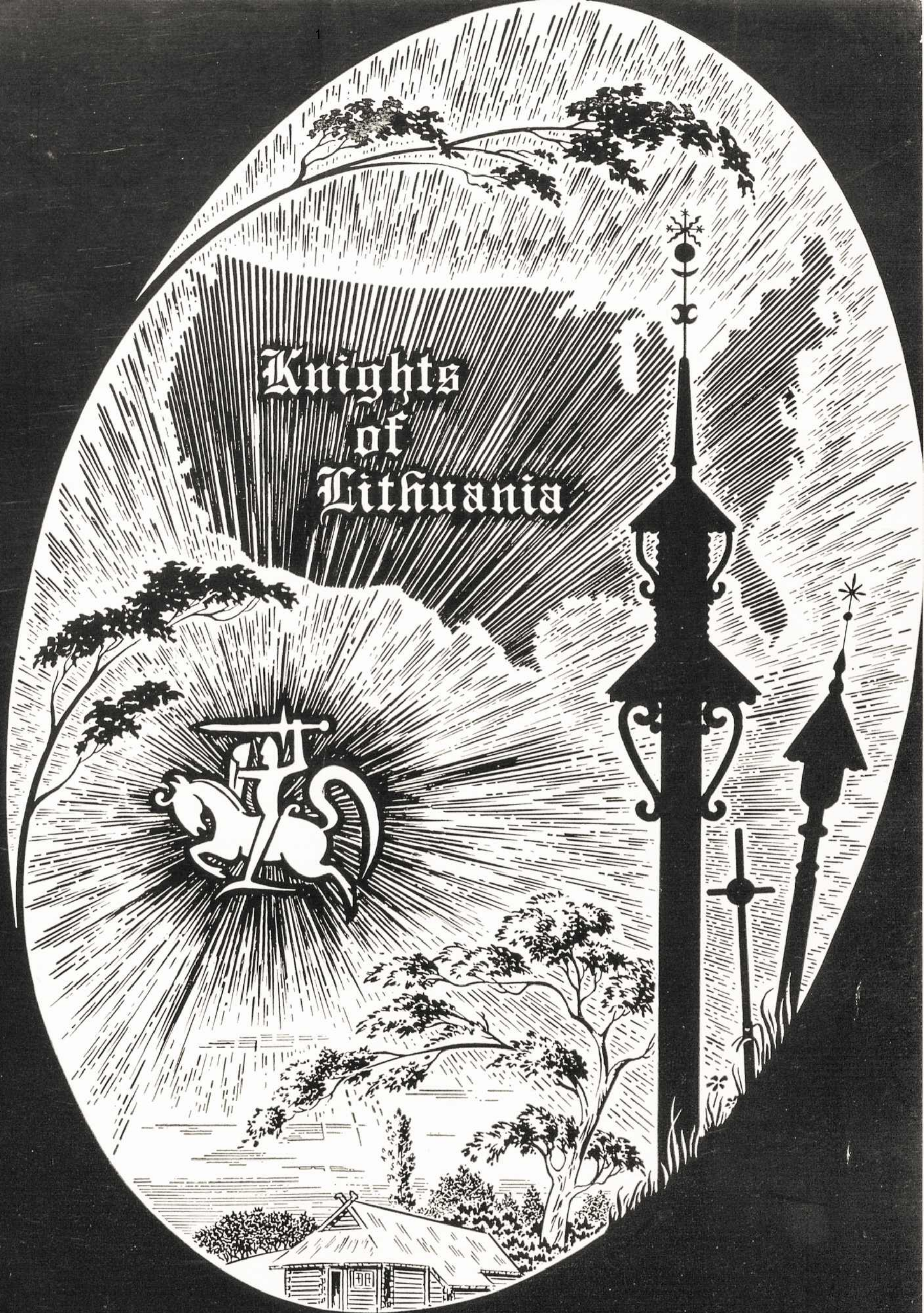


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## NAUJAM DARBO SEZONUI PRASIDEDANT

Štai, jau prabėgo šiltoji vasara, palikusi mums tik gražius prisiminimus iš jos saulėtų dienų. Dabar vėjas jau braukia nuo medžių lapus ir netrukus žemė pasipuoš baltu rūbu.

Ši vasara vyčių šeimai buvo darbinga ir nuotaikinga. Būrys vyčių dalyvavo ekskursijoje į Europą ir buvo užsukę į ten vykstantį Eucharistinį kongresą, jaunuolių grupė stovyklavo prie Detroito, o taip pat nemažas skaičius buvo suplaukęs į 47-tąją organizacijos seimą Worcesteryje, Mass.

Seimo metu buvo išrinktas naujas organizacijos pirmininkas, į valdybą įtraukta naujų pajėgų ir pasirižta aktyviai dirbti. Tuo būdu, į naują darbo sezoną, kuris prasideda šį rudenį buvo išengta su viltimi ir noru toliau dirbuotis vytiškiems idealams. Reikia manyti, jog šaltesnės rudens ir žiemos dienos ir per vasarą įgauta fizinė energija kiekvienam iš organizacijos narių leis smarkiau pajudėti ir geresnių pasiekimų atsiekti.

Vasaros pabaigoje būrelis vyčių dalyvavo giminingos — ateitininkų organizacijos sukaktuviniame kongrese. Reikia pažymėti, kad ateitininkai paminėjo savo 50 m. gyvavimo sukaktį, kuriai visu smarkumu ruošiasi ir vyčiai. Šių dviejų panašių organizacijų didesnis abipusis bendradarbiavimas išeitų vieniems ir kitiems į naudą. Todėl būtų gera atgaivinti pasitarimus, kuriuos anksčiau yra vedusios ateitininkų ir vyčių vadovybės.

Be čia minėtųjų dalykų reikia iškelti vyčių vasaros metu atliktų nemaža kitų darbų, nors dalis iš jų buvo daugiau tik pramoginio pobūdžio. Prie tokių paminėtinas didelis Chicagos vyčių suruoštas piknikas kas metai rengiamas tuo pačiu laiku — liepos mėn. 4 d. Chicagos vyčiai,

palyginus skaitlingai, dalyvavo Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitės minėjime, kuris buvo prarastas liepos mėn. 23 d. didžiajame Grant parke. Čia vyčiai turėjo atsinešę plakatus su "Lithuania" užrašu ir juos kitataučių žmonių minioje greitai buvo galima atpažinti.

Čia reikia paminėti ir veiklaus organizacijos nario Jokūbo Stuko kelionę po pasaulį, kurios metu jis buvo užsukęs ir į okupuotą Lietuvą iš kur sugrįžęs jis mums plačiai nušvietė apie gyvenimą rusų priespaudoje. Jo įdomūs reportažai tilpo dienraščio "Draugo" Vyčių skyriuje ir, manome, jie domino ne tik vyčius, bet ir visus lietuvius. Dabar tas pats J. Stukas važinėja po lietuviškas kolonijas ir rodo filmus, vaizduojančius pavergtąją Lietuvą, kurie dar geriau negu žodžiai nupasakoja sunkią padėtį Lietuvoje. Savo tokiu darbu J. Stukas yra plačiai žinomas lietuviškosios visuomenės tarpe, kas vyčių organizacijai daro garbę.

Šioje vietoje paminėtinas ir kitas darbštus vytis — Leonardas Valiukas, kuris visą vasarą praleido dirbdamas politinėje srityje, aktyviai veikdamas respublikonų partijos eilėse. Jis suorganizavo komitetą Nixonui į JAV prezidentus remti ir į šio komiteto eiles įtraukė ir daugiau vyčių. Šiuo savo užsimojimu L. Valiukas išėjo į plačią politinę akciją, kuri, kaip ir kiekvienas kūrybingas žygis, turi būti sveikintinas. Gera, kad mūsų tarpe atsiranda žmonių, kurie neužsidaro savo siaurame ratelyje, bet eina į amerikietiškąją politiką ir ten nepraranda savo veido ir lietuviškumo.

Šalia visų tų gerai mus nuteikiančių ženklų, reikia paminėti ir vieną liūdną, ypatingai skaudų ir vyčiams. Tai prof. K. Pakšto mirtis, atėjusi staigiai ir netikėtai, jam viešint Chi-

cagoje. Prof. K. Pakštas yra buvęs uolus vyčių organizatorius, Vyčių Garbės Narys ir vienu metu redagavęs "Vyties" žurnalą, o taip pat ir kitus katalikiškus laikraščius. Tai buvo kūrybingas žmogus, visada pilnas naujų minčių, plačių ieškojimų bei sprendimų. Jo netekimas yra nemažas smūgis visai patriotiškai nusistačiusiai lietuvių tautos daliai.

Baigiant šias pastabas apie vasaros darbus ir žvelgiant į rudens bei žiemos veiklos sezoną, norisi tikėti, jog ateinantis laikotarpis praeis darbingoje nuotaikoje, o sekančiais vasarai išaušus, bus galima išskaičiuoti buvusiojo sezono vaisius ir tada jais turėsime progą kartu pasidžiaugti.

### Los Angeles — C-133

Lietuvos Vyčių 133 kuopos (sendraugių) visuotinas susirinkimas įvyko š. m. rugsėjo mėn. 18 dieną. Sendraugių kuopos pirm. Jonas Puiķūnas padarė pranešimą apie Žalgirio kovos 550 metų sukaktį ir apie to laimėjimo reikšmę lietuvių tautai. Vytis Antanas Vosylius dalyvavęs š. m. Vyčių seime, pranešė apie seimą ir nutarimus. Susirinkime dalyvavo ir pirmosios (jaun.) Vyčių kuopos pirm. Ona Laurinaitis ir sekretorė p-lė Dode. Tarp kitų aptartų dalykų abi kuopos bendrai š. m. spalio mėn. 16 d. Lietuvių parapijos salės patalpose ruošia lietuviškų filmų rodymą ir pasilinksminimą. Susirinkimas įvyko Apolionijos ir Motiejiaus Ambrozių namuose ir jų šeimyninės šventės ir vaišių proga buvo palinkėta jiems ilgiausių ir laimingų metų, o sendraugių kuopos vardu įteikta dovana — Jono Mingirdo tautosakos knyga.

V-s

# RESOLUTIONS

(adopted at the 47th K. of L. National Convention,  
Worcester, Mass.)

The delegates and guests of the 47th National Convention assembled at the Bancroft Hotel, Worcester, Massachusetts, August 18-20, 1960, unanimously passed the following resolutions:

1. Since experience has amply demonstrated that Soviet Communism, based on atheism and the denial of the dignity of the human person, has for its aim the enslavement of the entire world, we go on record as deploring and condemning the principles of Soviet Communism.
2. We express our deepest gratitude to the Government of the United States for its firm stand against Soviet Communism and cherish the hope that it will continue to oppose the principles of Soviet Communism everywhere and exert every effort to protect the rights of all inhabitants in those nations.
3. In view of the fact that World War I and World War II were fought for the freedom of all nations, we go on record as condemning Soviet Russia for enslaving millions of people of freedom-loving nations.
4. We are grateful to the government of the United States for the continued non-recognition of the unjust absorption of Lithuania and the other Baltic States by Soviet Russia. It is our hope that our nation's leaders will continue to maintain this stand.
5. We are grateful to the President of the United States and express our appreciation for proclaiming the third week of July as "Captive Nation's" week. Thus the unjust action of Soviet Russia has been brought to the attention of the free world.
6. We firmly uphold the stand of our present government of the United States of America and trust that it will do everything in its power to continue the same course of action in opposing Soviet Communism.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the 47th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania select a permanent Golden Jubilee Year Committee, and that this Committee be empowered to do the following:

- a) Sponsor the Jubilee Year Convention in 1963 in cooperation with the Supreme Council and the local council and district.
- b) Select a Convention site, which would best serve the purposes of the Jubilee Year.
- c) Arrange the Program in accordance with all proper programming procedures, including religious, cultural, sports, social, and other activities.

**RESOLVED** that the Supreme Cultural Committee be expanded from 4 to 6 members, concentrated if possible in one District.

**RESOLVED** that a loan to the Supreme Cultural Committee be made from the Supreme Building Fund in order to finance the release of 1000 Lithuanian language instruction records. Total expenditure, including translation fee for the text, vocalization for the records, etc. not to exceed \$700. Cultural Committee would replace this loan as the records are sold \$1.00 each.

**RESOLVED** that the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee be made up of a Chairman, named by the Convention, a Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer and 6 Trustees (3 Clergy and 3 Laity). All members of this Committee to be college graduates.

**WHEREAS**, the Lithuanian Program at Fordham University initiated in the Summer of 1957 in recognition of the needs of the Lithuanian community in the United States and to offer opportunities for advancing scholarship in Baltic Studies has been discontinued this Summer (1960) due to apathy and lack of interest on the part of the Lithuanian community itself.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knights of Lithuania through the Supreme Culture Committee:

1. Encourage by all possible means at its disposal the enrollment of at least five Knights of Lithuania members annually in the Fordham Summer Lithuanian Program; and
2. Establish a voluntary fund, under the supervision of the Supreme Culture Committee, to give financial assistance to the above-mentioned Knights of Lithuanian enrolling in the Fordham Summer Lithuanian Program.

**RESOLVED**, after hearing the Supreme Ritual Committee report, (joint recommendations of the Supreme Ritual Committee and the Ritual Panel) that the new point system be coordinated.

**RESOLVED**, that the 47th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extend heartiest congratulations to Councils 79 and 102 of Detroit, Michigan in their fine work in sponsoring the K. of L. Youth Camp at Dainava in Manchester, Michigan, during the week of August 15-21, 1960.

**RESOLVED**, that the 47th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express deep appreciation and gratitude to Joseph A. Sakevich, National President of the Knights of Lithuania for the past two years and for his untiring efforts in behalf of the organization and a job well done.

Delegates and guests assembled at the 47th National K. of L. Convention express their deep appreciation and gratitude for the hospitality and kindness extended to them by the Host Council 26 of Worcester, Mass.

## SUGGESTIONS

Members who contemplate making out their **LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT**, among other bequests, also include the Knights of Lithuania organization.

