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PRISIKĖLIMO VARPAMS GAUDŽIANT

Bažnytiniame kalendoriuje gavėninės kančios metas pasibaigia Velykinio Prisikėlimo triumfu: dieviškoji Išganytojo kančia ir mirtis žmonijai atpirkti apvainikuojamos Jo Prisikėlimu iš numirusių. Geros valios žmonėms suteikiama amžinojo išganyto malonė, jei jie su ta malone bendradarbiauja.

Kančia ir Prisikėlimas nėra atsitiktiniai faktai dieviškoje žmogaus išganyto istorijoje. Pasirinkdamas kruvinos kančios kelią žmonijai išganyti, Išganytojas norėjo parodyti, jog žmogaus išganyto ir prisikėlimui reikia kentėjimų.

Kad žmogus galėtų džiaugtis nesibaigiančiąja laime amžinybėje, pirma jis turi jau šiame pasaulyje savo kentėjimais prisikelti iš savo blogosios dalies, trukdančios Dievo malonės veikimą jo sieloje.

Juo dažniau žmogaus gyvenime kartojami dvasiniai prisikėlimai, juo tikriau ir tvirčiau žmogus artėja į tobulumą ir į pilnutinį gyvenimą. Iš antros pusės, menkos vertės yra toks žmogus, kuris nenori ir nesiekia savo dvasinio prisikėlimo, kuris tariasi jau tobulas esąs.

Jei žmonės daugiau gyventų dvasinio prisikėlimo dvasia, pasaulis atrodytų daug žmoniškesnis ir net krikščioniškesnis...

Kai ištisos žmonių grupės atsisako gyventi dvasinio prisikėlimo gyvenimu, jos sukuria vergiją ir siaubą, kuriais jos stengiasi pavergti kitus žmones ir siekia atimti iš jų laisvės bei laimės gyvenimą. Ir mylimoji mūsų Tėvynė Lietuva yra tokių žmonių pavergta: Lietuvos pavergėjai rusai komunistai niekina dvasinį žmogaus prisikėlimą ir žiauriai kovoja prieš jį. Dėl to jie yra nužmogėję, dėl to jie ir naikina mūsų tautą bei kraštą pilnu, žvėrišku įsiutimu.

Nuo pat apaštalu laikų tikėjimas Išganytojo Prisikėlimu iš numirusių yra krikščionių stiprybė. Dėl to milijonai tikinčiųjų drąsiai paaukoja savo gyvybę dėl Kristaus; dėl to jie nepasiduoda klaidoms, neatsisako savo šventojo tikėjimo ir jo neiškeičia į lengvesnį bei patogesnį žemiškąjį gyvenimą; dėl to jie kenčia visokią vargą, skurdą ir įvairiausias kančias, stipriai tikėdami, jog po visų šio gyvenime kentėjimų ir neteisybų jie sulauks amžinosios teisybės ir amžinojo atlyginimo pomirtinėje, nesibaigiančioje laimėje su prisikėlusiuoju Kristumi.

Neteisybės žmogus ir krikščionybės priešas, paėmęs valdžią į savo rankas, gali sunaikinti krikščionies kūną, bet jis negali išplėsti iš jo tikėjimo pomirtiniu gyvenimu: čia bet kuris piktasis krikščionybės priešas yra bejėgis.

Tikėjimas pomirtiniu gyvenimu ir prisikėlimu iš numirusių yra nesunaikinamoji jėga ir šviesa vadovė žemiškajame žmogaus gyvenime.

Skambą velykiniai varpai ne vien tik skelbia pasauliui Išganytojo Priskėlimą; jie ne vien išreiškia Baž-

nyčios džiaugsmą bei padėką Dieviškajam Išganytojui už žmonijos atpirkimą. Gaudžią velykiniai varpai taip pat šaukia žmones dar šiame pasaulyje prisikelti savo širdimi, protu ir valia naujam, dvasiniam gyvenimui.

Tikru velykiniu džiaugsmu negali džiaugtis toks krikščionis, kuris nenori išgirsti velykinių varpų gaudesio ir lieka nepersimainęs bei neprisikėlęs savo gyvenimu. Šitoks Velykas švenčia tik tuščiais žodžiais, o ne savo širdimi ir gyvenimu. Velykos be žmogaus dvasinio prisikėlimo ir be dieviškosios malonės sieloje nėra tikros Velykos: jos tada tėra socialinė proga laiką kiek įvairiau praleisti.

Velykiniai varpai skelbia Išganytojo Priskėlimą. Bet juo nepasinaudoja toks krikščionis, kuris uždaro savo širdį dieviškajai malonei įeiti. Toks mato ir girdi Išganytojo Priskėlimą švenčiant, bet jis pats lieka miręs savo dvasiniu gyvenimu...

Velykos yra ne tik Išganytojo Priskėlimo, bet ir dieviškosios malonės bei žmogaus dvasinio atgimimo ir prisikėlimo šventė. Aleliuja!

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ŠVENTOJI DROBULĖ

Šventoji Drobulė
Saugojama Torine,
Italijoje



Kai Juozapas iš Arimatėjos pirko drobulę Jėzaus kūnui suvynioti, jis nenujautė, kokią brangenybę nupirko. Šiandien toji drobulė yra visų relikvijų švenčiausia. Moderniomis mokslo priemonėmis joje buvo atrastas labai aiškus mirusio Jėzaus paveikslas ir labai ryškūs Išganytojo kančios ženklai. Šventos drobu-

lės tyrinėjimai patvirtina pagrindines mūsų tikėjimo tiesas: "Jėzus tikrai mirė ir Jėzus tikrai prisikėlė. Iš to seka, kad Jėzus yra Dievas. Todėl tą šventą drobulę kai kas vadiną "penktąja evangelija".

Drobulės istorija

Pirmą kartą šventąją drobulę mini šv. Jonas Evangelistas. Jis ir šv. Petras, Velykų rytą nuėję pažiūrėti Kristaus grabo, pamatė tik drobulę. Nuo apaštalu laikų iki dvylikto amžiaus neturime apie ją jokių dokumentų. Dvyliktajame amžiuje šv. Jeronimas mini drobulę, esančią Konstantinopolio mieste, kurią vietos krikščionys laiką didelėje pagarboje. Keturioliktame amžiuje girdim kalbant apie drobulę Prancūzijoje. Atrodo, kad kryžiaus karo metu prancūzai bus ją pasiėmę iš Konstantinopolio, į kurią buvo kartą išiveržę. Šiandien drobulė saugojama Torine, Italijoje. Daugybė mokslininkų ją tirinėja su dideliu atsidėjimu.

Išaiškinta, kad mirusiojo paveikslas atsispaudė drobulėje kūno garams veikiant į aloe ir myra išteptą lino audeklą. Į drobulę įsisunkė ir iš žaizdų ištekėjęs kraujas. Iki šiol mokslininkai ištyrė ir įrodė tris tiesas: 1. Drobulėje esąs paveikslas nėra nupieštas. 2. Jame yra išspaudusios žmogaus kūno žymės. 3. Jos yra nukankinto Jėzaus kūno žymės.

Ką sako drobulė apie V. Jėzų?

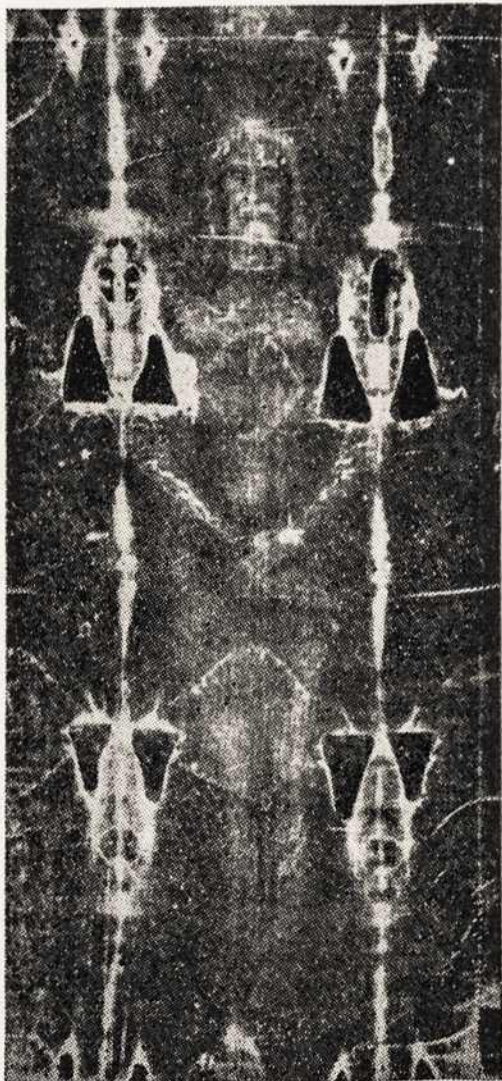
Iš šventosios drobulės sužinome, kad Jėzus gražaus kūno sudėjimo.

Pranašas Izaijas tvirtina, kad Išganytojas yra "gražiausias iš visų žmonių vaikų". Pagal drobulę Kristus turėjo būti penkių pėdų ir 11 colių aukštumo. Iš veido atrodo maždaug apie 40 metų amžiaus. Prisimenant, kad drobulėje Jo veidas yra sužalotas, reikia laikyti Jį buvus jaunesnį. Jėzaus amžius turėjo atitikti šv. Rašte pažymėtą amžių, būtent 33 metus.

Iš drobulės išryškėja baisi Išganytojo kančia. Dr. Hynek, žymus drobulės tyrinėtojas, rašo: "Mūsų fantazijai trūksta lakumo įsivaizduoti begalinį kančių daugumą ir žiaurumą, kurios yra išspaudusios drobulėje". Ką pranašai ir evangelistai kalbėjo apie Jo kančią ir mirtį, tą labai aiškiai vaizduoja šventoji drobulė.

Pranašas Izaijas, gyvenęs maždaug 500 metų prieš Kristų, apie Mesijo kančią taip pranašavo: "Nėra Jame nei gražumo, nei išvaizdos. Jo veidas išniekintas. Mes matėme Jį ir negalėjome atpažinti". Evangelijos rašo: "Nupyne erškėčių vainiką, jie dėjo Jam ant galvos ir davė Jam nendrę į ranką. Ir atsiklaupdami ties Juo, jie tyčiojosi iš Jo sakydami: sveikas, žydu karaliau. Ir spjaudydami į Jį jie ėmė nendrę ir daužė Jo galvą". Mat, "tuomet Pilotas jiems paleido Barabą, o Jėzų nuplakinęs padavė jiems prikalti ant kryžiaus".

Tuos kančios pėdsakus mes matome drobulėje. Išganytojo veidas sutinęs, nosies kaulas sulaužytas, visa



Viršutinė šventos
drobulės dalis

GAL IR KITIEMS BUS ĮDOMU?

Prieš kiek laiko gavau L. Vyčių 26-tos kp., Worcester, Mass., biuletinį "Vyčių Laikas", kuriame telpa įvairių ir trumpų žinelių ir pranešimų. Šio biuletinio bendradarbiais yra šie Liet. Vyčių 26-tos kp. nariai: red. W. Grigas, K. Rimkus, J. Kundrotas, J. Pauliukonis, J. Drumstas, kun. Tamulevičius, C. Tagman, B. Angus, M. Roland, P. Cunic, J. Grigas, P. Volungis ir dar keli tokie pasišventėliai. Jie trumpai prisimena ir apie būsimąją L. Vyčių org. seimą, kuris šiais metais įvyks Worcester, Mass., Šv. Kazimiero parap. Taip pat šiame biuletenyje yra raginami nariai, kad visi stotų į naujų narių prirašymo vaju ir padarytų savo kp. skaitlingiausią visoje Liet. Vyčių organizacijoje. Gal ir dabar ji yra didžiausia mūsų org., nes mažai tokių kuopų yra, kurios skaitytų 110 narių. Savoje kuopoje turint tiek narių, tai negali būt abejonės, kad būsimasis L. Vyčių seimas nebus visapusiškai gerai ir gražiai prirengtas.

Jie su pasididžiavimu prisimena savo biuletenyje, kad jų kp. turi ir jaunamečių L. Vyčių skyrių, kuris

ne tik gerai veikia, bet turi ir savo chorą ir mielai lavinasi dainų ir giesmių. L. Vyčių org. jaunamečių skyriai bei kuopos, tai josios ateitis. Kaip būtų gerai ir gražu, kad kiekviena L. Vyčių kuopa galėtų tuo pačiu pasididžiuoti — jaunamečių skyriais.

Beje, šiame biuletenyje yra ir nusiskundimų, kad daug narių nesi-lanko į susirinkimus ir parengimus ir nerodo veiklumo. Žinoma, tiems nariams nėra garbė, kad jie mažai tesidomauja L. Vyčių veikla, o ypatingai, kad labiausiai reikia — savo org. naujų narių prirašymo metu. Šiuo darbu turėtų susirūpinti visos L. Vyčių org. kp., kad ligi ateinančio savo org. seimo padidintume ją nors tūkstančiu naujų narių, o ne šimtu ar dviem. Na, padėkime į šalį visus savo apsileidimus ir tapkime praeities vyčiais, kada pavieniai nariai prirašydavo po virš 150 naujų narių. Tepraskamba Vyčių org. vardas praeities veiklumu ir vytiškumu.

