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# VĒLINĖS LIETUVOJE

Antanas Kareiva

Pagal R. Katalikų Bažnyčios švenčių sutvarkymą, lapkričio mėnesio 1 d. yra skiriama Visų Šventų pagerbimui. O sekančią dieną, lapkričio 2 d. skiriama mirusiųjų pagerbimui ir prisiminimui. Ji pavadinta Vėlinių diena. Tą dieną būna bažnyčiose gedulingos pamaldos.

Nors Vėlinių šventė, pagal bažnyčios įsakymus, nėra privaloma švęsti, bet Lietuvoje bemaž visi eidavo į bažnyčią išklausti Šv. Mišių, aplankyti savo artimųjų kapus ir už juos pasimelsti.

Paskutiniu laiku, nepriklausomos Lietuvos gyvenime, buvo praktikuojamas organizuotas mirusiųjų prisiminimas. Tai būdavo arba Visų Šventų arba Vėlinių Vakare. Žmonės susirinkdavo į bažnyčią, kur būdavo atitinkamos pamaldos ir, po to, susirinkdavo su kryžiumi ir vėliavomis, tūkstantinė žmonių eiseną, vadovaujant kunigui, eidavo į kapines, giedodami ir meldamiesi. Atėję, nueidavo prie pasižymėjusių palaidotų kapų, kur kunigas pasakydavo trumpą atitinkamą pamokslą, pasimelsdavo ir pagiedodavo atitinkamas giesmes.

Po oficialių maldų, žmonės eidavo prie savo artimųjų kapų pasimelsti, pastatydavo ant kapų keletą žvakių ir uždegdavo. Kuomet visos pamaldos baigdavosi, būdavo vėlokas vakaras.

Minties akyse štai pažiūrėkime...

Štai atsirandi kiek toliau nuo kapų... ir ilgai, ilgai stovi ir žiūri į kapus, į tą žvakių liepsnelių jūrą, kuri taip gražiai mirksi, blyškioja. Ir taip bestovėdamas ir bestebėdamas tą mirusiųjų miestą, nejučiomis paskęsti savyje, su meile, pagarba ir dideliu dvasiniu nusiteikimu prisimeni

anų, gyventas dienas ir jau nukeliavusius į amžinybę, atsiimti savo užmokestį pas Dievą. Padarai savo gyvenimo apžvalgą ir sukuri savo ateities viziją, pagalvodamas kaip ilgai dar užtruks iki nukeliasi į tą miestą - niekadą negrižti. Pagalvoji - ar ateis kas prie mano kapo pasimelsti ir uždegti žvakutę Vėlinių Vakare. Buvo tikėta, kad taip bus - bet, deja, nes gyvenimas ne visada eina norima kryptimi.

Šiandieną Lietuvoje, tik kaip pašaliniai, tegali pusiau slapta ir tik pavieniai, pagerbti mirusiojo artimo kapą, nes rusų okupacija ir komunistinis režimas bijo dvasinimo prisiminimo mirusiųjų.

Teko girdėti, kad vieną metą, Kauno kapuose buvo susirinkusi minia žmonių pagerbti, kaip ir seniau, savo mirusius artimuosius - po to keliolika aktyvesnių buvo ištremiti į Sibirą.

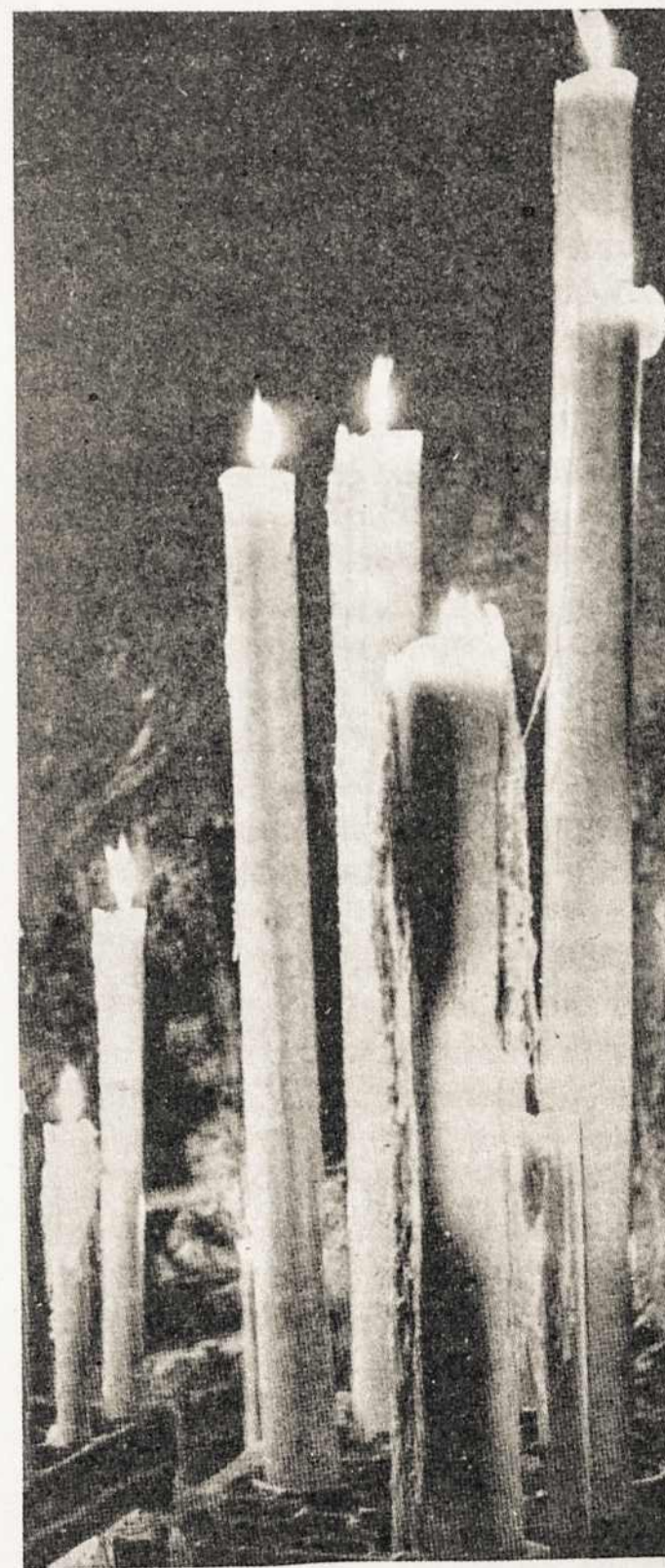
Kaip kur dar buvo praktikuojama maldos namuose. Susirinkdavo keletas kaimynų ir giminių; vakare giedodavo minint mirusiuosius ir šiaip kilniai ir prasmingai švėsdavo Vėlių Dieną Lietuvoje.

Tėvai Jėzuitai, gyvenantieji Chicagoje, buvo pradėję šią gražią tradiciją švęsti Chicagoje, Šv. Kazimiero kapinėse. Kadangi čia tokia eiseną iš kurios nors bažnyčios buvo neįmanoma, tai žmonės susirinkdavo kapuose ir ten sudarydavo eiseną, su degančiomis žvakėmis rankose, balsu kalbėdami Šv. Rožančių, eidavo prie numatytų kapų. Trumpais pamokslais ir maldomis taip buvo prisimenami visi kapuose besiilsintieji.

O koks būdavo išpūdis, kuomet tamsoje slenka švieselių juosta. Žiūrint iš toliau - tamsoje žmonių nesimatydavo - tik šių žvakių šviesa. Net ir važiuojančios ma-

šinos pro kapines sustodavo ir stebėdavosi. Kuomet baigdavosi eisenos ir pamaldos, ir kaip visi susirinkusieji uždegdavo įvairių spalvų žvakes - koks susidarydavo išpūdingas ir didingas vaizdas ir koks dvasinis nusiteikimas. Sunku aprašyti - tik galima pajusti pergyvenimu.

Pradėjo įdomautis ir ne lietuviai, teiraudamiesi apie šį išpūdingą vakarą ir klausinėdami, kada vėl tokia eiseną įvyks. Bet - deja - šis prasmingas, tylus, susikaupusioje dvasioje praleistas mirusiųjų pagerbimas, rodos, kad po trijų metų pasirodymo, dėl nežinomų priežasčių išnyko. Tikrai - gaila!



Vėlinių Nuotaikos  
Foto: "Laiškai Lietuviams"





Matterhorn

Rev. John C. Jutt  
(continued)

Switzerland is a very mountainous country but therein lies its exquisite beauty. Its fine cities like St. Gallen, Lucerne, Geneva, Zurich, Lausanne, Berne and Basel have lovely parks, colorful gardens and pretty tea rooms and restaurants. The Swiss stress cleanliness and the hotels are immaculate. After touring St. Gallen and Zurich, we spent some time in Lucerne. It is here that so many tourists buy the Swiss watches. Regardless of what one says, they are about 70 to 100% cheaper than the identical models in our own country. The wooden bridges across the Reuss River on which Lucerne is located, are well worth visiting. There are two covered bridges, one built in 1333 and the other in 1407. One of them has a famous water tower. Inside of them, as one walks, one can observe on the walls and cross pieces the many fine oil paintings which portray the principal events in the history of Switzerland.

Our evening was spent in the well-known Stadtkeller restaurant. It is difficult to get places here because most of the tours schedule a meal here for its tourists. Fortunately, we were able to get places and a finer meal could not be enjoyed anywhere. It was typically Swiss. It was here that we tried the famous Swiss delicacy, fondue.

# Europe IS WORTH VISITING

It has a cheese base and is brought in a pot which is placed on an artificial fire. One takes pieces of bread with a long fork and dips the bread into the cheese base mixture. We found it to be very delicious and for the remaining time that we spent in Switzerland, we always ordered it before the main meal. In this restaurant, entertainment was provided by a Swiss musical group. The music was typically Swiss with a great deal of fine yodelling, intricate Swiss dances and the low bellowing of the Alpine horn. The show was so good that we hesitated to leave. Many of the people stayed for hours to enjoy the entertainment. They kept their places by keeping a glass of beer before them.

The scenery that we saw on the way from Lucerne to Interlaken left us spellbound. The blue lake surrounded by snow-capped mountains reminded us of the beautiful view of Lake Louise in Canada. Not too far from Interlaken we reached Grindelwald, where so many skiers enjoy themselves during the winter. Here we took the chair lift to the very top of a mountain from which we got excellent views of the world famous Jungfrau mountain. It is like a white pyramid artistically framed in a V-shaped valley. A quaint cog train which we took, tunnels through about 4 1/2 miles of solid rock and takes one to a typical lodge near which is an ice palace, carved into the glacier. The railway at a height of 11,333 feet is one of the world's greatest feats of engineering. The chair lift which we took before the train ride is the highest in Switzerland. It offers a very thrilling ride over lovely fields and hills and reaches a height of 7200 feet. In the evening

from Interlaken, we saw the top of the Jungfrau lit up with the gorgeous glow of the pink setting sun. We shall never forget this splendid sight.

After visiting Berne, the capital of Switzerland, we drove to Geneva along the beautiful Geneva Lake, or Lac Lemman as it is called. We spent some time visiting the fine parks and other places of interest. We made a tour of the United Nations buildings where the U.N. functions in conjunction with the U.N. in New York City. Formerly, these buildings were the League of Nations. Fortunately, it was a clear day and we were able to get a view of Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain. From Geneva, going along the north shore of Lake Geneva, we came to Lausanne, a fine educational city with many excellent private schools and a university, founded over 400 years ago and attended each year by students from all parts of the world. This city has a majestic Cathedral built in the 12th century and considered to be the most perfect Gothic structure in all of the country.

From Lausanne we reached the resort town of Montreux, which has a wealth of scenic beauty and from where one obtains, on a clear day, an excellent view of the French Alps to the south of the city.

Not too far away from here is the most famous mountain peak of Switzerland, the Matterhorn. As we drove to St. Nicolas, where the railway is boarded to ascend the mountain for a view of the Matterhorn, we passed through a town called Visp. At the entrance of the town, we noticed a large group of people gathered around a casket placed on a catafalque. They were in mourning for we learned that a local teen-age boy had died and



the crowd had gathered for the funeral procession to the church. As we waited, a priest with altar boys showed up. The priest blessed the casket, intoned the Miserere, and the people continued to sing as they began the procession. It reminded us of the processions about which our parents spoke while they were still in Lithuania.

