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

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

S. Kancewick

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MŪSŲ BALSAS TAVE TEPASIEKIA

Gegužės 13 proga

Mūsų minimi istoriniai įvykiai ne visi turi nesibai-gianičios reikšmės. Niekas tačiau nesako, kad juos atminti būtų netinkama ar neišmintinga. Tuo labiau ne vien dera, bet vispusiškai yra naudinga minėti tai, kas mus saisto, iš ko nuolatos tikimės didelių pasekų gyve-nime.

Gegužės 13 sukanka 10 metų, kai tada dar trys Lie-tuvos vyskupai laisvame pasaulyje pasirašė aktą, pave-dantį Lietuvą ir visą lietuvių tautą Šv. Marijos Nekal-čiausios Širdies globai. Per tuos 10 metų visame pasau-lyje ir Lietuvoje įvyko daug skaudžių ir daug guodžian-čių dalykų. Per tą laiką bolševikų santvarkos vergų sto-vyklų kančiose žuvo arkivyskupas Mečislovas Reinys ir vyskupas Vincentas Borisevičius, invalidu Lietuvon pa-leistas mirė vyskupas Pranciškus Ramanauskas. Per tą laiką vergų kančiose mirė keli šimtai lietuvių kunigų ir daug tūkstančių pasauliečių. Bet įvyko kai kas ir guodžiančio. Kad ir invalidais, kad ir skurdui, bet ken-tėti ir mirti savame krašte, paleisti iš kalėjimų ir kon-centracijos stovyklų senelis vyskupas Teofilus Matu-lionis ir vyskupas P. Ramanauskas, apie 200 kunigų ir keli tūkstančiai pasauliečių. Tiesa, tai tik mažas nuo-šimtis iš visų, kuriuos rusai vergais išvežė į savo skur-do ir teroro imperiją. Trys nauji vyskupai buvo konsek-ruoti Lietuvoje. Būtų gal net žalinga apie tai smulkiau kalbėti, tai paminėti reikia, kad nei teroras, nei depor-tacijos, nei tiesiog senovės vandalų elgesį prilygstaš žmonių apiplėšimas ir skurdas tęsas lig šiai dienai ne-palaužė lietuvių nei tikėjimo nei patriotizmo.

Šiuo metu ir Maskvos seno imperializmo ir bolševi-kų siautėjimo prieš tikėjimą ir lietuviybę reiškiasi nau-ja banga. Vyskupai, kad ir Lietuvoj, yra belaisviai. Prieš Dievą, tikėjimą, kunigus vedama labai nekultū-ringa pajuokos ir melo kova. Visokiais būdais stengia-masi jaunimo akyse suniekinti garbingą Lietuvos praei-tį. Būrys lietuvių: keli kunigai ir keliolika pasauliečių, atkritusių nuo savo tautos ir nuo Dievo, visiškai pasi-davė rusų pavergėjo ir bedievio bolševiko tarnybai šia-me Lietuvos jaunimo klaidinime. Atrodo, jie visai nesu-pranta, kad tuo jie išniekina ir save pačius ir savo gim-dytojus bei protėvius. Jie net ne savomis mintimis ir žodžiais, o senu nuvalkiotu Maskvos žodynu kolioja my-linčius savo kraštą, savo tautą ir jos praeitį, tikinčius Dievą ir norinčius jį garbinti.

Praėjo laikai, kad suverenai dėl asmeninių ar teri-torinių ambicijų skelbė karus. Šiandien vienas šūvis pareikalautų gyvybių ir visokios žalos padarytų nepa-lyginamai daugiau už praeities garsiausius karo mū-šius. Bolševikai gerai supranta šį pasikeitimą ir jį iš-

naudoja. Jie patys bijo atviro karo, bet gerai žino, kad jo bijo ir kiti. Bolševikai kariauja pasalomis — kursty-dami kituos kraštuos vidaus nesantaikas. Bolševizmo nei ideologija nei socialinė bei ekonominė doktrina bei santvarka proto ir praktikos kritikos neišlaiko, užtat bolševikai visokiomis priemonėmis gina jų valdomus žmones, kad jie nieko kito negirdėtų ir nežinotų, tik jų melą. Ir tų aiškių melų jie neleidžia pas save kritikuoti nei žodžiu nei raštu. Protiniais ginklais nepajégia įveikti tikėjimo, tat draudžia jo mokyti, o Dievą, tikėjimą, tikinčiuosius išjuokia bei persekioja, jaunimui meluoja ir jį tvirkina.

Bolševizmą patyrusieji visada jį laikys Dievo rykš-te, o ne keliu į rojų. Neužkrėsi bolševizmu ir tu, kurie pajégia jį suprasti. Bolševizmo dar nepatyrusius ar ne-sugebančius skirti melo nuo tiesos yra daug lengviau laimėti melu negu karu. Suprantama tat, kodėl bolševi-kai visus savo išteklius ir visą melo aparatą nukreipia į nekultūringas tautas, į tamsiausią visuomenės dalį.

Visa tai primenu, kad palengvintų suprasti šiandie-ninėje mūsų misijoje laisvame pasaulyje dvasinių ir idėjinių ginklų vertę. Ne kuriame viename krašte pa-naikinti bolševikų režimą, o sugriauti pačią komuniz-mo klaidą nėra sėkmingesnio būdo už informaciją apie praktišką bolševizmą, už žmonių kultūrinimą ir krikš-čionybės skleidimą.

Jokiame gerame pasiryžime žmogui netrūksta iš-tvermės, kol jis sau šviesos ir tvirtybės jieško danguje. Visų laikų Lietuvos žmonės tai gerai žino. Žinome taip pat, kiek mūsų tauta patyrė pagalbos ir naudos iš pa-maldumo į Šv. Mariją ir siekdama laikytis dorovės prin-cipų ir kurdama gražius papročius. Retai kur pasaulyje žmonės parodo tokio nuolankaus ir sentimentalaus pa-maldumo į Šv. Mariją gegužės mėnesį, kaip Lietuvos žmonės. Šiomet minint dešimtmetį nuo Lietuvos pavedi-mo Šv. Marijos Nekalčiausios Širdies globai pasiraginki-me ypatingu būdu prašyti Šv. Marijos pagalbos mūsų tautai ir išminties visai žmonijai. Lietuvoje nebus leis-ta viešai paminėti gegužės 13-ją, retai kur žmonės ten susirinks kasdien pagarbinti Mariją. Daugumoje tai bus daroma slapčiomis. Užtat mūsų malda tegul ir už juos papildoma tradicinę mūsų tautos pagarbą Šv. Marijai, te-gul žinios apie mūsų pamaldumą pasiekia Lietuvą, at-nešdamos paguodos ir padrąsinimo.

Ypatingai pamaldžiai paminėkime gegužės 13-ją, kaip dieną primenančią ypatingus santykius tarp Lie-tuvos ir Šv. Marijos.

Mūsų gyvybe, saldybe ir viltie — sveika!..

Aš visada esu labai sujaudintas, kai kreipiuos į žmones, kurie kenčia persekiojimus dėl tikėjimo savo krašte ar vargsta svetur, toli nuo savo tėvynės.

Aš žinau, kad Dievo Motina, pasirodydama Fatimoj 1917 metais, turėjo galvoje jus (neabejotinai su visa meile ir Jos Nekalčiausios Širdies švelnumu), iš anksto pranašaudama, kad daug žmonių bus persekiojami ir turės kentėti komunizmo priespaudoje. Taigi Ji turėjo galvoje ir jus.

Be abejonės, jūs esate brangiausi Dievo Motinos vaikai, nes jūs kenčiate, o Ji yra mūsų Motina. Jūs gerai žinote, kaip mūsų motinų širdys yra linkusios ypatingai mylėti ir branginti nelaiminguosius vaikus. Niekada to nepamirškite, kokią didelę reikšmę turi kančia Dievo akyse, kai toji kančia yra priimama nuolankiai, kaip Dievo valios pasireiškimas.

Pakilkite dvasioje, mylėkite Dievo Motiną ir pasitikėkite Ja! Ji bus jūsų stiprybė, jūsų viltis ir suraminimas visuose jūsų gyvenimo momentuose, jeigu vykdysite Jos prašymus — kalbėsite kasdien rožančių patys, o jei galima, bendrai šeimoje, vykdysite pirmųjų mėnesių šeštadienius kaip atsilyginimą už nuodėmes ir au-

kosite kiekvienos dienos darbus Jos Nekalčiausiai Širdžiai.

Jei imtumėte svyruoti ir netektumėte ryžtingumo, atsiminkite Jos pažadą, kad galų gale Jos Nekalčiausia Širdis triumfuos!

Aš esu laimingas sužinojęs, kad šių metų gegužės 13 dieną sueina 10 metų nuo Lietuvos pasiaukojimo Nekalčiausiai Marijos Širdžiai. Tai Jos pirmojo pasirodymo diena. Tą dieną švenčia visa portugalų tauta ir tada vykdomos kelionės į Fatimos šventovę. Aš pažadu jums, kad tą dieną prašysiu visus maldininkus (jų bus daug tūkstančių) melstis už Lietuvą ir visus lietuvius, esančius savo tėvynėje ar išblaškytus po visą pasaulį, toli nuo Lietuvos.

Jūs visada būsite mano širdyje ir mano maldose. Aš meldžiu Fatimos Dievo Motiną, kad duotų jums drąsos ir kantrybės pakelti jus slėgiančius vargus ir sunkumus.

Siūsdamas jums visiems savo ganytojinį palaiminimą, lieku visada su jumis Švenčiausios Jėzaus ir Marijos Širdies vienybėje —

JOAO PEREIRA VENANCIO

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Dabartinė "Vyties" Redakcija virš 10 metų redagavusi "Vytį", tolimesnį "Vyties" redagavimą ir spausdinimą, pradėdant birželio mėn., perduoda Čikagon. Čia "Vytis" jau bus spausdinama moderniška spausdinimo priemone offset'u.

Išleisdami šį paskutinį "Vyties" numerį, mes reiškiamo gilią padėką mūsų visiems bendradarbiams, kurie visokiais būdais mums talkininkavo "Vytį" išleisti. Ypatingai gi dėkojame Marijos Nekalto Prasidėjimo Seselių spaustuvės vedėjai ir visam spaustuvės štabui, kurių dėka "Vytis" visuomet buvo pasigėrėtina gražiai atspausdintas.

Redaguodami "Vytį" mes stengėmės turėti gyvą kontaktą su vyčiais ir jų veikla, rūpinomės, kad ji atsispindėtų "Vytyje" ir dėjome visas pastangas, kad toji veikla būtų stiprinama pagal pagrindinius vyčių principus Dievui ir Tėvynei. Ypač rūpinomės pavergta Lietuva ir naikinamu lietuviškumu.

Mes giliai tikime, kad lietuviškumas, kuris yra vienas svarbiųjų vyčių uždavinių, neatskiriamai rišasi su lietuvių kalbos mokėjimu, kad vyčiams mokėti bent dvi kalbas, angliškai ir lietuviškai, yra minimalis dalykas ir nesudaro sunkumų tai pasiekti, jei to tik nuoširdžiai norima. Todėl "Vytis" ir buvo ligi šiol angliškas-lietuviškas žurnalas. Tokios nuomonės buvo ir ligšiolinės Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos. Mes tos linijos laikėmės ir ją vykdėme.

Dabar, kai "Vyties" redagavimą perduodame į kitas rankas ir žvelgiame į ateitį, mes manome, kad Lietuvos Vyčiams ir toliau teks eiti tuo garbingu vyčių keliu, kurį nutiesė vyčių organizacijos kūrėjai, ir jo laikytis iki paskutinio vyčio.

Mes linkime Lietuvos Vyčiams gražaus klestėjimo, o naujai "Vyties" redakcijai geriausios sėkmės.

Juozas Leimonas,

"Vyties" Redaktorius

Balandžio 29 d., 1961 m.

VALEDICTION OF ENGLISH SECTION EDITOR

Phyllis Grendal

It has been a real privilege that has been mine for the past fifteen years to have contributed my efforts and time in editing the English Section of VYTIS. I shall always remember those many hours spent in reading letters of commendation, criticism and deciphering "hieroglyphic" correspondence. I have made not only pen friends but also personal friends.

In view of the fact that in life nothing remains stationary but changes even as our weather from season to season, the time has arrived to make a change in the publishing of VYTIS and its Editorial Staff. It has been decreed by our Supreme Council at its meeting held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on March 18, 1961 "To accept the proposal of the VYTIS Improvement Committee. The most important items were the change from letter-press in Putnam to offset press in Chicago. Following the recommendation that the Editorial Staff be located in the city where the VYTIS is published, it was decided to appoint Rev. Peter Cinikas, M.I.C. as Editor and Miss Marilyn Kareiva as Assistant Editor."