Štai kiek anksčiau, esu gavęs nuo L. Vyčių org. pirmos vicepirm. Elenos Šaulytės laišką, kalbantį apie

jaunųjų suvažiavimą. Čia ji taip prabyla apie jaunamečius vyčius. "Perskaite pranešimą, manau, sutiksime, kad seimelis buvo sėkmingas. Dalyvavo 100 jaunųjų Vyčių; visų 4 kuopų dvasios vadai, 2 svečiai kunigai, kuopų vadovai ir pagalbinkai. "Vaikai" buvo nepaprastai sužavėti ir patenkinti suvažiavimo programa. Asmeniškai, man buvo nepaprastai džiugu stebėti, kaip visi kaip vienas, taip gražiai užsilaikė ir nuoširdžiai stengėsi būti aktyvūs suvažiavimo dalyviai: ypatingai malonu buvo matyti, kaip jie stengėsi giedoti ir dainuoti lietuviškai — vieni kitiems padedant. Man tai buvo pilnas įsitikinimas, kad katalikiškas - lietuviškas jaunimas nežūsta ir nežus, jei tik bus kas juos priglaustų, globotų ir auklėtų vytiškoje dvasioje. Lietuvos Vyčių ateitis gali būti labai šviesi, jei tik atsiras vadovų, kurie pasišvestų tą jaunimą globoti ir jiems idiegti mūsų idealus. Jei apskritys atkreiptų šiek tiek dėmesio į jaunuosius Vyčius, aš esu tikra, kad susilauktumėm labai gražių vaisių. Manau, kad vėliau tai įvyks. Šis suvažiavimas parodė, kad jaunimas nori, kad kas nors jais rūpintųsi ir, kad duotų jiems siekimų, kurių galėtų siekti".

Kaip gražu ir garbinga, kada čia gimusi ir augusi jaunuolė, taip tiksliai naudoja savo tėvelių kalbą ir rašybą, ką tarpe čia augusio jaunimo netankiausiai galima pastebėti. L. Vyčių org. turėtų džiaugtis su tokiomis asmenybėmis, kaip E. Šaulytė ir panašiais į ją jaunuoliais bei jaunuolėmis. Tai tikra lietuviybės pažiba.

O kaip būtų malonu ir pageidautina, kad mūsų Elenutė pradėtų rašinėti į lietuviškus laikraščius, o ypatingai į savo organą "Vyti". Esu tikras, kad jos rašyti straipsneliai visų būtų mėgiami ir plačiai skaitomi. Mūsų katalikiškosios spaudos redakcijoms ypač šio skyriaus vedamojo ir paties "Vyties" redaktoriaus, reikėtų į ją kreiptis ir, tikiu, kad ji apsiims pabendrauti lietuviškoje spaudoje. Galima spręsti tik iš jos dalies laiško, kokioje dvasioje ji gyvena ir jaučiasi. Laukiame Tamstos žinelių ir rašinėlių šiame skyriuje ir "Vytyje". **Senelis**

galva pilna žaizdų, mažos kraujo srovelės susigėrusios plaukuose. Tai išniekinimo ir erškėčių vainiko palikimas.

Nežiūrint baisaus veido sužalojimo, mes pastebime drobulės atvaizde kažką nepaprasto: per kančią matyti dieviškas majestotas, nuostabi vidinė ramybė ir tėviškas švelnumas. Dr. Hynek sako, kad jis po savo atsivertimo išvažinėjęs visus meno muziejus, jieškodamas gražiausio Kristaus paveikslų. Bet nė vienas jam taip nepatikęs, kaip Kristaus veidas šventoje drobulėje.

Viešpaties kūnas, kaip jį matome drobulėje, yra visur sužalotas. "Nuo viršugalvio, rašo pranašas Izaijas, iki kulnų nėra Jame sveikos vietos. Žaizdos, mėlynės ir ištinę sumušimai neužrišti, negydomi vaistais, nepatėpami aliejumi".

Isižiūrėjus, drobulėje matomi balti brūkšneliai. Tai yra plakimų žymės. Iš plakimų žaizdų išsisunkęs kraujas susigėrė į drobulę. Tokių žaizdų galima pastebėti ne tik ant pečių, bet ir ant rankų, ant krūti-

nės, šlaunų ir net blauzdų. Tikrai, nuo viršugalvio iki kulnų nėra Jame sveikos vietos. Perdurtas plačia jietimi šonas ir ištekėjęs kraujas liudija apie tikrą Išganytojo mirtį.

Tačiau iš drobulėje atsispindusių žaizdų galima išskaityti tik vieną Išganytojo kančių dalį. Iš sužaloto kūno bruožų gydytojai išveda, kad Jėzus kentėjo dėl per daug išskėstų rankų, kad jautė visuose raumenyse mėšlungius ir mirė turėdamas labai aukštą temperatūrą.

Pagal gamtos dėsnius, pagal kuriuos atsirado drobulėje Išganytojo atvaizdas, nustatyta: jei kūnas būtų pasilikęs ilgiau kaip 40 valandų, kūno garų veikimas būtų buvęs per ilgas ir paveikslas būtų buvęs sunaikintas. Jei drobulėje kūnas nebūtų išbuvęs 32 valandų, paveikslas šešėliai dar nebūtų galėję atsispauti. Kadangi drobulėje paveikslas yra gana ryškus, Jėzus turėjo pasilikti grabe apie 36 valandas. Tai sutinka su šv. Rašto liudijimu, kuris sako, kad Išganytojas prisikėlė iš numirusių trečią dieną.

The Den of Wolves

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PRIEST & KNIGHT

Chapter IV

In a small chamber of the castle of Malburg, two men were quietly but intensely talking. One of them, judging from the way he was dressed, was a knight and the other was Hex, the keeper of the "den of wolves."

"They have to be there! Understand!" said the knight grabbing Hex by the shoulder with his strong hand.

"Sir Knight von Altenburg", answered Hex, "I'll do my best but where can they be? We've checked all of the dungeon and all we found was a pile of wood over a hole in the floor. I guess those two mad dogs somehow got out through there."

"How could you have thrown them into a dungeon when their punishment was to be some discipling and not death!" snapped Dietrich von Altenburg angrily. "I have to have them. I must! Do you understand?!"

"I understand," Hex repeated, "but please be merciful! I'll prepare others for your service. They will be more useful than Fritz or Hans."

"I want these two and no others. There was hope that they could have served us eventually — if we had been kinder to them."

"Sir Knight, they are mad dogs that bite humans," and Hex showed his injured arm.

Sir Dietrich frowned.

"They bit you Hex and no human. They'll bite anyone whom I'll tell them is their enemy. Go now and find them! You have until morning to bring both of them back."

Hex was about to say something but the knight roared, "Get out!!"

The keeper quickly left the room.

Outside he groaned and clenching his fists, he cursed audibly. Unexpectedly he met his wife Kobolda who had been slinking around the courtyard keeping in the shadows.

"Where are you going?" yelled Hex pleased at this opportunity to spill out his chagrin on someone.

"Shut up you worthless creature," shot back Kobolda. She lifted her fingers to her lips and motioned him toward the chamber serving as the "den of wolves." She herself withdrew into the dark shadows cast by the stone columns supporting the castle's walls, and eagerly listened to a conversation that was taking place within earshot.

"Its said they have disappeared", whispered a young man dressed in a short black tunic.

"There must be some signs!" remarked an older man dressed in the habit of a religious.

"Oh Father Germane whoever is thrown into that dungeon is doomed. They're never seen again."

"Yes but the Almighty's protection is everywhere," answered Father Germane calmly.

"But nobody can protect those whom these German knights decide to murder," said the younger.

"Quiet!" whispered the priest. "We do not understand the Creator's plans or ways. Perhaps these young men were meant to betray someone and its better they died in their innocent youth.... Are you sure no signs were found at all?"

"Its rumored that fragments of clothing and some blood was found beyond the walls, but nothing else. Oh Father, I am afraid that Hex might have killed them," replied Bernard in an anguished voice.

"You still are a child," smiled Father Germane sadly. "Hex takes care of those lads that the knights give him as the pupil of his eye. Remember you were under his care as were many others of our brothers.... There is something else here! When they send you out beyond

the walls today, try to find out if there are any footprints. Maybe they're hiding someplace and need food or drink. Its very sad my son, but if God in His Providence destined us to spend our lives among enemies, let's be of good heart and try to aid our suffering brothers."

"Father, such a life is agony. More and more of our young men are being imprisoned here. Oh if only I could free them; I'd like to destroy these walls, attack...."

"Calm down Bernard. Your body is weak, you are blind and what could you do poor fellow? Together we're both stronger. We can do some good and help these young men not forget their people. Son, you're of one nationality and I'm of another. Both of our nations have warred but here we have become victims of the same misfortune. We have one mind — that of helping our own brothers."

"Oh Father if I could only see once more. If I could only penetrate this darkness that covers my eyes. Oh to see our forests and that sacred grove where Prince Tubinggas serves the Eternal Fire near the sacred oak tree!"

"Shush, Bernard! You've accepted the holy religion but your mind still goes back to paganism."

"Father, the God that you taught us to believe in — He doesn't want us to forget those whom we love?"

"No on the contrary the Almighty commands us to love them. Also we should show a love for our native land in a practical way to those who when captured begin to forget their homeland. Your Prince Tubinggas worships the Creator and he is serving his country as he knows best, while you can also serve your homeland here by helping your captured brothers.

Go my brother and talk to them about their home, sing to them in the language that the Germans do not understand. The melody pleases the knights but they do not under-

stand the words, and it is these very words that can awaken the love of their native land in the prisoners' hearts."

"Yes, many doors open to the blind and minstrels," sighed Bernard. "Perhaps I can even find them."

"Go then!" and the priest made the sign of the cross blessing his friend.

"Go while I hasten to teach the others the holy Faith."

Father Germane walked slowly. He looked much older than he really was. A hard life had made him so. He had lived a long time among the Teutonic Knights. He spoke German fluently as also he knew another language. He used it well when he tried to comfort the Polish captives, and especially when the younger lads told him about their parents. However less and less prisoners were being brought in from Poland; and more and more came from the land of Perkunas and sacred oak trees. These knew absolutely nothing about Christianity and Father Germane had learned that tongue better than his own. It was used frequently in talking to the "wolflings."

What was his origin? No one asked. The Crucifers respected him and even the Grand Master of the Teutonic Order invited him as a guest. Dietrick von Altenburg, serving as Master of the castle of Malburg, frequently talked with him about everything. He was necessary to the Germans. Frequently his well placed words prevented riots among the prisoners. He even knew how to calm down an enraged Crucifer. Everyone honored him, except Kobolda. Although she treated him with respect in public, she hated him in her soul and hoped to cause him trouble. Hence she watched him continuously waiting for an opportunity to discredit him.

As soon as Father Germane entered the den of wolves, she came out of the shadows. She clenched her fists and looked for the coming of Sir Dietrick von Altenburgh. Soon the latter came out and glancing at the building housing the wolflings, especially at the barred windows of the dungeons below, he murmured "animal." He was preparing to continue on his way when Kobolda came across his path.

"Sir Knight von Altenburg. Master of the Castle," she said.

"Away from my path!" commanded the German knight angrily, lifting his arm as if to shield himself from a ghost. However Kobolda was not to be stopped. She followed him awhile and finally said, "I know who is to blame!"

"You and your husband — good-for-nothings!" snapped the Master of the castle without even glancing at the woman following him. "Get out of my sight."

Kobolda was not perturbed. She again cut across his path and said, "Father Germane and that blind Bernard helped them. Germane told Bernard to find them beyond the walls."

Dietrick unconsciously jumped but said nothing to Kobolda as she left him. Soon after Father Germane met Kobolda and she cringed at his glance. She pressed against the wall as if out of respect for the passing religious.

Upon meeting Sir Dietrick, Father Germane remarked, "I've asked the others; however since no one knows anything, I've sent Bernard out of the castle to look for them. Even if he is blind, his senses are more acute than that of a hundred men with eyesight. They could not have gone far and when he finds them, I'll bring them to you."

"Can I believe you?" asked Sir Dietrick looking at the priest.

"Have I ever betrayed you?" answered Father Germane looking at the knight who lowered his eyes.

"I'll trust you," said the knight as he placed his hand on Father Germane's shoulder, but if I'm betrayed, woe to you and the wolflings."

"Your threats are quite unnecessary. You are just upsetting yourself. You have to remain calm. Its not worth getting so upset over such a small matter," said Father Germane quietly.

"Its no small matter!", snapped the crucifer, "Both of them were necessary to me. I need good dogs to serve me."

"Well if one takes care of his dogs, he doesn't put them in the dungeon — their noses might lose the sense of smell," remarked the priest.

At that time Hex appeared.

"Sir Knight, Lord Master," he

said showing a bundle of clothing and some bloody hair, "Its all I could find."

"I did not send you to gather rags," shrieked Sir Dietrich. "I want to see them alive!"

Hex tried to explain further but the knight blew a small whistle that he had chained near his belt. Two guards quickly appeared. Sir Dietrich pointed at Hex. "Throw him into the dungeon."

Hex fell on his knees before the Master of Malburg castle but to no avail. The guards seized him from both sides and pulled him out of the chamber.

K. of L. CALENDAR

April 27 — Ansonia, Conn. (135)
10th Anniversary Party.

April 30 — New York, N. Y. (12)
BEATNIK DANCE.

May 1 — NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT K. OF L. CONVENTION.
Host — Hartford, Conn. (6). Pre-convention dance, April 30th.

May 1 — Philadelphia, Pa. (3).
"Singing, Swinging Twenties" Show.

May 7 — Worcester, Mass. (116)
"Maytime Melodies Dance", The Bungalow, Davis Way (off Lake Ave.), Shrewsbury, Mass.

May 14 — Newark, N. J. (29)
DANCE, St. George's Hall, 180 New York Ave., Newark.

May 21 — Great Neck, N. Y. (109),
Annual Spring Dance, Veterans Hall, 237 Great Neck Road, Great Neck, L. I., N. Y.

May 27-30 — Midwest Bowling Tournament, Dayton, Ohio.
Host — Council 96.