# PUBLIC RELATIONS

## COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Our Knights of Lithuania "Vyčiu Veikla" column appeared regularly in the Saturday feature edition of the Catholic Daily "Draugas" appearing 50 times between national conventions. Much publicity was written for the Supreme Council and its Committees, the five regional districts and individual councils. The receipt of the Worcester Knightimes, Detroit Knight Life, Dayton and Illinois-Indiana district bulletins aided us much in keeping the column going. In return these Knights received nation wide publicity.

Energetic Juozas Sadauskas of Cleveland, Ohio reported the activities of the Mid-Central district and wrote articles of national interest. He made regular contributions to "Draugas", "Vytis" and "Garsas".

Frank Vaskas from Newark, N. J. reported the news from the New York - New Jersey district. He made contributions to "Draugas", "Darbininkas", "Garsas" and "Vytis". His English items were published often in the Newark newspapers causing him to average one published item per week altogether. Unfortunately, for reasons of health, Frank was advised to curtail his activities as much as he has enjoyed serving the K. of L. The chairman does recommend that Frank be retained to write one article a month covering the New York-New Jersey district activities only.

All typewritten articles are to be sent to Edvardas Šulaitis, 1330 S. 51st Ave., Cicero 50, Ill. Our ace translator will convert your English articles into Lithuanian. Ed has done a conscientious job in the "Draugas".

Tony Yuknis acted as a roving reporter for the Illinois - Indiana district contributing articles of local, national and regional interest to "Garsas", "Draugas", "Darbininkas", "Sandara" and "Vytis". Also he sent in copies to the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Daily News, Southtown Economist and Southwest News-Herald. The English language Catholic publications which received K. of L. items were the Register, national weekly, and the New World, Chicago Archdiocese weekly.

Regretably the Illinois-Indiana district was too persistent in twisting the arms of this writer, thoughtlessly trying to burden him with additional duties and responsibilities, that he was forced to stop attending council and district meetings. A writer without arms is useless indeed.

To date all of the districts and councils have not taken advantage of the free publicity available. The Public Relations Committee invites all Knights to submit their bulletins, flyers, or even carbon copies of your publicity releases. Send your request to one person only to avoid duplications. We do not care to compete against each other. Our addresses are always listed in the "Vytis" magazine.

**Anthony D. Yuknis, National Chairman  
Public Relations Committee**



**Rev. Prof. Albert J. Contons, K. of L. National Spiritual Director, giving short resume of his month's European K. of L. Pilgrimage at Convention.**



**Joseph A. Sakevich, National President greeted by Mayor O'Brien and Mrs. Mary Jankowski during Convention**

To All Councils:

In a few months election of Officers will take place for 1961. Please send the name of your Council President and Financial Secretary as soon as possible to the National Financial Secretary.

Dorothy Sinkavitch  
8 Grammont Road  
Worcester, Mass.

If your council is in need of supplies; i. e. dues sheets, membership cards and record sheets, I will be glad to send them out.

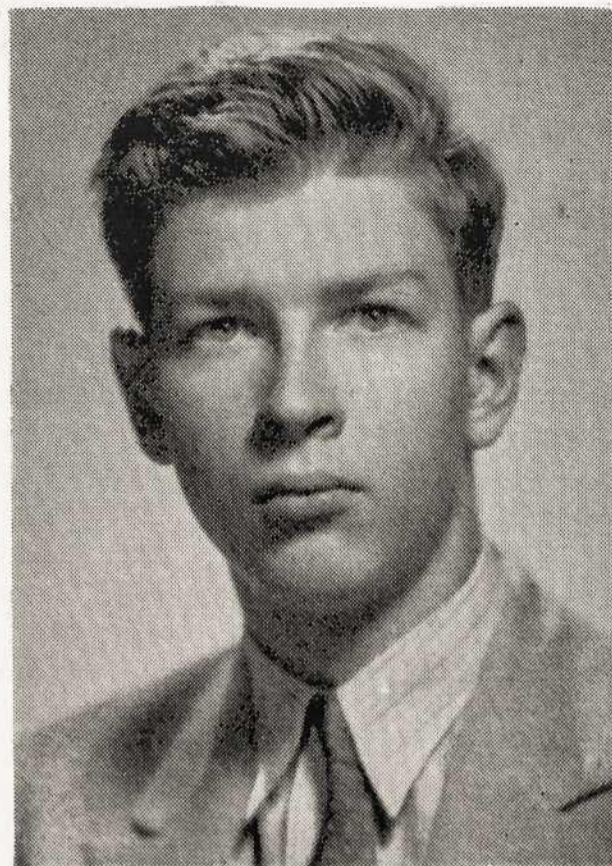
Please notify me if any of your council members are not receiving the "Vytis". A check will be made to correct this error.

Nach Ostland wollen wir reiten,  
Nach Ostland wollen wir weit,  
Ueber die gruene Heiden  
Da ist eine bessere Zeit

(Sena kryžuočių daina)

## ŽALGIRO MŪŠIO 550 METŲ SUKAKTIES PROGA

ALGIRDAS BUDRECKIS



Š. m. liepos 15 d. lenkai minėjo Žalgirio mūšio 550 metų sukaktį Griunvalde su iškilminga paminklo atidengimo ceremonija. Taip pat lenkų spaudoje, tiek krašte tiek užsieny, pasirodė platūs aprašymai apie "lenkų pergalę" ties Griunvaldu, kur, girdi, lenkų karalius Jogaila nugalėjęs kryžuočius. Lenkai net pagamino filmą "Krzyżacy", kuris pagal Sienkevičiaus romaną, vaizduoja mūšį. Deja, Sovietų okupuotoje Lietuvoje lietuviai negalėjo tinkamai paminėti šitą įvykį. Tačiau laisvame pasaulyje gyvenantieji lietuviai stengėsi paminėti Žalgirio mūšio sukaktį spaudoje ir kitais būdais — tik, žinoma, tie minėjimai negalėjo būti tokio masto, kaip Lenkijos minėjimas. Mes Lietuvos vyčiai, kaip Vytauto ir anų metų vyčių ainiai, privalome susipažinti su Žalgirio mūšio eiga.

Tad grįžkime prieš 560 metų, kada galingas Kryžuočių ordinas buvo prislėgęs Prūsus, kada Jogaila viešpatavo Lenkijoje ir kada Vytautas didysis valdė Lietuvą...

### Karo su kryžuočiais priežastis

Žemaičiai nebegalėjo panešti kryžuočių jungo, kuris jiems buvo 1404 m. primestas. Ieškodami išvadavimo, 1407 metais jie kreipėsi į Vakarų Europos valdovus ir tiems nusiskundė, kad kryžuočiai nepaprastai daug įkaitų nugalėto Prūsijon ir kad jų naujieji ponai neapsiėmė skleisti krikščionybę jų tarpe.

1409 m. Lietuvoje buvo nederlius. Jogaila, norėdamas padėti Lietuvai, siuntė jai javų. Tačiau Kryžuočių ordinas Ragainėje juos sulaukė. Už tokį pasielgimą, Vytautas užstojo už laisvės beieškančius žemaičius ir pagelbėjo jiems išvyti vokiečius, nusiųsdamas į Žemaitiją savo bajorų ir paimdamas ją į savo valdžią.

Šitie veiksmai visiškai suardė Vytauto santykius su ordinu. Priėjo prie to, kad naujas karas buvo neišvengiamas. Ordinas iš pradžių manė, kad jam teks kariauti su vienu Vytautu. Bet Jogaila pareiškė, kad jis eis išvien su Vytautu. Lenkai užstojo už lietuvių, nes jie norėjo atgauti prarastą Pamarėnų pakrantį, galutinai baigti valstybių sienų vaidą su kryžuočiais, apsaugoti Dobžinę (Dobrzyn), kurią atgavo tik po didelio mokesčio vokiečiams 1404 m., ir palaikyti Jogailos interesus Lietuvos kunigaikštijoje, kurios sostą jisai gėidė turėti.

Kryžuočių ordinas nesiskubino į Žemaitiją, bet pirmiausia puolė Lenkiją, 1409 m. Iš Lenkijos kariuomenė buvo išvyta ir netrukus buvo padarytos vienerių metų karo paliaubos. Paliaubų metu susitarta pavesti ginčą išspręsti vokiečių - romėnų imperatoriui Vaclovui. Kitais metais, Vaclovas, turtingo ordino papirktas, pripažino jam Žemaitiją ir visą kairiąją Panemunę iki Gardino. Jogaila su Vytautu apkaltino Vaclovą šališkumu ir, pratęsę paliaubas su ordinu iki 1410 m. birželio 24 d., ėmė ruošti dideliame žygiui.

Norėdami sulaikyti ordinui pagalbą iš Vakarų, jie abudu, būdami gudrūs politikai, išsiuntinėjo po visą Europą skundus, kaltindami ordiną, kad jis puola Lietuvą, norėdamas ją užgrobti, o krikščionybę visai nesirūpinęs, kad penkerius metus valdydamas žemaičius, ordinas visai nesirūpinęs jų krikštu, nestatęs bažnyčių. Ordinas irgi išsiuntinėjo raštus, kaltindamas Vytautą su Jogaila, kad šie apgavikiškai remia pagonis žemaičius.

Vytautas su Jogaila bandė pritraukti Vaclovo brolių, vengrų karalių Zigmantą, bet tas, norėdamas išardyti abiejų pusbrolių vienybę, pasiūlė atvykusiam pas jį Vytautui vainikuotis Lietuvos karalium. Tada ne metas buvo pyktis su Lenkija dėl tuščio karaliaus titulo, tad Vytautas atmetė Zigmanto pasiūlymą, Vytautui vėliau pasisekė padaryti paliaubų sutartį su Livonijos ordinu, ir jis nedalyvavo Žalgirio mūšyje.

### Pasiruošimas į kovą

Vytautui reikėjo Lenkijos dalyvavimo šiame kare. Visų pirma, jam reikėjo lenkų karių. Antra, jo neperseniausia pakrikštyta šalis kryžuočiai išvardino "pagoniška" — žodžiu, be Lenkijos talkininkavimo jo žygis galėjo ordinui pritraukti Vakarų Europos pagalbą. Taip pat Vytauto kariuomenėje buvo totorių ir "schismatikų" rusų. Lenkai, kaip sąjungininkai, davė šiam žygiui "katalikišką" atspalvį.

1410 m. gegužės mėn. Vytautas su Jogaila slapta suėjo Brastoje aptarti karo žygi. Jie sutarė savo kariuomenes sujungti Lenkijoje ties Červinsku (prie Vyslos). Červinskas buvo tinkama susirinkimui vieta, nes pakeičiui į kryžuočių sostinę, Marienburgą. Tuomet Lenkija neturėjo pastovios kariuomenės, ir jos bajorija jau ilgą

laiką nedalyvavo rimtame kare. Vinco Krévės posakis: "Lenkas ne taip narsus, kaip save giria" pritiko Jogailos bajorijai. Lenkų istorikas Dlužošas, nebūdamas Vytauto draugu, rašo, kad išdykę lenkų ponai "drebėjo, kaip apušės lapai" prieš Vytautą. Jis taip pat teigia, kad, jei žygis būtų ilgiau tęsėsis, lenkai būtų grįžę namo be karaliaus leidimo.

Vytautas paskolino Jogailai 20.000 grašių pasamdyti algininkus karius paremti savo mobilizuotą bajoriją. Jis net paskyrė kunigaikščio Kaributo pulką Jogailai. Vytautas surinko savo pajėgas iš lietuviškų bei rusiškų vaivadijų.

Gegužės mėn. įvyko milžiniškos medžioklės, it varžytinės, Gardino ir Volkoviškių miškuose. Medžioklių tikslas buvo pristatyti kariuomenei daug žvėrienos. Birželio pabaigoje Vytauto kariuomenė išžygiavo iš Vilniaus ir Gardino sutikti lenkus sąjungininkus.

### Žygis Prūsijon

Vytautas Didysis išjojo į kovą pasiruošęs grumtis su tų laikų geriausia kariuomene. Jis buvo studijavęs strategiją ir karybą prie savo tėvo Kęstučio, dėdės Algirdo ir prie kelių vokiečių maršalų; tad jis turėjo beveik penkiasdešimt metų kariško patyrimo. Taip pat Vytautas praleido daug metų nugalėdamas totorius stepuose. Tos kovos su totoriais suteikė Vytautui totorių karybos supratimą. Tuo karybos supratimu Vytautas viršijo kryžiuočius, nes vokiečiams totorių taktika buvo keista ir nesuprantama. Vytauto kariuomenėje buvo gabaus karvedžio Saladino vadovaujamas 4000 totorių junginys. Be to, Vytautui teko dukart apsigyventi Marienburge ir dalyvauti jungtiniuose žygiuose su vokiečių daliniais. Šis patyrimas padėjo Vytautui suprasti kryžiuočių organizaciją, taktiką bei karybą.

Žygis buvo daromas taip slaptai, kad ordinas nesugebėjo sukliudyti abiem sąjungininkų kariuomenėms susijungti. Idant paslėpti savo tikrą strategiją ir sumaišyti ordino orientavimą, visa eilė mažų puolimų įvyko palei Prūsijos sienas. Gilesni įsiveržimai iš Žemaitijos krypties ir, kiek vėliau, iš Mozūrijos, buvo praversti sukliudyti kryžiuočius. Vėlyvesniai įvykiai parodė, kad ši strategija buvo tiksli ir logiška, nes leido sąjungininkams sutraukti jėgų persvarą kovos paskyrimo vietoje. Kryžiuočiai laukė užpuolimų skyrium iš Lenkijos ir iš Lietuvos. Todėl vienas dideles savo jėgas jie paliko saugoti pilių nuo Lietuvos, o kitas paliko Pamary saugoti nuo lenkų.

Nuovargus žygis nuo Vyslos pakrančių iki nustatytos kovos vietos buvo vykdytas su nuostabiu greitumu ir slaptumu, pagal Vytauto iš anksto nustatytus planus. Žygiuotė ėjo trumpiausiu keliu į kryžiuočių sostinę Marienburgą. Vytautas buvo tikras, kad kai žygio kryptis bus atspėta, tai vokiečiai jam užstos kelią — sekantieji įvykiai pateisino jo galvosena...

