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ST. CASIMIR:

Saint For Our Times

REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS

More than five hundred years after his birth, St. Casimir is still venerated in many corners of the globe. Only a few months ago Vatican City issued a new series of stamps honoring St. Casimir as the principal patron of Lithuania. Heir-apparent to the thrones of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and the Kingdom of Poland, St. Casimir is naturally revered by the Polish people as well.

The cult of St. Casimir was introduced into Bavaria and other German duchies, for Casimir's sisters were received in marriage by German nobility. His mother was a member of the famous Hapsburg family.

For a time the city of Palermo, Sicily, honored St. Casimir as its patron saint. A sodality of young Neapolitan nobility adopted St. Casimir as their heavenly patron and pledged themselves to imitate his princely virtues, especially his purity of soul.

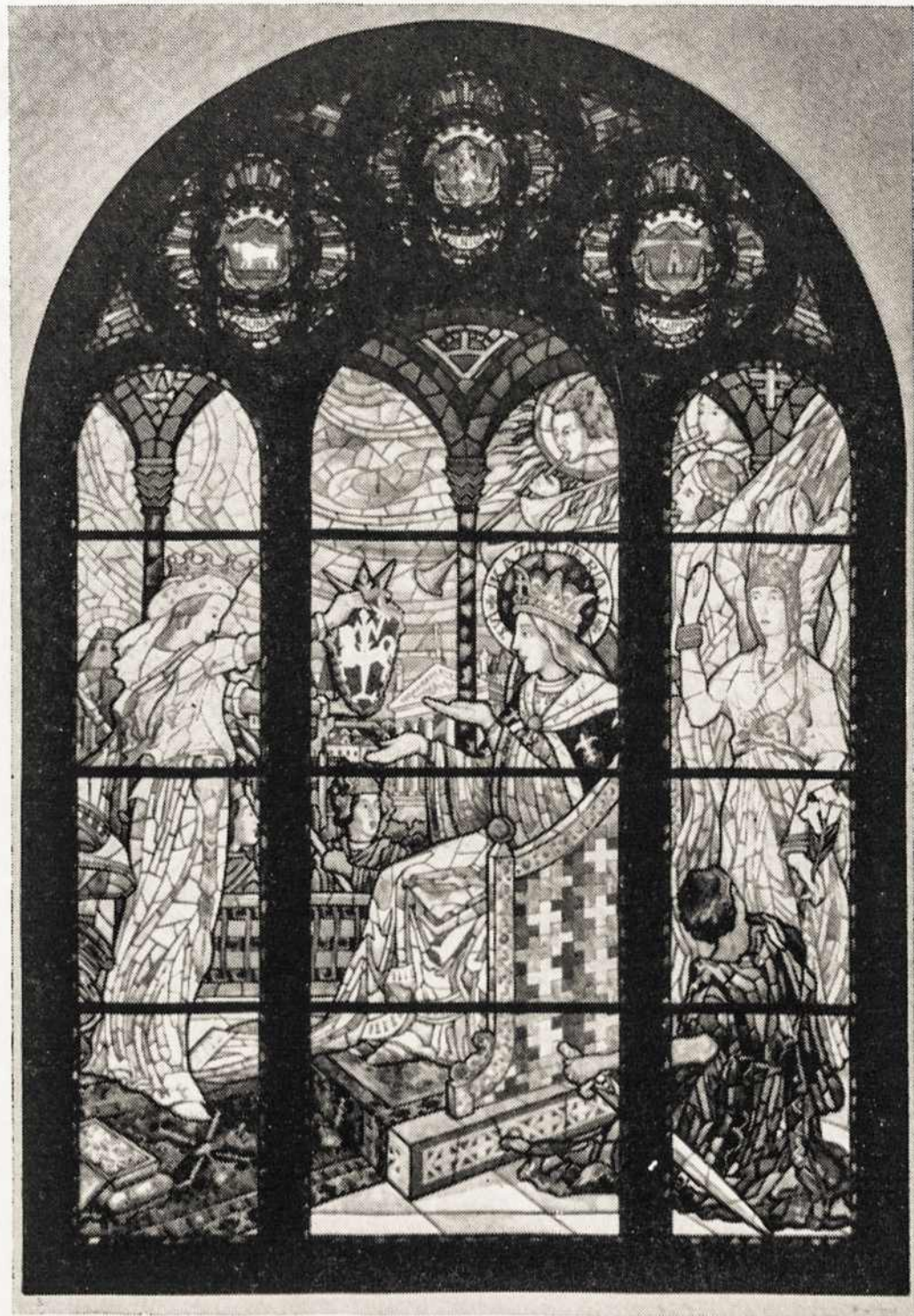
To this day an elaborate reliquary containing a large relic of St. Casimir is preserved in the basilica of St. Lawrence in Florence. Each year it is carried by four men in a solemn procession on the saint's feast day. Mindful of the pure life of St. Casimir and his eagerness to wage in a crusade against the Turks, the Knights of Malta adopted St. Casimir as the patron of their order toward the end of the seventeenth century.

Although St. Casimir lived five hundred years ago, his message is a very timely one. Today's young people live in a world where doubt and disbelief are on all sides; where the fast tempo of life leaves little time to think of the basic purpose of life; where the moral code is silently ignored or openly assailed by many; where excessive comforts and luxuries often lead to softness of character and weakness in temptation.

St. Casimir faced much the same

Švento
Kazimiero
Sapnas
(vitražas)

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temptations as the world offers today. Growing up in the royal palace of Cracow, capital of Poland, and later, sharing with his father the burdens of governing Poland and Lithuania, young Casimir had pleasure, luxury, and power within easy reach. Yet he shunned these allurements of the world.

By sheer strength of will, by prayer and self-denial, by tender devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Casimir reached the heights of personal sanctity. His life is a vivid example of the words of Paul Claudel, "Youth is not formed for pleasure, but for heroism."

In spite of the heroic quality of his virtues, we know of no miracles performed during the lifetime of St. Casimir. Nor did the youthful saint have time to amass a record of outstanding worldly achievements. As a matter of fact, the only military campaign undertaken by him, at the age of thirteen against Mathias

Corvinus of Hungary, fizzled into a complete fiasco.

Casimir's holiness was in a sense hidden from the eyes of men. It did not reveal itself in spectacular ways. Instead, it was like that of St. Theresa, the Little Flower of Lisieux, who attained holiness by performing the ordinary duties of her simple life with extraordinary love for God.

This was the secret, if we may call it that, of Casimir's sanctity, too — he had the determination of will, strengthened by God's grace, to take the simple events of his daily life — his work, study, play, prayer, and sacrifices — and with patience and perseverance weave these threads into the fabric of spiritual perfection.

St. Casimir is a saint for our times, because by his life he shows that sanctity is within the reach of the ordinary person. All it takes is extraordinary love for God.

Šventas Kazimieras

Lietuvos šventasis gimė 1458 metais karališkoje Krokuvos pilyje, kur jo tėvas — Lenkijos karalius ir didysis Lietuvos kunigaikštis — sėdėjo Jogailos soste. Šv. Kazimiero motina — imperatoriaus Albrechto II duktė Elžbieta — rūpinosi, kad karalaičiai, mokydamiesi valdyti žmones, išmoktų visų pirma paklusti Dievui. Iš septynių jos vaikų, pavestų gabiems mokytojams, savo pamaldumu išsiskyrė Kazimieras, rūpindamasis daugiau Dievo karalyste negu žemiška valdžia.

Kai vyresnysis brolis Vladislovas tapo Čekijos karaliumi, Kazimieras turėjo užimti Vengrijos sostą. Tačiau nesekmingas karo žygis į svetimą žemę sugražino jį tėvų kraštui, kuriam jis turėjo šviesti krikščionišku gyvenimu. Lietuva buvo neseniai priėmusi krikštą ir jai reikėjo žmonių, kurie parodytų visai tautai, kas yra krikščionybė.

1475 metais Kazimieras atvyksta į Lietuvą ir apsigyvena Vilniuje. Jis turi tik 17 metų, bet jo rimtumas, pamaldumas ir išsilavinimas stebina visus dvariškius. Dažnai jis eina aplankyti gražiųjų Vilniaus bažnyčių, ir radęs užrakintas duris, jis meldžiasi ant laiptų. Pakeliui, sutikęs vargšą ir beturtį, jis duoda jam išmaldą ir prideda krikščionišką paguodos žodį. Kai tėvai jį kalbina vedyboms, Kazimieras mąsto apie tobulą krikščionišką gyvenimą ir savo širdyje prisiekia Dievui skaistybę. Savo žodžiais ir elgesiu visiems parodo, kad jam rūpi ne sostas ir ne šeimos laimė, bet Dievo karalystė.

Susipažinęs su bočių kraštu, Kazimieras turi grįžti į Lenkiją. Po vienerių metų jis vėl gyvena Lietuvoje ir padeda tėvui. Tačiau jo pagalba labiau reikalinga Lenkijoje, kur jis karaliaus vardu turi valdyti kraštą porą metų. Jo valdžia pasižymi teisingumu, taupumu ir apdairumu. Kazimieras pašalina netinkamus dvariškius, išperka užstatytas valdines žemes ir supranta, iš kur grėsia kraštui pavojai. Jis stengiasi pagerinti santykius su Šv. Sostu, permato turkų pavojų ir sten-



giasi atsispirti rusų įtakai, besiskverbiančiai į tėvų žemę per cerkves.

1483 metų vasarą Kazimieras vėl grįžta į Lietuvą. Jis serga džiova ir mato, kad jo jėgos menkėja. Būdamas Gardine, ankstyvą 1484 metų pavasarį jis nebegali atsikelti iš patalo ir kovo 4 dieną atiduoda savo skaisčią sielą Sutvėrėjui. Jo kūnas perkeliamas į Vilnių ir palaidojamas katedros karališkoje koplyčioje.

Po karalaičio mirties liaudis ir didikai vis dažniau renkasi prie Kazimiero kapo ir prašo jo užtarimo. Visi jį vadina šventuoju. Keletas stebuklų parodo, kad karalaitis yra galingas pas Dievą. Kai į Vilnių atvyksta popiežiaus pasiuntinys, jis ištiria Kazimiero gyvenimą ir stebuklus ir praneša Šv. Tėvui. Kunigai ir vienuoliai platina Kazimiero garbę po visą Lietuvą, o vyskupai ir didikai prašo Šv. Tėvo paskelbti karalaitį šventuoju. Jo garsas pasklinda visame krikščionių pasaulyje.

Dar nėra tiksliai nustatyta, kada Bažnyčia suteikė Lietuvos karalaičiui šventojo garbę. Tačiau jo šventė švenčiama kovo 4 dieną nuo 17 amžiaus pradžios, o 1948 metais Šv. Kazimieras paskelbtas Lietuvos jaunimo globėju.

Mums — lietuviams — Šv. Kazimieras yra brangus ne tik kaip mūsų tautos sūnus, bet ir kaip šventasis. Gyvendamas Vilniuje, jis švietė mūsų tėvams švento gyvenimo pavyzdžiu, o po savo mirties saugojo mūsų kraštą nuo priešų. Dabar jam pavestas didelis uždavinys globoti mūsų jaunimą. Švęsdami jo mirties sukaktį, mes prašysime jo pagalbos sau ir ypač tiems, kurie yra persekiojami dėl Dievo ir Tėvynės meilės.

Br. Krištanaitis

Šv. Kazimieras
Lietuvių bažnyčios vitražas
Montevideo, Urugvajuj,
Pietų Amerikoje

Catholics Do "Do Things"

1. The world's greatest painter, Raphael, was a Catholic.
2. Catholic France furnished the greatest help to the American Revolution.
3. Catholic Missionaries grew the first wheat in the United States.
4. The submarine was invented by Holland, an Irish Catholic Christian Brother.
5. The founder of the Red Cross, Saint Camillus of Lellis, was a Catholic.
6. Pasteur, leading scientist of the 19th century, was a Catholic.
7. Muller, the greatest biologist of the last century, was a Catholic.
8. A Catholic, Charles Carroll, signer of the Declaration of Independence, began the first American railroad.
9. Verdi, one of the world's greatest musical composers, was a Catholic.
10. Copernicus, world's greatest astronomer, was a Catholic priest.
11. The first American martyr for his Christian Faith was Father Padilla, in 1542.
12. U. S. Supreme Court Chief Justices White and Taney were Catholics.
13. Dante, world's greatest poet, was a Catholic.
14. Ampere, discoverer of the unit of electric current, was a Catholic.
15. Fabre, world's greatest naturalist, was a Catholic.
16. John Barry, Father of the American Navy, was a Catholic.
17. The first hospital in the New World was a Catholic hospital in Mexico City, in 1524.
18. Vesalius, father of anatomy, was a Catholic.
19. The first school in the United States was opened by Catholics, in Saint Augustine, in 1600.
20. The laying of the first Atlantic cable was proposed by a Catholic, Bishop Mullock, of Newfoundland.
21. The oldest University in America is the Catholic University of St. Mark, Lima, Peru, begun in 1551.
22. America is called after Americus Vespucci, a Catholic.
23. The first public library in America was in a Catholic university.
24. Pope Gregory XV gave the world its present calendar.
25. The first book printed in the New World was a Catholic catechism.
26. Lord Howard, victor over the Spanish Armada, was a Catholic.
27. The first American soldier to die in the "Great War" was a Catholic, a Pittsburgher, Thomas Enright.
28. Marshal Foch was a Catholic.
29. Rontgen, discoverer of X-Ray, was a Catholic.
30. The world's greatest architect, Bramante, was a Catholic.
31. Magellan, who first sailed around the world, was a Catholic.
32. The world's largest building is Saint Peter's Cathedral in Rome.
33. The word "volts" comes from Colta, the great Catholic electrician.
34. West Point Military Academy was started by a Catholic, Count Kosciusko.
35. The first printing press in the American Colonies was set up by a Catholic priest, Father White.
36. Paderewski, world's greatest pianist, was a Catholic.
37. The father of American shorthand, Thomas Lloyd, was a Catholic.
38. Twenty-five million Catholics today give allegiance to the Stars and Stripes.
39. Mezzofanti, world's greatest linguist, was a Cardinal of the Catholic Church.
40. The first book ever printed in the world, was a Catholic Bible.
41. Dr. John B. Murphy, of Chicago, one of the world's greatest surgeons, was a Catholic.
42. Father Damien, the Apostle of the Lepers of Molokai, was a Catholic priest.
43. Leonardo Da Vinci, greatest architect, engineer and painter of his time, was a Catholic.
44. Balboa, discoverer of the Pacific Ocean, was a Catholic.
45. Galvani, discoverer in electricity, who gave the world galvanized iron and the galbanic battery, was a Catholic.
46. America was discovered by a Catholic, Christopher Columbus.

