do we practice what we preach.

Figure out the qualities of leadership that you would like to see in others — then put them into practice yourself! Christ Himself give the divine standard: "As you wish men to do to you, also do you to them." (Luke 6:31)

#6. BRING OUT THE BEST IN OTHERS — Someone once said: "Blessed is the leader who develops leaders while leading." It should help you to make this examination of conscience:

1. Do you rejoice in the success of others?
2. Do you give credit where credit is due?
3. Are you a good listener?
4. Do you encourage others to offer ideas?
5. Do you seek the advice of those who are more expert than yourself?
6. Do you invite constructive criticism?
7. Do you frankly admit your mistakes and take the blame for them?
8. Do you delegate to others their share of responsibility, or do you let a cause suffer by making it a one-man operation?
9. Do you allow individuals the freedom they need and deserve to do their job well?
10. Do you encourage the legitimate selfinterest that everyone needs in his work?
11. Do you recognize the particular contribution your associates or helpers make?
12. Do you, in short, treat others as you wish to be treated yourself?

#7. SET BIG GOALS FOR YOURSELF — "Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir one's blood. Make big plans, aim high in hope and work," is the advice of one expert.

You will never bring out the bit of greatness within you, if you set your sights low.

Christ told the fishermen He chose as His apostles to overcome their inclination to smallness. He bade them tackle the task of fishing in a daring way: "Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch." (Luke 5:4)

No matter how insignificant your role in life may seem, it is important. You have been delegated by God Almighty to help a world which too few are bothering to save. Evil-doers are not content to defile the few. They have daring plans to debase and enslave all of mankind.

#8. WATCH YOUR MOTIVATION — Most individuals who take positions of leadership usually start off with good intentions.

But a subtle, almost imperceptible change frequently takes place as one develops a liking for the honors, advantages and authority connected with any post. Self-interest quietly takes over while the rights of others are sidetracked or forgotten.

Many a worthy cause suffers because leaders succumb to the alluring temptations of personal advantage and forget the rightful interests of those they should represent.

#9. STICK TO PRINCIPLES — An Indian wandering in the desert was asked by a horseback rider: "Are you lost, friend?"

Quick as a flash came the Indian's reply: "Me no lost. Wigwam lost."

Strive conscientiously to act on principle and to stick to fair play at all times. If you do, neither you nor your "wigwam" will ever be really lost.

You can be the Lord's instrument in bringing into the market-place the divine principles absolutely essential for lasting peace.

Recall frequently the deep significance of the Hebrew Psalmist's words: "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." (Ps. 126:1)

#10. MAKE SURE YOU ARE RIGHT — In the War of 1812, this motto of Davy Crockett gained great favor: "Make sure you are right; then go ahead." You would do well to:

- a) Root yourself in God's truth and sound spiritual values as a basis for all you think, say or do.
- b) Stick to the facts. Act on principle not on opinion, hearsay, emotion or expediency.
- c) Be scrupulously fair in your judgments, impartial in your decisions and steadfast in your convictions.
- d) Pray for the grace to be a worthy representative of Him Who said: "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6)

#11. TAKE THE INITIATIVE — "Stop bothering me with blueprints and build something!" That was the advice of Governor Alfred E. Smith to his associates.

God wants you to get your good ideas out of the planning stage and into concrete application. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

A leader who shows initiative is enthusiastic, dependable, independent and creative. He is alert to needs, adaptable, aggressive and persistent.

In short, he doesn't have to be prodded. He goes ahead on his own, making full use of that abundant liberty always possible within the framework of sound doctrine.

#12 MAKE UP YOUR MIND — A farmer thought he had the perfect worker because the man went at every task energetically and completed it quickly. Then he gave the hired hand a job sorting potatoes.

"Just put the good ones in one pile, the doubtful ones in another, and throw out the rotten ones."

An hour later the farmer was amazed that nothing had been done, and asked why. "Well," said the harried worker, "it's making those decisions that's killing me."

No one can be an effective leader without making decisions whenever and wherever needed. Everybody suffers when one person in authority shies away from decisions that should be made.

#13 LEARN BY DOING — Start your training for leadership right now.

a) **If you are a parent, help raise the standards of the spheres of influence that can strengthen or weaken home life.**

b) If a teenager, share in responsibilities at home and school.

c) **If selecting a career, try to take one in which you will do more than earn a living.**

d) If a worker, show an interest in the welfare of your fellow workers. Make your voice heard in your various organizations.

e) **If an employer, make labor relations human relations. Take an active part in civic affairs.**

f) No matter what your circumstances, you can, for instance, vote, write letters with a purpose and spur others to exert an influence for good.

#14. TAKE THE UNWANTED JOBS — One of the best ways to keep your motives straight, as well as to bring out your hidden powers of leadership, is to volunteer for important, essential jobs which most people are usually dodging.

You may often feel like John the Baptist who said: **"I am the voice of one crying in the desert"** (John 1:23). But you will have the consolation of knowing that your dedication is not in vain despite the difficulties, discouragement or loneliness usually associated with the "unwanted jobs."

Your perseverance in such a job may be a deciding factor in bringing justice to those who have been wronged.

Your determination may help restore integrity and efficiency to government or labor relations.

By taking a difficult post you may do much to restore to the classroom the spiritual truths on which our country is founded.

#15. WIN BY LOSING — When you accept a position of responsibility, don't be surprised by the troubles, problems, disappointments and misunderstandings that go with it. One man called such trials the **"penalties of leadership."**

Far from being disheartened by such hardship, regard it as a badge of honor. It is usually the best possible proof that you are on the right track.

Our Lord, the Leader of leaders, constantly reminds all who would be effective Christbearers in His cause that they must earn their battle scars. He said frankly:

"If they have persecuted Me, they will persecute you also." (John 15:20)

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23)

"He who would save his life will lose it; but he who loses his life for My sake will find it." (Matt. 16:25)

Look beyond the heartaches and heartbreaks that you are bound to encounter. They are the lot of every worthwhile leader. Never forget that you are winning most while you seem to lose.

One day you will have the consolation of saying with St. Paul: **"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. For the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of justice, which the Lord, the just Judge, will give me in that day."** (Tim. 4:7, 8).

NOW'S THE TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP

Why not start now? Use the remaining months of the Membership Drive for an extensive recruiting drive.

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Will YOU get your ONE new member during this Membership Drive?

*Larry Janonis, Chmn.
Membership Drive.*

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FOR COUNCIL AND K. OF L.

The *Time* has come for a supreme effort by each Council in behalf of the Knights of Lithuania and our organization's principles on the National level to strengthen all our Districts and to restore K. of L. leadership throughout the country.

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THE JOE WILMAN STORY

Tony Yuknis

While competing in the American Bowling Congress tournament in April of 1958 in Syracuse, N. Y., Joe Wilman had pain in his chest and was forced to quit. A physician diagnosed it as a heart attack and overruled Wilman's desire to continue bowling. Thus, the career of one of the nation's top bowlers was in danger of being ended. For six weeks Wilman laid in a hospital bed. Upon his release, he followed the doctor's orders to the letter, but could he continue bowling was the big question.

Joe Wilman was born in Frontanet, Indiana about 50 years ago. When his coal miner father, William Wilmanas, was killed in the mines the mother together with her four children moved to South Chicago and sought employment. When Joe grew up he married and established his residence in the Brighton Park district of Chicago proper. Now he lives permanently in the suburb of Berwyn, Ill.

Wilman competed in many sports and as a boxer of 140 lbs. he won 14 straight fights. His winning streak came to an abrupt end when he fought the A. A. U. champion and suffered a knockout. After this, Wilman lost interest in boxing.

Joe Wilman played baseball in the K. of L. league on the Chicago sandlots. Wilman joined the K. of L. in 1923 and at different times belonged to Providence C-4, Cicero C-14, Marquette Park C-112 and Brighton Park C-36. His activities here covered nine years.