The railway we boarded at St. Nicolas took us to the town of Zermatt. Here we took the special cars to the top of the mountain. As we climbed, we saw tons and tons of snow piled up in between the mountains. The ride is a very mountainous one, but from the very top one gets a most exquisite view of the Matterhorn which jets out into the sky like a gigantic pyramid. Returning to St. Nicolas, we got into our car and crossed the Simplon Pass across the Alps into Italy.

Much has been said about the beauty of Italy's lakes. One of the most beautiful is Lake Maggiore and we made it a point to spend a day here. Our hotel was situated on the very shores of it. Our trip continued to Milano, the industrial center of northern Italy. Arriving at the elaborately ornamented Cathedral right at the Il Duomo,



Cathedral in Milano  
Photo: Italian State Tourist Office

we went in to say Mass. Since the three of us had studied at a preparatory seminary named after St. Charles Borromeo who was Archbishop of Milano in his time, I was happy to be able to say Mass in the crypt of the Cathedral at an altar over the very tomb of St. Charles. After breakfast in the Vittorio Emmanuel Gallery where some of the finest stores of Milano are found, we went back to make a more thorough visit of the Cathedral with its many fine stained glass windows. We visited the famous La Scala Opera house. Unfortunately, it was being extensively repaired. In the Church of Santa Maria della Grazie, we studied the Last Supper, the most famous fresco of Leonardo da Vinci. It is located in what used to be the refectory. During the last war, this refectory was practically destroyed, but most of the wall on which the fresco is was spared. The job of restoring it was a tremendous one but it met with good success. The colors are on the faded side but it is worth viewing.

Completing our visit of Milano, we drove to Padua to visit the tomb of St. Anthony. The Basilica is huge and for a change, this church was kept up on the clean side. So many people crowded around the tomb of the Saint and not a few of the women got on the hysterical side. From Padua our next principal destination was Venice.

Somehow we had hoped to drive into Venice. At the garage we were told that we would have to leave our cars and get into the city either by walking or by boat. There was no other way of getting into the city. The boats called Vaporettas went along the Grand Canal and represented the bus service of the city. Arriving at St. Mark's Square, we registered at a nearby hotel and then went sightseeing. I am certain that many of you have seen pictures of St. Mark's Square or Piazza as it is called. The Piazza is fantastic and really has to be seen to be appreciated. Indeed



Basilica di San Francesco - Assisi

it is a fabulous place. On one side is the Cathedral, which is the seat of the Archbishop of Venice. It was here that the present Pope, John XXIII, was Archbishop before his election to the Papal Throne. I was fortunate to say Mass at the main altar just over the remains of St. Mark the Evangelist. After breakfast we walked around, crossed the canals, visited a number of famous places and did some picture taking. In the evening the Square was alive with many people. Four orchestras played classical music for the thousands who gathered about to listen. A ride to the Island of Murano with its glass factories was most interesting. It was a sight to watch the highly skilled glass blowers at work. Across from Venice is Italy's fashionable sun bathing beach called the Lido. A boat got us there in 15 minutes. It is said that this is one of Europe's best beaches but it certainly cannot be compared with the fine beaches that we have in Florida.

Leaving Venice and returning to the garage to pick up our car, we continued our journey south along the Adriatic Sea through many lovely towns and villages. We crossed the Apennines and spent the night in Assisi, the place made famous by St. Francis. We said Mass in the magnificent church where the Saint's remains are kept. It is strange that despite its many places of Catholic worship, the government of the city is in Communist hands. From Assisi we kept on driving until we came to the Holy City of Rome.



# PROFILE .....

## Rev. Walter Stanievich

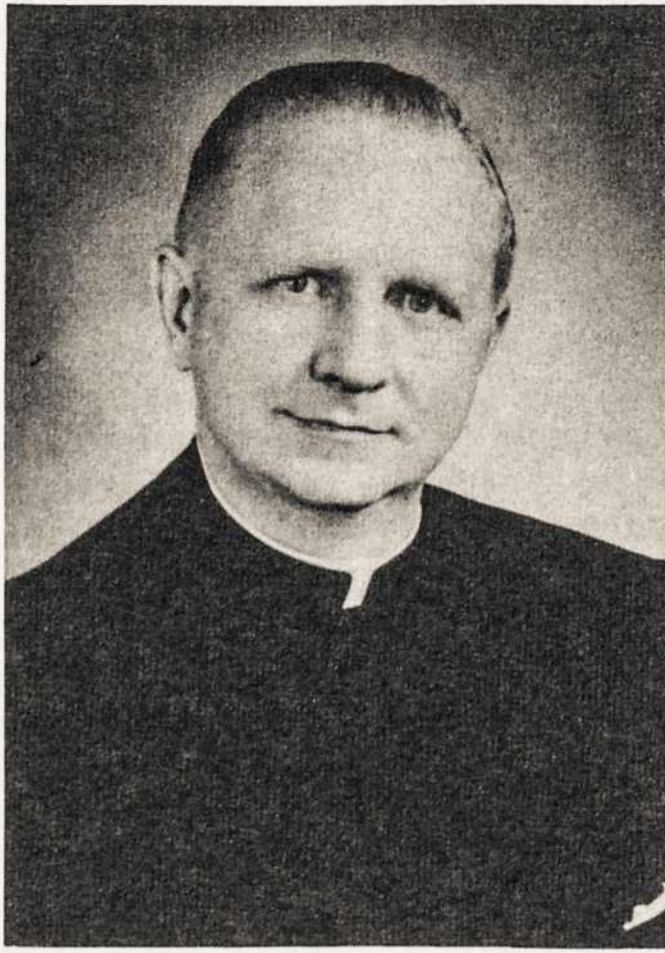
by R. Boris

Seldom, if ever, has a member of the Knights of Lithuania risen to the highest post in the organization so quickly, as has our new Spiritual Advisor, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich.

Always a great friend of the K of L, Father Stanievich never bypassed a major Lithuanian Catholic function, even though his assignments in non-Lithuanian parishes restricted his active membership and participation.

He was formally introduced to the K of L in 1959, during the 46th National Convention in Detroit, as the Master of Ceremonies for the Sports Luncheon. He also participated in the Liturgical Workshop and directed Communal Singing of Gregorian Chant during the Solemn Pontifical Mass. While performing these functions, little did Father Stan, and even less did those present imagine that within a few weeks he would be appointed Pastor of St. Anthony's Parish, to succeed Honorary Member, Rev. Ignas Boreisis, who but days later was fatally stricken and went to his eternal reward.

The task of administering a parish which had seen little change since its establishment in 1920 was a definite challenge and no easy task. The most pressing problem was to find a home, since the old rectory, down through the years, had become a virtual "library" housing Father Boreisis' collection of over 38,500 volumes. Until the estate could be settled and the books removed, a "mobile trailer-house" parked in the school yard became "Fr. Stan's Rectory on Wheels." The



trials and tribulations of six bitter Michigan-winter months in this "rectory" became the the object of many humorous and some not so humorous stories and experiences.

Also of serious concern were the Sunday collections which seldom reached a hundred dollars despite a census that revealed about eight hundred families registered as members.

His capability as administrator was proven by his adoption of a "first things first" plan of action. His sermons have brought about a spiritual rebirth of the parish, which is attested to by the full Communion rail at all Masses. The institution of an envelope system resulted in an immediate jump in Sunday collections to around five hundred dollars per week. Many clubs and organizations, including the K of L Council-102, began to show greater ac-

tivity and renewed interest in the parish. The culmination of his "rush" projects was realized this spring with the completion of a new modern rectory, costing \$46,000.00, less than a year and a half since his arrival at St. Anthony's.

On the personal side, Father Stanievich was born on February 3, 1920 in Detroit. His father, Joseph, came to this country from Kaunas in 1913, as did his mother, Izabella, from Vabalninkai in 1912. Young Walter and his brother John were raised in St. George's Lithuanian Parish on Detroit's Eastside. Both became very interested in music. Walter excelled in the organ and was a pupil of the famous Prof. Morrell and graduated from the Detroit Conservatory of Music. While attending Catholic Central High School, he began playing piano in bands and seemed assured of a brilliant future as a musician. However, the Hand of Providence had other plans and shortly after graduation from high school, he entered Sacred Heart Seminary to pursue Philosophical studies and in 1942 received his B.A. degree after which theological studies were undertaken at St. Mary's Major Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was ordained a priest on October 27, 1946.

His versatility is proven by his love for sports, music and travel, and he is equally at ease using either English or Lithuanian.

Thus, with a person of such great accomplishments, the K of L looks to Father Stanievich for spiritual leadership during the coming years.



# OFFICIAL NEWS

## MEMBERSHIP. . . .

### "AT LEAST 2 in 62"

At the Convention, Rev. P. Činikas, M.I.C., held a panel discussion on Public Relations. During this panel, he introduced the word: WOMP, Word-of-Mouth-Publicity. To our members, and for this year's membership drive, I would like to introduce another word to our K of L vocabulary. The new word is WOMC, Word-of-Mouth-Contact.

There are thousands of Lithuanians who would like to become K of L members. They are just waiting to be asked. It is up to each member to find these persons and bring them into the K of L. Some are too shy or bashful to come to the meetings on their own; some are uncertain as to how they will be received when they do come. These are the people who will make good members; it is up to us to find them, talk to them, introduce them to the membership, and to make them part of the K of L.

The new or potential member has to be made to feel at home. On coming to a meeting we should try to find out what his likes and dislikes are, where his main interests lie. Knowing this, we can introduce him to others with a similar background, and use these interests to the best K of L advantage.

The convention delegates have by now made reports to their respective councils, and they should be glowing reports of all the sessions and all the social affairs. At present they are imbued with a deep K of L spirit. These delegates, more than any others, should use this spirit to push the K of L in their area. They should push it in the best way they know how, for the best reason possible: to get more K of L members for the coming year.

Those of you who were at the Convention know what happened as far as campaigning is concerned. Those of you who were not at the Convention were told of the campaigning by your delegates. You saw New York - New Jersey District bid for the 1962 Convention. You saw and/or heard about the contest between South Boston and Chicago. You know of Worcester's bid that we all go Back to the Sticks in Sixty Six. South Boston wanted us Back to the Sea in Sixty Three. There was a lot of activity during this Convention, and from it, we noticed a lot of slogans. Let's have a slogan for the forthcoming membership drive. Let's have: AT LEAST TWO IN 62.

This means that everyone of us should try to find two of our Lithuanian friends who are not K of L members, and to make them members. You will have to talk to them, and when talking to them, remember WOMC. You have a whole year in which to get two members. This is not asking too much, in fact it is asking very little. It is not difficult, and just imagine how it will build the ranks of the K of L.

This is my first year on the Supreme Council, and my first year in charge of membership. Won't you please help me and the K of L to make it a great success.

William A. Grigas  
2nd Vice President,  
Membership Chairman

## REMKITE VYČIŲ STIPENDIJŲ FONDĄ

Lietuvos Vyčių Seime šiais metais, ketvirčiems metams iš eilės, buvo paskirta \$600.00 stipendija vyčiui arba vytei aukštesniam mokslui pradėti arba tęsti.

Plačiai žinomas visuomenininkas, Simonas Gudas, iš West

Orange, New Jersey, pereiniais metais paskyrė visą šimtinę Vyčių Stipendijų Fondui paremti. Šiemet, siūsdamas \$50.00 auką Vyčių stipendijoms, ponas Gudas taip rašo:

"Man atėjo į mintį, kad Vyčių Organizacija yra viena iš svarbiausių mūsų tautos palaikytojų. Jaunuoliai, kurie Vyčiams priklauso, yra tikri mūsų tautos žiedai, iš kurių gali išsivystyti mūsų tautos didvyriai. Bet jiems reikia piniginės paramos, todėl čia siunčiu \$50.00 stipendijų fondui. Tačiau šitas darbas yra mūsų visų! Jeigu mes padarysime tą Dievą ir Tėvynę mylinčią jaunimo organizaciją kuo stipriausia, tada mums nereikės taip daug rūpintis apie išlaikymą mūsų tautos, kada ir mes būsime pasitraukę iš gyvųjų tarpo. Linkiu Vyčiams daug laimės ir sėkmės!"