June 25 — 1st Annual Midwest Golf Tournament sponsored by Illinois-Indiana District K. of L., in Chicago.

July 17 — New York-New Jersey District K. of L. ANNUAL PICNIC, Bayonne, N. J.

August 14 — Dayton, Ohio (96)
Annual Picnic at Eintracht Park, Mike Petkus, chairman.

August 18-21 — 47th K. OF L. NATIONAL CONVENTION, WORCESTER, MASS. Convention headquarters — Hotel Bancroft. Host — Council 26.

October 8 — Dayton, Ohio (96),
Annual Dance. Charles Vangas, Chairman.

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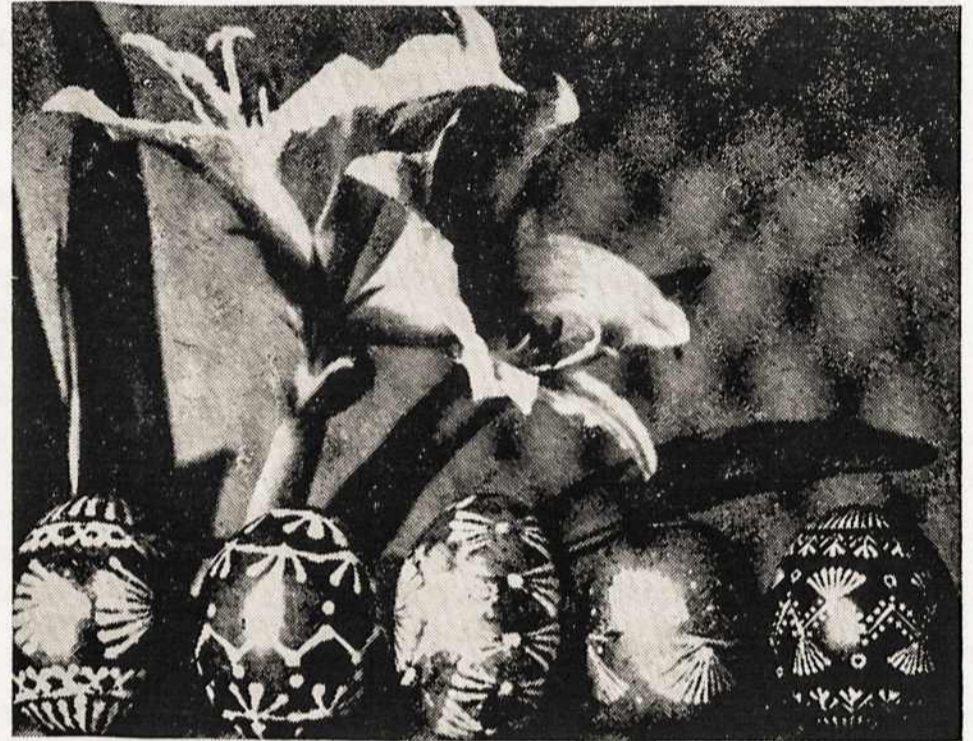
RESURRECTION

*As April fragrance fills the air,
And every tulip is a cup
Brimming with Thy ineffable love,
Lift Thou me up.*

*Let me rise as the earth arises
To greet the glory of Thy day,
With soul as white as the lilies are,
And beautiful as they.*

*For Thou alone art all, O God,
The sky and sea, the virgin grass;
And in the wake of caressing winds,
I hear Thee softly pass.*

Marcella Andrikis



THOUGHTS ON HOLY WEEK

JOANNE H. NEVIERA

The Holy Week services we have today are far different from the services we attended as children. For what reason was this change made?

On November 16, 1955, the Sacred Congregation of Rites issued a decree (approved by Pope Pius XII), which provided for the restoration of the Order of Services of Holy Week. The changes involved were not made to create a novelty nor to dig ancient ceremonies out of the distant past. They were made for the benefit of our people, to help them re-live the sacred events of the closing days of Christ's life.

Originally the Holy Week rites

were performed at the same hours of the same days that the sacred mysteries occurred. The solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening recalled the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Friday afternoon the liturgical function recalled the lord's passion and death. A solemn vigil began on Holy Saturday night and ended Easter morning with the joy of the Resurrection. (Our Lithuanian parishes still uphold the custom of the traditional Resurrection Mass at 6 a.m.). But during the Middle Ages, these religious services were, for various reasons, transferred to the morning hours. Torn from their proper time-setting, they lost their original meaning.

In more recent times another serious change took place. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week had long been holy days of obligation, so that Catholics, freed

from servile works, could be present at the morning services. In 1642, because of shift in economic conditions, Pope Urban VII was forced to declare the last three days of Holy Week no longer holy days of obligation. With schools, factories, and business places open on these days, the solemn and important liturgical services have been held in churches that in many cases were almost deserted. These Holy Week services have such dignity, sacramental force, and power for nourishing Christian life, that they had to be restored to the people. And so the Church, by simplifying the services and restoring them to their proper time-setting, makes it possible for Catholics to attend in great numbers and reap the spiritual benefits of Holy Week.

The restoration of the Holy Week services poses the danger that it

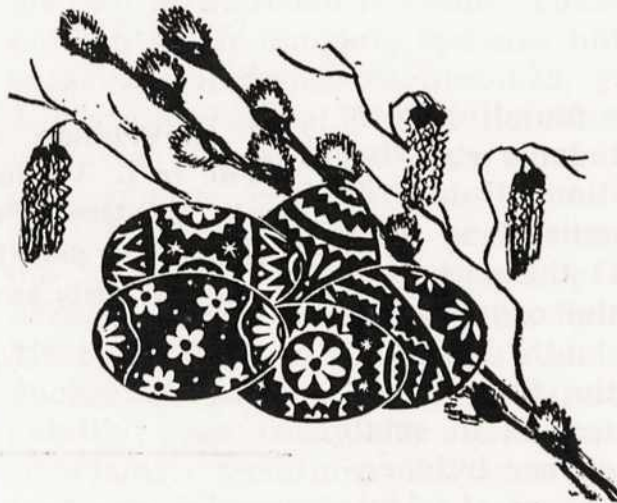
DOVANOS

Šiame krašte gal daugiau negu kur kitur yra paplitusios dovanos. Dovanoja tėvai vaikams, rečiau vaikai tėvams; vaikai norėdami padaryti vieni kitiems staigmenų, rūpinasi dovanėlėmis ir taip pat laukia įvairių progų gauti dovanų. Draugai dovanomis sustiprina savo draugystę, pavaldiniai išigyja viršininkų palankumą. Ir taip įvairiausiomis progomis ar didžiųjų švenčių, ypač Kalėdų metu, ar gimtadienių bei vardinių progomis, vedybų, naujagimio, ar ikurtuvių atveju stengiamasi ką nors dovanoti. Tai gražus paprotys, kuris tarytum daugiau suriša gimines bei artimuosius. Bet, tur būt, visi turi nemaža vargo, kol sugalvoja ką dovanoti. Biznieriai šiuo atveju ateina į "talką" su savo dovanų krautuvėmis, siūlydami įvairiausių pigių menkniekių. Ir iš tikrųjų, kai susidaro tiek progų pirkti dovanas, neištenkama pinigų pirkti brangesnių dalykų ir tenkinamasi bet koku šlamštu. Pirkėjui dar susidaro galvosūkis, stengiantis atspėti skonį to kuriam žada dovanoti. Taip kad dovanų reikalui šiame krašte skiriama ne tik tai daug pinigų, bet ir sugaištama daug laiko parenkant jas.

Dovanotojai, norėdami palengvinti sau tuos rūpesčius, ieško išei ties dovanodami pinigų, kartais pasiūlydami dovanos gavėjui pirktis jų numatytus dalykus, pagal savo skonį. Tuo būdu vis dažniau dova-

nos skiriamos pinigais, ir su tuo apsiprantama pamirštant asmenines žmonių ambicijas ir tikrąją dovanos esmę. Dovanos paskirtis ne šelpti ką nors (retkarčiais būna ir tokių atvejų), bet padaryti savo artimui malonumą jį prisimenant ir paliekant jam koki nors atminimą. Dovanotas pinigas, jei neturi išskirtinių savybių, pvz. auksinis doleris auksinio jubiliejaus proga, pridėtas prie savųjų pinigų išnyksta palikdamas, tarytum, skolos prisiminimą. O dovanotas daiktas yra labiau surištas su dovanotojo asmeniu, ir jis visada prisimenamas, kada žvelgiama į mėgiamą dovanėlę.

Daugiausia dovanojami pinigai vestuvių progomis. Tas paprotys randamas ir senesniose lietuvių vestuvių apeigose. Tačiau piniginė dovana lietuvių liaudies papročiuose



yra kaip simbolis, kaip vestuvių atrakcija. Pagrindinės vestuvių dovanos yra audiniai, juostos, rankdarbiai, paveikslai, įvairūs indai ir kt. Daiktinės dovanos lieka jaunavedžiams ilgam jungtvių atminimui. O pinigai, kurie panaudojami dažniausia povestuvinių kelionių malonumams, jų atminimas išdyla drauge su ispūdžiais. Norint padovanoti jaunavedžiams didesnę dovaną bei vertingesnį daiktą, geriau diskrečiai atsiklausti jaunujų, kad nebūtų nupirktas jiems netinkamas arba sunkiai pritaikomas prie kitų daiktų. Daromos ir kolektyvinės dovanos: keletas draugų susideda ir nuperka koki brangesnį daiktą.

Daiktinės asmeninio naudojimo dovanos, kaip drabužiai, baltiniai bei jų dalys ir kiti praktiški daiktai dovanojami tik artimųjų — tėvų vaikams ir vaikų tėvams. Kiekviena praktiška dovana reikalauja ir gero pažinimo to, kam dovanojama. Kartais praktiško naudojimo dovanos gali užgauti apdovanotojo savigarbos jausmus arba neatatikti jo skonio.

Labiausiai priimtina visiems dovana yra gėlės. Jos nieko daugiau nereiškia, kaip tik atidumą. Artimesnį draugiškumą ir bičiulystės laipsnį reiškia saldumynai. Tačiau daugelis šiais laikais atsisako nuo saldinių, tortų ir kitų saldžių dalykų sveikatos ar grožio dėlei. Pui ki dovana gali būti daugeliui knyga, albumas, meno paveikslas rankdarbis ir kt.

Apskritai reikėtų atsisakyti nuo perdažno dovanojimo, geriau dovanoti rečiau, bet vertingesnius dalykus.

Ver. Kulbokienė

might be considered as merely a new "time-table" of services or a change in ceremonies. To understand Holy Week properly and to realize its significance and bearing on our lives, we must go back to the final week of our blessed Savior's mortal life on earth and — beyond that — into the Old Testament.

The Old Testament types are fulfilled in Christ and recalled in our Holy Week worship. Palm Sunday is a popular demonstration in honor of Christ the King; Holy Thursday marks the Passover Supper at which He gave us the Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday, the Lamb of God was

slain to redeem us. The blessed night of Holy Saturday brings us the Risen Christ, the Light shining in the darkness, Who led us from sin to Life through the waters of Baptism.

Holy Week must be not merely a re-enactment of the drama of Redemption, which we observe as spectators, but a re-living of it, which we actually experience. It must bring about in us vital results, not a mere "putting on" of virtues, like hanging ornaments on a Christmas tree, but a "growing in Christ" through the divine life of sanctifying grace, like the vine whose living branches bear fruit.



THE ASSOCIATION OF LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS "ATEITIS"

WHAT IS IT?

This association is a cultural organization of Lithuanian academic youth. Its tenets and activities are based on the Catholic outlook.

WHAT ARE ITS AIMS?

Its goal is the theoretical and practical preparation of its member to renew all in Christ. To achieve this, the association seeks:

- to give its members a deeper understanding of the faith, from the standpoints of doctrine, practice of the sacraments, and Catholic activities;
- to develop the sense of national values through the development of Lithuanian individuality and strengthening the love of fatherland;
- to foster social responsibility and leadership to solve theoretical and practical problems of the public life;
- to develop an intellectual personality, based on a well-rounded education and Christian idealism;
- to propagate the ideal of a Lithuanian and Catholic family, and to give its members the ethical, psychological, and pedagogical foundations of family life.

HOW AND WHY WAS IT FOUNDED?

The year 1899 can be held to be the founding year; at that time the Lithuanian Catholic students studying in Switzerland banded into the association "Ruta". To fight the tide of nihilism, similar organizations were founded in Russia and Lithuania. In 1911 the periodical "Ateitis" (The Future) appeared and the organization chose its name from this periodical.

Under the Tsarist regime, before the First World War, the activity was secret and carried on in small groups. In 1918, when Lithuania regained her independence (in the struggle for which the members of "Ateitis" had taken an active part), the Association entered public life.

The Soviet occupation of 1944 has strewn a large part of the nation throughout the world. After the Second World War and emigration, "Ateitis" became active in the U.S.A., Canada, South America, Australia, and Europe. It is impossible to establish ties with the members, who remain in Lithuania, because of the Iron Curtain.

"Ateitis" is the first organization, which grounded its activity on the words of St. Paul, which were repeated by Pope Pius X—"Omnia instaurare in Christo".

WHAT IS ITS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE?

The association of Lithuanian Catholic students "Ateitis" is one of three autonomous units of the Federation "Ateitis". The other two associations comprise students of secondary schools and intellectuals, who have completed their formal education.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE

This is a unique pilgrimage, designed especially for the Knights of Lithuania. The tour features a full week at the international Eucharistic Congress in Munich with side trips of scenic interest, the world famous Passion Play of Oberammergau, historic London, fashionable Paris, majestic Switzerland, romantic Venice, Christian Rome, glamorous Nice and the French Riviera, fabled Monte Carlo, inspiring Lourdes, and timely Fatima.