Having excelled as pitcher, Joe turned professional and played with the York team for four years in the Nebraska Etate league. In 1928 he had his best year hurling 19 victories. Then came the great day when he received a tryout with the Chicago White Sox. Unfortunately in those days baseball was the game for big husky giants. The Sox manager looked at the 5 and one-half footer and told him to come back when he grew up.

Another sport Wilman competed

in was the K. of L. bowling league. In 1928 he made his first try in the ABC tournament and had a 210 average. Then in 1935 Wilman captured the All Events championship in Cleveland. Joe decided to concentrate on bowling and eventually he was bowling about 50 games per week. This paid off as he went on to win the ABC tournaments in 1939-42-46-54. Only three other men have won that crown four times in ABC history. In 1946 Wilman won the tournament with a 228 average which was 16 sticks short of the world record. He had a 2,054 all events total.

Wilman served in the Army in 1943-45 and upon his return to the bowling lanes he was hotter'n a firecracker. In 1945 he won the All Star Individual Match Game championship in Chicago. Everything worked out fine for Joe as he was signed for \$25,000 worth of exhibition matches and lectures throughout the country.

Some of Wilman's achievements include the bowling of 10 perfect 300 games and holds the ABC record for five years average of 214. He also owns the highest three game average of 811. He holds the record five 2,000 plus all events total. In the Berwyn Major league Joe bowled 46 consecutive series of 600 or over. His streak ended one night when he flopped to a 599 series.

So it was a clear issue when Joe Wilman was elected to the Bowler's Hall of Fame. Then in 1946 Joe was elected as the bowler of the year by the Bowling Writers of America. He was picked on the All American Bowling Team nine times and captain twice. In his home he has two big trophy cases loaded with over 250 items he has won in various ways.

Despite his past illness, Wilman has signed a new 5-year contract with the Brunswick - Balke - Colender Co., manufacturers of bowling and billiards equipment, to give bowling exhibitions, lectures, ap-



JOE WILMAN, member of Bowlers Hall of Fame and Brunswick Advisory Staff of Bowling Champions.

pear on radio and TV shows. He already has traveled over 2 million miles and has visited almost every state in the Union. Wilman has starred in 27 bowling movies.

While Joe is resting he writes books and booklets on bowling instructions. His other literary efforts consists of writing a bowling column for the National Newspaper Syndicate which distributes it to 50 newspapers.

Now Joe is limiting his activities to the Classic League and the Berwyn Major League. This is a romp for Wilman as he owns the Greater Chicago area record average of 223. Next year he will be permitted to roll in the ABC tournament and to appear in contests on television.

On August 28, 1959, Al Manst, the Illinois - Indiana district president, invited Joe Wilman to present his bowling movies and to give a lecture at the K. of L. Youth Center in Chicago. Believe me, Joe seemed pleased to be back at the old haunts. The K. of L. welcomed him back and hopes that Joe will come back again soon. We know he will. We found out his weakness — he loves kugelis.

GEROJO DARBO ŠVIESOJE

ALFA SUŠINSKAS

Krikščioniškoji artimo meilė pasireiškia darbais: ne tik dideliais, bet ir mažais. Kaip tikėjimas Dievą be darbų yra miręs, taip ir artimo meilė be jų yra negyva — jos čia tada nėra. Artimo meilė be konkrečių darbų yra šlykšti veidmainystė...

Apaštalas Jonas savo pirmame laiške pastebi: "Mano vaikeliai, nemylėkime žodžiu, nė liežuviu, bet darbu ir tiesa" (I Jono 3, 18).

Artimo meilė yra išreiškiama tiek kūniniais, tiek ir dvasiniais geraisiais darbais; dvasinių gerųjų darbų vertės negalima mažinti ar menkinti, nes dažnai jie esti reikšmingesni ir už kūninius geruosius darbus.

Gerųjų artimo meilės darbų tikslas yra ne pagyrimas ir ne atžymėjimas, nors šitoks žemiškasis atlyginimas už gerą darbą neretai savaime ateina; gerą darbą ar darbėli tikrasis krikščionis atlieka iš ištikinimo, kad ir kitame žmoguje, kaip ir jame pačiame, yra dieviškasis panašumas; jis yra ištikinęs, kad geruoju darbu pačiam Dievui jis patarnauja. Išganytojas čia labai vaizdingai ir visiems suprantamai primena: "Iš tikrųjų, sakau jums, kiek kartų jūs tai (vadinasi, gerą darbą) padarėte vienam šitų mano mažiausiųjų brolių, man padarėte" (Mato 25, 40).

Šie Išganytojo žodžiai įkvėpia, padrasina ir paguodžia gerųjų darbų žmogų. Nė vienas geras darbas, dėl Dievo meilės atliekamas artimui, nenuėina niekais, nors niekas žemėje jo nepastebėtų ir už jį neatlygintų, nes jis yra daromas pačiam Išganytojui ir dėl to yra Jo tėviškai priimamas.

Ne atsitiktinai čia pavartoti žodžiai "vienam mano mažiausiųjų brolių". Jais Išganytojas iškelia betkokio gerojo darbo vertę, nežiūrint, kokiam asmeniui jis yra padaromas: gerojo darbo vertė nemažėja, jei jis yra atliekamas ir pačiam nežymiausiajam bei prasčiausiajam žmogui... O kartais ši vertė čia net padidėja.

Puikybės pilnieji ir garbės bei atlyginimo besiekiantieji žmonės

neretai vengia vadinamų "prastųjų" žmonių ir nėra taip jau linkę jiems ištiesti gerojo darbo rankos; šitokie asmenys renkasi vadinamus "žymiuosius" žmones, kad savo geruoju artimo meilės darbu atkreiptų jų dėmesį ar kokią nors naudą sau iš jų gautų. Gerieji šitokių asmenų darbai nėra krikščioniški, ir jie netenka savo dvasinės vertės, nes jie yra savimybės įkvėpti, o ne tikros artimo meilės.

Didiems ir heroiškiems artimo meilės darbams atlikti ne dažnai pasitaiko progų, ir ne visi įstengia juos padaryti. Tačiau vadinamam eiliniam, kasdieniniam gerajam darbėliui atlikti yra daug progų, ir kiekvienas čia yra pajėgus.

Ir gera daryti ne tik tiems, kurie mums yra geri, bet ir tokiems, kurie mums bloga daro — visiems be jokio skirtumo.

Gerųjų darbų žmogus, darydamas gera tada, kada tik gali ir kada artimui to reikia, pasireiškia tikruoju ir tauriuoju žmogumi, koku kiekvienas turėtų būti.

Gerasis darbas, artimui atliekamas dėl Dievo meilės, yra tikroji krikščioniškosios dvasios išraiška.

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PLEASE NOTIFY Miss Loretta Kassel, National Secretary, 4049 S. Rockwell, Chicago 32, Illinois, the names and address of your newly-elected officers for 1960, also Committee Chairmen.

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Notice of change of address must reach
Dorothy Sinkavitch, fin. sec'y.
8 Grammont Road
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at least one month in advance of the issue for which it is to take effect.

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PROUDLY WEAR YOUR
K. OF L. EMBLEM PIN —
PROUDLY DISPLAY YOUR
OTHER EMBLEM ITEMS
K. OF L. OBJECTIVES

K. OF L. CALENDAR

January 1 — K. OF L. NATIONAL
May 30 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

January 16 — Brockton, Mass. (1)
Annual Snowflake Ball, Walk-Over Club, Perkins Ave., Brockton, Mass.

January 23 — Kearny - Harrison, N. J. (90) '60 by #90 — DANCE, Jackson's Auditorium, Kingland & Harrison Aves., Harrison, N. J. Music by Bernie Witkowski & His Silver Bells Orchestra.

January 24 — Illinois - Indiana District Bowling and Supper Club Tournament. Host — Council 112.