Mielajam ponui Gudui Vyčių vardu tariame nuoširdų ačiū už tokią gražų laišką ir auką stipendijų fondui.

Būtų malonu, jei daugiau tokių garbingų patriotų atsirastų, norinčių paremti Vyčių darbus. Aukos stipendijų fondui galima siųsti šiuo adresu: inžinierius Antanas Mažeika, 149-31 120th St., South Ozone Park, New York.

## LITHUANIAN, ANYONE?

Those of us who were fortunate to hear Prof. J. Eretas at the Knights of Lithuania 48th convention banquet could not but be impressed by his perfect command of the Lithuanian language. His speech graphically pointed up our own members' willful neglect of the language, the preservation of which we have accepted as one of the main objectives of our organization. Later that evening, a number of his hearers were asking one another why it takes a man of Swiss descent to point the way and, when among Lithuanians, to speak Lithuanian.

Well, we can only be grateful to Mr. Eretas for the timely reminder and follow his ever inspiring leadership. We c a n d o



something positive ourselves. We can form a group of Eretas followers. If you have been depressed and saddened by some of our members' obvious disdain for the Lithuanian language and wished that something could be done, join hands and heart with another one of the same leanings and it will be done. "Kur du stos, visados daugiau padarys." The problem is where to find that second party.

If you, dear reader, are one, drop me a line and I'll be second. Together we might find a dozen others who feel as you and I and are waiting for a start - from YOU. Merely wishing things were otherwise will not help matters. Let us do something about it. Let us at least discuss it. Let us form a discussion group. If those who like sports can get together for sports activities, we, similarly, can form a group within the organization to explore ways and means for improving the Lithuanian language situation. Personally and by letter we will exchange ideas on the subject. We need not speak the language perfectly to say "Yes, I'm in favor of some action." What will concern us in the beginning will be such questions as: Is it proper for a K of L member never to use the Lithuanian language? What can we do to increase its use among ourselves and among Lithuanians in general? If you have an answer to these and similar questions of your own, put your answer in a brief letter and send it to me (163 East 81st St., New York City). Your opinion will be supplemented by others and we'll be on our way toward adhering to our professed principles. You will get a reply from others who feel the same way.

Interested? Procure pen and paper immediately and start putting down your thoughts about the nearly forgotten K of L cause. The candle that you light will brighten the entire organization. Lauksiu.

Joseph Boley



The Lithuanian Culture Institute met in Chicago recently. Among the speakers at the event were, from left to right, Bishop Vincent Brizgys; Msgr. Ladas Tulaba, rector of the Lithuanian College, Rome; Dr. Juozas Eretas of Basel, Switzerland; Anthony Rudis, honorary host; Msgr. Francis M. Juras, President of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priest League from Lawrence, Mass.; Dr. Zenonas Ivinskis of Rome; Dr. Petras Dauzvardis, Lithuanian Consul General; and Dr. J. Girnius.

## DESIGNING MEN-DESIGNING WOMEN - THIS IS WHAT THE K of L NEEDS

Elections  
by Eleanore Laurin

As we embark on a new fiscal year in the Councils and the Districts, we search for leaders, leaders who will design more interesting meetings, more vigorous membership drives or develop into experienced Junior Counselors. We search for men and women who will design and organize conscientious Ritual committees and productive Lithuanian Affairs committees.

To achieve all this, of course, the proper Nominating Committee must be selected to seek out these designing and dedicated men and women. This committee should have brief but accurate job descriptions available for every office.

Many times good officer material will not shrink or refuse if the duties are well outlined.

A member who has some tendencies toward social and sociable work might be inspired to take on the task of working with Juniors.

A family man or woman has a natural interest in the activities of youngsters. If at all possible this type should be sought out for "Juniors" Vice President.

Whatever the office or chairmanship, suggest and nominate members who have not only the best suited qualifications but also the desire and willingness to assume the responsibilities. These will fulfill the duties to the better satisfaction of themselves and all the members. Popularity is but one factor in a successful election.

Making the preliminary selections through a nominating committee, rather than leaving everything to chance and confusion at an open, unorganized election, should bring a larger member attendance at the election meeting. At least those who "fear they will be suggested or selected" may be present for that show of confidence which is important to newly elected officers.

Prepare now for the coming year. Armed with paper, pencils, K of L manuals and a good nominating committee you can track down the designing men and women who will design a better K of L for you.



# A cry for Liberty

An interview with LEONARD VALIUKAS, Chairman of the Americans for Kuchel-Lipscomb Resolution . . .

Leonard Valiukas was born in Lithuania and educated in the United States. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Southern California. Leonard has been active in the Republican Party affairs in California since 1955, and holds county-wide and statewide offices of the California Republican Assembly. He has been active in the K of L affairs since 1949, and is Past Vice President of the K of L Supreme Council and Past President of the Council 133 (Los Angeles, Calif.). He was Chairman of the 1957 K of L National Convention that was held in Los Angeles.

Q. - What is the main purpose of the Americans for Kuchel-Lipscomb Resolution?

A. We are organizing this nationwide committee for one and only purpose: to promote the passage of the Kuchel-Lipscomb resolution that is a real cry for liberty of the suffering Baltic States in Soviet slavery.

Q. - What chance does this resolution have to be passed by the U. S. Congress?

A. - The Kuchel-Lipscomb resolution has widespread support among the members of the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. This worthy legislation will be considered by the U.S. Congress after January 10, 1962, when the Senate and the House will convene for a new session. In order to make this resolution a reality, we must do more than we have done until now in promoting this cause.

Q. - How active are the K of Lers in this fight for Lithuania's freedom?

A. - I do not believe that any other Lithuanian-American organization has done more than the Knights of Lithuania along this line, and I am very proud of this organization and all my fellow - K of Lers. This big project is  
(Continued on page 10)



Left to right - L. Valiukas, Rep. G. Lipscomb, C. Wolfrum, Calif. Legislature, and Rep. G. McDonough. Photo: L. Kancauskas

## THE KUCHEL-LIPSCOMB RESOLUTION

California's Sen. Kuchel and Rep. Lipscomb introduced this resolution in the U.S. Congress, February, 1961.

WHEREAS the Communist regime did not come to power in Lithuania and other two Baltic States, Estonia and Latvia, by legal or democratic processes; and

WHEREAS the Soviet Union took over Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia by force of arms; and

WHEREAS the Baltic people, Lithuanians, Estonians and Latvians, under Communist control were and still are overwhelmingly anti-Communist; and

WHEREAS Lithuanians, Estonians and Latvians desire, fight and die for their national independence; and

WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America maintains diplomatic relations with the Governments of the Baltic nations of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia and consistently has refused to recognize their seizure and forced "incorporation" into the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics: Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America request the President of the United States to bring up the Baltic States question before the United Nations and ask that the United Nations request the Soviets (a) to withdraw all Soviet troops, agents, colonists and controls from Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, (b) to return all Baltic exiles from Siberia, prisons and slave-labor camps; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the United Nations conduct free elections in Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia under its supervision.



not completed yet, and there will be more work required in the future as far as the Kuchel-Lipscomb resolution is concerned.

Q. - Would you name at least several leading K of Lers who are members of your committee?

A. - All the members of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee did and are doing an excellent job. They have written thousands of letters to Senators and Congressmen in Washington regarding this particular matter. To list all the K of Lers who belong to this committee would take too much space, I will just mention several who are known throughout the country, they are: Rev. John C. Jutt, Robert Boris, Miss Helen Shields, Miss Loretta Kassel, Miss Rūta Lee-Kilmonis, Jack J. Stukas, Larry Janonis, Frank Vaskas, Edvardas Šulaitis and others.

Q. - Is the membership in your committee limited to Lithuanian-Americans only?

A. - Oh no! We try to include as many as we can of Latvian-Americans, Estonian-Americans and other freedom-loving Americans who are willing to work for the adoption of the Kuchel-Lipscomb resolution. For instance,

The Honorable Richard J. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, has joined this committee. A number of the U.S. Senators and Congressmen have already joined this committee also.

Q. - How active are Latvian-Americans and Estonian-Americans as far as the Kuchel-Lipscomb resolution is concerned?

A. - They are not as numerous as we Lithuanian-Americans, but they are doing a fine job. They are writing letters to Senators and Congressmen, organizing special clubs throughout the country to promote this worthy legislation. In other words, we are working hand in hand with the other two Baltic groups - Latvians and Estonians.

Q. - Is there anything that K of Lers could do at this time to promote the passage of the Kuchel-Lipscomb resolution?

A. - The U.S. Congress has recessed until January 10, 1962, and we cannot do much about the Kuchel-Lipscomb resolution this year to make it a reality. The Editors of the VYTIS magazine and Father John will inform the entire membership at a later date about the assistance that we will need from all of you after the Congress convenes on January 10th of 1962.

## LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE RECORDS

The Lithuanian Language Course records are available from the Supreme Council Culture Committee. The set consists of two records that can be played at either 33 or 45 RPM, and two booklets giving the Lithuanian and English text of the recordings. Price per set is \$3.00, plus .25 cents postage on mail orders. Orders should be sent to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita St., Dayton 4, Ohio.

With the Christmas season approaching, we suggest that these records would make appropriate and useful presents to those who would like to improve their Lithuanian language. Postage will be prepaid when two or more sets are ordered.

## AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

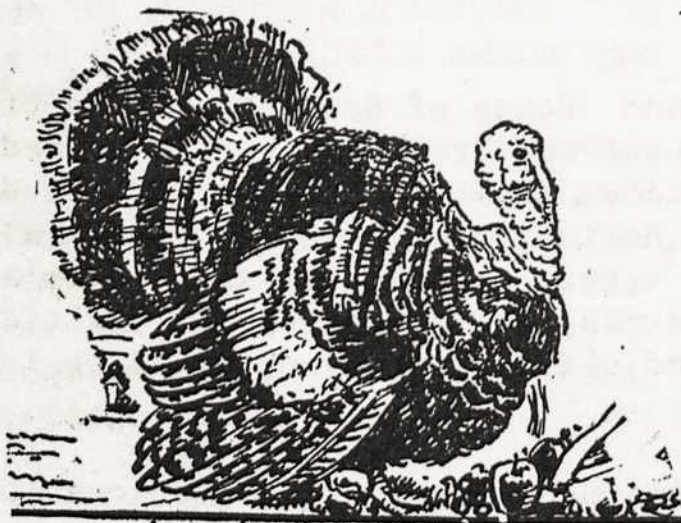
The Supreme Council Culture Committee now has on hand some copies of "Lithuania and Lithuanians - A Selected Bibliography" by Dr. Jonas Balys. This is a comprehensive reference work in the English language giving details on publications covering all phases of Lithuanian history, government, arts, economic, language, education, etc.

The price of this book is \$5.00, and orders should be sent to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita Street, Dayton, Ohio. It is particularly recommended that K of L councils obtain and donate this book to their local public libraries.

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT

Interested in making unusual Christmas decorations? See P. 14 for a sample of the wealth of material available in a book by Sister M. Gratia, "A New Look at Christmas Decorations." Order from: Maria High School, 6727 S. California Ave., Chicago 29, Ill. Cost. \$4.95.