During my incumbency as the editor of the English Section of VYTIS there have been a number of Spiritual Directors of the Knights of Lithuania organization as Rev. Fr. John C. Jutt and Rev. Prof. Albert J. Contons and Supreme Council Presidents — the late Frank Razvad, Joseph Boley, Jack Jatis, Alexander Wesey, Joseph Lola, the late Walter Chinik, Joseph A. Sakevich and Robert S. Boris. In the editorial work, I have been associated with with the following editors, since 1946 — the late Dr. K. Pakstas of Santa Monica, California, Prof. Antanas Vaiciulaitis of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Juozas Leimonas.

For the fifteen years of my service in editing VYTIS, I express my sincere thanks to the Sisters of Immaculata Press and Staff, Putnam, Conn., where our monthly magazine has been published since February, 1954.

During the Knights of Lithuania Convention held in Los Angeles, California, in 1957, some of the delegates thought that the VYTIS headquarters were quite large. As a matter of fact, Mr. Shallna, the Lithuanian Consul, who is a practising lawyer for whom I work, has permitted me to use his office, files in carrying on the work of the Knights of Lithuania and VYTIS.

Since this is the last issue being edited by Dr. Leimonas and myself, I take this opportunity to thank all members who in anyway contributed in making the VYTIS magazine what it is today and to extend our best wishes to our successors.

ON HAPPINESS

by JOANNE H. NEVIERA

Have you ever noticed among your acquaintances that some are usually happy and some are usually depressed — no matter what the occasion or the circumstances?

Why is this so? Why is a certain individual, though relatively lacking in material wealth, perhaps also lacking in nature's physical endowments, nevertheless cheerful and merry, and able to enjoy every day, or most of it?

The experts tell us that the happy individual is one who has developed a sound philosophy which takes into consideration all that he has to be thankful for. This is the field which

so many — especially the sour-faced — overlook. And certainly all of us in America have more to be thankful for than the average person in a faraway country. We have freedom. We have opportunity. We have great material wealth. We have peace. We have freedom of worship. We have a strong country.

Then, too, we have the miracle of nature; the beauty of nature to observe every day. And those of us who enjoy good health have still another reason to be thankful.

It's true that we have our troubles; it's also true that many of us worry and fret because we can't make as much money as we would like to, or because we don't get ahead in the world as fast as we'd like to. And then there are many things

which come along to irritate us. And trivia — if not kept in prospective — can dominate one's thoughts and crowd out of one's personality the thankfulness and humble appreciation for the many blessings we enjoy. The key to contentment and happiness is found in the state of mind — not the state of the bank account.

The lesson of life, then, seems to be to develop a philosophy, a state of mind, which concentrates on positive thinking, faith, thankfulness, and service to others. Going this way will bring rich rewards and contentment through the years. For happiness is truly a state of mind; and if you can master that, you have mastered life. And, as Kipling wrote, "...you are a man, my son!"

K. OF L. HISTORY FUND GROWING

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AUKA IR PRISIMINIMAI

Kad greičiau būtų galima išvysti seniai laukiama Lietuvos Vyčių istorija, gerb. Prel. Pranas Virmauskis, Bostono lietuvių parapijos klebonas, ėmė Istorijos Fondo komisijai \$50 auką. Šis Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narys dalyvavo pirmosiose organizacijos dienos.

Užklaustas, kas ištikrųjų buvo organizacijos steigėjas, jis atsakė: "Norkūnas buvo steigėjas, mes kiti buvome jo bendradarbiai". Norkūnas atvažiavo į Brocktoną pas kleboną kun. Kazimierą Urbonavičių ir klieriką Virmauskį, ragindamas organizuotis ir jungtis su kitomis kolonijomis. Jis tą pačią idėją skleidė Lewiston, Maine, kur vadovavo Steponas Bugnaitis, dabar gyvenęs Worcesterį ir energingas studentas Vaitekūnas, dabartinis klebonas Providence, o su kun. Jusaičiu Norkūnas rūpinosi išjudinti veikimą savo mieste Lawrence. Ir taip prieita prie pirmojo seimo Brocktone, kur įvyko oficiali Lietuvos Vyčių pradžia. Kas seime dalyvavo? "Dalyvavo žvaigždės: kun. Kemėšis, kun. Gustaitis, Julius Kaupas, Kazys Pakštas, Leonardas Šimutis, Račkus..." Dalyvavo ten taip pat ir klierikas Virmauskis. Parapijos salėje,

kur vyko sesijos, buvo iškabinta patriotingi šūkių. Vietiniai šeiminkai sesijų tarpe suorganizavo visuomeninius pietus, kuriuose garbės svečiais buvo kun. Urbonavičius ir kun. Žilinskas. Vakare toj pačioj parapijos salėj įvyko prakalbos.

Vyčiai organizavosi labai entuziastiškai. Didelę reklamą jie varė "Drauge", "Garse", ir vėliau "Darbininke". "Rodosi nebuvo kito veikimo kaip tik Vyčiai, Vyčiai..." Veikla buvo įvairi. Pažymėtina, kad Brocktono kuopa tais laikais vedė savo nariams pamokas: rašyt, skaityt ir religijos; taip pat ruošė debatus". Kiek vėliau, tuometinis Brocktono klebonas Pieža užrašė ant parapijos darželio žodį "Lietuva". "Kaip smagu buvo matyt tas žodis 'Lietuva' ant darželio užrašyta", prisiminė kleb. Virmauskis, rodosi dabar matydamas tą malonų jo lietuviškai širdžiai vaizdą.

Ne viskas, žinoma, ėjo sklandžiai. Vadų trūko ir tuomet. Išvykus rudenį studentams į universitetą ar seminariją, likusieji kartais neįstengė palaikyti kuopoj tvarkos, net susipešdavo. "Parvažiavus per Kalėdas, teatrėlį sulipdom ir šiaip patvarkom, bet kai tik išvažiuojam ir iki Velykų kol sugrižtam, vėl visokių bėdų atsiranda".



Alfred E. Greblunas

Waterbury Leads

As this issue of VYTIS was going to press, Council 7, Waterbury, was heading the list both in the number of contributors and the amount. 68 individual contributors ranging from \$2.00 to \$20.00 each put together a neat little sum of \$355 and the council treasury added \$100, bringing the total from this single council as of April 1 to \$455. Such response bespeaks of responsible leadership, efficient organization and an understanding membership. This is the type of cooperation and K. of L. spirit that existed widely in the organization during its early years. If we should all turn the big wheel in such perfect unison, there is hardly a project that we could not realize, whether it be social, cultural or financial.

Al. E. Greblunas manager of Waterbury K. of L. Club, is the council chairman of the Fund. "Happy Al", a most fitting appellation, we are told, is also president of the Waterbury Lithuanian Democratic Club. In his letter accompanying the king-size check Al expresses hope to get a few more donations. Nuoširdus Ačiū visiems.

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BRANGŪS VYČIAI,

Brangūs Vyčiai, artinamės prie istorinio momento. Prieš mus stovi klausimas ar pajėgsime atlikti savo didžiąją užduotį — išleisti mūsų brangiosios organizacijos istoriją? Ne dažnai per mūsų jau gana ilgoką gyvavimo laikotarpį teko mums prisiimti toks svarbus ir sunkus išpareigojimas. Bet šiais jubilėjiniais metais pareiga pati stojasi prieš mus ir šaukte šaukia mus į didžiulę akciją. Ateitis, kuriai mes esame atsakingi, nuspręs ar tinkamai mes šią neatidėliotiną pareigą būsime atlikę.

Gyvendami šiame amžiuje, kada yra įprasta vengti idealistinių užsibrėžimų ir ieškoma tiktai sau asmeniškų malonumų, norėtusi gal ir šiame atveju atsisakyti per daug varginančio darbo ir palikti jį kitiems metams ir kitiems žmonėms. Bet neatsižvelgiant į visus nepatogumus su kuriais šis darbas mus suriša, Lietuvos Vyčių istorijos išleidimas pasilieka mūsų reikalu. Tuo pačiu ši pareiga yra mūsų laimė, nes esame apdovanoti šios dienos gyvybe ir sveikata ir reikalingomis jėgomis, kad įvykdytume per daugelį metų planuojamą projektą.

Kadangi jau dabar pramatoma, kad išsamios istorijos išleidimas kainuos tarpe 8 ir 10 tūkstančių dolerių, suprantama, kad reikalinga visų rankų, visų vytiškų širdžių, šiam planui įvykdyti. Nuo mūsų dosnumo ir savo organizacijos įvertinimo priklausys galutinas nuosprendis, kuris už kelių savaičių turi būti padarytas. Sukėlimas reikalingo kapitalo baigsis su birželio mėnesiu. Tada paaiškės kiek mes savo idėjai pasišventėme ir ar pajėgsime išleisti tiktai ploną brošiūrėlę ar stambų ir imponuojantį tomą atitinkantį mūsų organizacijos brangiam vardui ir jos atliktiems darbams.

Dar kartą kviečiame Jus prisidėti. Šios yra paskutinės dienos. Susisiekiate su savo kuopos komisija ar valdyba, arba pasiūskite savo auką tiesiog Centro išdinininkui, pažymint drauge savo kuopos numerį. Buvome sužavėti pareikštu entuziazmu kuopų, kurios sukėlė ar yra užsibrėžusios sukelti po keletą šimtų dolerių. Buvome sujaudinti didžiu nuoširdumu ir pasišventimu, kuri parodė daugelis asmenų paaukodami po 10, 20 ar 50 dolerių. Visų aukotojų ir aukų rinkėjų vardai ir pavardės bus surašyta į tinkamus paminklinius rekordus ir padėta arkvyuose, kad ir tolimoj ateity būtų žinoma, kad Lietuvos Vyčių 50 metų gyvavimo istoriją išleido jungtinėmis jėgomis visi mūsų nariai ir visos mūsų kuopos. Lauksime žinių iš kiekvieno Jūsų iki birželio 30 d. Tada sužinosime kaip stiprūs mes esame ir kokią istoriją mes pajėgiame išleisti.

MEMO TO SOLICITORS

In these final few weeks please make personal contact with those who have not yet contributed. When all is completed, and at the earliest possible date, the Committee would appreciate a brief report as to how the money was raised. Also if your remittances have not included a list of contributors, please send one for a permanent record. If you should need a sample of a letter that you would want to send to non-members, the Committee would gladly send you a copy.

DEAR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA,

The past few months have seen a distinct advance in the momentum of the History Fund's campaign. The Committee has been heartened considerably by the steady stream of contributions, some of generous amounts, from councils and individuals alike. We have heard of local Fund chairmen who have gone to great lengths to contact not only their members but some of the rest of the enlightened Lithuanian citizenry for financial support for this once-in-50-years project. Some of the councils have devised a series of profit-making affairs to allow for public participation in this campaign. A goal of several hundred dollars is aimed at by a number of councils. Top honors thus far belong to the Waterbury Council, which has collected and sent in the sizable sum of \$455.

Since recent rough estimates now mention a figure upward of \$8000 as the probable cost of the planned publication, it is obvious that everyone of us must do his or her share. Without our membership's unanimous support the distinguished record of the organization's accomplishments in the Lithuanian field will vanish without a trace. The Lithuanian nation, scattered all over the earth, holds the name LIETUVOS VYČIAI in deep respect. We owe this book to our people. We also owe it to ourselves, whose lives have been touched, in some cases very deeply and permanently, by our involvement in this unique organization. There is no way that we can shirk our duty this time, no way that we can postpone to another year or hand over the task to others. The publication of a comprehensive history is our responsibility and our privilege.

Important decisions relative to the publication must be made in a few weeks. These decisions will be based on the extent of our financial resources existing at the time. If you have not yet offered your gift for this purpose, do not delay any longer. Contact your council's Fund chairman at once, or, if more convenient, send in your contribution directly to the Supreme Council Treasurer, at the same time including your council number. If you wish to add to your precious contribution, now is the time. By June 30 we must know how solid is our basis on which we can rest our project.

Every contribution of \$5.00 or more may be credited toward the purchase of the book. If you can afford to give a hundred, don't think it is too much. It is vitally needed. If your circumstances are such that you can offer only small contribution, you may be sure that too will help make the book more complete, more handsome. Give what you can afford, but give. You will thus help to write another fine chapter in that same history.

If you yourself have contributed and know a neighbor or an ex-member who has a warm regard for his old council, contact him. In many cases he will be grateful that you did, for he is very likely to understand the need for such a book as we are now putting together and your little sacrifice of time and effort will be an added contribution toward the success of this historical project.

Councils are urged to make a contribution from the treasury. With everyone's help we will be successful. But at this late date time is a factor. Do it now!



Lietuvos Vyčių Seniorų 133, Los Angeles, kuopos senoji ir naujoji valdyba ir dalis narių. Gale stalo prie pianino sėdi Ona Deveikienė ir Bronė Skirienė, atlikusios parengimo meninę dalį. Prie prezidiumo stalo sėdi Marija ir Julius Kiškiai, stovi ir minėjimą praveda Jonas Pui-kūnas, arčiau sėdi Stasys Deveikis, Antanas Skirius, p.p. Mockai ir kiti nariai.