February 13 — Chicago, Ill., Annual Heart's Dance, K. of L. Youth Center, 8:30 p.m.

February 20 — Annual Bowling Ball-Dance sponsored by New York-New Jersey K. of L. District Bowling League, Liberty Hall, Elizabeth, N. J. Music by Bernie Witkowski & His Silver Bells Orchestra.

February 27-28 — Athol, Mass. (10)
WINTER CARNIVAL.

May 1 — NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION (Pre-Convention Dance to be held April 30, 1960.)

VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

ŽYMUJŲ SENDRAUGIŲ PALYDĖJUS

Lapkričio 29 d. Chicagos vyčius apgaubė naujas gedulas: sutvėrėjo pašauktą palydėjom amžinybėn organizacijos veteraną, Ketvirtojo laipsnio narį Viktorą A. Jodelį.

Velionis buvo vienas tų, kurie, kun. A. Juškos žodžiais (žiūr. Draugo š. m. nr. 283, koresp. "Dar kartą vis apie tą patį"), kurie "per visą gyvenimą dėjo centą prie cento... paaukojo tūkstančius lietuviškoms parapijoms, vienuolynams kurti", dar pridėtina katalikiškajai spaudai remti, palaikyti, organizacijoms steigti; kurie taip pat ne trupiniais, bet pilnomis saujomis davė ir Lietuvai savo nepriklausomybę atsistatinti. Be jų pagalbos, kaip teisingai kun. Juška pastebėjo, "daug kas iš naujų ateivių nebūtų ir į Ameriką patekę".

A. a. velionis buvo vienas pirmųjų vyčių narių Chicagoj, 4-tai kuopai išsisteigus Dievo Apvaizdos parapijoje. Tai buvo pirmoji vyčių mokykla vidurvakaruose, kur susispietė visas tautiškai katalikiškas jaunimas ir iš kurios išėjo visa eilė veikėjų vyčių kuopoms organizuoti kitose kolonijose ir joms vadovauti. Jie ne tik veikė, vadovavo, bet ir savo doleriais tą veikimą rėmė.

Velionis po I-jo Pasaulinio karo buvo grįžęs Lietuvon, kur kaikuri laiką gyveno. Ar dėl nepalankių tuo metu sąlygų, ar dėl kitų priežasčių neįsikūrė, tik vedęs Konstanciją Staniulytę grįžo Chicagon ir vėl įsijungė į vyčių gretas. Ir šeima augindamas bei mokslindamas ir sunkų darbą dirbdamas, o vėliau ir prekybą (maisto krautuvę — delicatessen) išsigijęs nenutraukė veikimo vyčių organizacijoj.

Gyvenimui ir aplinkybėms veikiant savo, ir vyčių 4-tai kuopai sunykus, velionis kaikuri laiką savo nario mokesčius siuntė tiesiog centrui, o sendraugiams susiorganizavus, vienas iš pirmųjų atskubėjo ir tuojau įsijungė į veikimą. Čia jis prabuvęs valdyboje, įvairiose komisijose, taip pat Vyčių Namų Taryboje ir tos tarybos pirmininku.

Kartu buvo nepaprastai paslaugus prie kiekvieno darbo, ką nors namie iš vidaus ar lauko pusės pataisant ar remontą darant. Ne tik aukodavo savo laiką ir darbą, bet dažnai ir aukomis namo reikalus paremdavo. Nors paskutiniu metu, pasijutęs labiau sergąs, iš Namų Tarybos pasitraukė, bet kuopoje veikimo nenutraukė iki pat paskutinės gyvenimo dienos.

Išvakarėse prieš laidotuves į Bukausko mirusiems pašarvoti koplyčią, perkrautą gėlėmis ir gausybe kortelių — aukų mišioms, susirinko veik visa sendraugių kuopa ir daugelis jaunių, atnešę taip pat mišių auką ir šeimai užuojautą, o Visų Šventųjų parapijos klebonui atsilankius ir vadovaujant atkalbėta dalis rožančiaus.

Sekantį rytą iš Visų Šventųjų parapijos bažnyčios, kurioj buvo atlaikyta trejos mišios — prie didžio-

jo altoriaus laikė kun. A. Stanevičius, o prie šoninių — kun. R. Šiaudys ir kun. J. Alijošius, gi mišias giedojo trys vargonininkai, — gausaus būrio žmonių nulydėtas į Šv. Kazimiero kapines. Bažnyčioje pamokslą ir kapinėse paskutinį žodį pasakė kun. A. Stanevičius. Karstnešiais buvo vyčiai sendraugiai, Ketvirtojo laipsnio nariai: A. Petrusis, J. Kerulis, V. Paukštis, N. Karlavičius, K. Rubinas ir J. Jagminas.

Laidotuvių dalyviams velionies šeima Visų Šventųjų parapijos salė suruošė gedulo pietus.

Brangus Viktorai, savo žemiškoj kelionėj Dievą vadovu turėjai, gyvenai Tautai ir Bažnyčiai, dirbai organizacijoms, artimą mylėjai, savo brolius tautiečius šelpei ir jiems padėjai. Mes prašome Dievo, kad už visa tai tau atlygintų amžinąją šviesą.

STIKLINĖ AKIS

Gyveno vienas bankininkas, kurio viena akis buvo tikra, o kita stiklinė. Iš tikrųjų, šis bankininkas didžiavosi savo stikline akimi — ji buvo labai panaši į tikrąją. Jis visiems pasakodavo apie šią akį ir girdavosi ja daugiau nei kuo kitu. Tai buvo jo dešinioji akis.

Vieną kartą ūkininkas paprašė jo paskolinti keletą tūkstančių dolerių.

"Jokiu būdu", atsakė bankininkas, "aš negaliu duoti tau nė cento jau vien tik dėl užstato, kurį tu siūlai".

"Bet man nelaimė atsitiko — visas mano derlius žuvo", pareiškė žmogus.

"Ne, ne, nė vieno cento negaliu duoti", atrėžė bankininkas.

"Ir trys mano vaikai buvo ligoninėje. Jiems išpjovė tonsulus", aiškino toliau žmogelis.

"Visai nekalbėk", vėl atkirto bankininkas.

"Dabar mes badaujame ir šalame; nei maisto nei kuro neturime", dejavo vargšas ūkininkas.

"Ne!" sušuko supykęs bankininkas.

"Arba aš turiu gauti pinigų iš tavęs, arba aš turėsiu padaryti ką nors baisaus", pareiškė ūkininkas.

Tai paveikė pinigų žmogų. Tiesa, kad jis buvo beširdis, bet jis negalėjo leisti šį ūkininką eiti pražūtin. Jis nusprendė paskolinti vargšeliui pinigų. Bet kaip jis tai įvykdys? Jis buvo įpratęs girtis, jog, kartą pasakęs "Ne", jis niekad ir nekeisdavo savo nuomonės. Taip jis ir išsisukdavo.

"Gerai", tarė jis, "tu žinai, kad aš turiu stiklinę akį".

"Ak šitai?" paklausė ūkininkas susidomėjęs.

"Štai", tęsė bankininkas, "jei tu atspėsi iš pirmo karto, kuri yra stiklinė akis, aš paskolinsiu tau pinigų. Pasižiūrėk dabar gerai — kairė ar dešinė?"

"Dešinioji", atsakė ūkininkas neabejodamas.

"Teisingai", pritarė bankininkas. "Bet iš kur tu galėjai taip greitai atspėti?" paklausė jis, skaičiuodamas pinigus.

"O, tai buvo labai lengva", pasigirdo ūkininko balsas, "ši akis atrodė tokia maloni ir gera, palyginus su ana".

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joseph A. Sakevich

The beginning of a new year offers another opportunity to review the purposes of our organization and to rededicate ourselves to their accomplishment. What does the Knights of Lithuania organization strive for?

