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As KNIGHTS, stand guard and e'er strive
To keep your heritage alive!

LITHUANIA wears such heavy chains;
Yet, WORDS and DEEDS can ease HER pains.
For, who will act for those subdued,
If we, who're free, their cause delude?

S. Kaucevick

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CARDINAL CUSHING'S INVOCATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 — The invocation at President Kennedy's inaugural was offered by Cardinal Cushing of Boston, long a close personal friend of the new President and his family.

The text of Cardinal Cushing's prayer follows:

In this year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-one, we ask Thee, O Almighty God, to enlighten us:

That we may know, as men, our personal responsibilities;

That we may know, as Americans, our political, social and humanitarian responsibilities;

That we may know, as citizens of the world, our global responsibilities to ourselves and our fellow men;

That we may know, as children of God, our responsibilities to the Father of mankind;

Enlighten us, O Lord, that we may know how to combine all of these responsibilities into a continuing principle of responsibility;

Enlighten us that we may know how to put this principle of responsibility into daily practice, both in ideal and action — in these troubled but hopeful times.

In this year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-one, we beseech Thee, O Almighty God, to strengthen our resolve;

To enlarge our vision of the common good;

To implement with personal sacrifice the objectives of our national purpose;

To revere in every man that divine spark which makes him our brother — that human spark which can make him our friend — and that personal spark which makes him himself;

To learn to ask ourselves sincerely in every community effort, not what we can get out of it, but what we can put into it.

To defend my right to be myself; to defend my neighbor's right to be himself, and to defend America's duty to respect the rights of all men.

Strengthen our resolve, O Lord, to transform this recognition of others into a principle of cooperation.

Inspire us to practice this principle of cooperation both in ideal and action — in these most dangerous, but soulstretching times.

On this twentieth day of January — one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one years after the birth of



The Pilot

President John F. Kennedy and Cardinal Cushing

Christ — on the occasion of the inauguration of John Fitzgerald Kennedy as President of the United States of America,

Do Thou, O Almighty God, give him, his Cabinet, the Congress and courts of the United States — and all of us — the grace:

To perform with full personal responsibility our duties as free men;

To perform in full cooperation our duties as American citizens;

To perform with complete vigilance our duty to prevent the spread of totalitarian terror everywhere;

To perform with religious fervor our duty to teach, implement, and create true freedom as a way of life at home and abroad — for true freedom underlie human dignity and is a holy state of life.

Give us the grace then, O Lord, to realize that we are made to be holy according to Thy image and likeness; for to be good is to be Godlike.

Give us the vision, O loving Creator of men, to realize that in Thy plan we have a selfsacrificing part to play in completing an unfinished universe; for to sacrifice is to conquer;

Give us the strength to further Thy creation by our responsible and dedicated work — for to labor and pray;

Give us the charity to further Thy creation by our brotherly cooperation — for to care is to love.

Finally, O Lord of men and nations, through confidence in Thee let men take hope in what is being done in this capitol of our nation, in this hour, in this month of January, in the year 1961; let hearts everywhere be lifted and let anxieties be dispelled as new hands, in the vigor of youth, grasp the wheel of the ship of state. Put Thy Hands on his hands, put Thy spirit in his heart, put Thy justice and peace, the work of justice, in all his programs and let this land — and all lands — move forward under Thy guidance and through his leadership to new frontiers in peace, progress and prosperity. Amen.

WHO WILL ROLL THE STONE BACK?

REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS

Three sad women made their way to the tomb where their Crucified Lord was buried. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Salome were carrying spices to anoint the body of Jesus on the third day after His death on the Cross. Their hearts were heavy with grief.

"Who will roll the stone back from the doorway of the tomb for us?" they wondered as they approached the burial place.

Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back. They were amazed to see a young man sitting at the right side, clothed in a white robe. The angel said to them, "Do not be terrified. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him."

Here is the greatest miracle of our Christian religion. The resurrection of Christ from the dead is a mystery of faith and at the same time a source of joy and consolation.

No one else in history has rolled back the stone of his tomb. Mighty pharaohs of Egypt are still locked within their massive pyramids. Charlemagne the great has been unable to roll back the stone of his mausoleum at Aix-la-Chapelle. Napoleon, the brilliant emperor of the nineteenth century, is still contained within his marble tomb at the Hotel des Invalides in Paris.

Christ alone was able to roll back the stone and rise from the dead resplendent with glory. To Christ alone are the words of the Introit of

the Mass of Easter Sunday appropriate, "I arose and am still with thee, alleluia." To the Risen Saviour can the words of the prophet be best applied, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death where is thy sting?"

In exile on the isle of St. Helena, Napoleon compared the puny achievements of man with the glories of the Risen Saviour. Napoleon exclaimed, "I have inspired great crowds who were willing to die for me; but this always required my presence, the magnetism of my look, my accent, a word from me... Today that I am in exile on St. Helena, now that I am alone and nailed to this rock of an island, where are my courtiers in my misfortune? Who will help me and work for me in all Europe? Where are my friends? What a tremendous difference between my profound misery and the eternal kingdom of Jesus Christ, preached, adored, loved, and living in the whole world!"

The resplendent Christ, victorious over death, is a pledge that we too shall rise from the dead, that we are, in the words of St. Paul, "sons of God... and heirs also: heirs indeed of God and joint heirs with Christ, provided, however, we suffer with him that we may also be glorified with him."

The cross came before the empty tomb, suffering before glory, trial before victory. This is true of our lives too. But God has given us the heroic lives of the saints to inspire us and encourage us in the imitation of Christ.

ALELIUJA!

Visus vyčius ir ju prietelius
sveikiname su Kristaus Pri-
sikėlimo švente. Tai skatina
mus keltis ir kilti naujam,
gražesniam veikimui.

Aleliuja!

We can look with hope and encouragement at the example of St. Casimir, our patron saint, who lived a life of steadfast devotion to Christ that he might share the reward of eternal happiness with God in heaven.

Casimir never tired of meditating on the Passion of Christ, Who "humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even to death on the cross." Often he shed tears, contemplating the depths of the divine love of the Crucified Savior.

So renowned was Casimir for his justice that he was called by the people "defender of the poor." No matter how wretched or poor a person might be, if his cause was just, Casimir defended it.

Proof of Casimir's love of God was his ardent charity for his fellow man. Not only did he distribute his possessions to aid captives, travelers, and the poor, but he gave himself — his time and his labors — to care for the sick and relieve the suffering.

If we are to share in the joy of eternal life with God, we must contemplate the life of Christ, His cross, and the example of the saints.

But who will roll back the stone of selfishness from our hearts? Who will roll back the stone of pride, of sloth, of envy which hinder us in our progress in the way of God?

We look with hope and faith to the Risen Savior, to Christ Who said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, even if he die, shall live; and whoever lives and believes in me, shall never die."

PROTESTUOKIME, MELSKIMĖS IR KOVOKIME

Minime Vasario 16 ir šv. Kazimiero, Lietuvos Globėjo šventes. ALR Katalikų Federacijos Valdyba norėtų šio krašto ir viso laisvojo pasaulio lietuviams priminti ir paprašyti ta proga atkreipti ypatingą dėmesį į tikėjimo ir tikinčiųjų persekiojimą Lietuvoje.

Iš Romos gauta žinia, kad Vilniuje suimtas vyskupas JULIJONAS STEPONAVIČIUS, Vilniaus ir Panevėžio vyskupijų apaštališkasis administratorius. Paskutiniu metu komunistinė spauda jį kaltino, kad išleides slaptą kunigams aplinkraščių, ragindamas vaikus mokytį katekizmo, pats juos katekizavo ir teikė sutvirtinimo sakramentą. Spauldoje neskelbė, bet labiausiai pakaltino už tai, kad atsisakė šventintį kunigus keturis klierikus, kuriuos "kulto reikalam" komisaras J. Rugienius buvo rekomendavęs. Vysk. J. Steponavičius dar paliepė juos pašalinti iš seminarijos. Valdžia paliko juos ir toliau seminarijoje, nors mokslus jau baigę. Kiti Lietuvos vyskupai, į kuriuos jie kreipėsi, taip pat atsisakė šventinti.

ŠVENTASIS KAZIMIERAS savo dangiška globa stiprina visais laikais lietuvių tautą. Savo meilę šventajam jį paliudija Vilniaus mieste jo garbei pastatyta katedra ir įrengta puošnia koplyčia (šiandien ta šventovė bolševikų išniekinta). Bolševikai šventojo palaikus perkėlė į šv. Petro ir Povilo bažnyčią Antakalnyje. Nėdavė ramybės šventajam Lietuvos Globėjui, atėmė laisvę ir jo palaikų saugotojui Vilniaus vyskupui.

JAV ir viso laisvojo pasaulio lietuviai prašomi:

1. Kur dar ne vėlu, Vasario 16 minėjimuose siūlyti priimti protesto rezoliucijas prieš katalikų tikėjimo Lietuvoje persekiojimą, vyskupo J. Steponavičiaus, kunigų ir tikinčiųjų kalinimą.

2. Kur dar ne vėlu, minint šv. Kazimiero šventę (kovo 4) pagausinti maldas, prašant globos ir sutrumpinti kančias Lietuvos dvasiškijai ir tikintiesiems; susitarus su parapijų klebonais, ruošti šventas valandas bei novenas ta intencija.

3. Kelti spauldoje protestus prieš religijos persekiojimą Lietuvoje. Lietuvos katalikams daroma didžiausia skriauda tuo metu, kai Maskva siūlo šio krašto naujai administracijai taikius santykius.

4. Jei Vasario 16 ir Šv. Kazimiero minėjimuose nebūtų suskubta to padaryti, organizacijų vadovybės prašomos sukviesti specialius protesto mitingus ir priimti atitinkamas reloliucijas.

5. Priimtas rezoliucijas siūsti šio krašto prezidentui John F. Kennedy, valstybės sekretoriui D. Rusk, JAV ambasadoriui prie Jungtinių Tautų A. Stevensonui, valstybių gubernatoriams, senatoriams bei kongresmanams.

Laisvojo pasaulio lietuviai visais galimais būdais turi protestuoti prieš lietuvių tautos kankinimą ir atidaryti pasauliui bolševikų melą, esą jie garantuoja tikėjimo ir sąžinės laisvę.

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ŠVENTO KAZIMIERO KARIUOMENĖ

Kas ten bilda, kas ten dunda, net žemelė dreba? —
Tai Kazimiero kareiviai keliasi iš grabo.

Šventi vyrai iš po Kauno, iš urvų slaptingu
keliasi Velykų naktį, kelias stebuklingai.

Šarvai blizga nenešioti, nevirtoti skydai
gyvomis sidabro aukso lelijomis žydi.

Greitai lekia plieno kulkos, greitai — mintys blaivios,
dar greičiau — ugniniai vyčiai, užburti kareivos!

Tiltus jiems išgrindžia žvaigždės Nemune sukrite —
kaip iš karstų nesikelti tėviškės lankyti?!

Šaukia jie balsais gyvųjų ir verpetais narstos,
lyg norėdami čia likti — nebegrižti karstuos...

Tik per šimtą metų kartą, tiktai naktį šventą
tau valia nors trumpą mirksnį draug su jais gyventi.

Lietuvos visų bažnyčių jiems varpai tad gaudžia,
užburbėję užpelėję jiems vargonai siaudžia!..

Kai ta iškilmė aptilsta, raiteliai sujoja
Nemuno ir Neries upių santakon erdviojon.

Južų tarpe pasirodo jaunas karaliūnas —
kieta ašutinė dengia baltąjį jo kūną.

Lelija jo rankoj žėri, aureolė tviska.
Kupinas šventos ramybės jis apžvelgia viską.

Kaip balandžiai ten apstoja raiteliai jo šaunūs.
Taria jis žodžius slaptuosius, peržegnojęs Kauną:

— Vilniuj guli kaulai mano. Vilniuj karstas mano,
mano mintys kaip paukšteliai vis čionai plevena.

Po Kaunu urvų slaptųjų pasirinkom rimtį —
nors per šimtą metų kartą mirksniui čia atgimti.

Lyg nematomieji kryžiai pakelėj sustoje —
budim tėviškės sargyboj, budim amžinojoj.

Mano ginklas nepraliejo mano brolio kraujo,
tat man lemta vadovaut jums, laukti žygio naujo.

Daug vargų gyvieji kenčia, daug vaidų patyrė,
dar ne metas stot pagalbon, šviesūs Dievo vyrai.

Kai užklups didžiausias vargas, kai aptems jiems saulė,
mes pakilsim — nugalėsime visą jiems pasaulį! —

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"VYTIES" REDAKCIJA

A VISIT WITH POPE JOHN XXIII

By REV. JOHN C. JUTT



Three Lithuanian Priest Brothers Received by Pope: Father Julius A. Jutt, Pope John XXIII, Father John C. Jutt, former National Spiritual Adviser and Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania and Father Anthony J. Jutt.