DOLLARS and SENSE

Dayton's Council 96, which has always pitched in on all past projects, is no less determined to do its bit for the History Fund. The Council's only dance of the year, May 20th, was reserved for the History Fund. "If all goes well," writes Stan Vaitkus, chairman, "we should realize a profit of several hundred dollars. Remember, this is a small Lithuanian colony (75 families)."

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Prof. Aleksandras J. Aleksis, L. Vyčių Garbės Narys, Waterbury, pernai pats pirmutinis atsiliepė i Komisijos atsišaukimą, paaukodamas \$5.00 Istorijos Fondui. Prieš mėnesi laiko jis atsiuntė antrą penkinę.

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Council 26, Worcester, is planning several affairs for the benefit of the History Fund, according to the report from its chairman, Mary R. Jankowski. A \$25.00 contribution from the council treasury has already reached the Fund.

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Eleanor Allen, Pittsburgh: The letters which you sent have been read to the members, individual letters are being sent and will be followed up. We hope to have a report for you some time during the coming month of definite progress made by us in this regard.

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Rose Marie Tabaka, Ansonia: "We are making progress with the collections. In a week's time I will have the list of names and just how much each member has contributed."

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IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ VEIKIMO

IGNAS SAKALAS

Stasys Pieža, Chicago American religinio skyriaus redaktorius, Immigrants Service League yra išrinktas iš lietuvių Chicagoj ir apylinkėse, kaipo labiausiai pasižymėjęs amerikiečių tarpe. Toji garbė jam pripažinta už visuomeninį veikimą. Jam (ir kitiems devyniems: estui, trims vokiečiams, dviems austrams, indui ir norvegui) kovo 17 d. Standard klube buvo suruoštas pagerbimas - banketas, kuriame pats Illinois gubernatorius Otto Kerner garbės svečiams įteikė pažymėjimus.

Juozas Sadauskas, Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narys, Cleveland: "Nežinau kaip Jums sekasi darbas sukelti L. Vyčių organizacijos istorijos išleidimui fondas. Žinodamas ir jausdamas, kad prie šio fondo ir man reikia prisidėti, šiuomi prisiunčiu tam tikslui \$10.00."

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Larry Svelnis, Boston: "That check from Waterbury is certainly a booster shot."

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Minėtos lygos vadovaujančioje valdyboje yra ir lietuvė advokatė Miss Jerry.

Be visuomeninės veiklos, S. Pieža nepraleidžia progos ir kada tik gali didžioje anglų spaudoje išskelti Lietuvos ir lietuvių reikalus.

Stasys Pieža, kaip ir jo žmona dainininkė Ona yra Vyčių 4-jo laipsnio nariai. Abu priklauso vyčiams nuo pat pradžios mokyklos dienų.

D. Jurjonas, vienas naujųjų lietuvių, turįs įvairių namams įrankių krautuvę Halsted gatvėje, Bridgeporte, serga jau nuo praeitų metų pabaigos. Kurį laiką gulėjo ligoninėj, o dabar gydomas namuose. Prekyboj jį pavaduoja žmona ir šeima. Jį ir kitus narius-ligonius, kuriuos buvom anksčiau paskelbę, lanko kuopos Ligonių Lankymo komisija.

J. Juozaitis (Jack Jatis), organizacijos garbės narys, ilgametis Vyčių Namo Tarybos narys sekretoriaus pareigose, šiomis dienomis atsisakė iš tų pareigų. Būdamas taryboj jis labai daug yra pasidarbavęs vyčių namo-salės reikaluose, daug pagerinimų, net savo lėšomis, yra įtaisęs. Namo savininkai — Chicago apskritis ir sendraugių kuopa — uoliam vyčių veikėjui nuoširdžiai dėkoja už visą darbą, rūpestį ir lėšas, o taip pat ir teisinius darbus, kuris būtų neapsiėjęs be lėšų. Vyčių namo istorijoj J. Juozaičio vardas bus su pagarba minimas.

A. Budris, E. Samienė, A. Bacevičius ir K. Rubinas, veiklūs sendraugiai, įeina naujon Lietuvių R. K. Susivienijimo Amerikoj Chicago apskričio valdybon. Visi senosios kartos užgrūdinti katalikų veikėjai.

KIEKVIENAS VYTIS
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AR GALIMA TYLĖTI?

J. MATULIONIS, Canada
Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės Pirmininkas

Visų vyčių prašome ši straipsnį atidžiai perskaityti ir skubiai reaguoti.
Redakcija

Amerikos Time ir Life didžiųjų žurnalų leidyklos užsimanė išleisti "Pictorial Atlas of the World". Sumanymas labai geras. O svarbiausiai visi pelnys: ir prenumeratoriai ir leidykla.

Vienas lietuvis iš Toronto, Kanada, peržiūrėjęs prospektus ir būdamas mokytoju, nenumetęs mokslo reikalų į šalį, nors jis mokytoju teisių ir neturi, užsimanoma prenumeruoti. Bet būdamas susipratęs lietuvis jis rašo leidyklai raštą ir prideda sąlygą, kad **Lietuva privalo būti parodyta ne kaip USSR dalis**, bet kaip nepriklausoma valstybė, dabar bolševikų okupuota. Pastaba labai teisinga, labai suprantama, ir, mums, lietuviams reikalinga.

Jau ir seniau pastebėta, kad visoki biznierių ir savo spaudoj ir savo žemėlapiuose seniai jau yra pripažinėta Lietuva ir kitas Pabaltijo valstybes — Latvija ir Estija — bolševikams. Tai arba neišmanėlių darbas, arba piktas darbas — prokomunistiškas. Ir vienas ir kitas mums nėra naudingi. Nėra jie naudingi nei bendrai Amerikai, kurios vyriausybė ligi šiol nepripažįsta bolševikų okupacijos. Taigi tokių žurnalų, (atrodo, kad jie nėra bolševikų simpatikai) leidžiami leidiniai mažiųjų mažiausiai turėtų orientuotis tarptautinėse painiavose ir neklaidinti milijonų žmonių.

Bet leidykla, pasirodo, visai sąmoningai ketina mūsų patrioto mokytojo Vitaliaus, kuris tą klausimą iškėlė, pastabos neklausyti ir ketina Lietuvą priskirti prie Rusijos. Pridedu jū ir laišką (žiūrėk priedą).

Aš norėčiau pakviesti gausią "Vyties" skaitytojų šeimą gyvai reaguoti į tokį mums lietuviams žalingą dalyką ir kietai protestuoti į tokį žiauriai biznierišką leidyklos nusikaltimą mūsų tautos reikalams.

JACK STUKAS has just released a 2-volume Lithuanian L/P recording album, entitled "Music From Oppressed Lithuania." The selections were recorded in Soviet-occupied Lithuania during his visit there in the Spring of 1960, and include folk songs, dances, popular music and excerpts from Lithuanian operas. 24 numbers in all! The complete 2-record album sells for \$8.00, plus \$1.00 for packaging and postage. Write to: 1264 White St., Hillside, N. J. and enclose your remittance.

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Dear Mr. Vitalius:

Thank you for your order for the deluxe edition of the LIFE PICTORIAL ATLAS OF THE WORLD. It will be published in June, and readers who place their orders now will probably receive their copies in July, allowing time for handling and shipping.

The editors realize, of course, that the U. S. has never recognized the legality of the Soviet annexation of the Baltic States, and we do not quarrel with our government's judgment. At the same time, we must reflect the situation as it really exists, and these states are today Soviet republics. To show them as independent, when in fact they are not, would be to distort the truth.

Sincerely yours,

BB:pk

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Book Division

IN MEMORIAM

STANLEY A. POCIUS
Newark, N. J.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the Family of Stanley A. Pocius, who died on March 8, 1961 — to Mrs. Anna Strolis-Pocius, wife, and to Mrs. Gertrude Janks, daughter and her husband, and six grandchildren. Stanley A. Pocius, special police officer for the City of Newark, and active member of the Knights of Lithuania for the past thirty-three years, will be greatly missed.

Supreme Council and
Editorial Staff



Newark, N. J. Vasario 16 d. iškilnių rengimo komitetas su Newark'o miesto majoru Leo P. Carlin. Stovi iš dešinės: L. Stukas, K. Korbort, F. Vaškas, J. Strolis ir pirmininkas C. Strolis. Sėdi: J. Trečiokas ir majoras Leo P. Carlin.

Newark, N. J. — 29

Paparčio
Žiedas

Vasario 16 minėjimą rengti šimet pirmą kartą ėmėsi iniciatyvos Lietuvos Vyčių 29-toji kuopa. Minėjimas įvyko vasario 16. Nors buvo darbo diena, bet atsilankė apie 200 žmonių. Minėjimą pradėjo kuopos pirmininkas C. Strolis kalba. Amerikos Lietuviai Veteranai ėnešė ir pagerbė vėliavas. L. Stukas pagiedojo Amerikos ir Lietuvos himnus. Toliau minėjimui vadovavo Jeva Trečiokas. Susikaupimo minute pagerbti žuvusieji už Lietuvos laisvę. Maldą atkalbėjo Prel. I. Kelmelis. Kalbas pasakė konsulmanas P. Gordon, Newarko miesto majoras Leo P. Carlin, J. Stukas ir Kun. P. Totoraitis. Meninę dalį atliko sol. Zubavičienė ir L. Stukas akompanuojant A. Kačinauskui. Pertraukos metu buvo renkamos aukos Lietuvos laisvinimo reikalams. Viso aukų surinkta 355.00 dol. Visos aukos, kaip buvo nutarta, pasiūstos Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybai, Chicago, Ill. Visas su minėjimu susidariusias išlaidas padengė iš

savo kišenių rengimo komitetas. Perskaičius kongresmonų, gubernatoriaus ir Newarko miesto majoro sveikinimus ir priėmus rezolucijas, kurios buvo pasiūstos President Kennedy, Adlai Stevenson ir Cong. Peter W. Rodino, kuri tilpo Congressional Record, minėjimas buvo baigtas visiems bendrai sugiedant Marija, Marija. Newarko Vyčiai labai dėkingi Kun. Petru Totoraičiui, kuris labai daug prisidėjo darbu ir auka prie šio minėjimo. Komisija sudarė šie Vyčiai: Julija Strolis, C.



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Cleveland, Ohio, Carter Hotel.

RUOŠKIMĖS

IR

DALYVAUKIMĖ!



Strolis, Jeva Trečiokas, F. Vaskas, Kristina Korbort, Jeva Ellis, J. Reimeika ir K. Sipaila. Prie aukų rinkimo dirbo Gertrude Janks ir Kazys Sipaila.

Paaukojo — Kristina Korbort nupirko ir paaukojo Švč. Trejybės bažnyčiai Newarke labai gražią didelę Šv. Kazimiero statulą ir mažesnę auکوjo 29 kuopai. Ačiū Kristinai!

Grižo iš karo tarnybos. — Newarko 29 kuopa sveikina tik sugrįžusį iš U. S. Navy tarnybos narį Joseph Balčiūnas. Welcome home Joe!

Padidėjo šeimos. — Sveikiname kuopos narius padidinusius savo šeimas naujai gimusiais: Mr. & Mrs. John Peldunas, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Danny Laukzemis, Mr. & Mrs. Vito Jadelis, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Navickas. Congratulations!

Svenčia sukaktį. — Gegužės 24 d. mūsų kuopos pirmininkas ir jo žmona Julija švenčia savo 25 metų vedybinių gyvenimo sukaktį. Ilgiausių metų!

K. of L. Juniors

Edited by: Helen Shields

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OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA – THE NEGLECTED MADONNA

By: MARIO GEDGAUDAS, Jr. C-78, Lawrence, Mass.

There are few Catholics today who have not heard about Our Lady's apparitions at Lourdes and Fatima. However, Mary's first apparition in Europe occurred centuries before these and unfortunately it is not widely known.

Our Lady appeared to a group of children in the small farming community of Šiluva, Lithuania in 1608. Mary's purpose in appearing at Šiluva was to halt the wave of Protestantism then sweeping Europe and to restore the worship which her Divine Son had received since Lithuania first accepted Catholicism in 1251.

On the spot where the apparition took place, many treasures and documents were found which enabled the Catholics to reclaim the property held by the Calvinists.

There have been three chapels constructed on the spot of Our Lady's apparition since 1663. Numerous miracles were performed at Šiluva and in 1775, Pope Pius VI approved the cult to Our Lady of Šiluva with enriched indulgences.

While Lithuania was independent, devotion to Our Lady of Šiluva began to spread and great numbers of pilgrims flocked to the Shrine. However in 1940, Lithuania was once again overpowered by Soviet Russia and visits to the shrine have been restricted.

Through the years, the devotion to Our Lady of Šiluva has not ceased and if Mary will free Lithuania from the grip of communism, this shrine will then gain the recognition it so richly deserves.

Editor's note: Readers will no doubt be interested to know that the writer of the above article, Mario Gedgaudas is one of the descendants who found the documents referred to in the article. We are very happy to know that he is an active member of the Junior Knights of Lithuania in Lawrence, Mass.