To promote the interest of forming Junior Councils — to develop in them qualities of leadership and to prepare them for regular membership in the Knights of Lithuania — *Juniors Committee*.

To promote the interest of forming Regular Councils in the districts of New England, New York-New Jersey, Mid-Central, Illinois-Indiana and California — *Supreme Council*.

To promote the interest of forming Senior Councils — to get business and professional people to join — *Seniors Committee*.

To further a deeper understanding and more zealous practice of the Catholic faith — TV Masses, Liturgical Workshops — *Spiritual Program*.

To spread Lithuanian culture in general — *Culture Committee*.

To help our talented members to get an education — *K. of L. Scholarship Fund*.

To urge Lithuanians to participate in national affairs — *Lithuanian Affairs Committee & Public Relations*.

To encourage our members of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th generations an attachment to the land of our forefathers — Lithuania and an affection for the Lithuanian language and customs — evening courses for the study of the Lithuanian language and history being sponsored by many councils.

To arrange excursions, pilgrimages — *K. of L. Eucharistic Congress Tour (Munich — July 23 to August 20, 1960)*.

To form and maintain in all councils sports branches — *Sports Committee*.

To publish journals, pamphlets, bulletins, books, etc., VYTIS (The Knight) magazine published monthly since 1915. Booklets in English — ST. CASIMIR and OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA. Bulletins printed by many councils and districts. To offer four membership degrees: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, tendered according to the Ritual — *Ritual Committee*; and last but not least To increase our membership — *Membership Committee*.

Since the founding of the Knights of Lithuania organization in 1913 — 47 years ago — much has been accomplished and much remains to be done. New challenges are constantly being presented in this rapidly changing world. If we continue to be united in faith and fellowship, our organization will bring more strength to the life of the national community. Thus far, we have a splendid record of service. Let's hope that our contribution to American life will ever be sustained.

NOTICE

The official K. of L. pins in men's and ladies' style are available at \$1.00 each, and K. of L. Constitution booklets at 25 cents each. These items are in the custody of the Building Fund, and the revenue derived from their sale goes into that fund.

Orders may be placed with the treasurer of the Building Fund Committee:

FRANK GUDELIS
129 Rita Street
Dayton 4, Ohio

Artėjama prie Vyčių 50 metų jubilėjaus, tad kiekvienoje lietuvių gyvenamoje vietovėje suorganizuokime vyčių kuopas!

LIETUVIŲ KULTŪROS KOMISIJOS PRANEŠIMAI

“Vyčiai už lietuviškumą ir Lietuvą!”

1. Kiekviena Vyčių kuopa turi lietuviškumo vadovą ir pagelbininką, kuriuos parenka kuopos pirmininkas. Vyti, ar žinai kas yra Jūsų kuopos lietuviškumo vadovu?
2. Kiekviena Apskritis taip pat turi savo lietuviškumo vadovą ir pagelbininką, kuriuos parenka Apskrities Pirmininkas.
3. Visos kuopos turi skubiai pranešti savo lietuviškumo vadovus Vyčių Apskrities Pirmininkui — Valdybai. Ar Jūsų kuopa tai padarė?
4. Apskrities pirmininkas ir visa Valdyba sudaro savo kuopų Lietuviškumo vadovų sąrašą, kurio kopiją tuoj siunčia Lietuvių Kultūros Komitetui ir vieną laiko sau.
5. Kuopos pirmininkas yra asmeniškai atsakingas už Lietuviškumo Vadovo ir pagelbininko parinkimą ir pranešimą Apskrities Pirmininkui. Apskrities Pirmininkai įgaliojami pradėti visos apskrities lietuviškumo veiklą, kol jie sudarys lietuviškumo veiklią vadovybę. Bet jie pasilieka atsakingi už visą veiklą visą laiką. Ar visos kuopos Jūsų Apskirtyje veikia pagal lietuviškumo programą? Ar pranešėte L. K. K. savo lietuviškumo veiklos rezultatus?
6. L. K. K. skaito garbės dalyku būti pirmuoju lietuviškumo programos vykdyme. Kuri kuopa, kuri apskritis, kuris pirmininkas pirmaus? Mes laukiame visų, visomis jėgomis dirbančių mūsų brangiam lietuviškumui.

LIETUVIŠKUMO PROGRAMOS VADOVAS

L. K. K. jau rengia Lietuviškumo trumpą Vadovą, kuriame bus mūsų programa lietuviškai ir angliškai, ir nurodymai kaip lengviau tą programą vykdyti. L. Vadovai bus išsiuntinėti kuopoms per Apskričių Valdybas.

L. K. K. ir Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba pasiryžę bendromis jėgomis vykdyti Lietuviškumo programą kaip ji paskelbta “Vytyje”, 1959, nr. 3. Bet visas darbas yra pačių vyčių uždavinys. Todėl, mielieji vyčiai, į darbą. Visa atsakomybė Tau, vyti, vyte, kuopos lietuviškumo vadove. Nelauk kol kas kitas pasakys, pradės, bet tuoj patys vykdykite. Būkite pirmieji.

L. K. K.

K. OF L. EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE

The Eucharistic Congress to be held in Munich in 1960 will be truly one of the most magnificent demonstrations of Catholic faith in recent history. More than a million pilgrims are expected to take part in giving public honor to the Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Already, by Nov. 10, twenty persons have definitely decided to join the K. of L. Pilgrimage. Our travel agency informs us that arrangements are progressing and that hotel space in all cities has already been confirmed for the K. of L. group. Reservations are being made for a group of 34. We do not plan to increase this number, since additional reservations will be almost impossible to make.

Those wishing to avail themselves of the K. of L. Pilgrimage should write as soon as possible to the national spiritual director of the K. of L. for further information. To be assured of a reservation a deposit of \$100.00 is requested. Since the group will be limited in number, space will be allocated to those who send deposits first.

Featured in the pilgrimage are visits to London, steeped in the riches of England tradition; to Paris, the exciting center of fashion and culture; to Lucerne, nestling on the shores of the Lake of the Four Cantons in Switzerland and reputedly the most beautiful lake in the world; to Oberammergau and the world famous Passion Play staged every ten years; to Venice, the romantic city of islands and canals and the playground of the Adriatic; to Rome the shrine of early Christians, the altar of martyrs, and the Chair of the Vicar of Christ on earth, Pope John XXIII; to Nice, the capital of the scenically wonderful French Riviera; to Monte Carlo, the glamorous resort of kings and princes; to Lourdes, the miraculous shrine of living faith; to Fatima, where the eyes of the Catholic world will be focused most especially in the year 1960.

A more complete itinerary was printed in the October issue of VYTIS. Undoubtedly, this pilgrimage will be a most unique and inspiring spiritual experience for all who take part.

VYČIŲ SEIMAS 1960 METAIS ĮVYKS
WORCESTER, MASS.

KAD SEIMAS BŪTŲ TIKRAI ĮDOMUS
IR ISPŪDINGAS,
JAU DABAR PRADĖTA JAM RUOŠTIS.
TODĖL
VISI VYČIAI JAU DABAR PLANUOJA
IR RUOŠIASI JAME DALYVAUTI.

K. OF L. and OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA BOOKLET

Dear Member:

Our Blessed Lady appeared in Šiluva, Lithuania 250 years before She did in Lourdes. Why was Lithuania so blessed? A number of answers may be given but really only God knows. One thing is certain God gave Lithuania the privilege of being the place of Our Lady's first well-known apparition in Europe — a tremendous honor.

This apparition is very little known among the people of the world. This is a shame for there is no reason why Šiluva should not be as well known as Lourdes and Fatima. That is why there was published the booklet "Our Lady of Šiluva". The purpose of this booklet: to acquaint you and others with what took place in Šiluva some 350 years ago.