## WHAT'S COOKING?

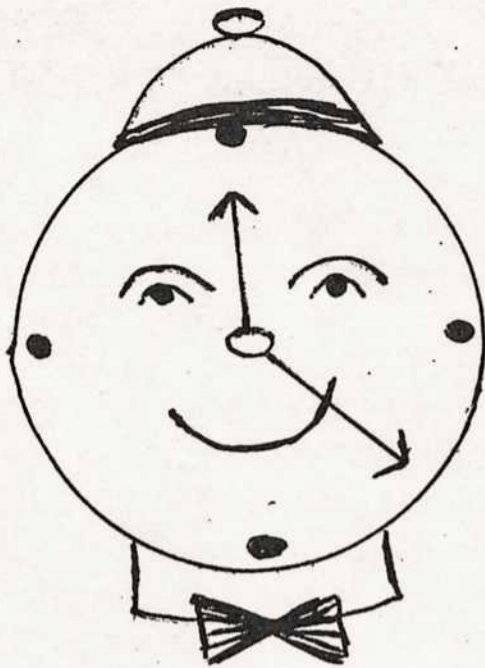


### TURKEY-CHICKEN CRAKER MEAL STUFFING

1 box Cracker Meal  
3 cups milk (room temp.)  
1/4 cup melted butter  
4 beaten eggs  
1 T. salt  
1 t. cinnamon

Mix dry ingredients together in bowl. In separate container, pour milk, add melted butter and beaten eggs. Mix liquid contents thoroughly, pour over dry ingredients and beat rapidly to prevent lumping. If too thick, add more milk. Celery may be added. Filling for a 15-lb. turkey.





# Time for Juniors

Edited by: Helen Shields

No. 5 November, 1961

## FOR GOD AND COUNTRY - LET'S BE TOPS, JUNIOR KNIGHTS!

By now, the happy, carefree days of this past summer are just fond memories! Everyone has settled down to the routine of school, books, homework and all the usual activities of the school year. However, in spite of the busy schedule, you have a certain amount of time to spend as you wish. If you choose to be an active Junior Knight during this coming year, you will use this spare time very wisely. On the other hand, if you will be content to be a half-hearted or inactive member, you, and only you will be the loser.

As members of the Junior Knights of Lithuania, you should resolve to be nothing but "TOPS." Always keep in mind your motto, "For God and Country." Be sincere in learning and practicing your precious Catholic religion! Strive to be good citizens by always conducting yourselves in such a manner that will gain you the respect of all who know you. Be eager to learn all you can about your rich Lithuanian heritage. Knowing the songs, dances, language, customs, history and traditions of your parents and grandparents will give you a better than average background for whatever career you choose.

Each Junior Knight should feel responsible to give his or her wholehearted cooperation to make every council activity a success! Whether it be religious, cultural, social or sports - if everyone participates in some way, it will not only be successful, but you will enjoy it so much more!

Don't be indifferent, unreliable or careless! ALWAYS - not sometimes - but ALWAYS - think your best, give your best, do your best, and especially so when it concerns upholding your motto, "For God and Country." Let us strive to be such good examples of Catholic American Lithuanian Youth, that people whom we come in contact with will always say - "JUNIOR KNIGHTS! YOU'RE REALLY TOPS!"

## JR. K of L PRESIDENT AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP!

At the closing banquet of the K of L 48th National Convention held Aug. 24-27, 1961 in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Jack Stukas, chairman of the K of L Scholarship Committee, announced the winners of the annual K of L Scholarship Awards. One of the awards went to Michael Micavich, President of Jr. Council 78, Lawrence, Mass. We take this opportunity to extend to Michael our sincere congratulations and best wishes for suc-

cess. We are certain that the members of Jr. Council 78 are very proud of their president. Sekmės, Michael!

## LITHUANIAN CORNER

Here are a few more Lithuanian phrases - easy to learn - and practical to know. Study them between now and your next council meeting. At the meeting, ask your counselor or Spiritual Adviser to give you a test, to see how many of these phrases you remember. Use them as often as you can when you meet your fellow Junior Knights. You can have a great deal of fun learning to pronounce them correctly and making sure you know the correct translation. Try it, won't you?

Kas yra? - What's the matter?  
(What is it?)

Kas jums yra? - What's the matter  
with you?

Labai jums dėkingas - I am much  
obliged (grateful) to you.

Nėr už ką! - Don't mention it - it's  
nothing.

Ar taip? - Is that so? Really?  
Tai nieko - It doesn't matter!

Labai malonu - Pleased to meet  
you.

Atleiskite, prašau - Excuse me,  
please.

Viso gero! - (I wish you) all that  
is good

Sveikinui! - Congratulations.





K of L Camp Personnel and Campers at Camp Dainava, Manchester, Mich. week of August 13-20.

## K of L SUMMER CAMP A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Sunday afternoon, August 13th, the busiest road in Michigan was Austin Road in Manchester. This was so because carloads of campers were arriving to spend the week at Camp Dainava. This particular camp week was something special since it was sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania.

The campers came not only to have loads and loads of fun, but also to learn more about God, their Lithuanian heritage and the Knights of Lithuania Organization. They had such a wonderful time doing all these things that the week came to an end much too soon.

All those who attended are sure to be back next year, and they hope that many more will plan on attending the K of L Camp next summer.

Helen Shields

Wondering what the campers did? Here are a few excerpts from the booklet, "Camp Echo" that was published by the campers:

### "Outdoor Games

by Peggy Bitner

It all started Monday night, August 14th, when all of us gathered around the mess hall for an

evening full of laughs. Our first game was the ring game. All of us sat in a circle and passed on to one another a string with a ring attached to it. Mr. Strolia played music and when the music stopped, the person with the ring would have to pick a card and whatever the card read to do, that person would have to do it. One of the cards said to pick a girl and dance with her. You would never guess who that girl was! She was Theresa Zaliagiris. Then another picked a card and his order was to take off his shoes and smell his feet. It was horrible after the whole day of activities, but he did it without complaining."

### "Friday Evening

Ramona Masiunas  
& Mary Anne Boris

Friday night at camp was a night of recollection set aside for the purpose of praying for the silent church. We began with a short program. Audrone spoke first and introduced our guest speaker, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, who delivered a most inspiring talk. He was followed by Mr. Faustas Strolia playing 'Ave Maria' on the violin and accompanied by Virginia on the piano. Candles were handed out and two small girls carried a wreath in

the candlelight procession to the Wayside Shrine, which greets visitors at the entrance of beautiful Dainava. While walking, Fr. Stanievich led us in the recitation of the Holy Rosary. At the shrine we said a few more prayers and the camp band played 'Marija, Marija' as the procession returned to camp. We all sacrificed and went through the rest of the night in silence."

### "Saturday Evening

R. Valatka, Editor

Saturday night we had an exceptionally good show. It started with a very famous tune known as the 'K of L Camp Song.' This was followed by soloist, Ralph Valatka, Jr., who despite a few errors, played 'Exodus' with his whole heart. The Malunas 'Mill' a very hard Lithuanian folk dance in which people represent the working parts of a real mill, was performed after only 2 days practice. Then the camp band played again. Four new members were recruited for the band - Pat Amneus, Jim Kolf, Bill Lambrose, and Joe Uzdavinis. A duet, Ralph Valatka and Ruth Baltrusaitis, then entertained the audience with three songs - 'Saltyšius', 'Kunigėli,' and 'Palankėj, Palankėj.' Lastly, a Ragučių Polka was enjoyed by all."





Junior Council 7, Waterbury, Conn. Seated left to right - Elizabeth Yarosis, Fin. Sec.; Rev. A. Edward Gradeck, Pastor; Laima Gaigalas, Pres.; Rev. Albert Karalis, Spiritual Director; Zita Juraska, Rec. Sec. Standing left to right ; Mr. Robert Ouellette, Counselor; Bernard Yanavich, V. Pres.; Francis Rodgers, Treas.; Nell P. Meskunas, Counselor; Edward Stasonis, Trustee; Peter Tunila, Trustee.

## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Jr. C-102, Detroit, Mich.

Mary Anne Boris

The K of L Juniors in Detroit were determined to get all our members acquainted. Furthering our ideas on how to do this, we decided unanimously on a "Get Acquainted Party." It was scheduled for June 17th in the rectory basement. The time was from 3 to 5:30 P.M.

Pop, cake and other refreshments, donated by members of Council 102, were placed on tables an hour before the party began. As each member arrived, they pinned on a name tag. This enabled us to know everyone. We also received a little piece of paper with the name of an object printed on it, such as "table." The members matching objects were dance partners. The one getting a blank paper, danced with a broom. We started dancing - well at least the girls started dancing "Pop Goes the Weasel," a dance which we all enjoy. The boys seemed glued to their seats. After much pushing and coaxing from our chaperones, they finally got up to dance! The party came to an end with cleaning up. Guess who did it? We girls

are still wondering how the boys disappeared so quickly!

We were honored to have present at our June 25th meeting three out-of-town K of L guests. National President Robert Boris introduced us to : Eleanore Laurin, President of the Ind.-Ill. District, Ed. Sharkus, C-52, Elizabeth, N.J. and Bob Paul of Philadelphia, Pa.

Since we had acquired 50 free tickets to Bob-Lo Island, an amusement park on the Detroit River, we decided to have this trip for our July social. Our spiritual activity was our monthly Communion.

Jr. C-26, Worcester, Mass.

Janice Tagman

The Junior Knights of C-26 held a number of activities during late spring and through the summer. Included were a dance and scavenger hunt, which members of Jr. C-103, Providence, R.I. attended; a car wash to raise funds, a paper drive, a beach trip, and a ping-pong tournament.

We are all looking forward to the New England District Junior K of L Rally which will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12th in our parish hall. We hope to meet many new friends at that time.

Jr. C-3, Philadelphia, Pa.

Diane Beletsky

Our clubrooms were opened every Friday evening during the summer, with the exception of a few weeks when our counselor, Miss Shields, was out of town. Our activities were limited, but we all enjoyed playing ping pong, games and cards. In July we had an all-day outing at Pine Lake which was much fun.

We have planned a number of interesting activities during this coming year, and we shall keep you posted on them in the following issues of the Junior Page.



## We Are Waiting To Hear From You

We hope that every council will either appoint or elect someone who will send in your council news, articles, pictures, jokes or whatever else they may wish to contribute to the Junior Page. If each council is represented in the Junior Page, then it will be most interesting to read. All material is to be sent to: Miss Helen Shields, 217 Wharton St., Philadelphia 47, Pa.

We would be most happy to hear from 7th and 8th graders who are receiving the Junior Page in their schools. Articles and news items about your school or parish will be most welcome. Let's get acquainted through the Junior Page!

The deadline is the 20th of the month - 2 months preceding publication. We'll be waiting to hear from all of you. Please don't disappoint us.



## LITHUANIAN CULTURE

### DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

- the first historic records of the Lithuanians and their country date back to the II century, A.D.
- Tacitus, the great Latin Historian, makes mention of this
- beginnings of permanent written history are found in the early XIII-th century
- Written Lithuanian history is over 700 years old
- Lithuanians belong to the Indo-European group of people who lived between the Slav and Germanic peoples but belonged to neither of these groups
- they are called the "Balts" because they populated the shores of the Baltic Sea
- when the Order of the Teutonic Knights, a monastic as well as a military organization, tried to expand its boundaries and create a vast empire of its own, it met with unusual and well-organized opposition from the Lithuanians who were determined to defend every inch of their territory



1224 m.

- having failed once, these Teutonic Knights vowed to subjugate these "Balts" at any cost. They invited the support from all Europe, kings and princes with their armies, to fight these "unusually courageous" people, considering them "enemies of Christianity."
- the Order of Knights failed again but continued the struggle for one hundred and fifty years.
- during this period the Lithuanians showed their true strength and valor. It is called, the epoch of heroism quite rare in the pages of history.