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SUMMERTIME – NOT SLUMBERTIME

HELEN SHIELDS

In a few short weeks, school will be out, and we shall be getting in the full swing of enjoying the good old summertime. We sincerely hope that all Junior Councils will plan to hold meetings during the summer months. This is the perfect time to hold all sorts of outdoor activities. And it is so much more fun if they are attended in a group!

Let us make the Junior K. of L. a group that is active the year round, and doesn't consider the summer months as the time to scatter until it is time to go back to school. No doubt, some of you will be going away to the beach, country or perhaps mountains for the entire summer. But I am willing to wager that most of you will only be going for a much shorter time, and some may have to remain at home all summer. So why not plan to keep your group active by planning picnics, hikes, beach parties, visits to places of interest, etc.

Your summer will be so much more pleasant and you will have much more fun when you go in a group.

By holding meetings during the summer, we shall also have the opportunity to remind each other of duties and obligations we are bound to fulfill as Catholics, especially in attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. We all know that there is no vacation from practicing our religion.

Let us all resolve that this coming summer will not become a time when our Junior Councils close up shop and settle to a period of inactivity. We hope that all of you will have a very happy summertime and not a dull, lazy slumbertime!

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VYTIS tai Lietuvos valstybinis ženklas, vaizduojas baltąjį raitelį raudonam dugne; raitelis — riteris, karžygis — skrieja užsimojęs kalaviju, jo skyde dvigubas kryžius. Vytis tai išlikusi iš senosios Lietuvos laikų, randama piniguose ir antspauduose, vėliau imta vartoti ir vėliavose. Vytis simbolizuoja fizinę jėgą, dvasinį didvyriškumą ir kurybinę galią — skridimą iš praeities pro dabartį į ateitį.

valstybės ženklas — national emblem
vaizduojas — depicting, representing, picturing
raitelis (riteris) — horseman, knight, cavalryman
raudonam dugne — in a red background
karžygis — warrior, hero
užsimojęs kalaviju — hand lifted up with sword
skydas — shield
dvigubas kryžius — double cross
antspauda — seal
vėliava — flag
simbolizuoja — symbolizes
fizinė jėga — physical strength
dvasinis didvyriškumas — spiritual heroism
kurybinė galia — creative power
skridimas — flight
iš praeities — out of the past
pro dabartį — through the present
į ateitį — into the future

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THE LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE AND YOU!

Kaip dalykai? Just — taip sau — or gerai — or perhaps labai gerai? If you got lost on any of the Lithuanian words, then you didn't do so well in trying to learn the few phrases we gave you in the last issue. Better go back and go over them again. If you know the meanings, then congratulations—for you have begun building up your Lithuanian vocabulary — and we hope you will continue. If you don't have much opportunity to use these phrases — why not have a short

quiz on them at your next meeting. It will only take a few minutes — and then you could all join in the fun of learning together. Here is the second group of phrases. Let's see how well you can learn these:

Kas naujo? Kas gero? — What's new?
Kaip jūsų vardas? — What's your Christian name?
Kaip jūsų pavardė? — What's your surname?
Graži diena — Nice day
Atsiprašau or Atleiskite — I beg your pardon
Kelinta valanda? — what time is it?
Sudiev — Good-bye (with God)
Iki pasimatymo — Till we meet again

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IT WAS

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT 3rd JUNIOR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA RALLY SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1961

St. Michael's Church Hall, Bayonne, N. J.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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| 1. Registration | 1:00 P.M. |
| 2. Session — Prayer | 2:00 P.M. |
| National Anthem | |
| Lithuanian Hymn | |
| Greetings by Host Council | |
| Address by Helen Shields, Phila., Pa. | |
| Slides of Lithuania and Commentary by Rev. W. Karalevicius of Elizabeth, N. J. | |
| Movies of the Jr. K. of L. Camp that was held last year at Camp Dainava, Manchester, Mich. | |
| Reports: Junior Council Activities given by Junior Council President or Secretary. | |
| 3. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament | 3:30 P.M. |
| 4. Variety Program: presented by members representing their council. | 4:00 P.M. |
| Each council allotted 15 minutes. | |
| 5. Presentation of Awards to Winners of Contests. | |
| 6. Closing: Prayer; Knights of Lithuania Hymn. | |
| 7. Dinner followed by Dancing, games, etc. | 5:30 P.M. |

ATTENTION: CONTESTS SCHEDULED

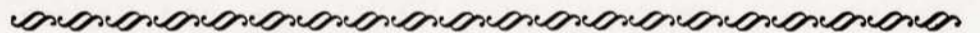
For the Boys: Drawing of the Vytis — 3 prizes

For the Girls: Dressing a Doll in Lithuanian

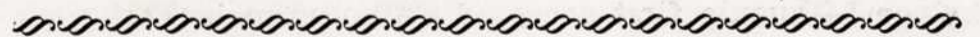
Costume — 3 prizes.

Pictures of the winners and their work will appear in the Junior Page of the Vytis.

More about 3rd Junior Rally will appear in next issue.



NEXT ISSUE — will appear in June instead of July. We shall not be publishing the Junior Page in July or August, and the next one after June will be coming out in September. Please keep this in mind when sending in your material.



BE A REAL KNIGHT!

R. KARSOK

In 1963, the Knights of Lithuania organization will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Fifty years of working as a group for the Catholic religion striving to become better citizens of America and retaining our rich Lithuanian heritage. Trying to keep alive the Lithuanian spirit in the hearts and minds of all of us who are of Lithuanian descent. The Knights of Lithuania have come a long way since it was organized in 1913. With your help it will continue to do so in the years to come.

This is where you, the Junior Knights should take an active part in helping to create and maintain the spirit of Lithuania in ourselves and also in our families and friends. The organization needs you, the Junior Knights to plan an active role in these affairs. If you will only

look around to see what fields you could devote some of your spare time, your ideas, your participation will be greatly appreciated. By helping out the Senior Councils and working within your own Junior Councils to promote the Catholic religion and cultivate our Lithuanian heritage, you will gain a more deeper feeling in regard to our Religion which is the main objective of our work.

In the next few weeks, won't you really try to give some of your spare time to consider this matter seriously as possible. It will not be as great of a strain on your part as you think it may be. In fact, you may find yourselves taking an active part before you even realize it. It is up to the Youth to show that you are interested and willing to help. There is no better impression made on outsiders than to see the young people of the Nation, working together to promote our Catholic faith and to keep alive the Lithuanian heritage.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Council 6, Hartford, Conn.

The Junior Knights of Council 6 took part in the Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration Exercises. We are proud to report that the Juniors received a very nice write-up in the Lithuanian newspaper "Darbininkas", congratulating them on doing such a fine job. We're very happy to see that the "Junior Knights of Council 6" were so successful in what seemed to be their first "public appearance" before the Lithuanians of Hartford. Congratulations, good luck, and we hope to hear more from our Juniors in Hartford in the very near future.

Council 7, Waterbury, Conn.

The first meeting of the Junior Knights of Lithuania was held March 25th in the clubrooms of St. Joseph's Holy Name Society. Members of the Junior Knights participated in a vigil in St. Joseph's Church on Good Friday from 1 to 6 p. m. Plans were made to hold a record hop on April 29th at St. Joseph's Hall and they also will serve on a committee for a Mother's Day

Communion breakfast to be sponsored by the parish.

This is indeed a wonderful beginning for the Junior Knights of Council 7. We are also happy to report that their first meeting was written up in the local newspaper stating that: "the basic purpose of the Junior Knights of Lithuania will be to unite American young people of Lithuanian descent and aid them in developing qualities of leadership and service in their community. It will promote religious, educational, cultural and sports events".

We are sure the Junior Knights of Waterbury will keep us informed of their activities. Our sincere congratulations and good wishes to all.

Council 78, Lawrence, Mass.

The Junior Knights of Council 78 held a Winter Outing at the parish camp on Feb. 27th. Skiing, ice skating, and tobogganing were enjoyed by those that attended. Weenies and hot chocolate were mighty welcome when the outdoor activities were over. The evening was finished off by dancing "in our socks" at the hall. We thank our president, Michael Micavich, who was in charge of this affair, for an excellent day.

Council 36, Chicago, Ill.

The newly organized Junior Council 36 has elected Ed Mikalauskas, Jr. as president, Robert Dowan — Secretary and Wally Kupetis — Treasurer. Congratulations to our officers. Our counsellor is Ed Mikalauskas.

Council 67, Bayonne, N. J.

Last year left our Jr. K. of L. Council in excellent financial condition. During the Christmas season we sold over 100 Boxes of Religious Christmas Cards and 25 chance books for the "Christmas Tree Raffle". In all, over \$100 profit was realized.

The main concern of our council is the coming 3rd Annual Jr. K. of L. Rally which is to take place April 30th. We, as hosts, are anxious to see that all goes well. Meetings are held every 2 weeks. The Senior Council is giving its active support for the Rally, especially Ellie Miskewitz Nakrosius, Sr. Council president.

Our president, John Miskewitz and Vice president, Pat Marculaitis were present at a meeting held on Feb. 21st in Newark which was attended by the representatives of the councils that are participating in the N. Y. - N. J. District Jr. K. of L. Rally.

Council 3, Philadelphia, Penna.

More than 25 of our members worked at the Spaghetti Supper that was held March 11th. Diane Beletsky, Helen Megrail, Joan Stein, Margaret Gestite, Joan and Barbara Sacks, and Diant Varevice did a wonderful job in the kitchen, preparing the meal under the direction of Miss Shields. Eddie Norkus, Joe Gudonis, Francis Finelli, Andrew Seder, Robert Kazelskis, Teddy Varevice, his friend Jimmy, Robert Shimkunas, Ray Abraitis, R. Butkus, Algis Balnys, his brother and others worked in setting up the tables in the hall under Tony Burch and Peter Shelus. In the evening the above mentioned and others were on hand to serve, clean tables, wash dishes and whatever else had to be done. We thank Senior members — John Mickunas and Thomas Meron who helped out and Mrs. Millie Norkus who gave us a helping hand in the afternoon, and Mrs. Stasia Utkus in the event.

Welcome – Welcome – Welcome –

One welcome each for the three newly organized Junior K. of L. Councils who were officially registered with the Supreme Council during the month of March. The first notice received was from:

Junior Council 7, Waterbury, Conn. with Rev. Albert Karalis as Spiritual Advisor, Nell P. Meskunas and Robert Ouelette as Junior Counselors. We take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Rev. A. Edward Gradeck, Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish for his approval and support in organizing the Junior Knights in Waterbury.

The second to register was:

Junior Council 36, Chicago, Illinois with Ed Mikalauskas as Junior Counselor. Our thanks to Indiana-Illinois District Vice President Al Kassel who worked so hard to supply us with this good news.

The third welcome news arrived from:

Junior Council 6, Hartford, Conn. with Rev. Bronis Benesevich as Spiritual Director and Sister M. Gabrielle as Junior Counselor. Our sincere thanks to Msgr. Ambotas, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church and Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania for providing the youth of his parish the opportunity to serve for God and Country.

In welcoming all of you to the ranks of the Junior Knights of Lithuania, we wish you success in all your endeavors. May your membership in the Junior Knights be a period of time where you will become acquainted with the ideals and goals of this Catholic Lithuanian Organization. May all your activities be the kind that will make all who know you, proud of the credits you bring them.

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JAUNESNIUJU VYČIU

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JAUNUJU VYČIU REIKALU

BAL. BRAZDŽIONIS

Organizacija be jaunų ir naujų jėgų yra lyg mirštanti. Kurios organizacijos nesirūpina savo kuopose naujų narių verbavimu, tos silpsta ir merdi. Labai džiugu, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai susirūpino savo prieaugliu. Žurnalo "Vytis" puslapiuose įvedė skyrių. Jaunučių vyčių organizavimas eina visur. Senesnieji vyčiai, sendraugiai, tuo džiaugiasi. Ir taip norisi pasidalinti keleta žodžių, kas liečia jaunuosius vyčius.

Skatinti lietuviškas jaunimas tapti vyčiais, kiekvieno vyčio pareiga. Broliukai ir sesutės, kur einate, ką darote, pagalvokite, ar Jūsų jaunesnieji galėtų eiti į vyčių eiles, jiems pats laikas iš pat jaunučių dienų šią organizaciją papiršti. Geri žodžiai ir mandagi forma įpinta į kvietimą, nevieno jaunuolio ir jaunuolės mintis pakreips į vyčių idealą. Juk jaunučių vyčių pilna yra dabar mokyklose, ypač parapišose, kur ir tikybos pamokų vedėjai jiems galėtų iš anksto jau nušviesti Lietuvos vyčių reikšmę ir istoriją, paruošti į vyčius, sudaryti net kuopeles, kaip dabar yra ateitininkų, skautų kuopos. Kad paskatinti jaunučius į ši svarbų organizacinį veikimą, reikėtų jiems ir įvairių paskaitėlių, ir filmų ir žaidimų parengti, duoti jiems progos patiems save valdytis ir organizacinio darbo mokytis. Tik dvasios vadovai, kurių Amerikoje vis daugiau yra prie parapijų, galėtų šią programą vykdyti. Pasauliečiai irgi galėtų jų kuopas daugiau paremti moraliai ir materialiai. Dėl kalbos, tai būtų gražu, kad visi jaunučiai vyčiai kalbėtų ir rašytų lietuviškai. Todėl jiems tektų įvesti lietuviškas pamokas. Naujai atvykę lietuviai irgi norėtų, kad jų vaikai gilintų lietuvišką kalbą ir Tėvynės meilę. Jei tas pavyktų, tai tikrai nei "Vytis", nei kituose laikraščiuose vedami skyriai neturėtų bėdos su medžiaga iš kuopų gyvenimo. Būtų gera pratinti jaunučius reikšti mintis, sukurti jiems literatūros pamokėles, kur angliškai ir lietuviškai galėtų pasireikšti pirmieji palinkimai ką nors kurti. Reikia mums tai gerai apgalvoti ir dirbti tą linkme.