A year or so ago, the K. of L. published a similar booklet on St. Casimir. This booklet, written by Father Contons, fulfilled a long time need, that of giving our people something on the life of our Patron Saint in English. The K. of L. is continuing its cultural work by publishing this booklet on Our Lady of Šiluva.

Please do what you can to spread this booklet among Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians. Get in touch with your Pastor and arrange to have this booklet sold in front of the church. Your Pastor is being informed about this. Booklets may be had at the following rates:

- 1 — 4 copies — 25¢ each
- 5 — 24 copies — 20¢ each
- 25 — 49 copies — 18¢ each
- 50 — 99 copies — 17¢ each
- 100 — 499 copies — 16¢ each
- 500 — over — 15¢ each

Address: Rev. John C. Jutt, 41 Providence St., Worcester, Mass.

With every best wish and with God's blessings
Sincerely yours in Xto
REV. JOHN C. JUTT

Dear Father:

Please send me copies of the booklet **OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA**.

Please accept my donation to cover cost of publishing the booklet **OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA** \$

Name

Address

City & State

Council

1960 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Lithuania was founded in America to preserve the culture and language of our forefathers.

In these critical times, when our aggressors in Europe are doing everything possible to suppress the Lithuanian language, its culture, religion and democracy in its form of government, it is important that we here in America do everything possible to preserve our Lithuanian heritage and continue to remind the world of the great atrocities committed against this small but courageous nation and that final liberation can be the only solution.

The Knights of Lithuania is so dedicated to this great task.

Our purpose in this year's drive for new members is to eliminate the mythical word "youth" from our organization, which has been detrimental in the past, and to embrace all people of Lithuanian descent, Juniors and Seniors alike, as well as business and professional people, into one great organization, so that we can better achieve our aims for "God and Country."

RULES — 1960 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The drive will be conducted for a period of five months from January 1, 1960 to May 31, 1960. The prizes will consist of four awards:

- A — Individual
- B — Council (2 Awards)
- C — District

The *Individual Awards* will be calculated from a point system, as follows:

1. Organizing a Jr. K. of L. council — 100 points
2. Organizing a new K. of L. council — 75 points
3. Reorganizing a dormant K. of L. council — 50 points.
4. Each new member brought into the council — 10 points.

Council Awards will be divided into two categories:

1. Councils with 1 to 25 members.
2. Councils with 25 or more members.

A quota of 50% of the paid-up members as of December 31, 1959 will be used. This will give the councils with a lesser membership draw a better chance to compete with those councils having a greater membership draw.

The *District Awards* will be given to the district with the highest total of new members. This award is made in an effort to get the districts behind the drive this year.

**K. OF L. NATIONAL CONVENTIONS (CONFERENCE)
DURING PAST 20 YEARS**

- 1940 HARTFORD, CONN., 28th nat'l conv. Host: C-6
 1941 PITTSBURGH, PA., 29th nat'l conv. Hosts: Pittsburgh district
 1942 SOUTH BOSTON, MASS., 30th nat'l conv. Host: C-17
 1943 NEWARK, N. J., CONFERENCE held at Hotel Douglas (during WW II). Host: Supreme Council
 1944 NEW YORK, N. Y., 31st nat'l conv. Host: C-12
 1945 CHICAGO, ILL., 32nd nat'l conv. Host: Chicago district
 1946 WORCESTER, MASS., 33rd nat'l conv. Host: C-116
 1947 PHILADELPHIA, PA., 34th nat'l conv. Host: C-3
 1948 DETROIT, MICHIGAN, 35th nat'l conv. Host: C-102
 1949 ELIZABETH, N. J., 36th nat'l conv. Host: C-52
 1950 CHICAGO, ILL., 37th nat'l conv. Host: Chicago district
 1951 NEW YORK, N. Y., 38th nat'l conv. Host: C-12
 1952 DAYTON, OHIO, 39th nat'l conv. Host: C-96
 1953 SOUTH BOSTON, MASS., 40th nat'l conv. Host: C-17
 1954 PITTSBURGH, PA., 41st nat'l conv. Host: Pittsburgh district
 1955 NEWARK, N. J., 42nd nat'l conv. Host: C-29
 1956 CHICAGO, ILL., 43rd nat'l conv. Host: Illinois-Indiana district
 1957 LOS ANGELES, CALIF., 44th nat'l conv. Host: C-133
 1958 PHILADELPHIA, PA., 45th nat'l conv. Host: C-3
 1959 DETROIT, MICHIGAN, 46th nat'l conv. Hosts: 79 & 102
 1960 *To be WORCESTER, MASS., 47th nat'l conv. Host 26.



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**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 46th NATIONAL CONVENTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

HONORARY CHAIRMEN — Rev. Dr. Ignatius Boreisis,
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FRIDAY LUNCHEON — Dolores Neverouck
VARIETY SHOW — Marie Zyren, Leondas Galinskas
SATURDAY LUNCHEON — Rita Neverouck
FASHION SHOW — Anna Mae Uznis
DANCE — Joseph Zane, Aquiline Zane
BANQUET — Ralph Valatka, Ann Valatka
TOUR DIRECTOR — Rudy Sakal
COVER ARTIST — Stan Kancewick, Chicago, Ill.

**Vyčiai padvigubina savo
veikimą ir kuopų bei narių
skaičių. To reikalauja vyčių
50 metų jubilėjus.**



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VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. — 133

Our annual meeting and election of officers took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bartkus. The new officers for the year of 1960 are: Ann Laurinaitis, president; Ed Bartkus and Dominic Balciunas, vice presidents; Alice Dotts, secretary; Mrs. Helen Bartkus, financial secretary; Loretta Papsys, treasurer; Tom Yakutis, VYTIS correspondent and editor of council bulletin; Joe Peters and John Antanavich, sgts.-at-arms; Pete Bogin and Joe Barkauskas, trustees. Of course, our Spiritual Adviser remained the same — Rev. Dr. Antanas Bucmys. Leonard Valiukas was assigned to head the following committees: the Ritual, the Lithuanian Affairs and the Membership Drive; Pete Bogin will head the Sports Committee and will be Program Chairman. of the Lithuanian Culture Committee will be appointed later. Anthony Skirius, president of the Senior Council, honored us with his presence at the meeting. We thank Helen and Ed Bartkus for their fine hospitality. The new officers and committee chairmen were installed on December 12th at the Biltmore Hotel, followed by Christmas Party.

Outgoing President Leonard Valiukas' Message: "It was a great honor to serve for the second time as President of this fine Lithuanian - American Catholic organization. I was pleased and delighted to work together with the officers and the entire membership... I am sure that under the leadership of Miss Ann Laurinaitis we will have one of the most successful years of our council... I wish Ann and all other officers the best luck throughout 1960... Thanks again for having

given me an opportunity to head our council for two years!"

The January meeting will be held at the home of Miss Ruta Lee-Kilmonis, our lovely and charming motion picture and TV actress and member of our council, in Palm Springs, California. Since much business will be transacted at this meeting, we urge all members attend it.

Events since last Summer. Beach Party was held on July 19th at Malibu Beach. Tom Yakutis, our editor of the Newsletter, was chairman... We were quite pleased to see Dominic Balciunas and Joe Barkauskas at our meeting recently... On September 20th, both our Council and Senior Council sponsored a PICNIC at Buena Vista Park in Burbank, California. Ed Bartkus was chairman... After a brief sojourn in Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zichwic attended the national convention held in Detroit.

News About Our Members. A number of our members attended a wedding party of Algirdas Puikunas and Elze Vebeliunaitė on June 27th at St. Casimir's Parish Hall. Algirdas Puikunas is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Puikunas. (J. Puikunas is vice president of the Senior Council)... Leonard Valiukas, one of the vice presidents of the Los Angeles County Republican Assembly, headed a committee which sponsored its annual Dinner-Dance at the Statler Hotel on October 17th. A Lithuanian musical program was presented at this countywide Republican affair... Norman Kades left for Europe this past Fall to teach at one of the American Schools there.

