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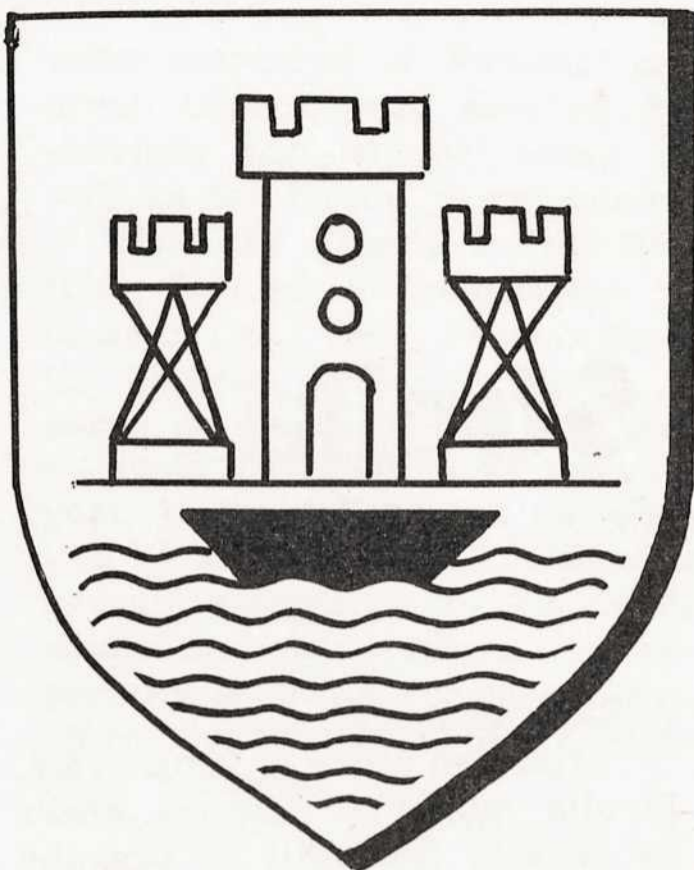
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KLAIPĖDA ir Sausio 15-ji

Lietuvių vokiečių ginčai dėl Klaipėdos Krašto siekia viduramžius ir kurie išsisprendė tik 1923 m. sausio 15 d. Tačiau to krašto amžina globėja - Baltijos jūra liko nuo mūsų taip kaip ir mūsų Tėvynė, Didžioji Lietuva, už tūkstančių mylių. Ta jūra amžiais dainavo dar begimstančiai lietuvių tautai lopšinės dainas ir gintarinių krantų gojuose dar prieš istoriniais laikais laimingai gyveno laisvi mūsų protėviai.

Tas kraštas šiandieną įvairiai vadinamas: Vakarų Lietuva, Mažoji Lietuva, Pajūrio Lietuva, Gintaro Lietuva, Klaipėdos Kraštas ir t.t. Nesvarbu kaip mes tą kraštą dabar bevadintum, bet svarbu kiekvienam lietuviui yra išpažįstama tiesa, kad tas kraštas yra Lietuvos dalis, kad to krašto gyventojai yra lietuviai ir kad tas kraštas yra lietuvių tautos nedalomą kūną.

Tačiau didelė dalis lietuviškų rytinių žemių buvo pagrobta lenkų, net su pačia sostine Vilnium. Taip pat nepavyko atgauti etnografinių sienų ir vakaruose, nes po I. p. Karo Versalio Taikos Konferencija Klaipėdos Kraštą paveda prancūzų globai, vienam iš sąjungininkų laimėjusių karą. Tokiu patvarkymu labai buvo nepatenkinti nei Didžioji Lietuva, nei Mažoji. Ypač pastaroji be pertraukos skelbė pasauliui, kad Klaipėdos Kraštas yra lietuviškas ir kad jo gyventojai pageidauja būtinai susi-

jungti į vieną Lietuvos šeimą.

Didž. Lietuvos vyriausybė, prisimindama to krašto brolius, kurie per 700 metų buvo vokiečių priespaudoje, išlaikė savo kalbą, papročius, tradicijas, dirbo ta kryptimi keletą metų, kad kraštą sujungtų į vieną nedalomą valstybę.

Be to, abiejų kraštų lietuvius rišo dar ir tai, kad tame krašte buvo atspausdinta pirmoji lietuviška knyga; iš ten atėjo lietuviška pirmoji maldaknygė; dr. Basanavičiaus "Aušra" sušvito; dr. Kudirkos "Varpas" suskambėjo; Vaižganto "Tėvynės Sargas" spaudos sargybą nešė ir "Apžvalga" net ten buvo spausdinama ir iš ten knygnešių nešama. Klaipėdos Krašto prijungimo problema kas kart brendo ir stiprėjo. Ir štai 1923 m. sausio 15 d. susiklosčius palankioms aplinkybėms, vietos gyventojų buvo suruoštas sukilimas, kuris beveik be jokio kraujo praliejimo kraštą prijungė prie Lietuvos.

Tenka pripažinti, kad tai buvo vienas iš pačių svarbiausių ir ryžtingiausių Nepriklausomos

Lietuvos gyvenimo įvykių. Tas laimėjimas buvo lietuvių tautos pasididžiavimas ir tautos istorijoje įrašytas aukso raidėmis.

Klaipėdos Krašto atvadavimas ir prijungimas prie Didž. Lietuvos buvo ryškus Lietuvos posūkis į Vakarus. Tuo prijungimu buvo sustiprinta naujai atkurtoji Lietuvos valstybė, tarptautinės politikos atžvilgiu buvo laimėtas didelis svoris, sudarytos sąlygos padidinti valstybės turtus, pakelti krašto ekonominę gerovę ir buvo žingsnis arčiau tikslo atstatyti Lietuvą etnografinėse sienose.

Tačiau Klaipėdos Krašto padangė nuo pat prijungimo dienos nebuvo tinkamai pragiedrėjus, nes iš kitos pusės, kaip koks Damoklo kardas virš Klaipėdos krašto kabėjo. Ir štai 1939 m. kovo 22 d. grobonis Hitleris tą kraštą nuo Lietuvos atplėšė; iš krašto geriausius patrijotus gyventojus lietuvius išžudė, išvaikė. Atseit, Lietuvai Klaipėdos Kraštu džiaugtis teko neilgai. O dabar kaip Didžiosios Lietuvos, taip ir Klaipėdos Krašto padėtis vienoda.



PROFILE.....

Faustas Strolia

by Loretta Kassel

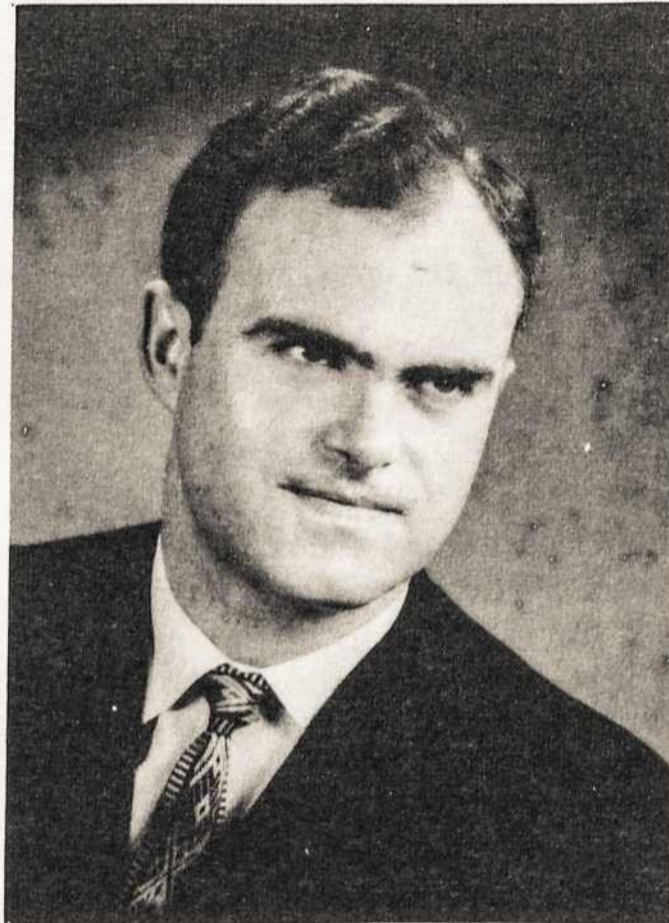
"Mr. Music Man" has arrived in Chicago - and has endeared himself to the Lithuanian community and especially to the Knights of Lithuania - in this area and elsewhere! No, Forrest Tucker hasn't turned Lithuanian, but rather FAUSTAS STROLIA has been discovered by the K of L, and has already become an integral part of it.