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vyčių sendraugių kuopos!**



KRYŽIAUS KELIAS

Daug kam atrodo kieti šie Kristaus žodžiai: "Teišsižada pats savęs, tegul kasdien neša savo kryžių ir tesa-ka mane" (Lk. 9, 23). Bet dar sunkiau bus klausyti paskutinę dieną šių Kristaus žodžių: "Eikite šalin nuo manęs, prakeiktieji, į amžiną ugnį" (Mt. 25, 41). Tie, kurie dabar noriai klauso Dievo paragavimo nešti kryžių ir tą paraginimą vykdo, neturės baimės paskutinę teismo dieną išgirsti amžiną pasmerkimą. "Tuomet pasirodys danguje Žmogaus Sūnaus ženklas" (Mt. 24, 30). Tada kryžiaus mokiniai, tie, kurie visą savo gyvenimą sekė Jėzų Nukryžiuotąjį, prisiartins prie Jėzaus Teisėjo su dideliu pasitikėjimu.

Kodėl bijai kryžiaus, jei jis veda į dangaus karalystę? Kryžiuje yra išganymas, kryžiuje yra gyvenimas, kryžius gina nuo priešų. Iš kryžiaus paeina visi dangaus malonumai. Kryžiuje yra sielos tvirtybė, kryžiuje yra dvasios džiaugsmas, kryžiuje yra augščiausia dorybė, kryžiuje yra šventumo tobulumas. Tik kryžiuje yra sielos išganymas ir amžinojo gyvenimo viltis. Tat, jei nori įeiti į amžiną gyvenimą, imk savo kryžių ir sek Jėzų. Jis pirma tavęs nešė kryžių ir numirė ant kryžiaus dėl tavęs, kad ir tu neštumei savo kryžių ir kad norėtumei numirti ant kryžiaus. "Jei mes numirėme su Kristumi, tai mes tikime, kad taip pat drauge su Kristumi būsime gyvi" (Rom. 6, 8). Jei dalinsimės su Jėzumi kančiomis, dalinsimės ir garbe.

Tat viskas yra kryžiuje ir viskas priklauso nuo mirimo sau. Nėra kito kelio į gyvenimą ir tikrą širdies ramybę, kaip kryžiaus ir nuolatinio mariniimosi kelias. Eik, kur nori, jieškok, ko nori, niekur nerasi kilnesnio ir saugesnio kelio, kaip švento kryžiaus kelias. Jeigu ir viską galėtum sutvarkyti pagal savo pažiūras ir no-

rus, vistiek, norėsi ar nenorėsi, dėl ko nors turėsi kentėti; visur rasi kryžių, nes arba kentėsi kūno skausmus, arba siela bus apkartusi.

Kartais tave Dievas apleis, kartais artimas vargins, blogiausia gi, kad dažnai pats savęs nepakeisi. Nesurasi savo skausmui palengvinti jokios priemonės ir turėsi kentėti tiek, kiek Dievas norės. Dievas nori išmokyti tave kentėti be suraminimo, kad tu išmoktum Jam visiškai paklusti ir kad tokiu būdu taptum nuolankesnis. Niekas taip negali atjausti Kristaus kančios, kaip tas, kuris ką nors panašaus yra iškentėjęs. Tat kryžius visados yra paruoštas; jis visur tavęs laukia. Nors kažin kur eitum, vistiek nuo jo nepabėgsi, nes visur save nusineši ir visur rasi save. Pakilsi ar nusileisi, išėisi iš savęs ar grįši į save, visur rasi kryžių. Tat, jei nori turėti dvasios ramybę ir laimėti nemirštamą vainiką, visur būk kantrus.

Jei kryžių neši džiaugsmingai, jis pats tave neš ir nuneš į paskirtą tikslą, kur kančių daugiau nėra; bet tai nebus šiame pasaulyje. Jei kryžių neši susiraukęs, jis darysis sunkesnis, o nešti vistiek reikės. Jei vieną kryžių numesi, tikriausiai rasi kitą ir, galbūt, daug sunkesni.

Tačiau tas, kuris yra bandomas sunkiais kryžiais, nėra paliktas be paguodos, nes jis jaučia didėjant savo kantrybės vaisius. Nes, jei jis noriai pasiduoda skausmui, tas jį varginas skausmas greit virsta švelniai raminančia paguoda. Juo labiau kūnas turi kentėti, juo labiau malonė stiprina dvasią. Kartais net pats noras kentėti taip stiprina žmogų, kad jis net nebenori būti išlaisvintas iš skausmų, nes jis žino, kad juo daugiau jis kenčia dėl Dievo, juo labiau jis Dievui patinka.

Tat būk pasiruošęs, kaip geras ir ištikimas Jėzaus Kristaus tarnas, drąsiai nešti dėl tavo meilės nukryžiuoto Mokytojo kryžių. Būk pasiruošęs šiame gyvenime kentėti tūkstančius nemalonumų, nes jie laukia tavęs visur, tu jų visur rasi ir nuo jų niekur nepabėgsi. Jei Išganytojo meilė tau brangi ir jei nori dalyvauti su Juo garbėje, gerk Jo taurę džiaugsmingai. Leisk Dievui laisvai elgtis su pagundomis: tegul Jis jas dalina kaip nori. Sau pasirink tik kentėjimus ir laikyk juos brangiomis paguodomis, nes "šio laiko kentėjimai negali lygintis su būsimąja garbe, kuri bus mumyse apreikšta" (Rom. 8, 18).

Tomas Kempietis

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The Caribbean is calypso-minded but one missionary found that it can also offer a

Rock'n' Roll Ride

By

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The message arrived here at Grand Cayman at a time when there wasn't a single sturdy turtle boat at anchor. A Caymanian on Swan Island, 200 miles south, had been badly cut up in an encounter with a shark and there was no doctor on that little American island in the Caribbean.

So we boarded the only vessel available, a 50-foot pleasure yacht (on occasions like this one that adjective is a complete misnomer) which was used for fishing trips close to the island. It was never meant to get out of sight of land yet the waters we were to travel are the deepest of the entire Caribbean, well over 20,000 feet.

Our party consisted of the captain and one sailor, three relatives of the injured man, the doctor and myself. (The doctor is A. T. Haas, once of Montana, who has settled here with the idea of helping the mission with free medical services for the poor. Although retired, he neither looks nor acts it.)

The southward run to Swan Island was right out of a travel folder. The seas were calm and beautiful, the sunsets gorgeous, and the full moon resplendent at night. We had the ocean all to ourselves and, as a matter of fact, we spotted only one vessel, far in the distance, during the entire trip.

We were welcomed warmly at Swan Island for the people are glad to see new faces, especially the half dozen Americans who man a most complete weather and communication station for ships and planes. The doctor performed a slight operation on the shark-fighter to prevent infection and a few hours later we started back with the patient.

Now the honeymoon was over. We went from the travel folder atmosphere right into the pages of Moby Dick. The wind was from the northeast and headon. Our 9-foot wide yacht would push her prow beneath the on-coming waves if we tried to make any speed; if we slowed down we had nothing to measure our progress, if any. The boat went into a rock'n'roll that kept up, hour after weary hour.

I tried to curl myself into a three-foot bench for a little rest but the pounding and rolling made sleep impossible. My feet were resting on the cage where Captain Morgan, a parrot who had evidently been a juvenile delinquent, was clinging precariously to his perch. Now and then, when a sudden lurch knocked him off, he would sum up the situation superbly but unprintably.

About four in the morning the captain's shouts brought us all on deck. The helmsman who had taken over the wheel had noticed the ship was listing badly. Investigation showed that the boat was rapidly filling with water and close to the sinking point. The mechanical pumps, as well as the generator for our radio communication, had been put out of commission by the water. (After three nights without sleep, loss of appetite and the constant rocking and pounding I was all for

abandoning the ship — but we had no lifeboat.)

Four of us started a sump-pump but after a dozen strokes I managed to tear the innards out of the thing. So the bucket brigade went into action — and I kept thinking how accurate Captain Morgan was. By now the two forward bunks were floating and the injured man was praying aloud and singing hymns. I felt I should be with him but I also knew how the others in the bucket line would think, and protest loudly, of such a move.

So we bailed on, but daylight was on us before the battle of the bucket was won. The captain was trying to get his bearings from a directional finder that picked up radio beams. He admitted that he had been following the wrong beam but our present position was now 60 miles south of Grand Cayman. He took another reading and we were suddenly 60 miles north of the island. The third and fourth reading verified the second so we sailed south, with just the teeniest bit of doubt in our minds. (We didn't know that planes were searching desperately for us).

But there was Grand Cayman, with all the islanders to greet us for we were a day overdue. The injured man recovered, and I hope my stomach will also before long.

"Jesuit Missions"

WHAT TO GIVE UP IN LENT

1. Give up grumbling... instead... "in everything give thanks."
2. Give up 10 to 15 minutes in bed... instead... use time in prayer.
3. Give up looking at people's worst points... instead... concentrate on their best ones.
4. Give up speaking unkindly... instead... let your speech be generous and understanding.
5. Give up your worries... instead... trust God with them.
6. Give up hatred or dislike of anyone... instead... learn to love.
7. Give up fear which prevents Christian witness... instead... seek courage to speak to others.
8. Give up concentrating on Sunday newspapers... instead... study your Bible.
9. Give up TV one evening a week... instead... visit some lonely or sick person.
10. Give up buying anything but essentials for yourself... instead... give the money to God's work.
11. Give up judging by appearances and by the standards of the world... instead... learn to
12. Give up yourself... to God.

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The Den of Wolves

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BEER BARRELS & ESCAPE

Chapter III

In a dungeon near the cellar, two young lads were sitting on some straw. The place was dark. It served not only as a prison but also as a storage area for various barrels and wooden implements occasionally needed in the castle.

"Do you think they'll keep us here long?" one of the prisoners asked.

"How do I know? It looks like we're in here for some time. Over there is a pitcher of water and a loaf of bread," answered the other.

"Mm! Mm!" groaned the first. "How about trying to escape from here?"

"That sounds good but how? Its very dark in here and I can't see any opening through which we could get out."

"If only we could get out from inside the walls, we would be free! If they catch us once more near the castle's walls, we'll never be able to argue that we were just looking for bird's nests."

"Well then do we stay here? Let them kill us rather than spend all our life in such caves as this!"

Both prisoners sank into silence.

"Tell me Siaurutis, have you been with these Crucifers a long time?"

"It seems like a very long time. I was very small when they took me and now you can see how I've grown."

"I can see that the Crucifers bread did you some good! And yet have not become a German!"

"Me a German?!" snarled Siaurutis. "You don't know what snakes they are!"

"I know what they are! interjected John, "I've been here two years myself."

"Well maybe then you're some kind of German?" "What did you say, Siaurutis? I'm German? Don't say that again or I'll kill you!" yelled John raising his fists.

"Calm down brother. I just wanted to make sure that you hated the Crucifers as much as I."

"Maybe even more! They sneak among us like pigs in a potato field. It's even worse; pigs just eat the potatoes they find and leave the people alone. The Crucifers destroy everything including the people."

"You mean they really eat people?!" questioned Siaurutis unbelievably.

"Worse they swallow us into their castles."

"That's true. It's much worse. If they ate us, we wouldn't have to learn their funny language," answered Siaurutis.

"You once spoke a different language?" asked John.

"Of course, my language is like the whispering of the forest when the wind blows through the leaves. It still rings in my ears; but I don't remember much at all!"

"Well, I do remember a little of mine. I mix my words with the German they teach us. I still remember the songs of the field and the hymns in our churches." And John began to sing quietly, "Near the Vistula, the enemy is coming, coming...." Well they came, stole me and I'm forgetting everything."

"At home we sing a little differently, but I can't remember a word," said Siaurutis and he sank into deep thought. After a while he exclaimed, "We can't stay here! We'll have to get out somehow."

"Yes but how?" questioned John and in frustration kicked a large barrel at his side. The rotted wood crumbled and a nauseating stench, strangely followed by cool fresh air, flowed into the dungeon.

"See, now it even stinks, but wait, I feel a fresh wind blowing



Crucifers

from somewhere. Maybe we can escape!" exclaimed Siaurutis jumping to his feet.

John kicked the huge barrel again and the hole widened; some of the wood fell inside and hit water. The stench increased but the fresh wind also blew stronger. "Whew it sure stinks but those gusts of fresh air. Maybe...."

