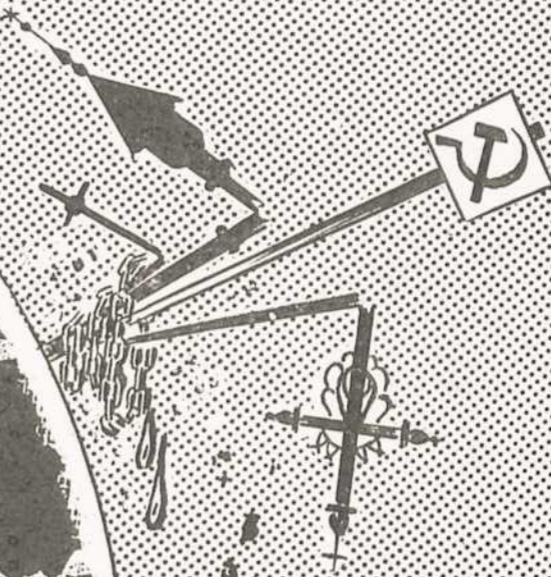


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As KNIGHTS, stand guard and e'er strive
To keep your heritage alive!

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?

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Lietuvos Vyčiai ir "Vytis"

BAL. BRAZDŽIONIS

Dabar jokiū būdu nebūtū galima gyventi be spausdinto žodžio. Milioniniai tiražai Amerikos laikraščių išeina kasdien, kas savaitę, kas mėnesį. Spauda yra galingas ginklas žmogaus gyvenimo kelyje. Lietuviška spauda, ypač išeivijoje, palaiko viso pasaulio lietuvių ryšį ir lietuviybę. Kiek spauda bus gyva, tiek lietuviškas veikimas bus stiprus. Visi rūpinasi, kad spauda klestėtų. Reikia pakalbėti ir Lietuvos vyčių žurnalo, "Vytis" klausimais.

Kas mėnesį mus "Vytis" lanko. Iš jo mes pasisemiame kas mūsų širdžiai miela, pažvelgiame, ką Amerikoje vyčiai veikia, paskaitome turiningų straipsnių. Viršelis — vinjetė labai graži ir švari spauda, vidaus puslapiuose mirga ir nuotraukų. Yra čia ir skyriai. Atrodo, kad daugiau įvairumo jam netektų dėti. Gabaus redaktoriaus p. Leimono ranka visur yra ryški. Tačiau, bent kokie nauji patarimai, neprošali. Ir kokie? — paklauskite.

"Vytis" mūsų organizacijos veidrodė. Kiekvieną kuopą joje reikia pareikšti, kiekvienas rašantysis turi surasti laiko ateiti vyčiams į pagalbą, kiekvienas dvasios vadovas turėtų paskirti vis daugiau "Vyties" žurnalui savo minčių, o mūsų rašytojai aprašyti šių dienų gyvenimą. Argi tiek jau esame sumaterializėję, kad nejaučiame nei atsakomybės, nei savo pareigos. Teisėjas William tikrai rimtai perspėja, kad Amerikoje trūksta religijos ir moralės. Materialistinė dvasia švaistosi visur.

Nusikaltimai didėja ir jaunieji krašto gyventojai, nors ne visuma, žūsta dar jaunystės gėlėms nepažyčius. Lietuvis vytis ir jo aplinka gi turi reikšmės ir naujas ateinančias kartas. Todėl būtų miela skaityti "Vytį" moralinio ir gero auklėjimosi straipsnių. Mes turim gabų kun. A. Sušinską. O kur daugiau filosofų, kur daktarų ir istorikų. Juk būtų labai verta iš visų sričių paskaityti. O patys vyčiai, kodėl taip šykštūs savo nuotraukų ir aprašymų iš pačios veiklos. Visiems kitiems reikalingams net kartais per daug laiko skiriamame, o mūsų spaudai, kas tik atlieka. Ir kuopų vadai ir išrinkti lietuviški vadovai juk turėtų jausti pareigą karts nuo karto "Vyčiui" padėti. Ir "Drauge" ar kitur skyriai sunkiai laikosi. Vienas vyras ne talka — vienas žodis ne šneka, — sako dr. V. Kudirka, tas mūsų Lietuvos Himno autorius. Ir žurnalas ar laikraštis neįdomus, jei tie patys rašo. Juk Vyčių kuopose vyksta metinės veiklos apyskaitos, išvykos, laiškų rašymai, koncertai, pasilinksminimai, laipsnių įteikimai ir kiti dalykai. Žiūrėk, sekretorius užrašo, susirinkimas išklauso ir taip viskas pasilieka protokolų knygoje. O "Vytis" laukia iš kiekvieno vyčio ir prieteliaus, kas kaip gali, kaip išmano, žinių, patarimų, nuotraukų, aukų ir įvairių straipsnių. "Vytis" ir skyriai laukia talkos iš visų kampečių. Sukruskime turėti kuopose, apskirtyse rinktus korespondentus, kad jie, pasiėmę šią pareigą, kiek

galima geriau savo pareigas atliktų. Žurnalo turinys tik tada stipriau veiks skaitytojus, kai mūsų dvasiai ir akiai bus patrauklus, įdomus. Juk Amerikoje spauda kiek atitraukia žmones nuo įtemptų rūpesčių ir darbų. Ir mes, po sunkių darbų, norėdami pagyventi su "Vytim", ieškome, ką kas daro, kas ką veikia, ar nebūtū galima iš ko pasisemti pavyzdžių, nors minutėliai pasvajoti apie tolimesnį Lietuvos vyčių likimą ir t. t. Tiesa, daug ko kartais pasiekiamo, bet niekais nenuėis ir kiekviena paskleista gera mintis ar pavyzdys per spausdintą žodį.

Gerai žinome, kad "Vytis" yra organizacijos organas. Mes jam turime telkti ir didesnes lėšas, kad padaryti tobulesniu ir sugestyvesniu. Pinigas čia yra svarbiausias aktorius — taip sakant, doleris tyli, doleris kalba, doleris kiekvieną myli. Gražu kai eilės buvo garbės prenumeratorių. Miela, kai kuopos irgi paskiria aukų. Be to labai sunku. Juk nei CV, nei pati redakcija bei administracija jokių biznio šaltinių neturi. Kiti išsilaiko iš skelbimų. Gal reiktų pagalvoti, ar žurnalui stiprinti nebūtū galima kitaip lėšas telkti, netik iš nario mokesčio. Duokit sugestijas — tam ir žurnalas yra, kad gvildentume jo medžiaginę bei dvasinę padėtį. Iš dalies mums nei nėra žinoma, kaip ta mūsų "Vytis" laikosi? Tuo reikalu nieko aiškiaus nei CV nei iš žurnalo nėra pasakyta jau per eilę metų. Tad atverskime savo kortas, jei reikia — tai prašykime aukų — gerų širdžių visad atsiras. Yra lietuvių, kurie nevien doleriu gyvena. Todėl, tarp tų visų gyvenimo audrų ir darbų, rūpinkimės savo žurnalą, paskleiskime jame geras mintis ir veiklą, duokime žinių kur kas veikia ir kaip einame Lietuvos bei Tiesos keliu.

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In accordance with the decision regarding VYTIS made at the Supreme Council meeting in Pittsburgh, March 18, 1961, we now inform all members of the Knights of Lithuania that the VYTIS is scheduled to be published, on offset, in Chicago, commencing with the June issue. Therefore, effective May 1, 1961, all VYTIS articles and mail are to be sent to the following address:

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INVOCATION

(Offered by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis M. Juras at the opening of the Massachusetts Senate, held on February 16, 1961, 11:00 a.m. at the Senate Chamber, State House, Boston—in commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day.

**Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis M. Juras
and Senate President John Powers**



Jack Leonard

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,
Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven, enlighten our minds to know the truth and strengthen our wills to seek what is right, and grant us the moral courage to do what is best for the Commonwealth and the entire nation.

We pray Thee to assist the members of the Massachusetts Senate with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, and enable them to carry on their deliberations and enactments with wisdom, sincerity, honesty and courage.

As Thou hast blessed this "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave" in the past, watch over us, protect, bless and guide us, O Lord, in these tumultuous and testing days, when our very existence as a free nation is in a jeopardy. Under Thy guidance keep us united to preserve peace and freedom from the continued ruthless aggression of foes. Give us the wisdom and power in extending the same peace, freedom and security to the oppressed people, that are under the bondage of the heartless communistic regime.

On this day we especially pray Thee to restore the blessings of freedom and independence to the Republic of Lithuania and other enslaved nations. Hasten the time when no evil deeds of man shall defile Thy glorious creation, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,
Amen.*

EUROPE IS WORTH VISITING

REV. JOHN C. JUTT



Anyone who has ever gone to school has had occasion to learn something about Europe. Much was read about England, France, Italy, Germany and the other countries in Europe during the time spent in grammar school. Much more was learned about the glorious past of Europe and its many nations during the study of the French, German and Latin languages while in high school. In fact, so much was learned that it can be said without fear of contradiction that not a few at some time during those years expressed the wish to visit the Old Country.

Europe is deeply steeped in antiquity and tradition. Almost everywhere it has quaint towns and villages, castle-crowned mountains and hills, beautiful green valleys and fjords. Ancient cities dot the banks of well known rivers, picturesque chalets and inns occupy the tops of majestic mountains or the charming mountain slopes, lovely seaside villages are located in very romantic settings, magnificent cathedrals send their tall spires piercing the skies above. People of many nationalities, seemingly oblivious of the traveler, are none-the-less ready to serve him with gracious never-to-be-forgotten hospitality. Quaint hamlets, small places with delicious pastry shops, lovely eating places, music-filled wine and beer gardens are typical of the many inland off-the-beaten-path places where the people work hard but always manage to find the time to enjoy life.

My two brothers, priests in the Springfield, Massachusetts Diocese, and I got the chance to visit Europe in the late summer and early autumn of 1960. It took at least eight months to prepare for the trip. First of all, we decided against a tour, the type of which is arranged by the Travel Agencies of America. Tours may be the thing for the average tourist who has time to see only the principal points of interest in Europe. Tours may be all right for the traveler who either cannot or will not spend the time to study maps, read material and plan a private tour of his own. Tours are not the thing for the visitor who wishes to go where he pleases, stop and stay as long as he wishes, visit interesting places rarely visited by the average tourist. It has been the sad experience of many a tourist to go on a tour and be forced by the itinerary to stay a rather long time in places where he does not care to stay and to leave places where he would like to spend much more time. How many times has it not happened that, because of the time element and delays caused by unforeseen circumstances, certain scheduled stops have had to be eliminated and well-known places were thus not seen? Or if they were seen, it was merely a passage through the place with no time for even a short visit. How many times has it not occurred that only a few short hours were allotted in cities and towns where one would have loved to spend two or even three

days to visit the many interesting places located there? Tours were definitely out for us. We wanted no part of them.

In previous years we toured by car all of the United States, most of Canada and quite a bit of Mexico. Experience has taught us that the best way to travel was by car. By car it is possible to stop anywhere one wishes. In places of historical and natural interest, one can stop, spend as much time as one wishes and leave whenever one wants to. By car one can go off the main road, visit small towns and villages, converse with the people, visit their homes and see sights of just as great interest as the well-known places everyone hears about. Travelling by car, one does not have to hurry. One can be much more thorough in his visiting and enjoy it to the fullest. Much more can be seen and one suits himself as he pleases. All these reasons prompted us to see Europe by car. Since it was so simple to tour our country by car, we were convinced that it was just as easy to tour Europe. We were not mistaken.

Our trip began on the day after the National Convention ended in Worcester. That evening at Idlewild Airport in New York, we boarded a Sabena Airlines Jet to Brussels in Belgium. At an altitude of 37,000 feet, the ride was very smooth and most pleasant. After a nice lunch, we were able to take a nap on the plane. Six and one-half hours later on the following morning, our plane landed at Brussels. Since we had

arranged to pick up our car in Paris, we immediately, at the Brussels Airport, boarded a helicopter which flew us into Paris within two hours. We arranged the trip this way in order to get glimpses from the air of the Belgian countryside and northern France with its beautiful city of Paris. It was thrilling to see the many fine places of interest that only Paris has. Arriving at the Airport and clearing ourselves with customs, we picked up our Peugeot car. It became our most valuable companion during the entire visit of Europe.

Paris

Paris is a beautifully laid out city. Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde, the Tuileries Gardens, the Louvre, Montmartre, Notre Dame Cathedral, Sacre Coeur Church, the city's many beautiful churches and imposing government buildings offer the visitor many opportunities to keep moving and see the sights. We never saw so many beatniks and so many women with such horrible, indescribable hairdos as in Paris. It was fun to visit the many fine stores on both sides of the Seine river on which Paris is located. Prices, however, were quite high. In fact in some cases, prices were higher than in our own country.

A visit to Notre Dame Cathedral, perhaps the best known of all European churches, is definitely rewarding even though both the exterior and interior are exceedingly dirty. Both could stand a good cleaning. The stained glass windows and the marvelous sculpture work, particularly on the outside, are magnificent. French cops keep the bums away from the Cathedral area and they don't hesitate to use their feet to let the bums know that they are not welcome. The market place in Montmartre is very interesting and the view from in front of the Sacre Coeur church is out of this world. More than half the city of Paris can be seen. A boat ride along the Seine was most delightful. It gave one a chance to rest up a bit and see a great deal of what Paris has to offer the visitor. It is along the river and in the gardens of Paris that one sees so much of couples enjoying each other's company. They don't make any bones about it.

Driving to the Arc de Triomphe which is the focal point of the main arteries of Paris, we climbed to the very top. From this high vantage point, a beautiful view of the main boulevards of the city can be had. Below it is the eternal flame and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier beautifully decorated with all sorts of colorful flowers. We just had to drive down Champs Elysees and go up Eiffel Tower. Every visitor does. The latter is a massive steel structure built about a century ago. During the German Occupation of the city during World War II, the Germans were quite determined to take the tower down for its steel content but the Parisians were so insensed over the idea that the Germans did not dare to do it. The tower has a number of levels which can be reached by elevator and from which magnificent views of Paris may be seen. On the left bank of the Seine, we paid a visit to the University section. Here the buildings are all old and very dirty. Of particular interest to us was the Church of St. Sulpice for the Sulpician Fathers were the ones who taught in the seminary which we attended. Here again the church was terribly dirty and could stand a great deal of repair and a thorough cleaning. The interior was just as bad as the exterior. Not too far away, we had occasion to visit the Montparnasse section where the German garrison surrendered to the French in 1944 after four years of occupation. Paris, as you know, is noted for its many street-side cafes. People spend hours here drinking coffee and other libations. It's worth spending some time at these cafes for it gives one the chance to watch the many types of people who go by and to see the activity that constantly goes on in the squares.