## JUNIOR CRAFTS

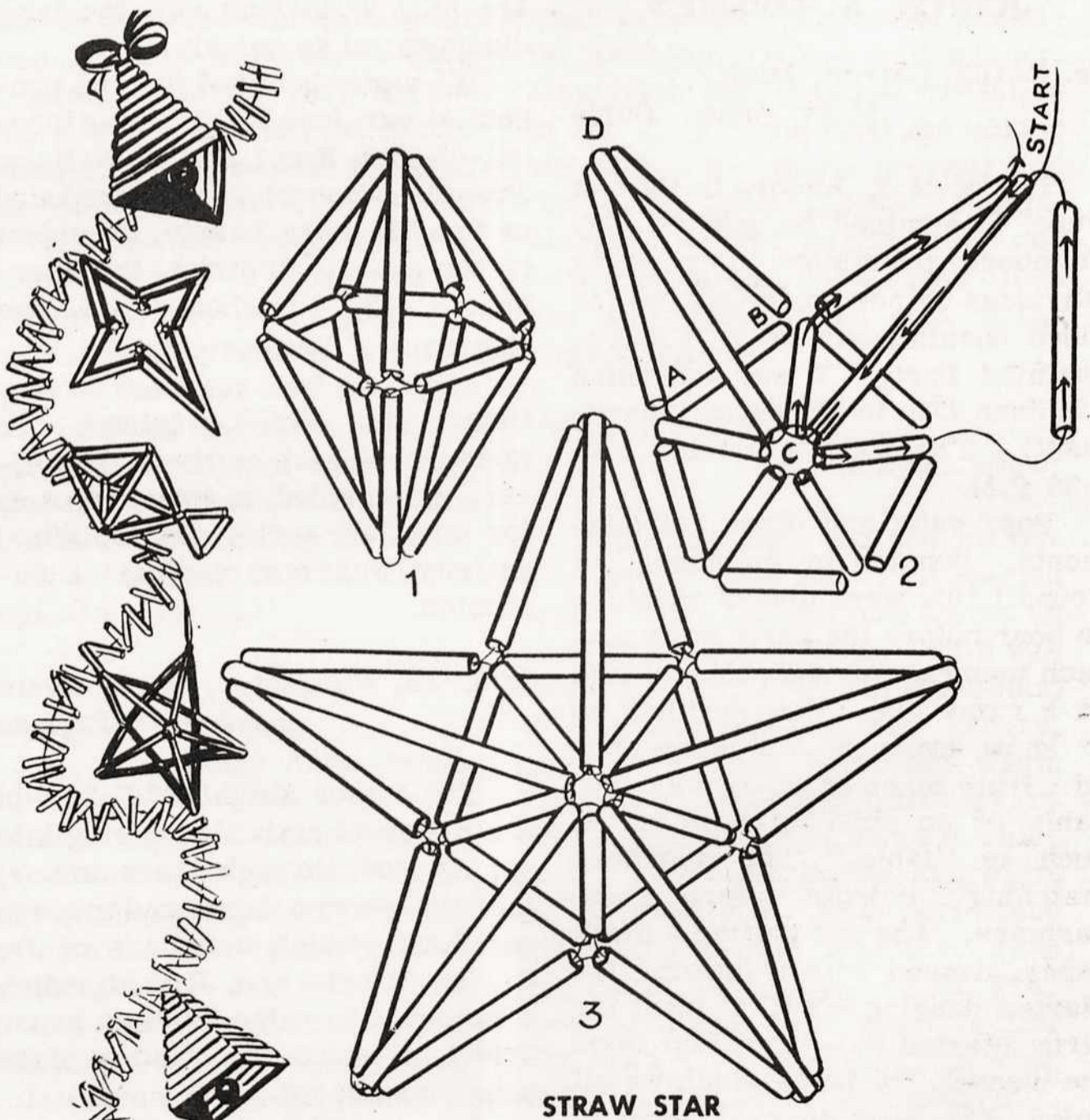
The Christmas ornaments of Lithuania are perhaps the most unusual of all tree decorations. These are made of wheat or rye straw, gathered by the women and artistically fashioned into hundreds of designs. Some are made of various lengths of straw strung together with needle and thread in the form of bird cages, bell towers, stars, and other geometric shapes. Fanciful birds are created with eggshell bodies and wings from paper or feather fluffs.

Another way of using the straws is to cut them into very small pieces and glue them on end to a paper pattern of traditional folk design, such as the tulip. The ends then are slit and bent back to make tiny starlike units.

Still another treatment is to glue lengths of the straw together to make three-dimensional pieces. These may be simple crosses or elaborate projects reproducing the wayside shrines found on Lithuanian country roads. Even figures can be built up of various straw lengths in this way.

The artistic effect of the green Christmas tree, entirely decorated with such straw ornaments, is very effective. Soda fountain straws make an ideal substitute for wheat straw and are not as fragile. A light coat of shellac or varnish applied to such soda straw ornaments adds to their durability.

Another way of adapting these Lithuanian ornament ideas is to use colored plastic straws. With the tree lights shining through these a very unusual effect can be obtained.



STRAW STAR

1. Use drinking straws to make a small five-sided ornament (Fig. 1). Add one side to the geometric ornament just described.
2. Measure two equal straw lengths to extend from *points A and B* to *point D* (see Fig. 2). Measure two longer straws to reach from *point C* to *point D*. Follow arrows in Figure 2 for attaching straws. Turn star on reverse side and attach remaining long straw.
3. Repeat step 2 four more times until all five points are completed.



# TAUTOS DVASIOS DIDYSIS LOBYNAS

Priežodžiai, patarlės, posakiai literatūroj skiriami prie smulkiosios tautosakos. Lotynų žodį "proverbium", anglų "proverb", vokiečių "sprichwort" lietuvių kalboj dažniausiai atstoja žodis (pavadinimas) "priežodis". Priežodžiai - tai trumpi, prasmingi liaudies posakiai, kuriais reiškiamas gyvenimo pastabumas ar patirtis.

Lietuvių kalbos tautosaka yra turininga, graži, įvairi ir gausi. Deja, dėl įvairių trukdymų Lietuvoje, mūsų tautosaka pradėta rinkti ir spausdinti gana vėlai.

Su tikybinių knygų lietuvių kalboj reikalingumu ir atsiradimulygiagrečiai kilo susidomėjimas ir lietuvių kalbos dalykais, ypač žodynais ir gramatika. Nuo XVII a. pabaigos pradėta domėtis ir etnografiniais dalykais. Lietuvių liaudies buitį, papročius plačiai aprašė T. Lepneris ("Prūsų Lietuvis") 1690 m., kur randame jau ir kiek smulkiosios tautosakos - priežodžių, mįslių. J. Bretkūno vaikaitis M. Pretorijus daug etnografinės medžiagos surinko "Prūsijos idomybėse" (Delicial Prussical). Jis praskleidė smulkiojoje lietuvių tautosakoje slypinčią kūrybinę liaudies galią, grožio pajautimą, sąmojingumą.

Pil. Ruigys 1708 m. parengė, o 1745 m. išspausdino veikalą apie lietuvių kalbą "Betrachtungen der Litauischen Sprache", kur lietuvių kalbos gilesniam pažinimui įdėjo patarlių, priežodžių, mįslių ir tris lietuviškas dainas.

XVIII a. pradžioje Jokūbas Brodovskis per eilę metų paruošė didelį žodyną "Lexicon Germanico-Lituanicum et Lituanico - Germanicum" su daugybe paaiškinimų, tekstų ir apie pora tūkstančių priežodžių ir posakių. Nors šis veikalas nebuvo atspausdintas, tačiau vėliau J. Brodovskio žodyno (rankraščio) dalį, apie tris šimtus priežodžių ir posakių atspausdino K. G. Milkė savo lietuvių

vokiečių ir vokiečių lietuvių kalbų žodyne (1800). K. G. Milkės žodyne pirmenybė buvo duota tautosakai ir liaudies išsireikškimams.

J. Brodovskio žodyno rankraštį panaudojo kalbininkas G.H.T. Nesselmanas savo lietuvių kalbos žodynui (1851) ir A. Šleicheris (1821-1868) lietuvių kalbos gramatikai ir chrestomatijai, kur 60 puslapių buvo skirta smulkiajai lietuvių tautosakai. A. Šleicheris keitė tautosakos tekstų rašybą, fonetiką, kartais sutrumpindamas ir paryškindamas. XVII ir XVIII a. smulkiosios lietuvių tautosakos rinkiniai, daugiausia tik rankraščiai, negalėjo turėti tokios reikšmės, kokią jie būtų turėjęs, išspausdinti. Tačiau ir rankraštiniai, ir spausdinti tautosakos palikimai turėjo didelę vertę vėlesniems Prūsų ir D. Lietuvos kalbininkams ir mokslininkams.

Lietuvių literatūrinis judėjimas D. Lietuvoje žymiau ryškėja nuo XIX a. pradžios. Žemaitijoje iškyla rašytojas Dionizas Poška (1765-1830). Jis pasižymi poezija ir lietuvių kalbos bei praeities tyrimu. Į savo svarbų darbą, lietuvių kalbos žodyną, jis irgi įdėjo daug gyvų kalbos ir tautosakos pavyzdžių. Beveik tuo pat metu Simanas Daukantas (1793-1864) pasižymėjo lietuvių praeities aprašymais: "Darbai senųjų lietuvių ir žemaičių", "Būdas senovės lietuvių kalnėnų ir žemaičių" ir "Dainos Žemaičių". Yra išlikę jo žodyno medžiaga ir tautosakos rinkiniai.

Vyskupas Motiejus Valančius (1801-1875), visą gyvenimą pasykyres lietuvių liaudies švietimui, šalia žinomųjų savo veikalų paliko ir tautosakos rinkinių (arti 1500 priežodžių, patarlių ir posakių). Lietuvių dainas rinko žemaitis S. Stanevičius. Kun. Antanas Juška (1819-1880) surinko virš pusantro tūkstančio lietuviškų dainų, ku-

rias su broliu Jonu parengė spaudai, ir jų išspausdinta trys tomai.

Nuo "Aušros" laikų tautosaka, ir smulkioji ir stambioji, užima tinkamą vietą mūsų kultūriniame lobyne. Ji renkama, spausdinama, klasifikuojama, nagrinėjama. Vysk. A. Baranauskas, Dr. J. Basanavičius, Prof. E. Volteris, kun. Tomas, kun. Sabaliauskas, suomių Prof. Niemi, Prof. V. Krėvė, kalbininkas Jonas Jablonskis ir visa eilė kitų yra padarę didelį įnašą mūsų tautosakos rinkimui ir tvarkymui.

Iš Jono Mingirdo knygos "Smulkioji Tautosaka, Patarlės, Priežodžiai, Posakiai". - 182 psl. Minkštais viršeliais \$3.00, kietais - \$3.50. Knygą galima gauti: Lietuvių Dienų adm.: 9204 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 3, Calif. ir pas platintoją: Giedra Blažys, 1132 N. Hyperion Ave., Los Angeles 29, Calif.

## *Patarlės*

Lašas po lašo ir akmenį prakerta.

Būk toks, koks nori kitiems rodytis.

Kas klausia, tas neklysta

Ir duris uždarius laikas bėga.

Net ir gydytojas nuo rūpesčio nepagydo.

Savo namučiai, norint smilgučiai, meilesni už svetimus.





# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## ILL. - IND. DISTRICT

District News

"IS"

### CONGRATULATIONS TO :

Consul Petras Daužvardis, a new Lithuanian Consul General; Honorary Member and Senior Council Pres. Ignas Sakalas, new Building Manager;

The officers of the Friday night Bowling League; Pres. Richard Shlaustas, V.P. Gerry Mack, Secy. Steve Manst and Treas. Frank Svelnis;

Kazimiera Petrulis, new Seniors Building Trustee;

Sally Juncius, sister of Jerry Jesulaitis, Third Prize Winner in the Kugelis Contest at the Holy Cross Carnival;

Aldona Barcus Daukus, one of the judges of the Kugelis Contest.

"Never say die!" must have been the slogan of the annual picnic committee. The original date, July 4th, was rained out; re-scheduled for July 23rd, and again rained out. But due to the efforts of Chairman Vince Samaska and his hard-working committee, the combined events netted a very substantial profit.



Conventioners "Hail Caesar!"

Our delegates, alternates and guests attending the 48th NATIONAL CONVENTION reported that the sessions were interesting and the parties, great. The Cleveland Seniors and C-25 were excellent hosts. Congratulations to all the new Officers and Committees. Our representatives will be: Al Kassel, Treasurer; Eleanore Laurin, Trustee; Konstant Savickas, Legal Advisor; Loretta Kassel, Marilyn Kareiva, Ignas Sakalas, Eleanore Laurin, VYTIS Staff; Irene Sankus, Lith. Affairs Chrm.; Richard Malis, Sports Co-Chrm.; Loretta Kassel, Scholarship Comm.; Jack Jatis, Honorary Membership Comm.; Walter Tenclinger, Al Kassel, Juniors; Stanley Simulis, Seniors; and Loretta Kassel, Eleanore Laurin, Ignas Sakalas and Loretta Macekonis, Jubilee Comm. Special congratulations to the many members who volunteered their services for the various convention committees. With the wholehearted support showed by our members and others - it's no wonder that this Convention was one of the smoothest and most interesting.