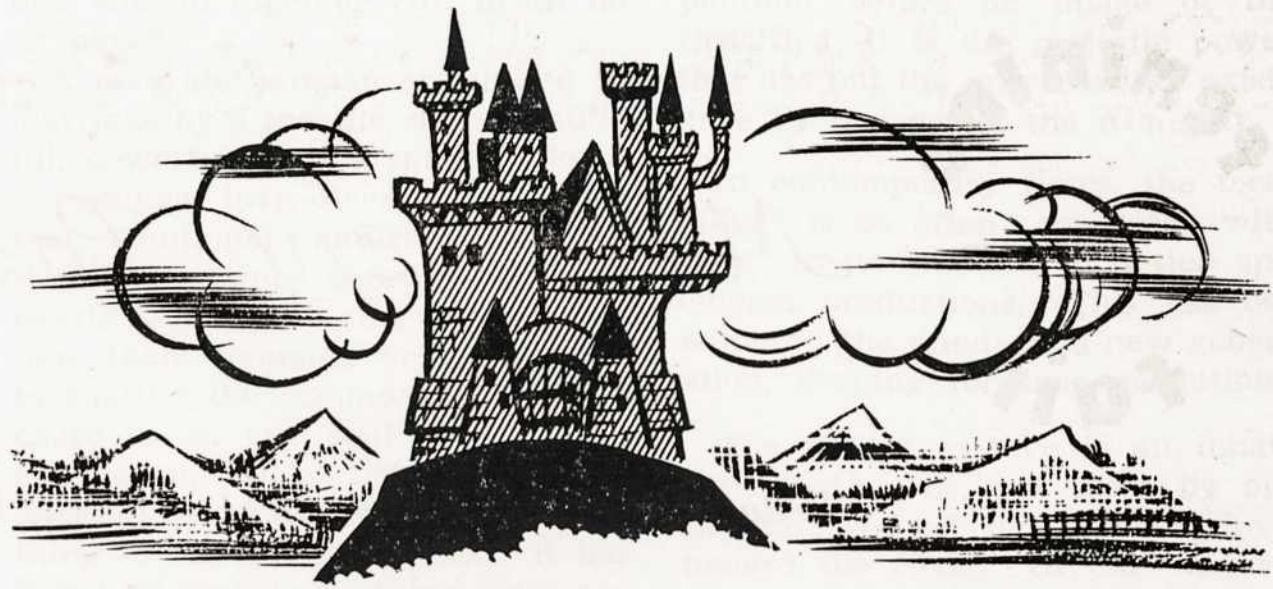
Suddenly they heard footsteps near them. They jumped back from the barrel and crouched quietly. But nobody appeared. They still heard footsteps; and strangely it did not sound as if they belonged to one person but to many overhead.

The lads looked at each other and the same thought struck them simultaneously. They gleefully shook hands.

"Brother, this large barrel must cover something", whispered Siaurutis.

"I think so!" said John with rising hopes of escaping.

The barrel was large as a room. The lads began breaking away the rotten timbers. It was an old decayed barrel that had been used many years ago in brewing beer. The stench came from the leftover hops and beer that had remained and



putrified when the use of the barrel had been discontinued.

The two friends worked feverishly and finally made a hole in its side to crawl in. It was very dark but the fresh wind blew still stronger. They slowly crawled inside the barrel feeling their way ahead with the palms of their hands. Eventually they discovered a hole in the floor.

"Don't bend over or you'll fall in head first", warned John holding his friend back.

"Well it wouldn't be much of a change — from one dungeon into another!" whispered Siaurutis as he threw a piece of a brick into the depths. After a few moments, they heard it hit below.

"Oho! Did you hear it?" exclaimed Siaurutis grabbing his friend by the arm.

"Yes, yes, but where does it lead?" whispered John.

"Could you pull me back if I did not touch anything with my feet?" asked Siaurutis.

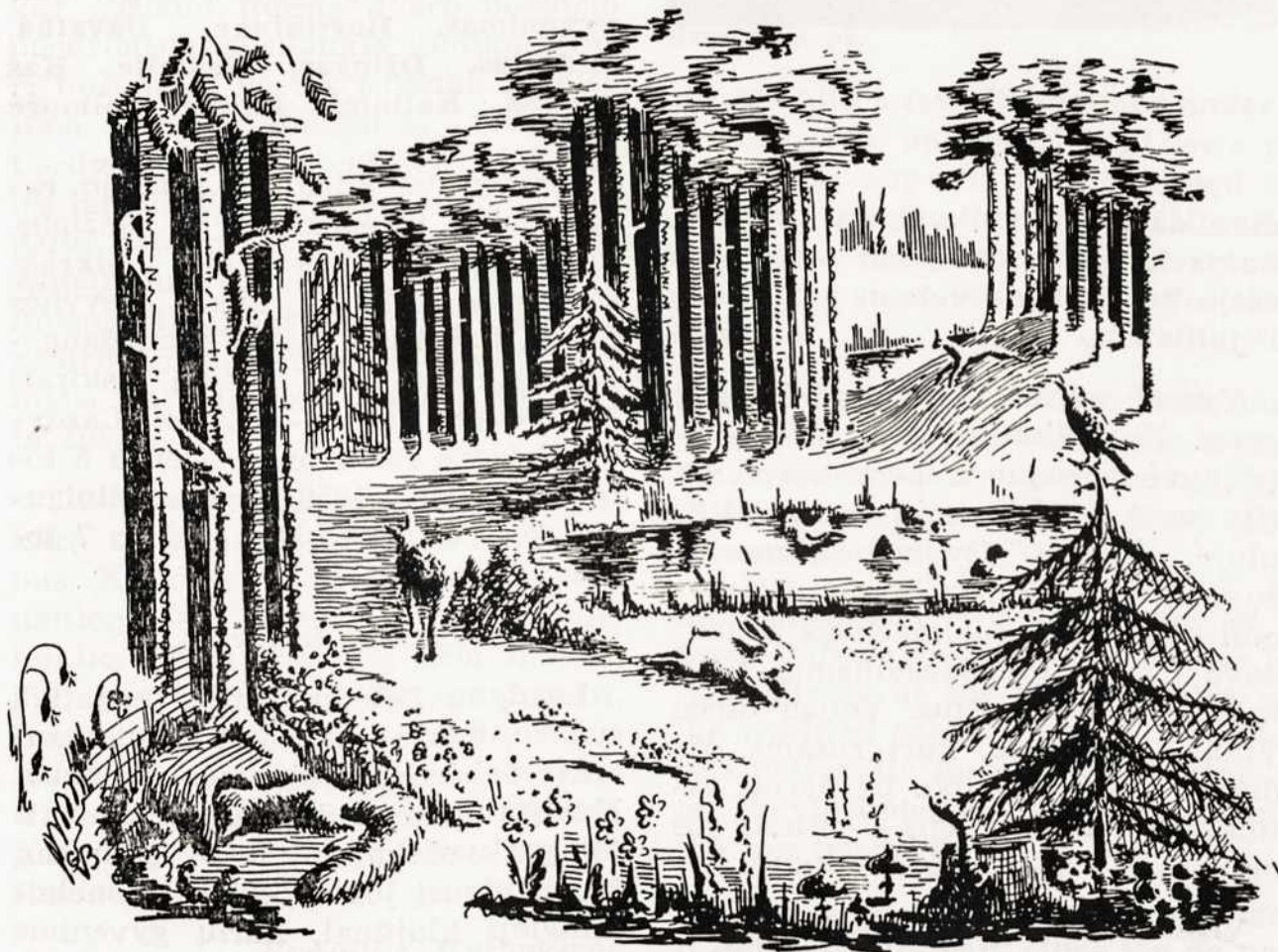
"I could pull three of you out!" answered John, "and if I could not hold you, I'm diving in after you anyhow. If we have to die, let it be quick and together trying to escape rather than to rot in a German dungeon."

"Now where could we get some rope?" wondered Siaurutis.

"Wait!" said John and ripping off all of his clothes, except his underwear, he began tearing them into shreds with his teeth and hands. The cold wind blew stronger but the two friends were sweating as they worked intensely fashioning a crude rope from their shredded clothing.

Soon Siaurutis was descending into the depths while John held the other end of the rope in his hands. But unfortunately the rope broke and Siaurutis disappeared in the blackness below. "I have to die with him! God save us!" and John tried to jump with his feet first, but the outer edge suddenly crumbled and he fell in head first after Siaurutis.

(To be con'd.)



feminine

fair

Mergaičių Pasaulis

Redaguoja Veronika Kulbokienė ir Joanne H. Neviera

LAZDYNŲ PELEDA —

SOFIJA IVANAUSKAITĖ —

PŠIBILIAUSKIENĖ

Lietuvių nutautėjimas vyko ir vyksta ne tik tai išėivijoje, svetimuose kraštuose. Jis vyko taip pat ir Lietuvos žemėje — įvairių okupacijų metais arba dėl susidariusių politinių ryšių su Lenkija. Anais laikais labiausiai nutautėjęs luomas buvo Lietuvos bajorija. Tik vienas kitas bajoras išdrįso atsispirti tai lenkėjimo bangai ir prisidėti prie lietuvių tautinio judėjimo. Viena iš nedaugelio lietuvių bajorų kilmės Sofija Ivanauskaitė ne tik tai liko ištikima lietuvių tautai, bet savo darbu bei kūryba ugdė tautą naujam, laisvam gyvenimui.

Gyvenimas

Sofija gimė 1867 m. Žemaičiuose, Paragių dvare, Tryškių valsč., Lietuvos bajorų šeimoje. Tėvas Nikodemus buvo tapytojas, lankė Miuncheno dailės akademiją. Gyveno vargingai, nes dvaras buvo praskolintas ir mažai davė lėšų mokslui. Motina uždarbiaudavo siuvimu, siuvinėjimu bei adymu. Baigęs akademiją tėvas apsigyveno Varšuvoj, Krokuj ir pagaliau Šiauliuose, kur tapė bažnyčioms paveikslus. Vėliau liko gyventi savo dvarelyj. Neturėdamas pinigų vaikų mokslui, mokė juos patsai namuose. Sofija išaugo idealistė, pasiryžusi kilniems darbams ir sentimentali svajotoja. Sulaukusi 24 m. amžiaus ištekėjo už girtuoklio, žemos moralės dvarininkėlio Pšibiliausko, norėdama pataisyti nelaimingą jo gyvenimą. Ta-



čiau dar vestuvių vakarą pamatė, kokią klaidą padarė, kai į vestuves atėjo su keliais vaikais neteisėta Pšibiliausko žmona.

Vyras nepasitaisė — gėrė kaip gėręs. Po keliolikos metų nelaimingo gyvenimo juodu persiskyrė. Sofija su 2 vaikais apsigyveno Vilniuje, o vyras išvykęs į Ameriką žuvo fabrike. Sofija šeimos išlaikymui uždarbiavo rankdarbiais ir gaudavo truputį už spausdinamus laikraščiuose savo raštus. Vėliau dirbo Vileišio knygyne, kuri rusams uždarius Sofija vėl liko be darbo. Ištinka ją naujas smūgis — miršta jos mylimiausias kūdikis — duktė.

Vilniuje užklupo Sofiją ir Didysis karas, o su juo badas ir ligos. Vie-

nintelė jos paguoda — Aušros Vartų Dievo Motina. Po karo apsigyveno pas sūnų Meškių dvarelyje. Kai buvo išrūpinta jai pensija, galėjo pasišvesti vien kūrybai. Vėliau persikėlė į gimtuosius Paragius, tačiau išsvarginto gyvenimo jos gyvybę pakirto džiova. Mirė 1926 m. kovo 11 d., palaidota Tryškių kapinėse.

Kūryba

Sofija Pšibiliauskienė savo raštus pasirašinėdavo Lazdynų Pelėdos slapyvardžiu. Lygiai tuo pat slapyvardžiu rašė ir Sofijos sesuo Marija Lastauskienė. Taip kad kaikuriuos veikalus net sunku atskirti, kurios iš jų parašyti. Neabejotinai Sofijos parašyti kūriniai yra: **Klaida, Motulė pavyliojo, Stebuklingoji /tošėlė, Ir pražuvo kaip sapnas, Sugriautas gyvenimas, Burtininkė, Davatka, Judošius, Džiugas, Našlaitė, Kas priešas, Kaliniai, Roželės laimuzė** ir kt.

Pirmuosius kūrinius pradėjo rašyti Sofija turėdama 30 m. amžiaus. Spausdino juos pradžioje laikraščiuose: Varpe, Ūkininke, Tėvynės Sarge, Šaltinyj ir kt. Vėliau daugelis jos raštų buvo išleisti atskirais leidiniais. 1924 — 1929 m. Lazdynų Pelėdos raštų buvo išleista 5 tomai, o 1955 — 1956 išleistas pilniausias jos raštų rinkinys sudaro 7 tomus.

Temos ir idėjos

Lazdynų Pelėdos raštų tematiką sudaro, **dvaro, miesto ir kaimo santykių bei kaimo buitės vaizdavimas**. Nuvilta dvaro, visas savo simpatijas paskyrė kaimui ir jo žmonėms. Mėgiamiausi jos veikėjai yra nelaimingieji klajūnai, kurių gyvenime atspindi ir pačios autorės būtis. Be

ON LOVE

by Joanne Neviera

"Love is a many-splendored thing..." The subject of love has inspired the most beautiful songs of our poets, the purest work of our artists, the most sublime music of our composers. This four-letter word is the very essence of our life; it is the nucleus of our every day. Without it, we have nothing. Love has been defined and described in countless ways — but CAN there be an absolute concrete definition?