Every traveller to Europe dreams of visiting Rome with its ancient ruins, its huge basilicas and its great museums. Rome has many attractions not the least of which is the Vatican, the Center of all Catholicism. The Holy City's sights thrill the visitor but none leaves such an unforgettable impression on one as an audience with the Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ on earth.

Pope Pius XII, of happy memory, was accustomed to grant special audiences almost every day. The present Pope, John XXIII, eliminated most of these special audiences. Only on extremely particular occasions does he grant what is known as a "special audience". He confines himself mostly to general audiences which are held every Wednesday and Saturday morning. These are attended by crowds of anywhere from 5000 to 20,000 people and unless one is fortunate to be close by, one can hardly hope to see the Holy Father from a close distance, much less talk to him.

Our efforts to get a special audience with Pope John were successful. The English-speaking salesmen of the Fiat Corporation, makers of the Italian Fiat cars, were in town and the Holy Father was most gracious in granting them a special audience on a Monday morning. We were informed that permission was granted us to go along.

Accompanied by Father V. Balčiūnas of the Lithuanian College in Rome, we drove to the summer resi-

dence of the Holy Father at Castel Gondolfo, a town about 15 miles from Rome. The weather was not anywhere near good. It was thundering, lightning and pouring heavy rains. Presenting our invitations to the Guards at the entrance, we were ushered into a fairly large hall at the end of which was a throne, placed on the top of a series of steps covered with rich red carpeting. In front of the throne were chairs and benches for those invited to attend the audience. As the time approached for the Holy Father's entrance, about 140 people were seated, all anxiously waiting for the moment that would be the climax of their visit to the Holy City. Soon four Swiss Guards in their typical uniforms came out and took their places at each of the four corners of the throne. After some anxious moments the side doors opened and accompanied by his Chamberlain and a few other dignitaries, Pope John appeared in his immaculately white cassock. He stopped momentarily, glanced at the people and then ascended the throne. As soon as he sat down, an official of the Fiat Corporation greeted the Holy Father in behalf of the salesmen who were present.

The Holy Father began to speak. Everyone was quiet. He spoke in Italian but a Monsignor Ryan from Ireland, a member of the Vatican Secretarial Staff, translated what the Pope said into English. Pope John finds it very hard to converse in English. When he is

required to do so for special reasons, he reads from a prepared text. Because the Fiat men were in attendance, he commented on the word "Fiat" as it is used in the Old and New Testaments. He used three expressions: Fiat lux — let there be light; Fiat pax — let there be peace; Fiat Laetitia — let there be joy.

"May God grant you the light that you may know the truth and then live in accordance with that truth. Then you will have peace, the peace that comes to those who are faithful to the will of God. Then you will experience true joy on the earth and even more so after death in heaven."

Commenting on the thundering outside, he continued: **"It's raining and thundering outside but don't think that that is a bad omen. Remember that many great events in history were accompanied by thunder and lightning, as for example, Moses receiving the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai and the Resurrection of Our Lord. When the Vatican Council ended, there was thunder and lightning and many thought that the heavens were objecting to the Proclamation of the Dogma of Infallibility and that the Council was not successful. However future events showed that the Council was very successful and we may say that the elements were the approval that the heavens showed for the work of the Council. So the thunder and lightning of today may be omens of good things to come to you from this visit which you have made to me. Certainly the bad weather will help you to recall your visit to John XXIII."**

After imparting his blessing on everyone present, he descended the throne to speak with some of the people. All of a sudden, we heard the words in Italian: Tre Fratelli, meaning Three Brothers. The Holy Father was calling for us. We approached him, kissed his ring and chatted with him for a few moments. Then he told his aides to take us into an adjoining room. We did. None else was permitted to go into the room. Soon the Holy Father came in and we conversed for about eight minutes. He explained how he knew about us. It is his

custom on the evening before a special audience to look over the names of those who will attend it. When he saw our names, he remarked to his Chamberlain: "Tomorrow there will be three brothers, all priests, in the Audience." He inquired about our parents and the members of the family. He asked about all those with whom we worked and who were under our charge in the parishes to which we were assigned. He then stated that his apostolic blessing goes to our parents, our brothers and sisters and all those who were in any way connected with us.

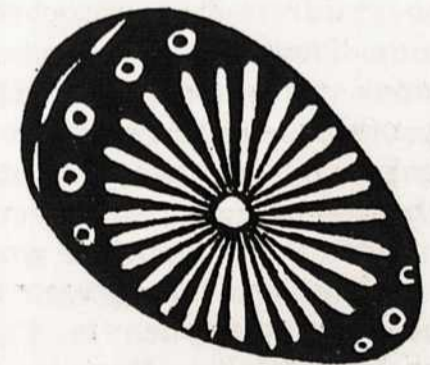
As we ended our conversation, he called in a photographer who snapped a colored picture of the four of us. It is the one that accompanies this article. Before the day was over, we obtained a number of copies of the photograph. Needless to say that it is one that we shall always cherish and treasure.

Pope John XXIII is a very gracious person, jovial and very humble. It is very easy to meet him for he seems to avoid formalities. He is very fatherly and seems ready to please at all times. He is full of energy and his vitality would put many younger people to shame.

I often think of some of us who try to justify our laziness (what else could it be) by offering excuses like: I haven't the time or I'm getting old. What an example to us all is the present Holy Father who, though now 79 years old, carries willingly and joyfully the burden of the whole Church on his shoulders. What an example he is to us K. of L'ers who at times shirk our responsibilities as Catholics, as Lithuanians and as K. of L. members. Surely as we look upon the Holy Father, we find that there is no excuse for us not to fulfil our duties as K. of L'ers.

Despite his age, Pope John has undertaken a monumental task. He has called for a General Council of the Church for 1962. He is deeply concerned about it. Church Unity is something Our Lord prayed for. It should be the concern of every Catholic. That will be the purpose of the Council: find ways of bringing about Church unity among Catholics and non-Catholics. Let us pray for the success of the Council. Let us pray for the Holy Father. Let us remember that, in praying for him, we pray for the Church and for the work of Christ on this earth.

This article was written by Rev. John C. Jutt, former National Spiritual Adviser and one of our Honorary Members. This past autumn with his two brothers, Father Anthony and Father Julius, he made a tour of nine countries in Europe. The climax and highlight of the tour was a private audience with the Holy Father, Pope John XXIII. His impressions are expressed in the article. Father Jutt has promised to write in detail about his trip and we are hopeful that accounts of it will appear in the next editions of the VYTIS.



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THE EASTER EGG

JOANNE H. NEVIERA

One of the first things that comes to mind as soon as one mentions Easter, is: eggs.

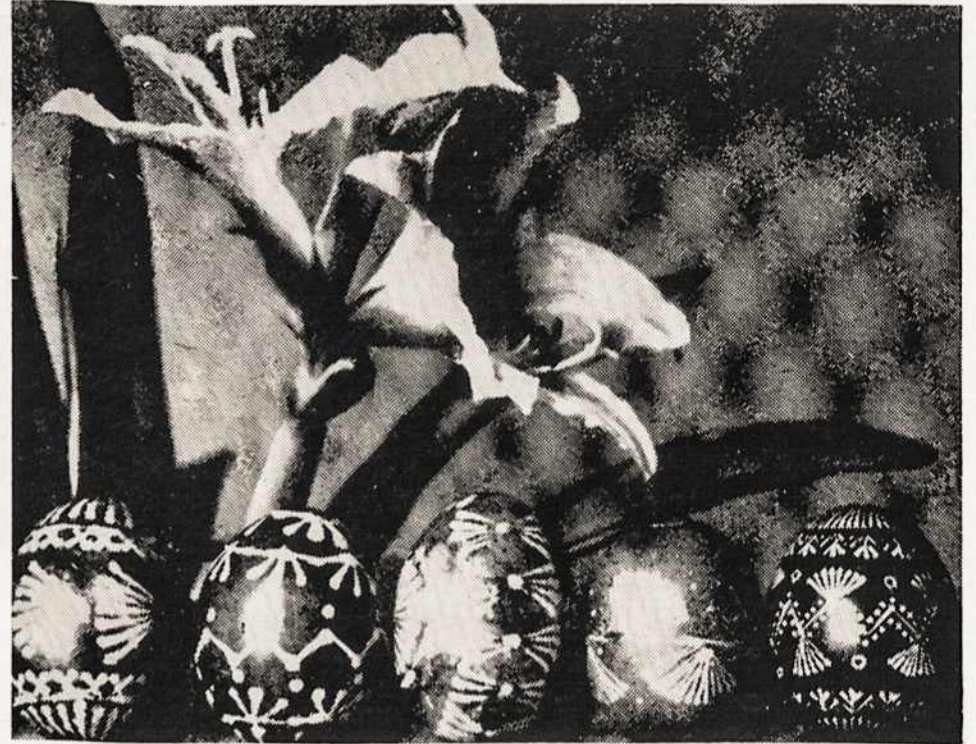
From the earliest days in man's history the egg has been accepted as a symbol of the universe. When a child is born in China, hard-boiled eggs are put into its first bath — one white egg if it is a boy; two eggs colored red, if it is a girl. These are to assure the child a long life, good health, and abundant good luck.

The egg of Easter has become a symbol of the Resurrection. Colored eggs are used whenever Easter is celebrated. In some countries, games have been devised in which these eggs are used especially on Easter Day or Easter Monday.

In the United States it has become a custom for the President and the First Lady to receive children on the south lawn of the White House for their egg-rolling game. If the weather is fair, thousands of children arrive in their best clothes, carefully carrying ornamented baskets full of colored eggs. A band plays; the children are absorbed in the game. They roll their eggs down the slopes, trying to hit the eggs rolled by others, for the owner of the unbroken egg is the winner. Many other similar games are enjoyed by children throughout the world.

Lithuanians have given their own special significance to Easter eggs (or Margučiai, as they are known in Lithuanian). Unusual is the household where egg-coloring is not a major event in which everyone, particularly the children, takes part with great delight.

It is early morning when the Lithuanian people return home from the



Resurrection Mass where they have heard the triumphant bells announcing that "The Lord Jesus is Risen; Alleluia!" They return home to eat the Easter bread and cheese and the richly colored hard-boiled eggs. Then they spend the day visiting neighbors and friends, where they leave a hard-boiled egg of diverse colors and receive a colored egg in return. No Easter table is set for any meal without a basket of multi-colored eggs. The Easter egg is first colored, then given or traded, then broken, and finally eaten. Much delight and pride can be witnessed when two "artists" compare and contrast the intricate designs on their eggs, some designs dating back for centuries.

Traditions such as these are the factors which make a holiday, whether religious or secular, more than just a circled date on the calendar. And even more, knowing a little of the historical significance of the holiday customs makes the day that much more meaningful.

Linksmų Velyku Švenčių!

K. OF L. CALENDAR

- April 22 — New York-New Jersey K. of L. Bowling League Banquet, St. George's Hall, 180 New York Ave., Newark, N. J.
- April 30 — 3rd New York-New Jersey District Junior Knights Rally, Bayonne, N. J. Host: Junior Knights of C-67.
- May 20 — Dayton, Ohio (96) Polka Party, Polish AD Club, Stan Vaitkus, Chairman.
- May 27-28 — Midwest Bowling Tournament, Marzano's Miami Bowl, Chicago.
- April 29-30 — NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT K. OF L. CONVENTION, Providence, Rhode Island. Host: Council 103.
- June 11 — Mid Central District Adult & Youth Conference, Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation Carey, Ohio.
- August 24-27 — 48th K. of L. NATIONAL CONVENTION. Host: Seniors of Cleveland and Council 25, Cleveland, Ohio. Convention Headquarters — Carter Hotel.

PAKLAUSKIME SAVĘS!