GlenEagles CC was the site of the District Golf Tournament on Sat., Sept. 16th. Altho the group was small in number, everyone had a great time due to perfect golfing weather. The lucky winners, Red Cibulskis (Low Gross), Gusty Paicius (Low Handicap) and Dolores Wainauskas (Women Low Gross), received their trophies at the dinner during the evening festivities.

Sunday, November 12th was the date and the Jesuit Center the place of the DISTRICT CHOIR'S CONCERT DEBUT. John Kaznauskas (President of the District's First Choir) was the Honorary Chairman and Estelle Ro-

gers (current Choir President), the Executive Chairman. More concert and choir info next month.

The District was saddened to hear of the sudden death of a long-time member, JOHN VILKISIUS. He was active in the District, C-112 and the Seniors. Definitely a member that will be missed by all!

The recent Convention was the last affair at which Rev. Peter Ciniikas, M.I.C., represented the Ill.-Ind. District as Spiritual Advisor. He was transferred to Niagara Falls, N. Y. and left for his new appointment after the convention. Fr. Pete was always willing to help us with our many problems, and will be greatly missed. Just think - a K of L Council in Niagara Falls! It has good possibilities!



Chicago Seniors, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Pieza, meet with Msgr. Tulaba at Lithuanian Institute in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill. C-36 "Blogas"

On June 24th at the South Shore Country Club, the Chicago Lithuanian Woman's Club presented their first annual Amber Debutante Ball and our own Genevieve Giedraitis was the choreographer of the entire presentation which included the Sadute and the Suktinis dance which was done with the fathers and their debs. . . We extend our warmest congratulations to Miss Alma Giedraitis who was among the



beautiful debutantes along with Miss Joyce Evans, daughter of C-112 member and winning District bowling team sponsor, John Evans. . . behind the scene effects were credited to Miss Cecilia Matul and Wally Tenclinger who provided the additional graphic and musical effects during the months of continuous rehearsal. . . all in all it was a lovely affair and we were all proud of our council members who were indirectly responsible for the successful evening.

Opening the social season of the Illinois - Indiana District was our fall dance which took place on the 30th of September at the K of L building. An overflow crowd cashed in on our offer of "free" beer from 8 to 9 and this endeavor saw many people arrive early for the festivities which lasted into the wee hours. A strong "ACIU" to the hard working committee which included: Dale Srupsa, Vince Samaska, Joan Jakunas, Lucille Stacy, Frank Svelnis, Tony Valek, Stella Danelius, Rich and Jean Shlaustas, Bob Paul, Helen Širvinskas, and many unsung heroes behind the scenes who also deserve a big hand. C-36 extends its warmest appreciation to all in attendance of their fellow K of L along with our "friends of the Vyčiq."

#### Post - Convention Report

As our National conclave was excellently reported in the last issue of the VYTIS, there is no further need to mention any items which have not been covered, but we do report again that COUNCIL 36 was awarded FIRST PLACE in the MEMBERSHIP DRIVE for 1961 and the beautiful plaque is in the trophy case for all to admire. Since our own Al Kassel is now the National Supreme Council Treasurer, we know that our funds will be in good hands. Kodol Ne? Al, along with Wally Tenclinger are members of the S.C. Juniors Committee, so let's

get our juniors activated and in full swing for the fall and winter programs. Our council's delegates to the Cleveland convention included: Lucille Stacy, Stella Danelius, Richard Shlaustas, Genevieve Giedraitis, Wally Tenclinger, Al Srupsa, Dale Srupsa, and Rita Gorb. Guests from our council were Jean Shlaustas and Tony Valek. Al Kassel along with Loretta Kassel attended as S.C. officers. In summation, we all left Cleveland with many memories of a successful and wellplanned convention and will take up New Jersey's invitation in '62 to join them in our yearly conclave.

#### "Around The World"

Seems that the travel bug has infiltrated amidst our fellow 36'ers and our veteran travelers are upholding their tradition to see the world. Wally Tenclinger started his vacation with the convention and went on to New York City for another convention, followed by side trips to Boston, Worcester, Cape Cod, New London, Connecticut, Atlantic City, and climaxing his travels at Jack Stukas' Radio picnic in New Jersey where a post-convention session took place amongst the Philly, Worcester, New York and Jersey crowds. Genevieve Giedraitis is ALOHA-ING everyone from the Hawaiian Islands and will give HULA-HULA lessons at our next council meeting. Veteran world traveler Loretta Kassel has gone and done it again, but this time on a six week South American cruise via steamship. I guess if we can't stop 'em we join 'em and plans are in the making for the traveling 36 nomads to rouse Detroit very soon so keep a watchful eye out for this latest travel to the Motor City.

#### Brighton Lines. . . .

Belated birthday wishes to Rita Gorb who feted fellow members at a recent gathering at her home. . . Congratulations to the two newest "CHICAGO CARDINALS" who finally made it, Vince Samaska

and Tony Valek, and also a pat on the back to pledgemaster Rich Shlaustas who carried out his initiations under the watchful eye of fellow Cardinals Tenclinger and Gorb. . . . Good to see some old faces show up for a change at our October meeting and remember our election of officers at the December meeting on the 12th. . .

## MID CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. - C-79

Dot & Dash

The melodious calls of "Ho-Ho and Do-Si-Do" were heard outside our parish hall as the square dance opened the first fall activity for C-79. It followed a well-attended September 6 meeting. For many of our 79ers it was their first square dance. John Kolinske was the only one who knew what "square" he belonged to. But without the h'yar calling of Tony Janco there jes wouldn't be any allemande right or left. Anyhow, things kept moving very smoothly. Thanks to Bertha Janus, Mary Kazlauskas and Ona Kase.

Now we couldn't say "Su Diev" to our wonderful summer without mentioning a few "special" doings in C-79. As many imaginative ideas as there are June flowers ran "riot" at the June 7 meeting. For one, the biggest Achievement of Ideas was the newly formed By-laws for C-79. A well-deserved pat on the back goes to Bill Walls, John Dargis and Frank Zager. Then on June 21-27, Ann Valatka conducted a pilgrimage to the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Me., sponsored by the Third Order of St. Francis in which a number of our 79ers participated.

Gerry and Joe Chaps are keep in C-79 well informed on various activities by their monthly newsletter called the "Patter." It's a job well done and we congratulate them. The Chaps' entertained with a lovely midsummer style



social for the board members on Aug. 30th. Chet Nashlon and Len Salas discovered they were guests of honor when a lighted birthday cake was placed before them by Mrs. Chaps - plus a few "surprise" gifts. Well, we don't know soon after it happened??? But, we noticed a dazzling sparkler worn by Margaret Smailis from Chester Nashlon. Congratulations to both and we are looking forward to a real-life "Vyčiu" wedding.

Very much to be talked about was our weenie roast on June 15. A record crowd of about 85 members - give or take a few - gathered at Hemlock Pk. And on the following Sunday there was a family outing at Kent Lake. What started out to be glorious day, turned out to be patterned for ducks, goulashes and raincoat manufacturers. But the spirit of the 79ers was not broken. The picnickers stopped at the Petroski home for some off-scheduled hors d'oeuvres afterwards. . . And away we went to Bob-Lo's moonlight on Aug. 10th, sponsored by C's 79 and 102, and the Catholic War Veterans of Wayne County. Thanks to the efforts of Joe Chaps.

At Camp Dainava on July 24, the observance of Captive Nations Week was concluded with Mass held by Msgr. Jonas Balkunas and the blessing of the Lithuanian Cross by Fr. Dabušis.

South of the Border down Cleveland way went our 12 delegates and they still seem to be riding on cloud nine. No wonder. Three 79ers were honored with awards. Jos. Chaps was winner of the membership drive; and Ed Martin and Sophie Zager for their work on the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. C-79 was cited for having the largest membership in the country. This makes us mighty proud. But we left the convention with plans and room for more improvement, which we have already begun. A Junior council is in the making; and more proceeds toward charity, cultural and religious causes

have been allocated by C-79. At this time we'd like to congratulate two other Detroiters, Fr. Stanievich of St. Anthony's who was named spiritual advisor of the supreme council and Bob Boris upon his re-election as President for a second term. Also, congratulations to Ursula Yankauskas and her committee for a good-going convention. It was one of the best!

Dayton, Ohio - C-96

"EL"

Aloha! Several of our members were seen wearing sarongs, muumuu's and carrying palm trees. Could they be left-overs from the Convention? A Luau was given by Dayton Delegation on Thursday midnite, and we hear tell that everyone had a real "HOO-KEY-LAOW" (good time). Our delegates brought back many good suggestions, reports, greetings and memories. We thank the host councils for an enjoyable convention.

Our annual Lithuanian Day Picnic was held in August under the

able chairmanship of Mike Petkus and Joe Kavalauskas. A great big "Thank You" to the members and friends for their help and participation.

A "whink" party was held on Sept. 21 and proved to be a financial success. On the committee were Rita Ambrose, Anne Sinkwitz and Elaine Lucas.

Our council chartered a bus to attend a Notre Dame Football excursion on Sept. 30. Everyone truly had a "ball."

Death recently claimed two of our faithful members, John Akalaites and Joseph Rimkus. Members of C-96 extend their deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased.

Wedding congrats to "Jerry" (Geraldine) Gevat on her marriage to Thomas Konicki in August.

Recent addition to the family of Maryann and August Blum is a bouncing baby boy, Gregory, and Tony and Joanee Zelinkas also welcomed a new son, Peter.

Congratulations to Frank Gudelis and Stan Vatikus on their elections to the Supreme Council.



President, Robert Boris, with C-79 members, left to right, Mrs. Sophie Zager, and Edward Martin, award winners for work on the Lithuanian Affairs Committee; C-79 President, Frank Zager; and C-79 Social Chairman, Joe Chaps, winner of the Membership Drive.



## N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

Philadelphia, Pa. - C-3

" Twinkle "

C-3 will commemorate its 20th Anniversary with special celebrations and festivities the weekend of November 18th. Among the highlights will be an evening concert on Saturday, November 18, presented by the Ruta Ansamblis of New York City featured beloved and renowned Lithuanian folk and classical selections. A dance will follow the concert, featuring music by the Tic Tocs and will include favorite Lithuanian folk dances.

The climax of the anniversary celebration will be a Communion Breakfast on Sunday, November 19, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Casimir's Church, 324 Whar-ton St. The program will include various speakers and past presidents who have helped to build up C-3's present membership and range of activities.

During these past twenty years, C-3 has been proud of its many accomplishments which have been beneficial both spiritually and culturally. In surveying its twenty years of existence, we find that C-3 has engaged in many activities all of which are too numerous to mention. The more important activities include:

1. Encouraged devotion to St. Casimir and Our Lady of Siluva by distributing several hundred copies of booklets.
2. Sponsored St. Casimir's Day Celebration with special Mass and Communion Breakfast for twenty years.
3. Sponsored a number of Holy Hours and Days of Recollection inviting out of town clergy to conduct such services.
4. Were organizers of two trips to Harrisburg to witness the signing of the Lithuanian Independence Day Proclamation issued by Gov. Leader and Gov. Lawrence respectively.

5. Presented over a dozen Lithuanian plays, five minstrel shows, numerous presentations on Lithuanian Radio Programs commemorating special events such as Lithuanian Independence Day, Mother's Day, Christmas, Easter and other holidays.

Everyone is cordially invited to come and help us add this event to our score of accomplishments and make our 20th Anniversary a memorable occasion and one to be proud of!

C-3 members had a busy summer. Our enthusiasm for social activities never lags! Enjoyable times were had at our wienie roast-canoeing party in June, a swimming party in July, a crabbing trip in August, and a hayride-wienie roast in September. Our thanks to Social Director, Walter Svekla, for his efforts in making these activities a success.

### C-3 Travellers:

Walt Svekla, Joe Yanulaitis, Helen Shields and Agnes Timmins, attended the Dainų Šventė held in Chicago in July. They must have had a wonderful time because Chicago was the main topic for weeks afterwards.

Walt Svekla spent another week's vacation at "Vacation Valley" in the Poconos. Did you know that Walt is a member of a group called "The Naughty Nine"?