What is love? It is the clinging hand of a new-born infant clutching at his mother; It is the tear-stained face of a mother watching her son go off to war; in its conjugal definition it is classified into three channels — super-natural, spiritual, and physical — and it is this true all-consuming love that binds a man

dorovinių, religinių ir visuomeninių klausimų, rašytoja savo kūrinuose nagrinėja moraliai ir idėjiškai susmukusio dvaro aplinkoje augančių mergaičių auklėjimo problemas, išryškindama nepasiruošusių gyvenimui mergaičių tragišką likimą. Tai galima matyti Našlaitėje, kur našlaitė Roželė dvaro ponaičio nuskriausta, susilaukia kūdikio, kurį nužudo ir už tai patenka į kalėjimą. Kaimo mergaitės tragedija Lazdynų Pelėda vaizduoja "Roželės laimuzėj", kur naivi kaimo mergaitė patekusi Vilniuj į žydų savaivaliautojų rankas, kur ji turėjo linksminti girtus smuklės svečius, uždirbdama savininkui didelius pinigus, kol pagaliau visiškai išnaudota žuvo.

Lazdynų Pelėda savo raštuose sukūrė būdingus lietuvių sodiečių tipus. Klaidoje vaizduoja senutę Jonaitienę — rūpestingą, geraširdę, kuklią, pamaldžią, darbščią moterį. Ten pat vaizduoja Petrą Jonaitį, kuris užmiršo visus kilniusius idealus ir pareigas tėvams, tėvynei ir tautai, vedė mieščionę, nutautėjusią bajoraitę, kuri, vėliau susidėjusi su kitu, jį paliko.

Veronika Kulbokienė

and woman together "till death do us part."

A man and woman are united in marriage by a specific, deep, beautiful, powerful, lasting spiritual force — conjugal love. Because of it now their emotional natures blend all their responsive chords, and two hearts beat and sing as one, and now their thoughts are one, even to sharing the common dream. Because of it, one soul sees beyond all the superficial imperfections of another and grasps there the nearest thing to the image of God it has found on earth, something more appealing to it than anything else in all creation, and LOVES it. All happiness in marriage rests on that spiritual foundation. This is it! The "res" of marriage. The "sine qua non."

Love is the kneeling figure of a

penitent before an image of the Crucified; it is the majestic power that has put the universe into existence by one act of the Almighty.

In contemporary times, the term "love" is so often confused with "lust" in its best-selling fiction and cinema productions. This has bewildered the minds of a new generation, groping for true definitions.

The ability to love is an innate drive within us, put there by our Creator. We all tend toward love, toward the Good. Of our nature, we can only love the Good.

We, as Catholics, have the perfect example of love before us at all times. We have the figure of a bleeding, mangled Saviour, hanging on the crucifix of salvation — His definition of Love for mankind.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

WORCESTER 1960

Where is this place they call Worcester? How is it pronounced? What does it have to offer? Well, it depends on where you come from. If you're from Worcester than there is no place like it. Like every city it has its good and its bad points. This much I do know, and that it has the best, most active Council in the United States.

A little about our great Metropolis. It was first permanently settled a long time ago, way back in 1713, before most of the United States was even dreamed of.

It has quite a few distinctions under its belt for a city of its size. Worcester, back in 1854, purchased land for a public park. This was the first purchase of land by any city in the United States solely for a park. We started the precedent, and other cities followed suit. Since then, we have continued to be first right up to the present. The park being mentioned is Elm Park, one of the most beautiful in the country, and easily in the State of Massachusetts.

Lincoln Square, where we have our World War 1 Memorial, is one of the six places in the United States where the American Flag is permitted to be flown twenty-four hours a day. This square, with its memorials, is typical of the work done by our great city and shows the pride we have in her accomplishments.

Education wise, we have three of the best colleges in the country. Holy Cross College on Mt. St. James has long held a high scholastic record among the colleges of the country, plus making an enviable record for itself in the world of sports. Clark University, among those who know, is recognized internationally for its Departments of Psychology and Geography. Worcester Polytechnic Institute, a popular school in this area is regarded amongst the top ten in its field.

There are many other facts and figures that can and will be presented, but it will have to wait, since we do not wish to overpower you all at once.

OUR NEW PASTOR

ROBERT BORIS

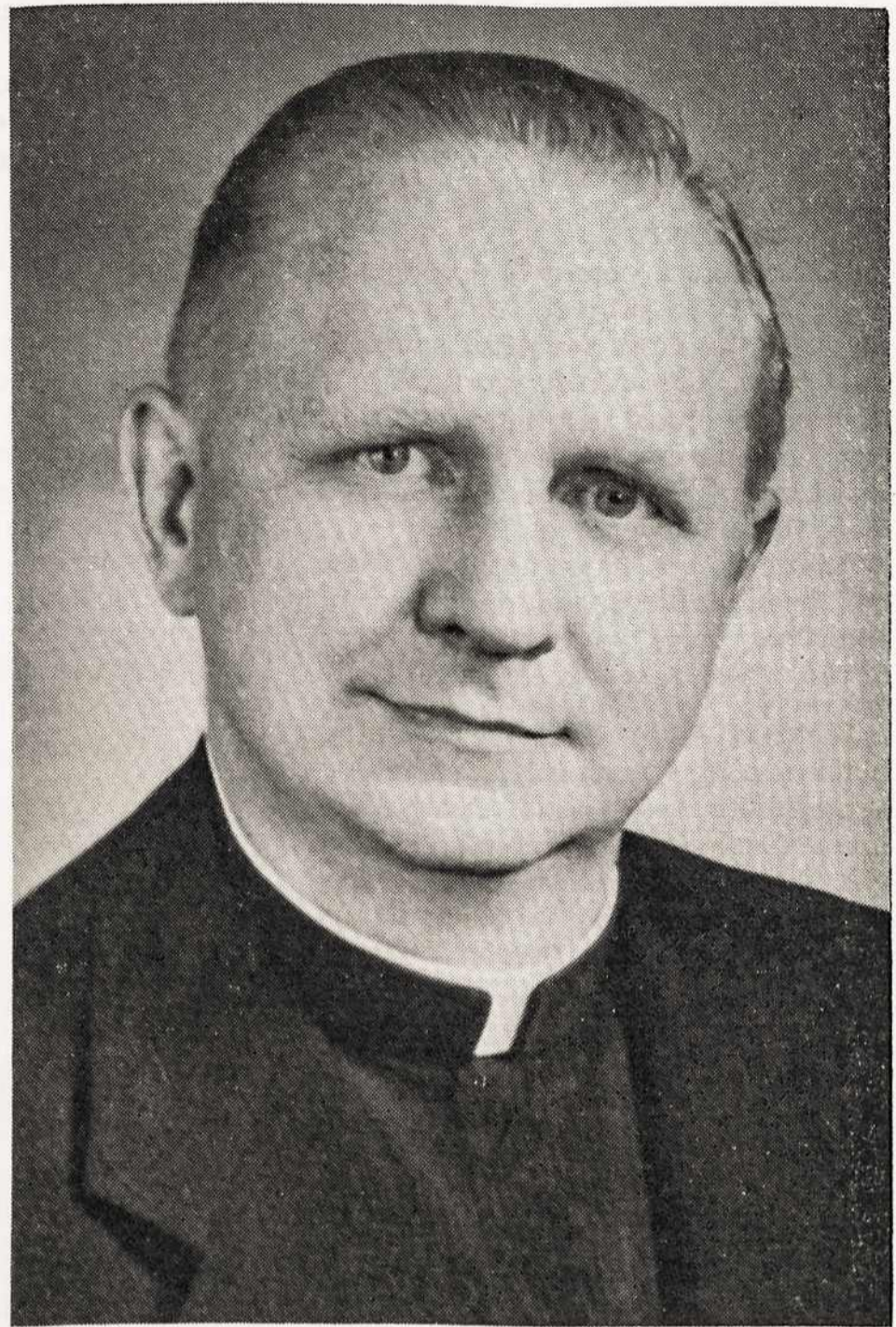
The Year 1959 will long be remembered as historically important in the annals of Council 102. Through the efforts of Council 102, C-79 as revived and within just a few months Council 79 has taken its place among the major councils of the U.S.A.

The feverish preparations for the 46th K. of L. National Convention was climaxed with what has been unanimously described as the "greatest convention ever." However, the glorious feeling of a job well done was dimmed by the passing of Father Boreisis, early in September.

The grief caused by the death of Fr. Boreisis was of short duration for on Oct. 1, 1959, His Excellency, Archbishop John F. Dearden appointed Fr. J. W. Stanievich as the new pastor of St. Anthony's and Spiritual Adviser of Council 102. This news electrified all of Detroit, since it was certain "Fr. Stan", as he is affectionately called, would bring new spirit, life, and enthusiasm along with his brilliant personality, and C-102 would undoubtedly benefit from his inspiring leadership.

Father Stanievich was born on February 3, 1920, in Detroit. His father, Joseph, came to this country from Kaunas in 1913 as did his mother, Izabella, from Vabalninkai in 1912. Young Walter and his brother John, were raised in St. George's Lithuanian Parish, where the strong influence of church and home developed their future lives. Both boys became interested in music. Walter, especially excelled in studying the piano and organ, under the famous Prof. Morrell, as well as at the Detroit Conservatory of Music. While attending, Catholic Central High School, he began playing in bands and seemed assured of a brilliant future as a musician. But shortly after graduation in 1938, he entered Sacred Heart Seminary to pursue Philosophical studies and in 1942 he received his B. A. and entered St. Mary's Major Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio for theological studies. Upon successful completion, he was ordained a priest on October 27, 1946.

As a young assistant, he served numerous parishes in the Archdiocese, always winning the admiration and praise of his superiors, as well as the respect of his parishioners.



Rev. J. W. Stanievich

As adept in the pulpit as on the bowling alley, he is as familiar with Gregorian Chant as Dave Bruebeck. His versatile nature is proven by the ease with which he uses either Lithuanian or English. Thus it is with great expectation that St. Anthony's Parish and especially Council 102 look to Father Stanievich, the Priest in whose hands lie their spiritual and temporal destiny, and say a very sincere welcome!

PRAYERS BEHIND KRUSHCHEV'S BACK

On February 16, 1960 Paulist Press published for the first time the English translation of a prayerbook — not an ordinary prayerbook — but one secretly handwritten and hand-manufactured by four young Lithuanian girls imprisoned in Northern Siberia where possession of such things is a crime. Its publication on this date is a salute to Lithuanian Independence Day.

The translation, by Kęstutis A. Trimakas, S. J., gives to the free world an account of the daily sufferings, humiliations and loneliness of the authors as they accept their bondage in the spirit of forgiveness of their persecutors, and in the spirit of hope for the faith and freedom of their loved ones and homeland.

The 2"x3" original, smuggled from behind the Iron Curtain, found its way to Italy where it was translated into Italian and widely circulated; it has been published in Lithuanian in the United States. Now it is available in a handy 3¾"x6" size, 72 pages long, with the pages of the original reproduced opposite the English translation. His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston has written the preface in which he points out "...that a cruel master may kill the body but never the spirit."

At only 50¢ a copy from Church pamphlet racks and your local bookstore, it affords all freedom-loving people the opportunity to pray with the free soul of the Church of Silence that from their enslavement may come the blessings enjoyed by the free world.

SUSIMĄSTYMAS TIES PELENU

ALFA SUŠINSKAS

— Atsimink, žmogau, kad dulkė esi ir į dulkę pavirsi, — taria kunigas tikinčiajam, jo kaktą pelenais paženklindamas Pelenų trečiadienį, kuriuo Katalikų Bažnyčia pradeda gavėnią.

Tą dieną katalikai gausiai susirenka į banžyčias, kuriose violetinė spalva išreiškia skausmo, gedulo ir atgailos dvasią.

Pelenai gyvenime reiškia sunaikinimą ir išnykimą. Gi Bažnyčia pelenų apeigomis primena žmogui, kad jis vien savo jėgomis tėra peleno dulkė, kad mirtis sunaikins visa, ką jis turi žemiška.

Tačiau savo siela žmogus yra nemirštąs ir neišnykštąs Viešpaties kūrinys.

Dėl to visą pagrindinį rūpestį žmogus turi nukreipti į Viešpatį, savo Leidėją, į savo nemirštama sielą ir į dvasinį gyvenimą. Jei savo kūnu ir žemiškuoju gyvenimu žmogus tėra peleno dulkė, tai savo siela jis yra toks vertingas, kad net pats Dievo Sūnus atėjo į žemę ir apsiėmė iškentėti visą atpirkimo kančią, kad tuo jį atpirktų iš nuodėmės ir išvaduotų iš velnio vergijos.

Gavėnia yra specialiai skirta apmąstyti Išganytojo kančias bei mir-

čiai ir tinkamai pasiruošti Velykoms sutikti. Gavėnia taip pat yra ir didesnės bei uolesnės atgailos metas: kaipgi tikras krikščionis galėtų neatgailauti žinodamas, kad Išganytojas kentėjo už jį dėl jo nuodėmių...

Savo dieviškąją atpirkimo kančią Išganytojas pradeda malda Alyvų kalne, kruvinai prakaituodamas ir visiškai atsiduodamas Dangiškojo Tėvo valiai. Po to ateina Jo mokiniys Judas ir, šventvagiškai pabučiuodamas, Jį išduoda. Išganytojas suimamas ir pradamas kankinti: Jis išjuokiamas, mušamas, teisiamas, apvelkamas pajuokos drabužiu, plakamas, erškėčių vainiku apvainikuojamas ir po visų baisių kankinimų — prikalamas prie kryžiaus... Išganytojas miršta dieviškąją atpirkimo mirtimi...

Alyvų kalno dvasia yra begalinė dieviškoji meilė žmogui, realiai išreikšta ir jam, be jokių jo paties nuopelnų, atidaranti amžinosios laimės gyvenimą po mirties Viešpaties draugystėje.

Kiekvienas tikras krikščionis gavėnioje (ir net per visą kitą laiką) gyvena Išganytojo kentėjimais, juos apmąstydamas ir iš jų sau dvasinės stiprybės imdamas.