Jaunieji lietuviai, kurie norite būti geri lietuviai ir amerikiečiai, artėkite į vyčių eiles. Šioje organizacijoje Jūsų laukia abiems kraštams

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA YOUTH CAMP

Are you wondering what it would be like to go to the Knights of Lithuania Youth Camp? Thinking perhaps you won't have a very good time? Well, rather than tell you — we're giving you a few excerpts from the booklet "Mosquito" that was published by last years campers. Here they are:

WHAT I LEARNED AT THE K. OF L. CAMP

by JOAN BYVILLE

This was the first camp I ever went to, and I never learned so many things before in one week. We learned many games and Lithuanian songs and folk dances. Mr. Strolia, our music teacher taught us the songs and dances. Mary Meskauskas and Kazys Jankauskas were the people who taught us the games. Team Dodge Ball (kvadratas) was our favorite game we played. We also learned from Violetta Cizauskas some Lithuanian words and the geography and history of Lithuania.

K. OF L. CAMP

by J. KOLF

There are two things I liked best about camp.

One was to sing and dance with a Lithuanian prance.

The other, playing dodge ball while taking a chance.

Those are the two things I liked best at camp.

If you read this poem, I am sure you would take the chance

To have fun at this Lithuanian Camp.

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Your Help is Needed!

Please let us hear from you! We want your council news, articles, pictures, drawings, sketches — anything that you can contribute to make your Junior Page more interesting. All material is to be sent to: Miss Helen Shields, 217 Wharton Street, Philadelphia 47, Pa. The deadline is the 20th of the month — 2 months preceding publication.

gausybė darbų. O darbas juk žmogui kilnina ir veda į gražų, katalikišką gyvenimą. Tad rūpinkimės visi daugiau jaunučių globa ir veikla.

TWELVE WAYS TO IMPROVE ANY ORGANIZATION

"Christopher News Notes".

There are three million organizations of all types in the United States. Never before have there been so many associations and clubs.

Whether civic, fraternal, labor, political, social or any other kind, each group is capable of great good, if its members strive wholeheartedly to see that it serves a high and noble purpose.

But all organizations are made up of human beings, and accordingly there is a constant tendency:

- a) to lose sight of lofty objectives;
- b) to get bogged down in trivialities;
- c) to let the running of the organization slip by default into the hands of those who are either incapable, disinterested, corrupt or not representative of the membership.

To help you play a more effective role in applying moral principles to any organization to which you belong, we respectfully submit the following suggestions. You must decide for yourself when, where and how to use them if you find them practical in your particular circumstances.

#1 — BE SELECTIVE

Before joining any organization, decide for yourself whether or not its purpose merits your interest. It is important that you:

- a) **Make the most of the time and effort you can spare for group work.**
- b) Don't spread yourself "too thin" by joining too many groups and end up by giving none of them the attention they deserve.
- c) **Spend more of your time working for organizations, both local and international which can make a real impact for good on our critical times.**
- d) Once you join a worthwhile organization, be sure to take a conscientious, intelligent and active interest in furthering its objectives.

#2 — LIVE UP TO YOUR OBLIGATIONS

Whatever your organization may be, it adds up to nothing more or less than one individual like, you, over and over again. In short, **you** are the organization. What you do, or fail to do, can therefore help or hurt its worthy objectives.

Because you, personally and individually, are so important, make it your business to:

- a) Be more than a "joiner". Membership confers rights, but it also imposes responsibilities.
- b) **Stir up rank and file members to recognize the importance of their personal participation.**
- c) Attend meetings faithfully and take an active interest in proceedings.
- d) **Work to eliminate unnecessary "red tape" and tedious procedures, which bore the average member and discourage attendance at meetings.**
- e) Think for yourself. Don't be a rubber stamp.
- f) **Work for the best interest of the entire membership, not a select few.**

g) If you are in a minority trying to push good ideas, remember God blesses perseverance! As a member of the loyal opposition, you can serve a most useful purpose.

h) Improve your own ability and effectiveness. Learn the elementary principles of Parliamentary Law.

i) Develop the habit of getting all the facts, thinking things through, speaking on your feet and discussing issues in a logical way.

#3 — STICK TO YOUR CONSTITUTION

a) Familiarize yourself with the specific aims and objectives of your organization. Read over its Constitution and by-laws from time to time.

b) If your group sags or drifts away from its original purpose, urge members to return to the spirit and letter of their Constitution.

c) If the Constitution itself is defective or in need of adjustment or improvement, follow orderly procedures to have it amended.

#4 — SPIRITUALIZE YOUR ORGANIZATION

Participation in any good organization offer you many missionary opportunities to play the important role of God's instrument in applying His divine truth, justice and order to human affairs. Here are a few ways to add a lofty purpose and meaning to your organization:

a) **Work for high standards despite apathy, misunderstanding or ingratitude. Such determination can do much to sanctify you as well as your group.**

b) Take the unpopular, thankless jobs — the ones usually avoided, but which must be filled by those with competence and ideals if worthwhile objectives are to be achieved. You will be imitating Christ in a very real way if you do. Remember He said: **"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me"**. (Luke 9:23)

c) Promote the harmony so necessary for the proper conduct of organizational affairs. Jealousy, wrangling and bickering weaken that strength which comes only from unity. Recall frequently the words of the Hebrew Psalmist: **"How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity"**. (Ps. 132:1)

d) Encourage opening each gathering with a prayer. Many Christopher-minded persons have met with hearty cooperation from fellow members when they suggested starting union meetings, jury trials and discussion groups with a prayer. **"Where there are two or three gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them"**. (Matt. 18:20)

e) Recall frequently that every effort that you make through an organization to put moral principles into circulation is a step forward in fulfilling a worthwhile mission in life.

f) Think up ways of your own to spiritualize and sanctify every effort you make to inject new life into your organizations. St. Paul emphasized this high sense

of motivation when he said: "All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." (Col. 3:17)

#5 — PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL

It is up to the membership to elect leaders who are truly representative and to see that fair procedures are observed at all times. No one can do this for you. To ensure effective results, you must constantly protect your freedom of choice.

Neglecting to give moral support to worthy candidates for office or failing to vote at elections opens the way to many abuses, e. g. apathy, stagnation, perpetuation in power, fraud or corruption. Make it your business, therefore, to:

- a) **Encourage capable leaders to run for office. Back them when they are elected.**
- b) See that their responsibilities are properly shared.
- c) **Keep first things first. Distinguish between essentials and non-essentials.**
- d) Insist on the secret ballot for all elections and important issues.
- e) **See that delegates are chosen according to fair and honest processes.**
- f) Make sure that vital records are properly protected, not tampered with.
- g) **When abuses occur, use the power of initiative and referendum to correct them.**
- h) Keep infusing new life into the organization by making meetings more meaningful, giving listless members a renewed sense of motivation as well as gently removing deadwood, selfperpetuating cliques and those who seek personal privilege at the expense of everyone.

#6 — EVERYONE CAN PLAY A PART

No matter what your circumstances or background may be, you can make a needed contribution to your organization. Here are a few typical instances:

- a) A lawyer attends PTA meetings and does his bit to see that all issues involving principles are presented clearly and fairly.
- b) A junior in college finds that by participating in student organizations on his campus he has many opportunities to speak up for fundamental truths.
- c) A teacher discovered that she can accomplish considerable good by attending educational association meetings. She found out for herself that she could light more than a few candles!
- d) A union member whose only activity has been paying dues decided to live up to his obligations more fully. He found that his one voice encouraged many others, who thought as he did, to take a stand for integrity at meetings. His courage and initiative brought his local out of a rut.

#7 — STIMULATE OTHERS TO IMPROVE THEIR ORGANIZATIONS

A wife and mother can strengthen any organization from her own doorstep. By encouraging her husband,

children, friends and tradesmen to be vital participants in the many different types of groups to which they belong, she can be an effective participant in far-reaching good.

Milk wagon drivers, for instance, as well as fellow teamster union members who make the rounds in laundry and bakery trucks, have been frank to admit that they have been induced by the friendly persuasive demands of housewives to show interest in improving their parent union.

Those who tried to assure their customers that their own locals were in a healthy condition found that they didn't get far. The determined housewives, each on her own, let it be known that the responsibility of an individual union member should go much farther than that. Each man should prove his sincerity by also helping to keep his international union in a healthy condition.

#8 — SHOW CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS

Many a good cause suffers because of needless bickering among members. The affairs of every organization offer numerous opportunities to put into practice the divine standard of Jesus Christ: "As you would that men should do to you, do you also them in like manner." (Luke 6:31) Here are a few ways in which to do this:

- a) **Submit suggestions instead of trying to impose them.**
- b) Give credit where credit is due.
- c) **Be attentive when others have the floor.**
- d) Be considerate of the feelings of others. Refrain from making critical comments that are personal rather than objective.
- e) **Develop your sense of humor. Be able to laugh at your own mistakes rather than at those of others.**
- f) Be careful not to minimize or underestimate good proposals of fellow members. Support whatever has merit in their suggestions.
- g) **Encourage the timid to speak up. Give them a sense of belonging. Don't let them think that their proposals are not needed or wanted. Protect them from being squelched by others.**

#9 — DO MORE THAN TALK

Have you ever seen the cartoon of a chairlady making this sweeping statement to her small group: "Now that we've taken care of the Far East, let's take up the Near East!"

It is a common failing to think that the complex problems of modern life can be solved merely by talking about them. If words alone could do it, we would have had global peace long ago.

To avoid the danger of being long on words and short on "doing", encourage the fellow members of your organization to spend 30 minutes of performance for every 5 minutes of talk. As St. John said: "Let us not love in word nor in tongue, but in deed and in truth." (John 3:18)



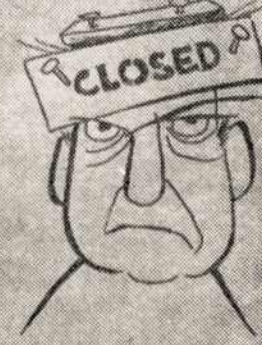
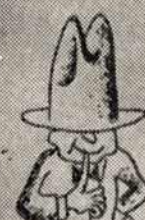
See that your meetings get beyond the talking stage. Help to put into concrete application the principles for which your organization stands, and you will be surprised at the results.

K. OF L. CALENDAR

- 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 Columbus Hall, North Plandome Rd., Port Washington, L. I., N. Y.
- May 20 — New York-New Jersey District K. of L. REUNION FESTIVAL, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall, Davis and Bergen Aves., Kearny, N. J. Dancing from 9 to ?... Donation \$1.25
- May 21 — Worcester, Mass. (26) 45th Anniversary Banquet. Joseph Drumstas, chairman.
- May 27 — South Boston, Mass. (17) Spring Dance.
- 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.
- June 24-25 — Second Annual Midwest Golf Tournament, Detroit.
- July 4 — Annual Illinois - Indiana K. of L. District, PICNIC at Willow-West Grove, Chicago.
- July 24 — Annual Illinois-Indiana Golf Tournament, Chicago.
- 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.

Ten Sure Ways to Smash Any Organization

- 1.- Don't come to meetings.
- 2.- If you do come, come late.
- 3.- If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
- 4.- If you attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.
- 5.- Never accept office — it is easier to criticize than to do things.
- 6.- In any event, get rebellious if you are an officer and don't attend committee meetings.
- 7.- Do nothing that is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help matters along tell the world that the organization is being run by a clique.
- 8.- If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter, state that you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how it ought to be done.
- 9.- Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all.
- 10.- Don't bother about getting new members. Let someone else do it.

#10 — WATCH THE FINANCES

See that complete financial statements are regularly given to the entire membership.

Whether your organization is small or large, the money spent by officers comes from the members. It is up to the rank and file to see that all financial transactions are handled judiciously and honorably. Those entrusted with the purse strings should rightfully expect the interest and cooperation of fellow members.

#11 — KEEP ENTERTAINMENT IN ITS PLACE

Entertainment has a definite value. But care must be taken to see that dinners, dances, etc., do not become the major preoccupation of organizations with purposes above and beyond providing amusement for their members.