A bundle of enthusiasm, ability and ambition set to music, Faustas, at any given moment, is likely to be busy instilling a love of Lithuanian culture - s o m e w h e r e in the city. Monday nights, his talents are concentrated on teaching to the Illinois-Indiana District K of L Choir the beauty of Lithuanian songs.

A talented, musical family provided Faustas Strolia with his basic musical training. His father, Juozas Strolia, is a noted viola-ist and also a composer, while his mother was an accomplished concert singer. It was no wonder that all three Strolia sons became talented musicians. (Vytautas is a professional bassoonist, while Herkulis is a prize winning violinist.)

Already at the age of 8, Faustas was studying violin and piano theory at the Conservatory in his native Lithuania. At the age of 10, he fled Lithuania with his parents and settled for 15 years in Germany. Here, attendance at the Lithuanian High School in a Displaced Persons camp reaffirmed his love of Lithuania and his desire to keep her culture alive.

After studying at the Pontifical Music Institute in Rome, Mr. Stro-



lia set out to begin his musical career at the age of 17. He worked in Germany as an organist, as leader of several choirs, and as a counsellor at Youth Summer Camps. At 18, he began working with the Lithuanian Labor Service Units, directing Men's Choirs, and continued with this work for 6 years, until he decided to emigrate to the USA.

Faustas' fears of not finding a niche among the many famous Lithuanian musicians now residing in the U.S. were short-lived, for he quickly found himself a position as organist in St. Francis Church, (Lithuanian), East Chicago, Ind. While organist there, he proceeded to also organize and direct a parish choir, a men's octet, and a mixed octet. In his spare(?) time, Faustas conducted a Lituanistic class in Lithuanian song and dance for

parish teenagers.

After two years in Indiana, Mr. Strolia moved to Chicago, where he became (and still is) organist and music teacher at Presentation Church and School, resp. Lest his spare time and talents be wasted, Faustas worked as assistant choir director of Pirmyn Chorus, and later became choir-master of the Dainavos Ensemble and the Chicago Lithuanian Opera Choir.

With such a schedule, the average person surely would find himself overworked. But Faustas still found time to assume the position of music teacher in the Lithuanian High School (Aukštesnioji Lituanistinė Mokykla), to direct grammar school students' Lithuanian Song Dance Ensembles in Chicago's Marquette Park, Brighton Park, and Bridgeport neighborhoods, and to direct the Ateitis Junior Dancers.

When life and activity in Chicago slows down for the summer, Faustas follows the children to the Dainava Camp in Manchester, Mich., where he continues to teach and counsel them. Here, in 1960, Faustas and the K of L were introduced to each other, while he served as Music and Dance Director of the first Knights of Lithuania Juniors' Camp held there - and it was "love at first sight." When the children - many of them third and fourth generation Americans who knew no Lithuanian - came home singing Lithuania's folk songs and demonstrating her native dances, parents and the camp committee alike

were convinced of Faustas' unusual talents, and secured his services for the 1961 camp as well as for future years' camps.

When the Illinois-Indiana District decided to reorganize its choir in Dec., 1960, Faustas Strolia seemed naturally suited to serve as director - and has been active in that position for the past year to the delight and satisfaction of all involved. The Choir's overall acceptance by Chicago's music conscious Lithuanians, especially after its recent concert, offers the best proof of Mr. Strolia's success.

Hobbies? When Faustas finishes a long day of traveling across the city to teach the 1000 or more children and the several hundred adults he comes in contact with each week - he relaxes with music. Out comes his accordian, followed by music and instructions for folk dancing (after a choir rehearsal) or for community singing (after dance practice).

What does Faustas Strolia deem most important among his many jobs? Two things top his list. . . teaching the American-Lithuanian children, to capture the Lithuanian Spirit among them, and teaching the K of L Choir, to keep the Lithuanian Spirit alive! His most gratifying experiences were his introduction to the Knights of Lithuania Juniors' Camp and the Ateitis Juniors' Dance Ensemble, for the sincere Lithuanian spirit found among those children, third and fourth generation Americans, was most unexpected and inspiring.

At the tender age of 31, Faustas, with his overflowing enthusiasm, his charming and gentle personality, and his unselfish giving of his many talents, has already begun creating sparks of love of song and dance in all with whom he has come in contact! May the years to come help him to reach greater heights - and allow him continued success, particularly in fostering the appreciation of the rich cultural heritage of Lithuania.

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

From knowledge comes love

The knowledge many have about people, places and things is often very superficial, because they only know about certain places, people and things. They do not really know them.

Nowadays many human idols are worshiped and many feign love for them. They know much about them: their mannerisms, biographical data, personal tastes, etc. If they really got to know them by personal contact and conversation, they might learn to love them sincerely.

Maybe the detailed knowledge of them would even make them hate the objects of their knowledge. On the other hand, more sincere knowledge about a person, place or thing can change hate into love.

There is the beautiful example of the prejudice of Nathaniel, the Apostle, about the greatness of Christ. All was changed between them when Christ spoke but two sentences to him. Nathaniel followed Christ, even unto death.

Do many of us really want to know about Christ? Are we afraid of the crown of thorns on His Head? Do we figure that the cross that

He carried might be placed on our shoulders if we tried to follow Him after really getting to know Him intimately?

Even now, we pray to Him and heed His commands to a certain extent. We dare not get any closer to Christ for fear of the consequences of truly sincere love of Him. We think we may lose our freedom, because to love sincerely is to sacrifice for the beloved.

Some put off the intimate meeting and it never comes about. Then others, in hours of pain or sorrow, meet with Our Lord and they can never be pushed away again because the meeting is so wonderful.

The meeting can be arranged at any time, there is no need to wait for pain or sorrow. It is better to meet with Him on happier occasions. The joy will be more intense and the acquaintance more profitable.

Love that is begot from knowledge makes service of Him a joy.

P. P. ČINIKAS, MIC.

KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA CHOIR



Principals at the Choir's Concert, the Choir . . .



. . . the audience, . . .



. . . and the artists, l. to r. John Byanskas, accompanist; Prudencija Bičkienė, soloist; Algird Brazis, soloist; Faustas Strolia, director.

"Te Zydi Vėliai Lietuva". . .
 "May Lithuania Blossom Again"
 . . . The title of the recent concert given by the Knights of Lithuania (Illinois - Indiana District) Choir, may well be the choir's year-around motto also. The love of song and the K of L's desire to enjoy and advertise Lithuania's music brought about the choir's reorganization a year ago, and since then, it has been contributing significantly to the "blossoming" of Lithuania's beautiful folk songs.

The choir, by no means a newcomer to the K of L scene, was originally organized in 1915 by Leonard Simutis, Sr. and John J-Kazanauskas (also the choir's first president). Prof. Alexander Aleksis was its first director. Under Prof. Aleksis and subsequent directors A. Pocius, J. Sauris, and Leonard Simutis, Jr., the choir enjoyed much popularity through appearances throughout the USA. Significant among their accomplishments were an appearance at the New York World's Fair, and their performances of "Vytauto Didžiojo Kantata" (Vytautas' the Great Cantata) and the Operetta "Gražuolė", which they repeated many times on various occasions in Chicago and elsewhere.