Helen Shields, Walt Svekla, Agnes Timmins, Irene Varevice, Irene Sarcewicz, and Lillian Sasnauskas made up the Philadelphia delegation attending the National Convention. They want me to extend their thanks to the Cleveland Councils for such a wonderful convention. I hear they made a hit with their bongo drums, maracas and ukelele together with their version of "Aloha". Reports have filtered back they were the singiest group around! Walt, Agnes, both Irene and Lillian, together with a group from North Jersey and Massachusetts, found their way to Niagara Falls, Canada. They

told us about a fabulous place called, "The Green Gables." Sounds like fun! On the way home this group got a scare. Apparently Walt's car decided it had enough and just stopped. Fortunately, they were able to have it fixed and were soon on their merry way home.

Talk about dream vacations - Hedy Sarcewicz spent hers in fabulous Hawaii. How's about some hula lessons, Hedy?

Of course, our renowned traveller, Helen Shields, has been getting around. People in other councils see her more than we do! How's about staying home with li'l ole Philly once in awhile, Helen!

This 'n that. . .

Peter Shelus, one of our own members, won the \$50 prize we had in the June drawing. The proceeds from the chances went into our projector Fund. . . Quite a few of our members travelled to Rahway, N.J. to attend Jack Stukas' picnic. Irene Varevice, Walt Svekla and Agnes Timmins brought back some dance contest prizes. . . It's back to-school time for many of our members. Seen toting books around are Tony Burch, Peter Shelus, Irene, Walt, Irene Sarcewicz and Agnes. . . First wedding anniversaries were celebrated by Al and Terry Dameika on October 8 and Steve and Ginny Salnaitis on October 16. Our best wishes to both couples. . . Al and Irene Ozalis are putting forth their best efforts in making our Membership Drive a success. . . Henry Satinskas has joined the ranks of C-3. Welcome! . . . A prospective new member, Larry Adomaitis, has shown great interest in our organization. He just needs a little convincing to join. . . Chris and Bernice Miedzius are proudly showing off their new daughter, Jean Marie. Al and Terry Dameika are also proud new parents of a little girl, Diana. Congratulations to both couples. . . C-3 extends its deepest sympathies to Terry Mazeika on the death of her beloved father. . . That's all folks, see you next month!



Amsterdam, N. Y. - C-100  
Smile & Sparkle

The site of this year's council outing was Ann and Tony Beleckas' Camp on Sacandaga Reservoir. We welcomed Fr. Baltch who had just returned from a 5-week European tour. Rev. Joseph Grabys, who is now on the teaching staff of St. Rose College in Albany, N.Y., came along with Fr. Baltch. The preparations committee, Eleanor Stakauskas, Pat Olbie, Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis, took care of all the details except the weather. Although the day was cool and windy, nobody's spirits were dampened and all really had a gay time, especially after feasting on the delicious food that was cooked by: Sophie Olbie, Gerry Mayer, Mrs. Gobis, Mrs. Mulevicius, Sadie Karbus, Eleanor Stakauskas, the Stoknas' and the Nikstenas'.

Many of our group included the same folks who surprised Fr. Bob with the "Bon Voyage" party. Eagerly listening to his tales were Arlene & Walt Jasper, Fran & Frank Gustas, Bernice & Charles Pickens, Mary & Jack Sweet, Ann Kutchis, Bernice Blusis, Lillian Famiano, Helen Dombroski, Velma & John Svedarckas, Nancy & Matt Kazlauskas, Charles Karbus, Helen Vinosky, Stella Kibert, Vic Rimkus and Margaret Boccio.

Prof. Joseph Olsauskas and John Hartvigas joined the party a little later.

Some good old fashioned polka dancing took place and as some folks were preparing to take their leave, it was suggested that it wouldn't be a K of L outing if we didn't join in some community singing. So with such able singers as Fr. Baltch, Prof. Olsauskas and Fr. Grabys, we sang many, many folk songs. Pradėjome su, "Kaip Aš Turėjau Kaime Mergele" ir užbaigėme su "Laikas Namu Brolūziui Eit."

Our Amsterdam Council was represented at the 48th K of L convention by delegates, Eleanor

Stakauskas and Gene Gobis and alternate, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas. It was Eleanor's first convention and first flight. She was well taken care of by her Worcester friends, especially Vyto Morkunas! It was one of the best conventions attended by Gene. While the sessions were being conducted, a quiet audience listened. No one left the session room. Congratulations to all who made such a well-organized convention possible.

Eleanor and Gene were driven home in a Thunderbird by John Simonavich who was on leave from the Navy. Vyto Morkunas, Ed Daniels, and Joe Sakaitis joined them at one of the Thruway restaurants where everyone reminisced over the convention happenings.

Summer over, vacation-wise, that is, back to work and back to the run-of-the-mill doings of our lives, also means back to our regular monthly K of L meetings. September 11 was our first meeting for the fall season and a large portion of our members showed up. Fr. Baltch opened the meeting with a prayer, after which Don Nikstenas asked the delegates to give a resume of what happened at the National Convention in Cleveland. Eleanor Stakauskas made the report and Gene Gobis added a few comments, such as increasing our Lithuanian Affairs Committee and writing more letters. Eleanore Baranauskas of Schenectady and Carolyn Kreisel volunteered to be members of this committee.

Sophie Olbie gave a report on our outing. She gave us the "Good Word" that we made money on the affair. Good planning, Sophie.

Milda Zemaitis attended our meeting, and advised us that she was leaving the following day for the University of Michigan to resume her studies.

Eagerly waiting to see Fr. Baltch's slides of his European vacation were Matt Kazlauskas, Sadie Karbus, Pauline Urban, Don and Mary Ann Nikstenas, Josephine Nikstenas, Margaret Boccio, Elea-

nor Stakauskas, Milda Zemaitis, Eleanore Baranauskas, Carolyn Kreisel, Sophie Olbie, and Gene Gobis. We saw parts of Lisbon, Rome, Munich, the French Riviera, Paris, and many other cities of Europe. Fr. Baltch visited with Msgr. Tulaba while in Rome. He watched a bull fight in Spain. Attended the opera in Rome and Paris. Visited the many cathedrals all over Europe.

Refreshments were served by Eleanor Stakauskas and Gene Gobis.



Miss Isabelle Rose Dopkus, C-100 member, was married to Milton McKinley of Hackensack, N.J., Saturday, September 9, in St. Casimir's Church, Amsterdam, N.Y. Rev. Robert K. Baltch officiated at the nuptial ceremony. Organist Joseph Olsauskas accompanied soloist Mrs. Sadie Wassel. The bridal party included Matron-of-honor, Mrs. Anthony Luzinas, former K of L'er and former "Sparkle" VYTIS correspondent; and bridesmaids, Gene Gobis and Elizabeth McKinley, sister of the groom.



Brooklyn -Queens - C-41

Carolyn Nagin

Greetings from the enlightened travelers of C-41. We are just about settling down after returning from a most successful National Convention. Our heartfelt thanks and congratulations are extended to the hosts, C-25 and Seniors of Cleveland, for making this affair such an enjoyable and unforgettable social and intellectual event. It was most encouraging to see such an overwhelming number of K of Lers present at all the sessions, despite the festive activities the night before. It is a heart-warming sight to see that the flame of loyalty still burns brightly in the heart of every true Lithuanian.

C-41 was adequately represented by two delegates and two alternates, namely, Eugene Marcis and Tony Mazeika, President and Vice-President respectively, and Joan Mazeika and Carolyn Nagin, Secretaries of our Council. We were also proud of our newest member, Grace Kulickauskas, who immediately showed her interest in the affairs of our organization by representing C-41 as a guest at the sessions.

On behalf of C-41, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to Bob Boris on his re-election into the office of Supreme Council President, and to wish him continued success in all future endeavors. Congratulations are also in order to the Scholarship winners of this year. They're all males and from New England!! Good luck, fellows, in your well-chosen careers!

On Sept. 10, a few of us joined in the fun of Jack Stukas' Picnic in Rahway, N.J. and as usual, we all had a wonderful time. Our sincere congratulations go to Joan Mazeika, who was chosen Miss Lithuania at this happy affair. I'm sure it'll be a memory Joan will always treasure.

On Sept. 17, some of us attended the N.Y. - N.J. District Convention in Great Neck, L.I. Many

important points of the Nat'l. Convention were reviewed and in addition, plans were made concerning the 1962 Nat'l. Convention in the N.Y.-N.J. Area. The dates were set for Aug. 22 to Aug. 26 and the hotel site chosen was in Newark, N.J. After all business was concluded, we were served a most delicious meal. Many thanks to all who provided such warm hospitality.

C-41 recently had a very successful meeting during which a plan of improvement of Council Affairs was drawn up and is now in full swing.

#### CHATTERBOX

Wonder what Stanley D. thought of the little visitor at his doorstep??? An interesting topic of conversation - The Facts of Rabbits or Salads, Salads and more Salads. . . . . Everyone received a royal welcome when the elevator door opened in front of Room 419 - A performance of the Council Can-Can Chorus Line. . . . Wonder what the girls of 705 were up to around 3 a.m.? Is that a telephone ringing next door? Who could be knocking at the door at this hour of the morning??? . . . . There's nothing like having a cup of sugar with a little coffee in it, as J.M. would say. . . . . Perfect picture background - The Osborne Medical Building. . . . . Some welcome back to the City - A refreshing cool shower through the car window!. . . . . Wonder who christened Stanley D. with a Scotch & Soda. . . . . Who were those femme fatales posing on top of that gleaming white convertible. . . . . All of a sudden, we have a new theme song - "Some Enchanted Evening" . . . . . Could it be possible that our President really enjoyed himself at this Convention????? . . . . Leave it to the fun-loving Zagers to really liven up any party. . . . . Confidential to Stan N. A sure cure for voicelessness - Alka-Seltzer on the Rocks. . . . Best of luck to Marie Nekunas who started her first year at Oneonta College on a New York State Scholarship. . .

Who were those two happy(???) mermaids at Rockaway Beach on the day after the night before. . . .

#### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Athol-Gardner, Mass. C-10

"Vincukas"

Rev. Pius Juraitis, Pastor of St. Francis Church, Athol, Mass. for 31 years has retired as of August.

We of C-10 wish Father Juraitis many years of health and happiness.

The Council honored its past chaplain and curate of St. Francis at a farewell party held recently at Frank Anoris' Camp on White's Pond. A 100% K of L attendance showed our esteem for him. Frank Anoris presented Father with a piece of luggage. Our best wishes to you, Father.

Summer notes. . .

Several of our members were seen at the Sports Spectacular held in Worcester during the summer. . . . Dr. Gailiunas, Bill Waslaske, Frank Anoris, Al Rodski and Howie Beaudette attended the jointly sponsored Worcester K of L beach trip held at fabulous Ocean Beach, New London, Conn. They claim it will be an annual affair with them from now on. . . Al Rodski, C-10 President, and Howie Beaudette traveled to Cleveland for the National Convention. . . Several of our members were in attendance at the N.E. District Convention held in Boston, Sept. 23-24. Those attending enjoyed themselves. . . Best of luck and all good wishes to Barbara Milosh, C-10 Past President and very active K of L'er, who became Mrs. Howie Gibbons October 21. Barb was guest-of-honor at a pre-nuptial dinner given by the council at the Old Mill in Westminster. The newlyweds will reside in Lowell. . .



Mary Piragis spent her two-week vacation at Tully Pond. Two quiet weeks, we are told. . . Mary Gauronsky spent her annual vacation at Hyannis. . . Frances Milosh and Betty Tarpey spent their vacation on the Cape. . . Bill Waslaske helped his father on the farm. . . Bill Wisnauskas painted the family "Dvaras" and spent four rainy days in Falmouth with Al Rodski and Vyt Vaskevich . . . Dr. Gailiunas claims he spent his vacation in town. We wonder! . . . We of Gardner are happy to have as our new Lithuanian curate, Rev. John Liubauskas, who hails from St. Casimir's, Worcester. We wish you many happy years in town, Father John.