Belgium

After seeing as much of Paris as we cared to see, we headed north for Belgium. On the way we paid a visit to the majestic Cathedral at Reims and saw the battlefields of the First World War where so many of our American boys are buried. Crossing into Belgium, we were surprised to see so many modern buildings in her cities. Inquiring, we learned that during the last war many of the old buildings were

destroyed in the many bombings that took place there. For example, in Antwerp over 20,000 buildings were bombed. All these have rebuilt. Despite the fact that so many cities in Belgium and Holland suffered severe damage from bombing, there is very little trace of it. Rotterdam in Holland was seriously damaged but like Antwerp, it has been completely rebuilt.

Brussels is a lovely city to visit. Our room at the hotel gave us a remarkable view of the Botanical Gardens. We went to the Royal Palace and paid a visit to the site of the 1959 World's Fair not too far away. Its buildings are typical and the business section is worth visiting. We found that lace for which the Belgians are famous is quite expensive so much so that in our opinion it was not worth buying.

Holland

From Belgium, we drove into Holland. Here like in Belgium the homes are very clean, well-kept and it seems that the women never tire in keeping the windows spotlessly clean and the sidewalks clear of any rubbish. The Dutch are certainly stick'ers for cleanliness. Their cities are kept immaculate and we found it most inviting to visit them. Amsterdam, the diamond capital of the world, with its many canals and over 400 bridges, was very interesting. A boat ride along the canals should not be missed, particularly at nighttime. The Dutch are great ones for bicycles. It seems that everyone has a bike. In Amsterdam, they even have bike traffic jams. We got caught in one at quitting time for the factories and I can assure you we were glad to get out of it.

The center of the bulb industry is the beautiful city of Haarlem. Naturally it was not the season for blooming bulbs but by visiting the bulb fields, one could well imagine the beauty that can be seen during the season. Haarlem is very clean and has many places of interest. It was here that we met in the bank five young ladies, one of them a school teacher from Boston. They hired a bus-type Volkswagen with a chauffeur who drove them around all of Europe. This was their second visit to Holland for they liked the country so well that they had to

visit it again before leaving for America.

From Haarlem, our destination was Alkmaar, another lovely city only a few miles away. It is here that during the spring and summer the famous cheese festivals are held each Friday morning. Fortunately for us we arrived in the city on Thursday so we stayed over for the festival. It represents a gay time for the people as well as for the visitors. The farmers bring in their cheese to the old Weighing Station where the cheese is bought by businessmen. It poured heavily at the beginning of the day but later on the sun came out and it was sunny for the rest of the day. It was interesting to see the men unload the cheese and other men, dressed in white uniforms with blue, green or red straw hats, carry it into the weighing station.

After the Cheese Festival, we arrived at Volendam where most of the people are Catholic. It must be remembered that many of the Dutch are Catholic even though so many think of Holland as being a Protestant country. The Catholics are of the militant type. They publish four catholic daily newspapers. They have a great number of vocations to the religious life. In fact when we were there, arrangements were being made by the Bishops of Austria to borrow some of the Dutch priests to take care of places where there was a terrific shortage of priests in Austria. Furthermore, it is interesting to note that before World War II, the Dutch contributed more to the Catholic missions of the world, proportionately speaking, than any other nation in the world. Around Volendam one can see the windmills which are so famous in Holland. We were lucky enough to see one in motion. So many tourists stopped to watch it. The men wear black baggy clothing while the women are also dressed in black but with white blouses and high black dunce-like hats. This part of Holland should not be missed under any circumstances.

Volendam has a harbor from which a boat may be taken to Marken Island. We took this 45 minute ride. On this island the people live according to their ancient customs. About 1700 people inhabit the island but they have intermarried so close-

ly that there are only 32 family names. There are only two churches, one Lutheran and the other Protestant. The island has only one doctor but no hospital. The stores are quite quaint and feature beautifully knit items. The people catch herrings and sell them either pickled or straight to the tourists. They are a delicacy. Baby carriages are imports and are owned only by policemen, school teachers and the doctor. One woman who learned English through her numerous contacts with tourists was gracious enough to take us through her home and explain some of their customs to us. The homes are small, wooden, consist mainly of one large room with a small room something like a cupboard. In the walls are open places where the members of the family sleep. The walls are covered with all kinds of decorated dishes and every Friday morning is spent dusting them and the room. Baby clothes have whale bones in them to keep the back of the baby straight. A boy is dressed like a girl until he reaches six. The only thing that distinguishes him from a girl is a white strip of lace that is sewed on to the front of his blouse. At six, his skirt is made into pantalons but his hair is not cut. From six to seven he is considered to be half-boy and half-girl. At seven his hair is cut and he is then considered to be a full-fledged boy. The poor boys take a beating here. A girl wears a five-piece headdress until she is eighteen. Then she wears a white one which signifies that she is of marriageable age. The wedding dress is handed down from generation to generation. It is the mother's privilege and duty to take care of the Sunday clothes of all the members of her family. During the week she keeps them packed in boxes arranged as she wishes. When a young man proposes to a young lady and she accepts his proposal, he immediately gets to work carving out a pair of richly decorated wooden shoes for her. This takes at least two months of his spare time. Sunday is a very holy day for the people. Everything is closed up and the day is set aside to be what it was meant to be by God, a day of rest. The island is a most interesting place to see. We found it to be a very nice place. After returning to the mainland by boat and visiting

other places in Holland, particularly Utrecht, we crossed the border into Germany.

Germany

The German border officials were most gracious and no difficulty was experienced in getting into the country. The countryside differed very little from that of Holland. Germany has a number of super highways which are called autobahns. They are just as good as any of our highways but with one difference. The autobahns are not toll roads. One can ride them freely and enjoy the scenery without even thinking of paying anything for the privilege. We reached the ancient city of Cologne with its many fine parks and its gorgeous cathedral. The latter is visited by thousands of people every day. Its spires reach out over 500 feet into the sky, slightly less than the height of Washington Monument in Washington, D. C. We were informed that all the area about the Cathedral was bombed into destruction, yet the cathedral was not destroyed. This was done because of the remarkable precision bombing on the part of the Americans. After visiting a number of charming stores in the business section, we left the city and continued our drive along the Rhine river.

This drive is most scenic and well worth the time. The mountains and hills along both banks are topped with many fine castles. We got an excellent view of the Marksburg Castle, the only castle that was not hit in any way during the last war. On either side we saw the extensive vineyards, the grapes of which are used to produce the famous Rhine wines of Germany. We drove by the world-famous LORELEI, the mountain which jets out into the river and narrows it to a turn where passage is made quite difficult. In old times many ships were shipwrecked here because the river is narrow and the water treacherous. Legend, however, says that some maiden sang while the boats went by the men listened to the music to the neglect of their boats. As we passed Lorelei, we stopped and glanced back. The entire picture was so lovely and gorgeous that we hesitated to go any further.

We kept on driving until we came to the university town of Heidel-

berg. We were fortunate to get a corner room in the very square. Thus we were able to get a nice view of the square, the arch, the bridge and the river. The picture of this whole area is often seen in the travel folders agencies give out. We enjoyed dinner at the famous Red Ox Inn where many of the students congregate and where so many tourists go to enjoy the singing and the unusual, out-of-this-world atmosphere. The food was excellent and the prices were very reasonable. Unfortunately it began to rain late that night and the following morning it continued to rain. After mass in one of the churches, we climbed the mountain to the ruins of an ancient castle overlooking the town and the whole surrounding area. The terrain here is very scenic and a lovely view may be obtained but because of the rain and mist, we could not enjoy it.

Leaving Heidelberg, we started our tour of the whole Black Hills section of Bavaria in Germany. The color of the trees is a dark green and from a distance they appear to be black. Hence the name of Black Hills. We drove into Florsheim and spent even more time in the famous resort town of Baden - Baden. We had a most lovely time at the spa. We drank some of the mineral water, enjoyed a wonderful symphonic concert and did some window shopping in the cute small stores that were located nearby. We climbed the hills from which we got excellent views of the surrounding areas. The Bavarian forest area is just filled with colorful, picturesque places. Many wayside shrines along the roads indicate that the people are religious. Bavaria is largely catholic. The homes are lovely. We found the town of Gengenbach particularly beautiful because many of its homes were colorfully decorated. The paintings on the walls, the blooming flowers on the porches and the typically built roofs of the homes made the whole town so beautiful that it was beyond description. In the town of Triberg where we had occasion to stay in a beautiful Bavarian inn, we found time to visit a factory where cuckoo clocks are made. This town is famous for its cuckoo clocks. It is also well-known for its seven level waterfalls, colorfully lit up in

the late evening. From Triberg, our next destination was Munich.

The drive to Munich was not as scenic as the one going to Triberg. The farms were just ordinary and most of the people were busy on the fields. One of the days that we toured Bavaria was a Sunday and we had hoped to see many of the people in typical Bavarian costume. Such was not the case, however. Only a costume or two could be seen here and there but for the most part, the dress of most of the people was American.

Munich is, of course, the capital of the Bavarian section of Germany. It is a city with a great history and even greater tradition. This was the only city which we saw which had sections still not restored after the heavy bombings that took place there during the war. The church where we said mass on a number of days was in horrible need of repair. The whole sacristy was destroyed and a temporary roof was made to provide shelter for the faithful. Appeals for money to restore it were constantly being made. Munich is famous for its beer gardens. We made it a point to visit a number of them. Fine meals at reasonable prices are served in these halls. Each one has a band which plays delightful Bavarian music. I thought it amusing to see the men drinking beer from glasses whose contents were certainly at least a half-gallon. It has been said that despite the fact that so many drink beer in these gardens, very few if any get drunk. I regret to say that this is not true. We saw so many who could hardly walk after a session in the gardens. They were certainly drunk. Being interested in marriage problems, I wondered how many problems were created by the attendance of so many men in these beer halls.

The Bavarian people are music lovers. We got the chance to see a number of their operettas and more enjoyable music could not be heard. The people love them and they go to them with their children and their families. Concerts are being held constantly and the folks so love them that often tickets are hard to obtain. The City Hall is a most imposing building. In the center tower high above the main street are a number of figurines which are put

in motion each morning at 10:45. Many people flock to the front of the building on the main street to see the figurines and to listen to the bell music which accompanies their motion. The whole program is worth seeing once but I doubt if I'd care to watch it again. In the basement of the City Hall is the well-known restaurant Rathauskeller. This place is indeed fabulous, serving exquisite meals at down-to-earth prices. We enjoyed the meals we had here. Another well-known place is the Hofbrauhaus which is really nothing but a beer joint. The atmosphere here is none too pleasant and I would gather that a lower type of people congregate here. Certainly some of the other beer gardens are better than this one. We would have loved to stay in Germany longer but we were due for a return visit later on for the Passion Play. Consequently, we left Munich and headed for Austria.

TO BE CONTINUED

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 29-30 — New England District K. of L. Convention. Host. Council 103, Providence, Rhode Island.
- May 14 — Dayton, Ohio (96) Mother's Day. Mass and Communion.
- May 20 — Dayton, Ohio (96) Polka Party, Polish AD Club, Stan Vaitkus, Chairman.
- May 20 — Great Neck, N. Y. (109) Annual Spring Dance, Knights of Columbu Hall, North Plandome Rd., Port Washington, L. I., N. Y.
- May 21 — Worcester, Mass. (26) 45th Anniversary Banquet. Joseph Drumstas, chairman.
- May 27-28 — Midwest Bowling Tournament, Marzano's Miami Bowl, Chicago.
- June 11 — Mid Central District Adult & Youth Conference, Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation Carey, Ohio.
- August 6 — Dayton, Ohio (96) Lithuanian Day Picnic, Eintracht Park. Mike Petkus, chairman.
- August 24-27 — 48th K. of L. NATIONAL CONVENTION. Host: Seniors of Cleveland and Council 25, Cleveland, Ohio. Convention Headquarters — Carter Hotel.



Lietuvos Vyčių speciali komisija apsilankė pas Chicagos merą Daley pakviesti jį į "Lietuvos Prisiminimų" banketą-koncertą, kuris įvyko šeštadienį, vasario 11 d., 1961 m., Constitution salėje, Morrison viešbutyje, Chicagoj. Jis pakvietimą priėmė. Kvietimo komisiją sudarė (iš kairės į dešinę): Estelle Rogers — Lietuvos Vyčių choro pirm., Irene Rokaitis — pirm. 112 kuopos Lietuvos Vyčių, adv. Konstant Savickas — Legalis Lietuvos Vyčių patarėjas ir Chicagos miesto advokatas, Loretta Kassel — Lietuvos Vyčių centro raštininkė ir banketo rengimo komiteto vedėja, meras Richard J. Daley, Vincentas Samoška — 36-tos kp. L. V. pirm., Eleanor Laurin — L. V. Illinois-Indiana apskr. pirm. ir banketo rengimo komiteto antra vedėja.



Jokūbui Stukui L. Vyčių Centro Valdybos nariui ir Kultūros Komisijos Pirmininkui Čikagos vyčiai už atsižymėjimą veikloje įteikia dovaną. Iš kairės į dešinę matome: A. Rudis, kons. Daužvardis, J. Stukas, J. Daužvardienė, kun. Činikas, p-lė Laurin ir kiti.



Estelle Rogers,
energinga Chicagos Vyčių
Choro pirmininkė

Įsijunkime į Vyčių Darbą

BAL. BRAZDŽIONIS

Illinois - Indiana apskrityje Lietuvos vyčiai tikrai daug darbuojasi ne tik organizacijos, bet ir Lietuvos gerovei. Lietuvos vyčių kelios kuopos sudaro apskrities valdybą ir toji valdyba veikia kelių šimtų vyčių vardu. Jau beveik 40 metų, kai čia vyčiai dirba Dievui ir Tėvynei. Pavarčius "Vyties" lapus, pamatysim kiek čia daug dirbo sąžiningų Lietuvos sūnų ir dukrų, kurių jau daugelis nukeliavo į amžinybę, o jų vaikai vistiek tęsia toliau vyčių veiklą, nors atvykusieji naujieji ateiviai ir mažai padeda. Daugumas dabartinių vyčių nėra matę savo tėvų gimtosios žemės, o veikia pasigerėtinai. Štai keletas konkrečių pavyzdžių iš šių dienų vyčių gyvenimo.