Seniors Activities. On June 22nd, the Seniors held their regular meeting at the home of Frank Zukauskas in Glendale. President A. Skirius reported on council representation in ALT and the Catholic

Federation. Members were informed of the death of our oldest member, Joseph Urbon, 81 years, and the tragic death of Julius Kiskis, cousin of P. Aukstuolis. At this meeting, three new members joined — Mr. and Mrs. Felix Collins and William Grigalun. Also Mrs. Barbara Remdzus and Mrs. F. Kaunas joined our council, recently. Congratulations! After the meeting was closed with a prayer led by Father Kazys Steponis, our hosts, Stella and Frank Zukauskas, served us a full course dinner in their newly-built patio. Ačiū... All profits derived from our council's first picnic held on September 20th at Buena Vista Park, Burbank, went to the K. of L. Scholarship Fund. Committee consisted of Eddy Bartkus and Sofija Leonavicius.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

"Perkūnas"

Reports on the storm center of the Midwest K. of L. — the Illinois-Indiana District — show plenty of activities the members have weathered during the past month.

Membership, like lightning, has been striking at C-112 — not once or twice, but again and again and in the same place. Not a monthly meeting goes by without two, three or more new members joining.

We're all hanging on to our hats as C-36 continues its whirlwind Lithuanian interest programs. They did a splendid job of trying to promote a better K. of L. attendance at the "Lithuanian Christmas" held at the Museum of Science and Industry. And, of course, they are still continuing the weekly Lithuanian classes.

Some unexpected action sent the needle on our barometer in a dizzy

spin when our "new" C-14 (Cicero) formed the only Weekly Bowling League in the district. A small group of very young, enthusiastic members, joined when we reorganized C-14 some months ago and now they bowl 40 strong. We hope that each of these, and an extra friend, will become active K. of L'ers before the season is over... and perhaps some of the grand old 14'ers will reorganize their interests to include and help the K. of L.

Of course, we had a few of the more breezy affairs like the C-112 Thanksgiving Eve Dance — another "best" of the season.

Then we had our District Monthly Bowling and Supper Club. C-5 was host to the November tournament group and fested all attendants with chicken by the basket.

World traveler "Konnie" Savikus, to promote interest in the forthcoming K. of L. Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage, entertained the diners with his own movies of Europe; special features — the Brussels World's Fair, the bull fights in Spain and the Follies (Ice Follies, U.S.A.).

The meteorologists couldn't give even a five minute advance report on the outcome of district's elections. After the clouds of competition passed, all were satisfied to see the bright, determined new officers for the coming year.

President — Eleanore Laurin (C-112); 1st V. P. — Albin Manst (last year's president and this year's Chairman of the Board.) (C-5); 2nd V. P. — Walter Tenclinger (C-36) (Also 1960 President of C-36); Treasurer — Joseph Stanaitis (re-elected) (C-99); Recording Sec'y. — Irene Sankus (C-112); Corresponding Sec'y — Loretta Macekonis (C-5); Sgts.-at-Arms — Albert Kassel (C-36), Gordon Gudas (C-99) and James Rukas (C-82); Trustees — Al Mockus (C-112) and Edward Pocius (C-112).

The newly appointed chairmen of Committees will be published in the next issue of "Vytis".

We'd like to reflect a moment and extend our sincerest sympathies to Honorary Member, Jack Jatis, on the loss of his dear mother.

And we'd like to add a few newsy comments.. Municipal Judge Alfonse F. Wells (C-112) has recently been appointed Chief Justice

of the Traffic Court in Chicago... For those who may remember the days when "Vytis" was published in Chicago — Vete J. Shillings, of the K. of L. Press, has rejoined the K. of L. (C-112)... Our Intra-District Ambassadors Loretta and Al Kassel, Loretta Macekonis and Wally Tenclinger have returned from their Thanksgiving weekend trip to Detroit just saturated with good will.

Calendar of Future Activities

- 1/24/60 — District Bowling & Supper Club — Host — C-112.
- 2/ 7/60 — District Bingo Party and Social.
- 3/ 6/60 — District St. Casimir's Day Commemoration — Host — C-36.

Chicago, Ill. — 36 Blogas Vladas

A Happy and Holy New Year is extended to all of our council members for 1960. We are all hoping that 1960 will be a banner year for C-36 with our newly elected officers who are:

President — Wally Tenclinger; 1st Vice-Pres. — Joan Jakunas; 2nd Vice-Pres. — Joan Dumblauskas; Recording Sec'y. — Hen Pius; Finacial Sec'y. — Loretta Kassel; Treasurer — Ed Mikalauskas; Trustees — Lucille Stacy, Betty Mikalauskas; and Sgt.-at-Arms — Jerome Jankus.

Our congratulations go out to them and in return let us all give the officers our co-operation in promoting 1960 as C-36's banner year.

Our district recently held its elections and our best wishes go out to Eleanore Laurin, President and her officers for a most successful year. The 2nd Vice-President of the district is Wally Tenclinger and the sergeant-at-arms is Al Kassel who also is a sports reporter. Looks like C-36 is finally getting up in the K. of L. organization.

Part of the Thanksgiving holidays were spent in Detroit by Al and Lor Kassel, Loretta Macekonis, C-5, and Ray Samoskas C-112 and also Vince Samaska of C-36. They were royally entertained by Bob Boris and also Anna Mae Uznis and their many friends. The two Loretas literally bought out Ann's Fashions in Dearborn and we are all awaiting with great anticipation

for the premiere showing of their creations.

A bouquet of orchids go out to Sophie Zukas, our immediate past president, for her untiring efforts in helping to promote the good and welfare of our council during the past 2 years.

The Museum of Science and Industry was the scene of the "Christmas Around the World" pageant and on Dec. 2, the Lithuanian Christmas was celebrated. The council attended the evening program which was presented by the Ateitis Folk Dancers of Chicago who portrayed a typical Lithuanian Christmas. C-36 members, also members of Ateitis who entertained us royally, are: Helen Pius, Joe Ulevicius, Vince Samaska, and Wally Tenclinger providing the music on his accordion. Just recently the same members performed on ABC-TV's "Polka-Go-Round" which is a network show.

A date to remember is Saturday, February 13, 1960. This is the annual Heart's Dance of our council. The committee is working hard to make this year's dance as successful as last year's dance.

Chicago, Ill. — 112 "Ardee"

Our "Autumn Rhapsody" dance held on Thanksgiving Eve was a splendid success. Most of the credit can be attributed to our hard-working Chairman Ed Krivickas and his able committee who worked very hard to make it the success that it was. Our light stepping waitresses attired in white nylon net aprons could be seen flitting in and out of the dancers as the music of the "Top-Tones" filled our Youth Center. The raffle prize, a lovely Clock-Radio, was won by John G. Evans of C-112, and the 16-piece Starter-Set of dishes donated by Balys Brazdžionis, was won by Vito Rumschek.

The district held its Bowling and Supper which was handled by Council 5, North Side, on November 29. Our "better than good" C-112-ers who won prizes for their efforts are as follows: Cecile Adas, Angie Andres, Walter Cibulskis, Al Dagis and Florence Rumsas.

We congratulate the following members of our council who were elected to offices in the District; President — Eleanore Laurin; Re-

cording Secretary — Irene Sankus; Board of Trustees — Al Mockus, and Ed Pocius.

There are several "middle-aisle" dates which we would like to mention at this time. Norm Berenis — Elaine Wagner, December 26, 1959; Ed Ubis — Eldora Willig, February 20, 1960; Al Mockus — Geraldine Kantaut, April 23, 1960; and Tony Lubert — Rita Wassick, May 28, 1960. Better polish our dancing shoes!