Important as entertainment is for certain occasions, it should remain incidental to the chief objectives of a group. Many an organization has learned to its sorrow it must pay a heavy price when entertainment becomes

the chief pursuit. It becomes next to impossible to revive interest of the membership in the very purposes for which the group was really formed.

#12 — BE VIGILANT AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE INFLUENCES

Keep a sharp eye out for those who might use your group for unworthy ends. Good organizations are the natural targets for the many corrupt, subversive and other evil forces on the march today. Those bent on evil love to find groups already organized into which they can silently and subtly infiltrate.

Show a reasonable caution and concern about such dangers. While avoiding extremes, don't make the mistake of closing your eyes to those who would use freedom to destroy freedom.

Even a slight delay or indifference on your part may allow those evil-doers to entrench themselves.

If you and others like you make positive efforts to keep your organization in a healthy condition, there will be little danger of disease crippling it.

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Mergaičių Pasaulis

Redaguoja Veronika Kulbokienė ir Joanne H. Neviera

Marijos Žemėje Trakų Dievo Motina

Lietuva, paskutinė iš Europos tautų priėmusi krikščionybę, Marijos garbinime pralenkė kitus kraštus ir nusipelnė MARIJOS ŽEMĖS vardą. Gal niekur kitur palyginti tokiam nedideliame žemės plote nėra tiek garsių Marijos šventovėmis ir stebuklingais jos paveikslais vietų, kiek Lietuvoje. Dievo Motinos meilės įžiebta liepsnelė lietuvių širdyse sukūrė daugybes Jos garbinimo formų: pastatė gražiausių bažnyčių, daugelį jų papuošė Dievo Motinos paveikslais bei statulomis, įsteigė švenčių; Marijos garbei skamba giesmės ir himnai ne tik bažnyčiose, bet ir kiekvienoje lietuvių pirkioje. Tūkstančiai lietuvių mergaičių ir moterų turi Marijos vardą. Tačiau lietuviai, dėl savo kuklaus ir uždaro būdo, ne tik neišgarsino pasauliui savo tiek gausių stebuklingų Marijos vietovių, bet daugelis mūsų patys nežinome, kokių stebuklų patiria tikintieji netolimose kaimyninėse parapijose. Plačiau kalbama šiuo metu apie Aušros Vartų, Šiluvos, Pažaislio stebuklingus Marijos paveikslus, tačiau nedaugelis žino apie Marijos šventoves Alsedžiuose, Alvite, Alytuje, Asave, Astrave, Barūnuose, Brėslaujoj, Gardine, Gudagojū, Gelvonyse, Krekenavoj, Kazokiškėse, Pivašiūnuose, Plungėje, Rūkainiuose, Rykantuose, Valkininkuose, Verkiuose ir daugelyje kitų Lietuvos vietų, kur maldininkai patiria gausių Dievo Motinos malonių.

Netoli Vilniaus, Trakuose, Vytautas Didysis savo tėviškėje 1409 m. pastatydino Marijos Aplankymo vardo bažnyčią, kuri išgarsėjo stebuklingu Dievo Motinos paveikslu,

dovanotu paties Vytauto. Tradicija sako tą paveikslą Vytautas gavęs dovanų savo krikšto proga iš Bizantijos imperatoriaus Manuelio II. Praslinkus vos 40 metų nuo atsiradimo, paveikslas jau buvo apkabinėtas votais, paliktais dėkingų žmonių, gavusių prie to paveikslo malonių. Trakų Dievo Motinos paveikslas buvo pirmas ir seniausias Lietuvoje pagarsėjęs stebuklais. Pradžioje stebuklingi įvykiai nebuvo registruojami. Tik vėliau, kai vietos klebonai ėmė svarbesnius registruoti, 1645 m. buvo jų paskelbta 23. Buvo įvesta knyga užrašinėti svarbesniems stebuklams, kurioje iki 1783 m. buvo užrašyta 42 stebuklingi įvykiai.

Kai kurie iš jų liudija ligonių pagyjumus. Štai 1611 m. Sofija Mafaitė buvo suparalyžiuta. Gydytojams atsisakius pagydyti, ji šaukėsi Trakų Dievo Motinos užtarimo ir greitai pasveiko. 1643 m. vietos ežere paskendo berniukas, kuris tik po 2 valandų buvo ištrauktas be gyvybės ženklų. Tėvai karštoje maldoje pavedė jį Trakų Dievo Motinai, ir vaikas staiga atgijo. Užregistruota daugelis atvejų regėjimo atgavimo besimeldžiančiųjų prie šio paveikslo. Kai kraštą paliesdavo nelaimės: karai, maras, badas, visų akys krypdavo į Trakus maldaujant Dievo Motinos atitolinti nelaimės. Stebuklų garsui plintant, ne tik iš artimesnių apylinkių, bet ir iš tolimų kraštų eidavo iškilmingos atgailos procesijos. Ypač Marijos Gimimo šventėje daug procesijų eidavo iš Vilniaus atskirų parapijų, brolijų ir Vilniaus akademijos studentų su profesoriais ir kt.

Trakų Dievo Motinos paveiksle Marija atvaizduota veidu į priekį, dešine ranka prilaikant kūdikėlį Jėzų, sėdinti ant jos kelių, o kairėje rankoje laikant trijų žiedų gėlę. Motiną ir Kūdikėlį puošia sidabro drabužiai. Jų galvas dengia auksinės karūnos. Jau Vytautas Didysis buvo padovanojęs tam paveiksliui brangius aukso vainikus išpuoštus brangakmeniais, sveriančius po pusketvirtą svaro. XVII a. naujus aukso vainikus dovanojo Lietuvos didikai: Leonas Sapiega ir Aleksandras Naruševičius. XVIII a. žmonių pamaldumui vis didėjant į Trakų Dievo Motiną, Vilniaus vyskupo Konstantino Brzostovskio rūpesčiu 1718 m. Marijos ir Kūdikio paveiksliai apvainikuoti Vatikano vainikais, pagamintais iš Lietuvos didikų suaukoto aukso. Vainikavimo iškilmės su atlaidais truko 8 dienas su nepaprastai didelėmis apeigomis, dalyvaujant vyskupams, kapitulų nariams, dvasininkams, valstybės dignitoriams, diduomenei ir nesuskaitomai žmonių miniai. Su procesijomis vainikai buvo nešami gatvėmis pro 5 iškilmių vartus Marijos garbei į Trakų bažnyčią. Vainikavimo metu buvo giedamos pritaikytos giesmės, gaudė bažnyčių varpai ir šaudė patrankos. Kasdien nuo ankstyvo ryto iki popiečių, prie visų altorių buvo laikomos mišios, apie 100 kunigų nuolat klausė išpažinčių, apie 10.000 žmonių suteikta Sutvirtinimo sakramentas. Tai buvo pirmas Marijos paveikslas Lietuvoje taip pagerbtas, nes tai buvo seniausias ir stebuklais garsiausias Dievo Motinos paveikslas.

Ver. Kulbokienė

RETRIBUTION

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The five o'clock bell rang, and the doors of the big building flew open. A steady stream of employees began filing out, to be greeted by the beginnings of a storm.

The rains came, and an accompanying wind lashed mercilessly. The big influx of people which had poured out of the building now began scattering hurriedly, trying to find shelters to protect themselves from the storm.

The two girls spotted a lone taxi cab, and ran for it; delighted at their good fortune. The rain continued drenching all those that stood in its path.

After driving a few blocks, the cab driver asked the two girls if they'd mind if he picked up a third passenger, as he was approaching a very bedraggled victim of the storm, who was looking anxiously for a cab. The girls shrugged indifferently, so he stopped his cab; and another fare got in.

Paying no attention to the new passenger, the two girls continued their conversation: "And then did you hear what happened !!?? After he walked out on her, he told her she could keep the daughter. Imagine her being saddled with a cripple like that! Not only having her husband walk out on her, but having him leave that invalid to her!"

The cab driver screeched to a stop at a red light. The conversation continued.

"They say the daughter was pretty before she started hobbling around. Blonde, wasn't she?" "What a pity! She must be almost our age now, wouldn't you say?" "I wonder how she feels knowing her father walked out on her, and that her mother doesn't want her, either? It is a pity."

Traffic was snarled. The storm continued.

"It's a pity all right, but what can we do about it? Just be glad it isn't either of us." The conversation continued, as did the rain. The cab driver stopped, and the pretty blonde girl in the front seat got out, paid her fare, and went limping down the street.

Peoples, Amusements and Culture

An excerpt from Pope Pius XII address to the folklorists

... Too often modern society uproots a man from his natural environment to transplant him into the city or to expatriate him. It puts him at the disposal of vast and complex industrial combinations and enormous bureaucracies; it groups him in inorganic masses according to the localization or the means of production.

This is unquestionably a reality to which society, at least for the time being, will have to accustom itself. But at the beginning of the year, when We spoke to public school students, We emphasized the fact that a profession and its requirements do not alone constitute a man's essential activity. Above the profession there are other tasks that bring into play a man's spiritual and emotional resources and that ennoble his deepest feelings, the one which are connected with the major events of life as well as those joys and sorrows whose alternating rhythm marks our daily work. These feelings desire an outlet, they want to be expressed at the social level.

It is at this point that folklore takes on its true meaning. In a society that ignores its healthiest and most fertile traditions, folklore strives to make it maintain a living continuity with the past, not a continuity imposed by outside forces, but one resulting from the profound feelings of generations, which have found in folklore the expression of their special aspirations, their beliefs, desires and sorrows, their glorious memories of the past and their hope for the future.

The innermost resources of a people are quite naturally expressed by the body of its customs: the tales and legends, the games and pageants, in which it displays the splendour of its distinctive dress and the originality of its various groups and symbols. People remaining in permanent contact with the harsh realities of life often instinctively possess an artistic sense with which, using simple materials, they succeed in rising to great heights.

At popular festivals in which folklore of high quality has the place it deserves, everyone enjoys the common heritage and is enriched by it still more if he consents to play his part in it.

But it must not be forgotten that in Christian countries, or in those which were once Christian, religious faith and the people's lives formed a unity comparable to the unity of soul and body. Today, where such unity is lacking or where faith has become weak, can popular traditions, deprived of their vital principles, be maintained or renewed, even artificially? In regions where such unity is still preserved, folklore is not merely a curious survival from past ages, it is a manifestation of present-day life, which recognizes its debt to the past and attempts to maintain itself and adapt itself intelligently to new situations.

Thanks to the efforts of folklore groups, valuable customs are being preserved or given new life. We cannot but praise those who, with competence and devotion, help these groups and direct their efforts, as well as those who directly cooperate with them. May you be able to understand fully the whole scope of your social role: to give men, saturated with amusements which are very often false and mechanical, a taste for recreation rich in the most authentic human values.

Without doubt this calls for real and persevering effort. But is it not the means of understanding the depth and the resources of your local and national traditions? In this way you contribute to the great profit of your contemporaries, to the growth and spreading of a treasure, gathered by the patient work of those who preceded you. You are keeping the minds of your people alert by preserving them from cultural laziness, which is a sign of the degeneration of the social organism. At the same time you are making yourselves better qualified to appreciate the distinctive aspects of other cultures, to discover their inner meaning and to perceive in them their original qualities. The mutual esteem which results from such an attitude will not fail to give powerful help to those who are trying to ensure unity among peoples by means of economic, social and political treaties and pacts.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

South Boston, Mass. — 17

Ann Onimus

Now that Easter has just passed and the long-awaited springtime seems to have begun, the pace of our council activities quickens. We have a Day of Recollection planned, a spring dance organized, and a New England District meeting to attend.

Our last meeting was Tuesday evening, March 14th. It had been switched from the usual Sunday time to accommodate bowling in Brockton. This date was specially significant for Secretary Fran Daniels — it was her "gimtadienis". She received hearty good wishes but no cake. Lent limited the party fare.

The routine business at the meeting was handled quickly. The core of the business was analysis and discussion of the By-laws to be voted upon at our District meeting in Providence on April 30th. Father Zuromskis spoke briefly and urged members to participate in the parish's observance of Forty-Hour Devotion. The council set aside an hour of adoration on Saturday afternoon. President Jerry Venis and his wife, Rita, headed the group. In addition to performing our spiritual duties, some of the Ladies served as waitresses at a Visitors' Reception in the rectory. Alice Zaremba and her often-donned apron were there, too. She could be nominated for the title "Council Waitress of the Year."

The date of our Spring Dance is now being announced. It will be May 27th. We earnestly hope for a repeat of our Noevmber time!

The March social was attendance at the St. Casimir's Day Mass and brunch.

Fran Daniels reports that interest is high in the Ladies' Day of Re-

collection. It will be held this month, on a Sunday. Fran is General Chairman for this district activity. Florence Zaleskas reports that ten of our members plan to attend.

Al Jaritis has already visited Kennebunkport, Maine, to arrange for the District Men's Retreat. Thus, the spiritual aspect of council life is being rounded out. Also in a spiritual vein, we wish to welcome Father Svirskas into St. Peter's Lithuanian parish. He recently was transferred from Norwood.