Iki paskutinio momento ordinas negalėjo sužinoti ką sąjungininkai buvo suplanavę, iš kurios krypties įvyks svarbus puolimas. Sužinoję, kad sąjungininkai žygiuoja Marienburgo link, kryžiuočiai skubiai sutraukė daug kariuomenės ir pasiruošė kautynėms.

Vytauto genijus vėl pasireiškė kovos vietos pasirinkimu. Kai jis pastebėjo vokiečių koncentravimą Gilgenberge, paruoštose pozicijose, jis čia išvengė kautynių, nuimdamas nakčia stovyklą ir žygiuodamas aplink ežeryną ir balas, Tanenbergo link, iš kur kelias į Alenštei-

ną ir Marienburgą buvo atdaras. Sekančią dieną (liepos 14 d.) kryžiuočių kariuomenė, sužinojus, kad Vytauto ir Jogailos kariuomenė jau ties Griunvaldu, buvo priversta skubiai žygiuoti užkirsti sąjungininkams kelią. Ordino kariuomenė atvyko į mūšio lauką liepos 15 d. Ji buvo išvargusi; audra ir didelis lietus paskutinę naktį jai nedavė net gerai pailsėti. Tuo tarpu sąjungininkai buvo mažiau keliavę ir nakvojo miške, kuris apsaugojo juos nuo audros.

### Mūšis ties Griunvaldu (Žalgiriu)

Ordinas buvo pasikvietęs daugybę svečių ir samdytos kariuomenės iš Vakarų Europos. Taip pat buvo daug lenkų (sileziečių bei pamarėnų) kryžiuočių pusėje. Beveik tiek daug lenkų ėjo su kryžiuočiais, kiek buvo po Jogailos vėliava. Iš viso kryžiuočiai atsivedė prie Tanenbergo apie 15.000 karių (5000 raitininkų ir 10.000 pėstininkų). Jie buvo žymiai geriau apsišarvavę ir apsiginklavę, negu sąjungininkai. Kryžiuočiai buvo išsirikiavę dviejomis eilėmis. Kryžiuočiams vadovavo pats ordino magistras Ulrichas vos Jungingen.

Sąjungininkų kariuomenė buvo išrikiuota trimis eilėmis: lietuviai buvo dešinėje ir vidurio daly, atdarame lauke, o lenkai kairėje ir vidurio daly, apsaugoti pelkėmis ir pridengti mišku. 2100 čekų, vengrų, sileziečių bei valachų samdinių sudarė lenkų atsargą. Lenkų kariuomenės organizacija panaši į kryžiuočių, žodžiu, kaip Vakarų kariuomenė. Tačiau ji buvo menkiau apsiginklavusi ir nebeturėjo tokio patyrimo, kokį turėjo priešas.

Lietuviai turbūt buvo prasčiausia apsiginklavę. Bajorų ginklai buvo panašūs į visos Europos karių ginklus. Pagrindinis raitininko ginklas buvo kardas, galvai ir krūtinei pridengti geležiniai šarvai. Arkliai buvo balnojami tokiais pat balnais ir taip pat žabojami, kaip ir Vakaruose. Bet kadangi visus metalinius daiktus lietuviams tekdavo pirktis ar grobtis iš užsienio, tai ne visi jų turėdavo. Todėl kai į karą išėjo vyrai, o ne vien turtingesnieji bajorai, tuomet jų dalies apsiginklavimas buvo daug prastesnis: paprasti ūkininkai, negalėdami įsigyti visų brangiųjų ginklų, išėjo kovoti ir su paprastomis medžio buožėmis, su mediniais iešmais geležiniais smagaliais, su kirviais ir kilpinėmis. Gal lietuviams pritrūko naujų geležinių ginklų, tačiau jiems nepritrūko drąsos bei ryžto laimėti.

Lietuvių ir lenkų kariuomenėje galėjo būti apie 23.000 karių su 9000 kavalerijos. Bet dauguma karių nebuvo patyrę ir menkai apginkluoti, tad ordinas tikėjosi lengvai laimėti.

Lenkų kariuomenę mūšiui rikiavo narsus Zindramas iš Maskovičių, o lietuvių kariuomenę — pats Vytautas. Jogaila specialios Kaributo pulko sargybos saugomas išklaušė net kelias mišias paeiliui ir dalyvavo lenkų pašventinimo ir riterius ceremonijoj. Lenkų riteriai iškilmingai sugiedojo "Bogorodica". Visų viršininku buvo laikomas maldingas Jogaila, ir jis, kaip katalikiškos šalies karalius, turėjo duoti ženklą mūšiui pradėti. Vytautas buvo sudarytosios karo tarybos pirmininkas, todėl jisai buvo ir tikrasis mūšio vadas.

Mūšio laimėjimo nuopelnas, be abejo, pirmučiausia priklausė Vytautui, nes jis, keisdamas pavargstančius arklius, su keliais palydovais skrajojo tarp kariuomenės eilių, duodamas paskutinius įsakymus. Vytautas pridengė silpnesnį lenkų sparną, miške. Dešinės sparnas nebuvo pridengtas, jis buvo išsirikiavęs erdviame lauke. Tas

parodo, kad Vytautas numatė sudaryti sąlygą, su kuria jis galėtų įvykdyti totorių t u l u g h m a manevrą — kitaip sakant, greitai apriesti priešo pašoni. Mūšio eiga parodė, kad Vytautas sekė gerai nustatytą planą. Vytauto mūšio planas reikalavo, apsaugotą kairės sparną, tankaus vidurio ir sąlygos dešinės sparne įvykdyti greitą manevrą.

Anksti ryto dar buvo migla karo lauke. Kryžuočiai su patrankomis šaudė į sąjungininkų pusę, norėdami pabauginti priešą. (Lietuviai irgi turėjo patrankų. Vienas šaltinis mini, kad Vytautas atagbeno į Prūsus 60 patrankų). Kai rūkas išsiskirstė, mūšis tuojuo neprasidėjo, nes maldingas Jogaila norėjo išklaudyti visą eilę mišių ir dalyvauti lenkų riterių pakėlimo apeigose. Ordino kariai nekantravo, tačiau nedrįso pulti, nes būtų tekę kautis miške. Jie norėjo, kad pirmieji pultų sąjungininkai. Magistras von Jungingenas nusiuntė Vytautui ir Jogailai du plikus kardus, vieną kruviną, antrą švarų. Kryžiuočių siuntiniai, atgabėję kardus į Vytauto stovyklą, davė juos Jogailai ir sakė:

— Skirk karaliau, kuri nori, o su juomi karą ar taiką, tai mes juodu tau atsiunčiame. Gal stokoja tau ir Vytautui ginklo?

Karalius Jogaila, nors ir tuo ižeistas, atsakė: „Labai gerai, priešas duoda mums peilį, kuriuomi mes jį paskersim!“ Išvykus siuntiniams, Jogaila ilgai delisė. Rūpestingas Jogaila, klaupęs ties altoriu, širdingai ėmė melstis. Tuo tarpu stropus Vytautas nueina pas jį ir sako: „Brolau, diena yra karo, ne maldos!“ Pagaliau, 3 val. vak., Vytauto raginamas, Jogaila sėdo ant arklio ir, išjojęs ant kalvos stebėti mūšio, davė ženklą jį pradėti.

Prasidėjus mūšiui magistras didžiausias savo rinktinės jėgas, sunkiai šarvuotą kavaleriją, metė prieš lietuvius. Po valandos karšto mūšio lietuviai su totoriais pasitraukė. Jie tyčia pasitraukė, norėdami privilioti kryžiuočius gilyn į savo eiles, kad galėtų vėliau paspausti iš šono (tai buvo lietuviams gerai pažįstamas, totorių dažnai vartojamas, taktinis manevras). Tuo pasitraukimu nuo sąjungininkų vidurio ir kairiojo sparno buvo nutraukta daug priešų jėgų, kurios nespėjo laiku grįžti ir susitvarkyti.

Lietuviai įviliojo sunkiai šarvuotus riterius į pelkes. Tada lengvai šarvuoti raitininkai įvykdė Vytauto pašonio aprieto manevrą prieš mažiau judriųjų, sunkiai šarvuotų ir ginkluotų, kryžiuočių kavalerijos šoną.

Tuo tarpu, liko tik trakiškių pulkų vidurys ir kairiajam sparne išrikiuoti lenkai. Čia dar 3 valandas ėjo sunkios kovos. Kryžuočiai jau apsupo lankus. Vienam kryžieviui, Dipoldui, teko stačiai pulti į lenkų karalių. Tuo tarpu, Lesnickis, karaliaus raštininkas, norėdamas gelbėti, pagriebęs ieties kotą, taip smarkiai uždavė kryžieviui, kad jis nuo žirgo kežterėjo, kuri, prišokę kiti karaliaus tarnai, nukovė. Kryžuočiai, manydami, kad lietuviai išblaškyti, pradėjo giedoti pergalės giesmes. Jie jau buvo pasiruošę sumušti atkakliai besiginančius lenkus, bet tuo momentu Vytautas atvedė paskutinius savo rezervus. Mūšio įkaršty atsirado ir pasitraukę dešiniojo sparno lietuviai. Grįžę lietuviai užėjo kryžiuočiams iš šono. Jiems paspaudus, kryžiuočių tarpe kilo panika — jų eilės pakriko. Mūšio vietoje krito žemaičio ietim per gerklę pervertas patsai magistras Ulrichas von Jungingenas. Kartu su magistru Jungingenu žuvo maršalas Fridrichas Valenrodas, didysis komturas Konradas Lichtenšteinas ir 600 — beveik visi — žymieji



L. Vyčių Seimo metu atitinkamomis ceremonijomis bažnyčioje grupė vyčių, vietos vyskupui Flanagan dalyvaujant, pakeliami į ketvirtąjį laipsnį.

kryžiuočių riteriai. jų pulkų vėliavos — visos iki penkiasdešimt pirmos pateko į sąjungininkų rankas. Dalis kariuomenės dar bandė gintis, pasislėpus už gurguolių, tačiau ir ji buvo sumušta. Bėgančius per naktį vijosi mūsiškiai, daugybę jų pribaidami apylinkės pelkėse ir raistuose. Tik maži kryžiuočių likučiai paspruko. Įvyko ordino katastrofa — baisi ir jiems netikėta.

Lenkų atkaklus pasipriešinimas kairiame sparne leido Vytautui puikiai pravesti savo aprieto manevrą. Žygio planas ir mūšio eiga buvo Vytauto didžiojo ir jo karvedžių nuopelnas. Abiejų sąjungininkų kariuomenių eilinių karių atkaklumas, ryžtas ir kariška dvasia irgi suvaidino svarbų vaidmenį mūšy. Bet ištikrųjų, nėra abejonės, kad didžiausias aukas atnešė Lietuvos kariuomenė. Šiame kritiškame mūšy suvaidino menkiausią vaidmenį karalius Jogaila, kuris savo charakteriu bei išsilavinimu netiko vadovauti tokiam karo žygiui.

#### Mūšio pasekmės

Ordinas buvo įsitikinęs mūšį laimėsias ir iš anksto buvo pasiruošęs laimėjimo puotai. Visa turtingoji jo stovykla atiteko sąjungininkams. Be vyno ir valgimų, stovykloje buvo rasta daugybė pančių belaisviams sukaustyti. Bet jie atiteko patiems vokiečiams.

Belaisvių vokiečių mūsiškiai priskaitė iki 3.000. Jų tarpe buvo Vytauto asmeniškasis priešas Markvardas Salcbachas, kuris už savo išlumą sumokėjo galva. Buvęs žemaičių valdytojas Mykolas Kiuchenmeisteris buvo paleistas ir vėliau iškilo, tapęs ordino magistras.

Blaivininkas Jogaila, matydamas, kad kariai bema-





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tant išgrobsto kryžuočių atsargas, liepė kryžuočių paruoštas pergalės puotai vyno statines sudaužyti, kad kariai nepasigertų, kad drausmė nenukentėtų. Išsiliejęs vynas maišėsi su kritusių karių krauju — ne be reikalo pasakota, kad po šio mūšio kraujo upeliai tekėjo.

Tą pačią dieną po mūšio nei lietuviai nei lenkai toli nesivijo kryžuočių, nes reikėjo pailsėti. Kautynėms pasibaigus, Vytautas su Jogaila liepė tuoj pat prieš saulei nusileidus surinkti lavonus ir pagarbiai, su maldomis, palaidoti. Paskutinė pagarba buvo atiduota ir kryžuočių magistrui. Jo lavonas buvo nuplautas ežere, įvyniotas į švrią lavondengtę ir pusiau apdengtas nusiustas į Marienburgą. Jo atmintį ir šiandien ženklina kuklus akmens paminklas (Jungingenstein), stovįs seniau jo garbei pastatytos koplyčios vietoje.

Laimėję sąjungininkai, ilgai nedelsdami, žygiavo per Prūsų žemę link Marienburgo. Kelio buvo 80 mylių. Visas kraštas buvo panikos pagautas: pilis po pilies be pasipriešinimo pasiduodavo, vadai bėgo, riteriai slapstėsi. Laukta visiško ordino sunaikinimo. Paėmę Alenšteiną, Osterodę, Chrisburgą, pasiuntę savo karius į pasidavusius Karaliaučių, Torunę, Graudencą, Dancigą ir kitur, Vytautas su Jogaila liepos 23 d. atsidūrė ties Marienburgo mūrais. Bet jau čia kryžiuočiai buvo spėję išitvirtinti. Energingas Henrikas von Plauenas sutraukė 5000 kariuomenės, suorganizavo gynybą. Marienburgas nepasidavė, o mūsų kariuomenė buvo išvargusi, paplito joje dezinterija, maisto pritrūko. Artėjo ruduo. Iš Livonijos atžygiavo kryžuočių iššauktas tos šakos magistras, kuris turėjo su Vytautu prieš šį karą sudarytą

atskirą taikos sutartį. Prasidėjo derybos. Vytautas su Jogaila nutarė atitraukti savo jėgas nuo kryžuočių sostinės ir patys išvyko į savo namus.