We wish to thank the Officers and the Committee Chairmen for the wonderful job they have done during the past year, and hope that many of them will go on to higher offices in the council this new year.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. — 79 Dot & Dash

Since the last echoes of our Convention have subsided, we are once again trying to resume normal (if we can call it that) activities. Because of the minimum accounting of our "informal" news bits, we are not exactly "do-nothings." Much has been ado in our council. There have been several Weenie Roasts — the last one where the weatherman played a nasty trick. Well, in spite of the rain, the party landed in Bob Boris' basement and a grand time was enjoyed by all — songs 'til our vocal cords limped and some peppy dance music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Vitches' two instrumental sons, Bernard and Leonard. A delicious menu of home-made Kapustu and hot-dogs was treated by the Convention Committee. Yes, it was a treat, since it was a combined event of the two Councils 79-102, in appreciation for all who participated in the various fields of work during the Convention. Appreciation gifts were presented to Marie Zyron for her splendid musical direction for the Variety show; and two gifts, one each were given to Father Kundrat and Father Stanievich (now the newly-elected pastor of St. Anthony's Church). Congratulations to Father Stan on his new appointment and God's blessing on his success in his new Pastorate.

A "Kiddies Christmas Party" was held on December 20th and staged

for the benefit of our future Junior K. of L'ers. Participating were the Catechism class of Church of Divine Providence. To help fill Santa's bag of goodies, Sophie Zager conducted a Candy Sale for some proceeds; and with the super salesmanship of Jack Millard, those deliciously filled canisters went like "hot cakes." Sophie says, "many thanks to Jack and the other handy components, combining Tony Dainus, Aquilline Zane and Joe Chaps."

Some big plans are headway for a New Year's Eve party. Hard at work is a very able committee consisting of Ona Kase, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Petroski and Frank Zager of Council 79, Donna Kirsh, Bill Pluto, Josephine Jonulaité and Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Guerriero — Council 102; and headed by Chairman Tony Dainus. We know that since Betty Petroski is heading the "K. P." category, many delicacies will be unmatched.

"Docey —do and Alemande right" has been the selected theme of our pre-Advent Square Dance held on Saturday, November 28. Bertha Janus (unidentified model in November VYTIS for Anna Mae Uznis' Fashion Show at the Convention) who promoted the dance, was most pleased to see such a wonderful turnout. Larry Pryor was terrific calling the squares to the accompaniment of a wonderful country-band "Hi-fi" Music. Well, at the stroke of midnight the music stopped, shoes were pulled off and a hearty snack of donuts and coffee were enjoyed by all. Along with members of Council 102, we were honored by visits of Councils 5, 36, and 112 of Chicago; and Council 52 of New Jersey, who breezed into our town over the Thanksgiving holiday. The Chicagoans attending the Square Dance were: Lorretta and Al Kassel and Vince Somaska — Council 36, Ray Samoska — 112, and Lorretta Macekonis — 5. The visitors from New Jersey were Charlie Oskutis, Eddie Anilonis and Frank Misacavich of Council 52. We were happy to see our newly-acquired friends as a-la Convention. Hope they all had a good time. Please come again.

Lenny Salas made a grand tribute to the sport of bowling when so many members filled The Tower one Sunday for a Bowling Social. So sorry that many potential bowl-

ers were turned away but next time more alleys will be reserved.

And, kudos to the "thinker" of Frank Zager, who introduced a Rosary Crusade in our council for deceased members or members' families. Well, since its inception several weeks ago, Nellie Dargis has been operating a busy switchboard. The response has been wonderful. Our heartfelt sympathy to Chester Nashlon on the death of his brother; to Pete Peters — his father; and to Ann Fagg, Stanley and John Zvirblis — their father.

This and That

Happy Birthday greetings to Estelle Pileckas and Charles Gogelis (Station WCHB, Lithuanian melodies). Best wishes to Geraldine Chaps upon her recovery from a recent illness. Congratulations to Gerry Graham (choral director) who was wed to Sharon Burch. And, we hear Mr. & Mrs. Jack Millard are "parenticipating." Linkime Dievo Palaimos!

Dayton, Ohio — 96

A pre-Advent SOCIAL was held in the church hall on November 28th, at 8 p.m.... Fran Petkus reported that the Precious Blood P.T.A., sponsoring the original Black Hill "Passion Play" held December 3-5 at Memorial Hall was well attended by our members... Pat Zelinskas, our financial secretary, has been contacting members about DUES, payable in advance by the first of January. Do cooperate with her. Have you contacted Frank Gudelis about your Ritual degree?... The annual Retreat for the women of our parish will be held on the weekend of January 22-24th. The Retreat will be held at the Dominican Retreat House in Dayton... Have you sent in your donation to Father Jutt for the booklet "Our Lady of Siluva?" Extra copies of the booklet may be had by contacting Father Walter, also. Ice Skating Parties are now being arranged so contact John or Ann Scott. The annual Mid-Central Bowling Tournament will be held here in Dayton over the Memorial Day weekend. Be sure to roll at least three games so as to establish an average in order to participate in the tournament. Contact Tom Scott or Ernie Omlor for further details.

Congratulations to Charles and Sarah Petkus on the birth of their second daughter... George and Fritz Mikalauskas have bought a new home... Now that Lou Prasantas is on the Day Schedule, we'll be seeing him more often at our functions... What is causing Ronnie Omlor to go 'round in circles these days?... Hope you didn't forget to see Joe and Ada Sinkwitz for your many Christmas supplies!.. Helen Goldick rolled a 223 at one of our recent League nights. This is the highest any of our girls rolled since?... Our youngest bowler, Ronnie Vangas, rolled a 234 that same evening:.. Results of the Elections to be reported in the next issue.

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Philadelphia, Pa. — 3 "Twinkle"

Despite the cold weather, the attendance at our December meeting was exceptionally good. We were glad to see the new faces as well as those we haven't seen for quite a long time. It seems that our after-meeting socials are a real drawing card. We wish to thank all the members who stayed after our December meeting to help pack clothes for the Clothing Drive.

There was a very good turn out at our Installation Dinner on November 29. Father Martusevich of St. George's was the guest speaker and Father Raila awarded the Ritual degrees, presented mementos to the former officers and installed the new officers.

On December 10th, our Spiritual and Cultural Committees had a combined activity consisting of a tour of the Sacristy and the making of Lithuanian Christmas decorations.

News Bits

Hey Gang, what's the name of the game?... Irene Varevice almost got shipped to Europe! They had her in the box, but couldn't seal it. I wonder why?... How did you like the way Hedy poured at the Traveling Dinner Party?... Helen Shields went to a "Tea Party" during the American Roman Catholic Convention in New York!.. Chris is using his influence in Philco to get a record player for Council 3.. Walt Svekla and Al Damaika recently

spent a weekend at Split Rock Lodge, and quite a bit of their time on indoor activities, is that true?... The great hunters, John Mickunas, Tommy Meron and Al Ozalis, have returned. Al caught a deer — a whopper from what we hear — but Johnny and Tommy didn't. By the way, what kind of deer were you catching "deer"?.. Is there anything new at Helen's hideaway?... Birthday Greetings to Mary Ann Burch (January), Albert Ozalis (January) and belatedly, Helen Shields (November)... Council 3 welcomes Father Batutis, the new Pastor of St. Casimir's Church... We also welcome a new member, Bob Paul, and Bob Rinkus, who re-joined.

Newark, N. J. — 29 The Wanderer

At our November 17th meeting, presided over by Charles Strolis and attended by our Spiritual Adviser Father Totoraitis, several contributions were voted upon: To the Lithuanian Catholic Federation Congress held in New York City, November 27-28; to the Holy Trinity Church on its 65th anniversary celebrated November 22nd, 1959; and to the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America in connection with its annual Drive.

Vice President Jack Remeika, who is also Commander of the local Lithuanian - American Veterans Post, on behalf of the veterans presented a check in the sum of \$15.00 towards the K. of L. Scholarship Fund.