#### Member of the Month

Rev. John C. Jutt, has become the newly-appointed pastor of St. Francis Church. A native of Westfield, Father Jutt was graduated from Westfield High School in 1932 and completed his seminary studies at Grand Seminary of Montreal. He was ordained May 18, 1940 by Bishop O'Leary in Springfield.

Father Jutt served as curate at Our Lady of Vilna and St. Casimir's, Worcester. He served as a Notary for the Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal since 1951.

Father Jutt is a Past K of L National Chaplain, Honorary Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee and annually makes the presentation of the K of L Award Medal to a non-Lithuanian on behalf of his efforts for the Lithuanian cause.

We of C-10 and his many friends throughout the area wish Father Jutt the best in all his efforts and wish to congratulate him on his first pastorate.

South Boston, Mass. - C 17

Nakties Peleda

Members of C-17 thank the last correspondent Ann Onimus, namely Wanda Yelmokas, for the wonderful reporting of council activit-

ies and wish her well on her new duties. Wanda has taken a position with the U.S. Army, teaching the dependent children. Cards and letters may reach her at the following address: Karlsruhe American Elementary School, A.P.O. 164, New York, N. Y.

The annual fall dance will take place on November 25th. The capable committee in charge of this event include: Johnny O, Ed Rudis, Alice Zaremba, Mary Kraneles, Loretta Kontrim, Janet Gidek, Brenda Statskey, Diane Plevock, Jerry and Rita Venis, Helen Suprin, Gus Uselis and Ray Z.

The revival of the council paper is to take place in the near future and all of the council activities and news will be related. Editor-in-Chief, Johnny O, and staff, Alice Zaremba, Jerry and Rita Venis, Diane Plevock and Joe Svagzys, want all the help they can get from the members for news and articles.

A drive, headed by President Jerry Venis, is on to catch up with the delinquent members.

An important committee, comprised of members John Olevitz, Rita Venis and Diane Plevock, was formed to look into the organizing of a junior council. Please give this committee your active support because without young blood coming in, the K of L will dissipate.

C-17's clubroom sports a scrumptious new look. A committee under the tutelage of Alice Zaremba, vigorously washed, scraped and painted the clubroom and had it completed in time to greet members for the October meeting. The painting and cleaning crew were: Jerry and Rita Venis, Butch Venis, Mary Kraneles, Johnny O, Rudy, Loretta Kontrim, Al Jaritis, Diane Plevock, Bill Gorski, Ray Zibinskis, Paula Bernotes, Ray Slinger, Brenda Statsky, Gussie Uselis, Joe Svagzys. Many thanks to all who were able to donate their time and effort for club improvements.

We have a new member to relate about. She is Brenda Statskey, a graduate of South Boston High

School. Brenda took to the club like a duck takes to water by enthusiastically pitching and working on a couple committees.

C-17 has an offshoot club called, "The Bill Gorski Hiking and Marching Society." This is Bill's answer to JFK's physical fitness program. We take our hiking seriously and for the past couple of months have been climbing the Big Blue both in the day as well as the night. So, come and join this society and hike for pleasure. A reward awaits one and all at "Gramps."

Our profound sorrow goes to two former members who have lost dear ones. To Rita Waitkunis on the loss of her beloved father and to John Waygan on the loss of his beloved wife. Also to the family of Dr. Joseph Antenelis.

May we thank Cleveland for extending their wonderful hospitality to all of the councils at the 48th Convention.

#### Tid-Bits from Stalag 17

Bronis Martus completed his term at Boston College and received his Master's Degree in Mathematics. Please note: Mary Martus, of Italian extraction, has a set of Lithuanian lessons designed for Italians and will really be speaking Lithuanian fluently soon.

The following entered the "for better or worse club," Frank Averka and Mary Anne Russell, Anthony Shallna, Jr. and Joanne Neviera, Charles Marcinacavius and Ann Wisniewski, Joseph Casper, Jr. and Loretta Leschinskis, Joseph Harrington and Lorraine Whitkens, Thomas Kearney and Aldona Jacobs.

Angie Yelmokas toured the great state of Texas with her family. How yo' all? Aloha, Ann and Mary Kleponis, may you have a great adventure on your trip to wonderful Hawaii.

Al Jaritis, please tell the public the reason for those long trips to Maine. Is it really in the line of duty or do you like peanuts that much?



We are losing another hard worker from the council in January, 1962. . . rumor has it that it's 1st Lt. Frances A. Daniels, Air Force Nurse Corps. . . Please Fran, take it easy on the enlisted men, don't work them too hard. Fran is slated to leave for Alabama for 3-weeks training and then some station in the west. Good luck, Fran.

Congratulations to Madeline Druzdis upon her graduation and receiving her R. N.

Robert and Phyllis (Rudis) Gendreau have added a new member to their household, namely Michael Joseph.

John (oh, how I hate to get up in the morning!) Olevitz has been very busy of late with the Bostono Lietuvių Mišrus Choras. John went to Chicago for the Dainų Šventė, then to Brockton, Mass. and lastly to Cleveland. Leo and Albina, who are also members of the choral group, took Johnny O in tow and chaperoned him so that he wouldn't lose himself or his baggage.

Janet Gidek has changed positions and is now an accountant with Old Mr. Boston Distillery. Have you taken a tour of the plant yet, Janet?

Worcester, Mass. C-26 "Ellie"

Many thanks to Cleveland for the wonderful time they showed all of us from 26. We hope to reciprocate some day soon. I don't think any of us will ever forget that wonderful Vyčiu Wedding.

C-26's 45th Anniversary commemoration was a huge success. A banquet was held at Eden Gardens in Worcester, with an attendance of over 150. Main speaker for the evening was our good friend from New Jersey, Jack Stukas. Another speaker was one of our Charter Members, Joseph Bacys, still active in our K of L, even after 45 years. It is spirit, such as his, that makes our Council what it is, and makes the K of L the great organization that it is.

After the banquet, we danced to the music of Bob Zinkus and his Orchestra, He is still one of the best around when it comes to the Lithuanian folk dances. Some of those who made such good impressions on the dance floor were the younger set: Joe Godek, Tommy Zemaitis, Franny Mattrick, Carol and Mike Zuma, the White sisters, Mary and Joe Zaleskas, Mary and Jay Paulukonis and a host of others. The ones responsible for the wonderful time were Joe Drumstas, Joe Sakaitis, Rita Pinkus, Hellen Gillus, and Marge Ranucci.

Summer flashbacks. . .

Though none of us are squares, we all appreciate a good square dance. That's why close to 100 of us made the trip to Trow's Farm and had ourselves one grand time. Some were so anxious to get started, they arrived before the festivities began. To pass the time away, they started to play volleyball. The single men, captained by burly Ed Daniels defeated the married men, captained by Stan Kamendulis. . . Belle of the Ball was none other than Ellie Anusauskas, who came dressed in a fancy creation of nothing but burlap bags. I have never seen burlap put to such good use. Very good job, Ellie.

A good number of us went to see the Boston Red Sox - Yankee game in Boston, under the care of Joe Kondratas. The poor fellow couldn't get rid of all his tickets, so he ended up selling them in front of the stadium.

Everyone who attended our Summer Sports Spectacular had a wonderful time, proof of this can be seen in the movie pictures of all of us in action. I think the most humorous of activities was the egg-throwing contest. In this affair, Father Mike was a winner. He also was a whiz in the basketball and volleyball games. He just seems to have a natural aptitude when it comes to athletics. No spectacular would be complete without some water ballet and this one was no exception. We had our

usual number who didn't have bathing suits, but ended up in the water anyhow. Among the lucky(?) ones were Carol Tagman, Ellie Anusauskas, Bill Grigas, Rich Karsok. The others were smart enough to wear their suits. We will have to wait till another time to get them!

Next, we had our annual beach trip to New London, Conn., which is one of the social highlights of the year. You never saw so many men with crazy hats on! Jack Mattrick with his crazy umbrella hat, Bob Alex with his Schlitz hat, Bill Grigas with a golf course on his head, and others wearing hats that defy description.

After that, most of us rested up getting ready for the Convention. It's a good thing that we did, what with all the activity that those Cleveland people had prepared for us. Our little advertising did its bit. Everyone there will remember that we'll go, "Back to the sticks in '66' and to "Heaven in '67" . . . Congratulations to those who brought fame and honor to 26. To Rita Pinkus and Bill Grigas, who wrote over a 100 letters, and to both of them upon their election to the Supreme Council, Rita as Financial Secretary and Bill as Vice President in Charge of Membership. Also to Carol Tagman and Vyto (Sparky) Morkunas who won bowling trophies. Also to Jacky Ridick and Gene Borek, winners of \$200.00 scholarships. C-26 really came back with a lot. Let's keep our Council in the news and in the limelight.

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After a very active summer season, what with a mountain climbing trip, a cook-out, summer spectacular and beach trip, both latter affairs combined activities with C-26, our Council has swung right into what looks like a heavy fall season. A fish fry was held in September with Ralph Bachinskas, Sr. and Junior in full charge.



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Not only did they catch the fish but they cooked it too. Nice work, boys, and thank you for a real good social. Also in September, the K of L Choir outing was held. Bob Paluses once again took charge of this affair. Bob is famous for his barbecue sauce, and our outings would not be the same without him. Congratulations to the committee. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Our Tuesday night bowling schedule has been resumed at the Strand Alleys. The Orioles, captained by John Andrusky, is in first place.

#### Dis and Data

Congratulations to Bernice Kavadaris on being elected President of the N. E. District, and to Barbara Mazeika as Vice-President. Ann Miller was re-elected Sports Chairman again for the coming year.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. & Mrs. John Yurkenas on the birth of their first child, a daughter. . . Likewise to Mr. & Mrs. William Burdulis, Jr., who also had a baby daughter. . . It was nice to see Bernice Burdulis home for a vacation from Miami. . . Mary Mrozinski has an addition to the family, a French Poodle. He takes Mary walking every evening. . . Louise Totilas is off to Washington for her vacation. . . Dot Sinkavitch and Mary Klimkaitis who are the outdoorsy type, spent a weekend camping out in the wilds of New Hampshire. . . It's back to secretarial school for Joan Cashman. . . Eight of our members traveled to Cleveland for the National Convention, they are still talking about it, so all must have

had a good time. Congratulations are extended to Ann Kokernak, Milly Lapinskas, Barbara Mazeika, Marion Lukason, and John Andruska and his family for receiving a plaque for writing all those letters for Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Our Council as a group wrote the most letters, 1,029 to be exact. And one person who wrote the most letters as an individual was John Andruska. . . Did you know that Ann Miller won a trophy for the best "golfer" and Marion Lukason for the best "Bowler"??? at the Convention. . .

#### 'Ansonia, Conn. - C-135

Here is a brief summary of important K of L summer events to look back on with pleasure: C-135's Eleventh Anniversary Banquet; Our Pastor's, Rev. George Vilciauskas, 20-Year Ordination Anniversary; A 25th Wedding Anniversary for Ann and Al Barry; A First Wedding Anniversary for Helen and Peter Gumbulevich; Bowling Banquet; Annual outing at March's Farm; Parish Bazaar; and bus excursion to the Marion Fathers' Picnic.

Our second cookout took place at Helen and Pete's "Grove," at their kind invitation. Volley ball once again highlighted the activities. . . Jack Tyson coming through with some very tricky plays.

Bowling was met with very good participation every Wednesday evening and will continue in full swing every Sunday afternoon - guests invited.

Many get well wishes are extended to Helen Valentine. We miss you, Helen.

May you find much contentment in your new homes, Gloria and Floyd; Frances and John.

There's a heavy fall schedule coming up - join us!

### CALIFORNIA DISTRICT



Members of C-133, Los Angeles with guest, Jack Stukas

### K of L CALENDAR

- November 18-19, C-3, Philadelphia 20th Anniversary Celebrations. Ruta Ansamblis concert and dance November 18. 10:30 a.m. Mass, Communion Breakfast November 19, St. Casimir's Church, 324 Wharton St.
- November 22 - C-112, Chicago, K of L Building, Thanksgiving Eve Dance.
- November 25 - C-102, Detroit, K of L Reunion Dance at Lithuanian Veterans Memorial Bldg., 16003 W., Warren.
- November 26 - Bowling - Supper Club. Hosts: C-5, Chicago.