Vasario 16

Džiugu, kad apskrity atsiranda idealių mergaičių ir vyrų, kurie kas lietuviška, mielai remia ir Lietuvos vardą garsina. Reikia laiškus parašyti kuopose, tuoj susirinkimuose paraginami vyčiai juos parašyti. Laiškai eina tiesiog į Senatą, į Kongresą, į laikraščių redakcijas ir kur tik lietuviškas balsas reikalingas. Šiomet ypatingai gražiai pavykęs Vasario 16 d. minėjimas, kurį suruošė trys energingos mergaitės — Loreta Al. Kassel, E. Laurin ir Irena Sankus. Tokį didingą minėjimą ir banketą surengti didžiulėj Čikagoj tai ne juokai. Puošnioj Morrison viešbučio salėj įvyko puiki programa, kur dalyvavo daugybė vyčių ir jų rėmėjų. Garbės svečių tarpe matėsi miesto mero atstovas, konsulas Daužvardis su ponia, Jokūbas Stukas, kun. Činikas, p. Rudžiai ir eilė kitų. J. E. vysk. Brizgys sukalbėjo malda, naujai suorganizuotas vyčių choras gieda himnus, dainuoja, vyksta tautiniai šokiai Br. Šato vedami, įteikiamas darbščiausiam vyčiui diplomai. O toliau p. J. Stukas parodo savo ir brolių Motuzų filmą. Viskas taip lietuviška, taip artima ir miela. Daugelis vyčių ir svečių pamatė buvusią Lietuvą nepriklausomybės laikais ir dabar pavergtąją.

Kova dėl Vilniaus ir Lietuvos

Neseniai Čikagos Sun-Times redakcija patalpino vyčio laišką, kuriame dėkojo už vieno žurnalisto, lankiusio Vilniaus miestą, aprašymą. Tuoj pakilo lenkai ir pradėjo rėkti, kad Vilnius jiems priklausos. Tik dėka sumanių lietuvių atsakymų, lenkai pamažu nutilo. Kova laimėta nors laikinai. Vėliau miestas surengė derliaus šventę Navy Pier. Joje dalyvavo visos tautos savo skyriais. Ir čia vėl lenkai savo skyriuje iškabino žemėlapi, kuriame Vilniaus miestas priskirtas Lenkijai. Kreiptasi į miesto valdžią. Dėka švietimo skyriaus vedėjo pono Billingio, Vilnius buvo uždengtas ir lenkai nusileido. O kur dar daugiau įvairių kovų? Vyčiai rašo dabartiniu metu Lietuvos reikalais į Kongresą ir Senatą. Juk gerasis sen. Kuchel, iš Kalifornijos, Kalifornijos lietuvių prašomas, įnešė rezoliuciją į Senatą atstatyti Lietuvą nepriklausomą, kokią ji buvo prieš 20 su viršum metų ir kitą rezoliuciją, įnešti į JT Lietuvos klausimą, ku-

riuo nušluotų rusišką kolonializmą iš mūsų krašto. Vyčiai šiuo reikalu ypatingai daug rūpinasi.

Šiuo mažu straipsniu negalima visko paliesti, ką vyčiai veikia visoje Amerikoje. Jei jų organizacija yra sudaryta veik tik iš čia gimusio jaunimo, tai kaip gerai, kad tas jaunimas padeda savo darbais Lietuvai. Kodėl naujai atvykę neateina čia į pagelbą vyčiams? Juk daugumas iš mūsų esam prisiekę, kad kol Lietuva bus rusų žudoma ir teriojama — tol kaip įmanydami kovosime dėl Lietuvos laisvės.

Choras

Štai Čikagoje susiorganizavo Lietuvos vyčių choras. Jo vedėju esąs gabus muzikas F. Strolia. Vyčiai išsirinko tuoj choro valdybą, kurią sudaro pirm. Estelle Rogers, sekr. Ruth Dagis, kas. Ray Samoska, Anna Paukštis ir Al. Zakarka kultūros reikalams. Pažvelgus į choro sąstatą, vos tik keli yra tremtiniai. Kodėl ir čia dainos mylėtojai neateinat. Vieni idealistai priklausot prie Dainavos, Stephens, Mišraus Choro, bet kiti, kurie ten nedalyvaujat, galit čia savo laisvalaikius praleisti besimo-kindami gražiai lietuviškai dainuoti ir giedoti.

Lietuvių kalba

Daug yra darbų vyčių eilėse, tik eikime kartu ir dirbkime. Kas gi mums beliko daugiau? Jei senieji ateiviai per 70 metų sugebėjo čia išlaikyti patriotizmą, tai naujieji turėtų dar stipriau žibėti lietuviškumu. Lietuvos Vyčiai dabar išleidžia net lietuvių kalbai mokintis plokšteles, ir be to dar vyksta lietuviškos pamokos. Čikagoje jas veda gabi mokytoja E. Vilimaitė. Vyčiai turi ir radio valandėlę, turi ir nejudamo turto. Todėl kas tik galime, burkimės į vyčių eiles ir bendrai dirbkime. Ir bus džiugu, kad gyvenom ir dirbom Dievui ir Tėvynei ir išėvijo atsidūrę.

M. A. NORKUNAS

Founder of the Knights of Lithuania

10th anniversary of the death of our beloved Founder. M. A. Norkunas, was commemorated by the entire membership of the Knights of Lithuania on April 1, 1961, with the offering of Masses and prayers. He died April 1, 1951 in the Bon Secours Hospital, Methuen, Mass. and buried from St. Francis Church, Lawrence, Mass. with Msgr. Francis M. Juras officiating. M. A. Norkunas, born Vilnius District, Lithuania, December 1, 1869; arrived in Boston, Mass. in 1892 and died at the age of 82.



Minėdami Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventę, Chicagos vyčiai eina padėti gėlių prie žuvusiems už Lietuvos Nepriklausomybę paminklo Jaunimo Centro rūmų kieme. Gėles neša L. Vyčių Centro Pirmininkas R. Boris ir Illinois - Indiana apskrities vyčių pirmininkė Laurinavičiūtė. Vadovauja vytis Manst.

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Chicagos vyčiai meldžiasi už Lietuvą Jaunimo Centro koplyčioj.

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Trys vyčių vadai kalbasi Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventės minėjimo metu: Kun. P. Činikas, MIC., Illinois-Indiana apskrities vyčių dvasios vadas, Loretta Kassel, L. Vyčių Centro valdybos sekretorė ir p. Laurinavičiūtė, Illinois-Indiana apskrities vyčių pirmininkė.

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Apžiūri Čikagos vyčių suruoštą rankdarbių parodą. Viduryje matome Edvardą Šulaitį vyčių skyriaus "Drauge" redaktorių.

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AN EASTER LONG AGO

ANTONIA M. WACKELL

Long ago, on the afternoon of Holy Saturday, or "Didi Šeštadieni" as the day before Easter is known among the Lithuanian people, I remember trudging with cheerful importance with other children, over zigzagging brick sidewalks, cobbled streets and trolley tracks, careful not to be surprised into tripping and scattering the contents of our Easter baskets. We were now old enough to go to church — unaccompanied by adults — to obtain the holy water and bring the cuttings of food that our mothers had secreted in the baskets for the Easter blessing.

Although it was early when we entered the church, many devout of all ages were praying near the side altar where two men, typifying the ancient Roman soldiers, equipped with helmets, swords and shields, guarded the Tomb of Our Lord. Nearby, also keeping vigil, were as many women, girls and boys on their knees. The lace-covered altar, surrounded by palms and flowers, held more flowers and candles shone brightly in their tall candleholders of gleaming brass. It was the most beautiful altar our young eyes had ever seen. A huge crucifix that normally hung on the wall near the vestibule, now reposed at the base of the altar and a long line of kneeling people crept slowly along until they reached the cross. Raising their knees slightly to kneel upon the velvet cushion, each one in turn kissed the crossed feet of the Corpus and dropped pennies into a wooden box close by.

We sat in a pew a short distance from the main altar, readied our baskets to be opened quickly and waited for the priest. When he ap-

peared to bestow his blessing, there arose into view baskets and boxes of all sizes, shapes and colors; and the appetizing aroma of sausages, hams, eggs and freshly baked Easter breads rose too. In Lithuania, we knew that it was customary for every family to prepare two baskets of food: A small one to be blessed for the family's Easter breakfast, and a large one containing bread, meat, rye or wheat, to be distributed among the poor who waited near the church on Holy Saturday. But, here in the United States, the custom had not been introduced, because there were no unfortunate waiting near the door.

After the blessing, white covers folded over the contents, we joined others in the vestibule crowding each other to fill our bottles with the holy water consecrated by the priest that morning. This holy water we learned had many purposes: It was used in the sick room; sprinkled about the house during electrical storms for protection; poured into wall fountains that hung on the frames of the kitchen door so that members of the family would dip two fingers into it and bless themselves before they went out. Sips of holy water were taken by some before Easter breakfast as a surety against illness and disease during the current year.

Our pleasant duties fulfilled, the long walk home seemed shorter. Perhaps it was the remembrance that dozens of brown eggs would be nestling among the simmering onion skins in the iron pot on the rear lid of the stove, waiting for us to remove them; the white eggs that were to be designed by someone older and colored by us, and the expected visits of the "lėlouninkai" young men singers who went from household to household greeting the family with: "Little father, little mother, shall we gladden your

humble home? Which of these two songs shall we sing — 'Christ Our Lord rose from the dead' or 'The joyful day has now begun to shine?'"

This was always exciting, for if the first song was requested then the singers received three eggs. But if the second tune was sung, then they were the recipients of four eggs, because the hymn had sixteen verses. Still more eggs were lavished upon the singers if they were accompanied by an accordion or violin. We hoped for songs and instruments, while our parents' hopes leaned towards a pair of singers only, so that the Easter egg supply would not be exhausted. Brown eggs were given to the singers since they wanted to eat them, not to save them. "Margučiai" decorated eggs designed with beeswax were never offered to the singers.

We were too young, of course, to design eggs with beeswax. That art required a mature, steady hand; imagination and color sense was helpful especially if the eggs were to enjoy many colors. Great care was necessary in applying the beeswax, and should mistakes be made in designing they could not be corrected nor eradicated. Considering the time and patience involved in designing, grown-ups began their egg-art weeks or days in advance. In Lithuania, mother had shown us how to rub the surface of brightly colored eggs on sharp, clean sand. This was generally the children's favorite method and it was an easier substitute for the laborious beeswax drawing that we tried to simulate but could never quite accomplish.

It was long past the lamplighter's appearance in the street on Holy Saturday when we finally fell asleep, to be awakened in the dark of Easter morning by a whispered "Kelkis jau Velykos!" and the in-

struction to creep out from under the cozy feather tich. A sleepy recollection of a white hamburg lace dress, white veil, satin hair ribbon, new button shoes, long stockings and the "crimped" hair that had yet to be unbraided, scrambled us out of the cold room and into the warm kitchen where a wood fire crackled, and a basin of hot water waited on the edge of the black iron stove.

Fully awakened with hot cocoa, egg, bream and butter, we all met at our gate. The long trek to church promised to be interesting so early in the morning, but the darkness, shadows and silence in the streets made the church seem furtehr than it had been the day before. To shorten the distance before us, we engaged in guessing what stores in the business section would have flickering gas lamps or bright electric bulbs to focus the housewife's attention on their stock in trade. The policemen making their lonely rounds greeted us with courteous "Happy Easters" and volunteered the information that other Lithuanians a block ahead of us were also going to the early Mass.

Now and then a friendly kitten escorted us and then purred away, while a dog's unexpected bark always startled us into quickening our steps. Across the wide, now deserted square and past the horses' watering trough, we went into a narrow street where the smell of pickles and herrings still lingered. The racks of clothing had disappeared, and the chairs where the shoppers had rested their parcels to bargain with the storekeepers the day before — and where we had planned to rest a spell — were also gone. When we reached the corner store with the cackling hens scratching away in the window, we braced ourselves with a deep breath before the steep hill that forced us to mount up and up, and up...

Almost out of breath, we crossed the trolley tracks on top of the hill and scurried down the steps into church, squeezed through the crowded aisles to reach the rear, then forced our way into the children-packed bellroom where worried leaders and partners greeted us with: "Do you kids live a long, long ways off? Couldn't you kids get here any sooner?" We were too busy breathing to answer their questions.

Anyhow, we thought, this was no way to start an Easter Day.

The church was chocked with people. As the procession struggled through the crushing aisles, nothing was visible to us but clothes and feet. At last, after three revolutions around the church, we were ushered in through the gate of the Communion rail and instructed to remain there until the Mass was over, since the pews, originally reserved for the children, were filled with worshippers. What a thrill it was to be so close to the brilliant altar and to see the pastor's every movement during the solemn service of Christ's Resurrection, and listen to the glorious Easter hymns and alleluia songs with orchestral accompaniment. We were a hardy group of little processions, but seated on the floor, released from duties and discipline, small heads began to nod, droop, then sag against each other while the pastor's Easter sermon went on and on...

After Mass, as we streamed out through the church door and into the cool morninglight, we were hailed by the rattle of the trolley car as it clanged down the hill. People hummed and sang the beloved old Lithuanian Easter hymn "Linksma diena nušvito..." Singing during Lent was never permitted so now friends greeted each other with joyous songs and wishes for "Linksmu Velyku." This time the trek home was short. We were so rapt in greetings and outlining the days activities stretching before us, and visualizing all the Easter foods that we reached our gate sooner than we expected.

With the help of mother's company, our table was quickly covered with food, and hungry early risers sat down to wait for the blessed food that had been placed before father. The ham, sausage, bread and eggs had been sliced into smaller portions. Each one blessed himself or herself on receiving the platter, removed a portion of everything, sprinkled a few grains of blessed salt on egg bread, then passed the dish to the right. We suddenly remembered grandmother and our visit in Lithuania. It was only the previous Easter that grandmother had said; "Sprinkle salt on Easter bread, and there will always be bread on the family table."

During the afternoon, relatives, friends and neighbors came to compare and admire each other's egg designs, to exchange gift eggs, and to wish our household a Happy Easter Holy Day. The highlight of these visits were the egg fights "muštynės" when onion-dyed eggs competed for strength of shell. With a hard-shelled egg, the winner enjoyed a modest celebrities reputation during the Easter holiday. His "drūtas kiaušinis" cracked all eggs it came in contact with, and which he appropriated as the winner.

Sometimes, though, after many victories, the egg and its owner were both under suspicion: The egg upon close inspection was found to have been filled with sugar or tar after it had been skillfully pierced at both ends, or it was exposed as a guinea hen's egg which had a harder shell and could earn a crafty owner many eggs to eat and the enviable winner's laurels. But woe befell all tricksters on Easter. (In mother's village, we had heard, these schemers were punished — not too gently either — and sometimes driven from the village until swindled tempers simmered down.)