Julianna Strolis and Albert Atkins were sworn in as new members. A Sports Committee report was given by Edward Thompson. Vera Laukzemis reported that two members were candidates for the 3rd Ritual degree, namely: Albi Ponelis and Walter Kranowski; also second and first Ritual degrees will be bestowed upon qualified members in March.

Nominating Committee, consisting of Anthony Malakas, Frank Vaskas, Vera Laukzemis, Edward Thompson, Charles Strolis, presented its slate of new officers at the December 15th meeting. Following were elected officers for 1960: Charles Strolis, president; Jack Remeika, vice president; Peter Podgalsky, treasurer; Aldona Vosylius and Charles Sipaila, secretaries; Victor Vosylius, sgt.-at-arms. Committee

Chairmen elected were: Eva Tre-ciokas, Lithuanian Affairs; Stanley Pocius, Ritual; Anna Pocius and John Peldunas, Spiritual Program; Mary Balchiunas and Julia Strolis, Gifts; Joan Yankauskas, Julianna Strolis and Albi Ponelis, Social; Charles Navickas and Victor Vosylius, Sports; Lithuanian Culture Chairman and Trustees will be appointed at the January meeting. National President Joseph A. Sakевич honored us with his presence at this meeting.

Reports. Mrs. Anna Pocius, delegate to the New Jersey Lithuanian Council held in Kearny on December 13th, gave a fine report of the meeting. Frank Vaskas gave a resume of the Lithuanian Catholic Federation Congress which was held at the Hotel Commodore on November 27-28. Charles Sipaila, chairman of the Card Party held December 13th, reported SUCCESS, and also thanked those who served on the committee with him, namely: President Charles Strolis, Jack Remeika and Stanley Pocius.

A bit of this and that. Congratulations to Daniel Laukzemis who was united in marriage to Diane Barnhart on November 28th in the Holy Trinity Church. The ceremony was performed by Father Albert Matulis of the Church of the Epiphany, Cliffside Park. Reception followed at St. George's Hall... Stanley Pocius gave a report of our district meeting held December 6th at New York with Council 12 acting as host... Annual Communion and Breakfast of the New York-New Jersey District will take place on Sunday, March 6th, at Elizabeth, N. J., with Council 52 acting as host. Mass will be offered at 10:00 a.m. in SS. Peter & Paul Church. Business session will be held in the parish hall that same afternoon... District Bowling League is going along in fine fashion... On March 13, members will receive Holy Communion in a body followed by a breakfast to be served in St. George's Hall. Ritual degrees will be bestowed upon qualified members. That same afternoon, the District Bowling League will meet, and in the evening, 6 p.m., a Card Party will take place in St. George's Hall... Must thank the following Lithuanian newspapers that gave plenty of space during the past year in detailing our activities, both on

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a local and national scale — "Darbininkas", "Draugas" and "Garsas".. Our world traveler, Jack Stukas, leaves on another jaunt on March 2nd, for 6 weeks.. By the time you receive this issue, Ye Scribe will have completed his annual trek to the land of Sunshine!

Elizabeth, N. J. — 52 "Nuff said"

Congratulations and God's blessings to our beloved pastor, Father Michael Kemezis on his elevation to Right Reverend Monsignor. We are proud and happy over this designation. Monsignor Kemezis was instrumental in reorganizing Council 52, in 1937.

A fine turnout at Ann Mitchell's testimonial. The affair was opened by Monsignor Kemezis and later, he added his words of praise to Ann. Also extolling Ann were Fathers Joseph Pragulbickas, John Starkus, and Walter Karelevicius, as did Joseph Sakevich, Larry Janonis and Al Budrecki. Charles Oskutis was toastmaster. He read the numerous congratulatory letters and telegrams of those unable to attend. The affair was chairmened by Ronnie Krezonis and Helen Balandis. Ann was not only heaped with words of praise but also lovely material tokens were presented. A typical Lithuanian affair, enjoyed by all.

While dwelling in the Congrats department: A joyful word to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grinchis upon being presented with a Thanksgiving day baby, James Charles. Mother and son doing fine; father too!

Frank Miller, Ed Anilonis and Charles Oskutis winged into Detroit over the Thanksgiving weekend. It was for a football game and some unfinished convention business. So they told me, with a twinkle in their eyes!

As of this writing, Elizabeth's bowling team is still scoring high. Several weeks ago, Charles O. hit a 299, oh that ten pin!

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Ruth Laucius on the untimely passing away of her 6-year old nephew, Vincent Laucius Jr. The Good Lord has enlisted him into His angelic legions.

Happy New Year!

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Athol, Mass. — 10 "Vincukas"

On December 7, we held our monthly meeting in St. Francis Church Hall, Athol. The following slate of officers was elected: Frank Anoris, president; Dr. Henry Gailunas, vice president; Frances Milosh of Gardner, recording secretary; Mary Piragis, treasurer; Alvin Rodosky of Gardner, financial secretary; William Wisnauskas of Gardner, VYTIS correspondent; William Waslaske, chmn. Spiritual Program; and Father Alphonse Volungis, Chaplain.

Members were invited to a Christmas Party to be held at the home of Mary Piragis on December 20th.

Our council is sponsoring an annual WINTER CARNIVAL the weekend of February 27-28. More details in the next issue.

We thank all who helped and participated in the Food Sale held last November, in the church hall.

Waterbury, Conn. — 7

Professor Alexander J. Aleksis, honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania, was named organist and choirmaster by the new pastor, Father A. Edward Gradeck. Mrs. Carl Ortlieb was elected president of St. Joseph's Church Choir. She succeeds Joseph Muraska. Others elected were: Vice-presidents, Victor Malinauskas and Edward Stulginskas; secretary, Mrs. Valerie Gelumbauskas; treasurer, Mrs. Casimira Campe; librarian, Joseph Kazlauskas and Vladas Vaskelis; social co-chairmen, Mrs. S. Miklinevich and Joseph Muraska; marshal, Peter Marunas; public relations, Marcela Andrikis.

Worcester, Mass. — 26 "Aloysius"

This past Fall, we had quite a few activities. The most recent and biggest attraction was the annual Dinner Dance held at the Wachusett Country Club, at which many of our married couples attended. Charlie Tagman seemed to be in the limelight - showing all the girls the latest steps. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tagman, Mr.

and Mrs. G. Balcorn, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rainis, the Gadilauskas family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Delonis and many more too numerous to mention.

The highlight of the evening was a dance exhibition performed by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Banket. A Latin number was played by Bob Zinkus and his Orchestra, and the performance of the couple was of a professional character. We are looking forward to a few lessons by them at our next meeting.. The committee, consisting of Claire Grigaitis, Adele Urevich and Rita Pinkus, are to be commended for making such fine arrangements.

On November 22, we hosted the 1st District Bowling Roll-Off held at the Strand Alleys, Worcester. About 60 bowlers participated. Ed Daniels of C-26 was the high man with a 3-string total of 323. Helen Gillis, also of Worcester, was high for the Girls with a triple of 289. Runner-up (Men) was Joe Kondrotas with 309, and runner-up (Girls) was A. Kraunelis of C-116 with 281. After the bowling tournament, all convened at the C-26 clubrooms for a social hour — arranged by Ann Bender, Rose Cheana, Margie Ranucci, Helen Gillis and Rita Pinkus.

The following weekend, many of our members traveled to Boston and attended the annual Dance sponsored by Council 17, South Boston at the Hotel Bradford. Some of our members, conspicuous by their activities, were Joe Sipas, Buddy Ginkus, Joe Sakaitis, Ed Daniels and Joe Drumstas, to mention a few. After the dance, we were invited to Joanie's home in South Boston, where we were served with sandwiches and coffee before leaving for home. With all the guests Joanie had, she was quite prepared with food, in advance. Thank you for such wonderful hospitality.

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