On Dec. 5, 1960, after 9 years of inactivity, the choir was reactivated largely through the efforts of Estelle Rogers, Eleanore Laurin, Juozas Ulevičius, and Loretta Kassel, and began almost immediately to again advertise the name of the K of L in the Chicago area. Under the able direction of Faustas Strolia and the leadership of Estelle Rogers, President, the choir made its debut Feb. 11, 1961, during the Ill.-Ind. District K of L "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet. They appeared next in a concert at St. Francis Parish in

Indiana, and then represented Lithuania at various Chicago Civic Affairs, including the Back of the Yards Fair, the International Trade Fair, the Blossom Time Festival, and the Christmas Around the World Festival at the Museum of Science and Industry.

Encouraged by these appearances, the Choir ventured to formally enter the Chicago Lithuanian music world - with a full concert Nov. 12, 1961. Presenting a balanced program of selected folk songs and modern Lithuanian compositions, and featuring talented soloists Algird Brazis and Prudencija Bičkienė, and accompanist John Byanskas, the concert more than thrilled and won over the gathered audience of 600 filling the Jesuit Youth Center's auditorium. Already, several offers to record the concert, and to repeat it in various parts of the country, have been received.

Not the least of the choir's accomplishments is its success in bringing together in happy harmony Americans of Lithuanian descent and Lithuanian-born immigrants. About one-third of the choir members are former Lithuanian refugees who fled Communist rule, while the remaining two-thirds are first, second, even fourth generation Americans. All have found a common bond of friendship - the love of singing, particularly Lithuanian songs!

During the Banquet which followed the Nov. 12 Concert, it was significant that words of respect and praise were heaped not only on the Choir, but also on the K of L in general, both local and national. Why not - since such activity points up so clearly one of chief aims of the Knights of Lithuania, that of keeping Lithuania's culture alive. Perhaps this choir and its success will spur other K of L cities to organize similar groups. Imagine the impact of featuring, during the Golden Jubilee Convention, a K of L "Dainu Šventė" - made up of K of L Choirs from various parts of the USA. "Te Žydi Vėliai Lietuva!"



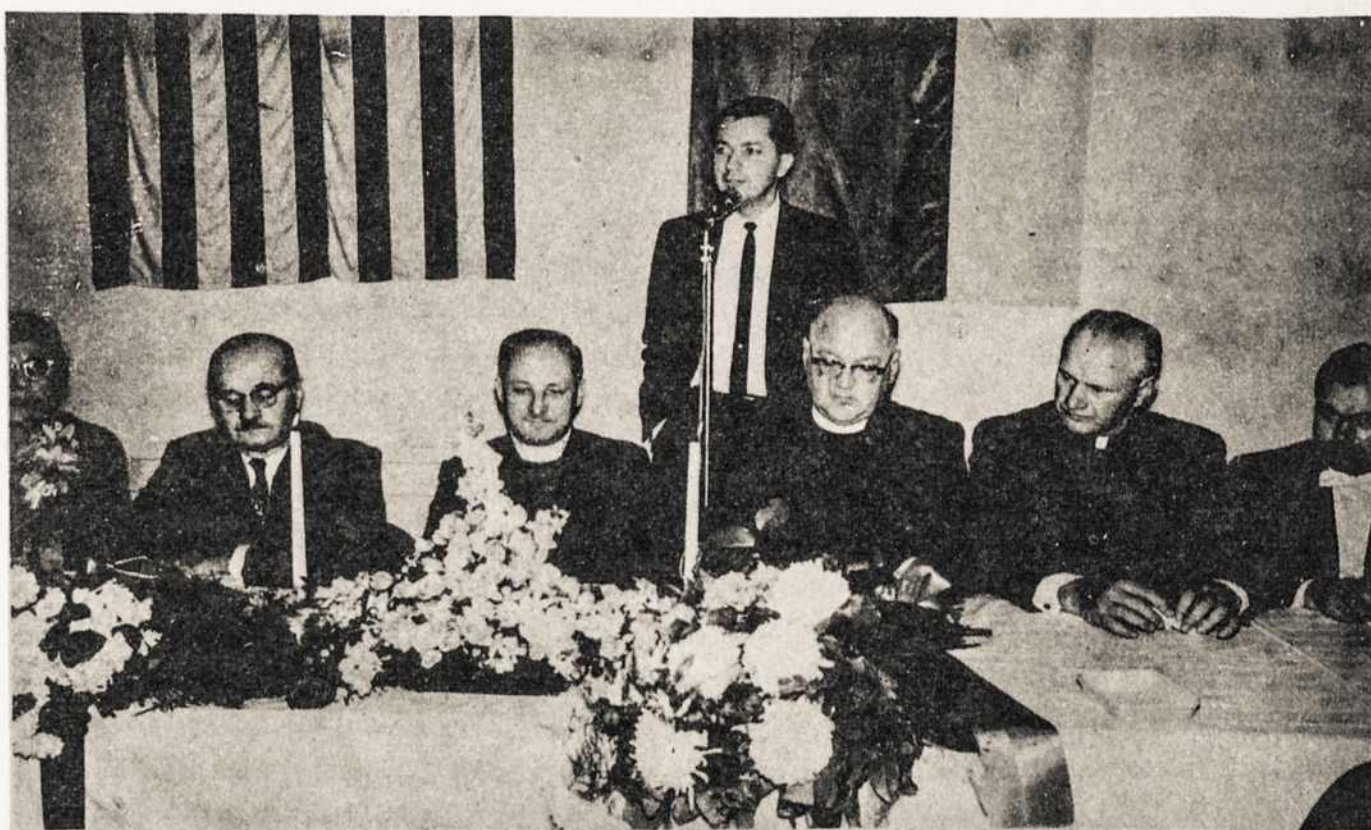
Guests at Post Concert Banquet



E. Laurin, Ill.-Ind. District President, J. Kazanauskas, Honorary Concert Chairman, E. Rogers, Choir President and Concert Chairman.



F. Strolia receives congratulations from I. Motekaitienė, noted soloist & music critic.



R. Boris addresses Banquet. Special guests pictured, l.t. r.: Mrs. P. Dauzvardis, Hon. P. Dauzvardis, His Excellency Bishop V. Brizgys, Rev. A. Zakarauskas, Rev. Jancius, F. Strolia.

Part 2.

"Good Old Days" or "Good Old Daze"?

by John V. Chervokas

The

K of L IN THE DECADE AHEAD

Stalin is gone from his tomb. It was no miracle. He was removed by men.

For all its evil imagery, the removal of Stalin's body from its Red Square resting place points up the inevitable, unavoidable, however-you-slice-it "mortality of man." Even though we are living in an age of ready-made heroes, there can be no true worship or idolization of any man on earth, no matter what that man might be, no matter what that man may have done.

Now, what has all this to do with the K of L? Simply this - though we as Knights of Lithuania respect and rejoice in the memory of our organization's founders and early pioneers, we should realize that this is a society of principle and purpose rather than one of personality. It is unfortunate that the example of Stalin is used for illustration, but it happens to be obvious and timely.

The only personality associated with the K of L is the distinct per-

sonality of a country - Lithuania; of a people - Lithuanians; and of a heritage - Lithuanianism.

Let's thank God for Norkunas, but let's not thank Norkunas as a god.

Some years ago, shortly after Mr. Morkunas' death, the K of L held a memorial service for his memory at his graveside in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Eulogies and recitations were sympathetically and properly delivered. However, unrestrained emotion overshadowed the ceremonies when those present were requested to kneel and take a vow to the deceased K of L founder. Vow to him that they work long and hard for the goals he had established! And people actually did kneel and pray to a man; albeit a dedicated and self-sacrificing individual, but still just a man.

Fortunately, recent K of L leaders have managed to elude hero worship. Lola, Wesley, and the late Walter Chinik were diligent servants, hard-working representatives of the Knights of Lithuania. There were no cults or followings attributed to them, and none should have been.

We are an organization that must of necessity work in many diverse circles - religious, athletic, social, cultural, and political. Our leaders, therefore, must be talented, adaptable people, guided by the intellect rather than the emotions, common sense rather than uncommon oratory. In an age of specialization, adaptable people are rare. However, we must find them, develop them, and use them.