Vytautas, nuskubėjęs nuo Marienburgo į Trakus ir į Gardiną, įsakinėjo kariuomenei ruoštis naujam žygiui; jis planavo vaduoti visą Prūsiją, kurioje, kaip jis pats per žygį galėjo įsitikinti, gyventojų tarpe nebuvo mirės laisvės troškimas. Tuo tarpu susidarė tokios aplinkybės, kad reikėjo eiti prie derybų stalo, nes Vokietijos imperatorius ir popiežius po Žalgirio mūšio smarkiai grasino karu Lietuvai ir Lenkijai. Imperatorius pasiuntė kariuomenę prie Lenkijos pasienio.

1411 m. vasario 1 d. Torunėje buvo pasirašyta taikos sutartis. Abi pusės pasižadėjo pasikeisti belaisviais; už gražinimą kryžuočiams jų miestų, pastarieji pasižadėjo sumokėti aniems laikams daug pinigų, 100.000 čekų kapų grašių; Zemaitija atiduodama Vytautui iki jo gyvos galvos, o lenkų ir kryžiuočių ginčytina nedidelė Dobžinės žemė — Lenkijai. Kaip žinome, tik po kito karo, per Melno sutartį 1422 metais Vytautas atgavo, be jokių sąlygų, Žemaičius, bet reikalaujamos jo tėvonijos, Prūsų žemės su Karaliaučium iki Ossos upės kryžiuočiai neatdavė.

Bet Žalgirio mūšio pati svarbiausioji pasekmė buvo vokiečių veržimosi į rytus (Drang nach Osten) sustabdymas. Po mūšio kryžuočių ordinas niekad neatsigavo. Pagaliau jis tapo Lenkijos pavaldiniu. Tik 1915 metais, antrojo Tanenbergo mūšio metu (t. y. po 505 metų) vokiečiai tegalėjo iš naujo veržtis į Rytus. Dėkui Vytautui, kad Rytų Europa nebuvo suvokietinta.

# KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA JUBILEE YEAR

## COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

A meeting of the Jubilee Committee was held at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel in New York City Saturday, May 21, 1960. Attending the meeting were: Joseph Boley, Larry Janonis, Joseph Sakevich, Loretta Kassel. Other members of the committee, who were unable to be present are: Rev. Albert Contons, Anthony Mazeika, Helen Shields, Jack Stukas.

Those attending decided to present the following recommendations regards Jubilee Year activities and plans to the 47th National Convention to be held in Worcester, Mass.

### 1. Permanent Jubilee Year Committee:

A permanent Jubilee Year Committee should be chosen by the Convention. This committee would exist until the end of the Jubilee Year, and would direct all preparations for and activities during the Jubilee Convention. In addition, this committee would direct and encourage councils and districts to properly commemorate the Jubilee Year in general. It would seek what help it needs from the Supreme Council and from members of various areas.

It should be noted that the present committee was selected by the current Supreme Council, and as such is temporary, unless reappointed by the next Council. A permanent committee would not be subject to this disadvantage, as it would be approved by the Convention and thus not need reappointment with each new Council.

### 2. Jubilee Year:

As 1963 is the year of the Jubilee Convention, the entire calendar year of 1963 should be designated as the "Knights of Lithuania Golden Jubilee Year." Each council and district should be urged to sponsor an activity or a series of activities sometime during the year to appropriately commemorate the Jubilee, and should see that these activities and the Jubilee and K. of L. in general be given vast publicity among the general public in its area.

### 3. K. of L. History:

A K. of L. History should be published in time for the Jubilee Year Convention. The extent of the project must depend on the amount of moral and financial support it receives.

Mr. Ignas Sakalas of Chicago is currently working on collecting data for the history. As such a project is not the job for one person alone, it is recommended that a permanent History Committee be chosen also. This committee should comprise at least one person from each District. This person should be someone possessing adequate time and interest to devote to the project, and would be responsible for collecting and

assembling information, pictures, etc. from the councils in his or her area, to be used in the history. These District representatives would also aid in compiling the History, and in making decisions as to its extent, language, etc.

It is further recommended that the following schedule be followed by the History Committee:

**Aug. 1960 — Aug. 1961** — Collect and sort all needed material.

**Aug. 1961 — Aug. 1962** — Compile the History, i. e. assemble, write, edit.

**Aug. 1962 — Aug. 1963** — Prepare final printed copy.

An all-out campaign should be conducted to collect funds for the history's publication, particularly from K. of L. and non - K. of L. businessmen and philanthropists.

### 4. Jubilee Year Convention:

Because of the importance to the Knights of Lithuania of the Jubilee Year National Convention, it is recommended that the Supreme Council, rather than any individual council, act as hosts for that Convention, that all of that Convention's activity be under complete control of the Supreme Council, and that the Supreme Council aid the Jubilee Committee in selecting the convention site, deciding what type of activity be held during Convention week, and choosing people from the Convention City to chairman the various activities.

The Supreme Council would also sponsor an extensive Convention Program Book, and in fact get the profit from the book. It is suggested that an arrangement be made whereby councils or districts derive a percentage of the profits realized from the ads they obtain. Also, individual councils of the host city could sponsor certain of the activities, and keep the profits from these activities.

It is further urged that more activity of a cultural nature be promoted during the Jubilee Convention. The activity can, perhaps, begin early in the week, and include concerts, exhibits, parades, Lithuanian song and dance feats, open to the general public and highly advertised, especially to attract the non K. of L. Lithuanian people and to bring the name of the Knights of Lithuania into the public eye.

The convention site should be carefully chosen, and should possess the following characteristics:

- a. Adequate facilities to accommodate the various suggested cultural activities;
- b. Enough appeal to attract a large K. of L. attendance at the Convention;
- c. A council or councils in the area active enough to take on the burden of the increased activity of this special Convention;



Four out of five K. of L. District Presidents attending Convention — top to bottom, Stanley Vaitkus (Mid-Central), Larry Janonis (N. Y. - N. J.), Joseph Sakaitis (New England), and Eleanore Laurin (Illinois-Indiana).

d. A large enough local Lithuanian population to make the planned activities worthwhile and to obtain the needed publicity.

The 1963 Convention site should be selected not later than August of 1961, and should be approved by the 1961 Convention.

#### 5. VYTIS:

Each District of the K. of L. should be asked to sponsor one issue of the VYTIS during the 1963 Jubilee Year. These issues could be used to publicize the District's Jubilee activities and introduce the other member of the K. of L. to the various district and council activities and leaders. In sponsoring the issue, the District could solicit local ads for the VYTIS to help defray the cost of publishing the issue.

#### 6. Miscellaneous Suggestions:

A general effort should be made by all members to improve and streamline the organization in preparation for the Jubilee Year. In particular:

- a. Membership should be greatly increased, in fact doubled if possible by then.
- b. The Constitution revisions should be completed and published well in advance of 1963.
- c. More and wider publicity should be sought for the many K. of L. projects — on the council, district, and national levels.

It was decided that the above recommendation be presented to the 1960 Convention, with appropriate

summaries of the reasoning behind the recommendations, and that delegates be asked to approve these suggestions, so that the Jubilee Committee can have something to start work with.

Loretta I. Kassel, Secretary

#### GREETINGS WITH DONATIONS

C-112 Chicago, Illinois .....	\$100.00
Prelatas Konstantinas A. Vasys .....	25.00
(garbės narys) Worcester, Mass.	
C-79 Detroit, Michigan .....	25.00
C-100 Amsterdam, New York .....	25.00
Hon. Konstant J. Savickus, Chicago, Illinois ..	20.00
(Legal Adviser)	
Chicago Seniors .....	15.00
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Kun. Vacys Katarskis, Dayton, Ohio .....	10.00
Frank Vaskas, Newark, N. J. ....	10.00
C-36 Chicago, Illinois .....	10.00
C-5 Chicago, Illinois .....	10.00
Anthony J. Mazeika, New York .....	10.00
(Hon. memb.)	
Jack L. Jatis, Chicago, Illinois .....	10.00
(Hon. memb.)	
Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, Waterbury, Conn ..	10.00
(Hon. memb.)	
Magdalena Urmanienė .....	10.00
Charles & Julia Strolis (C-29) .....	10.00
Jonas Vilkišius, Chicago, Illinois .....	5.00
Jadvyga Pikturnienė, Cleveland, (Seniors) ....	5.00
(Supreme Council)	
Mr. & Mrs. Pocius (C-29) Newark, N. J. ....	5.00
Vytis Fund .....	5.00
Vyčių Istorija .....	5.00

Bernice Kavadaras, Worcester, Mass. (116), Chmn.  
 Monica Kasper, Chicago, Illinois, (112)  
 Juozas Sadauskas, Cleveland, Ohio, (25)  
 Eugene Marcis, Brooklyn, N. Y., (41)

#### CONVENTION BALL

"Funny Face Fantasy" was the theme of the convention ball and fancy it was. With a comfortable crowd, relaxing, dancing and socializing, made Friday night affair one of the convention's social nights a success.

Highlight of the night was the contest of Waltz's and Polka's. Miss Connie Mack of Bayonne, N. J. and her partner Lou Stukas of Newark, N. J. showed the gracefulness of the waltz and were the winners. Miss Beverly Ranucci of C-26, Worcester and Joe Russell C-26 of Worcester showed their talents of the polka beat, to Larry Chesky's Orchestra who supplied the music for the evening.

All in all a grand time was had by one and all.

Joseph Drumstas, Chairman  
 Convention Ball

## PADVIGUBINKIME VYČIŲ ORGANIZACIJĄ!

feminine

fair

## Mergaičių Pasaulis

Redaguoja Veronika Kulbokienė ir Joanne H. Neviera

## ON COMPLACENCY

Summer has passed. The anticipation with which summer was met is a feeling now forgotten. The excitements, the delights, and the disappointments of the passing season have dwindled into fragments of memory — no longer the pressing, vital issues that exhilarated or depressed our day. The new season has begun, bringing with it a glorious array of color that sends thousands of beauty-loving spectators to the unblemished, undisturbed havens where nature is at her best.

But, neither do the beautifully-colored leaves remain on the trees permanently; when the next season announces its arrival, they, too, graciously bow out — leaving an uncluttered scene for winter to bluster into. And thus, the cycle of the year goes on uninterruptedly — waiting for no one, catering to no one. New calendars are printed, old ones discarded; and life goes on.

But, what happens to us? Do we change, or do we remain complacently the same as we were three summers before? Perhaps our hair-do is different, and a dress size has vanished — perhaps we have lowered our voice to a more sophisticated tone. Or have we just become a little older in years, but remain the same in attitudes and ambitions?

We are complacent; but we have not earned our complacency. Others have; they have died to earn it. And still we have a smug complacency—deep set, too.

America is complacent. America is complacent because it is the greatest, wealthiest, most civilized nation in the world and believes

that the dollar is validly analagous to the Rock upon which Peter built His Church, and that not even the gates of Hell will prevail against it. All this even while three are significant overtones to the words "Holy Russia" and "peaceful co-existence".

America will answer one question concerning which it has been overly hesitant.

Whither?

Students are complacent because Christ has said He will be with us all days even to the consummation of the world, and the students figure themselves part of the "us." This is the philosophical bulwark for their complacency. The materialistic and, because it is experiential the realistic bulwark for their complacency is concerned with the social column, the football team, the best party, and the most sophisticated dress.

As for America, our country, we can only urge the Holy Ghost to give the leader a lantern.

And the young adults of the country — already through with student days? Complacency?

We do not now need soldiers with guns as much as we need soldiers with pens. We do not need bourgeois security, a new car at the alumni reunion and the label "success" as much as we need young Catholic writers, lecturers, professors at secular universities, a Catholic Mil-lay, a Catholic Wolfe, a Catholic Hutchins, a Catholic Einstein.

We also need a few more notches in our belts, a broken heart or two, soleless shoes, soul-full bodies, and less aversion for poverty. All of these imitative of Christ, no less.

What about response to the Dia-

logue Mass effort? (Aren't there always plenty of seats for the parish-ioners?)

What about the lassitude in Religion or Theology classes? (May not live discussion offset a dull text?)

What about the refusal of blood to an anemic Sodality? (Don't we need two-fisted lecturers badly enough?)

What about the mite boxes? (Give the pennies to the mission; they are fighting a just battle.)

What about weekly Communion? (How can we defend America if we cannot defend ourselves?)

And what about the great vice, ego? (Do we have to tell everybody what we are, and where we're from. Wouldn't it be better if we could let them know by our womanliness, rather than by a lot of sniveling externals?)

What about our brothers and sisters in Christ? (Are we Manicheans? Was heaven made for "our kind" alone? Turn your class ring around and remember there's a greater Alma Mater called humanity).

What about the "Vy-tis?" (If you don't like it, there is one way to remedy it — write for it.)

What about lots more; but mainly what about doing something toward that Catholic Statesman, that Catholic poet, that Catholic novelist, that Catholic scientists, that Catholic philosopher?

These are our unanswered questions. That is why we may not be complacent. In whatever complacency we find ourselves, we will, nonetheless, be restless until we have sought answers.

JOANNE H. NEVIERA

## Laiškas iš PAVERGTOS LIETUVOS

Brančioji Sese,

Pirmaisiais šio laiško žodžiais, sveikinu Tave Brančioji taip toli už vandenynų, iš suvargusio gimtojo krašto, po daugelio ilgesingų metų.

Negaliu apsaityti savo džiaugsmą ir tokį Tavo gerumą, kurį parodei taip gausiai mane apdovandama. Tokių gražių dovanėlių savo gyvenime nesu turėjusi. Džiaugsmo ašaros riedėjo skruostais, kai skaičiau Tavo man taip mielą laišką, kad prisiminei mane, vargo našlaitę.