Before this Easter Day came to a close, father was suspected. It was incredible the number of eggs he ate as a winner's right. The havoc he caused among eggs with a beautifully designed egg too! Naturally, we complained, we wondered why he consistently refused to permit anyone to admire, exclaim over, and to hold his egg more closely. We suspected a guinea hen's egg and decided to confirm our suspicions quietly...

Then woe did fall upon father. When at last we traced the egg to its hiding place, we found it to be — a wooden egg. And father, because of his deceit, found himself eggless and under a cloud for the remainder of a Happy Easter Day. For it is said —

ON EASTER CONDUCT

**That if one is good on Easter Day,
Then he will be deserving throughout the year.**

**But if one is bad in any way,
Then he will be bad the rest of the year.**

—A. M. Wackell



VELYKOS LIETUVOJE

J. LAPŠIENĖ

Su linksmomis Užgavėnių išdaigomis baigiasi džiaugsmingas pokalėdinis laikas ir po to pelenais pabars-tomos tikinčiųjų galvos. „Dulkė esi ir į dulkę pavirsi“ — primena visiems Pelenų diena. Taip prasideda gavėnia, apgaubta gilaus susimąstymo, liūdesio ir laukimo.

Gavėnios laiką Lietuvoj žmonės leisdavo giliame susikaupime. Daugumias pirmąją ir paskutiniąją gavėnios savaitę laikydavo griežtą pasninką — visiškai nevirtavo mėsos. Visa gavėnia praeidavo rimtyje — be dainų, be šokių, be linksmų pobūvių. Šeimose vaikai būdavo pratinami leisti gavėnios dienas deramaj nuotaikoj — būdavo draudžiami išdykavimai, dainavimai, linksmi žaidimai. Motinos išmokydavo vaikus specialiai gavėniai skirtas maldeles. Daugely vietų kaimuose žmonės vakarais susirinkdavo į vieną vietą ir giedodavo „Graudžius Verksmus“. Taip darydavo vieną kartą savaitėj — penktadienio arba šeštadienio vakarą.

Paskutinioji gavėnios savaitė įnešdavo ir į miestus gilią rimtį — visi kino teatrai didžiąją savaitę būdavo uždaryti. Kristaus kančios apmąstymas apgaubdavo visus giliu liūdesiu ir nuoširdesnėmis maldomis. O tame liūdesy ir didžiosios kančios apmąstyme glūdėjo gilus tikėjimas į didįjį Prisikėlimą, į saule šviečiantį Kristų, mirtį nugalėjusį, pragaro vartus išgriovusį, atnešusį nuodėmių atleidimą.

Velykų šventėms Lietuvoje būdavo su ypatingu rūpestingumu ir nuo pat Užgavėnių ruošiamasi. Artėjančio pavasario ilgesnės ir saulėtesnės dienos greit sunaikindavo žiemos ledus ir sniegą. Greit pradžiūdavo kiemai ir takeliai. Su Šv. Kazimiero švente dažnai ir vyturėliai sučirendavo pirmąsias šviesaus pavasario giesmes. Tuo laiku visos kruopščios šeiminkės turėdavo begales darbo. Reikėdavo atlikti didįjį prieš velykinį skalbimą ir su didžiausiu uolumu išvalyti namus. Kaimuose tas darbas būdavo gana sunkus, nes reikėdavo šveisti ir plauti visas gyvenamo namo (gričios) sienas ir lubas bei grindis, jei troba būdavo grįsta. Be to, reikėjo ir langus, len-

tynas, stalus ir kėdes bei visus kitus namuose esamus baldus nuplauti ir apžiūrėti.

Namų tvarkymo ir valymo darbai paprastai būdavo atliekami priešpaskutinę gavėnios savaitę. Be tų darbų dar reikėdavo pririnkti ir pritaupyti pintines kiaušinių, kad visai šeimynai būtų užtenkamai Velykų margučių. Daug kur mergaitės pasėdavo vazonėlius avižų, kad Velykoms būtų gražiai sužaliavusios ir į jas būtų galima Velykų avinėli pastatyti. Kitur būdavo paprotys priskinti karklų šakelių ir pamerkti į puodus, kad iki Verbų sekmadienio sužaliuotų ir išaugtų pumpurai — „kačiukai“. Tomis sužaliavusiomis karklų šakelėmis pagražindavo kadugių puokštes, kurias nešdavosi žmonės bažnyčion Verbų sekmadienį. Kitur verbas puošdavo ryškiai dažytomis žasų plunksnomis ar nevystančiom gėlytėm sausiukais. Ypatingai buvo gražios Vilniaus apylinkė daromos verbos, supintos iš įvairių spalvų sausų žiedelių bei samonėlių su tokiais įvairiais raštais, kurie akį verdavo savo imantrumu.

Bažnyčioj pašventintas verbas visi laikydavo didelėj pagarboj. Parnešę namo užkišdavo už švento paveikslo ar kryželio su giliu tikėjimu, kad šventos verbos saugos namus nuo gaisro ir perkūno nelaimės.

Paskutinė — didžioji savaitė būdavo skiriama namų puošimui, Velykų maisto gaminimui ir bažnyčios lankymui. Ir iš tolimesniųjų parapijos kaimų žmonės stengdavosi atvykti į didžiųjų dienų pamaldas ir visi norėdavo atlikti velykinę išpažintį. Stengdavosi bent vienas ar du šeimos nariai dalyvauti didžiojo Ketvirtadienio, D. Penktadienio ir D. Šeštadienio pamaldose. Didįjį Šeštadienį parsinešdavo į namus šventos ugnelės ir švento vandens ir dalindavos su kaimynais, kurie dėl kurios nors priežasties patys negalėjo būti bažnyčioj.

Paskutinėmis didžiosios savaitės dienomis (penktadienį ir šeštadienį) buvo kepama ir verdama Velykoms valgiai ir baigiami marginti Velykų kiaušiniai. Didžiausias ir maloniausias darbas būdavo dažyti Velykų margučius ir išgražinti juos įvairiaisiais raštais. Margučių dažymas buvo rimtas darbas ir ne vien vaikams skirtas. Kiaušiniams dažus šeiminkės mokėdavo pasigaminti iš ažuolo ar juodalksnio žievių, iš įvai-

rių samanų, iš beržų lapų ir svogūnų lukštų. Įvairiausių formų saulutes, eglutes, žvaigždeles ir kitus piešinius darydavo ant virto, jau atvėsusio kiaušinio su spilkute ar plonu pagaliuku (degtuku) pamirkytu į karštą vašką. Padarius visą raštą su vašku, kiaušinis būdavo dedamas į paruoštus, ne karštus dažus. Darbas būdavo ilgas, atsargus ir nelengvas, bet džiaugsmo būdavo daug, kai Velykų kiaušinių pintinėle mirgėte mirgėjo spalvomis ir raštais.

O Velykų rytą, dar prieš saulės tekėjimą žmonės plaukte plaukdavo į Prisikėlimo iškilmes. Važiuoti, raiti ir pėsti, suaugę, seni ir vaikai, būriais keliavo dalyvauti Velykų džiaugsmingoje procesijoje ir Prisikėlimo mišiose. Ypatingai didinga ir sielą kelianti aukštyn būdavo didžioji Velykų procesija aplink bažnyčią. Lietuvoj bažnyčios turi gražius erdvus šventorius, aplinkui medžiais apsodintus. Bažnyčios šventoriuje ir vykdavo visos bažnytinės procesijos. Velykų rytą būdavo eina tris kartus apie bažnyčią su visu iškilmingumu. Didžiulė žmonių minia liuliuodavo aplinkui giedodama drauge su bažnyčios choru didingąją Prisikėlimo giesmę „Linksmą dieną mums nušvito“. Tekančios saulės spinduliuose mirgėdavo nešami altorėliai bei statulėlės, pavasario vėjuje plasdėdavo šventosios vėliavos, džiugiai žvangėdavo varpeliai. O virš visko kilo, galingai veržėsi didžiosios pergalės giesmė pripildydama širdis šventojo Velykų džiaugsmo.

Velykų rytą grįžus iš Prisikėlimo pamaldu visa šeimyna dalindavos pašventintais margučiais ir valgydavo Velykų pusryčius. Po to senesnėji šeimos žmonės eidavo pailsėti, o jaunimas pasipildavo oran, lankydavo kaimynus, mėgindavo margučius ir jais mušdavo. Vaikiniai ypač didžiudavos, jei laimėdavo daug kiužių (pradaužtų margučių). Vaikai ridinėdavo kiaušinius kiemo pievutėse. Jaunimas mėgdavo per Velykas suptis tam tyčia įrengtose su puoklėse, arba kieno nors seklyčioj susirinke šokdavo ir dainuodavo.

Velykų džiaugsmas kėlė visus. Smagu buvo, kad baigta gavėnia, kad praėjo žiemos vargai, kad pavasario saulė žeme ridinėja. Ir visose širdyse lyg iš naujo atgimsta tikėjimas amžinybe su tuo didinguoju Aleliuja, kuris skelbia gyvybę, per amžius nesibaigiančią.

Malda už Lietuvą

Visagalis, visur, visuomet esąs Dieve! Mes vėl šaukiamės į Tave, kaip vaikai į savąjį galingą Tėvą. Įkvėpki mums visiems aiškų supratimą, jog visame mes esame Tau prigulmingi. Per Tave yra visa padaryta, kas padaryta.

Duok mums tikrą supratimą, jog mes žmonės, kaip broliai, priklausome ir vienas kitam. Išmokyk mus ne tik Tavęs prašyti visokiariopų gėrybių, bet mėginti kuom nors Tau atsisteisti už jas ar bent būti vertesniais tų Tavo gėrybių.

Nedaleisk mums bile kuom Tave kaltinti, nes Tu esi be galo geras. Duok mums drąsos ir stiprybės save kaltinti už blogą ir priimti Tavo nuosprendžius, kaip Adomas ir Jieva kad juos priėmė, o ne disputus varyti su visa žinančiu Dievu, kaip jų pirmas sūnus Kainas kad darė jau užmušęs savo brolių Abelį.

Mūsų tautiniame varge atleisk mums mūsų kaltes, mūsų pasigailėk. Laimink mus šventoje kovoje už tiesą, šviesą, laisvę, Dievo ir artimo meilę. Išgelbėjai kūdikį Kristų nuo Erodo kardo, kurs išžudė jo amžiaus nekaltus vaikelius. Iškvietei Jį Egiptas. Erodi mirus gražinai Kristų namon.

Padėk mums atgauti mūsų numylėtą kraštą. Gražink namon jo gyventojus iš viso pasaulio pakraščių. Mes Tave garbinsime per amžius. Amen.



Prelatas Pranciškus Virmauskis

Lietuviškos Knygos leško Savininko

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Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

Džiaugiamės apskričio veikimo pražydėjimu. Vyčių sendraugių kuopa dideliu džiaugsmu stebi Vyčių Illinois - Indiana apskričio veikimą, prasidėjusį praeitą rudenį.

Per keliolika metų apskritis tenkinosi siauru veikimu. Neskaitant tradicinio (liepos 4) pikniko, vienos rūšies sporto (bowling) ir banalių susirinkimų, kitokio veikimo, kuris būtų kreipęs lietuviškosios visuomenės dėmesį, apskritis nerodė. Bet praeitą rudenį, išrinkus naują apskr. valdybą, kurios priekin atsistojo drąsi ir energinga Eleonore H. Laurin, kaip apskr. pirmininkė, tuojau pajusta, kad apskritis pradėjo "važiuoti" pirmyn.

Pirmas didelis ir drąsus naujosios valdybos žygis buvo suruošti vakarą Lietuvos Vyčių Stipendijų Fondo naudai. Sumanyta pasikviesti J. Stuką, kad čikagiečiams ekrane parodytų dabartinį Lietuvos gyvenimą, kurį jis savo akimis matė praeitą vasarą. Nė pirmininkė, nė jos padėjėjai, -os, komisijos nariai, -ės, nė sapnuote nesapnavo tokio pasisekimo. Per du seansus Dariaus-Girėno, Amerikos Legiono posto, salė buvo kupina publikos. Padengus visas ryšium su tuo vakaru išlaidas, Stipendijų Fondui liko daugiau kaip tūkstantis dol.

Sekantis apskr. valdybos žygis buvo — atgaivinti Vyčių chorą, kuris anais senais laikais buvo šviesiausioji žvaigždė Chicagos lietuvių dainos meno horizonte, ir suruošti Vasario 16 minėjimą — ne betkokį, bet pirmą tokį Chicagos vyčių istorijoje, — ir tame minėjime choras turi debiutuoti. Vasario 16 minėjimui paimta liuksusinė vieta — Constitution salė Morrison viešbutyje, o chorui vadovauti pakviestas žinomas muzikas F. Strolia.

Ruošiasi ir dirbta planingai. Vieni platino minėjimo: banketo, programos ir šokių bilietus (\$7.50 asmeniui), kiti rinko skelbimus ir rėmėjus programos knygelei, o choras su savo vedėju ir Ateities šokėjų (vyčiai, -ės,) grupė su savo vadu B. Shottu ruošėsi meno programai. Be to, dar buvo pakviestas J. Stukas, kuris atvežė Neprikl. Lietuvos vaizdų filmą "Yra šalis, graži šalis", prie ku-

rio pridėta ir jau anksčiau Chicagoj rodytas. Ir minėjimo vakarą arti trys šimtai rinktinių svečių ir viešnių lenkė galvas vysk. V. Brizgio invokacijai, širdin dėjosi Lietuvos konsulo dr. P. Daužvardžio žodžius, žavėjosi Ateities šokėjų vikrumu ir grožėjosi Vyčių chorą, kuris ne tik stebino savo debiutu, bet ir išoriai gražiai atrodė — mergaitės ir vyrai tautiniuose rūbuose, ir kvapą sulaukė sekė J. Stuko rodomus Lietuvos vaizdus.

Dabar apskr. valdybą visų Chicagos vyčių ir jų bičiulių dėmesį kreipia link savo namo. Galvojama apie didelę talką namo skolai, kurios yra dar apie \$7,000.00, panaikinti. Namo — salės vidus susilaukia daugiau pagerinimų. Pvz., paskutiniuoju laiku apskričio ir sendraugių lėšomis salėj įvestos moderniškos šviesos; apskr. išdininko ir sendraugių veikėjo J. Stanaičio pastangomis pataisytos, kur buvo reikalinga, grindys; sendraugio J. Kerulio ir apskr. tarybos pirm. Al. Manstavičiaus pasidarbavimu pertvarkyta svečių rūbinė; o vikrioji namo prižiūrėtoja K. Petrulienė tos rūbinės sienas išlygino ir išdažė. Visa tai padarė nemokamai ir už tai sendraugių kuopos susirinkime jiems nuoširdžiai padėkota.