But what about "the good old days"? Frankly, the adaptable egghead wasn't needed then. The purpose of the K of L was guided by the wants of the immigrants, for the most part poor people,

dispossessed of their beloved home and heritage. The leaders of 1913 were "fire and brimstone," "give 'em hell" rabble-rousers with a most important, most justifiable contention. Let's remember these men for giving us a beginning. But let's develop their thinking along modern sophisticated lines.

Let's be as versatile as our God-given talents allow. Let's "give 'em hell" if we must, with a certain amount of dignity, and a more-than-fair-share of intelligence. Let's take an all-encompassing interest in our organization rather than specializing in the social, the athletic, or the cultural aspect.

Let's pray for more leaders, less followers. And remember the new leader is not necessarily a drab, dull, supersystematic organizer. I hope I have not paint-

ed that picture. On the contrary, he or she is a dynamic doer, without personal ambition, but with a deep respect for the past, and a burning desire for a change.

At your next council election, think of our history, the organization's bold beginning, its sometimes slow development, and its coming resurgence. Think of the people that YOU will elect to lead YOUR organization. If they are "old school" likeable guys with big smiles, vigorous handshakes, and ready wallets at the council picnic, are they also K of L'ers with real leadership ability? Are they willing to give their time, talent, and SELF to a cause that has no glamour, to a job that earns no thanks?

And come to think of it, are you willing yourself?

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Next Month - Life With Father Can Make Us Or Break Us

OFFICIAL NEWS

RULES - 1962 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The drive will be conducted for a period of four months from January 1, 1962 to April 30, 1962. The prizes will consist of four awards:

- A - Individual
- B - Council (2 Awards)
- C - District

The individual awards will be calculated from a point system as follows:

1. Organizing a Jr. K. of L. council - 100 points.
2. Organizing a new K. of L. council - 75 points.
3. Reorganizing a dormant K of L council - 50 points
4. Each new member brought into the council - 10 points.

Council awards shall be divided into two categories:

1. Councils with 1 to 30 members
2. Councils with 30 or more members

A quota of 50% of the paid up members as of December 31, 1961 will be used. This will give the councils with a lesser membership draw a better chance to compete with those councils having a greater membership draw.

The district award will be given to the district with the highest total of new members. This award is made in an effort to get the districts behind the drive.

The rules of the 1962 Membership Drive are as follows:

1. Only new members brought into the council between the months of January 1, 1962 and April 30, 1962 will count towards the drive.
2. Payment of one year's dues is required of the new members.
3. New members will be classed as follows:
 - a. People joining the K of L for the first time.
 - b. Former members rejoining the K of L.
 - c. Jr. K of L members advancing into the regular K of L.
4. Reinstated Members:
 - a. Individual (former member rejoining the K of L - 10 points)
 - b. Married couple (both former members being reinstated - 20 points)
 - c. Married couple (one being reinstated; the other a new member - 20 points)
5. Transfers from other councils do not count as new members.
6. The records of the Supreme Council Financial Secretary will be used in determining the winners.
7. Supreme Council Officers not eligible for this award.

KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 1961

A meeting of the Supreme Council, Knights of Lithuania, was held October 14, 1961 in the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The meeting opened with a prayer at 4 P.M. Robert Boris, presided. Attending the meeting were:

Rev. Walter Stanievich - National Spiritual Advisor

Rev. Walter C. Karaveckas - Mid-Central District Advisor

Robert Boris - President

Helen Shields - 1st Vice President

William Grigas - 2nd Vice President

Ursula Yankauskas - Recording Secretary

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Anthony Buknis - Treasurer - Mid-Central District

Ann Uznis - Guest

Ann Bucinskas - Guest

Veronica Katkas - Guest

Helen Zimmer - Guest

Ursula Yankauskas, Secretary, read the minutes of the August 24th and August 27th meetings and these were accepted as read.

A letter dated September 15, 1961 from Msgr. Francis Juras of the Lithuanian R.C. Priests' League of America was read approving the election of Rev. J. Walter Stanievich of St. Anthony's Parish-Detroit as National Spiritual Advisor.

A letter dated October 1, 1961 was also read from Joseph Leimonas thanking the K of L for the beautiful watch presented him on behalf of the Supreme Council for his work as editor of the VYTIS these past 11 years.

Officers' reports were given as follows:

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Father Stanievich advised that the VYTIS had not as yet been sent out to all Lithuanian parishes as planned

inasmuch as they lacked addresses. The Sisters of Putnam, The Kunigu Vieniye and Draugas will be contacted to see if these addresses can be obtained.

To stimulate more interest in Council meetings, Father Stanievich recommended a religious program be followed, setting aside 10 to 15 minutes of each meeting following the CFM method. It was recommended that each Council elect a Catholic Action Chairman and that the Chairman appoint a member monthly to take charge of the program and be prepared to lead an intelligent discussion on a picked topic. It was also planned to devote a page in the VYTIS each month on a religious topic to tie in with the religion program that could be used by the Councils. Father Karaveckas recommended that Spiritual Advisors be placed on the mailing list so that they could assist in seeing that this program is being carried out lest members become lax. A follow-up system should be worked out to see that Councils are working on this program and it was recommended that a report be made to the District Spiritual Advisor. A motion was made and carried to work with Father on this program.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Robert Boris mentioned his conversation with Msgr. Ragazinskas of Sao Paulo re re-establishing ties with the K of L in Brazil and also he suggested to Msgr. L. Tubala that students in Rome send in articles to the VYTIS. The first Supreme Council Newsletter had been sent out. Robert Boris also directed the re-organization of C-102 Juniors into two groups, high-school and grade school. Al Janks was requested to prepare a PROGRAMMING Booklet and have this mimeographed.

1st VICE - PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Helen Shields reported that Mrs. Bunikas of Detroit was requested to reserve Camp Dainava for the K of L summer camp for next summer. She also reported that a concentrated effort will be made to publish the Junior page monthly this year in the VYTIS. The aims of the Supreme Council Juniors' Committee were formulated together with a letter, questionnaire and suggested duties for each committee member and mailed to them. The committee consists of 14 members. Arrangements were made to have a High School group organized

in Newark.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENTS' REPORT: Bill Grigas reported that the Membership Drive will commence in January through the 1st of May and he recommended that each Council elect a Membership Chairman. A special article will appear in the November issue of the VYTIS announcing the campaign and using the slogan "2 for 62.". He emphasized that more personal contact would be put into the drive this year.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Rita Pinkus said that she had not forwarded her books to Al Kassel and reported that 16 new members have joined the Knights of Lithuania since August and that the Norwood Council has been reactivated.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

New England District: Bernice Kavadaras reported that the Annual Fall Convention was held in South Boston, Sunday, September 24th and hosted by Council 17. New District Officers were elected. Letter writing and membership campaigns are both planned. The District will also participate and aid Lawrence C-79 to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Mr. Norkunas' death. The District will buy and sell K of L seals in the New England area.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS: Helen Zimmer requested on behalf of Irene Sankus, Chairman, a list of chairmen of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee and would like District Presidents to so notify Chairman.

RITUAL COMMITTEE: Rita Pinkus showed samples of the Rosary Booklets which could be presented to family of deceased after completion of Rosary at wake from the K of L Council. These are available from the Ritual Committee. The cost to the organization is \$32.50 per 500. It was agreed that the Supreme Council would reimburse the Ritual Committee in the amount loaned to the Honorary Membership Committee.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL: Frank Gudelis recommended at Jack Stukas' request that each Council purchase a copy of the book entitled: "Lithuania and Lithuanians - A Selected Bibliography" by Jonas Balys and donate this to their Public Library. Cost \$5.00. A good way of publicizing Lithuania.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Richard Karsok reported that Lillian Paulauskas of C-7 Waterbury had accepted to be representative in that area. Acknowledgments had been sent to the Michigan papers re National Convention publicity and also Worcester papers re District Convention. Richard Karsok had also organized a Junior Dance Group in Council 26 to help publicize the K of L to outsiders. Greetings were sent in the name of the Supreme Council to the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception at

Putnam congratulating them on their 25th Anniversary. Plans are being formulated to set up a National Committee to carry on with Public Relations as reported by Fr. Cinikas, MIC, at the National Convention.