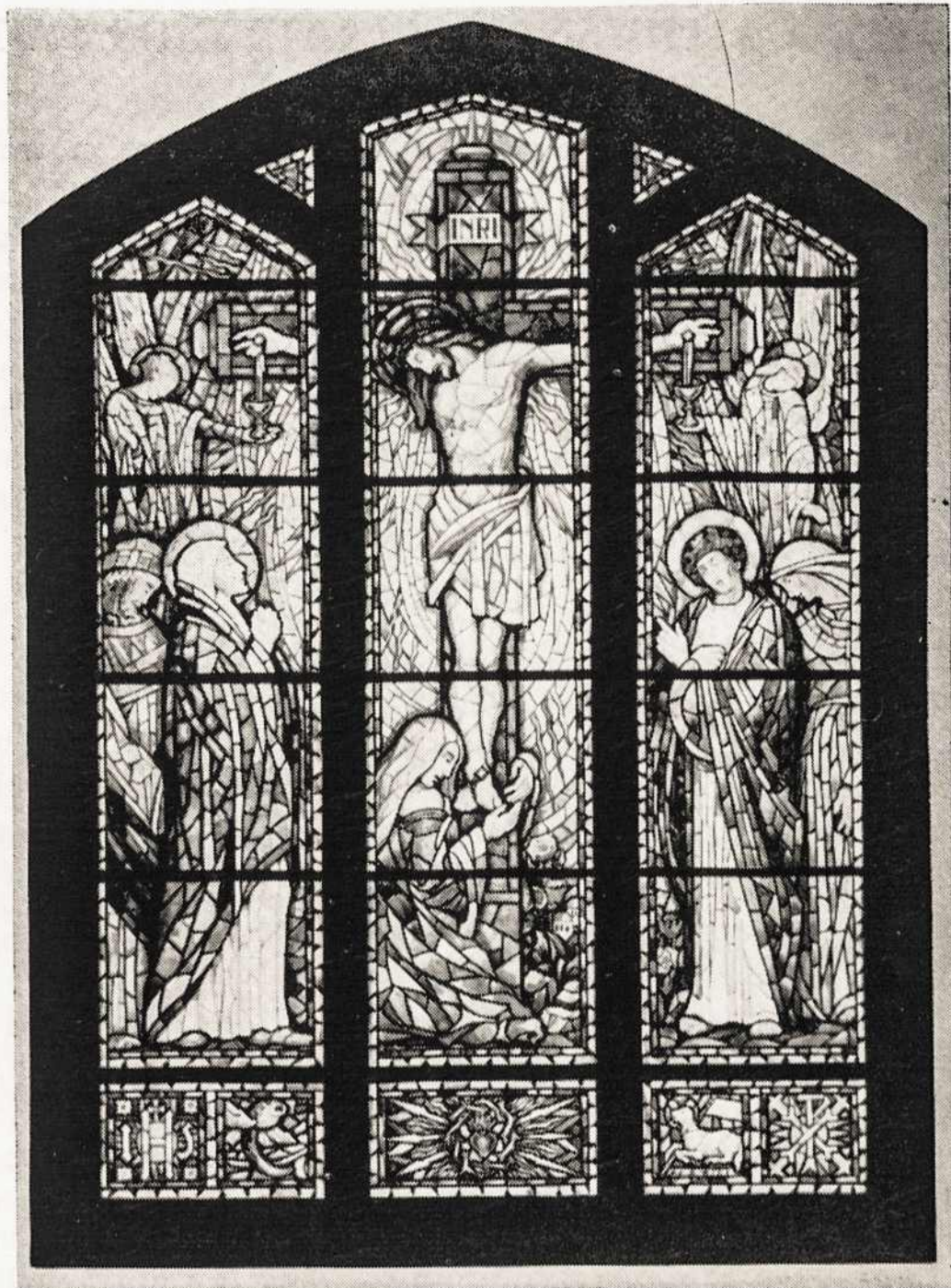
V. KULBOKIENĖ

“Neklauskite, ką duos Jums Amerika, bet klauskite savęs, ką Jūs galite duoti savajam kraštui?” — Mintis iš inauguracinės Amerikos prezidento John F. Kennedy kalbos, skatinanti kiekvieną mūsų pažvelgti į save, panagrinėti savąją asmenybę, apsvarstyti gyvenimo tikslus, savąją paskirtį, pareigas sau ir kitiems, ir atsakyti ne žodžiu, o darbu.

Didysis Kūrėjas leidžia žmogų pasaulin jungdamas jį į šeimos, giminės, tautos, rasės ir žmonijos bendruomenes, duoda ne tik privilegijų, bet uždeda taip pat pareigų.

Pareigos sau: Pirmiausia turėtume paklausti savęs, ką aš galiu ir ką privalau. Pagal evangelijos žodžius, iš kiekvieno bus pareikalauta pagal tai kiek jam duota. Nedaug yra tokių, kurie ateina į šį pasaulį su igimtais talentais, gabumais, arba ryškiais pašaukimais, kuriuos, tarytum, šviesi žvaigždė veda per gyvenimą. Tačiau klystume, manydami, kad jų gyvenimo sėkmė nepriklauso nuo asmeninių jų pastangų. Net ir tie iširnkantieji daug dirba, daug kenčia, atsisako daug malonumų siekdami savo tikslų ir įvairių laimėjimų.

Šių dienų mergaitės - moteris, be pagrindinio pašaukimo, gyvenimas ipareigoja profesiniam pasiruošimui. Todėl kiekviena auganti ir bręstanti mergaitė, žvelgdama į gyvenimą, turėtų klausti savęs, kuo ji norėtų ir kuo turėtų būti, kad jos gyvenimas būtų prasmingas, kad sulaukus senatvės nereikėtų gailėtis nesugražinamam, veltui praleistų jaunystės dienų. Gyvenimas yra nepakartojamas ir nesulaikomas. Kiekvienam gyvenimo laikotarpiui yra skirtos pareigos. Jei jų neatliekama, susidaro spragos ir nutrūksta tása. Priežodžiai sako: Nenuveiks to Ona, ką turėjo nuveikti Onelė, arba vėl: ką jaunatvėj sėsi, tą senatvėj pjausi. Nuo pasirengimo gyvenimui jaunystėje priklauso ir visas gyvenimas. Labai svarbu yra surasti tikrąjį savo gyvenimo kelią, pajusti savąją pa-



Nukryžiuotasis (vitražas)

Z. Kolba

šaukimą, pasirinkti tinkamą profesiją ir gerai pasiruošti. Dažnai girdime vyresniasias besiskundžiant, gaila, kad to nežinojau jaunystėj, būčiau kitaip savo gyvenimą tvarkiusi, dabar jau pervėlu.

Jaunystei šypsosi pasaulis, jaunystė džiugina visus. Gražus būtų gyvenimas, jei nesibaigtų tos linksmos be rūpesčių praleistos dienos. Gyvenimas tačiau vien savo malonumui apkarsta ir netenka prasmės. Pilnutinis žmogaus dvasios pasitenkinimas ateina per darbą ir pasišventimą. Jaunimas, net vaikai, iš mažens turėtų pratintis ar būti pratinami ne vien gauti, bet ir duoti; nelaukti kitų patarnavimu, bet stengtis visur padėti kitiems nesitikint atlyginimo už tai. Visuomeniniai darbai teikia moralinį atlyginimą. Šių dienų jaunimas, išlepintas gyvenimo patogumų, neturi jaunystei būdingos hero-

jinės dvasios, kuri sukeltų jame daug gražių polekių. Nesocialumas, užsidarymas savyje ir gyvenimas tiktai sau, — tai pagrindiniai ryškūs šių dienų jaunimo bruožai, kurie užtemdo jų gyvenimą.

Jaunimas gali turėti daugybės progų pasireikšti savo visuomenine, bei kultūrine veikla: sportas, dainavimas — dalyvavimas choruose, tautinių šokių grupėse, organizacijose, vaidinimuose, išvykos, suvaižavimai, įvairūs kultūriniai pobūviai ir net kultūringi pasilinksminimai, — tai sritys, kur kiekvienas gali pasireikšti pagal savo palinkimą.

Norėdamas įprasminti savąjį gyvenimą, kiekvienas turėtų paklausti savęs kuo jis norėtų būti ir koki gyvenimo kelią pasirinkti, kad būtų naudingas savo tėvams bei artimiesiems, savajai tautai, savajam kraštui, Bažnyčiai ir žmonijai.

WHY A LITHUANIAN CULTURE COMMITTEE?

When the Knights of Lithuania organization was founded in 1913, its chief purpose was to preserve the Lithuanian traditions of the youth of the immigrants through sports and social activities. There was no need to put emphasis on Lithuanian culture because it was an integral part of the vyčiai. However, with the passage of years, two world wars, a depression, new generations of Lithuanian-Americans grew up possessing little or nothing of the cultural heritage of their immigrant parents and forefathers. For a while the only attraction of the Knights of Lithuania to these Lithuanian-Americans was the sports and social activities. The original purpose of the organization was set in the background.

A new problem arose — the emergence of many organizations appealing to all. A point has been reached where a Lithuanian-American doesn't have to join the K. of L. to go bowling; he can join a company team. For religious activity he can join the Holy Name or possibly the Knights of Columbus. A multitude of social groups beckon to him. This appeal of a multitude of organizations is a basic reason why the membership of the K. of L. has fallen off, why a number of councils have gone out of existence.

What is to be done? There is no one solution to the problem. However, the K. of L. Culture Program is one approach. The original Knights had a common Lithuanian cultural heritage which drew them to the organization. The K. of L. Culture Committee was organized in 1955 in accordance with a Resolution passed at the National Convention in Newark, N. J. Its primary function is to preserve and disseminate our rich Lithuanian cultural heritage and to coordinate our many related and overlapping activities in the cultural area. The Culture Committee is also in a position to use a fresh approach to what would otherwise be "just another social", by infusing Lithuanian motifs and customs into K. of L. social affairs.

The organization of the Culture Committee is broadly as follows:

District Chairman: Looks after and coordinates activities of individual council Culture Committee representatives in the District, has regular contact with the National Chairman, and plays the major role in District - sponsored culture programs.

Council Representative: Represents the National Culture Committee and expedites its directives and program activities, gives prepared culture talks at meetings and regular reports to National and District chairmen on cultural accomplishments of the council.

In short, the job of the council's Culture Chairman or representative is to instill a love for the Lithuanian cultural heritage in the members of the councils. This is a continuation of the great work begun by the Lithuanian knygnešiai and daraktoriai of the 19th century. Disseminators of the Lithuanian cultural tradition in Lithuania were and are being deported to Siberia for their activity! It is an honor to follow in their footsteps!

The N. Y. - N. J. District Culture Committee



A. A. VLADAS ČINIKAS,

buves L. Vyčių Centro Pirmininkas, mirė š. m. vasario 14 d. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Vladas Činikas buvo inžinierius JAV atominės energijos komisijoje, kuri yra Bettis Field, Pa. Prieš kiek laiko jam teko baigti elektrikos inžinierijos mokslus Carnegie universitete ir kaip tik šiuo laiku buvo išgijęs pakankamai prityrimo pakilti savo atominėje srityje.

Vladas Činikas gimė 1910 metais Pittsburghe; jo tėvai, seni ateiviai Adolfas ir Agota (Malinauskaitė) yra seniau mirę. Jis visus mokslus išėjo Pittsburghe ir Carnegie universitete. 1940 metais jis vedė Mildred Katelaite. Jiedu nuolat aktyviai dalyvavo Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijoje ir Šv. Kazimiero parapijos draugijose, Pittsburghe. Savo laiku jaunieji Činikai yra užėmę įvairias centrines pareigas Lietuvos Vyčių valdyboje, ir nuo 1956-58 metų a. a. Vladas yra buves Lietuvos Vyčių centro pirmininkas. Per praėjusius kelerius metus Vladas ėjo A.L.R.K. Susivienijimo direktoriaus pareigas. Jis buvo pasišventęs visame veikime.

Liūdi visa Vyčių organizacija ir jo žmonai bei sesutei reiškia gilia užuojautą.

K. of L. Juniors

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JUNIOR COUNCIL OFFICERS! YOU HOLD THE KEY!

Helen Shields

If you were elected to office for this coming year to lead your Junior Council, then no matter what office you are holding, you hold the key. If you use it wisely — and try to fulfill the duties of your office to the best of your ability, then your council will have a successful year. If, on the other hand, you let everything slide by, doing as little as possible, this will reflect on your council and its members.

The first and most important duty of officers is to get acquainted with their duties which you will be expected to carry out during your term of office. Secondly — it is important that you as Junior K. of L. Officers always conduct yourself in a manner that will bring credit to you and your organization. By setting a good example, your members will not only be proud of you, but wish to follow in your footsteps. You are the leaders of your group and it is up to you to lead them in the right direction.

Junior Council Officers should maintain close contact with each other — and help each other with their duties if one or another Officer is unable to fulfill his duty for some particular meeting. Be sure to advise your Junior Counsellor of your plans, ideas and suggestions you may have. This will be a great help in planning activities that will be of interest to your entire council.

Your term of office is for one year. If you work at being a good officer it will be over before you know it — and you will have done much for the good of the group. You will have used the key wisely to open the door of success for your council. If you shirk your duties, then the key will be rusty — and your successor will have a hard time in taking over the duties which you should have, but did not fulfill. **JUNIOR COUNCIL OFFICERS! YOU HOLD THE KEY! MAKE GOOD OF IT!**

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR ENTRY?

The Juniors said "Let's have a Contest to Name Our Section". Have you sent in the name or names you would like to submit? If not, better hurry — there's not much time left. Here are the rules:

1. All entries must be submitted by April 20, 1961
2. Your name, address, and council number must be enclosed.

THE LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE AND YOU!

Most of you, even though you are of Lithuanian descent do not have an opportunity to learn or use the Lithuanian language. Yet, we should not let ourselves forget it all together — for besides it being the language of our grandparents, it is the oldest living language. This is something to be really proud of — and it also gives you the advantage of knowing one language more than your friends in school. We don't expect you to be able to speak fluent Lithuanian, but you should learn and know phrases that are used in every day life. We shall give you a few of these phrases in every issue — and hope that you will use them often — at home, with your friends and others until you know them as well as their English translations. Let's see how many we can learn by the next issue!

Gera ryta — Good Morning! Greet your parents, brothers and sisters with gera ryta — it means the same as good morning!