Praūžusios pro mūsų tėvynę baisiojo karo audros ne tikta sunaikino kraštą, bet ir sugriovė mūsų gyvenimą. Taip pat ir pokario metais kova su okupantu atneša mums dažnai skaudžių išgyvenimų. Tose žūtūtinėse partizanų kovose žuvo ir okupantų buvo žiauriai išniekinti mano tėvelis ir mamytė. Paliko mane vienišą šešerių metų. Buvo baugu ir labai liūdna, šaukiau ir visa drebėjau iš susijaudinimo. Pradžioje ramino mane ir globojo kaimynai, vėliau atvažiavo dėdė iš Vilniaus ir paėmė mane savo globon. Jo dėka aš baigiau pradžios, vidurinę ir muzikos mokyklą, o dabar lankau Vilniaus konservatoriją. Mokausi skambinti fortepijonu. Jau dvylika metų mokausi muzikos, kuri man labai patinka, ir mokslas sekasi gerai. Dažnai lankau koncertus, kurių Vilniuje būna daug. Koncertuoja čia ir pianistai ir smuikininkai ir simfoniniai orkestrai ir daugelis kitų menininkų. Vilniuje kocertai vyksta Valstybinėje filharmonijoje arba konservatorijos salėje. Be to, Vilniuje yra trys teatrai — Akademini Operos ir Baletos teatras, Valstybinis akademini dramos teatras ir Rusų dramos teatras.

Operos ir baletos teatre statomi žymiųjų pasaulio kompozitorių dalykai — Čaikovskio baletai ir operos, Gounod Faustas, Bizet — Karmen, Verdi — Traviata, Puccini — Madam Buterflay ir kt. Greta šių yra nemažai lietuviškų operų ir baletų. Tai Klovos operos: Pilėnai, Vaiva (pagal V. Krėvės apysaką), Račiūno opera Marytė, Pakalnio Sužadėtinė, Dvariono Dalia (pagal B. Sruogos Apyaušrio dalią). Lietuvių sukurtieji baletai: Juzeliūno — Ant marių kranto, Indros Audronė ir kt. Dramos teatras irgi stato gražių ir įdomių spektaklių.

Vilniaus gyventojai labai noriai ir gausiai lanko visų rūšių teatrus, nes tai užsimiršimas ir atsigavimas sunkiam bolševikinės priespaudos gyvenime.

Kitą kartą parašysiu daugiau apie mūsų gyvenimą

Tavo Onutė



Vaizdai iš vyčių iškilos ant ežero kranto vyčių seimo metu Worcester, Massachusetts

# K. OF L. JUNIORS REPORT

HELEN SHIELDS 1st VICE PRESIDENT

As National Vice President in charge of Junior Knights for the year 1959-1960, I devoted as much time as I was able to, and attempted to perform my work to the best of my ability. I attended 4 Supreme Board meetings, was General Chairman of the 2nd Junior Knights of Lithuania Rally that was held in Philadelphia, Penna. on April 24, 1960 and wrote approximately 116 letters.

According to my records there are 10 councils:

Council 3, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Council 19, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Council 26, Worcester, Mass.  
 Council 30, Westfield, Mass.  
 Council 52, Elizabeth, N. J.  
 Council 78, Lawrence, Mass.  
 Council 96, Dayton, Ohio  
 Council 100, Amsterdam, N. Y.  
 Council 103, Providence, R. I.  
 Council 67, Bayonne, N. J.

Total membership: 286 members.

Am sorry to report that Junior Council 90, Kearny, N. J. ceased to exist during the past year. Efforts to reorganize were not successful this year, but we must hope that the Senior Knights of Council 90 will attempt to reorganize this coming year. According to my knowledge, no new Junior Councils were organized this year. Due to lack of time for traveling, most of my efforts in attempting to get new councils organized was conducted by mail. Responses received related various impediments for organizing of Junior Councils, however some hopeful that the possibility of organizing was not hopeless. Personal contact was limited to the New York-New Jersey area, with the exception of a visit to Waterbury, Conn. and a talk with Rev. Karalis, Spiritual Director of Council 7.

Thanks again, to the support of the New York-New Jersey District and cooperation of the Spiritual Advisers and Junior Counselors of the District, the SECOND JUNIOR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA RALLY was held Sunday, April 24, 1960 at St. Casimir's Hall, Philadelphia, Penna. 100 Juniors attended the Rally. Basically, the program was similar to the previous Rally, with several innovations, one of them being a Lithuanian Easter Egg Decoration Contest. Three winners were presented with plaques. The Junior Knights of Bayonne, N. J. extended an invitation to hold the Third Junior Knights of Lithuania Rally in Bayonne, N. J.

I take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who helped to make the Rally a success. Special thanks to the N. Y. - N. J. District and its councils that supplied financial aid, Seniors and Juniors of Council 3, and Frank Vaskas for the public relations work and his kind donation.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Stanley Vaitkus, President of the Mid-Central District for his sincere cooperation in his efforts to sponsor a Rally for the Mid-Central Junior Knights. Unfortunately, the

Rally did not take place, due to lack of response from councils requesting approval of the selected date.

Am happy to report that the New England District is planning a K. of L. Youth Seminar October 2nd in Providence, R. I. under the leadership of the 4 Spiritual Advisers of the New England District Junior Councils.

Congratulations to Councils 79 and 102 of Detroit, Michigan who embarked on a new venture that we hope will be a new era for the Knights of Lithuania. Under their guidance, they sponsored a K. of L. Youth Camp at Dainava, in Manchester, Michigan the week of August 14 to 20, 1960. We hope that they will plan to hold another camp week next year, and greater cooperation will be received from K. of L. members everywhere.

Recommendations:

1. That each District establish a Committee for the express purpose of strengthening, organizing and coordinating the Junior K. of L. activities of their District Juniors. Each committee to maintain a close relationship to the Supreme Board through the 1st Vice President.
2. That Council Officers exert their effort to find a person or persons who would be willing to serve as Junior Counselors. Lack of such people is one of the main reasons why Junior Councils do not exist in many areas.
3. Senior Councils request periodic reports from their Junior Counselor on activities of their Junior Councils.
4. Some system be set up, whereby all Junior members would be registered in the Supreme Council.

In conclusion, I would like to say that it was a great privilege and honor to serve as National Vice President in charge of Juniors for a second term, and wish to thank my fellow Supreme Council Officers, Spiritual Advisers, the K. of L. Public Relations Committee and each and everyone who by their advice, encouragement, or work, aided me to perform my duties for the betterment of the Junior Knights of Lithuania. Visiems — nuoširdus, lietuviškas, vytiškas AČIŪ!



Council 41, New York, Beach Party at Jones' Beach

## SENATOR THOMAS J. DODD'S ADDRESS

*"This country should make liberation of the Captive Nations 'a cardinal goal of our diplomacy'."*

Senator Dodd addressed his remarks to delegates to the 47th annual convention of the Knights of Lithuania which awarded him a special medal for his efforts to restore the freedom of Lithuania.

"I do not underestimate the difficulty of persuading the Kremlin to liberate its satellite empire," he pointed out. "But, after Hungary, I find it easy to conceive of a situation where a combination of division within the Kremlin, unrest in the satellites and hard bargaining on the part of the West will induce the Soviets... in their own interest... to grant freedom to the unyielding, troublesome captive peoples of Europe.

"Liberation is not a pipe dream. It is the only conceivable way in which we can recapture the political offensive. And, as every school boy knows, a side which defends itself when attacked but never takes the offensive, is bound to lose."

Senator Dodd said that this country can encourage the liberation movement by raising the issue of the Captive Nations at every diplomatic conference and at every UN session.

"Let us spread the facts about Soviet imperialism on the record at every available opportunity," he declared. "Let us continue to demand that the Soviets respect all their obligations."

Senator Dodd praised the Lithuanians for their continued fight for freedom.

"No people in the world has fought more heroically for freedom, or suffered more cruelly under tyranny, or clung more tenaciously to their national identity, their cultural and spiritual heritage, their faith in the ultimate triumph of freedom."

### RITA PINKUS TREASURER

The Treasurer's books were audited on August 18, 1960 and found to be accurate. Mrs. Rita Pinkus presents very orderly and neat accounts making the job of auditing concise.

The Building Fund book and bankbook were sent in by Frank Gudelis and also checked on the 18th. His records are also correct and complete.

Due to illness, Auditor Anthony Dainus of Detroit was unable to check the Treasurer's books with me.

Florence A. Zaleskas,  
Trustee



Veiklioji vyte Jonė Mažeikaitė, laimėjusi studijoms vyčių stipendija, tarp garsiuju vyčių veikėju kun. Jono Jutkevičiaus ir Jokūbo Stuko.

### MARIANAPOLIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL Thompson, Connecticut

#### STIPENDIJOS MARIANAPOLIN

Marianapolio Paruošiamoji Mokykla (high school), Thompson, Conn. praneša lietuviškajai visuomenei, kad Tėvai Marijonai skiria neribotą skaičių stipendijų 1961-1962 mokslo metams, kuriomis galės pasinaudoti lietuviškos kilmės berniukai, pasiruošę stoti į devintą, dešimtą, vienuoliką ir dvyliką skyrių. Kiekviena metinė stipendija verta 1550 dol. Prašome lietuvišką visuomenę apie šias stipendijas pranešti suinteresuotiems.

Kandidatai turi būti ypatingai gabūs moksle, padorūs, atsidavę lietuviybės palaikymui, sugeba prisidėti prie mokyklos gerbūvio savo dalyvavimu ir nemoksliniuose užsiėmimuose. Laimėję stipendija, patys turės užsimokėti už knygas ir padengti kitas išlaidas, kurių susidarys apie 100 dol. metams.

Kandidatai turės išlaikyti egzaminus (Secondary School Admission Tests) šeštadienį, gruodžio 10 d. Bus galima egzaminus laikyti įvairiuose miestuose Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstybėse, Kanadoje, Europoje, Pietų Amerikoje ir t.t. Egzaminų mokestis \$6.50.

Iki lapkričio 15-tos dienos reikia pristatyti prašymus dėl aplikacijos blankų ir tolimesnių informacijų šiuo adresu:

Scholarship Chairman  
Marianapolis Preparatory School  
Thompson, Connecticut

Stipendijų laimėtojai bus paskelbti sausio mėnesio pradžioje.

Pereitais metais stipendijas laimėjo Petras Gailiūnas iš Albany, N. Y., Pranas Šimutis, Evergreen Park, Illinois, ir Edwardas Kubaitis, Willow Springs, Illinois.

Kun. Jonas C. Petrauskas, MIC.,  
Mokyklos Vedėjas

# SALDUSIS PIKČIURNA

ALFA SUŠINSKAS

Ji yra šešiolikametė ir jau bebai-  
gianti augštesniąją mokyklą. Jos mo-  
kytojai, draugės ir kaimynai laiko  
ją malonia ir nuoširdžia mergaite.  
Žmonės ją mėgsta, ir ji yra pagei-  
daujama jaunimo susibūrimuose.  
Niekas blogo žodžio apie ją nepasa-  
ko — visi pagirdami apie ją atsilie-  
pia.

— O, kad aš turėčiau šitokią duk-  
relę! — neviena iš kaimynių pagal-  
voja.

Tokia ji kitiems atrodo. Gi namie  
su saviškiais ji esti visai kitokia.  
Svetimiesiems ji saldžiai šypsosi ir  
saulute šviečia, o saviesiems būna  
nuolat susiraukusi pikčiurna: nepa-  
slaugi, šiurkštaus žodžio, visada ne-  
patenkinta, daug reikalaujanti, prie-  
kabi ir nemandagi...

Prieš kelerius metus jis baigė  
siektuosius mokslus ir dabar sėk-  
mingai dirba vienoje istaigoje. Jo  
viršininkai ir bendradarbiai juo  
džiaugiasi: jis yra geras darbinin-  
kas, tvarkingai elgiasi, meilus ir  
moka pagerbti kitą žmogų.

Kad šitoks jis būtų ir savo šeimo-  
je! Deja, čia jis visai kitoks pasiro-  
do: jis — nuolatinis šeimos nuotai-  
kos gadintojas, nekarta piktu žo-  
džiu ir aštriu elgesiu skausmą ir liū-  
desį namiškiuose sukeliąs. Jo buvi-  
mas namie yra lyg sunkus akmuo,  
šeiminę laimę slegiąs. Jis ir pats ne-  
sijaučia laimingas dėl šitokio spyg-  
liuotojo elgesio su saviškiais: juk  
kas kitų, tegu ir savo namiškių, lai-  
mę ardo, ir pats negali jos turėti.

Ir šis yra ne kokia nors išimtis —  
tokių būna ir daugiau.

Jis — šeimos tėvas: turi rūpestin-  
gą žmoną ir trejetą vaikučių. Ir jis  
viešajame gyvenime atrodo švelnus  
bei sugyvenamas žmogus.

Ne toks jis yra saviškiais namie:  
žmona neišgirsta iš jo gero žodžio,  
ir savo vaikučių jis nepradžiugina  
tėvišku gerumu. Jis jaučiasi savo  
pareigas šeimai atliekas, jai pragy-  
venimą parūpindamas. Betgi šeimos  
laimei nepakanka vien duonos: jai  
reikia ir tėvo tėviškumo, jo tėviško-  
sios širdies. Šeima jaučia tėvą ne  
tik iš jo į namus atnešamojo pini-  
go, kiek iš jo rūpestingojo ir mei-  
liojo tėviškumo. Tėvas šeimai yra  
ne vien pragyvenimo parūpintojas:  
jis yra jai daug daugiau.

Šeimos laimei klestėti reikia ne  
vien materialinio tėvo, bet kartu ir  
dvasinio, ir šio pastarojo daug la-  
biau už pirmąjį.

O ši yra vaikų motina ir žmona.  
Kaimynų, pažįstamųjų ir draugių ji  
yra laikoma įsikūnijusiu švelnumu.  
Ir tikrai: ji, lyg kokia suokiančioji  
lakštingala, sugeba sužavėti pažis-  
tamąjį ir svetimąjį; visoje apylinkė-  
je ji yra išgarsėjusi ir puošniomis  
puotomis. Taigi visi laiko ją malonia  
ir meilia moteriške.