JUBILEE YEAR COMMITTEE: It was recommended that sub-committees be requested to prepare an outline of their plans and that these be submitted to the Chairman, Joseph Sakavich, so that a report might be given by the next Supreme Council meeting as to the plans and ideas of the Jubilee Committee.

JUNIORS: Helen Shields reported that questionnaires had been sent out and that she is now awaiting replies.

OLD BUSINESS

INTERESTING MORE FORMER REFUGEES IN THE K OF L: This problem was discussed further and the membership was urged to try to get at least one refugee to join and then probably more would follow. Worcester reported a conflict with refugee groups and Helen Shields would contact their leaders to see if this could be resolved and closer cooperation worked out between both groups. An article from DRAUGAS by a former refugee was read evaluating the K of L methods and procedures. A very favorable opinion was rendered.

ADDRESSOGRAPH: Sisters at Putnam still have the old K of L addressograph and are awaiting our advice. Rita Pinkus will check on size, etc. If the cost isn't too great it was suggested that this machine be sent to Chicago and kept there for possible future use.

SUPREME COUNCIL'S RECOGNITION OF DECEASED MEMBERS: It was recommended that Mass Offerings be sent on behalf of the Supreme Council to all former and present Spiritual Advisors of the K of L at the time of death. A Mass Offering should be sent to any former or present member that has held or is holding an office of the Supreme Council, at the time of death. This would also include members of the various Committees, such as: VYTIS Staff, Lithuanian Affairs, Ritual, Sports, Lithuanian Cultural, Publicity, Public Relations, Scholarship, Honorary Membership, Building Fund, Juniors, Seniors, and any other Committees approved by the Supreme Council. A Mass Offering should also be sent to all Honorary Members and former and present District Presidents of the Knights of Lithuania at the time of death.

Sympathy cards should be sent to the deceased spouses' of the above-mentioned officers, committee members, honorary members and district presidents, on behalf of the Supreme Council of

the Knights of Lithuania. It was agreed to study the above further and to have it appear in the Newsletter asking for comments and to bring this matter up again at the next Supreme Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION: Since several of the Supreme Council resolutions never reached the floor, it was suggested that these be written up in advance in the future and distributed to the Supreme Council so that they could be brought up at the Convention if overlooked.

LAST WILLS: A motion was made and carried that the Legal Advisor would be requested to formulate a letter regarding members bequeathing a portion of their estate to the Knights of Lithuania. This would appear in the Vytis advising members that they may do this with an appropriate blank made available for their convenience.

PUBLICITY MATERIAL FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS: It was agreed that new literature advertising the Knights of Lithuania was sorely needed. The old pamphlet would be used as a format. This will be sent to Al Janks for review and revision and should be written in both Lithuanian and English. Stan Vaitkus agreed to check with Eleanor Sluzas for ideas and Rita Pinkus will contact the Sisters at Putnam and R. Karsok the Trade Schools. It was agreed that prices should be obtained on 40-50,000 copies which could be sent to Councils for distribution at their discretion. The findings will be presented at the January meeting.

The site of the next meeting will be Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is scheduled for January 20, 1961.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 6 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula Yankauskas
National Secretary

SUPREME COUNCIL CULTURE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

The following records and publications are available:

Lithuanian Language 2-speed Record Course \$3.00

"Lithuania and Lithuanians - A Selected Bibliography" by Dr. J. Balys \$5.00

"Our Lady of Siluva" - booklet .25

Orders should be sent to: Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita Street, Dayton 4, Ohio.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE . . .

to promote the passage of the Kuchel-Lipscomb Resolution, which urges the U. S. to bring the plight of the Baltic Nations before the U.N.? When Congress reconvenes this month, will your Congressman know that you want his support of this important resolution... and have President Kennedy and Secretary Rusk heard your feeling on the matter of "embarassing" the Soviet Union?

If not - now is the time for action! Consult your Nov. and Dec., 1961 issues of VYTIS for details, and write TODAY - to:

His Excellency John F. Kennedy
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

or: The Honorable Dean Rusk
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

or: to your Senator (c/o U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.);

or: to your Congressman (c/o House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.)

or - to all of the forementioned; asking their support of the Kuchel-Lipscomb Resolution (S. Con. Res. 12 & Con. Res. 153).

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K OF L CALENDAR

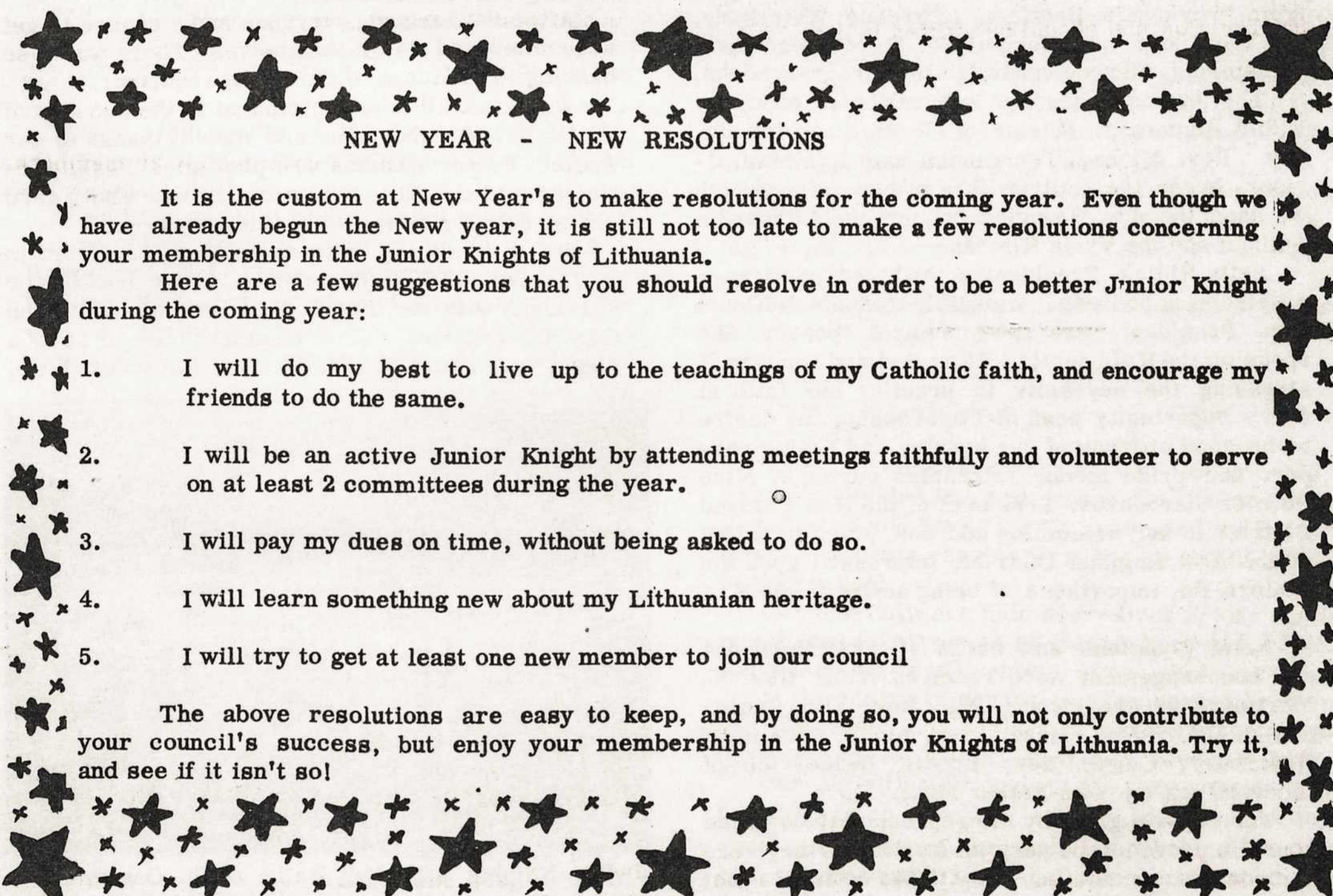
- Jan. 14 - New England District Roll-off. South Boston Bowlarama on East Broadway, South Boston. 3:30 p.m. C-17 hosts.
- Jan. 19, 20, 21 - C-17 Ski Weekend at Purity Springs, Madison, New Hamp.
- Feb. 10, 11 - Winter Snowflake Carnival. Weekend of skating, skiing, and fireside singing. C-10, Athol, Mass. hosts.
- Feb. 11 - "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet and Program. Sherman Hotel, Chicago. Ill.-Ind. District hosts.
- Feb. 17 - C-36 "Hearts' Dance". K of L Building, Chicago.
- March 2 - New England District Dance. Marlboro Country Club, Marlboro, Mass. 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