Kaip einasi? — How do you do?

Kaip dalykai? — How're things?

Dėkui, labai gerai — Thanks, very well.

Taip sau — So, so...

O kaip jums? — And how are you?

Gera vakara — Good evening

Labą naktį — Good night.

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Padėkite

"Vytyje" įvestas jaunesniųjų vyčių 4 psl. skyrius, kuris, manome, ateityje išsivystys į atskirą jaunesniams vyčiams laikraštėlį. Tai daug padės vyčiams išaugti į didelę jaunimo organizaciją. Padėkite, kas tik kuo galite!

Jaunesniųjų Skyriaus Redakcija

3. Every Junior Knight may submit as many entries as he or she wishes.
4. The winner will be announced in the K. of L. Juniors issue of the magazine.

You may think that the name you would submit, would never be selected, but you may be wrong. It could very possibly be just the one that would make you the winner of this contest. Don't take any chances! Sit down and send in your entry to the editor right now.

LIETUVOS HIMNAS

Lietuvos Himno žodžius ir muziką yra parašęs Vincas Kudirka. Tai buvo šviesus ir drąsus lietuvis, gyvenęs tuo laiku, kai rusai pirmąjį kartą buvo Lietuvą pagrobę. Kaip ir kiti šviesuoliai, jis ragino lietuvius nenusiminti ir nenusileisti užgrobikams. Kad lietuviai būtų drąsesni, jis priminė visiems senuosius laikus, kai garsūs Lietuvos karaliai ir kunigaikščiai drąsiai mušė priešus. Taigi Lietuvos Himnas ir pradamas tais žodžiais:

**Lietuva, tėvyne mūsų,
Tu didvyrių žeme!
Iš praeities Tavo sūnūs
Te stiprybę semia.**

Toliau V. Kudirka norėjo, kad lietuviai būtų šviesūs, teisingi ir geri žmonės, kad rūpintųsi gera daryti ne tik sau, bet ir kitiems. Taigi tolimesni Himno žodžiai yra:

**Tegul saulė Lietuvos
Tamsumus prašalina.
Ir šviesa ir tiesa
Mūs žingsnius telydi.
Tegul tavo vaikai eina
Vien takais dorybės,
Tegul dirba Tavo naudai
Ir žmonių gerybei.**

Lietuvą V. Kudirka ypatingai mylėjo. Mylėdamas Lietuvą, jis norėjo, kad ir visi lietuviai mylėtų vienas kitą, nesipyktų, darniai gyventų. Taigi Himną jis baigė, ragindamas visus lietuvius:

**Tegul meilė Lietuvos
Dega mūsų širdyse!
Vardan tos Lietuvos
Vienybė težydi!**

Rusai Vinco Kudirkos nemėgo ir visur persekiojo. Buvo net ir kalėjime uždarę. Taip jis anksti neteko sveikatos ir jaunas mirė. Nuo to laiko jau praėjo daugiau kai 50 metų, bet V. Kudirkos parašyto Lietuvos Himno žodžiai skamba ir kelia liuvio dvasią. Kiekvieno liuvio pareiga Himną gerai mokėti, ir, pasitaisyti progai, giedoti.

JUNIOR KNIGHTS RALLY

Attention all Junior Knights of the New York-New Jersey District! The 3rd N. Y.-N. J. District Junior Knights Rally will be held on Sunday, April 30th, at Bayonne, New Jersey. Your hosts will be the Junior Knights of Council 67, St. Michael's Parish. We hope that all of you will keep this date open — as we would like to have every council well represented. We are planning a very interesting and enjoyable day for you, and know that you will want to be there. Start now to plan on what your council will present at the Variety Show. Your participation and cooperation will make this Rally a success.

LITHUANIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

VINCAS KUDIRKA

**Lithuania, our country,
Land of valiant heroes,
May your sons from your past glories
Draw forth strength and courage.**

**May your children always follow
Only virtue's pathways;
May they labor for your welfare
And your people's progress.**

**May the sun destroy the clouds
Over Lithuania;
May the bright light of Truth
Ever guide our footsteps.**

**May there blaze within our hearts
Love for Lithuania.
In her name and her fame
May close union blossom.**

Translated by

Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis



Knights of Lithuania Youth Camp

The week of August 13 to 20th is the time, Dainava Camp at Manchester, Michigan is the place. This is when and where the Knights of Lithuania Youth Camp will take place, sponsored by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania. Accommodations are available to boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 14. Rates are most reasonable, and special consideration is given to families sending more than one child.

Start planning now to attend the K. of L. Youth Camp at Dainava. More detailed information will be supplied in later issues of the VYTIS.

We Are Waiting To Hear From You

We are anxious to receive your council news, articles, pictures, etc. for publishing in your section. All material is to be sent to:

Miss Helen Shields, 217 Wharton St. Philadelphia 47, Pa. The deadline is the 20th of the month — 2 months preceding publication. Let's hear from all the councils.

JUVENILE DECENCY

By: Rev. Eugene Wassel C-3
Philadelphia, Pa.

Too frequently in this space age, we associate the words, "Juvenile Delinquency", with "teenager". The daily papers, news broadcasts or television shows give us stories of our teen-agers getting into trouble. Headlines as, "Innocent Lad Shot to Death" — the tragedy of a 15 year old boy on his way home from a movie is shot to death by two teen-agers. He was mistaken for a member of a rival gang. Or there is the case of a boy looking out the window at two women chattering and laughing. He obtained a gun and shot of the women. Why? He could not give a reasonable explanation.

Even though teen-agers are thus thought of, there are many teen-agers who are doing their best to keep a good reputation. Their efforts are to change juvenile delinquency to juvenile decency.

One cure, suggests Mr. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I., for juvenile delinquency is more religious training for our American youth. This is accomplished by regular attendance at church, both by parents and children. Religious exercises should be re-established in the home by daily reading of the Bible, grace before and after meals — and I might add, the family rosary should be a devotion in every home. Also, he continues, attendance at religious instructions should be made compulsory. Finally, our youth need the good example of their leaders, especially their parents.

To these suggestions, we can add good recreation. Recreational opportunities are given to our youth through the Knights of Lithuania. In the K. of L., members express and develop themselves into good Catholics and capable leaders of the future. Meetings are conducted according to regular procedures. Social events give K. of L. members opportunities to meet members from different parts of the country. Members exchange views with one another. Finally, through our youth organization, our youth have the opportunity to get better acquainted with the priests of their parish. The



ST. CASIMIR, OUR PATRON

March 4th is the Feast Day of St. Casimir, the official patron of the Knights of Lithuania Organization. St. Casimir is not only the patron of our organization, but on June 11,

1948, he also became the official patron saint of the Lithuanian youth when Pope Pius XII in a brief declared: "We confirm, appoint, and proclaim St. Casimir, Confessor, as the special heavenly patron of all Lithuanian youth."

We, Junior Knights, should have special affection and love for St. Casimir. No council should let his feast pass without having some special observance. But more than that, we Junior Knights — should become acquainted with the life of St. Casimir — and choose — if not all, then at least one of the virtues he practised and strive to follow his example.

Since St. Casimir is Our Special Patron — let's remember him often — when praying for special favors — help — success in our endeavors, let us ask St. Casimir to intercede for us. Devotion to St. Casimir will bring us and keep us closer to God. This is what all of us, children of God must strive for during every day of our life. St. Casimir will guide us and protect us if we only ask his help.

A Few Thoughts On Lent

Another cycle in the Church year has gone and once again we are in the season called Lent, when everyone over 21 and under 59 gets acquainted with the various assortments of cheeses put on the market by dairy companies. However, let's get acquainted with a few traditions

Spiritual Director attends meetings and social events. He gives them spiritual talks and proper guidance. Having become acquainted with the Spiritual Director, our youth feel more at ease when they need personal guidance with their problems — personal or otherwise.

Most of our teen-agers are good living boys and girls. The delinquents are few, but those few are too many. It is up to those "decent" teen-agers to work as a unit and discourage juvenile delinquency amongst known teen-agers. It is up to each and every teen-ager to do his or her part to maintain JUVENILE DECENCY.

of how our Lithuanian people observed this Holy Penitential Season. If you ask your grandparents, they will tell you that in Lithuania before 1918, they observed the strict fast, often called black fast or dry fast. That meant they went without eggs, milk, butter, lard, cheese, etc. About all that was available was sauerkraut, herrings and potatoes. And some of us complain when we have to refrain from meat once a week? All social activities ceased and the people dwelt more on Our Lord's Passion. One of the most beautiful pieces of Literature in the Lithuanian language are the lamentations know as the "Graudūs Verksmai". Many of us don't appreciate their beauty because of our ignorance of the language. Here is one reason for you to learn Lithuanian — to discover the beauty of her poetry! While singing them, one is put in a perfect mood for meditation on the Passion. These are just a few of the traditions that were observed during Lent in Lithuania. It was their way of preparing themselves for the great Feast of Easter.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Council 78, Lawrence, Mass.

The members of St. Francis Parish Junior Knights of Lithuania, Lawrence, Mass., wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those in charge of the Junior K. of L. Rally and those who invited us to Providence on November 11, 1960. The representatives returned with a new perspective on the goals of the organization. They also brought back traditional Lithuanian dances which were thoroughly enjoyed by our members.

Junior K. of L. C-78
Shirley Gobush

Council 3, Philadelphia, Pa.

The more than usual snowfall of this winter has its good and not so good points. We enjoyed a few extra holidays from school, but then were informed that they had to be made up. However, snow or not, a group of us have braved all weather to get to the club on Friday nights where we meet to spend a few hours together. We have decided to hold a Spaghetti Supper to supply us with the necessary funds to attend the Junior Knights Rally in Bayonne, N. J. The Spaghetti Supper will be

held Saturday, March 11th. The Senior Knights are pitching in to help sell the tickets and we will do the work at the affair — plus of course do our share in selling the tickets also.

The Senior Knights have formed a Junior Committee and are contributing their time and services to give us more varied activities on Friday nights. We welcome the interest shown in our Junior group by the Senior Knights and hope that together we will enjoy many happy evenings.

Diane Beletsky

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CORNER OF LAUGHS

Cronic Insomnia

First Student: I got so used to sleeping in my classes that I have trouble sleeping at night.

Second student: How's that?

First student: I keep waking up every 45 minutes.

Secret Joke

What you don't know may not hurt you, but it certainly amuses a lot of people.

Wet Joke

A Texan arrived in Niagara Falls in the evening and did a lot of bragging before he retired. Next morning they showed him the falls and said, "You haven't seen anything like that in Texas, have you?"

"No", admitted the Texan. "But we have a plumber in Houston who could stop that leak in ten minutes".

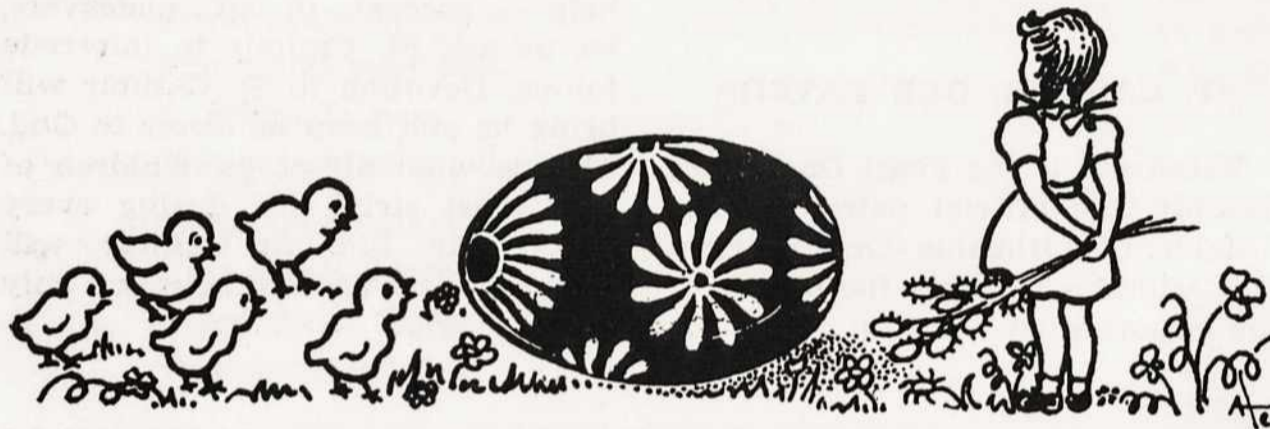
A Day of Rest

A young eager, delivery boy for a food shop was leaving work one Saturday night when the boss told him he was fired.

"Fired?" he cried. "But Mr. Flegenheimer — didn't I sweep the floor and polish the counter and sharpen the knives and make all the deliveries and wait on customers and clean the windows and..."

"Never mind", snapped Flegenheimer. "You're fired. You gorgot to empty the rubbish and sweep the street in front of the store."

"But Mr. Flegenheimer, wailed the boy, it's my day OFF!"



DID YOU MISS THE FEBRUARY ISSUE?