Fran Daniels takes off for a week's cruise to Bermuda, April 22nd. Sylvia Shukis from Brockton will accompany her. Helen Suprin is also boarding the U. S. Victoria for Bermuda for the same week. She'll be with some friends from work. Ann and Mary Kleponis are contemplating a fall trip to Hawaii. Wanda Yelmokas is packing her bag for a summer in Europe — mostly Switzerland. Al Jaritis habitually travels to Maine — but only in the line of duty.

Ann Wisnewski rejoined our council. This petite blond becomes the bride of Charlie Marcinkevicius on June 3rd... John Olevitz, Ed Rudis and Fran Daniels traveled to Pittsburgh for the Supreme Council meeting... Fran Daniels wishes to report that she doesn't always travel with two men. It just seems that way. Angie and Stan Yelmokas with their two older children have been enjoying the brand new skating rink the city built near their home. Angie has been trying to stimulate same interest among the members, but bowling seems to be our only sport. The Monday night bowling work-outs come to an end soon. It has been fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Neviera must be pleased at the fan mail their daughter received regarding her article on Lithuania published in VYTIS... Madeline Druzdis wore a smart white Easter bonnet at the 6

a.m. Mass at St. Peter's. Florence Zaleskas wore a big brown rose on her brown hat. Wanda Yelmokas wore a mass of mushrooms (on a hat). These Easter bonnets were but a few that appeared at church to herald the spring. Many more hats and members were scattered throughout St. Peter's Church for the year's most impressive service. Fran Daniels was there with her mother. Jerry Venis and Ed Rudis were ushers. The excellent choir boasted a few more K. of L'ers.

Our council wishes to extend its sympathy to Frank Yonika on the death of his beloved mother.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Amsterdam, N. Y. — 100 Smile & Sparkle

Our annual Communion Breakfast was held March 5th at the Klub Aloha. K. of L. Ritual degrees were bestowed upon Patricia Olbie, Patricia Sargelis, Eleanor Stakauskas, Marilyn Stokna, Ruth Lalas, Caroline Kreisel, Anella Keriker, Matthew Kazlauskas and Anthony Rusilas (1st degree); and Father Robert K. Baltch, Attorney and Mrs. A. C. Stokna, Donald Nikstenas, Charles and Sadie Karbus, Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis and Pauline Urban (2nd degree). We had a large turnout, thanks to our committee members Ruth Lalas and Caroline Kreisel.

In commemorating St. Casimir's Day, our council voted to donate \$25.00 towards the K. of L. Scholarship Fund.

In order that we may become better acquainted with the Lithuanian language it was voted to procure a set of Lithuanian language records from Frank Gudelis chmn.

There was some discussion as to how we may increase our membership particularly during the 1961

Membership Drive chairmaned by Larry Janonis, National Vice President.

Philadelphia, Pa. — 3

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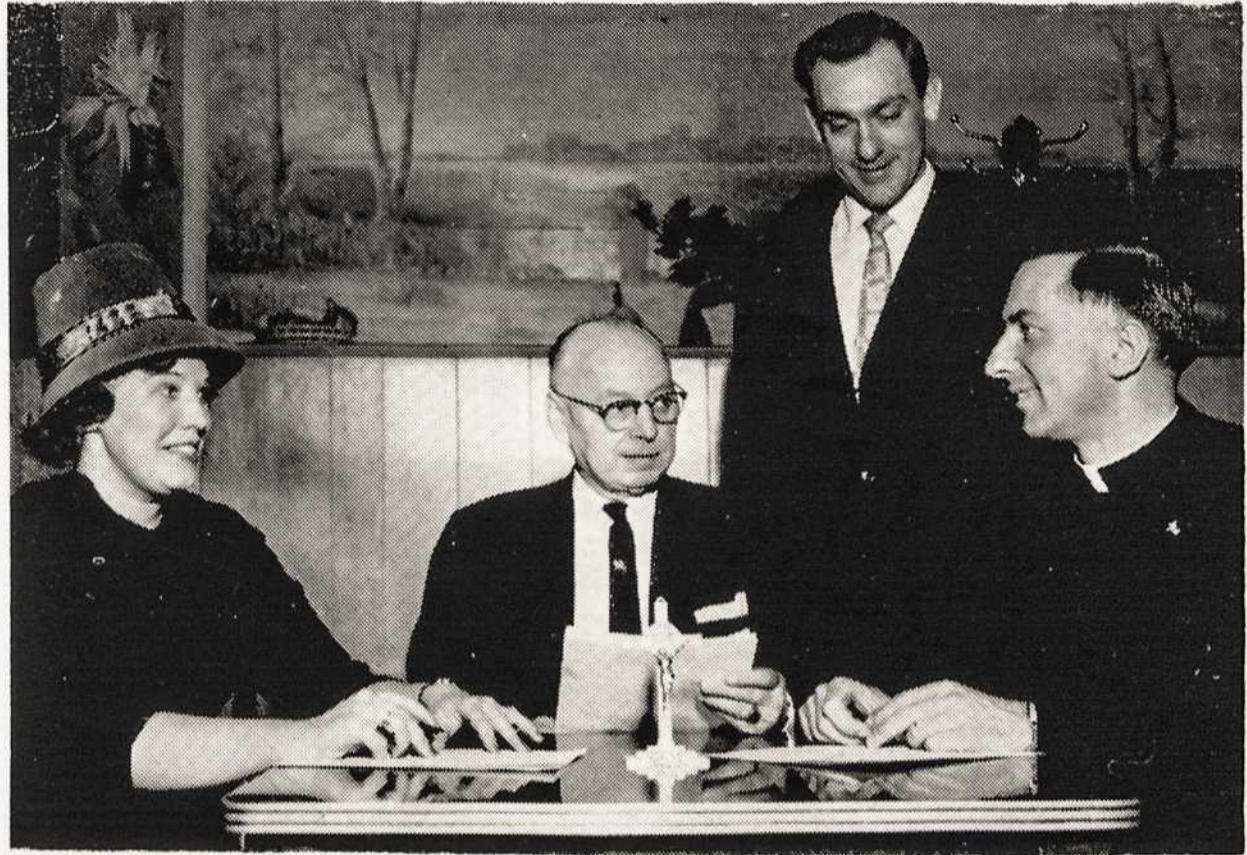
Harvey the Easter Bunny dropped by for his annual visit and left us with some colorful stories about Philadelphia's Council 3. Harvey informs us that Council 3 has changed its meetings from Tuesday nights to Sunday afternoons. Most of the members attending the first Sunday afternoon meeting found the change to be very satisfactory. The highlight of the meeting was a most pleasant and welcome surprise visit from Father Vaskas who spoke to the Council about the importance of the Lithuanian language and Lithuanian culture and our legacy to keep our heritage alive. The meeting was punctuated by stimulating discussions on the varied projects planned for the future months.

Walter Svekla did a commendable job with his camaraderie in providing a fine social after the meeting. Miss Agnes Timmins our President has been busy with her committees planning a fast and furious pace. Charlie Petronis who has returned to us from the U. S. Air Force is cordially welcomed back to the fold. Tom Meron a stalwart of our group had a bout with the virus, but as usual Tommy came out on top — no keeping a good man down. Lorraine Pukis has been nominated for Miss Coffee Break. John Michunas got his yachting cap out of moth balls and once again is ready for the open seas.

Congratulations to Terry and Al Dameika who have just purchased a home in New Jersey. Steve and Ginny Salnaitis have extended a challenge to all comers on the new ping-pong table which was donated to the K. of L. by the Catholic War Vets. We sincerely appreciate and thank the Vets for their kindness.

Helen Shields has become interested in the recording field. Singing or selling Helen? Fil-lian Sasnauskas has been advised to purchase some stock in a company selling band-aids.

On Holy Thursday a good number of our members went visiting Churches in a group. Included in their itinerary were the three Lithuanian Churches in Phila. Thanks



K. of L. Ritual Degree Committee. Donald Nikstenas, standing, President of Amsterdam Council 100, conducted the Ritual work that preceded conferral of 2nd Ritual degrees of the Knights of Lithuania. Candidates pictured, from left: Miss Genevieve Gobis, Anthony C. Stokna and Father Robert K. Baltch.

to Walt Svekla and John Michunas for mapping out the route. Welcome home to Joseph Rinkus who has just returned from England and is awaiting the arrival of his family. It was just like old times seeing Mary Ann Burch at our Sunday meeting. Hope you make it a habit, Mary Ann.

Bob Paul left for Texas last weekend where he will be working until July for R. C. A. Sorry it wasn't Chicago, Bob, and here's hoping you run into some cowboys who like polka music.

It's phenomenal, but Irene is still driving her "green tank" around the city just like a car. New Joe Yanalaitis has taken on a project to get our Council a movie projector. You have our support and cooperation, Joe.

Happy Birthday to Irene Sasnauskas and Agnes Timmins and also to the Tillie Shields, friend of Council 3.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Cleveland, Ohio — 25 A. J. Shigo

Our council celebrated St. Casimir's Day by attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion "en cor-

pore", followed by a dinner which was prepared and served by Mrs. Isabell Reedick and Family. The program consisted of Father Bartus' inspiring talk on the Life of St. Casimir, and the bestowing of Ritual degrees to the following qualified members: John and Evelyn Andrulis, Sandy Paskevica (1st degree); Charles Matchutas, Gene Kunsitis, Al Shigo and Mary Ellen Arunski (2nd degree). President Nellie Arunski, Ursula Yankauskas and Bill Smith are to be commended for the fine arrangements.

Mary Ellen Arunski and, Ursula Yankauskas are enjoying a wonderful vacation in Florida, also Bill Smith.

A Card Party, held April 8th, in St. George's Church Hall, proved to be quite successful and profitwise.

Our Convention Committee is hard at work making preparations for the oncoming Conclave to be held in our City, August 24-27.

Detroit, Mich. — 79 Dot & Dash

From the first nibble of chicken legs in mushroom gravy at 12 noon to the final flip of homemade "pan" cakes long after 4 p.m., the Annual Pre-Lenten fete on February 12, was a dinner-goer's treat. It's impossible to say what was most fasci-

nating — the good feast, the beautifully laden prize table or a half a dozen or more of our menfolk in rolled sleeves and “dazzling” aprons in the Washing Dishes Dept. Well “Action” proved to be their hallmark, as things were done smoothly, systematically and very satisfactorily. Also, contributing importantly to the “shine and sparkle” was Bill Jodwalkis of C-102. That extra help was terrific. And, yes — since we braved members (and some non-K. of L'errs too) there was a wonderful array of prizes which included some outstanding items as beautiful Infant of Prague, bird ‘n’ cage, stainless dinnerware, big food basket, lovely blankets, quilt and flowers and even a shiny garbage “disposal” plus many other grand gifts. Vicki Chepelonis and Sophie Zager, Raffle Chairw’n were most appreciative. Thanks to a superb Kitchen Committee, the cake donors and many helpers.

“Open House” was held by The American - Lithuanian Veterans at their newly-remodeled Memorial Building on February 26. Compli-

ments to the professional talents of Peter Medonis of C-79 and the ingenuity of the rest of the Decoration Committee. The Seventy-niners wish to extend their sincere congratulations to Veterans, and it may not be too long when we will be ‘gracing’ the hall proper for some of our K. of L. benefits.

Later that day last year’s Camp Dainava movies shown to the children who attended and their parents, at the Parish Hall; compliments of Ann Valatka. Father Chinikas of Chicago, Fr. Dagilis and Bob Boris were also, present. Following the movies, donuts, cakes and coffee were served.

Kudos to... Fr. Kundrat for some new “kitchen equipment” at the Parish Hall... To Judge Joseph Sullivan of Detroit’s Circuit Court for some sage words on “marriage-savers” at the March 1st. meeting... To Vicki Chepelonis for contribution of a “Stainless steel cart” just in time for the pre-Lenten dinner... To E. Paurazas and Ann Valatka for hostessing a delightful “April Social”... And, compliments to the

many Sun-risers who attended the Easter 6 a.m. Mass by participating in Choir and Holy Communion. We’re proud of these 79’ers.

St. Casimir’s Day

Our Patron Saint was reverently honored with Mass on March 5, at the Church of Divine Providence. Fr. Kundrat was the celebrant and Fr. Stanieviech of St. Anthony’s delivered a very inspiring sermon emphasizing that the greatest bond in the sanctity of St. Casimir was his love for the Blessed Sacrament. This points out how the Holy Communion cements the bonds of any parish society. We were pleased to see well over 120 in attendance. This is an annual affair of Council’s 79 and 102 with C-79 acting as host this year. Magdalan Smailis was the very able chairman and with the capable assistance of Ann Valatka, V. Chepelonis, Pat Milius, the Belickas’, Smailis’ and Stepan girls served a very successful breakfast. At the closing we heard some words of wisdom from Fr. Kundrat. Pres. Frank Zager complimented the wonderful turnout; and our guest speaker Dr. Justin Pikunas, Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Detroit, was introduced by our Catholic Action’s Chairm’m Magdalan Smailis. Dr. Pikunas who had written three books and recently had an article appear in the national scholastic reviews on his new “graphoscopic theory”, spoke on the origin of various Lithuanian Catholic Organizations. That from our ancestry began the existence of many beneficial organizations as Lietuvos Vyčiai, whose aims are to preserve the Lithuanian heritage. He closed with the encouragement that all continue to work in unison. Supreme Pres. Bob Boris was also present. An added attraction was a “Happy Birthday” cake to Father Kundrat made cleverly by Mr. & Mrs. B. Vychus. Later in the day there was get-to-gether for some “gerios jukos” at the Petroski home, honoring Kazys Gogelis.