Lasting four weeks, the tour will utilize the time to best advantage by flying not only trans-Atlantic, but also in Europe from city to city. Departure is scheduled for Sat. July 23, with return being arranged for Friday evening, Aug. 19, 1960.

The tour will be under the spiritual leadership of the national spiritual director of the Knights of Lithuania.

Those interested in further information about this unique K. of L. EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE should write without delay to:

Rev. Albert J. Contons
St. Peter' Church
50 West Sixth St.,
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PADĖKA

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L. VYČIU CENTRO VALDYBA
ir "VYTIES" REDAKCIJA.

WHAT ARE ITS ACTIVITIES?

Inner spiritual development is sought through lectures, discussions, study workshops, conventions, apostolic works, camps, concerts, and active participation in the press.

"Ateitis" belongs and works as a member of the Catholic Action and is a member of the International Movement of Catholic Students Pax Romana.

TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION:

Write to: "Ateitis", 916 Willoughby Avenue, Brook-lyn 21, N. Y., U.S.A.

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Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

IŠ CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIŲ VEIKIMO

Niekas iš Chicagos vyčių veteranų nepamena, kad kuriais metais būtų pasitaikęs paprastas vyčių kuopos ar apskrities susirinkimas vasario 16, Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atkūrimo sukakties šventėje. Šiomet buvo pirmas toks įvykis — sendraugių paprastas susirinkimas pripuolė tą dieną. Gal dėl to ir narių atsilankė daugiau negu į kitus susirinkimus ir visi atrodė lig šventiškai nusiteikę.

Pirmininkas Ign. Sakalas atidaręs susirinkimą trumpu žodžiu visuose atkūrė tą žodžiais neišreiškiamą džiaugsmą, kuomet mus čia pasiekė Lietuvos Tarybos tartas pasauliui drąsus žodis, kad Lietuva skelbia atkūrianti laisvą ir nepriklausomą gyvenimą; iškėlė visus didžiuosius darbus ir gausias aukas, kurias patriotingoji išeivija dėjo ant jaunos valstybės laisvės aukuro, ir linkėjo visiems gyviesiems sulaukti dienos, kuomet Lietuva, sutraukusi dabarties vergijos pančius vėl pasiskelbs laisva ir nepriklausoma.

Priėmus naują narę Oną Laučienę, gyvenančią Lemont, Ill., pirmininkas ragino narius ir toliau jieškoti naujų narių, nes paskutiniu metu laiku mirtis praretino mūsų eiles, o girdime, kad šiuo metu serga pirmieji organizacijos veteranai Vincas Paukštis, Jonas Kass, gi ilgas laikas kaip nematom susirinkime nėra Prano Čižausko, nėra jo žmonos. Ligonius lankyti komisija paprašyta visiems perduoti susirinkimo linkėjimus pasveikti, kad ir vėl galėtų įsijungti į bendrą veikimą.

Atsilankę susirinkiman Illinois-Indiana valst. apskrities pirm. Eleonora Laurin ir Al. Manstavičius padarė pranešimą iš apskrities veikimo ir naujų užsimojimų. Šiuo metu apskritis, naujai valdybai vadovaujant, daug dirba Vyčių salei naują "look" priduoti. Jau ir dabar mato si to darbo vaisiai: Ramovė gavo naują spalvą, nupirkta naujų minkštų kėdžių, jau paruošti planai barui duoti naują "veidą", o didžiojo salėj įvesti modernišką šviesas ir vėdintuvus, kurie būtinai

reikalingi ypatingai vasarą. Šis remontas pareikalaus daugiau \$500, kuriuos norima sukelti įvairiais parengimais. Vasario 7 d. sendraugių ir apskrities bendras kauliukais žaidimo vakaras pelno davė daugiau kaip du šimtus dol. Dabar kuopoms išdalintos knygutės stalo radijui laimėti, kas tikimasi irgi duos nemažai pelno.

Kiek anksčiau Vyčių name atlikti du stambūs remontai: uždėtas namo naujas stogas, o rūsyje įvesta potvynio kontrolė, kuri dabar apsaugos namą nuo vandens didelių lietu metų. Be to, gipsine medžiaga apdengta šildomoji krosnis, kuri dabar sutaupys nemažai alyvos. Šie remontai kainavo daugiau tūkstančio dol. Nesant Namo Fonde užtekintai pinigų, \$500 trumpalaikę paskolą davė sendraugių kuopa, o kitus \$500 tokiom pat sąlygom paskolino Jonas Kerulis, kuris daugiausiai dirba name ir kieme. Tūkstantį, o gal ir daugiau, vyčiams būt kainavęs samdomas darbininkas, gi J. Kerulis visa tai padarė nereikalaujamas jokio atlyginimo. Chicagos vyčiuose, o gal ir visoj organizacijoje, vienintelis tokio pasišventimo žmogus. Permaža jam mūsų padėka, te Dievas už tai atlygina. Reikia pažymėti, kad J. Kerulis didelę duklę atiduoda ir kitoms lietuvių katalikų organizacijoms, vienuolynų rėmėjams, tremtinių šelpimui ir Lietuvos išlaisvinimui, o taip pat ir katalikiškajai spaudai.

Tradicinė šventė ir kiti reikalai

Jaunimo globėjo šv. Kazimiero šventę Chicagos vyčiai minėjo kovo 6 d. Iškilmingos pamaldos buvo Švč. Panos Marijos Nekalto Prasišėdimo parapijos bažnyčioje, o pusryčiai ir akademija vyčių salėj. Šventės ruošėja buvo vietos Vyčių 36 kp.

Pirmininkas pranešė, kad aparatas filmams rodyti dar nenupirktas. Nusistatyta pirkti aparatą 16 mm ir kad juo būtų galima rodyti ir garsiniai filmai. Toks aparatas brangesnis, o fonde truksta kelių dešimčių dolerių. Komisija nenorinti užtraukti kuopai kad ir nedidelę paskolą. Komisija prašo narių ir vy-

čių bičiulių paaukoti aparato fondui. Aukus siųsti sendraugių izdininkui N. Karlavičiui, 7001 S. Claremont Ave., Chicago 29, Ill. Aukotojų vardus paskelbsime spaudoje.

Metinio mirusiųjų minėjimo — pamaldomis ir akademija — sendraugių ir apskrities komisija nieko konkrečiau nėra padariusi. Svarstomi įvairūs sumanymai. Svarbiausias klausimas — diena. Tuo reikalu bus tariamasi su apskrities ir sendraugių dvasios vadais.

Tradicinis sendraugių blynų vakaras buvo kovo 1 d. (antradienį) Vyčių salėj. Svečius vaišino žinomos šaunios šeiminkės T. Norbutienė, H. Širvinskienė, J. Žemaitienė ir K. Petrulienė.

Knygų revizijos komisijos vardu A. Budris padarė pranešimą, kad finansų sekretorės ir izdininko knygos susiderina. Sendraugiai savo izde (įskaitant ir terminuotą Vyčių namui paskolą) turi viso daugiau tūkstančio dol. Komisijai pasirašius knygų revizijos protokolą, nauja finansų sekretorė Stefanija Jonutienė perėmė knygas ir pradėjo savo pareigas. S. Jonutienės adresas yra 6345 So. Kostner Ave., Chicago 29, Ill. Dienos metu reikale su ja galima susisiekti Draugo telefonu LU 5-9500.

Susirinkimas baigtas, kaip paprastai, malda ir Lietuvos himnu.

Poilsiaivo šiltuose kraštuose. Nors ši žiema Chicagoy ir apylinkėse šiomet nėra šurpi, tačiau kaikurie ir vyčiai sendraugiai buvo išvykę — vieni į Kaliforniją, kiti į Floridą. Kalifornijoje pas savo artimuosius ar bičiulius atostogavo K. Rubinas ir E. Samienė, o Floridoj — J. Aukštaitis ir M. Zizas.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Iš L. Vyčių Senjorų susirinkimo ir Šv. Kazimiero šventės minėjimo

Vasario 28 d. p.p. B. ir A. Karklių namuose įvyko vyčių senjorų mėn. susirinkimas, kuriam pirmininkavo ir susirinkimą sumaniai pravedė Viktorija Mačiokienė, jųjų pirminkė. Nutarimus skaitė ir užrašinėjo J. Kuzas, nut. raštininkas.

—Šiame susirinkime buvo iškelta gana įdomių ir svarbių klausimų, ypatingai buvo apsistota prie jaunamėčių vyčių organizavimo, dėl glaudesnių santykių su L. Vyčių 25-ta kp. Buvo nutarta parašyti laiškas, kad valdybos susieitų šiam klausimui aptarti. Toliau buvo raginta ir prašyta, kad kiekvienas narys pasistengtų pakalbinti savo draugus bei pažįstamus ir juos prirašytų prie senjorų. Bet ar šis dalykas bei pokalbis bus pajudintas, tai jau kitas klausimas. Vienok, mums senjorams šis darbas — naujų narių pakalbinimas reikėtų pradėti ir vykdyti, nes kitaip mes pasiliksim apsilėdėliais, o esu tikras, kad Clevelando senjorai šio vardo nepakės, nes savo tarpe turi veiklių narių-veikėjų, kaip Juzę Čapienę, V. Mačiokiene, J. Pikturnienę, K. Magilienę, A. Kunigiškį ir dar keletą tokių, o ypatingai mūsų mieloji senjorė p. Mockevičienė-Mack, kuri visada nuoširdžiai remia vyčius ir jų veikimą net dovanėlėmis ir kitais būdais.

Kitas iškeltas klausimas buvo, kaip ir koku būdu paremti finansiškai organas "Vytis" ir "Draugo" vedamasis finansinis vėjus dėl ofseto mašinos. Didžiama narių šiam klausimui pritarė, bet su aukomis šiuo kartu tik du senjorai teprisidėjo, būtent: Jadvyga Pikturnienė ir J. Sadauskas, o kiti pasižadėjo tą padaryti ateityje — vėliau. Ištikrųjų, senjorai vyčiai tik gali pasidžiaugti turėdami tokias nares-rius, kaip mūsų mieloji ir duosnioji Jadvyga Pikturnienė, kuri pirmutinė penkius dolerius paaukojo dėl "Vyties" ir du doleriu dėl "Draugo" ofseto mašinos. Tą patį padarė ir J. Sadauskas. Dabar laukiama ir kitų padaryti auką.

Po susirinkimo namų savinikai Bernardas ir Alesė Karkliai, visus šio susirinkimo dalyvius gražiai pavaišino, o šie beužkandžiaudami gyvai, draugiškai kalbėjosi, aptarė vytiškos veiklos reikalus ir dėjuogėsi, kad jie esą vyčiai. Už viską ačiū Alesei ir Bernardui.

Pagerbė Šv. Kazimiera

Kovo 6 d., N. Pagalbos P-lės Šv. parap. bažnyčioje, L. Vyčiai senjorai, ateitininkai ir skautai bendrai pagerbė savo org. ir visos lietuvių tautos šventąjį Šv. Kazimiera. Prieš 10 val., visi susirinko į parap. svetainę, kurioje buvo pasiruošta eiti į

bažnyčia. Visi vyčiai senjorai, pradėjus dvasios vadu kun. J. Angelaičiu, pasipuošė gražiomis gėlėmis, kuriomis buvo apdovanoti ir vyčių artimi draugai. Skautai ir skautės, vad. Mackienės, gražiai nužygiavo į bažnyčia, sudarydami gražų išpūdį bažnyčioj.

Bernardas ir Alesė Karkliai atsklauptė prie altoriaus, kur kun. Goldikovskis, pašventinęs L. Vyčių org. trečiojo laipsnio ženklus, šiem garbingiem vyčiam senjoram juos prisegė. Iš tikrųjų, tai buvo vienas gražiausių momentų. Kun. Goldikovskis pasakė gražų pamokslą, plačiai paliesdamas šv. Kazimiero gyvenimą ir jo prisirišimą prie Dievo.

Išpūdis buvo dar didesnis, kuomet didelis būrys vyčių, skautų ir ateitininkų priėmė Šv. Komuniją.

Taip pat reikia tarti padėkos žodį parap. vargonininkei R. Brazaitienei, jos chorui ir abiem solistam — V. Jurgeliui ir C. Valančiūtei, už gražų giedojimą.

Po pamaldų, parap. svetainėj buvo bendri pusryčiai, kur daugumoj atsilankė vyčiai senjorai ir ateitininkų bei skautų vadovybės. Nežinia kodėl šiais metais, šv. Kazimiero dienoje, tiek mažai šių org. narių tedalyvavo pusryčiuose? Atsimenu, kaip nuo 1951 m. ligi 1958 m., būdavo perpildyta šių org. nariais bažnyčia, o pusryčių metu svetainė. Čia būdavo paskaitėlės apie šv. Kazimiera, muzikinė programėlė ir kt., bet šiais metais to viską nesimatė.