We hope you did! Then perhaps you will do something about it. We had to transfer to every other month basis due to the fact that only one council sent in any news or contributions by the deadline which was December 20th. Perhaps the holidays were the cause for you not forwarding your council's news.

However, we hope that every council will get to work and send in their contributions to make this an interesting section for you. The following would have appeared in the February issue — however, even though St. Valentine's Day was some time ago, we hope you will enjoy this poem:

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

By Joanie of Council 78

Young hearts are happy on this day
And all is bright and very gay
For when that special card is bought
It's nice to know, you weren't forgot.

This day of love grows fonder still
As thoughtfulness one does fulfill.
And as your lover comes with gifts
Your gentle heart now soon uplifts.

I know St. Valentine must care
To make a day for lovers to share
'Cause among the holidays you cherish
This day of days will never perish.



VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

ŽINIOS IŠ CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIU

Gausios šeimos tradicinis sąskrydis. Elzbieta ir Justinas Samai yra išauginę ir išmokslinę penkis sūnus ir keturias dukteris. Vieni jų gyvena Chicagoj, o kiti — trys dukros ir vienas sūnus — su šeimomis įsikūrę "Auksinėj valstybėj" — Kalifornijoje. Kalėdų proga visi sūnūs su savo žmonomis, visos dukros su savo vyrais, visi su savo vaikais, kaip paukšteliai, suskrido į savo gimtąjį lizdelį — tėvų namus tradicinei Kūčių vakarienei. Galima įsivaizduoti, kokios Elzbietai ir Justinui Samams buvo linksmos ne tik Kūčios, bet ir Kalėdos tokios gausios šeimos rate lyje. Svečiai ir viešnios iš Kalifornijos ta proga, motinos lydimi, apsilankė ir Draugo ištaigoj.

E. Samienė yra viena judriausių veikėjų ne tik vyčių sendraugiuose, bet ir kitose liet. katalikų organizacijose, o taip pat Amer. Liet. Taryboj, Balfe ir k., vienoms pirmininkauja, kitoms sekretoriauja arba įvairiose komisijose darbuojasi. Be to, dar randa laiko ir į laikraščius parašyti ne tik korespondencijų, bet patriotinėmis ir grožinės literatūros temomis.

Vėl mirtis aplankė sendraugių kuopą, ši kartą pašaukdama amžinybėn a. a. Barborą Paliliūniene. Velionė visuomet buvo giedrios nuotaikos, lankėsi į kiekvieną sendraugių susirinkimą, buvo dosni tiek kuopos parengimams, namo reikalui ir bendriems organizacijos reikalams. Palaidota Šv. Kazimiero kapinėse šale savo vyro ir dukters Bronės, mirusios prieš 30 metų, kuri buvo viena žymiausių veikėjų Chicagos apskrityje ir Vyčių chore, 1925 metais išrinkta Centro Valdybos sekretorės pareigoms visu atsidavimu veikė ir buvo pakelta į garbės nares.

Sendraugiai ne tik užprašė šv. Mišias už velionies sielą, bet laidotuvių išvakarėse susirinkę, kan. Zakarauskui vadovaujant, atkalbėjo dalį rožančiaus, o rytojaus dieną nemažas būrys narių palydėjo ir į amžino atilsio vietą.

Senoji valdyba patvirtinta. Sausio 17 d. sendraugių skaitlingame susirinkime, nominacijų komisijai, kurią sudarė E. Samienė, A. Bacevičius ir K. Petrulienė, pasiūlius vienbalsiai patvirtinta senoji valdyba: dvasios vadas prel. I. Albavičius, pirm. Ig. Sakalas, vicepirm. A. Bacevičius, finansų sekr. Stefanija Jonutienė (korespondencijai adresas 4545 West 63rd St., telefonas LUDlow 5-9500), protokolų sekr. O. Aleliūnienė, išdininkas N. Karlavičius, išdo globėjai J. Kerulis ir A. Petrulis. Taip pat patvirtinti senieji Vyčių Namų Tarybos nariai: J. Kerulis ir N. Karlavičius — trims metams, A. Bacevičius ir J. Vilkišius — dviems metams, ir A. Petrulis — vieniems metams.

Šiame susirinkime į sendraugius įsirašė nauja narė Sylvia Chuprinskas, savininkė taverno 2532 West 47th St. Ji priklauso kaimyninei vyčių 36-tai kuopai. Taipgi į sendraugius įsirašė 112 kp. narys J. Stanaitis.

Sendraugiai džiaugiasi, kad kuopos susirinkimus lanko veikioji Ill.-Ind. valst. apskričio pirmininkė Eleonora Laurin. Šiame susirinkime ji padarė labai gražų pranešimą apie apskr. ruošiamą Vasario 16-tos minėjimą banketu ir gražia menine programa vasario 11 d. Morrison viešbutyje. Programoj pirmą kartą pasirodys atgaivintas Vyčių choras, kuriam vadovauja muz. Strolia. Sendraugiai nutarė bankete užsisakyti vieną stalą (dešimčiai asmenų), \$10 paaukoko programos knygai ir nemažai narių įsirašė rėmėjais.

Apskričio statutu, kiekviena kuopa turi teisę nuo dešimties užsimokėjusių narių rinkti vieną atstovą į apskritį. Ir sendraugiai davė teisę pirmininkui numatyti ir įgalioti atstovus pagal kuopos narių skaičių.

Susirinkiman taipgi atsilankė Centro protokolų sekretorė Loretta Kassel, kuri padarė platų pranešimą iš įvykusio Centro Valdybos posėdžio New Yorke. Posėdis pasirodė buvo turtingas įvairiais sumanymais, kurie bus vykdomi per kuopas ir apskričius.

Vėl S. Rumšas su auka. Nekartą šiame skyriuje buvo rašyta apie Sta-

si Rumšą, kuris gyvendamas toliau nuo Chicagos ne tik nenutraukia ryšio su vyčiais sendraugiais, bet dažnomis progomis auka paremia kuopos, apskrities ir bendrus organizacijos reikalus.

Sausio mėn. susirinkime pirm. Ig. Sakalas vėl perskaitė jo laišką, kuriame rašo gavęs kvietimą atvykti į gruodžio mėnesio susirinkimą ir tradicines Kūčias, bet dėl blogo oro negalėjęs ir dėl to kuopos reikalams siunčias \$5.

Džiaugiamės S. Rumšos gražiu pavyzdžiu ir nuoširdžiai dėkojame už auką.

Šia proga reikia pakartoti, kad S. Rumšas yra pirmas aukotojas Vyčių Istorijos Fondui. Gaila, tik kad Finansų sekretorė savo pranešime (žiūr. "Vyti" lapkr. m. 1960 m.) pažymėjus, kad Vyčių Istorijos Fonde gauta \$5 auka, bet nepasakyta, kiekno toji auka.

Mūs šeiminkė atostogose. Sendraugių (ir apskričio) įvairių parengimų viena šeiminkė, būtent T. Norbutienė sausio mėn. buvo išvykus atostogų pas savo dukterį, įsikūrusią Floridoj.

Pasigedus jos sausio mėn. susirinkime ir sužinojus, kad yra atostogose, visi palinkėjo gero poilsio ir laimingo sugrįžimo mūs tarpan.

Žymiausi namo darbuotojai. Praeitą metą Vyčių name — viduje ir lauko pusėj — pravesta keli stambesni remontai ir eilė įvairių pagerinimų, kurie, ypatingai viduje, sąlę padarė jaukesnę susirinkimams ir įvairiems parengimams. Visiems darbams vadovavo žymus sendraugių ir kitų organizacijų, ypatingai mūs vienuolynų kilniems užsimojimams remti, veikėjas Jonas Kerulis ir geraširdiškumu sendraugių kuopai pasižymis kuopos išdininkas N. Karlavičius. Turėdami patyrimo tokiuose darbuose ir žinodami, kur kuriuo reikalu reikia prieiti, jiedu Namų tarybai sutaupė keletą šimtų dolerių, neskaitant savo darbo. Jiem dviem talkino Namų tarybos pirm. A. Bacevičius, namo užvaizdos A. ir K. Petruliai, Al. Manstavičius su sūnum ir kiti kuopų nariai.

Garbė ir padėka J. Keruliui ir N. Karlavičiui.

CLEVELANDO SENJORU SUSIRINKIMAS

Sausio 22 d. J. ir K. Sadauskų namuose vyčiai senjorai turėjo savo metinį susirinkimą, kuriam pirminkavo Antanas Mačiokas. Nut. rašt. pareigas ėjo J. Kuzas.

Pirmiausiai buvo išklaudyta komisijų ir atstovų pranešimai. Gal svarbiausi iš jų buvo P. Glugodienės iš Liet. Kul. Darželio sąjungos, kuri savo pranešime paaiškino, kad ateinančią vasarą — birželio 25 d. Clevelande įvyks didelės iškilmės.

Nuo birželio 25 d. stovės ir puoš C.L.K. Darželį mūsų tautos garsiausiojo dainiaus — poeto Maironio statula, kurios įgyvendinimu daugiausiai rūpinasi Šv. Jurgio parapija.

Kiek ilgiau buvo apsistota dėl šv. Kazimiero šventės paminėjimo — kovo 5 d., iškilmingos pamaldos įvyks P-lės Švč. N. Pagalbos parap. bažnyčioje 10 val. ryto. Ši klausimą besvarstant, mūsų mielas senjoras, Petras Gruodis pastebėjo, kad ir ateitininkai su skautais ruošėsi bendrai su vyčiais senjorais paminėti Šv. Kazimiero šventę, kaip ir kitais metais. Šis pranešimas buvo mielai sutiktas ir P. Gruodis buvo įgaliojtas, kad jis galutinai susitartų su ateitininkais ir skautais, kad tą dieną iškilmingai ir gražiai pagerbtų savo org. globėją — Sv. Kazimierą.

Dar buvo pasiūlymas, kad vytis P. Gruodis pasiteirautų pas čiurlioniečius ir muz. Alf. Mikulskį, ar jie negalėtų papuošti savo gražiomis giesmėmis Šv. Kazimiero dienos bažnytinės pamaldas? Taip pat mūsų Petras buvo įgaliojtas susitarti šiuo klausimu ir su kun. J. Angelaičiu, P-lės Švč. N. Pagalbos parap. klebonu.

Berašant šią žinę, buvo pranešta, kad kun. J. Angelaitis sutinka su vyčių senjorų pageidavimu ir čiurlioniečiai ir muz. Alf. Mikulskis irgi sutinką bažnyčioje giedoti šv. Mišių metu.

Šiam darbui bei pusryčių paruošimui, buvo išrinkta didoka komisija iš šių narių: A. Mackevičienės, S. Milienės, J. Pikturnienės, P. Glugodienės, R. Sadauskienės, M. Katkauskienės, K. Sadauskienės, J. Milo ir J. Sadausko. Tikimės, kad ši komisija savo darbą atliks gerai.

Senjorų metinis susirinkimas ne tik kad buvo gausus nariais, naujais sumanymais, bet ir svečiais-vyčiais, kurie buvo atvykę iš Youngstown,

Ohio, (Vincas Pavis ir jo žmona Stasė). Mieli svečiai išsireiškė, kada jiedu išgirdo lietuvišką pamokslą ir choro lietuviškas giesmes, ypatingai Pulkim ant kelių, tai juodu susigraudino ligi ašarų, nes liet. pamokslo ir liet. giesmių nėra girdėję apie trys metai laiko.

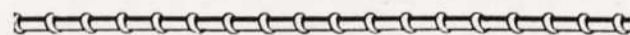
Vincas ir Stasė Paviai buvo apsi-stoję pas J. ir K. Sadauskus, gerai pažįstamus vyčius. Svečiai buvo gražiai ir svetingai priimti ir pavaišinti. J. Sadauskas abu svečiu pristatė susirinkimui. Svečiai irgi buvo pakviesti tarti vieną kitą žodį. Abiejų kalbėdavo buvo tikrai vytiškos dvasios, ypač Vinco, kuris nemažai prisiminė ir apie Chicagos vyčius, o juo daugiau apie senjorus, su kuriais jiems teko daug darbuotis.

Kadangi Vincas ir Stasė Paviai apsigyveno savo tėviškėje — Youngstown, Ohio, tai jiedu davė pasižadėjimą priklausyti prie Clevelando vyčių senjorų ir jiems jau prisiuntė narystės auką, kaipo liudijimą, kad jiedu lieka jų nariais ir pasižada kartas nuo karto atvažiuoti į senjorų susirinkimus Clevelande.

Po susirinkimo buvo skani vakarienė ir pagerbimas dviejų narių — Jono Milo ir P. Glugodienės, kurių gimtadieniai buvo sausio mėnesį. Jonui ir Paulinai buvo sudainuota "Ilgiausių metų".