The K of L JUNIORS

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NEW YEAR - NEW RESOLUTIONS

It is the custom at New Year's to make resolutions for the coming year. Even though we have already begun the New year, it is still not too late to make a few resolutions concerning your membership in the Junior Knights of Lithuania.

Here are a few suggestions that you should resolve in order to be a better Junior Knight during the coming year:

1. I will do my best to live up to the teachings of my Catholic faith, and encourage my friends to do the same.
2. I will be an active Junior Knight by attending meetings faithfully and volunteer to serve on at least 2 committees during the year.
3. I will pay my dues on time, without being asked to do so.
4. I will learn something new about my Lithuanian heritage.
5. I will try to get at least one new member to join our council

The above resolutions are easy to keep, and by doing so, you will not only contribute to your council's success, but enjoy your membership in the Junior Knights of Lithuania. Try it, and see if it isn't so!

New England District Junior K of L Rally

by Betty Ridick

It was a brisk, typical fall day on Sunday, November 12, 1961. The sun had barely risen when the few conscientious people who were on the Decorating Committee strode into Church. After hearing Mass, they proceeded down the stairs to the hall. Ugh, what a sight! The Whist Party must have been a real success! A few hours later, with the use of everyone's ingenious ideas, the hall became a magnificent (almost magnificent) sight to behold! The committee members went home to beautify themselves and quickly returned to welcome their guests. The girls, sporting new dresses, heels and hair styles, looked lovely. The boys dressed in suits, ties, shined shoes and clean faces appeared very handsome, but most unnatural!

Gradually the hall was filled with Junior Knights from Providence, Hartford, Lawrence, Waterbury, and from our own Council 26, Worcester. Upon registering, all received badges and program books.

The business session was called to order by Vitold Adamonis, Master of Ceremonies for the day. Rev. Michael Tamulevich, our Spiritual Advisor, began the Rally with a prayer, after which we sang the Star Spangled Banner, the Lithuanian Anthem and the Vyčių Himnas.

Betty Ridick, President of the host council, gave a welcoming address. Miss Helen Shields, National Vice President, was the principal speaker. She spoke on the K of L motto - "For God and Country," stressing the necessity to practice our faith at every opportunity possible, increasing our desire to be good citizens of our country and having respect and pride in our Lithuanian heritage. Miss Bernice Kavadaras, President of the New England District in her welcoming address, given in behalf of the New England District, impressed upon the Juniors the importance of being active in the K of L.

Brief greetings and words of congratulations and encouragement were received from: Rev. V. Martinkus of Providence, R.I., Rev. Albin Janiunas of Lawrence, Mass.; Rev. Albert Karalis of Waterbury, Conn.; Rev. Bronis Benesevich of Hartford and our own Father Mike.

The reports given by the representatives of the councils proved to be very interesting as they were a means of acquainting us with the activities that were held in the various councils.

The Variety Program consisted of Lithuanian Folk Dances which were danced by the Junior K of L Folk Dance Group of Worcester. We were entertained with the folk dances: Kalvelis, Mikita and the very intricate "Malunas". Providence Juniors surprised all of us by singing a half dozen Lithuanian songs. Both groups performed very well and are to be congratulated for their contributions toward making the Second New England Junior K of L Rally a success. We hope that all councils will participate in the Variety Program next year.

During intermission, the Juniors attended Vespers and Benediction. Pictures were taken after services.

Last, but not least, the Banquet! Everyone enjoyed the delicious food which was prepared by the Regular K of L members of Worcester. The service was terrific! Our waiters were none other than the Regular K of L MEN!

After the banquet, everyone had a chance to get acquainted and enjoy themselves. There was also dancing to the tunes of the latest records.

We thank all who contributed to the success of the Rally, all who came and special thanks to our Pastor, Father Bakanas who presented all the participants of the Rally with a St. Casimir's holy card and medal as a memento of this occasion.

We hope all the Juniors enjoyed their visit to Worcester, had an opportunity to become better acquainted with the Junior K of L at the Rally, and that all returned home making plans to have a bigger and better Junior K of L Rally next year.



Junior Knights attending Rally at St. Casimir's Parish, Worcester, Mass.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORTS RENDERED AT NEW ENGLAND JUNIOR K OF L RALLY

Jr. C-78, Lawrence, Mass.

Irene Gedgaudas

The activities of Jr. Council 78, St. Francis parish, for the past year included a hay ride, Winter Carnival and Christmas party. We attended the Ice Capades in Boston, commemorated the feast of St. Casimir by attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion, followed by breakfast. We also sponsored a cookout, field day, barn dance, weenie roast, beach party and made a trip to LaSalette, which was enjoyed by all. Our last activity prior to the Rally was a Halloween party.

We are proud to report that five of our Juniors have entered the religious. Our former President, Michael Micavich, was the recipient of a \$200 K of L Scholarship Award at the National Convention in Cleveland this past August.

Jr. C-26, Worcester, Mass.

Mary Kulakusky

During the course of the year, Junior Knights of Council 26 have had many cultural and social activities.

The first activity we had was a scavenger hunt and dance to which we invited Junior Knights of Providence, R.I. Later, we participated with our Regular K of L'ers in receiving Holy Communion with our mothers, which was followed by a Communion breakfast. To increase treasury funds, we had a car wash and conducted a paper drive with many of our members working at both affairs. A pin - pong tournament was held for council members, which turned out very well. We accepted Jr. C-103's invitation to attend a dance sponsored by them in Providence. A bus trip to Ocean Beach for a day of sun and fun was greatly enjoyed by everyone. A bowling league was formed this year. An Italian pizza night was enjoyed by all. And many "creatures" showed up for our successful Halloween party.

Our Jr. K of L formed a Lithuanian Folk Dance Group, of which we are all very proud. This group has already performed out of town and has received several invitations to entertain in other places.

Our council has been very active this past year and we hope we will become even more so in the future.

Jr. C-7, Waterbury, Conn.

F. C. Rodgers

The Juniors were organized after five years of perseverance by our Chaplain, Father Karalis, and three years ago, Nell P. Meskunas, encouraged by Father Contons, joined him.

This council's organizational meeting was held March 25, 1961 at St. Joseph's old school with our Pastor, Father Gradeck, giving his blessings. The next day, our- Jr. K of L President spoke in Lithuanian over station WWCO, as guest of the "Lithuanian Memories Program." He outlined the purpose of the Junior Knights and informed the public of forthcoming activities.

In a short span of three months, we had three record hops and realized enough profit to purchase stationery, a seal and decorations. We pledged \$450.00 towards a statue of St. Casimir for the St. Joseph's convent. We donated \$5.00 to the C.Y.O newspaper.

In addition to our officers, Miss Louise Balciunas and Bernard Yanavich are serving as delegates to the Lithuanian-American Council. We now have approximately 20 members.

We served at the Mother's Day Communion breakfast and actively participated in the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the parish picnic and the church bazaar.

Our activities were curtailed for the summer since most of our members were away.

Jr. C-103, Providence, R.I.