Nežiūrint, kad šiais metais pusryčių metu, tiek dalyvių ir nebuvo, bet programėlė buvo sudaryta iš kalbėlių. Malda čia atkalbėjo kun. Goldikovskis, o pirmutinį pasveikinimo žodį tarė senjorų vyčių pirm. Vik. Mačiokiene, kuri labai nuoširdžiai kalbėjo apie šios šventės parengimą. Toliau ji pristatė programos vedėju J. Sadauską, kuris, perimdamas tas pareigas, visus nuoširdžiai pasveikino ir pirmu šios programėlės kalbėtoju pakvietė svečią iš Kanados prof. Šapoką. Svečias trumpais, bet šiltais bruožais palietė šios dienos svarbumą; pagyrė šių org. gražius siekius ir prašė ateityje juos vykdyti. Svečiui, už tokią nuoširdžią kalbėlę, pusryčių dalyviai gausiai paplojo. Sekantis malonų žodį tarė p. Razgaitis, ateitininkų sendraugių pirm., kuris irgi gėrėjosi šiuo bendru ir vieningu prisiminimu Lietuvos kunigaikščio ir šventojo. Toliau buvo pristatyti pa-

gerbtieji senjorai — B. ir A. Karkliai, kurių vienas yra senjorų vicepirmininkas, o antra fin. rašt. Jiedu dėjuogėsi ir dėkojo vyčiams už suteikimą L. Vyčių org. trečiojo laipsnio. Po jų pratarė keletą žodžių skautų-čių vadovė Mackienė, kuri savo žinioje turi net 96 jaunuolių, šios parapijos ribose. L. Vyčių senjorų dvasios vadas, N. Pagalbos P-lės Šv. parap. klebonas kun. J. Angelaitis savo žodyje dėjuogėsi ir dėkojo ne tik vyčiams, bet ateitininkams ir skautams, kad jau kelinti metai bendrai pagerbia savo org. globėją šv. Kazimiera. Jis ragino tuos, kurie toliau gyvena nuo šios parapijos, persikelti arčiau bažnyčios, kiek galint paremti šios parap. mokyklos statybą ir greičiau ją baigti, kad šios parap. jaunimas turėtų kur susirinkti žaidimams, susirinkimams ir kitiems jų susiejimams. Klebonas priminė kad tik tokiu būdu bus galima palaikyti jaunimą arčiau bažnyčios, lietuvių ir vienybės. Šios šventės proga, vyčiai senjorai išteikė savo dvasios vadui \$35 mokyklos statybos reikalams.

Po kelis žodžius tarė Jurgis Kuzas, senjorų nut. rašt. ir Povilas Mikšys, kurie pasidžiaugė skaniais pusryčiais ir šios šventės iškilmingumu. Baigėsi šv. Kazimiero minėjimas su Juzės Čapienės, vyriausios šeimininkės, atsiprašymu ir padėkos žodžiais. Gi ypatingai reiškę nuoširdžią padėką savo bendradarbiams ir pagelbininkams — K. Magilieni, P. Glugodienei, K. Sadauskienei, K. A. Sadauskaitei ir kitoms. Prie šios padėkos prisidėjo ir senjorų pirm. V. Mačiokiene, kuri pati buvo komisijoje, daug idėjo savo brangaus laiko ir darbo, kepant skanumynus ir darant gėles. Tai buvo jos auka. ... Senelis

ARTĖJA

Lietuvos Vyčių 50 metų jubilėjus. Ruoškimės. Padvigubinkime vyčių veikimą ir narių skaičių!

Daug yra vyčių sendraugių, bet mažai yra vyčių sendraugių kuopu. Todėl kur tik yra vyčiai, ten ikuriamas ir vyčių sendraugių kuopos.

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS



NATIONAL PRESIDENT SAKEVICH HOLDS CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

A top level conference of the Knights of Lithuania national, district and council officers was held on February 26th at the K. of L. Center in Chicago. After a brief welcoming speech by the Illinois - Indiana district President, Eleanore Laurin, the meeting was presided over by National President Joseph Sakevich. Subjects on national, district and council level were discussed. President Sakevich presented the U. S. flag which had flown over the National Capitol when Father John Jutt, Worcester, Mass., made the invocation at the opening session of the Congress, to the K. of L. national archives which are located in the K. of L. building.

Other officers and committee members of the Supreme Council attending were Loretta Kassel, secretary; Jack Jatis, Honorary Membership and Ritual chairman; Tony Yuknis, Public Relations chairman; and Al Kassel, Sports co-chairman.

The visiting delegation from Detroit consisted of Bob Boris, president C-102, Lee Galinskas, Bill Juodawlakis and Leonard Salas.

Others from the Illinois - Indiana district Walter Tenclinger, Albin Manst, Al Dagis (president C-112), Helen Zimmer (president C-5), Irene Sankus, John Cibulskis, Gerry Mack, Helen Sirvinskas, Ed Pocius, Vince Samoska, Al Manst Jr. and Steve Manst.

After the business meeting the entire group with late comers from the district engaged in singing Lithuanian and American ballads. A few Lithuanian folk dance numbers were also executed. The occasion was greatly aided by Walter Tenclinger who played his accordion for the enjoyment of the group. A buffet lunch was arranged by the ladies.

The following day, Sunday, the group attended Mass at the Šiluva Shrine — Nativity B. V. M. Church. After Mass, all were invited to the home of Irene Sankus for dinner, whose parents greeted all visitors.

Anthony Yuknis, National Chairman

Public Relations Committee

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.

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

On January 30th, the Supreme Council held its meeting at the Hotel Bancroft, Worcester, Mass., with the following present: Father John Jutt, Honorary Chairman of Lithuanian Affairs; Father Albert J. Contons, Spiritual Director; Joseph Sakevich, President; Larry Janonis, Vice President; Rita Pinkus, Treasurer; Edward Daniels, Ritual; Florence Zaleskas, Trustee and Secretary Pro Tem; Editors Phyllis Grendal and Dr. Juozas Leimonas; Joseph Sakaitis, N. E. District President; Dorothy Sinkavitch, Financial Secretary; and Vincent J. Grazulis, National Convention Committee Chairman.

Reports were given on Spiritual Program, K. of L. Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage, K. of L. Manual, Treasury, Juniors, Membership Drive, Lithuanian Affairs, Our Lady of Šiluva booklet, VYTIS, Ritual, K. of L. Constitution and By-Laws, K. of L. 50th Anniversary, and National Convention, which is to be held August 18-21, in Worcester, Mass., and hosted by Council 26. Convention headquarters to be Hotel Bancroft.

President Sakevich gave an interesting report as to his activities; his attendance at the Lithuanian Catholic Federation Congress held in New York City last fall; attendance at the Testimonial of Ann Mitchell in Elizabeth, N. J.; council meetings in the New York-New Jersey District; and prospects of attending a meeting of the Illinois - Indiana District in Chicago, the weekend of February 20th.

Larry Janonis, president of the New York-New Jersey District, reported on the "Officers Conference" — Leadership Panel held by its district; Testimonial tendered to Ann Mitchell, honorary member; Bowling League; and Communion Breakfast in Elizabeth, N. J.

Joseph Sakaitis, president of the New England District reported on the Leadership Panel held in November; arrangements for a Junior Rally in the near future; Bowling League; K. of L. District Chorus; and District Convention to be held April 30 and May 1 in Hartford, Connecticut.

Stan Vaitkus, president of the Mid-Central District reported in his letter as to reviving councils in Cincinnati, Ohio and Springfield, Ill.; Bowling League; and Junior Rally.

Eleanor Laurin, president of Illinois - Indiana District reported in her letter as to plan of reorganizing all inactive councils in the district.

President Sakaitis reported that Helen Shields, vice president, is making continued progress in holding Junior Rallies in all districts.

K. of L.

1960

47th NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 19, 20, 21, 1960

Worcester, Massachusetts

Bancroft Hotel

Council 26 Host

1st. ANNUAL MIDWEST GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Illinois - Indiana District is pleased to announce that arrangements are being made for an Annual Midwest Golf Tournament, the First of which will be held in Chicago, Ill. on June 25th, 1960.

The tentative program is as follows: —
Sat. June 25 — 1:00 P.M. — Golf Tournament.

8:00 P.M. — Buffet,
Dance, Refreshments.

Sun. June 26 — 10:00 A.M. — Mass
12:00 Noon — Luncheon,
presentation of Golf Prizes.

Members of councils outside the Ill.-Ind., & Mid-Central Districts are also welcomed to participate. For further information contact AL KASSEL,

National Sports Co-chairman
4049 S. Rockwell
Chicago 32, Illinois

Vincent J. Grazulis, chairman of the Convention Committee, reported that the 47th K. of L. National Convention will be held August 19, 20 and 21 at the Hotel Bancroft, Worcester, Mass.

CONVENTION PROGRAM — to be published in VYTIS in the very near future.

K. of L. HISTORY FUND

Recently you have read articles in the "Vytis" and other Lithuanian publications, submitted by this committee, on the above mentioned subject.

There may be some members who don't know why a K. of L. History Fund Committee was elected during the last convention. This was done in order to raise the necessary funds for the publication of the K. of L. History.

It will take several thousand dollars to accomplish this and will hinge on the generosity of members, ex-members and friends of the K. of L. All donations, small or large—\$1.00 or \$100.00, will be welcome; those donating at least \$5.00 will receive a copy of this History.

Inasmuch as the Knights of Lithuania will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1963, it is only proper that its dreams, goals and accomplishments be recorded. As such, this book should have its place in the home of every member.

In the years to come, as the pages are turned, we will recognize faces and scenes that were once familiar and important to our fraternal life. Then, possibly more so than now, we will realize a deeper appreciation for the Lithuanian ideals and principles which we received under the guidance of our patron — St. Casimir.

We, therefore, urge all of you to send your donation, whatever the amount, to: Mrs. Rita Pinkus, 76 Providence St., Worcester 4, Mass.

Knights of Lithuania History Fund
Committee

Joe Boley
Larry Svelnis
Stanley Vaitkus

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The purpose of the five-month Membership Drive period is to aid the slower starting councils. If your council is one of these, it still is not too late to have a successful drive. Here are some additional pointers about membership:

I. WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Lose no time in making new members feel at home. Help the new member get acquainted. Help him or her become a part of the club. The quicker you can do this, the sooner you have a worker.

- 1. Reserve a section where new members will sit at the first meeting they attend. During the meeting, ask each member to stand and be introduced.*
- 2. Have an introduction committee. This could be a group who introduce the new member and give the complete details about him or her.*
- 3. Set up a committee called the "Greeter's Committee". Then work out a plan so that these people can look up the lonely ones and introduce them.*
- 4. Include a short biography of each new member in your council bulletin.*
- 5. Give them a regular committee assignment.*

II. NEW MEMBERS — NEW IDEAS

Each new member represents a potential source of new ideas that can benefit your entire membership. Take advantage of this fact by asking them... after they have been members a reasonable length of time... these three questions:

- 1. What do they think of your council programs?*
- 2. Do they feel that they are getting as much as they expected out of this affiliation?*
- 3. What are their suggestions for improvements?*

DON'T DELAY — YOUR NEW MEMBERS OF TODAY MAY BE YOUR NEW LEADERS OF TOMORROW!

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Chicago, Ill. — 5

Drasybė

Our Officers for 1960: President: Helen Zimmer; Vice President: Lucille Yucius; Secretary: Theresa Pupinik; Treasurer: Stephen Manst; and Fin. Secretary: Loretta Macekonis.

We are proud to note that our "little council" also has three officers on the Ill.-Ind. District Officers' Roster this year. They are **Al Manst**, 1st Vice President and Chairman of the Board; **Loretta Macekonis**, Corresponding Secretary; and **Helen Zimmer**, newly-appointed District Lithuanian Affairs Chairman. We wish them all luck! Considering the small number of members in our council we do have a good representation on the District Board.

The smiling faces operating the "Food Booth" at St. Michael Parish Bazaar (Feb. 26, 27 and 28) belonged to the members of our council. Along with hams, bacon, sausage, etc. we cheerily introduced lucky winners to that delicious delicacy known as "Lithuanian Cheese".

Participating in the Supreme Council meeting held at the K. of L. Building on Feb. 20th, were Al Manst and Helen Zimmer. Later Loretta Macekonis joined in for the Open House for Joseph Sakavich, National President, and several Detroiters, namely: Bob Boris, Bill Juodvalkis, Lee Galinskas and Leny Salas. In typical Lithuanian tradition we merrily rolled along to a superb dinner Sunday afternoon at the home of Irene Sankus. Despite the blizzard, word was received that all of our visitors arrived at their homesteads.

We were happy to see our newlyweds, Bob and Pat Zimmer, at the Bowling Party so graciously hosted by Council 24 and 99. We hope to



Illinois - Indiana District K. of L. celebrated St. Casimir's Day on Sunday, March 6. Pictured, left to right, Stan Kancewick, toastmaster; Eleanore Laurin, district president; Father Miciunas, spiritual adviser; Loretta Kassel, national secretary and St. Casimir's Day chairman; and Wally Tenclinger, president of Council 36.

see them join our Council again. Of course, tribute is given to our Al Manst who presided as Master of Ceremonies at the Bowling Banquet.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Father Val, Pastor and Spiritual Adviser, in the recent death of his beloved brother.

Helen Zimmer's mother is back home from the hospital and we are happy to learn that she is progressing very rapidly.

A note to Council 5 members whose 1960 dues have not been paid. If our financial secretary has not, as yet, approached you for payment of your dues, take it upon yourself to send in your payment, immediately.

Chicago, Ill. — 112

"ARDEE"

Our February meeting was held on a very significant day — Lithuanian Independence Day, and to

commemorate the occasion, President Al Dagus asked that committee reports be given in Lithuanian. His request was complied with and our members are to be commended for the fine job of "combination Lithuanian - American" speaking, they did. Father Zakarauskas, our Spiritual Adviser gave a very nice talk pertaining to Lithuania and her struggles, and the meeting closed with the singing of the Lithuanian and Vyčių hymns.

About 30 members had a wonderful evening roasting wieners beside the indoor fireplace and nibbling on the scrumptious hors d'oeuvres provided by Rich Butchas, at our Mardi-Gras Social, held at Butchas' Willod-West Grove on February 27. Julie Zakarka, chairman of this affair, did a fine job in organizing Musical Chairs (congrats to Florence Rimsas, the fast-sprinting winner), and various other activities for the evening. We certainly ushered in the Lenten Season with a happy memory.