Visiems beužkandžiaujant, atvyko ir senjorų naujasis dvasios vadas — kun. A. Goldikovskis, kurį senjorams paskyrė klebonas kun. J. Angelaitis, ilgametis jų dvasios vadas. Vyčiai senjorai gali tik pasidžiaugti savo naujuoju dvasios vadu ir jie pasitiki, kad gerb. kun. A. Goldikovskis, kiek jam leis aplinkybės, be abejonės, kad prisidės ir prie senjorų veiklos, ypač šiais metais, kada įvyksta Clevelande L. Vyčių org. visuotinas seimas. Dvasios vadas pasistengė su visais susipažinti. Prie stalo visi maloniai pasikalbėjo vytiškomis temomis ir dėkojo šeiminkams bei jų dukrelei Rose Ann, už skanią vakarienę.

Senelis



**VYČIŲ 50 METU
JUBILĖJUS ARTĖJA.
TA PROGA PASIRYŽTA
DAUG NAUJU DARBŲ ATLIKTI.
TAM REIKIA VISŲ VYČIŲ
TALKOS. PRISIDĖK IR TU.**



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Kearny - Harrison, New Jersey —90
Barbara Gelcius

Council - 90 celebrated the Christmas - New Years season with a party which was held the first week in January at the L. C. C. Center. It included all the holiday trimmings — the highlight being an original fruit punch created under the direction of Anne Klem.

The Council congratulated our president, Tony Shalna, on his recent engagement to Joanne Neviera, a Boston K. of L'er. Tony has since been keeping himself busy with wedding plans. Lenny and Eleanor Rokas proudly announced the birth of their daughter, Catherine — what a fine Christmas present.

The month of February found us buried in snow. Due to the blizzard we were forced to cancel our regular meeting.

The main topic of business for March was the election of officers for 1961. Officially they are: Millie Grinewich, president; Ellie Nakrosis, vice-president; Anne Klem, recording secretary; Marianne Gelcius, financial secretary; Aldona Skripkus, treasurer; Tony Shalna and Joe Melynys, trustees; Father Raymond Thompson, spiritual advisor. Future plans include our annual Mother's Day Communion Breakfast. What more fitting way to honor our mothers! We are confident that it will again be successful and well attended. Kearny's Junior Council has been inactive for the past year. Plans for general reorganization have been undertaken by Ellie Nakrosis who has done so well with the Bayonne Council.

NEWS

From Cleveland, Ohio C-25

Our National Convention Committee is hustling and bustling making plans for the 48th K. of L. Convention which is to be held in our fair city — Cleveland, with headquarters at the Carter Hotel. Many pleasant events are being planned for our fellow Knights and friends from far and near. Mark your calendar with these dates — AUGUST 24-27. More on the Convention next month.

To the Editors of VYTIS:

For her "Letter from a Struggling Nation" in the January VYTIS I nominate Joanne H. Neviera as candidate for this year's writer of the most inspiring, most Lithuanian - spirited article.

Joseph Boley

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Vasario 11, 1961

Didžiai Gerb. p. Grendal,

Ką tik gavau sausio mėnesio "Vytį". Daug gerų straipsnių joje radau, bet ypatingai man patiko, net kelis kart perskaičiau "Letter from a Struggling Nation", kuri parašė anglų kalboje p. Joanne H. Neviera.

Straipsnį skaitau labai pavykusi, nes jai tikrai pasisekė kenčiančios Lietuvos lūpomis jautriais žodžiais nusakyti savo dabartinės kančias, kviečiantį mus jos nepamiršti ir kartu viltis, kad laisvė bus jai sugrąžinta.

Esu tikras, kad šie jautrūs žodžiai pasieks daugelio jaunųjų, čia gimusių ir niekad Lietuvos nemačiusių Vyčių širdis ir paskatins ne vieną iš jų labiau įdomautis lietuviybės reikalais ir padirbėti pavergtosios Lietuvos naudai.

Prašau išreikšti straipsnio autorei p. Joanne mano giliausią padėką už jos pastangas rašant šį straipsnį, kuriame tiek daug meilės ir širdies, kartu paprašyti ir palinkėti, kad ir daugiau panašių jos straipsnių atsirastų Vyties puslapiuose.

Jums abiems geriausios kloties linkis

Kun. V. Katarskis

STUDY OF LANGUAGE RESOURCES *of American Ethnic Groups*

Dr. Joshua A. Fisherman, Project Director of the University of Pennsylvania inform us that for the first time in our nation's history, a thorough study of the language resources of American ethnic groups is underway. This study has been commissioned by the United States Office of Education as a result of its concern that the language resources of our country be preserved and developed.

Certainly, the maintenance and preservation of our mother tongue is important both to us and to the country at large. What steps can be taken to perpetuate the language and culture of ethnic groups in this country, how can difficulties that stand in the way be overcome, how can greater interest in and awareness of this problem be secured? These are important and interesting problems being researched and will focus upon the

organized efforts on our part to continue to preserve non-English language heritages.

LARRY JANONIS HONORED

President Lawrence "Larry" Janonis of the New York - New Jersey K. of L. District, was honored at a testimonial dinner and dance January 14, 1961, in recognition of his twenty years of service to the Knights of Lithuania organization. The event took place in St. George's Hall, Newark, New Jersey, where over two hundred attended.

Larry Janonis first joined the Bronx Council 130 back in 1939. He played on its basketball and softball teams and maintained his membership in the Council until World War II.

Four years later, Larry joined the New York Council 12. After spending the first year as Sports Chairman, he was elected President of that Council in 1948 and served for seven years, still maintaining his title as Sports Chairman. Larry has served on more than forty committees and was chairman of most committees. In 1951, he was General Chairman of the K. of L. National Convention Committee in New York City.

His activity in the District began in 1949, when he served as District Trustee and District Sports Chairman. In 1952, he was elected District President, and still holds this office. Larry also is District Sports Chairman and is head of the District's bowling league. In 1956, for his outstanding service, Larry received the annual District K. of L. award.

Since 1958, Larry has been National Vice President and is Chairman of the Membership Drive for the Supreme Council.

In private life, Larry has worked in all branches of the aircraft industry and is active in various industrial unions. At present he is employed by the Federal Manufacturing and Engineering Corp. in Garden City, L. I., as Quality Control Supervisor in the aircraft and missile division. He is married to the former Jean Dronsky and lives in the Bronx, N.Y.

Many of the guests who attended the testimonial dinner were from the districts of New England, Mid-Central and Illinois-Indiana. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ignatius Kelmelis, pastor of the Holy Trinity Church, Newark, said the invocation. Toastmaster was Jack J. Stukas, National Chairman of the Culture Committee. Speakers were Miss Helen Shields of Philadelphia, Penna., National Vice President and Al Janks of Newark, N. J., Chairman of Ritual Committee. Soloist was Louis Stukas, accompanied by Algird Kacanauskas. The Dinner Chairman was Joseph Sable.

HAS YOUR COUNCIL STARTED ITS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE? WE ARE NOW IN THE FINAL MONTH!

Has it appointed a Membership Drive Committee; a Chairman to conduct this important function of any organization? Has your council read and discussed the membership communications or have they been set aside in the interest of saving time and conducting a shorter meetings? Has your council had a meeting these past few months?

The average reply to these questions in the final month of any drive is, 'It's too late now so let's wait for next year. A newly-formed committee at this time needs more time to function.'

If this is the problem in your council, then chances are that you have had little or no results this year. Membership, whether it is accomplished through a drive or not, is a year-round problem to any organization that hopes to exist.

If your council has had a successful drive, the next big job is keeping the new members interested and active during the rest of the year. Here are some pointers on how to keep our new members:

I. WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

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

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

II. NEW MEMBERS — NEW IDEAS

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

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

If you have not had a successful drive or have not started one this year, Don't Delay — Start Today! It may be too late for prizes but it is never too late because your new members of today may be your new leaders of tomorrow.

Larry Janonis, Chairman Membership Drive



Šv. Kazimieras

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

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

New District Spiritual Adviser

Rev. Peter Cinikas, MIC, has received the official approval of the Marian Fathers — and has graciously accepted — to serve as Ill.-Ind. District Spiritual Adviser. Father Cinikas, by no means a newcomer to our organization, served as District Spiritual Adviser for several years before his transfer to Milwaukee. He returned to Chicago last September, and is presently editor of "The Marian." To you, Father, may we extend a most sincere and enthusiastic welcome. We're confident that your friendship and guidance will do much to help us in achieving our goals... now and in the future.

Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration

"It was so then... but now — when so again?" Thus go the thoughts behind the K. of L. Ill.-Ind. District observance of Feb. 16, Lithuania's Independence Day, held the weekend of Feb. 11 and 12, 1961. Through a glimpse at Lithuania's past, through her folk songs and dances, plus film scenes of her countryside, we tried to emphasize and advertise that an appreciation of Lithuanian culture is still very much alive in the free world.

The Constitution Room of the Morrison Hotel was the site of the first event... Memories of Lithuania... a banquet at 5:30 P.M., a program at 7:30, and dancing afterward. Saturday, Feb. 11, 1961, was the date. Featured in the program were songs by the K. of L. Choir and dances by the K. of L. Folk Dance Group, as well as short films of pre-war free and present day Communist-oppressed Lithuania, with comment by Jack Stukas of New Jersey.

Ray Janas and his orchestra played for dancing, and the John Byanskas Trio provided dinner music.

The commemoration closed Sunday, Feb. 12, with High Mass at 11:00 A.M. in the Lithuanian Jesuit Chapel, 56th and Claremont, offered for the return of Lithuania's Independence.

K. of L. Choir

Under the very capable direction of Faustas Strolia, the newly-reorganized K. of L. Choir is well on the way to preparing an enjoyable selection of songs for "Memories of Lithuania." New officers of the choir are—Estelle Rogers, President; Ruth Dagus, Secretary; Ray Samoska, Treasurer; Anne Marie Paukstis and Al Zakarka, Publicity officers.

Lithuanian Classes to be Resumed

Miss Emilija Vilimaite of C-36 has again consented to offer classes in Lithuanian... this time stressing "Conversational Lithuanian" for beginners and the experienced alike. Classes will begin during Lent and will meet once a week for about 3 months. An initial meeting of prospective students was held Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1961 at 7:30 P.M. in the K. of L. Building, to select a day and time for the classes. Interested parties may call Joe Ulevicius, RE 5-7161, to register.

Mortgage Fund

Have you joined the "Burn the Mortgage" Club yet?? The "installment plan for easy giving" is becoming very popular among those wishing to pledge \$50 or \$100 towards the K. of L. Building Mortgage closing... "Up to one year to pay." Contact Eleanore Laurin to join. Council 36 is the first council to pledge 25% of the profits of all its 1961 activities to the Mortgage Fund. Congratulations... we hope the other councils will follow suit!

Bowling Standings, as of Jan. 6, 1961

	Won	Lost
Mazeika-Evans	29	22
Chicago Svgs.	27½	23½
St. Anthony Svgs.	27½	23½
S. Bloom, Inc.	25½	25½
Standard Svgs.	24	27
Gaiva Restaurant	23½	27½
Marzano Bowl	17	34

High Series...

Team — Gaiva Rst.	3041
Men — Al Kassel	691
Women — Lor. Kassel	635

High Game...

Team — Gaiva Rst.	1079
Men — A. Manst Jr.	275
Women — A. Andres	233

January 22, 1961 — Bowling Supper Club — Council 112,

played host to all bowlers at Queens Recreation, 62nd and Ashland, followed by a Supper at K. of L. Building.

March 5, 1961 — St. Casimir's Day Commemoration

Council 82, Gary, will play host to the Annual St. Casimir's Day Mass and Breakfast... St. Casimir's Church, Gary.

May 27-28 — Midwest Bowling Tournament

Chicago will host this year's K. of L. Midwest Bowling Tournament, on May 27, at Marzano's Miami Bowl. NOW is the time to organize your council teams... all bowlers must be paid-up members! Contact A. Kassel, YA 7-1524.

Coming Events

Mar. 12, Ping-Pong and Pinocle Tournaments, after the District Meeting — Mar. 25-26, Detroit-Chicago Match Bowling, in Chicago — Apr. 16, ATEITIS 20th Anniversary Concert — Apr. 22-23, Detroit - Chicago Match Bowling in Detroit — Apr. 30, Bowling Supper Club.

Chicago, Ill. — 36 (Brighton Park)
 "Blogas"

Best wishes are extended for a successful year to our newly-elected council officers, who are — Vince Samoska, President, and also President of the Ateitis Lithuanian Folk Dancers of Chicago.... Al Kassel, First Vice-President, who also holds the same position with the District Board, National and local Sports Chairman, and member of the District Building Trustees.... Joe Ulevicius, Second Vice-President, and charge of the Membership Drive in the council.... Ed Mikalauskas, Treasurer, re-elected unanimously, and a fine man to be in charge of our council's financial status.... Theresa Federovics, Recording Secretary, a relatively new member and niece of Father Paul Juknevicius, our Spiritual Adviser.... Bernadette Balauskas, Financial Secretary, a eral council worker.... Trustees Joan Jankunas, who is also assisting Al Kassel, Zenia Federovics, and Betty Mikalauskas. Jerome Jankus is the Sergeant-at-Arms, and Wally Tenclinger is the VYTIS Correspondent, besides being the District Second Vice-President, Membership and Civic Affairs Chairman.