Išganytojo kančias ir mirtis įpras-

mino visoki žmogaus kentėjimą, jei tik jis moka kentėti.

O kentėti moka žmogus tada, kada jis kenčia nevienas: kada jis kenčia su Kristumi, Jam visus savo kentėjimus aukodamas.

Nė vienas žmogus neišvengia kentėjimų ir nuo jų nepabėga. Joks mokslas ir joks gyvenimo pagerėjimas niekuomet neįgalės panaikinti visų žmogaus kentėjimų: jų vis bus, nes jie yra žmogaus prigimties dalis ir jį lydi per visą gyvenimą. Jei žmogus netiki Dievą ir nenori naudotis Išganytojo kančios vaisiais, tada jis turi kentėti vienas be Viešpaties pagalbos. Betgi jei jis kenčia su Išganytoju, nė mažiausias jo kentėjimas nenuveina niekais: bet kokia jo kančia, Išganytojui skiriama, yra paties Išganytojo priimama. Šitoks žmogaus mokėjimas kentėti šioje žemėje gali būti net palaima.

Mokėdamas kentėti, žmogus parodo ir savo dvasinį didingumą; jis pasidaro jautresnis kitam žmogui; jis taip pat išmoksta suprasti tikrąją gyvenimo prasmę.

Gavėnia su savo išpūdingais Išganytojo kančios apmąstymais moko žmogų, jog jis yra skirtas ne sunykti, bet amžinai gyventi, nes jis yra Išganytojo atpirktas amžinajai laimei.

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 laiką 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 veiklumą 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 vykdytoju. Kuri kuopa, kuri apskritis, kuris pirmininkas pirmaus? Mes laukiame visų, visomis jėgomis dirbančių mūsų brangiam lietuviškumui.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

Iš Sendraugių Susirinkimo

Sausio 24 d., A. ir V. Mačiokų rezidencijoje L. Vyčiai senjorai turėjo savo metinį susimą, kuriame dalyvavo gana didokas skaičius narių. Susirinkimui vadovavo, ligi senieji reikalai išsibaigė, M. Trainauskaitė, buvusioji jų pirmininkė. Mūsų Marijona, pabaigus pirmą darbą, tarė visiems padėkos žodį už bendradarbiavimą josios pirmininkavimo metu ir nuoširdžiai palinkėjo savo ipėdinei — Viktorijai Mačiokienei, kuri irgi paėmus pirmininkės pareigas, visiems dėkojo, kad ją išrinko pirmininke ir visų prašė, kad kiekvienas pasiaukojančiai dirbtų dėl senjorų, o ypatingai dėl savo mielos organizacijos. Tikimės, kad mūsų Viktorija mokės panaudoti savo gabumus ir sumanumus padidinti savo senjorų skyrių naujais nariais ir finansais padauginti jų išdą.

Besvarstant senjorų bėgamuosius reikalus, teko patirti, kad šiame susirinkime gauta pranešimas, jog p-lė A. Grybauskaitė, senjorų ilgametė fin. rašt., atsisakė iš savo pareigų. Mat, ji šiame susirinkime asmeniškai nedalyvavo. Mūsų Adeliutė šias pareigas pasekmingai ėjo, kaip tik nuo senjorų susiorganizavimo. Tai tikra vyte. Josios ipėdine buvo išrinkta p. Alesė Karklienė, buvusioji Pittsburgh'o, L. Vyčių 19-tos kp. fin. rašt., o nūnais ji yra Clevelando Vyčių senjorė ir uoli jų veikėja. Tikimės, kad mūsų naujoji fin. rašt. — A. Karklienė sugebės sekmingai atlikti savo darbą. Sveikiname Alesutę naujose pareigose.

Toliau sekė nauji svarstymai ir rinkimai komisijų bei atstovų. Buvo padarytas galutinas nutarimas, kad savo organizacijos globėjo — Šv. Kazimiero šventę minėti kovo 6 d. 10 val. ryto, N. Pagalbos P-lės Švč. parapijos bažnyčioje, kur klebonauja senjorų dvasios vadas, kun. J. Angelaitis. Šis minėjimas bus ypač iškilmingas, nes su senjorais vyčiais bendrai dalyvaus ateitininkai ir skautai, kas sudarys skaitlingą lietuvių katalikų būrį. Po bažnytinį

pamaldų, bus bendri pusryčiai, kurių vyriausia vadove bus Juzė Čapienė, o josios pagalbininkėmis — K. Magilienė, P. Glugodienė ir kitos senjorų uolios narės.

Beja, apie 4:00 val. po pietų, L. svetainėje, šios visos organizacijos turės bendrą programą, kuriaja bus prisimintas ir pagerbtas mūsų tautos šventasis ir šių organizacijų globėjas — Šv. Kazimieras.

Kitas nutarimas buvo padarytas. Tai kovo mėn. surengti card party, kuriai buvo išrinkta komisija iš šių narių: V. Mačiokienės, J. Pikturnienės, p. Baliukienės, A. Buknio ir J. Sadausko. Tikimės, kad senjorai šia komisija nebus apvilti.

Atstovais į įvairias organizacijas buvo išrinkti šie nariai: St. Thomson - Ivinskaitė į A.L.R.K. Federaciją; J. Kuzas į A. L. Tarybą, o B. Karklius ir J. Sadauskas į C. L. Kul. Darželio Sąjungą. Taip pat buvo padarytas nutarimas, kad visi senjorai, kurie turi kokius iš praeities L. Vyčių 25-tos kp. paveikslus bei senjorų betkokias nuotraukas, tuoj jas visas surinktų ir sudėtų į albumą, kurį sutiko padovanoti mūsų duosnioji narė — J. Pikturnienė. Jai susirinkusieji išreiškė vytišką ačiū. Buvo išreikšta nuoširdi padėka ir mūsų mielajam nariui Antanui Tamulioniui už prisiūstą gražią dovanėlę, kurią nariai priėmė karštomis katutėmis.

Kitas susirinkimas įvyks vasario 21 d., 4-tą val. po pietų, pas gerb. B. ir A. Karklius, 385 E. 250 St. Visi nariai prašomi gausiai jame dalyvauti.

Šiam susirinkimui pasibaigus, šių namų savininkai — Antanas ir Viktorija Mačiokai, visus maloniai pavaišino, o visi svečiai beužkandžiaudami gerėjosi šeiminiškės skaniai paruoštais valgiais ir reiškė jiems nuoširdžią padėką.

Pagyrimo ir papeikimo žodis

Noriu pažymėti, kad gavęs šių metų — sausio mėn. pirmą "Vyties" numerį, ištikrųjų, juo gerėjausi, nes jis padarė netik man vienam malonų išpūdį, bet visiems mūsų organizacijos nariams, ypatingai jojo viršelio lapas, kurį artistišškai yra nu-



Jonas A. Vilkišius veiklus Čikagos vytis su Kun. Kubilium, S. J. Jau-nimo Centre Čikagoje iškilmių metu prie Kalėdų eglutės.

piešęs S. Kancewick. Tik gaila yra, kad iš pavardės negaliu suprasti, ar jis yra lietuvis ar kitatautis, vienok už tokį gražų nupieštą vaizdą, vertas gero žodžio ir vytiško ačiū.

Taip pat yra džiugu, kad "Vyties" lapai yra daugiausia prirašyti savos organizacijos reikalais bei klausimais. Gal būtų dar gražiau, kad kiekviena kuopa bei apskritis pradėtų talpinti savo veiklesnių narių atvaizdus į savo organą, "Vyti". Tas duotų geresnę progą susipažinti ir susižinoti su savos organizacijos vadais bei kuopų valdybomis. Žinoma, čia reikia dolerių ir gerų norų ir jei pas mumis jie rastųsi, tuomet mūsų "Vyties" lapai būtų papuošti gražiais paveikslais, vaizdeliais, su jų aprašymais. Na, pradėkime šį sumanymą vykdyti ir nepajusime, kaip mūsų "Vytis" netik mums bus gražesnis ir žingeidesnis, bet ir kitiems.

Mums reikėtų daugiau rašyti apie tuos narius, kurie stengiasi šiuo



PAGERBTAS VEIKLUS VYTIS

New Jersey Essex ir Union apskričių Laidotuvių direktorių draugija, šių metų vasario 6 d. vakare, Military Park viešbutyje, Newark, N. J. specialiai suruoštame pobūvyje, pagerbė dabartinį savo draugijos pirmininką, Lindeno laidotuvių direktorių Domininką Budreckį.

Invokaciją ir benedikciją atliko Elizabetho Šv. Petro ir Povilo bažnyčios klebonas, prel. Mykolas Kemežis.

**ARTĖJA DIDYSIS VYČIŲ JUBILĖJUS.
TODĖL VISOS VYČIŲ KUOPOS
PADVIGUBINA SAVO NARIŲ SKAIČIU.
DARBĄ PRADEDA JAU DABAR...**

Šios draugijos vicepirmininkas James Desmond už pasidarbavimus Laidotuvių direktorių draugijos labai Domininkui K. Budreckiui iškilmingai įteikė Laidotuvių Direktorių Augščiausią auksinį pažymėjimą.

Ponia Regina Laskovskienė įteikė poniai Veronikai Budreckienei gėlių buketą. Taip pat buvo pagerbta Domininko Budreckio motina p. Bogusė Budreckienė.

Šiame pagerbimo pobūvyje dalyvavo Domininko Budreckio broliai su šeimomis: inž. Ignas Budreckis, Kazimieras Budreckis, kuris yra Komar projects engineer, Newark, N. J., sesuo Elžbieta Bodner su vyru, kuris yra chemikas, dėdė ir dėdienė Ignas ir Veronika Budreckiai, teta Vladislova Kirvilevičienė, svainis Justinas Žižas, kuris yra CBS special effects director bei kiti draugai ir giminės iš Vašingtono, D. C., New Yorko, New Jersey ir Marylando.

Pagerbtasis yra žymus Lindeno lietuvių veikėjas, jis yra vienas iš Lindeno vyčių 113-tosios kuopos steigėjų. Jo tėvas, Ciprijonas Budreckis, atidarė laidotuvių įstaigą Lindene 1918 metais.

Algirdas Budreckis

metu prirašyti prie L. Vyčių organizacijos naujų narių. Mes žinome, kad nūnais eina naujų narių verbavimo vėjus. Mums irgi yra žinoma, kad pas mus vienos kuopos skaito šimtais narių, o kitos dešimtimis, taigi šioms kuopoms nereikia sėdėti nuleidus rankas, kad kas kitas prirašintų naujus narius bei didintų jų kuopą, bet visiems reikia stoti į šį darbą ir lengvai galėsime pasivyti tas didžiasias kuopas, nes kitaip mūsų organizacija neaugs, bet mažės, o labiausiai ir mūsų organas "Vytis" silpnės finansiškai. Na, broliai ir sesės, pajudinkime vytišką žemę, o tada tikrai pamatysime, kad mūsų darbas neina velniui.

Nežinau, gal tiems nepatiks, kuriuos čia paliesiu, bet man esant lietuviu ir vyčiu irgi nepatinka, kad mūsų broliai ir sesutės vyčiai vis daugiau ir daugiau iškraipo, išdanko savo gražiasias lietuviškas pavardes į kokias: židauskas, jugoslaviškas, ungarskas, vokiškas, arabiškas, o galop gal pradės rašyti net ir visai negražiomis pavardėmis.

Norėčiau išgirsti iš tų pačių asmenų, ar jiems ką pagelbsti tos sudarkytos pavardės darbe ar kur kitur? Man tai nepagelbėjo, nes ir pats buvau sudarkęs savo lietuvišką pavardę, bet kada gavau didelį papeikimą nuo vieno augšto mokslo vyro už savo tėvų gražiosios pavardės darymą, tai niekad to nepamiršiu ir savo pavardės daugiau nekeisiu. Ačiū tam profesoriui.

Mano lietuviška pavardė man nekenkia nė dirbtuvėje ir nė tarpe turtingų žmonių, kuriuos gana dažnai susiduriu savo darbo amate — daržininkystėje. Jeigu taip baisu, kad lietuviška pavardė yra ilga, tai

Daug yra vyčių sendraugių, bet mažai yra vyčių sendraugių kuopų. Todėl kur tik yra vyčiai, ten iku-riama ir vyčių sendraugių kuopos.

visuomet ją galima sutrumpinti ir padaryti su gražia lietuviška galūne, o ne kokia neištariama ir neatmintina. Šio rašinėlio mintį man pasiūlė šių metų, sausio mėn. "Vyties" numeris, kuri beskaitydamas, ypatingai korespondencijas, kuriose prirašyta tiek tų "gražiųjų pavardžių", kad nesinori nė skaityti tų korespondencijų, nors ir labiausiai norėtume jas perskaityti ir sužinoti kas yra veikiama kitose kuopose.

Brangieji, kodėl lietuviškos pavardės nekenkia mūsų organizacijos žinomiesiems nariams ir lietuviams, netik mūsų išeivijoje, bet ir svetimtaučiu tarpe? Jie plačiai žinomi ir gerbiami. Štai tie garbingi mūsų organizacijos nariai: prof. dr. K. Pakštas, inž. Ant. ir Marijona Rudžiai, J. Stukas, V. Adomaitis, L. Šimutis, Ig. Sakalas, prof. Vitkus, prof. A. Aleksis, dr. P. Daužvardis, dr. J. Leimonas ir daug kitų augšto mokslo vyrų. Nieko negalima sakyti toms lietuvaivams, kurios išteka už kitataučiu ir pakeičia savo pavardes, bet kitų reikia gailėtis ir už juos pasimelsti.