A theater party was arranged for March 23. Our next big council event — the annual Easter Sunday Dance, will be held on April 17. Committee consist of Louis Rogers, Ed Krivickas, John Chaplin, Irene Sankus, Andy Tatusko, Len Malas, Ruth Dagus, Geraldine Kantaut, Balys Brazdzoneis, Pat Usavage, Al Mockus, Florence Rumsas, Marilyn Kulik, Connie Rozmin, Albina Zemaitis, and our able chairman, Wally Gregar.

We were happy to see another "long-time" member who has not been around for a while — Ann Naujokas. Stick around Ann, we will see to it that you are not idle for long.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

At the district meeting held in January, at the K. of L. Building, the newly-elected officers were

installed by Father Anthony Micunas.

Membership. Walter Tenclinger presented plans for the 1960 Membership Drive.

Reorganization of Inactive Councils. Albin Manst reported that the pastor of the Lithuanian parish in Waukegan has been contacted with the purpose of reorganizing Council 45. He also reported on the assistance given to Council 14, Cicero, which was recently reorganized.

Ritual. Sophia Zukas reported that 3rd and 4th Ritual degrees will be conferred upon qualified candidates on St. Casimir's Day; and that 1st and 2nd Ritual degrees will be given by the District's Ritual Committee on Sunday, April 3rd, at the K. of L. Building.

Publicity. "Vytiis" correspondent to be Loretta Kassel. Editor of the District Bulletin, published monthly, to be Irene Sankus. "Draugas" correspondent to be Anthony Yuknis.

Sports. Inter-District chairman to be Albert Kassel. Plans are being formulated for a Midwest Golf Tournament, June 25, Chicago, Ill. District chairman to be Albin Manst. Monthly Bowling and Supper Club Meets hosted by Council 112 (January) and C-24, C-99 (February). Annual K. of L. Ping Pong Tournament to be held in the near future; basketball playoffs (series of playoffs to be held for six Sundays between 6 or 8 teams). K of L. Trophy to be awarded the winner. Expenses will be covered by sales of Booster Passes covering the "admission" price and possible "dancing parties" during the intermissions.

Spiritual Program. Holy Communion "en corpore". Spiritual advisers to be invited as guest speakers at subsequent district meetings.

Building Directors. Jack Jatis reported on the finances and various repairs being made.

Culture. Lithuanian classes are being conducted weekly by Council 36.

By-Laws. John Cibulskis suggested revising of the district By-laws.

K. of L. Archives. John Cibulskis reported that the National and District K. of L. Archives are continued being catalogued; also larger quarters have been provided for.

It has been suggested that district



Illinois - Indiana District K. of L. 3rd Ritual Degrees bestowed upon (from left) Al Zakarka (112), Estelle Rogers (112), Joe Stanaitis (99), and John Meizis (36).

meetings be held on Sundays; and during the summer months — week days. Lithuanian buffet dinners are to be served immediately following the business meetings. Proceeds to go to the Kitchen Remodelling Fund. Chef services volunteered by Mrs. Samas, Mrs. Aleliunas and Mrs. Zemaitis, Senior Council members.

Bingo and Social, held February 7th, was chairmanned by Mrs. Helen Sirvinskaskas. Proceeds to be used for replacing wiring and fixtures in the K. of L. ballroom.

Council 36 acted as host at the Communion and Breakfast, March 6, commemorating St. Casimir's Feast Day. Breakfast and program held at the K. of L. Building, after the Solemn High Mass.

K. of L. Day. Our annual July 4th K. of L. Day — Picnic will be arranged by Al Mockus (112), chairman; and assisted by Al Dagus (112) and Walter Gregor (112). Raffles and K. of L. publicity will be distributed at all Lithuanian parishes for 2 weeks.

A regular Professional Lithuanian Soccer Team is being considered.

Decorations. A special committee, comprised of Eleanore Laurin, Irene Sankus and Walter Tenclinger, was elected. This committee plans to remodel and decorate the cocktail lounge in the K. of L. building. Purpose — to increase the rental to members and nonmembers.

We wish Eleanore Laurin, our newly-elected President of the Illi-

nois-Indiana District success in all her endeavors. All councils have promised to give her their utmost support.

Chicago, Ill. — 112 "ARDEE"

It was heartening to see one of our long time members, Dr. Stulga, attending our recent meeting; also John Shapkauski, who rejoined our council. Welcome back to "the fold", John!

We thank Pat Doman, Buzz Manst and Walter Pekresh who assisted our Social Chairman in the K. P. duties which followed the Chop Suey dinner "a la Alex" served after the district bowling meet, January 24th. The mountainous task of cleaning up was greatly lightened by their wonderful assistance... Birthday cakes were presented to our K. of L. Building Manager, Mrs. Petrulis, and Gerry Mack. Mrs. Petrulis was temporarily relieved of her duties for that evening so that she might enjoy a birthday "reprieve." ... Also, inadvertently your reporter did not make known the birth of a son to Johnny and Terry Pocius, last October. Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Pocius and three sons moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where "daddy" has a new job. Best luck!

Happy Birthday to: Loraine Wainauskas, Dolores Vitkauskas, Geraldine Kantaut, Vince Waidziulis and Gerry Mack (all in January); and Estelle Rogers, Sophie Bockus, Marilyn Kulik, Charlotte Davey, Anelle Pocius and Tony Lubert (all in February).

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. — 79 Dot & Dash

Despite Ash Wednesday's cold, wintry weather, a well-attended group of 79'ers — with fresh ashes still fondling their foreheads — assembled for a monthly meeting. Our president introduced the singing of Vyčiu Himnas to precede each meeting. Unfortunately, (no practice sessions since Convention) it got off to a bad start. However Ona Kase courageously, came to our rescue. We may not have made the 'Met' but we're not discouraged in

the first tryouts-minus a piano. (With the formation now of the 79 K. of L. choir under the direction of Gerry Graham, we'll be hitting the right tempo real soon.) After the close of the meeting, the Catholic Affairs Chairman, Aquiline Zane, presented Father Kundrat, our spiritual adviser as the Lenten "kick-off" speaker, who expressed on "fervent resolutions" too frequently terminated. Father suggested the positive approach to Lent rather than self-denial angle. Quite an imbedding thought, Father — it was most appreciated. A lovely birthday cake (compliments of Mr. & Mrs. Vitchus) was presented to Fr. Kundrat along with a gift. Since no one fell in the under 21 age category to "skip" Fast, we submitted the cake to Father's freezer.

A Ritual team comprised of Bob Boris (C-102) and Tony Dainus (C-79), subbing for Ritual Chairman Ralph Valatka, due to his mother's death and our solicitations, conferred the first and second Ritual degrees upon combined candidates on March 5. Among the 79-ers receiving "inspection" ceremonies were Ruth Grasha and Frances Lambrose. Congratulations to them and to Jodie Step and Julius Bridgevaitis who passed admirably as 3rd Ritual degree Knights. Also, congratulations to all our recent freshmen — we're still plugging for more.

Attention: Our slogan for the Easter dance has been changed from "Bunny-Hop" to "Cottontail Frolic" (more 'dignified' they say). Coordinating the program's activities was chairman, Frank Janus with assistants — Mrs. B. Janus, Delphine Stepan and Geo. Sinkus of C-79; and Bill Jawdvalkis, Bill Norkunas, Ruth and Mart Wagster of C-102. Good work!

The following chairmen of committees have been appointed for 1960: Lithuanian Affairs — Anthony Dainus; Membership — Frank Petroski and Joe Chaps; Culture — Vicky Chepelonis; Catholic Affairs — Aquiline Zane; Entertainment — Joe Chaps; Ritual — Ralph Valatka; By-laws — Atty. P. Peters; Sports — Len Salas; Rosary — Millie Dargis; Choras — Bill Walls; Publicity (Vytytis) — Sophie Zager; Knight Life — Lillian Stepan; and Draugas — Ruth Grasha. Your out-

going officers and their various committees of the past year wish to express their sincere thanks to all workers, donors and guests for the exceptional success in various functions. Without their cooperation and good will we'd be unable to have smooth - functioning affairs.

This 'n That

The Petroskis joining the neighboring Chaps on Fox Street. So, Betty and Gerry hitting off a "Lith's kaffee klatching bizz." Did someone mention a housewarming? (C'mon Soph, you're hearing things — give 'ole Petroski a chance to "supply" his Downstairs Lounge). A happy 20th wedding Anniversary to the Petroskis and a belated 17th to the Chaps. The Zane's little daughter — bravo to those adoptive parents — in the toddler stage and having herself a ball as an "explorer." The Zagers and Estelle Pileckas (former Amsterdamians) whose guests, Mr. & Mrs. John Patrick also of Amsterdam, N. Y., said their bye-byes after a visit here on their way to California. Wonder why so many going thataway?.. 'Twas beautiful inscribing on T. Dainus' outgoing wallet by Phil Dalton. Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. E. Paurazas on the death of her beloved husband. Get well wishes to Len Salas' father and sister. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. A. Repshes and their new arrival, James Edward. Beautiful tribute to St. Casimir on March 6 in behalf of C-79 and C-102 on Station WCHB, courtesy of Lithuanian Melodies' directors (K. Gogelis, C-79). Širdingai aciū.

Dayton, Ohio — 96

Our Folk Dance group is really "stepping it up." It participated in the Lithuanian Independence Day program on February 14, then again on February 26 at Kiser High School. On Feb. 27 the group was invited to show its prowess at a dance in Springfield. Many of our members also attended. We are quite proud of our dance group. Tony Noreikas is the latest addition to the dance group.

The Bake Sale on February 28 was a hugh success, thanks to Fritzie Mikalauskas, chairman, and to

all who helped to make such a nice profit.

We welcome several new members into our midst, namely: Ann and Fred Kondrotas, Laretta Om-lor and Tony Noreikas.

St. Casimir's Day was observed on March 6 with the members receiving Holy Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass, followed by a breakfast at the Biltmore Hotel.

We are happy to see Father Walter Katarskis back after a short stay in the hospital. Eleanor Mantz was also hospitalized for a few days. Jake Goldick is recuperating nicely after his recent operation. Ann Scott had a rough bout with a badly sprained foot. Glad to see you all back.

Congratulations to Dick and Dorothy (Miller) Conrady on the birth of a son.

George and Fritzie Mikalauskas received their 2nd and 3rd. Ritual degrees, respectively, at our February meeting. Sveikiname!

Pittsburgh, Pa. — 19

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Officers for 1960: Spiritual Adviser — Father Walter Karaveckas; President — Vyto Yucius; 1st. Vice President — Marcella Onaitis; 2nd. Vice President — Andy Rozger; Financial Secretary — Eleanor Allen; Recording Secretary — Margaret Papeaka; Corresponding Secretary — Lori Yucius; Ritual Chairman — Stephen Onaitis; Lithuanian Affairs Chairman — Mildred Chinik; Sick and Cheer — Margie Potts; Correspondent — Mildred Chinik; and Sergeant-at-arms — Tom Unitas.

Our Council has getting a very late start this year — a complete officer's slate was not official until late January. However, the new President, Vyto Yucius with the help of Adam Marculaitis, co-chairman, and a willing crew, was able to plan and have a very successful banquet for the benefit of the Lithuanian Catholic Radio Hour. It was held on January 24th, Sunday afternoon, at St. Casimir's School Hall. Father Alfa Susinskas gave a brief and inspiring talk in Lithuanian and Stanley Simon, former President of C-19, now a practicing attorney, gave a short address in English. This occasion prompted a few C-19 members to reorganize a for-

mer octette group under the leadership of Walter Chinik. The group sang four numbers a capella — **Lietuva brangi, Eina garsas, Tykus buvo vakarėlis, and Šaly kelio vieškelio.** Mildred and Walter Chinik sang a couple of duets to the accompaniment of Vyto Yucius' accordion. Walter Chinik was our most capable M. C. Everyone complimented us on the program and the food. Our able cooks were Margaret Miliauskas, Anne Jennison and Jane Blazaitis. Congratulations to the entire committee who worked so diligently. The octette group was so well liked that it received a bid to sing at the February 16th exercises at the Lithuanian Citizens Hall. One interesting little item that happened to the group prior to the February 21st Commemoration was a certain Saturday Nite Rehearsal. All the boys were gathered at the home of the Chinik's perfectly oblivious to the accumulation of snow going on outside. At about midnight they went out to their cars and could not go anywhere! There was an accumulation of about 12 inches! Some of the fellows tried a little shoveling and pushing but were not too successful. Finally, two walked home, one somehow got as far as within two blocks of his home in his car (We understand his car is still not working), and Mildred Chinik got out some extra bedding and prepared the spare bedroom for two more! One lucky individual had not been able to get to the Chinik's and so was not stranded. Mildred Chinik is still getting calls now and then from some of her wise friends, asking her if she is taking in overnight guests!

On March 6th the group attended St. Casimir's Church for its traditional honor to St. Casimir, our patron Saint and received Holy Communion in a body. After Mass the members went to the Hotel Roosevelt for a delicious luncheon, arrangements having been made by Julia Aleshunas. The program was not a long one but a most inspiring one. Our English speaker was introduced to us by William Kolicius. He was Franklin Conflenti, formerly an engineer and presently a practicing lawyer who serves in his spare time as a speaker on the roster of the Holy Name Society.

He spoke at first on the life of St. Casimir and presented him as an excellent Saint for us to pattern our lives after. Then he went on to how we might attain to live a life of sanctity to become a saint. To attain this end he said there are five things we must do. First, we must pray; second, we must meditate; third, we must perform good works; fourth, we must do penance; and fifth, we must study. Mr. Conflenti asked, "What kind of person are we going to be on March 6, '61?" It is definite, he said, that we will not be the same person we are today. We will develop either for better or for worse depending on how we fulfill the five requisites previously mentioned. The best way, he suggested, for us to be good Catholics is to have constantly in mind the living presence of Almighty God. His talk was quite inspirational to all of us.