After our January meeting and the election of the new officers we surprised Joe Ulevicius with a cake decorated with Citizen Joe USA, who became a citizen recently. We also toasted the outgoing and incoming officers with Champagne thoughtfully provided by Loretta Kassel and Lucille Stacy, the rage of the Cape. Both girls presented Wally with the champagne in celebration of his newest Chevrolet, this time an Impala Convertible. Speaking about cars, we see that Al Peculunas is also sporting around an Impala from Bill Becker, along with a broken leg suffered in a basketball game.

At this writing our Annual Heart's Dance will be history but we thank our able workers such as Joan Jankunas and Lucille Stacy, co-chairmen, Stella Danelius who did a fine job with the decorations, Al Kassel and Vince Samoska, Bar Chairmen, and Wally and his Downbeats for those stirring musical renditions.

We formally welcome back Stella Danelius who returned from living in Florida for almost two years and

are glad to see that she is active again.

Our traveling council member, Loretta Kassel has started the year right by going to New Jersey and attending the Larry Janonis Testimonial Dinner and the Supreme Council meeting and being the only representative from the District at both affairs. Loretta is also responsible for a major part of the District's Memories of Lithuania Commemoration of Lithuania's Independence which was held successfully at the Morrison Hotel in the Constitution Room. She's real K. of L'er from the word "Vobalus."

Our meetings have been changed to the Second Tuesday of every month beginning at 8:00 sharp as usual in the K. of L. Building. We welcome new members, Mary Ann Zemgulis, Zenia Federovics, Walter Venckus, and John Gibaitis to our council. We are currently working with the District with the Mortgage Fund Drive and can boast of only a few hundred dollars at this writing but we hope that this will increase in the near future.

Al Kassel is asking everyone's help in beginning a Junior's Program and he solicits names and addresses of prospective members for this worthy program. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Newark, N. J. — 29 The Wanderer

Due to inclement weather, the election of officers was postponed to the January meeting, at which the following were chosen to guide our council for this year: Charles Strolis, president; Jack Remeika, vice president; Eva Sharan, recording secretary; Peter Podgalsky, treasurer; Charles Ipaila, financial secretary; Ann Mensler, Gertrude Janks, and Anthony Malakas, trustees.

Committee Chairmen: Eva Trecio-kas, Lithuanian Affairs; Stanley Pocius, Ritual; Grace Korbert, Gifts; Anna Pocius, Spiritual Program.

We wish the new Board a most successful term and to the outgoing officers a sincere "thanks" for a job well done.

In behalf of our council, your correspondent expresses thanks to the following who served on the Dance & Card Party Committee this past year and greatly contributed towards the success of its undertakings: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strolis, Jack Remeika, Charles Sipaila, Peter Podgalsky, Anthony Malakas, Eva Sharan, Frank Vaskas, Ann Mensler, Joan Yankauskas, Charles Navickas, Victor Vosylius.

Brooklyn, N. Y. — 41 (Queens) "Love & Stuff"

Congratulations and many happy returns to two of our prominent members, Irene Sandanavicius and Eugene Marcis, who recently celebrated their birthdays.

Congratulations are also extended to our former secretary and Miss Lithuania, Eleanor Peckaitis, who recently became engaged. We wish her every happiness.

Council 41 held its annual elections on January 22. On behalf of all the members, I would like to express our sincere congratulations to our former President Tony Mazeika on a job well done throughout the year of 1960. He has been a capable leader who kept our club together during many trying moments. Tony has resigned from this executive position in order that he may devote more of his time as chairman of both the Culture and the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

New Officers: President — Eugene Marcis; Vice-President — Tony Mazeika; Secretary — Joan Mazeika (Re-elected); Assistant Secretary — Carolyn Nagin (Re-elected); and Treasurer — Stanley Dedinas.

Congratulations and the best of luck during 1961 to all our new officers.

After the meeting, our council headed for the bowling lanes, and a race began between the "Lovers" and the "Chuckers." It seems that our "Bending Arab" hit a pretty good score and though our newly-elected President Gene Marcis, rolled the ball down "Chuck Alley", he still reached quite a high score. Others who weren't as lucky, still managed to get a perfect triangle. All in all, it was a fine way of ridding ourselves of those Post-Exam Blues.

Elizabeth, N. J. — 52

January 14th and 15th were certainly busy days for Council 52 and especially so for Anne Baronas and Mary Motecus who all but revisited Europe. The first of their Knights of Lithuania Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage travelling companions to arrive in Newark was John Alanskas of Waterbury, Connecticut, followed by Bob Boris of Detroit, Gene Gobis of Amsterdam and Jeanne Karpis of Brooklyn, who were all on hand for the testimonial banquet tendered Larry Janonis on the 14th. There was a great turnout for Larry, which only further evidences the high esteem in which he is held. Also present was Father Contons who conducted the trip to Europe this past summer and it was good to see him again.

Supreme Council President Bob Boris and First Vice President Helen Shields attended our regular monthly meeting on the 15th and each spoke before the group. This also provided Bob Boris with an opportunity to visit with ex-Detroiter Dolores Anilonis. Details of the St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast with Rituals was discussed. Following the meeting the "European" group had dinner at the home of Mary Motecus. Everyone came armed with pictures. It took the afternoon to look and laugh at them all and since the group kept growing by leaps and bounds, the evening viewing was moved over to the Parish Hall where Bob "Cecil B. DeMille" Boris showed the movie film he had taken. His narration was full of bright comment as he escorted us along some well trod tourist paths. Although a snow storm was raging outside, a nice crowd was on hand including our pastor, Rt. Rev. Michael G. Kemezis, assistant Rev. V. Karalevicius, Rev. S. Raila of Philadelphia, Supreme Council Recording Secretary Loretta Kassel of Chicago, Richard Karsok of Worcester, Anne Klem of Kearny, Elizabethans including Ann Mitchell, Frances Buzis, Ruth Laucius, Lorraine Staboris, plus family and friends. Coffee and "goodies" were served — bad habit picked up in Munich by the "group."

Gene Gobis and Jeanne Karpis left for home Sunday night. Having seen Europe, the next best thing to

do was some sightseeing of New York which included St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Center, Fifth Avenue, United Nations, Times Square and the Metropolitan Opera. The day was completed with dinner at the home of Anne Baronas, followed by farewells at the airport and station. Do come again soon.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Providence, R. I. — 103 "Cinderella"

Hi! Welcome back to Providence news! After months of silence, we are now returning to report the doings of our council.

This past year, our members have been dashing to and fro attending conventions, dances, and bowling roll-offs. Reports concerning these activities have been similar to that of Niola Jurgelevicius. Niola, who attended the National Convention in Worcester, had this to say — "It was just great!"

Two of our members entered the halls of ivy this September. Frank Dziekiewicz, entered the University of Rhode Island and Tony Lucas has gone down Mexico Way to Saint Michael's College. We wish them both knowledge and straight A's.

We also gained a new members, Jimmy Russell, and many prospective members for the future. Marion and Joe Kiela have provided us with a future member while Ruth and Eugene Kaeciocok have given us double hope with the birth of twin girls. Congratulations to all!

On November 11th, our council helped the Junior K. of L. of Council 103 sponsor the first New England District Junior K. of L. Rally. Mass was offered and a ceremony was held at the statue of the Sacred Heart. Lunch was then served followed by panel discussions. In the evening a social gathering was held in the country.

A Bowling Roll-Off was held at the Hearthside Bowling Alleys on January 8th. About 50 members of the various New England councils attended. Following the roll-off, an informal get-together was held at Father Martinkus' farm.

On January 27th, 28th, and 29th,

a CYO Congress took place. Birute Paulauskas acted as adult delegate and attended the Congress with two of the Junior members.

Birute also composed a letter to the governor concerning the Lithuanian Independence Proclamation.

Plans are under way concerning the April District Convention which we will hast. The Convention will take place April 29th and 30th. Vera Minalgo and Jimmy Russell are co-chairmen.

Congratulations to Birute Mackevicius upon her engagement to Al Lisickas. Loads of luck, Bea!

Officers for the coming year are: Spiritual Adviser — Rev. John Vaitekunas; President — Pat Balkus; Vice President — Frank Dziekiewicz; Secretary — Birute Paulauskas; Treasurer — Bea Mathieu; and Lithuanian Affairs — Bertha Stoskus.

Anna Walaska and Kathy Cyronak volunteered to take charge of the Juniors.

"No Comment"

....Julia Leveckas was voted Best Looking in her graduating class. Julie is secretary of her class also— Popularity?.... Tony Lukas' surprise visit home at Christmas was no surprise.... Pat and Anna — Providence College basketball fans to the end!... Like Twist!.... How's transportation, Jimmy?.... Niola is still pursuing the literary field at the library every day.... Kathy always seems to ask "Have you been to — or to —? Wonder Why!!... Until then...."

Waterbury, Conn. — 7

Miss Marcella Andrikis, member of the K. of L. National Public Relations, was installed as president of St. Joseph's Church Choir at its annual holiday party held last month, at the home of Mrs. Stephanie Miklinevich, Lake Plymouth. She succeeds Mrs. Carl Ortlieb. Advisers of the choir organization are Rev. A. Edward Gradeck, chaplain, and Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, choirmaster and honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania. Congratulations of your new post, Marcella!

Athol, Mass. — 10

Vincukas

Last month, we held our annual meeting in St. Francis Church Hall, and the following slate of officers

was elected: Alvin Rodsky of Gardner, president; Dr. Henry Gailiunas, Athol, vice president; Frances Milosh of Gardner, recording secretary; Mary Piragis of Athol, treasurer; William Waslaski of Athol, financial secretary; William Wisnauskas of Gardner, VYTIS correspondent; Howard Beaudete of Gardner, Spiritual Program Chairman; and Rev. Alphonse Volungis, Spiritual Adviser.

Following activities sponsored by our council were quite successful: Annual "Winter Carnival" held on February 19th at the Tully Brook Inn, Tully; afternoon bowling at the Athol Bowling Alleys; and annual Christmas party at the White Pillars, Philipston.

Several of our members who attended the annual dance held in the new auditorium of the Lithuanian Club in South Boston, enjoyed themselves. After the dance they were also invited to Eddie Rudis' home, where sandwiches and coffee were served before leaving for home. Many thanks for a fine evening and such wonderful hospitality!

It is with deep regret that we of Gardner will no longer have Father Donald Rebokus with us. He was transferred to St. Leo's Church in Leominster.

Maryann Rodsky Langlois and husband "Wing" won prizes at our annual Halloween party held at the Simplex Country Club. Each year, it seems they outdo themselves.

South Boston, Mass. — 17

Ann Onimus

Thursday morning (Feb. 2) the ground hog came out of his hole. He peered at the ominous gray sky and retired to his burrow. No wonder! The smart little fellow knew what the weathermen didn't. Another storm was going to belt New England. At this moment, the snow is snowing and the wind is whirling the snow into mounds that bury ears. This is the third big storm and it comes on the heels of 18 days of sub-freezing weather. But we New Englanders are hearty and, with a small grumble, will shovel out again and again and again.

To spite the cold, the regular monthly business meeting was fairly well attended. It was postponed to January 15 to accommodate the

parish choir's Jubilee Concert. About 12 C-17ers sang in the choir. The rendition of St. Cecelia's Concert Mass was expert. Both the choir and its director received a warm review in the Boston Globe.

The 1961 officers presided at the meeting. There was little new business. Anthony (Buddy) Zaremba was sworn in. His sister Alice and brother William are already members. The brief meeting was followed by a Card and Pizza party. Anita and John Daniels scurried out for the pizzas. The card playing hastily ended and the eating began. The eaters included Alice Zaremba, Florence Zaleskas, Rita and Jerry Venis, Buddy Zaremba, Joe Svagdys, Mary Kraunelis, Al Jaritis and Janet Gideck. The eating came to a speedy close so that some of the members could attend the Bruins hockey game.

It was announced that C-17 will hold the February bowling roll off. Our players should provide a stimulating challenge since their attendance at Monday night council bowling has been faithful — regardless of the elements. Correctly titled, our teams and captains are:

Frogs — Joe Svagdys;

Jets — Al Jaritis;

Rodents — John Olevitz; and

Wild Cats — Ed Rudis.

Once again, everyone is welcome at bowling.

News bits:

Larry Svelnis, John Olevitz, Ed Rudis, and Fran Daniels drove to New Jersey to be present at the testimonial banquet for Larry Janonis.

Fran Daniels and Ed Rudis joined the Norwoodites at their ski weekend in New Hampshire. Both report having had a terrific time.

Al Jaritis took off for his annual winter vacation to some place sunny and warm?

Ann, Joan, and Mary Kleponis have a new nephew.

Joan Kleponis celebrates a birthday March 11. Many happy returns.

Fran Daniels celebrates hers March 13. Best wishes to her too.

Angie and Stan Yelmokas welcomed Freckles into their home. Freckles is a honey-colored cocker spaniel.