Senelis

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

46th NATIONAL CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

A very successful and instructive panel discussion on Membership was held at one of the sessions of the National Convention in Detroit. The results were very interesting and I believe can be used as a basis and guide in this year's membership drive, in both acquiring new members and keeping our present members active.

QUESTIONS DISCUSSED BY THE PANEL:

1. **What great needs brought the Knights of Lithuania into existence originally?**
Religion; Culture; Nationality; the desire to help Lithuanian immigrants who were arriving in the U.S.A. during this era.
2. **Why has your council lost members during the past year?**
Half of the answers stated because of the lack of programming by their local council; the others stated because of marriage and the fact that members were moving out of the area.
3. **What has led new members to join your council during the past year?**
From the 56 participants, 12 answered Social events; 14 answered Programming, while 30 had no answer.
4. **Which activities appeal to you in the K. of L.?**
Mixed Outings; Cultural; Lithuanian History; Dances; Sports Programs such as bowling and skiing trips; St. Casimir's Day Celebrations.
5. **Which activities in the K. of L. do not appeal to you?**
The need for revision of Ritual qualifications; prolonged meetings.
6. **What new activities would you like to see added to your council's program?**
More Lithuanian activities such as plays, folk dances and Lithuanian classes. Spiritual activities; revive sports activities for the youth, Sports Meets, Baseball, Square Dancing, Welfare work (charitable).

SCOPE IN MEMBERSHIP

A survey of the delegates was conducted and here are the results and replies received to a questionnaire that was distributed: (A total of 56 replies was received.)

1. In Column A beside the following list, check the groups which you feel should be given full or partial membership in the K. of L.: (F—full; P—partial)

	COL. A		COL. B	COL. C.
	F.	P.		
Lith. born immigrants before World War II	52	1	13	8
Lithuanian born Displaced Persons	50	4	11	15
Americans born of Lith. parents	56	0	48	40
Married American - Lithuanians	50	3	25	21
Non-Lith. spouse of married Lithuanians	23	30	7	15
Lith.-Amers. unable to speak or understand Lithuanian	53	3	22	25
Lith.-Amers. living in suburbs away from Lithuanian				
community	53	2	21	17
Lith.-Amers. attending college or universities	53	2	21	14
Lith.-Amers. in business or professional life	51	2	18	18
Children born of Lith. & non-Lith. parents	48	2	27	19
Non-Lithuanians friendly to K. of L.	3	31	16	11

2. In Column B check the groups that your council has been reasonably successful in attracting to membership.

3. In Column C check the groups for which your council program is geared.

	YES	NO
4. Is your council composed primarily of youth aged 16—26?	13	36
5. Would you favor dropping the "corporate image" of the K. of L. as a youth group and considering it as an organizations for all Catholic Lithuanian Americans?	44	7
6. Are there enough prospective members in your community to allow your council to double its membership in the next 4 years?	25	16

This panel discussion among other things showed that there is considerable interest in these problems which are confronting the further growth of the K. of L. I would recommend that each individual council conduct a similar workshop which would serve as a good basis for getting and keeping new members.

LARRY JANONIS,
Supreme Council 2nd Vice President

HOW TO CONDUCT A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

LARRY JANONIS, Supreme Council 2nd Vice President

I. CONSIDER YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

1. Do you have the people you want to have as members?
2. If you are a small council, could it be improved, enlivened, made more interesting by additional members?
3. If you want to expand, to get more members in order to add to your funds and your activities, what is the best way of going about it?
4. Is your membership falling off; does it need to be constantly renewed?
5. Where can you find like-minded people to carry on the policies and programs of your council?

II. ANALYZE THE COMPOSITION OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

1. Do you need younger or older people?
2. Do you have too many of the same type?
3. Do you think it a good idea to maintain the same type and composition you have now, or should you strive for more variety?

III. LOOK UP YOUR BY-LAWS AND SEE WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT MEMBERSHIP:

1. Do you make it difficult to join?
2. Do you encourage new members?
3. How do you treat them when you get them?
4. Do you make them feel at home?
5. Do you assimilate them, get them involved in club activities, make use of their talents, stir and deepen their interests?
6. Do you make them glad they joined?

IV. HOW TO START:

1. Have the President appoint a council chairman; then select a committee to assist him. No campaign can be conducted successfully by one person. Every council member should take an active part in this drive.
2. Appoint a Vice-Chairman for this committee; not all organizations follow this policy, but those who do are strongly sold on the idea. Here are the arguments in favor:
 - a) The Vice-Chairman can take over temporarily when the Chairman is out of town or otherwise unavailable.
 - b) He can share the responsibility for the more important duties with the Chairman.
 - c) He is definitely in training for the Chairmanship the following year. This arrangement makes it possible for the council to have continued experienced leadership for its committee.

V. THE COMMITTEE IS THE SPARK PLUG:

The membership committee is responsible for organizing the campaign, keeping enthusiasm high and seeing that it doesn't bog down before it reaches a successful conclusion. It is also responsible for providing prospect leads for members to contact during the campaign.

VI. PROVIDING THE LEADS:

The membership committee should compile a card file of prospects. This committee should make a complete list of all Lithuanian families in its area for possible membership; whether they are eligible for Juniors, Regular or Senior membership. These names should then be distributed to the membership with the request that they call them on the telephone and discuss possible qualification and interest in membership. Church organizations in your parish are also a good source for prospects.

VII. IDEAS FOR SELLING A PROSPECT:

Prepare your club program for the coming year in advance. An attractive brochure is then prepared containing a calendar of the council's activities that can be presented to a prospect when he is approached for membership.

VIII. INVITE PROSPECT TO CLUB MEETINGS:

Let prospective members see your council in action by inviting them to attend your best meetings. Introduce them around so they'll feel welcome and try to get them to fill out applications for membership before they leave.

IX. PUBLICITY:

To get a campaign in high gear maintain full publicity during the drive period. Publicity must stand on its own feet. Make it colorful; be original if possible, but hold to the facts. Here are a few time-tested publicity devices:

Newspapers:

1. Write a good article on just what the organization does in your community. Feature any prominent and attention - compelling activity. Print the names of the new members if possible during the campaign.

Radio:

2. Local radio time usually can be used by good local speakers with a brief message. Boys and girls of high school often give talks which out-class their seniors. Have well known people to speak but brevity is essential.

REPORT ON SPORTS

ALBERT A. KASSEL,
Co-Chairman

In the Illinois-Indiana K. of L. District, a Basketball League has been formed, and will play 3 games each Sunday, for 5 successive Sundays. Tickets are being sold for the games and socials following each game. (Socials will consist of dancing, refreshments, and all are cordially invited to attend.)

Letters have been mailed to all councils in the Illinois-Indiana and Mid-Central districts, suggesting Inter-City Sports activities. Dayton, Pittsburgh, Detroit and Chicago are definitely interested. Arrangements are being made for match-games in bowling, etc., between teams.

The annual Midwest Bowling Tournament is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend (May 28-30, with Council 96, Dayton, Ohio, acting as host. The tournament will be conducted on a handicap basis. Each council (in the Midwest and elsewhere) is invited to submit as many teams as it desires, each made up of either 3 men and 2 women, or 2 men and 3 women. A traveling trophy will be presented to the council whose team will have the best series. Council winning the trophy three successive years will become permanent possessor of the trophy. Other awards will be made at the discretion of the host council.

Activities of the weekend will include bowling on Saturday afternoon, May 28th, a get-together dance Saturday evening; Mass and Banquet on Sunday, May 29th. All K. of L's are invited to participate.

A Midwest Golf Tournament is being arranged for a weekend in June or July, and to be held in Chicago, this year. If successful, future tournaments will be planned in Detroit, Dayton, Cleveland, Gary and Pittsburgh. The weekend will consist of golf on Saturday afternoon, a dance and refreshments Saturday evening; Mass and Golf Banquet on Sunday. Final arrangements to be announced next month.

Participation in the above activities and suggestions for other Sports activities will be most welcomed.

Exhibits and Displays:

3. Visual aids are important sources of information. Window displays, posters, Lithuanian cultural exhibits, will all make vivid impressions. Consider such aids to your campaign.

X. LOOK TO YOUR MEMBERS:

In the final analysis, it is the present council members who represent the final analysis, it is the present council members who represent the greatest potential source for getting new members. The enthusiasm with which they go about bringing in new members will be in direct proportion to benefits which they themselves feel they are getting out of their association with the organization.

DON'T DELAY — START YOUR DRIVE TODAY!

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE

The K. of L. Pilgrimage will certainly be the most thrilling experience of a lifetime. As a pilgrim at the Eucharistic Congress in Munich, you will be part of a spectacular demonstration of Catholic unity and faith. You will be privileged to visit Rome, the shrine of early Christians and the Chair of the Vicar of Christ on earth, Pope John XXIII, with whom an audience is being requested. You will be inspired by the evening torchlight procession at the miraculous shrine of Lourdes. You will kneel at the revered shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and join in prayers for the conversion of Russia.

You will also be delighted by the cultural and scenic gems of modern Europe; the historic riches of London; the exciting fashions and art of Paris; the majestic peaks of Switzerland; the exquisite lakes and castles of the Bavarian Alps; the fabled island city of Venice; the Mediterranean blue and jagged beauty of the French Riviera; the exciting glamor of Monte Carlo.

The pilgrimage will be an all-air tour, not only trans-Atlantic, but in Europe as well. It will last four full weeks, from Sat. July 23, to Sat. Aug. 20, 1960.

Our travel agency has booked reservations for 34 persons. As of Feb. 1, 1960 a total of 28 persons have placed deposits and are definitely planning to go on the pilgrimage.

Those interested in having further information about this unique K. of L. EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE should write to the national spiritual director:

Rev. Albert J. Contons
St. Peter's Church
50 West Sixth St.,
So. Boston 27, Mass.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

May 28 — 30, 1960
Memorial Day Weekend

Mark your calendar for this weekend. If you will notice Monday, May 30, is Memorial Day, so you won't have to rush away on Sunday. (We think that you will like what we have planned, so plan to come early and stay late.)

Incidentally, we're out to win the trophy (permanently) this year — so if you think you have a team that can beat us, let's see 'em. It's all in fun... and fun you'll have, if you come to Dayton.

THEODORE SLUZAS, Chairman

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Providence, R. I. — 103 Jonas

Our council has been remiss in submitting articles to our journal, and to the column in the "Draugas"; however, we were not lax in our activities and sponsored some interesting activities this past year. At our annual outing held at Goddard Park, we were fortunate in having as our guest, the president of the Mid-Central district Stanley Vaitkus, his lovely wife Helen and their two sons. Their youngest daughter was in the care of grandma and grand-pa Avizinis. The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Helen's mother and father was the real reason for their visit to Providence.

Sunday, Sept. 13, 1959, our annual Picnic was held at Klaipėda Park and was well attended by our neighboring Knights.

Saturday, Oct. 3, 1959, the council's Fall dance was held at the Lithuanian Club. Once again, our K. of L. friends from Worcester (both councils), Boston and Cambridge attended. Their grand participation enabled us to donate \$50.00 to St. Casimir's Church on the occasion of its 40th anniversary. The religious commemoration of our parish's anniversary was held on Sunday, November 8th, and the banquet on Sunday, January 31, 1960. Both events were well attended by our members.

Chairman Ruth Krecioch made arrangements at Joseph's restaurant for our Installation dinner and Christmas party. Our outgoing President Vera Minalgo presented gifts to our Spiritual Adviser Fr. John Vaitekūnas and to Fr. V. Martinkus, Spiritual Adviser of the Juniors. Ruth Krecioch in turn presented a council gift to Vera Minalgo for her splendid work with the Juniors.

After a grand repast, the following officers for 1960 were installed by J. Stoskus: Father John Vaitekunas, Spiritual Adviser; Irene Landanski, President; Ruth Krecioch, Vice President; Beatrice Mathieu, Financial Secretary and Treasurer; Birutė Mickevičiūtė, Secretary; R. Dzeckewicz, Trustee.

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee held a letter writing meeting at the home of its chairman, Bertha Stoskus. As our council's contribution to the local Lithuanian Independence celebration, we have under-taken the task of requesting Proclamations from the Governor and Mayor; also requesting our Senators and Congressmen to address their respective Houses on February 16th in behalf of the Lithuanian cause. All K. of L'ers agreed to wear small Lithuanian flags on this great day and to attend the local celebration to be held in the parish hall on Sunday, February 21.

Father V. Martinkus, president of our local BALF organization, invited all members to assist him in BALF's charitable works; also to attend a dance at the American-Lithuanian hall on Saturday, Feb. 27 for the benefit of BALF. Both the Regular and Junior councils have initiated a charity bank for BALF. The Juniors are to contribute pennies according to their waist measurements, and the Regulars — odd change in their pockets during meeting nights.

On March 6, we will observe St. Casimir's day by receiving Holy Communion at the 10:30 Mass. A Communion Breakfast will be served both councils in the church hall. Guest speaker to be Dr. John Cunningham, whose wife, Birutė (Čiočys) Cunningham, is member of our council and past national officer of the K. of L. Dr. Cunningham was recently elected a member of the Pawtucket, R. I., School Board.

We are sincerely grateful to our outgoing officers, especially President Vera Minalgo and Vice President Birutė Stoskus for their time and effort spent in behalf of our council and the needs of our organization.

Membership — wise we are very fortunate in recruiting teenagers. They are already rehearsing for a Lithuanian play to be presented the Sunday after Easter, under the direction of John Beinoris, member of our council and parish organizer.