Tačiau ne tokia ji esti saviesiems:  
jiems ji yra nuolat surūgusi ir lyg  
koks dyglys. Retai kada jos vaikai  
išgirsta iš jos koki meilesnį žodelį,  
ir ji jaučiasi patenkinta, kai jie nes-  
ti namie. Ji labai nuobodžiauja, bū-

dama viena su namiškiais ir tuojau  
pralinksmeja, kai kas nors atsilan-  
ko. Betgi ypač dagi ir aštri ji būna  
savo vyrui: jam atitenka ne tik pik-  
ti jos žvilgsniai, bet ir visoks panie-  
kinimas, net ižeidinėjimas. O geras  
bei rūpestingas jis yra kaip tėvas ir  
vyras.

Kad nors iš dalies ji būtų tokia  
saviškiais, kokia ji esti svetimie-  
siems!

Kur šitokia žmona ir motina vai-  
ruoja šeimos gyvenimą, ten šeima  
negali būti mažuoju rojaus kampe-  
liu šioje žemėje.

Motinos ir žmonos gerumas ma-  
tuojamam ne tuo, kiek ji kitiems  
šypsosi, bet tuo, kiek ji savo šeimai  
esti atsidavusi.

Ir taip neretai pasitaiko, kad ku-  
ris nors šeimos narys savo šiurkš-  
čiu, gal net ir žiauriu, elgesiu ap-  
kartina saviškių gyvenimą. Jei jis  
tinkamai ir maloniai elgtųsi, šeimie-  
nė laimė galėtų žydėti, nors mate-  
rialinės sąlygos čia ir būtų sunkios.  
Bet tas jo spygliuotasis ir savimy-  
liškasis elgimasis su saviškiais na-  
mus dažnai paverčia kapinėmis...

Šeiminio židinio jaukumas parei-  
na nuo darnaus ir pasiaukojančio  
visų šeimos narių sugyvenimo. Šei-  
ma yra pirmoji ir pagrindinė vieta,  
kur visi jos nariai turėtų vienas ki-  
tą palaikyti, stiprinti ir gaiviu ryž-  
tu nuteikti gyvenimo kovai nepails-  
tamai ir garbingai kovoti.

Menkos vertės yra toks šeimos  
narys, kuris kitiems angelu šypsosi,  
o saviesiems esti lyg plėšrus vilkas.

Jei šeimoje tarp jos narių nėra  
darnos, užuojautos, paslaugos, savi-  
tarpinio supratimo, pasiaukojimo  
dvasios ir šeiminio jautrumo, tokia  
šeima dažniausiai kada nors ištinka  
šeiminę tragediją.



4th K. of L. medals presented during Closing Banquet by National President Robert S. Boris, left to right, to Miss Rita Brazauskas, Miss Olga Kersis, Miss Adele Cereska, Mr. Anthony Morkunas, Mrs. Rita Pinkus & Joseph Krasinskas, all of Worcester, Mass. (Missing, photo of Miss Claire Grigaitis.)



**JACK L. JATIS****K. OF L. RITUAL COMMITTEE**

Degrees issued to the following members (1959-1960)

**New England District** DEGREE

Florence Zaleskas, C-17, S. Boston, Mass.	3
Floyd Trapauskas, C-135, Ansonia, Conn.	3
Patricia Richard, C-7, Waterbury, Conn.	3
James Valaitis, C-7, Waterbury, Conn.	3
Gene Valuckas, C-7, Waterbury, Conn.	3
V. Burdulis, Jr., C-26, Worcester, Mass.	3
M. Klimkaitis, C-26, Worcester, Mass.	3
M. Lapinskas, C-26, Worcester, Mass.	3
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Joseph B. Krasinskas, C-116, Worcester, Mass.	4
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Adella Ceraska, C-26, Worcester, Mass.	4
Rita Brazauskas, C-26, Worcester, Mass.	4
Olga Kersis, C-26, Worcester, Mass.	4
Anthony Morkunas, C-26, Worcester, Mass.	4
Claire Grigaitis, C-26, Worcester, Mass.	4

**New York - New Jersey District**

Casimir Oskutis, C-52, Elizabeth, N. J.	4
Joseph Degutis, C-52, Elizabeth, N. J.	4
Peter Podolsky, C-29, Newark, N. J.	4
Jack Remeika, C-29, Newark, N. J.	4

**Mid-Central District**

Ben Karklis, Seniors, C-25, Cleveland, Ohio	3
Alice Karklis, Seniors, C-25, Cleveland, Ohio	3
Tary Trainis, Seniors, C-25, Cleveland, Ohio	4
Julius Bridgvaitis, C-79, Detroit, Michigan	3
Jodie S. Lenkaitis, C-79, Detroit, Michigan	3
M. Guerriere Peterson, C-102, Detroit, Mich.	3
Aldona Bunikis, C-102, Detroit, Michigan	3
Evelyn Galinis, C-102, Detroit, Michigan	3
Bronius Polikaitis, C-102, Detroit, Michigan	3
Frances Mikalauskas, C-96, Dayton, Ohio	3
Charles Petkus, C-96, Dayton, Ohio	3
Anne R. Scott, C-96, Dayton, Ohio	4
Charles Vanagas, C-96, Dayton, Ohio	4
Rev. C. Karaveckas, C-19, Pittsburgh, Pa.	3
Lorraine Puzas Jucevicius, C-19, Pittsburgh	3
Mildred Chinik, C-19, Pittsburgh, Pa.	4
Julia Aleshunas, C-19, Pittsburgh, Pa.	4
Antoinette Naujelis, C-19, Pittsburgh, Pa.	4
Albinas Onaitis, C-19, Pittsburgh, Pa.	4

**Illinois - Indiana District**

John Jesulaitis, C-24, Chicago, Ill.	4
Joseph Stanaitis, Chicago, Illinois	3
Helen Zimmer, Chicago, Illinois	3
John Zimmer, Chicago, Ill.	3

**JACK L. JATIS****HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Committee has two applications on hand which will come up for discussion after this convention.

The Chicago Seniors Council planned to present Honorary degree medals to its members who were elevated to the Honorary Membership in previous years,

at a banquet. However, this banquet did not take place and the medals were not presented during the past year. Only recipient of the Honorary degree medal this past year was Father J. A. Vaitekūnas of Providence, R. I.

**K. OF L. RITUAL DEGREES**

**EDWARD A. DANIELS, SEC'Y.**

During the past fiscal year ending July 31, 1960, the secretary recorded the following tabulation of degrees granted members:

COUNCIL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
5 Chicago, Ill.	—	—	1	—	1
7 Waterbury, Conn.	5	9	3	2	19
12 New York, N. Y.	2	—	—	—	2
13 Chicago, Ill.	—	—	—	1	1
17 So. Boston, Mass.	—	1	1	—	2
19 Pittsburgh, Pa.	—	1	2	—	3
25 Cleveland, Ohio	6	—	—	—	6
26 Worcester, Mass.	11	—	—	—	11
36 Chicago, Ill.	10	4	—	—	14
41 Brooklyn, N. Y.	15	1	—	—	16
78 Lawrence, Mass.	5	—	—	—	5
96 Dayton, Ohio	11	4	2	—	17
99 Chicago, Ill.	—	—	1	—	1
102 Detroit, Mich.	8	8	6	2	24
112 Chicago, Ill.	12	4	4	—	20
116 So. Worcester, Mass.	—	—	5	—	5
135 Ansonia, Conn.	1	—	1	—	2
Seniors Cleveland, Ohio	—	7	2	—	9
Total — 18 Councils	86	39	28	5	158

**DOROTHY SINKAVITCH****FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

With my election last August, I have performed my duties as well as circumstances permitted. My position was handicapped throughout the year because the previous Secretary did not turn over all the records to me. Therefore, my report at this time is incomplete.

During the year, notices were sent to 386 delinquent members. Payments were made by 180 which leaves 206 in default, to date. Each Council Financial Secretary was notified of these delinquent members. Four members died during the year.

As of August 14, 1960, we have a total of 5 Districts, namely: New England, New York-New Jersey, Mid-Central, Illinois - Indiana and California; 39 active regular councils, 4 Senior Councils, 10 Junior Councils, 84 priests, 263 families, and 25 members in the Armed Forces. To my report, I am attaching the Individual Standings of each Council and total membership of the Knights of Lithuania. (It is incomplete because of the missing records.)

I would like to thank all the Financial Secretaries and Presidents of each council, who were so kind, patient and helpful to me during the year.

The excellent cooperation of the people with whom I corresponded made a very difficult task considerably easier to perform. It was certainly appreciated.

# MEMBERSHIP

## LARRY JANONIS 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

With high hopes for a more successful drive this year, the 1960 Membership Drive was extended for a period of five months from January 1st to May 31st, so that all councils would have more time to plan their own local drives.

This year's awards go to the following:

### INDIVIDUAL

1. Robert Boris (102)
2. Joseph Chaps (79)

### COUNCIL (Over 25 Members)

1. Detroit (79)
2. Boston (17)

### COUNCIL (Under 25 Members)

1. Detroit (102)
2. Brockton (1)

### DISTRICT

1. Mid-Central
2. New England

The results were good but it would be difficult to use them in comparison with the 1959 drive which was for only three months. There was a total gain of 173 new members in the 1960 drive.

My congratulations to all the winners and at this time I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new members and hope we will have the pleasure of working with you for many years to come.

In accepting the Vice Presidency two years ago, I was of the opinion that my only job was to conduct a drive and present the awards. After two years of extensive research on the problems of membership, I find today that the position now not only involves a drive but requires a study of the causes of the decline and decrease in our membership.

This research was conducted for the first time through a Membership Panel Discussion held at the Detroit National Convention in 1959. We discussed the make-up of our membership; the type and age groups of the councils; their reasons for joining and reasons for leaving; we discovered the likes and dislikes that members had for the various programs conducted by their local councils. The results of the panel should not be buried in files and forgotten but should be incorporated by our councils to further strengthen our membership.

This year we plan a second panel, discussing further our membership and other K. of L. problems. The results of these panels could also be used by any future By-Laws Committees in strengthening our Constitution and By-Laws, a task which should be completed as soon as possible, as this is another cause of the lack of interest in the organization and loss of membership.

Today, it is not enough to load the organization with members who have no genuine interest in its objec-

## GOLF TOURNAMENT — BOWLEY TOURNEY

The 47th National Convention Golf Tournament took place on Thursday, August 18, at the Wachusett Country Club. A bright, sunny day greeted the twenty enthusiasts who teed off at 8 A.M. The scenic course provided a challenging tour and it was a weary group that headed for the 19th hole shortly after midday. In the men's group, the low score of 86 was turned in by Pete Jankowski, Charles Tagman and Connie Daucunas, all of C-26, Worcester. By the luck of the draw, Peter Jankowski was declared the winner of the tournament. Ann Scott of Dayton, Ohio, proved herself the best of the women with a commendable 93. Shooting for a Blind Bogey, which came up 73 for the men and 78 for the women, Anthony Markvenas of C-116, So. Worcester, had a 92 gross with a 20 handicap for a score of 72. Pat Zelinskas of Dayton, Ohio, and Adele Ulevich of C-26, Worcester tied with a net score of 72 in the women's section.

The Strand Bowling Academy was the scene of the Bowling Tourney at 3 P.M. on the same day. Forty-two bowlers took part, many of whom tried candlepins for the first time. The winners were:

**Men:** Anthony Morkunas, C-26, Worcester ..... 303  
**Women:** Helen Gillus, C-26, Worcester ..... 315

### Handicap Winners:

**Men:** Ed Rudis, C-17, So. Boston ..... 322  
**Women:** Marcella Onaitis, C-19, Pittsburgh .. 287

Awards were made to the winners at the Sports Luncheon held on Friday, August 19, in the Crystal room, Hotel Bancroft. Joseph Sakaitis, National Sports Co-chairman, was Master of Ceremonies. Connie Paulukonis, Principal of Lake View Grammar School and Supervisor of Grammar School Sports for the City of Worcester, was the principal speaker and presented trophies to the winners of the tournaments.

**Joseph Sakaitis,**  
**National Sports Co-chairman**

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**Lietuvos Vyčių gyvybės šaltinis — jaunieji vyčiai.  
 Todėl visur organizuokime jaunuosius vyčius ir juos  
 globokime!**

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tives, just for the sake of increasing membership. We must build a more active and interesting program for our councils around the purposes of the Knights of Lithuania, "For God and Country."

In addition to conducting this year's Membership Drive, I attended all the Supreme Council Executive Board meetings and served on the By-Laws and Jubilee Year Committees.

I would like at this time to thank everyone for the kind letters I received in connection with the drive. To express my appreciation to the Supreme Council Officers for their assistance and to Dorothy Sinkavitch, Financial Secretary, for making available to me all the data of this year's Membership Drive. It was a privilege and an honor to work with one of the most active Executive Boards in many years.

## MANDATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Districts represented — 5; Councils — 26; Supreme Council — 8; delegates and alternates — 122; Priests — 14; Honorary Members — 9; Senior Councils — 2; Guests — too numerous to have registered.

BROCKTON, MASS. (1) — Sylvia Shukis.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (3) — Lilian Sasnauskas, Irena Varevice, Walter Svekla.

CHICAGO, ILL. (5) — Helen Zimmer, Ann Marie Pupinik.

WATERBURY, CONN. (7) — Walter Petcavage, Lilian Paulauskas, Peter Kudzma, John Alanskas, Marcella Andrikas, Alfred Greblunas.

ATHOL, MASS. (10) — William Vysnauskas, Alvin Rodsky, Frank Anoris, Stanley Clements.

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS. (17) — Ed. Rudis, John Olevitz, Patricia Plansky, Frances Daniels, Larry Svelnis, Al Jaritis, Jerome Venis, Diane Plevock.

PITTSBURGH, PA. (19) — Stephen Onaitis, Marcella Onaitis, Andy Rozger, Joseph Aleliunas, Walter Chinik, Mildred Chinik.

CLEVELAND, OHIO (25) SENIORS — Hedwig Piktur-nienė Mary Trainy, Antanas Buknis, Juozas Sadauskas.

WORCESTER, MASS. (26) — Carol Zuma, Anne Bender, Mary R. Jankowski, Carol Tagman, William Grigas, Joseph Paulikonis, Joseph Drumstas, Edward Daniels, Anthony Morkunas, Adele Ceraska, Vitold Morkunas, Tillie Gerulis.