Rituals. First and second degrees were bestowed upon members after the March meeting. Ralph Valatka, Ritual Chairman, was assisted by Tony Dainus. Congratulations to all the “freshmen.”

Men’s Retréat at Dun’s Scotus College took place on March 11. It



St. Casimir’s Communion - Breakfast, sponsored by Council 100, Amsterdam, New York, March 5, 1961. **Pictured, 1st row, from left:** Matthew Kazlauskas, Vice President; Eleanor Stakauskas, Secretary; Patricia Olbie, Financial Secretary; Donald Nikstenas, President; Rev. Father Robert K. Baltch, Spiritual Adviser; Attorney A. C. Stokna, Ritual Committee Chairmen; Sadie Karbus, Treasurer; Gene Gobis, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman. **Second row:** Geraldine Myers, Margaret Boccio, Patricia Sargalis, Anella Keriker, Victor Rimkus, Sophie Olbie, Anthony Rusilas, Josephine Nikstenas, Charles Karbus, Marilyn Stokna, Mary Ann Nikstenas, Edna Stokna, Ruth Lalas and Caroline Kreisel.

was the first of its kind for our council, and many of us ask — Why a Retreat? What better place to talk to Him than in solitude of a Retreat House. Let's heed more in the future.

A Holy Hour was jointly held with the A.L.R.C. Federation, on March 19 at Divine Providence Church. Very good!

Square Dance as the first 'big' Social following Lent, circled the members on April 8. Those who "doce-doed" via the Janus way had a ball.

Lithuanian Classes seem to be heard echoing in near future. But, if you want to know how or when or where — you'll have to wait and see.

Culture with another Musicale might be in the making — Vicki's hit a brainstorm and IF she can expound a "lightening" on all the others - well - weave a thunderbolt.

Short 'n' Sweet — Carefree as a southern breeze are Magdalan Smailis and daughters who have been vacationing in Washington, D. C... Sophie Leskosy, Frances Ambrose and Clare Stepan are on the mend after surgeries... Sorry about Pres. Frank Bunikis' auto accident accompanied by wife, Aldona and Anna Mae Uznis — all of Council 102. We wish Frank and the "two gals" a speedy recovery... Sympathies to Joe Novitski upon the death of his father.

Bowling Tournament — The 79'ers have been steeling their nerves for the Mid-Central onslaught on May 27-28 in Chicago. See you there!

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Spring-Time Announcements. Our congratulations to C-24 President Walter Cibulskis and his wife, Lisa, on the birth of their first child — Elizabeth Mary on March 15th. Spring is also the time for engagements and engagements we have. The most recent are: Lucille Yucius, C-5, and Jupe Kazunas (Grand Rapids will never be the same); Ann-Marie Paukstis, C-112, and Leo Juraitis of the Lith Soccer Group; and Angie Andres and Bob Shvela, both of C-112. Our best wishes to all!

The DISTRICT RITUAL TEAM presented degrees to qualified can-

didates on March 12th. Ist Degrees were presented to: Victor Zimmer, C-5; Virginia Balzekas, Theresa Fedorovics, Genevieve Gedraitis, Martin Gestautas, Richard Shlautas, Prana Tomcevicus, Peter Utara, Vitalis Utara and MaryAnn Zemgulis, all of C-36; and Barbara Gerches, C-112. 2nd Degrees to: Emily Gestautas and John Sakas, C-36; Leonard Malas, C-112 and Emma Beinor, Seniors.

Our ANNUAL PING-PONG and PINOCHLE TOURNAMENTS were also held March 12th. The Winners—Pinochle — Anton Petrusis (who with his wife are our capable building managers) showed those "young fellows" what the game was all about. Ping-Pong Men — Vyto (the Whizz) Lazauckas.

CHICAGO RECEPTION for LITHUANIAN MOVIE and TV STAR. The Lithuanian Women's Club arranged a Reception Party to introduce RUTA LEE (Kilmonytė) to some of the Chicagoans on March 24th in the Maximilian Room of the Bismarck Hotel. Miss Lee was promoting her latest movie, "The Eichmann Story." The K. of L. were among the guests and in our behalf Konstant Savickas, Supreme Council Legal Adviser, presented Miss Lee with an amber necklace.

SPORTS NEWS.

Regular FRIDAY NITE LEAGUE team standings as of 3/31 are as follows: Mazeika - Evans leading by 7 games, with St. Anthony Svc & Loan, Lithuanian Club, Marzano's Palace Bowl, Gaiva Restaurant, Standard Federal Svc & Loan and S. Bloom, Inc. in pursuit. High Series Team: Gaiva Restaurant 3041; Men, Steve Manst 713; Women, Lucille Yucius 665. High Game Team: Gaiva 1079; Men, Al Manst Jr. 275; Women, Lucille Yucius 254. The top bowlers remain the same with Al Kassel leading the men and Gerry Mack, the women. The League Banquet will be held at the Red Lantern Club on June 10th.

Due to the efficiency of organizer Al Manst, Sr., our monthly BOWLING - SUPPER CLUBS are still flourishing with 45-60 bowlers participating each month. The March Party hosts were C-24—C-99 and the top money winners were: Russ Tomcheck and Bernice Laurentan. The last party of this season was held April 30th at Queens Recreation with C-5 as host.

To end a terrific bowling season—we will be hosts of the MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT on May 27-28th. This is the last opportunity to make plans to attend this event. Everyone is invited! Bowlers - Dancers - Diners - Beer-Frame Enthusiasts! A reception party for the out-of-town guests, the bowling tournament and a buffet-dinner dance (with a 4-piece combo and other attractions) are scheduled for Saturday. Sunday after Mass — the formal banquet and presentation of awards. Participating cities will be Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Dayton, Gary and possibly Elizabeth. Special plans will be made for anybody wishing to remain thru Memorial Day.

With the bowling season ending our thoughts immediately turn to GOLF. Everyone is polishing up their clubs and taking a few extra swings at the course to prepare for the 2nd ANNUAL MID-WEST GOLF TOURNAMENT — June 24-25th in Detroit and the ANNUAL ILLINOIS - INDIANA GOLF TOURNAMENT — July 24th in Chicago.

MISLÈS??? Did Faustas Strolia really direct his Sunday AM Church Choir in a tuxedo the day following the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet? Will Al Kassel's prediction that his Mazeika - Evans Funeral Home Bowling Team will "bury" the opposition come true? With all the recent sports activities isn't it strange that soccer is rapidly becoming a favorite K. of L. spectator sport — could it be possible that the Lith Soccer Team is responsible?

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

Tony Yuknis

Stanley Pieza, 4th degree member of the Knights of Lithuania and Religion Editor of the Chicago American, was recently feted by the Immigrants Service League. Governor Otto Kerner made a presentation to him on behalf of the League for his outstanding services to the community.

A testimonial dinner is being planned on May 28th for Leonard Šimutis, "Draugas" Senior Editor and K. of L. Honorary member. The banquet will be held at the Lithuanian Jesuit center.

The article "Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the Champion of Freedom", which was published in "Garsas" recently,

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was sent to the Postmaster General of the United States, J. Edward Day. A reply was sent by the Special Assistant to The Postmaster to the author stating that a new Philatelic Committee is being formed and that the article will receive attention. He also pointed out that a "Kosciusko" stamp was issued in 1933, which was the 150th anniversary of his naturalization. Thus it was unlikely that another stamp would be issued.

The first recipient of the Illinois-Indiana District Award was Jack Stukas. His tireless work on behalf of Lithuania recognized. The second winner was past District President Albin Manst, for his valuable work locally. His son, Steve Manst, was recently named as one of the scholarship winners by the Illinois Scholarship Commission.

Veteran's posts founded by Lithuanian - Americans are the Vytautas Post (Gary, Ind.), Stephen Darius Post (Boston), Vutrick Post 51 (Westville, Ill.), Lithuanian Post 154 (Baltimore), Don Varnas Post 986 and the Darius - Girenas Post 271 (Chicago). The latter Post has over one thousand members.

Ring magazine mentions the passing of George Chipulonis, of New Castle, Pa. In 1913 George Chip became the middleweight boxing champion of the world by knocking out George Klaus. Chided that he won by a lucky punch, Chip knocked out Klaus in a return bout, again.

The District K. of L. Choir sang in Indiana Harbor's St. Francis Church hall on Sunday, April 9th, 6 p. m. The choir is always open to new male and female voices. Anyone interested can phone the choir's president, Estelle Rogers, WA 5-3948. It must also be mentioned that they sang beautifully on the "Memories of Lithuania" night in the Morrison Hotel.

Hollywood actress Ruta Lee-Kilmonis, of "Operation Eichmann", stopped in Chicago recently. This fact was mentioned in the local papers. Ruta is a member of Los Angeles Council 133 and never hesitates to say she is of Lithuanian ancestry... Andrew Yuknis, former District President, has founded the Automatic Machining Company... Helen Zimmer, President of Council 5, has entered the Convent of Jesus Crucified in Brockton, Mass.

Chicago, Illinois — 112 "Onyté"

When the red robin comes bobbin' along is the sure sign of Council 112's Annual Easter Sunday Dance. Edward Krivickas and his committee planned the evening's festivities so that anyone who attended this gay affair... surely enjoyed himself and is marking his calendar so that he will remember next year's coming Annual Easter Dance.

At the council's regular March meeting... good-bye... good-luck... hurry back... don't forget to write were bid to Dolores Rupp who during the first week of April 1 left our fair city to establish her residence in San Francisco, California. Will she return?

Council 112 is mighty proud of you, ESTELLE ROGERS! The K. of L. Choir under your wholehearted effort proudly gave its first public performance during "Memories of Lithuania" on February 11, 1961.

Ed Urba, owner of Sky-Blue Lounge, cordially invites all K. of L'ers to drop over and see his new place of business. Entertainment on weekends.

A February 11, 1961 engagement will bring about a June 17, 1961 wedding for Ann Marie Paukstis and Leo Juraitis. Good luck and best wishes to a fine Lithuanian couple.

Congratulations to all C-112 members who recently have received their first and second Ritual degrees, and special congratulations to Irene Rakaitis who received her third degree on March 5, in Gary, Indiana, during the Saint Casimir Day Services.

Chicago, Ill. — C-5 "Drasybė"

The cocktail party at the Bismarck Hotel honoring RUTA LEE included in its midst council members, Konnie Savickus and Loretta Macekonis. Konnie presented the guest with an unusual but breathlessly lovely amber necklace, each bead being cut in a hexagonal shape reflecting beauty from every angle. A most appropriate gift to grace the neck of this shining example of Lithuanian pulcritude.

Lithuanian pulcritude was also exhibited in council members, AN-TIONETTE CIVINS and TECKLA

STROGA, who escorted by their spouses, BILL CIVINS and WALTER STROGA, attended the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet at the Morrison Hotel on February 11.

Congratulations are in order for council members as follows:

To Stephen (Buzzy) Manst for his fine scholastic record which earned him a four-year scholarship to Loyola University — the finest in the Midwest.

To Lucille Yucius for scoring a 200-game in the art of bowling on January 13.

To Anna Marie Pupinik for entering in competition with her and reaching an all-time low bowling score of 93.

To Albin Manst, Sr. for his unanimous election as C-5 President upon the resignation of Helen Zimmer, and also for being awarded the "Man of the Year" pin at the St. Casimir's Day breakfast in Gary, Indiana, on March 3. (Popularity runs high in this family.)

To Victor Zimmer — our newest member — who received his First Degree at the Ritual Ceremony held March 12.

To Anna Marie Pupinik for her fine vocal contribution to the duet at the BALF Benefit Performance in East Chicago on April 9th, giving extra credit to the K. of L. District Choir as well as our council.

Good-wishes are also extended as follows:

To Lucille Yucius upon her promise to walk-down-the-aisle with Julius Kazunas (who is more affectionately known to us all as "Jupe"). This is a fine merger of two well-known K. of L. members.

To Mrs. Lucille Yucius upon her return from the hospital and for a speedy recovery.

To Gene and Dolores Nick who moved into their very own home and who brought with them another addition to the family — a lovely baby daughter.

To former member, Dolores Canova, who presented her husband, Carl, with a lovely daughter.

And last but not least, to Albin Manst, Sr., Albin Manst, Jr., Buzzy Manst, Victor Zimmer, Alphonse Masis, Diane Rekus, Lucille Yucius, et als for attending a council meeting that was never called for March 28th.