Carol Ann Dee

Thirty members comprise Jr. Council 103. They are divided into two groups, the Junior group - students from 5th to the 7th grade, and the Senior group - students ranging from the 8th to 10th grade in high school.

Our meetings are held every first Friday of the month and last from an hour to an hour and a half. Refreshments are served after each meeting.

In the course of several years, our membership had decreased due to the fact that many members have moved to different parts of Rhode Island.

Our activities throughout the year consisted of being hosts to last year's Rally, dances, hot dog roast, and visiting the LaSalette Shrine. We also had a Communion breakfast commemorating the feast of St. Casimir.

JUNIOR K of L COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



Junior Knights of C-67, Bayonne, N.J. with Pastor Rev. J. Starkus, and Spiritual Adviser, Rev. P. Zemeikis, leaving for Bertrand Island Amusement Park.

Jr. C-67, Bayonne, N.J.

During the summer, St. Michael's Jr. K of L made a trip to Bertrand Island Amusement Park at Lake Hapatcong, N.J. It was a beautiful day for picnicing and trying out every one of the amusement rides. The roller coaster was voted the best!

In September, the group met and voted to divide into two groups, to be called "St. Michael's High School K of L" and "St. Michael's Junior K of L."

Both groups elected officers. President of the High School Group is Jay Wright; Vice-Presidents - William Saleski, Secretary, Nancy Corden; Treasurer, Nancy Augustiniak. Junior group officers are: President, Nancy Marculaitis; Vice-President, Marilyn Plikaytis; secretary, Diane Miskewitz; Treasurer, May Joan Yablonsky.

To build up the treasury, the two groups sponsored a cake sale on December 10th. A table radio was also raffled off before Christmas and a hundred boxes of Christmas cards were sold.

Our council, as a part of the Archdiocesan C.Y.O., collected funds for handicapped children.

Jr. C-79, Detroit, Mich.

The following were elected to serve as council officers for the coming year: President, Ralph Valatka; Vice-President, John Dargis; Secretary, Susan Tollus and Sgt.-at-Arms, Mark Zager.

We wish these new officers much success and best wishes for an active year.

Jr. C-102, Detroit, Mich.

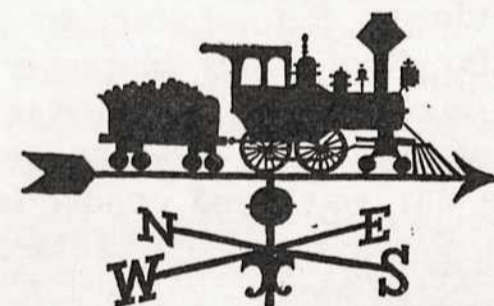
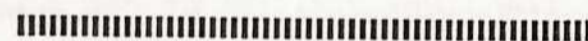
Ramona Misiunas

For the month of October social activity, C-102 Juniors took a few suggestions from the Junior Guide Book and planned a costume Halloween party and scavenger hunt. The C-79 Juniors were invited to join us. Through the kindness of Mr & Mrs. W. Dombrowski, we were able to gather in their newly decorated basement for a night full of fun.

The highlight of the evening was our scavenger hunt. We never thought a Pepsi bottle cap and a grape would be hard to find, but they turned out to be two of the objects we almost didn't get.

Upon returning from the hunt, dancing, games and refreshments

were enjoyed by all. A special thanks from the Junior Knights to the parents who helped make this event possible and especially to Mr. Robert Boris who took time out of his busy schedule to join us.



We're expecting a trainload of articles, pictures, jokes, poems, and newsy items from Junior Knights everywhere - north, south, east and west!

Just send material to: Miss Helen Shields, 217 Wharton St., Philadelphia 47, Pa.,

Don't put it off -- do it now -- we would like to hear from as many as possible. The deadline is the 20th of the month - 2 months preceding publication.

I would like to take this occasion to extend my best wishes to all members of the Knights of Lithuania for a blessed and joyous New Year.

Let us mutually pray for one another that Almighty God would look favorably upon all our endeavors, whether they be spiritual or in the realm of our daily activities.

Some weeks ago, at the District Convention in Pittsburgh, it was suggested that we devote a specific amount of time at each council meeting to a religious program. In order that one individual would not be burdened with the job of monthly preparation, it was further suggested that each month a different member would be selected to prepare and lead the discussion. We hope, furthermore, to have the monthly topic outlined in brief in the VYTIS.

May I caution everyone that being the leader of the religious discussion will require some extra work in preparing the discussion. If it is to succeed, may we suggest that the group leader of the month make an appointment with the council chaplain a week or so in advance and go over the subject matter with him. On the evening of the meeting the group leader would begin the discussion either by reading or giving a prepared talk on the current topic. From there on the discussion would be carried on by the membership. There is no reason why this could not be a stimulating, educational, informative and a practical religious discussion. However, each council must select a specific time for this program (perhaps after the old business has been discussed and before the new business has begun.). Please do not relegate it to the last order of business when everyone is anxious to end the meeting. And lastly, allow at least 15 minutes of the meeting to these discussions.

The topics for discussion ought to be current and not merely a rehash of the catechism (although even this might prove helpful). As an example of what could be used as a topic, we might discuss the Church's position on:

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| Divorce | Broadmindedness |
| Predestination | Birth Control |
| Fall Out Shelters | Nuclear Warfare |
| The Mystical Body | Company Keeping |
| Confession | Marriage |

Heaven and hell
Mixed Marriage
The John Birch Society
Why Frequent Communion
Communism

The above mentioned topics are but a few of countless subjects that could be adapted to public discussions. They will not only help us spiritually but will also acquaint us with present day problems.

For the next meeting may I suggest that all councils use this topic: "Being Christ to Others!"

CHAPLIN'S

C O R N E R



In order that God the Father might find the image of His Son in you, you must figure practical ways to be like Christ throughout your day as situations arise.

To do this there must be agreement between Christ's views and yours. For instance:

Do your views regarding the treatment of other members of the K of L correspond to Christ's?

Do you think as Christ towards those whom you dislike?

Does jealousy or envy color your views toward other members?

How can this harm the membership at large?

Do you agree that you should go out of your way to help others, even those you don't know? Christ says you should. Read His word in Luke: 10,30-37.

What can I do to bring about a better fraternal spirit in my Council?

The practice of charity, patience, generosity (define and know these terms) is not merely for your own personal perfection. You are to live a Christlike life in order to help others know and love God. Does your membership in the K of L help you do this? (Explain how it can).

The New Testament is very explicit on what it expects of those who are to live the life of Christ. Read the following passages: Colossians 3,8; Ephesians 4,1; Peter 3; Romans 12; Colossians 3. Discuss these passages and see how they are applicable to your membership in the K of L.

Conclusion: It is important to understand the ideal God the Father opens before you. For unless you are aware of the greatness of your calling you will never have strong enough motives to work at becoming like Christ.

To become like Christ is not easy. Catholicism is a call to heroism. But by taking one step at a time you can begin forming yourselves into the

image of Christ. You can start right now by being kinder to others and more helpful. Try it and see if others don't begin to love God more, because you act like Christ to them.

Make a list of practical ways to put Christ more completely into your personal lives and how Christ can more actively work through you in this spiritual organization.

I would appreciate a note from all Council secretaries stating how the membership feels about a discussion such as this. Secondly, please list some topics that your individual council members would be interested in discussing. By pooling all these ideas, we may come up with some fresh and interesting material.

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ ISTORIJA

Ignas Sakalas

124-ji Kuopa

Jersey City, N.J., lietuvių kolonijoje būrys susipratusio lietuvių jaunimo, girdėdami, kaip kitose lietuvių kolonijose, jaunimas organizuotai veikia, pradėjo planuoti ir čia įsteigimą vyčių kuopos. Sudarius planus, 1930 metais spalio 17 d., Šv. Onos parapijos salėje buvo sušauktas pirmas jaunimo susirinkimas, kuriame dalyvavo bažnyčios klebonas kun. prel. Vanagas (dabar pažymėtas kaip žuvęs Lietuvoje), N.Y. ir N. J. valst. apskr. sporto direktorius Frank Mack, Brooklyn, N.Y., vienos vyčių kuopos pirm. Ant. Mažeika, ir Ant. Shovelski, N.Y. ir N.J. valst. apskričio pirmininkas (dabar New York miesto policininkas). Po eilės įvairių kalbų jaunimo klausimais ir pateiktų informacijų apie vyčių organizaciją, jos tikslus bei uždavinius, įsteigta vyčių kuopa, kuri Centre įregistruota numeriu 124-ju.