The Lithuanian speaker was introduced by Vyto Yucius. He was the Reverend Gediminas Yocis, a Franciscan Father stationed in Bridgeville, near Pittsburgh. He stressed how well the speaker before him had spoken and felt that he had given us so much to live by that he wasn't going to offer much more. He had quite a sense of humor and began by telling us that one of his duties as a priest was to "rinkt pašaukimus" (in charge of attracting young men to the priesthood). He also stressed how to live a good life based on the teachings of St. Augustine. He said there were three things to keep in mind to live a good life: One, most important to us is our Mind; our second instrument is Truth; and third, Spiritual Growth must be developed. We were most fortunate in having this Sunday, not one, but two most inspirational speakers. Father Karaveckas, our Spiritual Adviser, was also called upon to speak a few words.

Following the speakers, Stephen Onaitis, our Ritual chairman, presented qualified candidates for their Ritual degrees. The 2nd degree was conferred upon Father Alfa Sušinskas, and the 3rd degree was conferred upon Father Walter Karaveckas and Mrs. Lori Yucius.

It was decided that this year Council 19 would try to hold its monthly meetings at members'

homes instead of in the large school hall. The plan so far has been working most effectively. Our annual Christmas party was held at the home of the Chinik's; Vyto and Lori Yucius were the gracious hosts at the January meeting; and Eleanor Allen was the hostesses in her home for our February meeting.

So much for our activities to date and now I must go on to reporting events which are definitely not of a pleasant nature. One of our former members, Mrs. Ruth Giusti, was called back to Pittsburgh from Connecticut, upon the sudden death of her father, John Greblunas. Her father was always most interested in all matters Lithuanian and consequently in our Knights of Lithuania, too. We express our condolences to Ruth and her mother.

Antoinette Naujelis, on her way to church services, fell on the ice and is presently at St. Joseph Hospital. We hope her stay there won't be too long and that she'll be able to be up and about soon. She is presently among the vast army of the unemployed since the Rosebaum Department Store for whom she worked has permanently gone out of business.

At the time of our Communion Breakfast on March 6th another one of our members was ill — Margie Potts was confined to her home with the flu. Mildred and Walter Chinik had just been back to work for a week at this time, having had their turn at illness, too.

We are all looking forward to the Spring when all our illnesses will have departed and we can navigate more easily without this "beautiful snow"! We've all had to take turns shoveling — both young and old — in order to be able to open up our doors! I for one have had enough snow to last me for a few years to come.

Cleveland, Ohio — 25

Mrs. Jadvyga Pikturna and Juozas Sadauskas donated \$10.00 to the VYTIS Fund. Both are members of the Senior Council, and Juozas Sadauskas is honorary member.

Mary Trainy is qualified for the 4th Ritual degree, and Mr. and Mrs. Karklis for the 3rd degree. Arrangements are being made that their well-earned degrees may be

bestowed upon them during the National Convention.

Juozas Sadauskas, member of the National Public Relations Committee, has been quite busy corresponding with all Lithuanian newspapers, including "Draugas", "Darbininkas" and "Garsas".

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Philadelphia, Pa. — 3 "Twinkle"

Despite the inclement weather conditions, our 19th annual St. Casimir's Communion and Breakfast went on as scheduled, with but a few minor changes. Instead of the breakfast after the Mass being held at Augusta King Farms, we had a brunch at St. Casimir's Hall. Father Wassel, our spiritual adviser, gave a talk on the life of St. Casimir, and Helen Shields welcomed into our regular Council, five of our former Junior members: Anthony Burch, James Grear, John Smoluk, William Wallace and Pete Shalnas, who were initiated by Father Wassel and presented with St. Casimir pins. Sveikiname!

News Bits

Bells are ringing for two more of our members. Theresa Macey became engaged to Al Dameika and they have set the date for Oct. 1960. Al Ozalis was a Godfather on March 13 for his niece... Birthday Greetings to Irene Sasnauskas, Agnes Timmins, Anthony Burch and James Grear (April)... If Steve Salnaitis looks sleepy at our meetings — it's because of his new job as milkman... We welcome two new members into our council — Joan Walukiewicz and her brother, Joe... It was decided to forego our social activity in the month of March, to give us more time to rehearse for our "Singing, Swinging Twenties" show to be held on May 1, 1960...

Elizabeth, N. J. — 52 "Nuff said"

On March 6, the annual N. Y.-N. J. District K. of L. Communion Breakfast, Convention and Supper were held in Elizabeth, with Council 52 acting as host. Nice to see such a turnout, considering the aftermath of a heavy snowfall. Al Budreckas was Master of Ceremo-

nies; Larry Janonis, national vice president, and the guest speaker was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Kemezis. Who said, "We should strive to extoll our beloved fatherland, Lithuania, as much as possible, as long as Lithuania remains shackled behind the Iron Curtain."

Elena Miskiewitz of Bayonne and Al Budreckas were presented with awards for outstanding work in the furtherance of the K. of L. in the past year. Congrats to the both of you!

The convention proved quite fruitful. The workshops (panels) were popular with both, the Regulars and Juniors. Ways and means of bringing in and holding new members was discussed. The annual District Picnic will be held on July 17, 1960 in Bayonne. Larry reminds us, that there are a lot of choice positions open for this affair. Volunteers are needed.

The day was topped off with a spaghetti and meatball supper served under the direction of Mrs. Agnes Naiva. Elizabeth's Juniors proved to be grand waitresses. This same team did as well at the breakfast. Ronnie Krezonis was pleasantly surprised by the Senior girls with a birthday cake, Happy birthday, Ronnie!

Ed Anilonis tells me that American Airlines has issued to him special commutation tickets between Newark and Detroit. This is all fine for the stockholders of A. A. This writer was supporting the stockholders of T.W.A., a few years back, until it was decided that Council 112 would lose a member while Council 52 gained a member. In Ed's case, we would not only gain a member, but a capable Vice President.

A very warm welcome to our new members Albina Kirvel, Dominic Kupstis and Peter Shimonis.

Odd notes: Charles Oskutis tells us of another full bus in their annual trek to the Jug End Barn in Great Barrington, Mass. Ann Baronis and Mary Motecus all excited about their making reservations for the K. of L. pilgrimage... Charles Rusteika back from his sun and fun trip to Florida.

Great Neck, N. Y. — 109 ...Snoopy

Council 109 may have been temporarily lost in the shuffle, but

please, count us in! While not tremendously active, our group of 17 members has made news in its own small way. Instead of looking forward, we'd like to reminisce just a little bit...

1959 started out with Al and Starcy Wesey making a trip to California visiting Star's sister.... Jo Rusas became engaged to Joe Zukas of New York Council 12.... Mary Picardi and Sue Zebart both were hospitalized for a short time and are now in robust health.... Alma and Jerry Shanahan became the very proud parents of twins.... Millie Rogers and Bertha Saltanis became two of the youngest and prettiest grandmothers we've ever seen... Tony Kober, Charlie Rogers and Bill Bernatovich concentrated on bowling, and it was a rarity to see them at one of our meetings.... It was a year when the vivacious Stacia Wain gained five pounds, — and lost them in the same year.... Mary Kober, while attending one of the Great Neck picnics, got stung on the lip by a hornet, and became Ubagi for a Day.... Jerry Kosmocius returned from Korea to be stationed in Washington, and Ricky Marks found himself in Alaska.... Julius Picardi kept busy with the Port Washington Fire Department, but we'd sure like to see him once in a while.... Lou Ann Sosaris, one of our star bowlers, gained newspaper publicity with her high averages, and keeps on going up.

And now, it's 1960, and we again see Al and Starcy Wesey taking another trip to California, spending most of their vacation time down Mexico way... we hear our former member now living in Miami, Joe Remenchus, was recently hospitalized. A speedy recovery, Joe.... Mary Picardi recently gave out flower seded packets to our members at one of our meetings, — compliments of Julius. Don't you know you're competing with the Wesey's Great Neck Garden and Nursery Supplies?... To renew interest in our monthly meetings, we've had meetings at the residences of the Kobers, Ann Martens, and the Rogers. This was one way to get Ann to attend a meeting!... We're pleased with the enthusiasm of our youngest member, Marion Rogers, who's helped so willingly in the printing of tickets, posters, etc., for our var-

ious functions. We appreciate it, Marion.

Plans are now going full steam ahead for our Annual Spring Dance to be held Saturday evening, May 21st, at the Veterans Hall, 237 Great Neck Road, Great Neck. This is our main dance of the year, and we are publicizing it to the nth degree. We invite all to come and enjoy themselves for a reunion with neighboring councils who have promised to show up in full force.

We look forward to an active year in Great Neck, and you'll be hearing from us again.

Newark, N. J. — 29 The Wanderer

The January monthly meeting was presided over by Charles Strolis. Our newly-elected officers were installed by Joseph A. Sakevich, national president. Daniel Laukzemis, chairman of the Culture Committee gave a talk on Lithuania and the Lithuanian language. Vice President Jack Remeika gave a favorable report on Membership Drive. National President Sakevich gave a brief resume on national K. of L. activities. Frank Vaskas, former national chairman of Lithuanian Affairs also spoke.

Our February meeting was held on the 16th, coinciding with date of Lithuania's Independence — February 16th. This meeting was largely devoted in commemorating the Declaration of Lithuania's Independence. President Charles Strolis invited Father Totoraitis to give the invocation. The Star Spangled Banner, Lithuanian National Anthem and Marija hymn were sung under the direction of Mr. Bagdonas, choir director of Holy Trinity Church. Other speakers included Rt. Rev. Monsignor I. Kelmelis; Helen Shields of Philadelphia, national vice president. A Resolution, unanimously adopted by all present, was mailed immediately to the House of Representatives in Washington, D. C. The observance was given publicity in the Newark Evening News the following day.

On February 16th, there appeared an article in the Newark Evening News, editorial page, written by Frank Vaskas, former national chairman of Lithuanian Affairs, which reads as follows:

Lithuanian Freedom

To the Editor:

Sir — Today will mark the 42nd anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. The event will be celebrated in the United States and other parts of the free world with appropriate ceremonies. No such commemoration can be held in Lithuania, for it is still under Soviet rule which holds the country against the will of the people.

Lithuania has been a nation since 1253, when Mindaugas was crowned King of Lithuania. It was free until 1795, when Czarist Russia took her over. In 1918 Lithuania regained her freedom and remained so until 1940, when Soviet Russia overran the country. During the latter period of freedom Lithuania, by great progress in economics, agriculture and education, demonstrated that she can rule herself.

Lithuanians love freedom and they want to be free now. That is why they are struggling everywhere and at all times to help Lithuania regain her rightful place among the free and independent nations of the world.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Athol, Mass. — 10 "Garniškis"

The first and biggest social of the year was our annual WINTER CARNIVAL held February 27-28th. Saturday eve., a dance was held in the American Legion Home with music provided by Pete Taylors' orchestra. The highlight of the dance was the crowning of a Queen — to reign during the weekend festivities. Miss Barbara Bennett of Athol, blond beauty, was chosen Queen and presented with an orchid by last year's Queen, Anne Manewich.

Sunday's activities began with a fabulous dinner held at the Tully Brook Inn. President Frank Anoris and Father Al Volungis welcomed all visitors. After dinner, the outdoor enthusiasts gathered on the lake for the Golden Skate Competition, which went to Council 26 (Worcester) for the second consecutive year. Tabogganing and skiing were also a part of the day's sports. After supper, Frank Chiras of Council 116, Worcester, showed movies of past K. of L. ski trips and

the National Convention held in Detroit. We had many guests from New England, including Worcester, Providence; also Dick Pauza of Rochester, New York and Tony Shalna, Jr. of Harrison, N. J.

Congratulations to Anne Manewich, past president and p. Carnival. Queen on her recent engagement to Bob Austin of Billerica. They will be wed in May... Mr. and Mrs. Bronislaus P. Kukauskas have been blessed with a baby girl, Melinae Ann, February 28.... Maryann (Rodsky) and Norman Langlois are the proud parents of a baby boy, Michael. The couple also have another son, John Peter, age 2, seen at this year's Winter Carnival.... Several of our members attended the K. of L. Musical Revue presented in St. Casimir's Church hall, Worcester, February 20th and enjoyed it immensely.

Ansonia, Conn. — 135

We certainly agree that it has been much too long since anything has been heard of from our little council, but we hope we will be able to remedy this in the future. It isn't that we haven't been active — far from it. It's just that no one set himself down to reporting our activities.

On February 28th, we commemorated the 42nd Anniversary of the Declaration of Lithuania's Independence in the parish hall with more than 200 attending. A delicious Lithuanian meal of "dešrų and kugelis" was served. A brief speaking program followed by dancing rounded out the evening's events. Ann Barauskas and Stanley Bujanauskas served as co-chairmen of the affair along with two other nonmembers. Among the invited speakers were our pastor, Rev. Benedict Gauronskas; Atty. Joseph Chernauskas, K. of L. member, and our President, John Sabulis, including other city dignitaries. A resolution was brought before the gathering by Olga Savitskas and approved unanimously to be forwarded to prominent statesmen in the nation and thus be incorporated in the Congressional Record. Other members who gave generously of their time and effort were Alphonse Barauskas, Ruth Tyson, Ann Ramanauskas, Rosemarie Tabaka and Lillian Chaplik. It was also gratify-

ing to see so many members attending with their families.

Our council takes this opportunity to congratulate Father Benedict Gauronskas, spiritual adviser, upon his being invited to Washington, February 16th, to deliver the Opening Prayer on the floor of the Senate. We are happy and proud that this great honor was bestowed upon Father Ben who is most deserving of it.