Taigi, per trumpą laiką apskritis daug padarė. Už tai ačiū jos valdybai, ypatingai pirm. Eleonorai H. Laurin, sekr. Irenai K. Sankus ir nuoširdžiai jų talkininkei Centro Valdybos sekretorei Loretai I. Kasel.

Vasario 16-tos minėjime, kurį suruošė Ill.-Ind. apskritis Morrison viešbutyje, vyčiai sendraugiai gausiai dalyvavo, o kuopos valdyba buvo užsisakiusi net ištisą stalą. O Vasario 16-tos minėjime, kurį sekanti sekmadienį suruošė Chicagos Lietuvių Taryba Maria teatre vyčiai sendraugiai ir apskritis per sendraugių pirmininką Ign. Sakalą įteikė \$135.00 auką Lietuvos laisvinimo reikalams.

Elenai Širvinskienei, sendraugių Ligonų Lankymo Komisijos narei, aplankius vieną sergančią narę, grįžtant namo Halsted ir 47-tos gatvės sankryžoje atsitiko nelaimė: plėšikas užpuolė ir atėmė rankinuką,

kuriame pinigų nedaug buvo, bet buvo namų raktai, banko knygutės ir kiti asmens dokumentai. Plėšikas nesugautas.

Ona Piežienė, Southwest News-Herald redaktorė, šeštadieniais 12:25 popiet kalba per radijo stotį WCLM-FM, perduodama žinias iš Marquette Park apylinkės. Nuo pat jaunystės ji priklauso vyčiams; kaip solistė Vyčių choro ruoštuose koncertuose ir operetėse dainavo svarbiausias roles. Švč. P. Marijos Nekalto Prasiidėjimo parapijoj buvo sudariusi mergaičių chorą (Glee Club), kuris giedojo bažnyčioje, dalyvavo žymesniuose lietuvių parengimuose, radijo programose. Ji yra Chicago American redakcijos nario Stasio Piežos žmona.

Antanas Petrulis, Vyčių namo prievaizdas (menedžeris) buvo rimtai susirgęs. Dėkui Dievui, jau pasveiko ir vėl darbuojas Vyčių name. Jam sergant, visa Vyčių namo-salės vadovybė ir priežiūra buvo užgulusi ant jo žmonos Kazimieros pečių.

Teklė Norbutienė, nuolatinė sendraugių ir Ill.-Ind. apskr. parengimų Vyčių salėj šeimininkė praeitą sausio mėnesį atostogavo Floridoj, kur aplankė daug idomių vietų. Džiaugiamės, kad sveika grįžo Chicagon ir vėl stojo prie veikimo.

Antanas Bacevičius, Teklė Norbutas ir Jonas Vilkišius atstovavo vyčius sendraugius Tėvų Marijonų Bendradarbių metiniam seime ir įteikė kuopos auką.

Vyčių sodelio piknikams atidarymas įvyks gegužės 14 d., sekmadienį. Kartu bus ir motinų pagerbimas. Atidarymą rengia vyčiai sendraugiai. Pikniko komisijon išrinktos E. Širvinskiene, T. Norbutienė, O Aleliūnienė, S. Samolienė ir U. Žemaitienė jau planuoja atidarymui ir motinoms pagerbti programą.

J. Vilkišius, organizacijos veteranas, sendraugių įgaliotas rinkti aukas išleidimui Lietuvos Vyčių Istorijos. Tam reikalui jis turi kuopos valdybos įgaliojimą raštu ir aukoms priimti kvitus. Lietuvos Vyčių Istorijos išleidimui pačią pirmą auką yra suteikęs vienas iš naujųjų lietuvių Stasys Rumšas. Jis nors gyvena toliau nuo Chicagos, bet priklauso

Chicagos sendraugių kuopai, atvyksta į svarbesnius parengimus ir remia kiekvieną naudingą sendraugių sumanymą.

Juozas ir Valerija Stanaičiai yra ne tik žymūs veikėjai, bet ir reto pavyzdžio paslaugos atžvilgiu. Juozas yra Amer. Legiono Dan Varnas posto Tarybos narys ir dažnai renkamas į komisijas, Liet. Vyčių Ill.-Ind. apskričio išdininkas, vyčių 99-tos kuopos ir sendraugių aktyvus narys ir Filatelistų Draugijos "Lietuva" išdininkas. Žmona priklauso ir veikia vyčių 99-tai kp., Dan Varnas poste (šįmet moterų vieneto išdininkė) ir kitose moterų draugijose. Be to, dar jiedu randa laiko gražiai ir švariai atspausdinti rotatorium ir išsiuntinėti tris biuletėnius: Dan Varnas posto, Liet. Vyčių Ill.-Ind. apskričio ir Filatelistų Dr-jos "Lietuva". Šiuos darbus atlieka nepamokamai, o dažnai dar ir savo doleri, kitą prideda. Didžiuojamės jų paslaugumu ir nuoširdžiausiai dėkojame.

J. Stukui viešint Chicagoj po Vasario 16 minėjimo, rytojaus dieną (sekmadienį) buvo sukviestas vyčių veikėjų pasitarimas.

Los Angeles, California

Lietuvos Vyčių Seniorų 133, Los Angeles, kuopos metinis susirinkimas įvyko š. m. vasario 12 d. Lietuvių Bendruomenės namuose. Susirinkimam gausiai atsilankė nariai ir kviesti svečiai. Dvasios vadas kan. A. Steponaitis susirinkimą atidarė malda. Pirma dalis susirinkimo buvo pašvesta 16-to vasario paminėjimui. Kuopos pirmininkas Jonas Puikūnas suglaustai apibudino Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymo didelę reikšmę mūsų tautai. "Lietuvių Dienų" leidėjas Antanas Skirius apibudino Lietuvos Vyčių įnašą nepriklausomybę atstatant ir įteisinant. Kan. Antanas Steponaitis patiekė prisiminimų apie Lietuvos išlaisvinimo veiklą Šveicarijoj. Minėjimas baigtas menine dalimi, kurią gražiai atliko Bronė Skirienė ir Ona Deveikienė. Po užkandžių antroje susirinkimo dalyje buvo aptarti bėgamieji reikalai, įregistruota Lietuvių Bendruomenės namų išigyta akcija, perrinkta kuopos vadovybė.

1961 m. Vyčių Seniorų kuopos valdybos sąstatas: Dvasios vadas — Kan. Antanas Steponaitis, kuopos pirmininkas — Jonas Puikūnas, vice pirmininkas — Zuzana Tiknis,

LITHUANIAN REFLECTIONS



Tony Yuknis

The sequel to the Johnny Unitas story, which was published in the December issue of the "Vytis," can now be written. The Baltimore Colt's star quarterback wound up the professional football season by leading his West pro tars to victory over the East in the annual Pro Bowl game, January 15th, at Los Angeles.

Unitas out-dueled Norman Van Brocklin, in a hard fought game, to gain a 35 to 31 decision for his West team. Lennie Moore caught Johnny's passes for long gains and touchdowns. After the contest Unitas was named as the most valuable player of the National Professional Football League classic. This honor was attained by him the previous year, also.

Last year Unitas' record string of consecutive game touchdown passes ended at 47. He also broke Sammy Baugh's single season record for total yards gained by passing for 3,099 yards.

In the rival American Professional Football League, Lou Rymkus coached his Houston Oilers to the championship. Furthermore, he was voted as the coach of the year by United Press International.

A friend of the Chicago Knights, Paul Saliner (Saltimieras), has made his debut on local station WGN-TV. He is conducting the daily half hour At Home program. Music, news, and interviews of local civic leaders is the format. For six years Paul Saltimieras was known as the Gadabout disc jockey on radio station WGN. The local Lithuanians remember him as the conductor of Lithuanian programs for the first ten years of his radio career.

Edward Krause (Krauciunas), the athletic director at Notre Dame, has formed an insurance company with ex-champ Tony Zale and Admiral Hoskins.

The editorial cartoon portraying Khrushchev giving the Baltic States a helping hand — with it around the throat was drawn by Herblock (Herbert Block). His cartoons are syndicated nationally by the Washington Post.

His Excellency Bishop Vincas Brizgys, speaking before the DRAUGAS PRESS CLUB, commented that the newsiest column in that paper is the Vyčių Veikla, K. of L. effort. This column has done a good job in publicizing the functions and purposes of the Knights of Lithuania to the Lithuanian born newcomers, he added privately. The Lithuanians, who had no impression of the K. of L., are now informed and are following some of its patterns.

The Register, national Catholic weekly, published excerpts of Dr. Vytautas J. Bielauskas' speech before the Family Life Institute of Cincinnati. It quoted him as saying that the romance period is over when a marriage is consummated. And that people that live in expected perpetual romance are often disappointed. The Doctor is the head of the Xavier U. psychology department.

Chicago's former Cantigny Woods forest preserve, at Mannheim and Joliet Roads, was recently renamed the Arie Crown Woods. Mr. Crown was born in Lithuania in 1860. He came to Chicago to found the Material Service Corporation. In 1959 it merged with General Dynamics and the combine was worth many millions of dollars. His son, Henry Crown, operates the Empire State building in New York city.

protokolų sekr. — M. Kiškienė, finansų sekr. — Antanas Skirius, išd. — S. Deveikis, išdo globėjai — Br. Skirienė ir S. Leonavičienė.

Užkandžius ir vaišes savo lėšom ir triūsu paruošė narės: Sofija Leonavičienė, Ona Janulienė ir Sofija Puikūnienė. J.



Naujai persiorganizavęs Lietuvos Vyčių choras išpildė dalį programos per "Lietuvos prisiminimu" banketą-koncertą šeštadieni, vasario 11 d., Constitution salėje, Morrison viešbutyje, Chicagoje. Banketas pradėtas 5:30 v. p.p., o koncertinė dalis 7:30 v. v. Bankete dalyvavo daug žymių miesto pareigūnų ir lietuvių biznierių ir profesionalų. Paveiksle matyti pačiame centre Eleanora Laurin, L. V. Illinois-Indiana Apskričio pirmininkė, jos dešinėje sėdi Faustas Strolia, choro vedėjas ir jos kairėje Jonas Byanskas, choro akompaniatorius.



Detroit, Michigan (Council 79-102). St. Casimir's Day observed on March 5, 1961 with a Communion and Breakfast and bestowing of Ritual degrees. Pictured clockwise, Circuit Court Judge Joseph Sullivan, guest speaker; K. of L'ers attending Mass; among 122 members who received Ritual degrees — A. Milius, J. Belickas, E. Martin, J. Salinis, K. Dausnis, J. Medinis, M. Smailis, P. Medonis, Rev. M. Kundrat, F. Janus, R. Boris, J. Kazlauskas, Mrs. Kundratas, A. Salas, Mrs. Kazlauskas, Mrs. Paurazas, P. Milius, Mrs. P. Medonis, Mrs. J. Medinis, Mrs. M. Saltis, Mrs. J. Salinis; Dr. Justin Pikunas, Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Detroit guest speaker in Divine Providence

Parish Hall with President Boris, Mrs. Pikunas, Father M. J. Kundrat, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zager, head table guests.

Photo by Joe Chaps

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SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

The Supreme Council, Knights of Lithuania, convened on Jan. 15, 1961, at St. George's Hall, Newark, N. J. The meeting opened with a prayer at 2:15 P.M. Robert Boris, president, presided. Attending the meeting were:

Rev. Albert J. Contons, Spiritual Director; Robert Boris, President; Helen Shields, First Vice-President; Larry Janonis, Second Vice-President; Loretta Kassel, Recording Secretary; Dorothy Sinkavitch, Financial Secretary; Rita Pinkus, Treasurer; Frances Daniels, Trustee; Phyllis Grendal, VYTIS Associate Editor; Joseph Sipas, New England District President; Joseph Sakaitis, Sports Co-Chairman; Jack Stukas, Cultural Committee Chairman; Rev. Stasys Raila, Cultural Committee; Anthony B. Mazeika, Cultural Committee; Albin Janks, Ritual Committee; Edmund Rudis, Ritual Committee; Frank Vaskas, Publicity Committee; Marcella Andrikas, Publicity Committee; Joseph Boley, Honorary Member; Anne Mitchell, Honorary Member; Kazys Sipaila, Guest; Joseph Drumstas, Guest; and Ann Klem, Chairman of Lithuanian Affairs, New York-New Jersey District.

Loretta Kassel, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. Several corrections were made and minutes were accepted as read.

REPORTS

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR — Rev. A. Contons

An article regarding members' spiritual needs was submitted to VYTIS for the December issue.

PRESIDENT — Robert Boris

A Juniors' Conference was held in Detroit during the Mid-Central Convention with great success.

Mr. Boris announced that he has made several trips and carried on much correspondence in the interest of improving and lowering the cost of VYTIS. Details will come later.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT — Helen Shields

Miss Shields attended and conducted the Juniors Conference in Detroit.

Junior Registration cards are now ready. A Junior page will appear bi-monthly in VYTIS.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT — Larry Janonis

The Membership Drive is in progress. Rules appeared in the VYTIS.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY — Dorothy Sinkavitch

A list of Council presidents and financial secretaries is being prepared. Junior membership cards were made up and sent to Helen Shields. A complete report is on file with the recording secretary.

TREASURER — Rita Pinkus

A full report is on file with the secretary.

TRUSTEE — Frances Daniels

The treasurer's books were audited and found in order to date.

JUBILEE YEAR COMMITTEE

Excerpts from a letter by Joseph Sakevich, Chairman, were read. Mr. Sakevich recommended that a time and place for the Jubilee Convention be selected as soon as possible, so that the decision can be announced at and approved by the 1961 Convention. Jubilee Committee stationery is being ordered by Miss Macekonis, committee secretary.

Loretta Kassel reported on information received from Mr. Sakalas regarding work on the K. of L. History. Mr. Sakalas has completed compilation of council histories and is in the process of completing district histories and convention and other activity highlights. Mr. Sakalas recommended that only a short history, featuring highlights of Knights of Lithuania accomplishments, be prepared for 1963 as an extensive one would be too costly.