NEWARK, N. J. (29) — Stanley Pocius, Liudvikas Stukas, Eleanor Sakevich, Aldona Vasylius, Viktoras Vasylius, Charles Strolis, Julia Strolis.

WESTFIELD, MASS. (30) — Robert T. Smyk, Joseph A. Descavage, Carleen B. Smyk, Alice Descavage.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (36) — Walter G. Tenclinger, Lucille Stacy, Albert A. Kassel, Sophia Zukas, Ona Skerver.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. (41) — Anthony B. Mazeika, Jr., Thomas Mickalski, Eugene Marcis, Helen Matusevičius, Mickel Savage, Joan Mazeika.

ELIZABETH, N. J. (52) — Ruth Laucius, Frances Balandis, Edward Sharkus, Daniel Degutis, Stanley Naiva, Casimier Oskutis, Norbey Wysocki.

BAYONNE, N. J. (67) — Constance Mack, Rita Miskewitz.

LAWRENCE, MASS. (78) — Joan Lisauskas, Mary Nevereska.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN (79) — Frank J. Zager, Sophie M. Zager, Estelle Pileckas, Chester A. Nashlon, Leonard Salas.

GARY, IND. (82) — Richard Mallis.

HARRISON - KEARNY, N. J. (90) — Anthony J. Shalna, Anne Klem, Val Bilaitis.

DAYTON, OHIO (96) — Petronella Zelinskas, Anne Scott, Rita Ambrose, Elaine Lucas.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y. (100) — Genevieve Gobis.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN (102) — Rev. J. W. Stanievich, Robert S. Boris, Anna Mae Uznis.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (103) — Nijolė Jurgelevicius, Patricia J. Balkus, Irene Laudanskas, Tony Luckas.

CHICAGO, ILL. (112) — Monica Kasper, Ann Marie Paukstis, Dolores Yuknis, Geraldine Mack, Walter Greger, Andrew Yuknis.

LINDEN, N. J. (113) — Joseph M. Sable, John Tratulis.

SOUTH WORCESTER, MASS. (116) — Ann Miller, Marion Lukason, Barbara Mazeika, Mary Klimkaitis, Ann Markvenas, Ruth Ciras.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (133) — Antanas Vosylius.

CHICAGO, ILL. Sendraugių kp. — Jonas Jakub - Jakubauskas.

**SUPREME COUNCIL** — Rev. Albert Contons, Joseph Sakevich, Helen Shields, Larry Janonis, Loretta Kassel, Dorothy Sinkavitch, Mrs. Rita Pinkus, Florence Zaleskas, Eleanore Laurin, Jos. Sakaitis.

### DISTRICTS —

ILL-IND. — Irene Sankus, Loretta Macekonis.

MID-CENTRAL — Julie Aleshunas, Stanley Vaitkus.

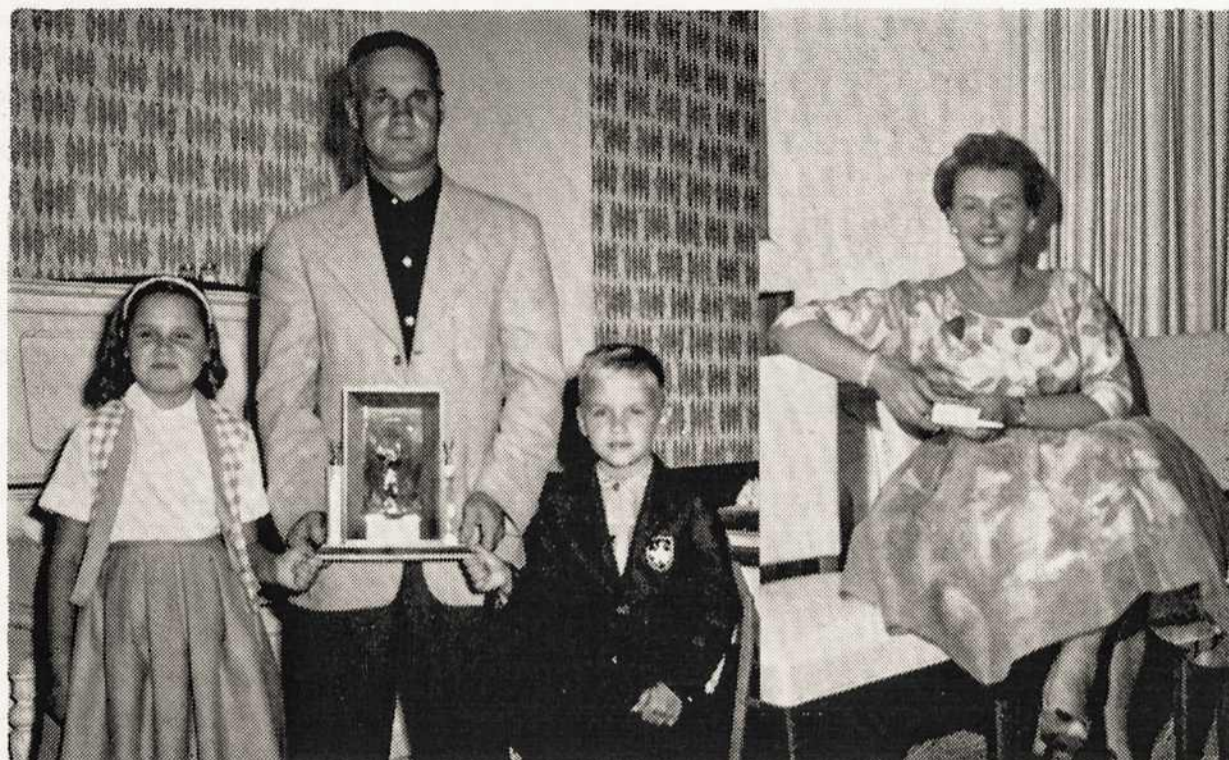
NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY — Pranas Vaškas, Algirdas Budreckis, Juozas Boley-Bolevičius.

NEW ENGLAND — Bernice Kavadaras, Mildred Lapinskas, Ed Rudis, Joan Lazauskas.



Barbecue (Indian Ranch, Webster, Mass.) Seated, from left — Frances M. Grigas and Beverly A. Ranucci (Polka Contest winner at Convention Dance). Top, from left — Patricia M. Cunic, Nancy A. McDonald and Rosemarie E. Benoir — serviced by Frederick Lopez.

Mrs. Mary Jankowski, toastmaster at Closing Banquet pictured with her husband and two children.



## RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

### LORETTA I. KASSELL

Five regular Supreme Council meetings were held during the period of August, 1959 — August, 1960. All members of the Supreme Council and committees were notified by me of the details of these meetings several weeks before each meeting and were sent copies of the minutes after the meetings. Because the locations of these meetings were geographically inconvenient for me, I was able to attend only two of them. A temporary secretary took and assembled the minutes of the other three meetings and left only their distribution to me.

In connection with with a special, Supreme Council - type meeting of Midwest Leaders held in Chicago in February, I sent invitations to all district officers and council presidents of the Midwest as well as to all Supreme Council and National Committee members, and submitted a report of this meeting afterwards to the regular Supreme Council meeting held in New York in May.

In addition, I sent out invitations to the National

Convention in Worcester to all the Lithuanian Consuls in the U. S., as well as to various other Lithuanian dignitaries and to Honorary Members and Past Presidents of the K. of L.

A special letter was sent to all District and Council presidents requesting complete lists of the names and addresses of their respective spiritual advisers, officers and committee heads. Only 25 councils and two districts responded. The names and addresses of the various committee chairmen, etc. of those districts and councils were compiled and sent to the National Chairmen of the respective committees.

A variety of other correspondence dealing with various phases of national and local K. of L. business and activity was carried out as needed during the year.

As a member of the Supreme Council, I also participated in the work of the Jubilee Year and the Constitution Committees.

All correspondence, reports, minutes, pertaining to K. of L. business and my office have been filed and will be turned over to my replacement or to the K. of L. National Archives after completion of my tenure of office.

## LIETUVIŲ KULTŪROS KOMISIJOS PRANEŠIMAI

“Vyčiai už lietuviškumą ir Lietuvą!”

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

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Cerberus

### Convention

Most of the confection at the September District Convention held in Brooklyn, N. Y. were members of the host Council. It's a pleasure to see so many new faces. It would also be a pleasure to see more of the familiar faces at these Conventions.

Algirdas Budreckis held the delegates spellbound with his report, in Lithuanian, of the Worcester Convention. His translation of Lake Chargoggagoggmnchauggugogg-chaubunagungamaugg" generated an atomic blast.

The Elizabeth Council is off to a good start in the District Bowling League. Charlie Strolis leads for individual honors with a 234.

Two — getherness — Elena Miskewitz of Council 67 will "middle-aisleit" with John Nakrosis of Council 90... Ditto: — Helen Zindzius of Council 12 with Vincent Cuperwich of Council 113. Congratulations!

A Testimonial Dinner for the diligent and ubiquitous Larry Janonis will be held at St. Georges' Hall, Newark, N. J. on Sat. Jan. 14, 1961.

**Amsterdam, N. Y. — 100** Smile & Sparkle

That Hurricane Donna was really on a rampage Monday, September 12. Even Amsterdam felt the tail end of it, and this was the evening of our first fall meeting. We had nine people venture the heavy rains to attend — Father Baltch, Pres. Matt Kazlauskas, Treas. Sadie Karbus, Sec'y, Eleanor Stakauskas, Fin. Sec'y, Pauline Urban, Pat Sargalis, Ann Beleckas, Pat Olbie, and Gene Gobis.

Our Halloween Party, to be held on Saturday, October 29, will be headed by Eleanor Stakauskas and assisted by Pat Olbie, Pat Sargalis, and Gene Gobis.

Members enjoyed listening to Gene Gobis' talk on her trip to Europe. Snapshots taken during the trip will be shown at the next meeting. Also Pat Sargalis' highlights of her Hawaii escapades this summer and Father Baltch's vacationing in Bermuda will be ????? at the next meeting. Dessert (donated by Gene Gobis and Eleanor Stakauskas) was served after the business meeting.

### News Bits

Our V. P. Don Nikstenas and Mary Ann Podolec were married Labor Day weekend. They are honeymooning in Florida. Congratulations to you both.

Gene Gobis managed to make part of the Worcester Convention, arriving at the Hotel Bancroft, Saturday 6:30 a.m. with Bob Boris, John Alanskas, Father Al Yankauskas, and the Worcester girls. When they were able to land at Idlewild,, it was 10:30 p.m. Friday night (should have been 6:40 p.m.). All flights to Boston and Worcester had been canceled, and they took a Greyhound out of New York City at 2:00 for Worcester. It took 8 hours to fly from Lisbon to New York, and then — imagine — 4½ hours to get to Worcester!

Isabelle Dopkus had planned to fly to Worcester and was most interested in the Semi-Formal Friday night. Upon getting to the airport she was notified that all flights were canceled due to the storm. So, she took a train and arrived at 4:00 a.m. Saturday. Alas, — no dance.

Old friendship were renewed by Gene and Isabelle with Phyllis Grendal (Boston), Estelle Pileckas, Frank and Sophie Zager, Anna Mae Uznis (Detroit), Julis Aleshunas (Pittsburgh), that Elizabeth crowd,

Joe Kondrotas (Worcester), and Walter and Mildred Chinik (Pittsburgh).

Eleanor Stakauskas vacationed in Atlantic City, New Jersey; Marion Jakaitis in Long Island, New York; Charles and Sadie Karbus in Worcester, Mass. Ann and Tony Beleckas have been very busy putting the finishing touches to their camp on the Sacandaga Reservoir.

**Brooklyn, N. Y. (Queens) — 41**

"Love & Stuff"

Everyone had a grand time at the home of Eugene Marcis on September 3, when we held our "Wind Up Summer" party. The food was good and the lively music put all of us in a "swinging" mood — compliments of Gene's beautiful "home-made" stereo.

Council 41 held its last beach party of the season at Jones Beach Labor Day. By the time we were ready to leave, we were either "waterlogged" or "full of sand", but in any case, "full of fun."

In spite of the "wind & rain in our hair", we managed to enjoy ourselves at the Jack Stukas Picnic in Rahway, N. J. It was a perfect way to end a wonderful summer.

Our District Convention, held at Annunciation Hall on September 18, was quite a success despite the bad weather. Thanks to the "culinary cuties" of Council 41, our guests and delegates were provided with a tasty buffet.

### Chatterbox

Our hi-fi enthusiast is inquisitive to know if Lithuanian culture records are available in stereo.... I wonder how the scenery is in Rhode Island, boys.... I'm sure our soldier boy will never forget the "fond" farewell he received on Sept. 3.... I see Baby Doll went and got herself a real cute boyish bob.... How those birds did fly at Jones Beach. What

a perfect take-off.... Looks like M. M. is quite a popular gal lately — Marjorie Morningstar, that is.... I don't think anyone will ever forget Tony's "grand entrance" into the Royal Gardens Park, and I'm quite certain that Tony won't either because he had a real "bang up" time.... Confidential to Eleanor: How is uncle Stanley?

#### Philadelphia, Pa. — 3 "Twinkle"

Hi Everybody! Summertime was great wasn't it. Our members enjoyed the various activities we had planned, such as, swimming parties, crabbing, etc. etc. Now we are deep in thought as to what we shall do in the new Fall season.

Our members who attended the Worcester National Convention came back full of enthusiasm for a bigger and better K. of L. They also spent weeks after the Convention rehashing all the fun they had. It seems that on Monday after the Convention all our members ended up in the "drink" at the Bungalow with all their clothes on. Why bother with bathing suits. It's more fun the other way. Council 26 was a wonderful host and sincere congratulations on this very successful Convention. Our members keep running around and play some sort of game called "I'm Leaving." Does anybody have any ideas what this means? I don't know but every time this starts up, they all burst into fits of laughter. Must have been pretty funny. Our 3 Convention delegates — Irene Varevice, Lillian Sasnauskas and Walter Svekla — did a bang-up job on their Convention report to our Council. Thanks for being such wonderful representatives. We extend our sincere best wishes to all the new Supreme Council officers. Our own Helen Shields was re-elected First Vice-President of the Supreme Council. We are very proud of her.