Worcester, Mass. — 26 ALOYSIUS

We've been quite busy since the New Year! First, the Square Dance was really a success. The only thing to mention about our Square Dance is that Joe Kondrotas didn't spend too much time with his partner. Every time the caller wanted to show the group a new step, he selected Joe's girl for the demonstration. Well, Joe, at least she received professional experience. Next on the list of activities was our Military Whist party. You would think that a card party would be dull, but with some of our players and their antics, it turned out to be a real sociable evening, even though some of us didn't win any prizes... The last affair was the Ski weekend in New Hampshire. From our council there were about ten skiers or more. Poor Pat Cunic led the bunch! You could follow her trail down the slopes by just following the holes she made as she went down the hill... Joe Drumstas is still the best "track" caller in the business. When you hear him yell, you all better run for the hills and get out of his way. Bob Alex, though not an expert on skis, really outdid himself and in about twenty years should be ready for the Olympics... With all the aches and pains that Franny Grigas received, she has decided to take up nursing in order

to cure herself, and get rubbing alcohol at cost... Rich Karsok and Bob Puishys really were the only wise ones up there. They took advantage of the free ski lessons and really showed improvement by the end of the weekend. They are now guests regularly — each weekend.

This month, our sparetime is being spent practising for the Mins-trel Show. It promises to be even better than last years. Come see for yourself... The Convention Committee has engaged Larry Chesky and his Polka Band for the Semi-formal dance, Friday eve, August 19, 1960, All Polka fans who enjoy his music, make it a point to be there.

Westfield, Mass. — 30 "Genovaité"

At the first meeting of the New Year, Jan. 5, 1960, installation of new officers took place: President — Frank Bernadicius; Vice President — Joseph Sabonis; Secretary — Mrs. Annette Kyllis; and Treasurer — Mrs. Nellie Adomaitis.

An Ice Skating party was held on Sunday Jan. 10, 1960, at Lake Congamond. A wonderful time was had by all despite a few bumps and bruises suffered on the Coach's toboggan. Refreshments served by Marcia Dardinski and her committee included a delicious kugelis which really hit the spot. Did you ever see a dog ice skate as well as Argus?

On February 2, 1960, another meeting was held and final plans were made to have a Bowling get-together on February 13 at 8:00 P. M. with Ann Kyllis in charge of arrangements.

The social calendar also lists the observance of St. Casimir's Feast Day with Holy Communion on Sunday, March 6, 1960, and a covered-dish supper that same day. The committee for this project consists of Mrs. Helen Alexik, Mrs. Francis Bernadicius, Miss Marcia Dardinski and Mrs. Robert Smyk. Everyone is looking forward to this event.

The best news of all though and that which is making our good pastor Father Puidokas very happy is the swelling of our ranks by several new faces: Mrs. Dolly Kisonas, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wallis, Miss Carol Covalleski (best wishes to Carol and her finance Bruno), Mr. James Rodgers (Happy Birthday Jim), and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smyk

(recent arrivals from Detroit, Michigan).

Good work to the Knights who encouraged the new members to join. With all the social events don't forget and sell your raffle tickets for the Easter Basket.

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EQUESTRIAN

Father Albin Yankauskas' editorial — LIFETIME CHALLENGE contains "much food for thought." Also Father Steponaitis' article entitled "Kaip Senas Lietuviškas Raštas" — is worth rereading and passing along some of its historic data to non-Lithuanians.

Activities

March 6th, our council will commemorate St. Casimir's Day by sponsoring a Communion and Breakfast... On March 7th, regular meeting will be held, and on March 24th, we expect a great turnout for our Military Whist.

Three new members joined the K. of L. Choir — John Burdulis, Dennis Spain and Fran Cichy. Who's next?... Congratulations to a former member, Jenny Waterson, who was recently blessed with a daughter... Notice that during the Skiing season, we see less of Barbara Mazeika?... Hear Anne Miller is planning a trip to Florida... That Louise Totilas had a wonderful time in Washington... Congratulations to Anne Markvenas and Dorothy Skinsky who recently received CCD diplomas at St. Paul's Cathedral... Vin Savage and Dennis Sabonaitis tried their luck at ten pins and both did very good!... Irene Ostrowski will be moving into her ranch house soon... Another cedar chest owner — Maureen Richy... Seen entering a local Travel agency was Jan Sabonaitis... Seen chaperoning their mothers at the Old Mill were Pauline Savage and Dot Skinsky... Last month, Camp Gleason, Auburn, was the moonlit scene of busy shovelers of C-116. But alas, the pond was unsuitable for skating and disappointed skaters returned to Vernon Hill Park, Worcester. An invigorating game of follow the leader (Bob Stevens) left everyone in the state of complete exhaustion. Those attending were: Father Al, Bernice Kavadaras, Mary Klimkaitis, Dot Sinkavitch, Anne Kraunelis, Mary-

ann Sienkiewicz, John Yurkenas, Dottie Glaster, John Burdulis, Ralph Bucinkas, Bob Stevens, Richie Swedis and Al Krasinskas. Special thanks to Millie Lapinskas and Ann Kokernak for preparing the refreshments, also "Koke", our chauffeur.

Introducing another new member. His name is Ralph Bucinkas also known as "Buzzy". He attended Upsala Street School. From there he went to Providence St. Jr. High and at present is attending Commerce High School. He has many interests: Fishing, hunting, skating, bowling and swimming. He also likes to play football. He just started to bowl with us, and averages 80. When "Buzzy" is not in school, he can usually be found at Vernon TV where he helps his uncle repair TVs and radios. "Buzzy" has plans to go to college. He's interested in electronics.

South Boston, Mass. — 17

Ann Onimus

Although C-17 has been quite reporting its activities, it by no means that council life has come to a standstill.

On Monday nights, the loyal bowlers are keeping in practice at the South Station Alleys. John Olevitz and Ann Kleponis keep track of the teams and scores while Rita Stakutis Venis keeps track of the funds. Come summer, we're looking forward to a spectacular celebration to splurge on the mint we've saved, we hope!

Our new officers plan an ambitious year: Father John Zuromskis, spiritual adv.; Jerry Venis, president; Stan Yelmokas, vice president; Diane Plevock, secretary; Ann Kleponis, treasurer; Aldonna Jacobs, financial secretary; John Daniels, marshal.

To increase membership — is one of the goals. Our council has recently welcomed some fine new faces: Madeline Druzdis, Janet Gideck, Mary Kraunelis, Alice Zaremba, Zigmantas "Gus" Unelis, Frank Averka, and William Zaremba. Incidentally, William Zaremba is really from The South of Boston, though as a Marine, he is stationed in Pensacola, Florida.

January 31st, our council held its potential Members Party. This

brainchild of the Membership Committee successfully introduced the Knights of Lithuania organization to many interested persons. While it advanced the cause of getting new members, it gave the "old" members a chance to chat together, too. Chief cook, Rita Venis, was felled by that day, but "gaspadinés" Ann Kleponis, Joan Kleponis and Aldonna Jacobs carried on admirably. The coffee they brewed was excellent and the buffet table was a gastronomical delight.

For this august occasion, the council moved across the street to the Stephen Darius A. L. Post. Casual commentator Bill Gorski made this interesting observation. "When food was being served, the first eleven people in line were girls." Proving, as Bill said, there's enough activity in the K. of L. not to have to worry about dieting. He forgot to notice that the men weren't that far behind the ladies. Part of a Lithuanian heritage is loving to eat. Ar ne?

After a brief business meeting and the buffet supper, Larry Svelnis and Ed Rudis entertained us by showing slides of K. of L. adventures. Both have taken their cameras to Laconia, New Hampshire this weekend to capture the hi-jinks of the Ski-weekend (Feb. 12-14). Their pictures should make for delightful reminiscing later on.

All through that Sunday, chatter was choice. Many had news to share.

Al Janks plans an exotic winter vacation at some warm wonderland... Ann Kleponis is packing her skis for a colder climate. She's heading for Canada in March. Such lucky people!... Phyllis Rudis was displaying her lovely emerald cut diamond. She and her fiance, Bob Gendreau, will be married at St. Peter's come October 1st... Loretta Lescinskas and Edmund Rudis will be in the bridal party.. Stan Yelmokas glowed with craftsman's pride. He has just finished redecorating the kitchen for Angie... Mary Kraunelis mentioned her promotion with Fidelity and Casualty. She's now an assistant underwriter... Wanda Yelmokas mentioned her demotion. She's now a first grade teacher in Boston. Quincy still has two loyal Lithuanians left in its ranks. Both Florence and Ed Zaleskas teach there... Helen Suprin chuckled recalling the wonderful banquet her bank held at the Statler. Some Worcester K. of L's came to lend their cheer. How much she enjoyed it — and them. Her thanks... Some of our dancers (Fran Daniels, Joanne Neviera and three other ladies) had been to New Jersey the weekend before. They rode in Frannie D's dependable, commendable MINX. They recalled one pleasure-full time.

Some old news, yet new to us, was the marriage of Roland Martinikus and Mary Lou Draper. They recently announced their June wed-

ding. The council's good wishes travel to them in New York where they are living. So much for catching up.

The weeks ahead will bring the parish sponsored St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast. All the parish youth organizations will combine to honor the patron saint of Lithuanians. This year's breakfast will be especially receive her 3rd Ritual degree and medal. Most council members plan to attend. It should be an inspiring occasion.

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Philadelphia, Pa. — 3 "Twinkle"

Our trip to the Pocono Mountains will be unforgettable to quite a few members. Casualties on ice skates (Frannie Navickas, Agnes Timmins, and Lillian Sasnauskas), Hedy Sarczewicz — who was caught in the act, Al Ozalis who had two flats, and the "Four Skiers" who came back in one piece. Everyone had a grand time!

After bowling, the participants joined others Lithuanians at the "Four Chefs", where St. Andrew's was having a banquet.

Quite a few of the members attended a Snow Dance (January 23) sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Casimir's, at which Frannie

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TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Points
Elizabeth	41
Kearny	40
Newark (3)	35
Newark (8)	32
Bayonne	30
Newark (1)	27
Linden	26
New York	25

HI AVG. MALE:

1. L. Rokas, Kearny	174
2. C. Rusteika, Elizabeth	170
3. M. Rusgi, Bayonne	165
4. E. Thompson, Newark (1)	158
5. G. Aleska, Elizabeth	157

HI SINGLE GAME — MALE: C. Rusteika 245

HI SINGLE GAME — FEMALE: H. Balandis 220

HI IND. SERIES — MALE: C. Rusteika 593

HI IND. SERIES — FEMALE: H. Balandis 570

HI TEAM SERIES — One Game, Newark (1) . . . 1015

HI TEAM SERIES — Three Games, Kearny 2892

HI AVG. FEMALE:

1. H. Balandis, Elizabeth	161
2. A. Mensler, Newark (1)	156
3. E. Rokas, Kearny	149
4. D. Krizenowski, Bayonne	139
5. V. Lang, Newark	135

Navickas and Johnny Mickunas won first prize in the Waltz Contest. Congratulations!

At this writing, plans were being made to attend a hockey game in February, and a Passion Play "Veronica's Veil" at Union City, New Jersey on April 3.

We are grateful to Joe Simmons for showing us slides, after our February meeting, taken at the Franciscan Fathers' Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine and for the splendid work he is doing on the Lithuanian Culture Committee.

Don't be surprised if Hedy Sarczewicz or Walter Svekla greet you with "kak poživae", since they are studying Russian.

Birthday Greetings: To Eleanor Chebatoris, Tommy Meron, and Joe Simmons (March).

Amsterdam, N. Y. — 100 Smile & Sparkle

The Mohawk Lodge was the pleasant spot chosen for our Christmas party (Atty. A. C. Stokna, Master of Ceremonies) and Installation of new officers: Rev. Robert K. Baltch, spiritual adviser; Mathew Kazlauskas, president; Donald Nikstenas, vice president; Sadie Karbus, treasurer; Eleanor Stakauskas, secretary; Paulina Urban, financial sec'y; Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, sgt.-at-arms. Gene Gobis, reelected chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs, Committee, will be assisted by Patricia Sargelis, Marion Jakaitis, Matt Orante and Ann Beleckas. Milda Zemaitis is our new chairman of the Lithuanian Culture Committee.

In addition to the newly-elected officers, others present were: Attorney Anthony C. Stokna and his wife, Edna, Anthony Beleckas, Connie Zygel, Sophie Olbie, Helen Dombroski and Charles Karbus. Numerous games were played and prizes given to Father Baltch, Ann and Tony Beleckas and Sadie Karbus. Committee in charge of the affair consisted of Gene Gobis, Ann Beleckas, Sophie Olbie, Connie Zygel and Pauline Urban.

At our January 4th meeting, Patricia "Pat" Olbie, new member, was sworn in. Date for our annual Communion Breakfast was set as March 6th. Father Baltch reported that at the Lithuanian Independence Day

exercises (February 26th) the St. Casimir's School children and the choir (many K. of L'ers) would participate. Following the business meeting, all were invited to the parish house, and enjoyed listening to the recordings of Lithuanian marches — "Gaudžia Trimitai", directed by Bronius Jonusas and "Dainos iš Lietuvos", also coffee and cakes served by the host, Father Baltch.

Our February meeting took place in the newly-renovated clubroom, near St. Casimir's Church, where all future meetings and parish affairs will take place. We welcomed into our midst another new member, Anella Keriker, graduate of Albany State Teachers College and teacher of second graders. Gene Gobis and Attorney Anthony C. Stokna agreed to serve on the Ways and Means Committee — to help replenish our Treasurer; also Pat Sargelis was elected to chairman the Communion Breakfast (March 6th) and to be assisted by Pat Olbie. At the close of meeting, we enjoyed a short story read by Father Baltch and entitled "Brisiaus Galas"; also "Baltaragio Malūnas" — recorded play. A surprise birthday cake, baked by Sophie Olbie, was presented to our Vice President Don Nikstenas, also fancy cookies donated by Margaret Boccio. Don's mother was also present at the party.