The board concurred with this opinion and voted to plan a K. of L. Highlights History, in Lithuanian and English, of about 75 to 100 pages in each language. The Lithuanian version would be merely a translation of the English (or vice versa). One person would be asked to write the history, using the material prepared by Mr. Sakalas. Another would do the translation. Mr. Boris agreed to present this information to Mr. Sakevich.

RITUAL COMMITTEE — Al. Janks

Work is progressing on setting up new Ritual rules. A final report has not yet been received from Mr. Jatis, past Ritual Chairman.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE — Jack J. Stukas

The Lithuanian Language records and accompanying text are expected to be released within a month or two. The records are playable at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rpm and 45 rpm, and will sell for .99 each. They will appear in sets of 2. The voicing was done by Mrs. Valerie Grigaitytė Leve-rock. Dr. A. Šešplaukis of Columbia University translated the text. Printing was completed by the Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers. The separate Lithuanian textbook is still in the research stage.

A Culture Manual, featuring suggestions for Council Culture activities, is in progress. To raise money to pay for this Manual, Mr. Stukas recommended that a K. of L. decal be prepared and sold to members, for use on their cars, luggage, etc. A design for the decal was already made, at a cost of \$25.00. The Supreme Council granted the Culture Committee permission to prepare and sell these decals, at .50 apiece.

Jo Prakilnybė

PREL. PR. JUŠKAITI,

vyčių organizatorių ir rėmėją, Šv. Tėvo pakeltą į šį garbingą dignitoriaus laipsnį, nuširdžiai sveikiname ir geriausiai linkėjimus reiškiamo.

L. Vyčių Centro Valdyba ir "Vyties"

Redakcija

Anthony Mazeika announced that Lithuanian classes would be resumed at Fordham University this summer, and asked that members support them. Catalogues will be sent soon to all councils.

SPORTS COMMITTEE —

Joseph Sakaitis — no report.

Albert Kassel — The Midwest Bowling Tournament is scheduled for May 27-28 in Chicago, with the Illinois-Indiana District acting as host. The Midwest Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 24-25 in Detroit, with Council 102 as host.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE — Jack J. Stukas

Last year's Scholarships have been paid off, after an unavoidable delay of a few months. A \$200.00 donation was received from the Illinois-Indiana District, and several others have been received from various individuals. Letters requesting donations and applicants will be sent to all councils in February. Mr. Stukas asked that the Publicity Committee publicize the Scholarship Fund more.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE — Frank Vaskas, Marcella Andrikas

Favorable and abundant publicity is being received by the K. of L. in the Lithuanian and American press.

DISTRICT REPORTS

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY — Larry Janonis

St. Casimir's Day will be commemorated March 5 with Newark Council 29 as host.

Weekly bowling is still in progress.

NEW ENGLAND — Joseph Sipas

A Junior Rally was held Nov. 11, 1960. Two bowling roll-offs were held. The Whist Party was a success. A Booster Club is planned. Members of the district will handle parking at the Immaculate Conception Sisters' Holy Hours in Putnam.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA — Eleanore Laurin

A banquet and program to commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day is planned for Feb. 11 at the Morri-

son Hotel. St. Casimir's Day will be commemorated March 5 with Gary Council 82 as host. A full report is on file with the secretary.

OLD BUSINESS

The Supreme Council officially approved the dates for the following events:

48th National Convention — Aug. 25-27, 1961

Juniors' Camp, Manchester, Mich. — Aug. 12-19, '61

K. of L. Leadership Course — Aug. 20-23, 1961.

Mr. Boris announced that Donna Bunikis and Mrs. Damusis of Detroit have accepted leadership of the Juniors' Camp.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held on how to improve the VYTIS, especially along the lines of decreasing operating costs, increasing reader interest, and shortening processing time to assure early arrival. Following is a summary of the important points discussed.

Offset printing was investigated as a possible solution to the problem. Besides possibly being cheaper, it would allow unlimited use of photos at no extra cost, and thus add reader interest. Offset price quotes in various cities were as follows: (Prices quoted are for 1200-2000 copies):

Cleveland — \$650.00 per issue

New York — \$525 — \$575 per issue

Chicago — \$128 — \$192 per issue (price does not include set-up)

Boston — Considered not feasible at all unless we had a demand for large volume of printing. The present cost per issue is about \$350.00.

Because of the discrepancy between the Chicago price and the others, it was decided that further study was necessary before any decision about offset could be made. A Study Committee was selected to obtain and compare itemized publishing costs and to present a recommendation on these findings as soon as possible. The committee members are R. Boris, Rev. P. Cinikas, P. Grendal, L. Kassel, H. Shields, J. Sipas, J. Stukas.

Further recommendations made were:

1. Advertising should be included in the VYTIS.
2. VYTIS should have a Business Manager.
3. Perhaps all pictures could be done in offset, on two or four pages, and placed in the center of the regular VYTIS.
4. A log should be kept by the editors, recording dates of every step of the editing and publishing process to determine where the delay is.
5. College students should be approached for writing contributions.

Joe Boley recommended that the Supreme Council honor Dr. Leimonas in some way on the occasion of his 10th anniversary as VYTIS editor this year. The matter was tabled temporarily.

It was moved and seconded that added copies of the Junior Page (in addition to the 300 approved) be made available as needed for Juniors.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 1961 in Pittsburgh. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta I. Kassel,

National Secretary

The Lithuanian Language Course records are now available from the Supreme Council Cultural Committee.

It has been necessary to make a price change, and the selling price of the records has now been established at 3.00 per set, plus 25 cents postage on mail orders. On orders for 10 sets or more, the price is 3.00 per set postpaid. Orders from K. of L. members only, placed by May 1st, will be filled at the old price of 2.00 per set.

The set consists of two records that can be played at either 33 or 45 RPM, and two booklets giving the Lithuanian and English text of the recordings. Orders should be sent to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita Street, Dayton 4, Ohio.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

Dear Council President:

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee once again is pleased to forward you a set of application forms for the 1961-1962 Scholarship Award. Please encourage your member or members who can qualify for this 4th annual \$600.00 award to submit his or her application form to the Committee Chairman not later than June 1, 1961.

Only a relatively limited number of Councils and Districts have continued their support of this most important Knights of Lithuania project. Our Scholarship Committee seeks to make this a 100% effective effort. All Knights should do their share in obtaining funds for the Scholarship Fund through solicitation of individuals, businessmen and organizations, as well as voluntarily subscribing a nominal amount through their respective Councils.

As has been previously announced, the K. of L. Scholarship Fund Booster Club is now in operation. An attractive membership receipt card is given for donations of \$1.00 or more.

Another especially important source of funds is income received from District and Council sponsored functions on behalf of our Scholarship Program.

For your information, the 1958-1959 award was won by Algird Budreckis of C-52, Elizabeth, N. J. The 1959-1960 award went to Ann Landzius McMorrow of C-26, Worcester. The 1960-61 award was divided between Joan Mazeika and Carol Ann Nargin of C-41, Brooklyn. These scholars have been very highly qualified and deserving of the awards.

Please send all donations to our Scholarship Fund to the committee Treasurer, Mr. A. Mazeika, 149-31 120 St., So. Ozone Park, N. Y., who will acknowledge each donation and issue the Booster Club Membership Cards.

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Jack J. Stukas, Chairman

TO ALL INTERESTED IN FURTHERING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE!

This summer, the Lithuanian Institute of Fordham University, Bronx, N. Y. will again offer invaluable courses in the Lithuanian language, literature, history and culture to members of the Knights of Lithuania interested in furthering their education in these courses. Except for a small registration fee, these courses are presented as scholarships — free of charge and are properly college accredited.

The Fordham University program is unique in that it is the only university offering such courses in Lithuanian. No other East European national group can boast of such a program.

If we are truly interested in our Lithuanian heritage and culture, we will not pass up this opportunity to learn more of our native language, its history and literature. To those of us, who speak Lithuanian only with difficulty it is an invaluable opportunity to learn elementary or intermediate Lithuanian. Remember, the cultural and academic level of our organization goes up only if the individual member makes an effort to improve his cultural background and knowledge of his national heritage.

For further information, write to:

K. of L. Culture Committee
Anthony B. Mazeika
149-31 120 St.
So. Ozone Park 20, N. Y.

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KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA SUMMER CAMP FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

Robert Boris

Often we have heard it said, "the future of the nation lies in the hands of today's youth." This saying is true of any unit of society be it a nation, a state, a city or a club. The ever swiftly moving years will soon bring us to our golden years, while our hopes and aspirations will be fulfilled by the generations now being born.

How true this is of the Knights of Lithuania. The Norkunas', Kaupas', and Kemesis' have gone on to their eternal reward, while the Supreme Council is largely composed of members, whose only acquaintance with the original leaders is through the yellowing pages of the archives. How well these pioneers prepared for the perpetuation of our organization is attested by our status today.

We have both the duty and obligation to prepare for the future — for our successors — for the K. of L. in 1981. It is all too evident that only by the immediate establishment of JUNIOR COUNCIL in each and every city can we insure the future of our organization. This is no easy task, we admit, but is anything worthwhile achieved without toil? With the near-disappearance of former close-knit colonies, built up within walking distance of the Lithuanian church and school, organizational work becomes increasingly more difficult. Yet modern technology and resources have brought about many changes to facilitate youth work. One of the more important ones is the youth summer camp, which until recent years was almost unheard of.

The establishment of such a camp by the Lithuanian American Roman Catholic Federation near Manchester, Michigan made possible an experiment, the organization of the first KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA SUMMER YOUTH CAMP, for youngsters of Lithuanian extraction, between the ages of 7-14. This work was pioneered last summer by the joint efforts of Detroit's two councils. Any doubts or misgivings as to whether the youngsters would enjoy and benefit from the camp were soon dispelled by the thirty youngsters who returned home with glowing tales of their first experience at the K. of L. Camp. Their enthusiasm and desire to return again this summer was without exception. With these gratifying results, the Supreme Council hoping to expand the camp to neighboring councils in the Mid-Central and Indiana-Illinois District took over the sponsorship of the 1961 Summer Camp, August 13 thru 19th.

Camp Dainava, located 65 miles west of Detroit, in the heart of the Irish Hill region, is centrally located in a triangle formed by Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit. It is made up of 220 beautiful acres of hills and woods and contains a 10 acre spring-fed lake, with sandy beach. There are two modern cinder-block dormitories, one for the girls and one for the boys, each sleeping 60 children. They are modern, and have indoor plumbing with hot and cold running water. A third building, the dining hall also contains a chapel and kitchen.

Insure your council of future members — send your youngsters to the K. of L. Youth Camp in August. We especially appeal to Pittsburgh, Dayton, Cleveland, Chicago, Gary because of their proximity, but also to other

more distant councils. The organization of a carload or a bus load of children from your city will not only afford your child an opportunity to acquaint themselves with their religious and cultural heritage, but also treat them to very special vacation and may be even the parents a week's rest! The cost is very nominal: \$25.00 for one child; \$20.00 for the second child and \$15.00 for the third child in the same family.

For information write:

Miss Helen Shields
217 Wharton
Philadelphia 47, Pa.

or Mrs. Theresa Medonis
15064 Biltmore
Detroit 27, Michigan



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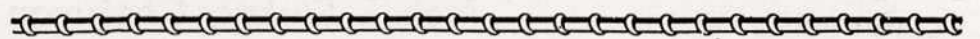
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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. — 132

OUR PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANN LAURINAITIS

My year of being President is over and so I would like to review some of our past activities. We started the year at Ruta Zee's House in Palm Springs, where everyone had a very enjoyable time... The combination dance, dinner and motion picture turned out to be a huge success. The partnership of the Seniors assured this. We were also most pleased at the way in which this even increased our Treasury... Another event was the opening of the Lithuanian Community Center, which pleased a great many members... Our very good Democratic members were most happy about the elections — Kennedy and Johnson winning. Our good member Thomas Yakutis worked very hard for Kennedy, and he was rewarded with an invitation to the Inauguration, where he represented the entire Los Angeles American-Lithuanian Community. The only fault with this was the weather was against him; he had to experience the cold bitter climate, and he couldn't get back to sunny California fast enough.

I wish to thank each and every one for giving me a helping hand during the year — and I wish the very best to the new President, and to his Staff.

The Feast Day of Saint Casimir, the patron saint of Lithuania, and the patron of our Parish was March 4th, but was observed on Sunday, March 5th. The Knights of Lithuania, and the Knights of Lithuania Seniors attended the 10:30 Mass, and received the sacrament as a group. After Mass, breakfast was

served in the Parish Hall basement. In the afternoon, a program was presented.

The last meeting was held at "Little Switzerland", on Saturday, February 4th. An evening of dining, dancing and Dominic Baliunas and his lovely sister Maria, George and Natalie Radauskas, Tony S., Tony V., Carol Dombrowsky, Ann Laurinaitis, Bruno Katauskas, Leonard Valiukas, Loretta Papsys and others. At the meeting, a discussion arose as to (a) the possibility of a weekend trip to Catalina; (b) a trip to the mountains; or (c) a combination (The Isthmus, Catalina). It was agreed to call a meeting as soon as possible to discuss this, and, if possible, to start making plans.

The New Club Officers Are: President — Thomas Yakutis; 1st Vice President — Ann Laurinaitis; 2nd Vice President — Ed. Bartkus; Recording Secretary — Carol Dombrowsky; Treasurer & Financial Secretary — Loretta Papsys.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

1961 Committee Chairman — Juniors, Al Kassel; Membership, Walter Tenclinger; Rituals, Al Mockus; Culture, Joe Ulevicius; Civic Affairs, Walter Tenclinger; Publicity, Tony Yuknis, Irene Sankus, Ruth & Al Dagis; District Bulletin, Loretta Kassel; Choir, Estelle Rogers; Sports, Al Kassel & Al Manst; Archives, John Cibulskis; and By-Laws, Walter Cibulskis.

Helen Zimmer who had been reappointed as LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS CHAIRMAN left us to enter the community of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, in Brockton, Mass. In addition to the District chairmanship, Helen was the President of Council 5, a member of the choir, the bowling league, and many com-

mittees. We feel confident that she'll put her many talents to very good use in her new life. Our heartfelt prayers and sincerest congratulations go with her.

The last two years seem to be years of reorganization for our District. We have not only reorganized many dormant committees but also our Choir and Bowling League.

The CHOIR President is Estelle Rogers and the Director, Faustas Strolia. They were enthusiastically received at their first public appearance, the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet. The Choir is now preparing for an appearance at the B.A.L.F. Concert in Indiana Harbor, Ind., and for their own concert.