We thank Council 7, Waterbury, Conn., for its kind and generous invitation to join with them in celebrating St. Casimir's Day, March 6th. We received Holy Communion in a body at the 8 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's, followed by a breakfast prepared and served by K. of L'ers. An inspiring talk was given by their pastor, Rev. E. Gradeck.

It doesn't seem possible that it is ten years since Council 135 was first organized. We can now look back on many pleasant memories and activities during those ten short years. Arrangements are being made for an Anniversary Party, Wednesday, April 27th at the Hawthorne Inn, Meriden, Conn. We ask our members to keep this date open.

We are eagerly looking forward to the New England District Convention which will be held April 30th and May 1st in Hartford, and to meet old friends and make new ones.

Waterbury, Conn. — 7

In the WATERBURY SUNDAY REPUBLICAN, there appeared a Forecast for 1960's. Among the sixty Waterburians who were asked to take a critical look at THE 1960 DECADE, was Prof. Alexander Aleksis, choirmaster and organist of St. Joseph's Church, and past National President of the K. of L. He stated: "I am not too prone to predict, because I feel that age and experience have proved that life is mostly what you make it. I would much rather fondly reminisce than foretell about Waterbury. However, having found inspiration in Bourdillon's poetic phrase, I dare say that even in this sensational space age of speed and startling scientific attainments, the true index of Waterbury's future within the next decade is how much we, the entire citizenry of Waterbury, love our city. That love alone will engender

the faith, vision, endeavor, civic pride, sacrifice and perseverance to make Waterbury progress and flourish spiritually, materially, politically, socially and culturally. I would like to add that the love our dedicated founders and pioneer leaders had for their city surely can and should serve as the needed incentive to keep Waterbury marking milestones in its civic history. Because of my profession, my obviously strong sentiments for music and the arts compel me to make the following sole prediction. Realizing more and more that the beautiful is as equally essential as the useful, our cultural resurgence by 1970 will rank among the highest of Waterbury's achievements. With the Arts Council of the Chamber of Commerce as nucleus, effort will be intensified to build a Civic Art Center where, at length, all the Fine Arts will come into their own for the greater appreciation and enjoyment of the people of Waterbury. In conclusion, may we always be mindful of the beautiful words by Bourdillon:

"The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done."

Professor Aleksis was also recently sworn in as interpreter for City Court. He speaks Lithuanian, Russian and Polish. With all these laurels, our Professor is much deserving a winter vacation down Miami, Florida where he expects to be until March 4th.

St. Casimir — Day-long ceremonies dedicated to St. Casimir, patron saint, were attended by our members. Mass was offered at St. Joseph's Church by Father Albert Karalius, spiritual adviser, and members received Holy Communion in a body. Special music was by Charles Seliokas, Joseph Muraska, Marcella Andrikis, Bernice Ortlieb, Sophie Stulginskas and Nell P. Meskunas. Prof. A. J. Aleksis directed the choir. More than 70 Knights attended the breakfast that followed in the club rooms. Speaker was Rev. E. A. Gradeckas, pastor; Frank Shaknaitis was master of ceremonies. First, Ritual degree was conferred upon Mrs. Francis Zurllys and Mrs. Lee Zilinskas; second — Fr. Gradeckas, J. Benesevicius, Edmund Kvaskas, Peter Pocius, A. Roma-

nauskas and J. Romanauskas, and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Valuckas; third — Miss Patricia Richards and James Valaitis. John A. Sabulis and Alfonse Barauskas, Ansonia, represented the Supreme Ritual Committee, and Frank Shaknaitis represented the district committee. Mrs. Meskunas was chairman of the Ritual committee and F. Shaknaitis was co-chairman. Principal speakers were Father Gradeckas, Father Karalius and Professor Aleksis. After the ceremonies, members sang the Vyčiu himnas composed by Aleksis, and the American and Lithuanian national anthems. A social followed for 100 members and friends. Walter Pitcavage was chairman of the breakfast and social committee, assisted by Margaret and George Berbin, Gene Valuskas, Patricia Richards, Lillian Paul Amodeo, Edward DiNapoli, Alaukas, John Alanskas, Charles Frelunas, Walter Blinstrubas, Leokadija Sulauskas, Frank Shaknaitis and Nell Meskunas. Father Karalius was chairman of the day's events and was adviser in the Rituals.

Lithuania's Independence. Prof. Aleksis, past national president of the K. of L. and p. president of the Lithuanian American Council which sponsored the Lithuanian Independence Day exercises, February 14th, spoke. Marcella Andrikis, 4th K. of L. Ritual degree member, read a statement from Secretary of State Christian Herter. Invocation was given by Father Vichas. Speakers included Mayor Edward D. Bergin, U. S. Rept. J. S. Monagan, State Rep. J. D. Adams and former Representative J. T. Patterson. Dr. Pius Grigaitis, executive secretary of the National Lithuanian - American Council in Chicago was principal speaker.

Worcester, Mass. — 26 Aloysius

About 60 of our members attended the Communion Breakfast on March 6th. We assembled in the church hall previous to Mass and marched as a group into church led by our President Wm. Grigas, the Executive Board and the 4th Ritual degree members.

After the Mass was offered by Father Mike, our spiritual adviser, we were served "coffee and doughnuts" in the church hall. Greetings

were given by Rev. Bakanas, pastor, and on this occasion, he thanked us for the work and effort put into the Minstrel Show for the benefit of the parish. He also stated that if we expend as much effort on the forthcoming National Convention, we can't help but make it a great success.

Father Mike Tamulevicius related some of the highlights of the Junior Trip to Washington, D. C. It seems that Father knows the prices of scrap goods, but does not know who the latest singing sensations are.

After breakfast, movies of the last Minstrel show were shown, compliments of Charlie Tagman and Bill Grigas. Charlie's movies were very good, but it appears that Bill will have to take some more lessons. The movies were great, and in the showing, it seems that Ed Daniels has more talent than he has led us to believe. Finally we enjoyed movies of the present Ski weekend.

VICTORS RETURN

The annual Winter Carnival held by Council 10 of Athol was a gala affair in which our council proved to be the best of the lot.

On the 27th of February, a group of 26'ers made a trip to attend its Saturday eve. dance. Those there, had an enjoyable evening. For us, the Sunday activities were of the greatest concern. We were out to win the racing contest, and thus win the Golden Skate for the second year in a row.

At Tully Brook Inn, our speedsters with about 45 others enjoyed a dinner of chicken pie and meatballs. After dinner, the fun and our victory took place. We won by beating the Athol skaters in the obstacle course and the speed skating in two straight sets. After this race, we then accepted challenges from Councils 116 and 17. In both of these contests, our group again came out victorious. On our winning team we had Carol Tagman, Mary Anne Roland, Joe Drumstas, Bob Puishys and Joe Kondrotas pulling at the rear. Congratulations on bringing the Golden Skate back to Council 26 for the second successive year. One more victory next year and we will retain permanent possession of the trophy.

After skating, our group, not satisfied, travelled in Joe K's car, (9 persons in his little Chevy) to

one of the nearby slopes and tried their hand at tobogganing. It was an icy slope, and the few brave ones found that the only way to stop was to fall off. This they did and have the pains and bruises to prove it. "Chicken", one of our guests, got a small touch of frostbite and as a result had to spend most of the day thinking about dancing rather than doing much of it. Dancing was provided by our old reliable Joe Drumstas and his famous records.

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K. of L. National Convention

The program for the National Convention is really beginning to take shape. Just about all the plans have been made. Dates: August 18-21.

2nd Annual Musical Revue

In charge of the Musical Revue were Father Tamulevicius, Joe Drumstas and Al Ginkus. Mary Janowski was at her best as Interlocutor. All are to be commended for the success of the Revue, including the cast — Carol Tagman, M. A. Roland, Joe Ivaska, C. Osper, K. Sinkus and J. Tagman, Fran Nockunas, Claire Grigaitis, Jim Healy, Reggie Walley, the third generation of Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Rita Pinkus and A. Pinkus, Al "Bones" Ginkus, Fran Bosowski, Joe Sakaitis, George Cote, Ed Daniels, Bill Grigas, Joe Kondrotas, Jack Mettrick, our K. of L. Chorus (Juniors) and Olga Kersis, accompanist, and Ann Bender, who provided us with music. All are to be commended. The Show was a HUGE SUCCESS!

In Washington, D. C.

Our Juniors journeyed to Washington, D. C. February 22nd and enjoyed their stay from Monday through Thursday. They enjoyed sightseeing and particularly visiting the State Capitol and visit with Congressman Donahue.

Bowling

The third district Roll-off was at the Maple Alleys, Brockton, February 21st, with 58 bowlers participating. Joe Barry (Brockton) was High in the Men's team; second — Joe Kondrotas with a triple of 357. Other high scorers were Ed Rudis of South Boston, Ed Daniels of Worcester, Vin Savinsky of Providence,

and Ted Pinkus of Worcester. High for women was our own Marge Rannucci with 324; S. Luchinskas of Worcester; Helen Gillis; Sylvia Shukis and Pat Bukunt, both of Brockton. After bowling, a social was held at the Franklin Club. The next Roll-off is to be held in Boston on April 3.

As for our Council Bowling — it seems that Ted Pinkus will not have to have a Roll-off at the end of the season because his team won the first half, and presently leading all team. Following Ted's team is Joe Drumstas. Others — Bill Grigas, Jay Paulukonis, Leo Bankit and Bob Mangaudis. Joe Kondrotas is still monopolizing all the records for the men. He has high single of 143, a high triple of 357, and a high average of over one hundred. For the women — Helen Gillis has high average and a high triple of 315. High single is boasted by Joan Steele with 117.

Our next Military Whist will be held April 9th. Many prizes are in store for all. Do come.

We plan to have a large representation at the district convention to be held April 30th and May 1st.

"The Good Old Days"

Joe Sakaitis reports that 25 years ago — John Bacinskas was appointed manager of the C-26 Baseball team for the 1935 season. On March 3 — members commemorated St. Casimir's Day by receiving Holy Communion "In corpore" and followed by a breakfast in the parish hall. Executive Board — Bill Ke-reisis, president; Joseph Bacys, treasurer and Ann Bataitis Ridick, auditor were in charge of the arrangements. At the meeting on March 11 — it was reported that 57 (WOW) new members joined our council during a Mass Meeting of Parish Youth.

Also — 10 years ago — Olga Kersis, chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, reported the following new members having joined our group — Emily Ceraska, Rita Brazauskas, Father Mike Tamulevicius, Father A. Volungis and Thomas Sviklas. 1st Ritual degrees were bestowed upon Peter Janowski, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson; 2nd — Mr. and Mrs. Connie Daucunas, Frances Nockunas, Vyto Morkunas, Emily Ceraska and Robert Kelley... Joseph Sakaitis, president, and Frances Nockunas, trea-

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surer, represented our council at the Civic Reception from the people of Worcester County to the Most Reverend John J. Wright on the occasion of his installation as the First Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester — March 12th.

Remember when our Council received 100% cooperation from ALL its members?

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A Communion Breakfast in commemoration of the Feast Day of St. Casimir, patron saint, was held in St. Peter's Lithuanian Church Hall, on Sunday, March 6th. Sponsored by Council 17, the event took place following the 10 o'clock Mass. Various youth groups of the parish also attended. The scheduled principal speaker was Eddie Urbec of Worcester, member of the State Boxing Commission and former Olympic boxing referee. Mr. Urbec has been associated with the State Department of Public Safety for the past 15 years as a professional boxing referee. He was one of the six referees to be considered nationally

for the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. Well known throughout the state and country in the boxing profession, Commissioner Urbec has been active in Boys Club work. He is slated this year to appear as referee at Olympic boxing events in Rome.

Westfield, Mass. — 30 "Genovaité"

Council 30's observance of St. Casimir's Feast held on Sunday, March 6, was a tremendous success and a wonderful time was had by all. After enjoying all the good food served at this covered-dish supper I'm sure it was hard for everyone to get back into the Lenten Fast Regulations! Following dinner, entertainment included musical selections by Carol Bernadicius on the piano, Anthony and Joseph Sabonis on clarinet and trumpet and Gerry and Marilyn Coach on the accordion. Father Puidokas said a few words and then introduced Rev. Anicent Tomosaitis, S.J. of Chicago who gave an inspiring talk. This pleasant evening ended after a movie shown by Robert Smyk.

(Many thanks to those who helped the committee with the clean up.)

Speaking of good things those who missed the last meeting really missed a real treat prepared by the refreshments committee. "Cookie" Coach made delicious grinders and Nellie Dardinski's coffee just can't be beat. Thank you ladies for the Pre-Lenten Feast.

Also at our March meeting held on the first of the month everyone was happy to receive a beautiful picture of St. Casimir which had been blessed by the Holy Father.

Did you ever hear so many moans and groans as after the bowling party last month? Our Vice President Joseph "Corky" Sabonis was the champion of the evening after beating our president by one point in the final deciding game.

Plans are being made to visit the Springfield Museum and planetarium some time this month. Hope to see all members and their families at this outing. It should prove both interesting and educational.

Don't forget now to sell your raffle tickets and to encourage new members.

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

During the several months that have elapsed since the national convention at Detroit, Michigan, considerable progress has been made in establishing Lithuanian language classes. Several K. of L. councils are now conducting such classes. We urge the others to follow this good example.

On a related front, authorization has been given to a firm in New York City to prepare Lithuanian language instructional recordings. These recordings will be available at a low price, and should be a great help to many of our members in learning Lithuanian.

The Supreme Council Cultural Committee has also been in touch with a number of qualified persons regarding the preparation and publication of an English text book for learning the Lithuanian language. We feel certain that this project will be brought to a successful conclusion.

Additional details on these items will be announced as soon as possible in "Vy-tis", and also directly to those members in charge of Lithuanian language classes.

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