Speaking of good times, about 9 of our members spent a weekend at Jack Stukas' place in Long Island. They reported they had loads of fun. Again, they have another game — it's called "Cardinal." These people sure think up the games.

Our very best wishes to Bob Paul who was transferred to Wash-

ington, D. C. He's now associating with the V.I.P.'s. Who knows, he may be our next U. S. President.

Since the Convention, some of our members have the "New England Bug." Just call up a certain party and faster than you can blink your eyes — WHOOSH — off she goes, bag and baggage! You know who I mean, don't you? Pretty soon we're going to have a direct express from St. Casimir's in Philly to New England.

Our sailor, John Mickunas, was seen last week putting his boat in dry dock. Oh well, no more wild boat rides until next summer. I hear he's going to take up skiing for the winter. Never sits still, that boy.

Tom Meron now spends his time playing football. Got to keep those muscles in shape.

Walter Svekla decided he had nothing better to do so now he went back to school. How's the mail these days, Walter?

Irene Varevice won the polka contest with Rudy Rudis of Boston at Jack Stukas' picnic in Rahway, N. J. Congratulations, Irene, I knew you could do it. Johnny Mickunas was one of the judges for the Beauty Contest at Jack's picnic.

Our congratulations to our two newly married couples. Ginny Linkewich became Mrs. Steve Salnaitis on October 16 and Terry Macey and Albert Dameika were joined in marriage on October 8. Lots of weddings around here these days.

Our best wishes to our new parents — Joe and Lis Turanski. They are now the papa and mama of an adorable baby boy.

Joe Yanulaitis is now a full time teacher at Sayre Jr. High School.

Terry Mažeika just took her vacation which took her through Canada, Detroit and Chicago. We're waiting to hear all about her escapades.

Happy Birthday wishes go to Irene Varevice who celebrated this auspicious occasion on October 1. How many birthdays a year do you have anyway, Irene?

Well, members, that's all for now! All I can say is let's get the bandwagon rolling for a bigger and better Council. Summer fun is over and now it's time to get back to work. See you next month.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Ansonia, Conn. — 135

Olga  
Savitskas

Time has flown by as usual and with the end of the year swiftly approaching I simply had to buckle down and get in a resume of what's been going on.

It is with regret that the writer reports that as of the end of September, after being with us for twelve years, our beloved pastor, Spiritual Adviser and Fourth Degree Member, Rev. B. Gauronskas was transferred from St. Anthony's to serve as pastor in St. Andrew's Church, New Britain.

This was only part of our loss, inasmuch as his assistant, Rev. A. Zanavich was transferred at the same time to New Britain. Father Zanavich served as our Spiritual Adviser for the past several years.

We will all miss them very much, and we take this opportunity to extend our thanks to both Fathers for their efforts on our behalf and I know we all cherish many pleasant memories of our association. May God Bless you both with health and happiness for many years to come.

Sunday, November 13th, the parishioners are making arrangements for a testimonial honoring Fathers Gauronskas and Zanavich. Three of our own members, i. e. Mill Olga Savitskas, Joseph Chernauskas and Stanley Bujanauskas will serve as co-chairmen with several others. Also working on the committee are John Sabulis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Baranauskas, Miss Lillian Chaplik, Miss Mildred Driznus and Miss Ann Ramanauskas. The women of the parish will prepare and serve the meal. Various city officials and dignitaries will be on hand to pay tribute to the Fathers.

At this time we would like to welcome our new pastor Rev. George Vilciauskas and congratulate him on his first pastoral appointment, and say that we are looking forward to having him at our meetings. May our Lord bestow upon you his choicest blessings to enable you to carry out your duties.

The summer went by altogether too fast, but I am sure all members enjoyed their vacations, cookouts, fishing trips etc.

Word Association — August — warm weather; water — fishing; boat — seasick, which brings to mind Ann and Al Barauskas who were recently on a fishing trip and to say the least they both turned green and it was sailor haeve ho.

Another fisherman in our group is President John "Big Daddy" Sabulis. Picture if you will 250 lbs., and I use that figure loosely, hanging over the railing. Need I say more. But the day was not a complete loss, was it John. You brought home, was it two or three fish? Thank heavens for Downings Fish Market, whose business in spite of all the fishermen and their fish stories continues to flourish and show a decided increase in profits. Next time folks, let's live modern — there are pills for seasickness you know.

Our annual cookout was held at March's Farm, Bethlehem, Conn. and the report reads: weather — delightful; food — delicious and plentiful; sports — volley ball, badminton, ecetera; muscles — sore for days. Summation — a wonderful time was had by all. Hosts Mr. & Mrs. Mathew March and family most gracious. Sincere thanks to them for having us back time and time again.

Came the fall and our thoughts wearily turned to cold weather and short days, but we were not downhearted for long.

The first fall meeting was called to order and after a pep talk of keeping our muscles in trim, and our minds active during the balance of the year, the spontaneous response, enthusiasm, willingness, call it what you will, was overwhelming to say the least and with ACTION the key word the spirit was moved.

First and foremost, what in your opinion is a **must** when Mother Nature puts on her Fall Show of colors, each view more beautiful than the last? You are absolutely right, A motor trip. And where to enjoy this splendor to the fullest extent than a trip to Bear Mountain. And so the decision was made and a date set. When the day arrived for the trip, the sun shone brightly and it promised to be a warm one. Some members were unable to go at the last minute, but undaunted Ann and Al Barauskas, Ann Ramanauskas, Lillian Chaplik and Olga Savitskas

took off at 8:00 A.M. Destination Bear Mountain.

Pilot Al Barauskas was up at the crack of dawn to map out the route and Ann Barauskas acted as navigator, following the course plotted by Al. We traveled some 70 miles, thoroughly enjoying the scenic route and chattering away — interrupted occasionally by the pilot asking which turn to take, when 10' and behold we found ourselves right at the Mass. turnpike. Now don't get me wrong, we would pass Bear Mountain. Our destination you say. Hardly. We're supposed to be heading for Bear Mountain, New York not Connecticut. But we did not waver or hesitate for a moment. Onward we said, but I think it's time the back seat driver took over to steer us to New York. I can happily report that we spent several very enjoyable hours at Bear Mountain Park. Coming home plans were changed in a split second and instead of heading for home via Danbury, we found ourselves going down Route 9 towards the Parkway and dinner at the Red Coach Grill, we hought. However, we missed same by about six miles and were content to dine at the Jolly Fisherman in Norwalk. And thus our day ended at 10:00 P.M., tired but happy even with the unexpected turn of events. Al, any time you're ready for another trip, we're with you.

However, at this point I hasten to mention that we are arranging for a hike and it comes to mind that Al Barauskas informed us he knows of several good trails. Well, there's always the Appalachian Trail, but Al you wouldn't. Take my word for it, we will check and double check before we head for the hills.

The month of October brings to mind, pumpkins, apple cider, Halloween, and this means a party of course. We have scheduled one for October 22nd, and the theme — why man looks like you're right on the beam — BEATNIK. Co-chairmen Lillian Chaplik and Olga Savitskas state — be true to the theme or pay the consequences. An evening of poetry by lightbulb, bongo drums and expresso spells an evening like way out.

Anyone knowing of a diet "Keep eating and lose weight" please forward it to Lillian Chaplik, 11 Smith Street, Ansonia. Her hobby, collecting diets.

Incidentally we are looking forward a trip to Greenwich Village, Saturday, November 5th, stopping at Cafe Rienzi where the chatter is like way, way out, the Rone where big time jazz musicians wander in for a chorus or two and dinner at Branchi and Margherita's where good cooking and opera go hand in hand.

Belated congratulations extended to Peter Gumbulevich, Jr. and his bride Helen Parish who were united in marriage in June. For Pete it was a most memorable day because at 4:00 A.M. on his wedding day, the family home was struck by lightning and Pete just about managed to salvage his tuxedo, but the wedding went off as scheduled. Best of luck and happiness to both of you in your new home. Pete says every home should have an electric broom sweeper and a paint sprayer, and this keeps you busy on the inside and on the outside.

Congratulations go out to Floyd Trapkauskas and his bride-to-be Gloria Romano of New York who will tie the knot January 21st.

Also on the marital list are Lillian Svelnys and Donald Poehailos, who is presently serving in the U.S. Army at the Recruiting and Publicity Center, Governor's Island, New York. Don will be out in May, and most likely the wedding bells will ring shortly thereafter.

We sure hope that not only are our members gaining new mates, but that the council will also gain new members. Let's sign them in.

Attention girls — the jolly bachelor's group is decreasing in number, and if this chain reaction continues — girls what can I say but good luck to all of you.

Absent for the past four years has been Leon Barauskas who has been in the service, but who is scheduled to be out in December. We understand Leon has become a champion ten pin bowler with trophies galore, and we anticipate he will give us some free pointers in bowling. How about it Leon, free I said.

Michael Kasinskas is another absentee member who is presently attending his first year at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy. Keep up the good work, Mike.

Glad to report that Ann Kasinskas in her second year of teaching is happily keeping her kindergarten

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class busy in Laurel Ledge School, Beacon Falls.

We also extend best wishes to Ruth and Jack Tyson who not too long ago moved into their new home. May you share many years of happiness and I know son Bobby is having himself a ball in the wide open spaces.

We are very sorry to hear that one of our active members Helen Valentine has been on the sick list well over a month. Our prayers and sincere wishes are with you Helen, for a complete and fast recovery so that you can once again join us in our activities.

What's that you say. Violet Brazitis — her back — injured at work. Well I do declare — Vi you simply will have to be more careful. At the rate you're going you'll know every specialist in and out of town. You certainly have had more than your share of bad breaks, and we hope your present seige will be of short duration and that you'll be dancing the polka real soon. God bless you.

Hear tell that Mildred Driznus and Olga Savitskas are dividing their time between the parish activities and the Business and Professional Business Women's Club acting as Program Coordinators. Anyone knowing of any speakers, or anyone having slides to show, please contact them. They will be happy to hear from you.

This being the big election year, the reason we don't see too much of Judge Joseph Chernauskas and Floyd Trapkauskas is that both are diligently working to further the Republican cause.

Incidentally word is around that Casey Svelnys is a very handy man to have around the house and that he has outdone himself with the recreation room. Sounds like the ideal place for a party.

The main project for the council the coming year will be to raise funds to defray expenses of the Thurible and Incense Boat which we have donated to the church. Incidentally the interior of St. Anthony's has been redecorated and many new furnishings will also be added before the work is completed.

To you members who have dropped out or have been on the inactive list too long, we say come around and join in the fun. We miss you at

our meetings and affairs, and we are sure you are by-passing many enjoyable hours.

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The September meeting brought reminiscences of the Worcester convention. Practically all C-17 members appeared at the Bancroft for some part of the convention activities. The banquet was attended by some of our less frequently seen members, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Young, Mr. and Mrs. Albin Neviera, and Larry Svelnis were there.

At the final session of the convention, two of our members were elected to national offices: Frances Daniels to trustee and Edmund Rudis to the Ritual Committee. Frannie D. had served on the Mandate Committee throughout the convention sessions.

At our council's monthly meeting, nine members officially received their first degrees. Our best wishes to Frank Averka, Janet Gideck, Loretta Kontrim, Albina and Leo Rudziunas, Norma Razvad, Alice Zaremba, Gus Uselis, and Diane Plevock who have climbed to the first rung of the K. of L. ladder of achievement.

At this meeting, C-17 announced its plans for the annual fall dance. It will be held on November 26th at the third floor of Southie's Lithuania Club. This hall was very recently opened and boasts eye-catching decor. That's just another feature for a dance that promises to be pleasurable.

The council's monthly social was decreed to be a brisk hike through the Blue Hills on Saturday, October 8th followed by a weenie roast in the color splashed woods.

Quite naturally, September marked the beginning of the bowling season. A new alley (the Bond Alleys) with a bright new interior welcomed the energetic sportsmen for their Monday night work-out.

In a newsy vein, there are a few items to report: Frannie Daniels and Janet Gideck have returned from their late summer vacations. Frannie had gone to New Hampshire while Janet spent a few days in Maryland... Angie and Stan Yelmokas with their youngsters spent an autumn weekend enjoying Cape

Cod.... K. of L. couples Anita and John Daniels, and Joanne and Pete Gedaminsky welcomed daughters on the same day. For both couples, it is the first child.... Phyllis Rudis became the bride of Robert Gendreau in a beautiful fall wedding at St. Peter's. To them goes every wish for wedded happiness. They plan to make their home in South Boston.... A diamond gleams from the finger of Ann Wisniewski. She and Charlie Marcinkevicius have announced their engagement. They plan to be married June 3rd.... C-17 now has three recording artists in its membership. John Olevitz sings with Albina and Leo Rudziunas on the Boston Mišrus Choras, L. P. recording of several Lithuanian folk songs. The record is beautifully, artistically done. Albina is secretary of the chorus.... Norma Razvad is another singer in our midst. She sings with St. Peter's Church Choir. With all these fine voices to help out, our council's singing of the Vyčiu Hymnas should soon approach concert caliber.

Our council's Spiritual Adviser, Fr. Zuromskis has had one active September. On Labor Day he was co-chairman for the Field Day which the Sisters of Jesus Crucified held. Shortly there after, he was called out on the hurricane alert for Hurricane Donna. Father John is chaplain for the National Guard. Whither they goest — be must go. It meant into the hurricane that night.

At the District convention, Frances Daniels was re-elected secretary while Al Jaritis was elected trustee of the New England District K. of L. Congratulations must also go to Joanne Neviera who became sodality prefect and to Pat Plansky who became sodality vice prefect. All four are wished much success in their ambitious undertakings.

Get-well wishes travel to Florence Zaleskas who has spent some days on the sick list. We hope she is and stays well.

The council extends its sincerest sympathy to Phyllis Grendal on the death of her brother Dr. Michael Grendal and to Wanda Yelmokas on the death of her father.

The future plans of the council include a Day of Recollection to be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent in Brockton.