The **Weekly Bowling League** officers are: Al Kassel, President and Al Manst, Sr., Secy-Treas. This is one of the most competitive leagues we've had in years. The teams are sponsored by: Mazeika - Evans Funeral Home, Liths Club, St. Anthony Svgs & Loan, Chicago Svgs & Loa, Gaiva Restaurant, Marzano's Palace Bowl, Standard Svgs & Loan and S. Bloom, Inc. The top bowlers are: **Men** — Al (Saulės Spindulėli) Kassel, Vince (Polka King) Samaska, Al (King-Pin) Manst, Sr., Al (Anchor-Man) Kachinskas and Tony (Iri-pip-pips) Gendrolis. **Women** — Gerry (Camera Kid) Mack, Loretta (Nomads' Leader) Kassel, Lucille (Auntie) Yucius, AnnMarie (the Lark) Pupinik, and Sally (the Helpful) Sosnitski.

Lithuanian Independence Day was commemorated with a "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner-Dance at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago on Feb. 11th and a special Mass, attended by many Lithuanians, for the intention of Lithuania's eventual freedom on Feb. 12th. The Co-chairman of the event, Loretta Kassel, Eleanor Laurin and Irene Sankus extended their appreciation to John Evans, Estelle Rogers, Ignas Sakalas, Loretta Macekonis, Irene Rakaitis,

Vince Samaska, Al Dagus and the many others who helped with all of the plans. Their "Special Thanks" to the many out-of-town guests: Jack Stukas (who was also the guest speaker), Frank Vaskas, Al Janks, all of New Jersey, Robert Boris of Detroit, Rev. Anthony Miciunas (formerly Ill.-Ind. District Spiritual Advisor) and Stasys Rumsas of Wisconsin, John Simonavich of Worcester, Mass., and Richard Malis of Lafayette, Indiana. Among the many honored guests were the Prof. and Mrs. Manelis. Prof. Manelis is the National President of "Ateitininkai". During the Banquet, the District presented a special citation to Jack Stukas for his untiring efforts on Lithuania's behalf.

The Spring Fashion Show held on February 19th was presented and modeled by the ALICE STEPHENS SINGERS for the benefit of the Jesuit Youth Center. It not only featured the lovely spring fashions, but also the singing of the group. Loretta Kassel was one of the lovely models.

Our Annual District Celebration of ST. CASIMIR'S DAY was held on Sunday, March 5th in Gary, Ind. Council 82 was the host and as always prepared a wonderful brunch. Rev. Cinikas (District Spiritual Adviser) and Rev. Daniels (Pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Gary) officiated at the Mass. The Vytautas American Legion Post of Gary served as the color guard in place of our Chicago Posts, Don Varnas and Darius-Girenas. Irene Rakaitis received her Third Degree at a special ceremony. This year the Annual District Award to an outstanding member was presented to Al Manst, Sr., the new President of Council 5 and District Board Chr.

The Annual MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT will be held in Chicago on the weekend of May 27th and 28th. Our guests will stay at the Sahara Motel and will bowl at Miami Bowl. The week-end will begin on Saturday Noon with a Reception Party and Registration, followed by the Bowling Tournament in the afternoon and a Buffet Dinner-Dance in the evening at the K. of L. Building. Sunday morning, Mass 10:45 AM at Nativity B.V.M. Church followed by the Banquet and presentation of awards. Everyone is urged to contact Al Kassel, 4049 S. Rockwell

St., Chicago 32, Ill., immediately to make reservations or for additional information.

MISLĖS? How did Eleanore Laurin manage to collect so many ads for our Feb. 11th Program Book on those quiet Saturdays afternoons? Does Bob Boris really like Chicago as much as he tells the Chicago girls or is this just a new "line"? Did Loretta Kassel really find her Volkswagen on the side-walk one Sunday AM with a special "note" from the local gendarmes stating that parking on the walks isn't permitted in Chicago?

Estelle Rogers of Marquette Park Council 112 has undertaken the duties of reorganizing Knights of Lithuania Choir for the Illinois-Indiana District, and the Choir was successfully reorganized on December 5, 1960.

Through her attempts and long hours devoted to this project in just a short period of time, the Choir was able to make its first public appearance on February 11, 1961 at a banquet in the Constitution Room of the Morrison Hotel commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day.

Assisting Estelle in the newly-reorganized Choir are Faustas Strolia, Director, and Co-Chairmen Loretta Kassel, Eleanore Laurin; and Irene Sankus, Ruth B. Dagus, Secretary, Ray Samoska, Treasurer; Theodore Antusis; Sgt.-at-Arms; Walter Cibulskis; Librarian, Ann Marie Paukstis; and Albert Zakarka, Publicity.

The Choir now consists of thirty voices which are as follows: Sopranos — Ruth B. Dagus, Helen Gudauskas, Loretta Macekonis, Ann Marie Paukstis, Ann Marie Pupinik, Estelle Rogers, Lucille Stacy, Julie Zakarka. Altos — Dolores Campbell, Zenija Fedorovics, Rita Gorb, Monica Kasper, Loretta Kassel, Theresa Pupinik, Irene Rakaitis. Tenors — Petras K. Bagdonas, Martin Gestautas, George Lasinskas, Mecys Mikutaitis, Richard Sabonis, Al Shulicke, Stasys Vaisvila, Al Zakarka. Basses — Walter D. Cibulskis, Peter Gagle, Albert A. Raubiskis, Louis Rogers, Raymond Samoska, Vincent Samoska, Algis Skudra.

Estelle Rogers who has been with the K. of L's since 1954 also holds Third Degree, and has always helped the Knights in many ways.

Albert C. Dagus

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Pittsburgh, Pa. — 19

M. P.

Now that the sun is once again glowing with her cloak of enraptured spring, and the birds are ushering in their awakening serenades, we too, Pittsburgh K. of L's are coming out of hibernation and are sitting up and beginning to take notice of activities around us. We are all well aware that the severe winter months forced much inactivity. But now, with spring in our midst, we have already captured much more spirit and are feeling a strong urge to get into action.

Honoring St. Casimir, our patron Saint, Holy Communion was received in a body at 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday, March 5, 1961 at St. Casimir's Church, South Side, Pittsburgh, followed by a Smorgasborg 'Breakfast-Lunch' served at Johnny Garneau's on Route 22, Monreevill.

That same day, March 5th, at 5 P.M., Jack Stukas honored us with movies which he took on his travels abroad, including Lithuania. Later the same evening, he showed the movies at Esplen. We are indeed grateful to Jack for his visit with us and the showing of interesting movies.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Antoinette Naujelis, whose mother passed away on January 27, 1961.

Pittsburgh Lithuanians were once again plagued with sorrow by the sudden passing of Walter Chinik. Walter, who at 50, in his prime of life was called to his eternal glory on February 14. Walter suffered a sudden fatal heart attack. Most all Knights of Lithuania remember him as President of Supreme Council of not too many years back. He served untiringly and faithfully for the Knights and anything Lithuanian. He devoted much of his time to conduct choral groups for local entertainment. These will long be remembered. Those who knew Walter are well aware of his many talents. Walter was a fourth degree member of the Knights. He was employed as engineer with the Atomic Energy Commission in Pittsburgh. We feel sure that Our Heavenly Father had His reason for removing Walter to His Kingdom. Our heartiest sympa-

thy goes out to Mildred. God give you much strength in your bareavement.

At our meeting on February 16, held at St. Casimir's Hall, new officers were elected: Eleanor Allen, President; Antoinette Naujelas, Vice President; Margaret Papeaka, Recording Secretary; Julia Alechunas, Financial Secretary; Lorie Yucius, Correspondence Secretary; Margaret Papeaka, "Vytis" Correspondent; and Bill Kolicus, Terasurer.

Many discussions took place for on-coming activities.

We wish to thank the outgoing officers for their untiring efforts in fulfilling their jobs.

Dayton, Ohio — 96

"EL"

With Spring just around the corner, C-96 members are preparing for a full schedule, come warm weather. Many K. of L.'ers participated in the Lithuanian Independence Day program sponsored by the Parish Committee.

Our Bowling teams are really shaping up and getting in good form for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament to be held in Chicago. Our keglers promise some stiff competition to the opposing teams. Our Ice Skating Parties were well attended and seem to have become an annual seasonal sport, thanks to Ann Scott. We were glad to see Father Narbutas among the skating enthusiasts.

Saint Casimir's Day was observed with the members attending Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion "en corpore." Breakfast was served by Mary Lucas and her committee after the Mass and Elinor Sluzas prepared a reading befitting the occasion.

We wish to offer our congratulations to Geraldine Gevet on her recent engagement. We hear an August wedding is being planned by "Gerry" and her fiance Tom Konicki. Congratulations also to Joe and Ada Sinkwitz on the birth of a daughter, Katherine Jeanette.

Plans are now under way for a Polka Dance to be held on May 20. Stan Vaitkus is the chairman. On March 26, our Annual Pre-Easter Bake Sale will be held in the church hall. May 14th — Mother's Day, a Mass and Communion will be held for all our Mothers, living and dead. Tentative plans are to hold a Buffet Supper in the late afternoon.

Michael Petkus, Chairman for the Annual K. of L. Lithuanian Day Picnic has already started making plans. This big event will take place on August 6th. June 11th is the date set by the Mid-Central District for a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation" at Carey Ohio.

A Retreat for the women of our parish was sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania. Thanks to Fran Petkus, Eloise Berczelly, Joan Kavalasuskas and Frances Mikalauskas for their work in promoting this successful Retreat. The men of the council will not be outdone by the fairer sex, there by a Retreat for men will be held at Gethsemani Ky. on Palm Sunday. George Mikalauskas is in charge of reservations.

One of our young men, Robert Onlor, has enlisted in the United States Air Force. He is presently stationed at Lackland, Texas. We wish him lots of luck in this new venture. Mary Lucas and Pat Zilinskas are seen sporting new Impala's, Mary, a convertible, and Pat, a sedan. We wish a speedy recovery to Stan Vaitkus who was involved in an auto accident.

The members of Council 96 extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mildred Chinik on the untimely death of our dearly beloved past Supreme President Walter Chinik. His passing will be deeply felt by all our members who knew him well.

Detroit, Mich. — 102

Sittin' In

The yearly election of Officers took place at the January meeting. Heading the list was Father Stanievich as our Spiritual Adviser. Frank Bunikis, Rita Neverouck and Bill Juodwalkis were re-elected to their office as President, Fin. Sec'y. and Treasurer, respectively; Leon Galinskas and Ann Aleks as 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents; Pat Remas, Corresponding Sec'y.; and John Mikus and Ray Medonis, Trustees.

Those who braved the blizzard Detroit experienced the night of the Mardi Gras Party received a warm and smokey welcome at the Ray Medonises... they were few in number, but big in spirit. Looks as though Evelyn Galinas and Frank Bunikis were given a rough time by an orange... Joe Guerriero just couldn't get to the seat Marianne G. occupied for so long.

The aftermath of the party was not a cheerful one, when we learned that Frank and Donna Bunikis and Ann Uznis were involved in quite a serious car accident on their return home, which resulted in Donna and Ann being hospitalized. We're happy to know that Ann has been released and convalescing at home. Donna is still in the hospital with bone injuries, bet we are prayerful that she, too, will be released in the near future. We're certain both Oakwood and Straith Hospitals felt these two girl were celebrities with all the visitors, mail and flowers they received.

Leon Galinskas did a fine job filling in for Frank Bunikis at our February meeting. Following Mass and Corporate Communion, we K. of L.'ers joined the rest of St. Anthony's parishioners and toured the beautiful and new rectory at Fr. Stan's invitation... we chatted over coffee and cookies served in the Rectory's basement, where we are looking forward to having our future meetings.

With the spirited Byvilles in 102, we're sure we'll keep up with the young at heart... they're busy planning a roller skating event.

Council 79 hosted the annual St. Casimir's Day Commemoration... a wonderful turnout, with over 100 K. of L.'ers participating at Corporate Mass and Communion... a luscious breakfast followed. Amongst the 102 members present, we were delighted to see Isabelle Caldwell and Gena and Gus Baibak.

NEW ENGLAND

DISTRICT

South Boston, Mass. — 17

Ann Onimus

Tomorrow is St. Casimir's Day but it will not have its official observance until Sunday March 5th. It, to us Lithuanians, should have the same significance as St. Patrick's Day to the Irish. Where they celebrate their day will the wearin' of the green and partying, we should observe our nationalistic holiday with sober thoughts on the plight of our ancestral homeland across the sea. We must commemorate with prayers — the partying cannot be for our kind on March the 5th.

We, South Bostonites remember both saints days. St. Patrick's Day coincides with a local holiday so many businesses close and a rollicking parade marches through South Boston. We have two noteworthy March times. Lucky?

On Sunday February 12, the council held its monthly meeting. President Jerry Venis presided. Financial secretary Florence Zaleskas had bright news to report. She stated that over thirty members had already paid up their dues. The credit must go to her. Florence has been busy reminding those who need it. Most folks do pay willingly — but many need her extra prod.

Father Zuromskis explained the modern trends in the Mass. He also answered some of our baffling Lenten dietary questions i. c. Does chewing gum break the fast? Is an egg nog food or liquid?

The big item on the agenda was organizing the Bowling Roll-off scheduled for February 26th. C-17 and its guests would be among the first patrons at South Boston's newest Bowladrome. Rita Venis had been to the opening celebration and termed the alleys "Pretty nice".

Too few men were present to select a desirable date for the Men's Retreat. Chairman Al Jaritis expressed a personal preference for early June. Then the weather is mild and transportation is comfortably, carefree.

The March social would be group attendance at the St. Casimir's Day Mass and at the brunch following.

The club improvements fund continued to improve under the chairmanship of hard-selling Al Jaritis. The council is considering the purchase of a super size coffee maker from part of the fund. Ed Rudis, Bob Gendreau and Al Jaritis are doing the shopping. Each month a raffle is held for the fund. Half the day's proceeds go into the kitty: half is given as prize money. February's prize money went to Diane Plevock.

February 26 was the scheduled New England District Roll-off at South Boston. Enthusiasm and scores ran high. Anita Daniels and Wanda Yelmokas surprised themselves by hitting the 80's. Florence Zaleskas averaged 105. The management was eager to make the right impression. Not only did they officially wel-

come us over the p. a. system but they also sent the good housekeeping squad to mop down the alleys and polish up the balls. The former gesture was greeted with appreciation and the latter gesture was greeted with hearty chuckles.