We ended a very pleasant evening with a prayer for three departed souls, well known to most K. of L'ers — Father John Mockus, Father Gerulis and Sister Mary Bernard of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified.

NEWS BITS. New Year's weekend was spent in New York City by our three Kool Kats — Betty Smith, Ann Grabowski and Gene Gobis and Isabelle Dopkus of Palisades Park, N. J.... We give credit to Gene Gobis for having Joe Staknis, just out of Service, rejoin our council... Sophie Olbie had Open House New Year's Eve... Belated birthday greetings to Pat Olbie, January 10th... Birthday greetings to Father Baltch (February 17), Donald Nikstenas (February 1)... Pat Sargelis is attending night classes — studying French... Gene Gobis decided to join the K. of L.

Pilgrimage... Father Jonas Mockus, good friend of our council, died unexpectedly January 17th, and was buried at St. Casimir's Cemetery, Chicago... We wish Marion Jakaitis' father a speedy recovery... Those attending the Chicago Opera Ballet which presented "Camille" and "The Merry Widow" on February 3rd were Father M. Cyvas, Father R. K. Baltch, Milda Zemaitis and Gene Gobis... Exalted Ruler Anthony C. Stokna, received an honorary life membership in the Elks, Lodge 101, on February 3rd. Sveikiname!... Matt Orante's wife Isabelle, interior decorator, met with misfortune recently. Her place of business was badly damaged by fire. We hope she gets back in operation real soon.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Dayton, Ohio — 96

E. L.

Since our Ice Skating party held on January 28th was such a tremendous success, another one was planned for February 11th.

Our newest member, Frances Mikalauskas, is in charge of our Bake Sale, February 28th.

Our annual Mid-Central Bowling Tournament, to be held Memorial Day weekend, will be chairmaned by Ted Sluzas.

Several of our Ladies attended a Religious Retreat on January 28-30th.

Our Folk Dance group has been reorganized, thanks to Fran and Charlie Vangas. The group has received several invitations already.

St. Casimir's Day will be observed on March 6th with members attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion "en encorpore" and followed by a breakfast at the Biltmore Hotel.

Our Junior Knights entertained us with a lovely Valentine's party, February 6th, with Ann Sinkwitz and Ronnie Omlor, co-advisers, making the arrangements, and assisted by Kitty Prasmantas, Joanne Zelinskas, Eloise Berczelly, Ada Sinkwitz and Mary Lucas. We also enjoyed the showing of movies of various K. of L. affairs by George Mikalauskas.

Candid Camera. We welcome four new members: Paul Kavalauskas, Rose Ann Fletcher, Joseph Zelinskas and Marilyn Lucas... Jim and Joan Kavalauskas enjoying the tropical sunshine in Miami, Florida... Wish a speedy recovery to Frank Ambrose after his operation... Congratulations to Bill and Shirley Leasure who are infanticipating... Best wishes to Barbara Leasure who was wed on January 28th... Ada Sinkwitz was the lucky winner of the Bank Nite Jackpot at our last month's meeting. Come to our next meeting. IT MAY BE YOU!

Cleveland, Ohio — 25 Chas. Machutas

At our annual meeting held at the home of Al and Nellie Samas, following were elected officers: Ursula Yankauskas, president; Al Samas, vice president; Gene Kunsitis, treasurer; Bill Smith, financial secretary; Charles Machutas, secretary; and Ursula Yankauskas and Nellie Arunski, Ritual Committee.

We were pleased to have Ray Somaska of Chicago as our guest at the recent meeting... Wish a speedy recovery to Andy Palzes' mother; and to Al Shigo's wife and son... Joan Susin, Bill Smith and Mary Arunski journeyed to Dayton to attend a K. of L. party and enjoyed it very much.

Detroit, Mich. — 79 Dot & Dash

January's "New Look" of the VYTIS was an eye-opener Congratulations!

Mūsū Nauja Valdyba: Rev. M. Kundrat — Spiritual Adviser; Frank Zager — President; Anthony Dainus and Frank Petroski — Vice-President; Lillian Stepan — Financial Sec'y; Ruth Grash — Recording Sec'y; Ed Salas — Treasurer; Len Salas — Sgt.-at-Arms; and Atty. Peter C. Peters — Legal Adviser. The Trustees are: Vicky Chapelonis, Joe Chaps, Ralph Valatka, Bill Walls and Aquiline Zane. The newly-appointed chairmen of Committees will be published in the next issue of VYTIS.

Council 79's first meeting at the helm of our new president was held on February 3. The "specialness" of the meeting was a proclamation read by Ralph Valatka, our very able radio director (WPAC), to our outgoing president, A. Dainus, pro-

claiming February 3 as Anthony Dainus (K)night. A gold inscribed leather wallet was presented to the "Pioneer President" and as a reward to the other pioneer officers for all their efforts this past year, a pizza treat was prepared by the Zagers and initiated by both new and old officers as well as the rest of the members. As a result "chef" Frank (no he didn't get fired) was unanimously bestowed as the hottest pizza-pie maker.

We take this opportunity to thank our outgoing officers for having done a splendid job under the most adverse conditions (pioneering to be exact). We know, Tony, that although you may be tied other commitments, don't forget us. We need your leadership.

At the Ford Auditorium on January 30, both councils 79-102 attended the "Dainava" a musical show from Chicago, entitled "Vestuvės" (Lithuanian wedding). The play was highly amusing for both those who were frankly nostalgic about the customs of the "old country" and to the Lithuanian-Americans who were looking forward to more of that excellent folk dancing and fine choras ensembles. A Dance followed immediately to aband that played so beautifully, we could have danced all night.

On March 6, C-79 had the occasion of being guests of C-102 for a Corporate Mass and Communion at St. Anthony's Church, commemorating St. Casimir's Day. An enjoyable breakfast followed at the Hispanos Undios Hall. Father Stanievich, the newly "inaugurated" Pastor of St. Anthony's was the principal speaker.

In spite of all the good articles in the last few months in defense of Christianity in Lithuania, one article put us agog when it appeared in the "Detroit Times", in part "that many Lithuanians are Baptists" by Westbrook Pegler. Well, with their Lithuanian blood in a dither, Tony Dainus and Yours truly wrote in defense of that statement (because we didn't want to "garotte" Mr. Pegler, some of our back issues of the VYTIS were frankly most helpful in producing facts on Catholicism in Lithuania). Nevertheless, we appreciated a 4-column article in the "Detroit News" on Lithuania entitled "Inside Soviet-Style Lithuania" by Tom Lambert. Thanks Tom!

Memos of Thanks — "Širdingai Ačiū" to Father Dagilis who assisted Father Kundrat at our December Holy Hour and thanks to Joe Chaps for his ingenuity. In the Helping Hand Dept., many thanks to Lee Stepan for being Santa's helper and to the Mr. & Mrs. J. Novitski for all that ice cream, also to any others who we may have missed, previously. A round of applause to Mr. & Mrs. Vychus for that lovely first Anniversary cake at the New Year's party (such artistic execution was a very clever idea). And a vote of thanks to Ruth Grasha for a super job on ticket sales for the April bazaar Chairman, Julius Bridgevaitis and brother, Vince, are making all arrangements.

This 'n That

The Stepan girls, Delphine and Clara, goal tending — or was it catching stray pucks? — in the seats at the Red Wings' hockey games and as a result a couple bruised anatomies (both mended and made the Free Press, too)... Best wishes to Peter Medonis after his bout with "hospilitis"... Atty. G. Graham opening law office in David Scott bldg., after successfully passing his Bar exams. Congratulations Gerry... Plaudits to Ona Kase, the newly-elected president of Sajunga (Lith. American R. C. Women's Alliance)... Many sympathies to our flu "bug" victims — The Valatkas, the Zanes, V. Chapelonis, A. Dainus and some others (due to space we won't go into all the ramifications of sneezy noses and belery eyes). Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Salas joining the "Stork" club. Blessings!

All the Arthur Murrays, Fred Astaires and Gene Kelleys are invited to strut or hop their stuff at the combined Councils' 79-102 "Bunny Hop" on Easter Sunday Nite. (If you're neither, come anyway.)

Detroit, Michigan — 102 "Pam"

Father J. Walter Stanievich was officially welcomed to St. Anthony's Parish with a banquet on February 7, 1960. Council 102 played a very prominent part in the preparation and execution of this very memorable event, which incidentally drew an attendance of nearly 500 people. Our President, Bob Boris, proved most efficient as Chairman and Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. Donna Bunikis, Anna

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CHICAGO, ILL.

Mae Uznis, Bill Juodwalkis, as well as practically every female member of Council 102 worked around the clock to make this affair the huge success it was. The speakers included, Rev. Viktoras Krisciunevicius, and Father Charles O'Neil, a former classmate of Father Stan. Sixteen other priests also attended, including the pastors of the neighboring parishes.

The highlight of the banquet was the donation of \$3000.00 from the Building Fund of Council 102 which was presented to St. Anthony's Parish, as the initial donation to the Rectory Building Fund. Council 102 felt this was a way of evaluating the work of parents and grandparents in the building of our churches in years gone by. Council 102 wanted to show its willingness to contribute to the continued growth and support of our Lithuanian Parish. Mrs. Maryanne Guerriero, past President and one of the originators of the Building Fund, made the presentation. In response, Father Stanievich paid a beautiful tribute to his predecessor, Father Boreisis, our former spiritual adviser and honorary member of the K. of L.

Bill Pluto, fiance of Donna Kirsh, past financial secretary, who has a catering firm, donated his most able services in transforming a very plain hall into a Banquet Room of real beauty. Many thanks, Bill.

The Neverouck sisters, Rita, Dolores and Diane personally sent out over 750 invitations for the banquet.

Father Stan also received a check in the amount of \$25.00 which was presented by our First Vice President Frank Bunikis, as a welcoming gift.

Of all the people in attendance there was none prouder than one lovely lady. It was Father Stan's Mother. We love them both.

On January 30, the Dainavos Choir of Chicago gave a performance of "Vestuvės" in the Ford Auditorium of the new Civic Center. It was a very interesting and entertaining evening, and might add very well attended by the various Lithuanian organizations.

With the thrill of the Variety Show still ringing in our ears, there is somewhat of a rumor circulating about that another show may be in progress, and perhaps in time for

the District Convention sponsored by Council 102 in the Fall.

Anna Mae Uznis has done it again! Her fashions are so acclaimed that for the second year in a row, Ford Motor has honored her with another show at Greenfield Village.

Our sympathies go out to Bernie Cybul and Bronius Polikaitis on the loss of their beloved fathers.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. — 133

January Meeting at Ruta's Residence. It was an excellent meeting, one of the finest. This meeting was held at the residence of our lovely and charming Ruta (Miss Ruta Lee-Kilmonis, Motion Picture and TV actress), council member, on Sunday, January 31st, in Palm Springs. Ruta gave a very interesting talk on her latest TV shows and answered many questions. All officers of the Senior Council, headed by Anthony Skirius, were our guests. Following the meeting, dinner and refreshments were served by our gracious hostess, Ruta, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kilmonis. Leonard Valiukas, outgoing president, paid a special tribute to Ruta, thanking her for all her services and fine work she has done for the Lithuanian cause.

K. of L. Evening with Lawrence Welk. Special tables for the K. of L'ers and their friends were set aside in the Aragon Ballroom, Pacific Ocean Park, Santa Monica, where we enjoyed the music by Lawrence Welk and His Orchestra, and some Lithuanian selections on February 26th.

Our council's next meeting will be held on March 13th at the home of our Treasurer, Loretta Papsys, at 4 p. m.

President's Note (Ann Laurinaitis). We have gained two fine new members — Carol Dombrosky and Anthony Vosylius. Pleased to see Bruno Katauskas, Lucile Zaikis and Natalie and George Radauskas at our January meeting. Hope they attend our affairs more often. Anthony Vosylius was appointed Chairman of the Membership Drive

Committee. Anthony is also active in several other Lithuanian-American organizations.

News about our members. Loretta Papsys, treasurer, will get her B.S. degree in chemistry in June... Nida Balsys received her B.S. in engineering at the Los Angeles State College in January... Ruta Lee-Kilmonis joined the L. A. County Republican Assembly, Lithuanian - American Unit... Leonard Valiukas was reelected Vice President of the Los Angeles County Republican Assembly, countywide organization having units in each Assembly District... Joe and Mary Ann Zichwic have extended an invitation to our council to hold its meeting at their home in Sunnyvale (20 miles from San Francisco). Good opportunity to organize a council in the vicinity of San Francisco!... Winifred Skudris Reardon, past national financial secretary and her husband, both formerly of South Boston, are now residents of Long Beach.

K. OF L. CALENDAR

- March 4** — ST. CASIMIR'S DAY, Patron Saint.
- March 6** — New York-New Jersey District K. of L. Communion & Breakfast. Host — Council 52, Elizabeth, N. J.
- March 13** — Newark, N. J. (29). St. George's Hall, 6 p.m.
- March 13** — Newark, N. J. (29) Communion & Breakfast, Holy Trinity Church, 9 a.m.
- May 1** — New England District K. of L. Convention. Host — Hartford, Conn. (6). Pre-convention dance, April 30th. Further information — write to Joseph Sakaitis, President, 60 Harrison St., Worcester 4, Mass.
- May 27 - 30** — Mid-West Bowling Tournament, Dayton, Ohio. Host — Council 96. See announcement on page 18.
- July 23 — Aug. 20** — K. of L. EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE.
- August 14** — Dayton, Ohio (96), Annual Picnic at Eintracht Park. Mike Petkus, chairman.
- August 18-21** — 47th K. of L. National Convention, Worcester, Mass., Host — Council 26.
- October 8** — ANNUAL DANCE. Charles Vangas, chairman.