Bill Gorski and his hiking club haven't hiked yet. Is it because of the indolence of the hikers or because of the two feet of crusted

snow? Bill has a new job with the Division of Public Safety. We hope he, his typewriter, and his writing skill are happy there.

Wanda Yelmokas and her first graders are staging a dramatic thriller for Boston's superintendent of schools. Aptly enough, this February suspense saga is titled "Who Chopped the Cherry Tree Down?" Technical difficulties are being experienced in the form of measles and chicken pox rampant among the cast.

Coming events include cooperation with the parish in its St. Casimir's Day observance and organization of the New England District Men's Retreat by Al Jaritis.

Ansonia, Conn. — 135 "Crutch"

With the start of 1961 this council has adopted a new slogan "Think Big!" To aid the local membership in fulfilling its slogan the following were elected to lead the group: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. George J. Viliauskas; President, John A. Sabulis; Vice-President, Alphonse Barauskas; Secretary, Ann Barauskas; Treasurer, Ann Ramanauskas; Fin. Secretary, Rose Marie Tabaka; Sgt.-at-Arms, Leon Barauskas. Millie Driznus was appointed as council reporter for the "Vytis." Leon Barauskas was appointed as the council's Sports Director.

We would like to welcome back into our midst after an absence of four years (vacationing with the Air Force) Leon Barauskas. Leon has taken an active interest in sports and plans to make our group more active in sports. He has remarked that the girls and boys who want to reduce may have that opportunity soon via bowling, softball, etc. Leon is presently in the process of entering the March of Dimes Single Tournament, sanctioned by A.B.C. and W.I.B.C. (Ten Pin Bowling) at Valley Bowl in Derby, starting February 8th. Leon will be representing the K. of L. C-135. Lots of Luck!

Well Floyd Trapkauskas can't say he wasn't warned. Welcome to the Ball and Chain club. His membership was approved by Gloria Romano on January 21st in New York. They will reside in Ansonia.

Our prayers and sincere wishes are extended to Helen Valentine for a complete and speedy recovery after her recent operation.

Al Barauskas stated recently that a woman never knows what she wants until there's a sale on it.

Home for a winter vacation is Johnny Sabulis who spent ten days in the hospital and will spend many, many more at home with a broken leg. Lots of luck, John, and we hope you're back with us again soon.

Our skating party and hot dog roast went off fine and all those who participated enjoyed it. Everyone journeyed to Paulsen's in Woodbridge for the skating events. Demonstrations on how to skate were given by Al Barauskas on one shoulder, and "Toby" Tabaka on his stomach. You boys did "reel" well. Much of this was recorded on movie film. We will all be interested in the showing of this film soon. Many others are also feeling the results. After skating, the entire gang ended up at Pete and Helen Gumbulevich's home for the hot dog roast. Plans were made for another event to take place soon while the snow lasts.

One of our greater events will be a Dessert Bridge and Easter Bonnet Parade. This will take place in St. Anthony's Church Hall on Sunday, March 12 at 5:00 P.M. Chairmen for this gala affair are Helen Chepulis, Helen Gumbulevich and Olga Savitskas. Proceeds will be donated towards the renovation and improvement of our church, so drop in for a good time.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. — 79 Dot & Dash

Stop — Look — and Listen!

The Seventy-niners hope you've been "stopping by", "looking in", and "listening to" — what we've been "dot-dashing" in our monthly corner. As it has been fun conveying this council's various activities to you, we hope as much, that you have enjoyed reading them. We might mention as well, there have been many other interesting and extraordinary featured in the "Vytis" — the Johnny Unitas story was most enjoyable to many of our football fans; the precisely written minutes of the Supreme Council meeting informative; and the "doings" of other councils are always interesting. So, let's give ourselves another five

minutes of reading time — maybe ten — and get acquainted on Lithuanianism and other educational matter in the "Vytis." (Perhaps we will not "stutter" for information when in company of our non-Lithuanian friends).

The Standing Committee for 1961 consists of: Lithuanian Affairs — Ed. Martin and Tony Dainus; Membership — Frank Petroski; Social Affairs — Jos. Chaps; Culture — Vicki Chepelonis; Catholic Action — Magdalena Smailis; Ritual — John Dargis and Ralph Valatka; By-Laws — Bill Walls; Sports — Len Salas; Rosary Chain — Millis Dargis; and Publicity (Vytis) — Sophie Zager, (Draugas) — Ruth Grasha.

Plans are underway for the Parish Pre-Lenten Dinner given by the Seventy-niners — which is THE occasion for Church of Divine Providence, annually. Something new has been "experienced". Dispensing from the old format of having a chairman, the affair, instead, was staged by seven chairladies. The group's nucleus included Vicki Chepelonis, Bertha Janus, P. Medonis, I. Novitski, M. Smailis, Adeline Vychnus and Sophie Zager. And, it seems they scored a direct hit in the Thinkshop Dept., (with some assistance from the president). Plaudits to these good "shoppers", including some "unique" ideas. (Pardon us for bragging, but we've surely had very hardworking and cooperative committees in this past year of 1960. Thanks so much.)

Results summarized from the January meeting were quite important. The president, Frank Zager read his report for the year of 1960. A note worthy to mention — he asked for "togetherness" in inter-council relationship. He stressed its importance — that it should be a challenge to compete for new ideas, plans and responsibilities amongst local councils, as well as on the national scale. We know that many friendly relations exist between the members of various councils, but let's try to improve on a greater scale — with spreading Lithuanianism as the foremost cause. Plaudits to Ed. Martin for his new plan of monthly "exchange members" between Council's 79 and 102.

Although the Ground Hog had to wear Long Johns on the Eve of our February meeting, we had a won-

derful turnout — 62 members attended on that very cold, wintry night. Helen Patocki and Magdalan Smailis were hostesses. With a beautiful Valentine motif, they had such delicacies as homemade cream pie, various cakes, candy and coffee. Very nice, indeed!

We'd like to add a complimentary note to our Seventy-niners for the magnificent attendance at February's Holy Communion. Congratulations, and do keep up the good work. Let's heed to Fr. Kundrat's fine comment, "If one belongs to a Catholic organization, it is necessary to represent a wholesome participation, spiritually as well as by other means". Why not make it 100 per cent!

Sports — via Lillian Stepan

The first division winners for our Council's Bowling League already completed, the winner of the first half is none other than the K. of L. Council 79, consisting of Mr. & Mrs. J. Eizonis, Del Stepan and C. Nashlon. Congratulations! Now let's see who will be the winner of the second division. The other teams ended as follows: Charles & Sons, Joy Inn, Bill's Cafe, Alytaus Bar, Wintergarden, 24th St. Bar, and Barney's Clothes. At this writing, Wintergarden Cafe is in the lead... Please, Aquiline Zane—no more 223 games; give us other female bowlers a chance. But, congratulations anyway.

This & That

"So near and yet not quite so near" — Helen Patocki didn't quite make it in January to see her daughter in Cincinnati, but expects a reunion with her soon... While Kazys "Charlie" Gogelis was basking in the temperate air of Argentina, there was a bit of the "South American" air for a post-holiday party at the home of Betty and Frank Petroski. Everyone had fun, but missed Charlie — and his Lithuanian tenor. He's back safe, sound and "enviably" tanned... "Pink" congratulations are due to Violet and Joe upon their newest addition in the Panavas family... Our sympathies to Stanley Bernadis upon the loss of his beloved mother. Also belated sympathies to Mrs. Ann Uzdavinas on the death of her beloved mother, Mrs. Naujelis... What are you Eastern K. of L'ers planning to do with anymore snow?!

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Detroit, Mich. — 79

Joe & Jerry Chaps

March 1, Wednesday C-79 regular monthly meeting Divine Providence Parish Hall, 7:30 P.M. Guest speaker: We hope if possible, Judge Joseph Sullivan. Also Ritual ceremonies for all eligible members. Any questions call — Ralph Valatka BR — 3-2224 or John Dargis WE — 4-9350.

March 5, Sunday, St. Casimir's Day observance by C-79 and C-102 with a corporate communion and breakfast, Divine Providence Parish 8:30 Mass. Mrs. M. Smailis, Catholic action chairman would like to have an idea how many to accommodate for. Please call her — BR — 3-5818.

The Knights of Lithuania should be commended for their high spiritual devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. I was indeed very pleased with the large turnout at your Family Communion, Sunday, February 5. I hope and pray that this example you showed will be taken up by others. May we all try to live up to the examples set for us by our Patron Saint, Saint Casimir. May God Bless you all. Fr. Kundrat, Spiritual Adviser.

The officers and executive board were overwhelmed with the turnout of 62 members and guests at the February 1, meeting. Keep up the attendance! The K. of L. is your organization, and your interest is appreciated. Our thanks to the hostesses for Feb. — Mrs. H. Patacki and Mrs. M. Smailis.

Now is the time for all good K. of L's to pay up their 1961 dues. Contact Lee Stepan, 12174 Roselawn, Detroit 4.

Any member who is sick or going to the hospital please notify the Sunshine Club Chairman, Jerry Chaps, KE — 2-2778.

Members should notify Rosary Chairman, Millie Dargis any death of a member or members of their families — WE—b-9350.

Anyone interested in bowling next fall, please contact Len Salas, VE—6-6502 or John Eizoras, LU—4-4139.

K. of L. needs more members. Our goal for 1961 should be to double our membership. Won't you help! Bring a new member down to the March meeting.

Detroit, Mich. — 102 Pelėda
New Officers (1961)

Spiritual Adviser — Rev. W. Stanievich; President — Frank Bunikis; Vice-Pres. — Leon Galinskas; Vice-Pres. — Ann Aleks; Treasurer — William Juodwalkis; Secretary — Patricia Ramas; Financial Secretary — Rita Neverouck; Trustees — Raymond Medonis, and Diane Neverouck. Lithuanian Affairs & Culture — Teresa Medonis; Ritual Committee—Robert S. Boris; Sports Committee — John Mickus; "Vytis" Correspondent — Aldona Bunikis; and Council Representative to Federation Meeting — Ann Aleks.

We wish our new officers much success in their efforts during the coming year and extend a sincere "thank you" to the retiring officers, who did a splendid job during the past year. It was an eventful one for our council. Among other things, we are proud of our St. Casimir's Day Observance and the District Convention. Add to this the Easter Dance and the K. of L. Camp Week which were jointly sponsored with Council 79. We also have happy memories of a few council parties, wiener roasts and a Luau!

We were most happy to have Terry and Ray Medonis rejoin our council at the last meeting. They started out in fine style by opening their home for a Mardi Gras party in February. We also welcome Mrs. Neverouck as a new member. She is following the rest of the Neverouck Girls in their K. of L. activities — of you can't beat 'em — then join 'em!

The new rectory at St. Anthony's should be completed this month — happy day for Fr. Stan and the K. of L. No more squeezing into 4th grade schoolroom desks for meeting!

Five couples from our council and their children got together for an impromptu ice-skating picnic in January (even roasted hot dogs over an open fire!). The temperature was at zero but the spirits were high and so much fun was had by all that another outing was scheduled for the end of the month. The repeat performance was not quite so well attended (could be some of the toes were still frozen?) — or were they afraid that Emil Byville would lead the way. Nevertheless, enthusiasm

was catching and Lee Galinskas may try out for the Red Wings next year!

Detroiters would like to know "What Happened to Bob Boris?" He is sorely missed at our affairs. Since he was elected National President they see more of him in Chicago, Cleveland, New York etc. One of these weekends we'll just have to hire a bus and follow along. Who knows we may even persuade him to show us the movies he took in Europe last year!

Dates to keep in mind for the near future are:

May 20th — Council 102 bowling banquet;

May 27 & 28th — Midwest bowling tournament in Chicago;

June 25th — Midwest Golf tournament in Detroit;

August 16th — K. of L. Juniors Camp at Manchester, Michigan for all children of Lithuanian Heritage between the ages of 7 and 14.

Cleveland, Ohio — 25

"Sunshine Girl"

Nauja Valdyba (1961). Rev. Bernard Bartis, spiritual adviser; Nellie Arunski, President; Al Samas, Vice President; Sandy Paskevics, Recording Secretary; Bill Smith, Financial Secretary; Gene Kunsitis, Treasurer; Ursula Yankauskas, Sgt.-at-Arms; Tony Draugel and John Andrulis, Trustees. Bill Smith — Ritual Committee Chairman. Since the majority of the officers were re-elected, we particularly wish to thank Charles Machutas for the fine job he did as our past Recording Secretary.

Membership Committee Chairmen — Ursula Yankauskas and John Andrulis are already busy planning an active drive for new members.

Our January meeting held at Al and Nellie Samas' home was really a whirlwind affair for them. Not only were they the hosts during the meeting but they also served a Sunday dinner — honoring out-of-town bowlers from DuBois, Pennsylvania.

We are pleased to learn that Raymond, son of Al and Joanne Shigo, is well on the road to recovery after a serious bout with the mumps... John Arunski, husband of our newly-elected President, is at Springs, Arkansas, recuperating from a serious illness. We're looking forward to his speedy recovery.