After the sports event, the group flocked to the Lith Club for a buffet. Manager Peter Dumas was offering his help but the committee had the situation controlled. Rita Venis and her aproned crew (Alice Zaremba, Phyllis Gendreau, Mary Kraunelis, Janet Gideck, and Paula Bernotas) had the munchables ready.

Al Jaritis had pretaped polka music.

Jerry Venis presided over the raffle. From the zealous selling job Ray Zibinskis and Gus Uselis were doing, the raffle should have netted millions. Why even the council scrounge invested a quarter!

Following the feed, the group lingered to watch ski-weekend movies. Bill Grigas showed some scenes from Spain where he summered.

The day had been gray weather-wise but it had a K. of L. sparkle.

For chatter: these names make news: John Olevitz who is in charge of the council history fund. Patricia Plansky who will be maid of honor for Loretta Lescinskas, when she becomes the bride of Joe Casper on November 5th. Loretta Kontrim who received her college ring. The ring is a mite different from the usual college jewelry. The stone is a blue lapis lazuli flecked with green and it is oblong in shape. It is characteristically Emmanuel College. Loretta is a junior there majoring in chemistry.

Frances Daniels who has fifteen dollar bowling shoes. She paid less but they were fifteen dollars. The shoes are as gay as an Easter egg in tones of powder blue and white.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Neviera who will have quite a K. of L. wedding for their daughter Joanne. Among Joanne's sever attendants are Pat King, Madeline Druzdis, and Helen Suprin.

John Olevitz and Bill Gorski who celebrate April 1 birthdays.

Diane Plevock who is a junior at Framingham State College — not Fitchburg as previously writtes. Fitchburg trains the physical edu-

cation teachers. Framingham trains the home economists. Quite some difference.

Joe Svagdys who deserves to have his name spelled correctly. He astounded his two passengers (Aldona Jakubauskas and Wanda Yelmokas) at the Roll-off by maneuvering his big gray Buick safely and smoothly into a parking space made for a Vespa scooter.

Wanda Yelmokas who resumes her spring cry of "Tennis, anyone?" She has resumed her tennis lessons with the hope of beating someone sometime.

Ray Zibinskis who drives the most interesting foreign car. It is a Sunbeam. To the people who ungraciously allude to the electric mixer, Ray patiently points out: 1) the Sunbeam is an English car made by the Hillman corporation. 2) it is the luxury model with bucket seats, four speeds and no economy price tag. Really, it's a set of jaunty wheels too little to be a big car and too big to be a little car.

C-17 extends its sympathy to Nelli Lipskas on the death of her mother.

Future council plans include publicizing the Spring Dance and getting more support for the K. of L. history. The next meeting will be Sunday March 12 at the Clubroom.

Waterbury, Conn. — 7 "Zypke"

**"We never know how swift
we go till we turn and look
behind—"**

The Council 7 didn't report its activities for 1960 blow by blow, we were busy little beavers. Our annual Valentine's Party was a success as usual and that's because Wally Pitcavage makes such good "Kugeli"... Next... our traditional St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast and Degrees. K. of L'ers received Holy Communion at the 8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Joseph's Church and breakfast followed in the K. of L. Clubrooms. Principal speaker at the Communion Breakfast was Rev. A. Edward Gardeck, pastor of St. Joseph's, who spoke on the Life of St. Casimir.

Preceding the afternoon program, Nell P. Meskunas was guest speaker on Radio Station WWCO "Lithuanian Memories" program and spoke on the purposes of the K. of L. and

announced the names of the members receiving degrees. Once again may we say "AČIŪ" to Johnny Sabulis and Alfonse Barauskas, both of Ansonia, Council 135 for their assistance. Speakers were Rev. A. E. Gradeck, Rev. Albert Karalis, spiritual adviser and Honorary Member Prof. A. J. Aleksis.

The 1st degree was conferred on, Mrs. Francis Zurllys and Mrs. Lee Zilinskas, Rev. Walter Vichas. 2nd degree: Rev. A. Edward Gradeck, Joseph Benesevich, Edmund Kvaskas, Peter Pocius, Anthony Romanuskas, Josephine Romanuskas, Mrs. Shirley Valuckas and Vincent Valuckas. Receiving 3rd degree: Miss Patricia Richards and James Valaitis. A social followed with over 100 members and friends attending.

All K. of L'ers kept a vigil for one hour, Holy Thursday and Good Friday, starting with 9:00 P.M. in the evening until first Mass the next morning. Mother's Day as usual was observed with a Communion & Breakfast at St. Joseph's Auditorium in conjunction with all parish organizations.

Summer activities started with Bobby Ouellette's K. of L. Council 7 "Gallant Knights Softball Team"—Although a newly-formed team of young men, they still managed to take 7 games, nice going boys. Girls... may I have your attention?... the player's names are: Joseph Butkevich, Charles Amodeo, Victor Sabalauskas, Teddy Tata, Paul Lussier, Mike Stokes, Al Greblunas, Walter Blinstrubas, John Daly (Dalinskas), John Greblunas, Francis Tata... All councils interested in playing against our "Knights" please write Coach Robert Ouellette, 443 Washington Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut. Pat Richards was chairman for the K. of L. "Green and Yellow" golfing match which was played on the East Mountain Golf Course. Over 50 persons participated in the match with the "Yellows" overpowering the Greens. Towards evening it started to rain with no one paying much attention to it... Yes you guessed it... the "HOTS and Coffee" had all the attention for we were all hungry...

Connie and Walter Wozniak were the ever gracious hosts to the K. of L'ers at the annual "Chicken Barbeque"...

Eddie DiNapoli and committee really worked for the annual "Family Outing" and made everyone feel

they were at a "GOURMETS" banquet... the kiddies enjoyed the ponies... so did I... OW...

Xmas as usual means that Agnes Zdanis and committee was prepared to play Santa to the kiddies of the K of L'ers, with the K. of L'ers ending the season and the year with a gala party.

Our outgoing president Walter Pitcavage was hospitalized for quite some time and is recuperating at home. He will be home for quite some time, so K. of L'ers how about writing him to make the days a bit shorter? Walter Pitcavage — 884 Highland Avenue, Waterbury, Conn.

New officers for the year 1961: Spiritual adviser: Rev. Albert Karalis; President: James Valaitis; Vice President: Theodore Tata; Secretary: Patricia Richards; Financial Secretary: Marcella Andrikis; Treasurer: Eleanor Barkauskas; Directors: Walter Pitcavage, Edward DiNapoli, Robert Ouellette, John Alanskas, Frank Shaknaitis, Lillian Paulauskas; Houseman: George Bebrin; Sgt.-At-Arms: Peter Kuzma.

Lithuanian Affairs Committee — Chairman: Rev. Albert Karalis. Members, Nell P. Meskunas, Frank Shaknaitis, Lillian Paulauskas.

Ritual Committee — Chairman: Rev. Albert Karalis, Nell P. Meskunas, Frank Shaknaitis.

Culture Committee — Chairman: Nell P. Meskunas.

"Vytis" Correspondent: Nell P. Meskunas.

To gather and compile K. of L. Council 7 History — Nell P. Meskunas.

To Collect Funds for the K. of L. History Fund — Alfred Greblunas.

Providence, R. I. — 103 "Sunshine"

Our council will play host to the New England District K. of L. Convention on April 29th and 30th. The dance "Pavasario Naktį" will be held at the Lithuanian Club with music by Joe Russell and His Happy Artists. Won't you come?

The Dance Committee wishes to apologize for the misspelling of "Pavasario" in case you were wondering what new word "Pavasario" was.

Saint Casimir's Feast Day was celebrated by Mass and Communion on Sunday, March 5th. Both the members of the regular K. of L. and the Junior K. of L. attended.

Lucky Irene Landauskas! She

spent time in California during March. We know she had a fabulaus time.

We are sorry to hear that two of our fair lasses lost a debt to Ed Daniels of Worcester. It seems that Anna Walaska and Pat Balkus favored Providence College in the P.C. — Holy Cross basketball game. They have consolation in the fact that the high scorer was from Providence College. Wait until next year, Ed!!

Father Martinkus is making plans for a Youth Day. On this day, he will enlighten past members and prospective members on the K. of L. organization. The more active members in our K. of L. the better!

Our Secretary Birutė Paulauskas receiving many replies to her letters from Senators, Congressman, Governor and Mayor concerning February 16th, Lithuanian Independence Day. Senator Clairborne Pell has invited her to visit him when she is in Washington. Congratulations, Birutė, on a job well done!

Etc., Etc.,

Belated Birthday Greetings to Bea Mackevicius who celebrated her birthday, March 26... Jimmy Russell knows everybody!!!... What member of which council is Kathy Cyronak always inquiring about?...

Providence, R. I. — 103

John A. Stoskus

DISTRICT CONVENTION

A warm welcome is awaiting the delegates, alternates and many friends of the district for their forthcoming New England District Convention. Saturday, April 29, the Lithuanian - American Citizen's Club hall has been booked by the Dance Committee Co-Chairmen: Vera Minealgo and James Russell as the site of the evening's festivities. Music will be provided by a special dance band.

Overnight guests may make reservations at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, or if they prefer home accommodations for the night, contact the Events Committee members.

Delegates and friends will attend 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Casimir's Church, on Sunday, April 30, 1961. The parish choir under the direction of John Beinoris will sing during the High Mass. A complete breakfast will follow in the parish hall, thus eliminating the guests loss of

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time seeking a place to eat after the church services, and giving more time for District Convention matters.

Highlight of the day will be the blessing and presentation of the **Honorary Members'** medal during the Mass to the Rev. John Vaitekūnas by our National Spiritual Director Rev. Prof. Albert J. Contons. Our National President Robert Boris unable to be present, has appointed Father Contons to bestow this honor in behalf of the Knights of Lithuania. Thus, another ardent supporter and worker of the organization of many years, will receive the highest honor he so richly deserves and earned.

Our District President Joseph Sipas and his officers will formulate the Convention's Agenda. After the sessions, supper will be served in the parish hall. Bertha Stoskus and her husband are co-chiarmen for the Sunday program.

St. Casimir's Day was celebrated jointly with the Juniors by attendance at the High Mass and reception of the Holy Eucharist.

Sunday, February 12, our regular members and Juniors took an active part in the 43th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence exercises. Birutė Paulauskas wrote to Senators Pastore and Pell, Congressmen Fogarty and St. Germain; and to the Governor and Mayor soliciting their help for our fight for Lithuania's freedom from Russian suppression. She received some nice replies, and news in our Lithuanian newspapers concerning the strong appeal of both of our Senators in Washington attest to her hard work.

Providence probably has the youngest slate of 1961 officers in the organization. Since there are women involved, we shall not divulge their ages but they are: President Patricia Balkus; Vice President Dziekvich; Secretary Birutė Paulauskas; and Financial Secretary A. Beatrice Mathieu. The Juniors elected the following officers to head them this year: President Marsha Coressel; Vice President Carol Dee; Secretary Lynn Oakley; Treasurer Richard Simoneau; and Historian Camella Adamo. Our pastor is the spiritual adviser of the regular council and our curate is the spiritual adviser of the Juniors.

Bertha Stoskus was recently in-

stalled as Vice President of the Mother's Club of the parish.

Victor and Beatrice Mathieu purchased a chalice in memory of Attorney James Flannery, who recently died of a heart condition. Jim was instrumental in the K. of L. having the first Lithuanian T. V. program under the direction of the Rev. Jurgelaitis, O.P., held in Rhode Island. With the aid of Bishop Brizgys, the chalice was consecrated by the Bishop and donated to the Rev. Backys, who was ordained in Rome on Saint Joseph's Feast Day. We hope the new servant of God will pay a visit to Providence in the near future and have the privilege of offering one of his Masses at our parish church. The young priest's father is in the Lithuanian Diplomatic corps, and is currently working at the Lithuanian Legation in Washington, D.C.

Our organization's greatest loss in Pittsburgh will be felt by the Knights very deeply. Our prayers are extended for the repose of the soul of our past National President Walter Chink, and our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Mildred.

Athol, Mass. — 10 Wm. Wisnauskas

The Athol-Gardner Council K. of L. held its annual "Winter Carnival" on Sunday, February 19th at the Tully Brook Inn. Approximately fifty K. of L'ers from the district attended.

The affair began with an excellent family-style dinner. Council President Alvin Rodski and Father Alphonse Volungis, Spiritual Adviser, welcomed the guests.

In view of the spring like weather which prevailed, many events were curtailed. The Golden Skate competition was postponed. St. Casimir's parish, Worcester, claims it will take possession of the Trophy permanently next year. Thus far, Council 26 has won the Trophy for two consecutive years. Skiing and tobogganing were also curtailed because of the thaw and a breakdown of the tows.

Tid - Bits

Per usual, Worcester played cards during the day — Ping pong was enjoyed in the cold cellar. Bingo played by all with Father Volungis, Frank Anoris and the Langlois' in charge. Dr. Henry Gailiunas, local

dentist, won a bottle of perfume. Grigas' movies were a "scream"... Seen for a few moments was former Spiritual Adviser Father Al Yan-kauskas.... Due to Lithuanian Independence Day exercises Council 116, Worcester members were unable to be with us... Dancing after supper was particularly enjoyed by Carol Tagman and Joe Russell.

Communion Breakfast

March 5th we commemorated St. Casimir's Day with a Mass. St. Francis' altar boys and cross-bearer led our K. of L. procession into church, and received Holy Communion in a body. Sermon was preached by our Spiritual Adviser Father Alphonse Volungis. After Mass, breakfast was served in the Athol House. Father Volungis gave an inspiring talk on Lent. Approximately twenty-five were in attendance, including Charles and Dot Pinigis, former members.

Engagements. Congratulations to Miss Barbara Milosh, former president of our council, on her engagement to Howie Gibbons of Lowell. Barbara is employed at the Simplex Time Recording Co. and Howie is a Sheet Metal Mechanic.... Also, flashing a beautiful diamond at our Communion Breakfast was Barbara Bennett, past Carnival Queen. Paul Pralinsky is the lucky man. Both are employed at Starett's, Athol.... Louise Kraskauskas, member from Gardner, was married to George Giacoppe on New Year's Day. Wedding reception was attended by more than 600 guests.

Member of the Month

Alvin Rodski of Gardner, is our newly-elected President. Al has been a K. of L'er for some time. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years, and has toured Europe several times. He graduated Worcester Jr. College with high honors and is now working in the Post Office (Gardner). Al is known to be a Polka fan and is a good tennis player. At present he is taking up water skiing. Al is still a bachelor, and we quite realize that he will devote much of his time in the K. of L. organization. Wish him success in all his endeavors.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Anne and Gediminas Penney on the death of their beloved father.

"Vytis"