Louis Ketvirtis išrinktas pirmuoju kuopos pirmininku, o Eleonore Stanis - sekretore. K. Basanavičius (Charles Bason) nors neįėjo į pirmąją kuopos valdybą, bet vėliau penkerius metus sėkmingai kuopai vadovavo - pirmininkavo.

Pradžioje kuopa turėjo 105 narius ir buvo veiklus vienetas parapijos reikaluose, taip pat sukėlė nemažą sumą aukų jos išlaikymui.

Kuopos susirinkimai įvykdavo tvarkingai ir gausiai narių lankomi. Vadai ir kuopos veikimas turėjo pasisekimo ir buvo įtakingi Jersey City lietuvių bendruomenėje. Iš žymesnių veikėjų žymėtini: L. Ketvirtis, Charles Bason, Eleonore Stanis, K. Martinkus, E. Kundrotaitė, J. Balutis, V. Zabatka, M. Margevičiūtė, J. Kazakevičius, V. Matulevičiūtė, Eleonora Kappil, A. Žvirblienė, V. Bazulis ir k.

Laikui bėgant, kuopos veikimas pradėjo slugti, nes vieni nariai sukūrė šeimas ir atsipalaidavo nuo jaunimo veiklos, kiti išsikėlė iš miesto ir nustojo lankytis į susirinkimus, dar kiti išsikėlė į kitus miestus ir taip kuopa palengva nustojo veikti. Ketletas likusiųjų narių persikėlė į kitas artimesnes kuopas.

125-ji Kuopa

125-ji kuopa Columbus, Ohio, buvo įsteigta 1935 metais birželio mėnesį. Steigiamajam susirinkime dalyvavo veik visas to miesto lietuvių jaunimas. Pirmojon kuopos valdybon pirmininku išrinktas Petras Juška, vicepirmininku Antanas Briedis ir sekretore - Ona Grigaliūnaitė.

Lietuvių kolonija Ohio valstybės sostinėje niekad nebuvo didelė, todėl ir vyčių kuopai nebuvo progų plačiau pasireikšti veikimu, o be to nebuvo vado, kuris būtų kuopą globojęs, palaikęs gyva, sudaręs galimybių nariams pasimokyti savo tėvų gimtosios kalbos, lietuviškumu daugiau puoštis, lavintis, tobulėti ir t.t. Dėl to, prabėgus trims metams kuopos veikimas visiškai išblėso.

Iš žymesnių kuopos pasireiškimų galima suminėti porą suruoštų išvažiavimų su Dayton, Ohio, kuopa.

1948 metais P. Gudelio, Dayton, O., žymaus veikėjo ir Vyčių Centro išdininko, bei kitų veikėjų pastangomis, 125-ji kuopa buvo atgaivinta, tačiau dėl aukščiau minėtų priežasčių ir tagaivintajai nebuvo lemta ilgiau išsilaikyti.

Kuopai nustojus veikti, tik tai du jos nariai nenutraukė ryšių su Vyčių organizacija, būtent Klemencas Pocius ir Aleksandras Fetingas. K. Pocius yra verslininkas ir jau ilgiau gyvenęs Amerikoje, o pastarasis - vienas naujųjų lietuvių. Šis išsirašęs organizacijon susirado ir sau gyvenimo draugę - Frances Grigaliūnaitę, su kuria sukūrė gražią lietuvišką šeimą.

126-ji Kuopa

Centro Valdybos rekordais, 126-ji kuopa buvo įsteigta Springfield, Ohio. Bet kuriais metais ir kieno pastangomis kuopa įsteigta, neturima žinių. Ir kuopos gyvavimas atrodo buvo labai trumpas, nes lietuvių tame mieste nedaug gyveno, jų veikimas nebuvo žinomas.

127-ji Kuopa

127-ji kuopa Hudson, Mass., buvo įsteigta 1937 metais vasario 28 d., pasidarbavus tuo reikalu S-Boston, Mass., veikėjui ir to meto Centro vicepirmininkui Pr. Razvadauskui bei vietos veikėjai Juliei Stanytei.

Sukviestam į prakalbas jaunimui svečias Pr. Razvadauskas papasakojo apie garbingąją Lietuvos praeitį, apie lietuvių išėviją Amerikoje ir jos veikimą, apie Vyčių organizaciją, jos tikslus ir uždavinius. Jo kalbą dar papildė vyčių Naujosios Anglijos apskr. pirmininkas V. Keršis, Centro valdybos išdininkas J. Bačinskas ir vyčių 17-tos kp. išdininkas D. Averka.

Po kalbų įvyko susirinkimas - posėdis, kuriame išsirašė steigiamon kuopon penkiolika narių. Valdybon išrinkta: pirm. A. Kerdukas, vicepirm. Julė Stanytė, sekr. A. Kerdukaitė, išd. J. Sedlevičius, korespond. V. Stanytė.

Pradžioje kuopa gražiai reiškėsi veikimu savo mieste ir Nauj. Anglijos apskrityje, nes jau pirmais įsisteigimo metais suruošė šaunų apskričio išvažiavimą.

Užsidegus antrajam Pasauliniam karui, kaip iš visų kitų miestų, taip ir iš Hudson karinėn tarnybon pašaukta pats veikliausias jaunimas. Likusieji nariai nepajėgė išlaikyti kuopos gyvybės ir ji nustojo veikusi.

128-ji Kuopa

Vėlesniuose Centro rekorduose randame, kad vyčių 128-ji kuopa buvo įsteigta Waukegan, Ill.. Reikia manyti, kad tai nebuvo nauja kuopa, bet atgai vinta 47-ji, kuri anksčiau veikė.

Žinių apie 128-tos kuopos gyvavimą nei senuose Waukegan lietuvių veikėjuose gauti, nei "Vyčio" 1937 ir vėlesniųjų metų komplektuose rasti nepavyko. Tiesa, Centro finansų sekretorė, skelbdama sąrašą kuopų, kurios ir kiek atstovų gali siųsti į seimą (žiūr. "V." nr. 7, 1937 m.), pažymėjo, kad ir 128-ji kuopa turi teisę siųsti du atstovus, tačiau seimo, įvykusio Harrison-Kearny, N.J., atstovų vardošaukyje (Convention Roll Call) nėra tos kuopos atstovų, kaip nėra ir to laikotarpio Centro finansų sekretorės skelbiamuose kuopų sąrašuose, kur skelbiama, kurios kuopos yra įnešusios Centrai narių mokesčius.

129-ji Kuopa

129-ji kuopa buvo įsteigta Shenandoah, Pa. Idomu, kad seniausioje Amerikos lietuvių kolonijoje vyčių kuopa buvo įsteigta apie 1928 m. (tikroji data nežinoma), kuomet organizacija buvo pačiame savo žydėjime ir išbujojus po jaunesnes lietuvių kolonijas.

Kuopos įsteigimo garbė priskaitoma kun. A.

Šmulkščiui, kuris, atvykęs iš Lietuvos kultūriniais reikalais, apvažinėjęs lietuvių kolonijas, ilgeliau sustojo Shenandoah, Pa., pas svetingąjį kleboną kun. J. Karalių, vyčių organizacijos bičiulį. Čia būdamas ėjo vikaro pareigas.

Kun. A. Šmulštys daug laiko pašventė jaunimui organizuoti, nuėjusį įvairiais klystkeliais atgal prie lietuviško kamieno burti, lietuviškai dvasiai gaivinti ir stiprinti. Jo pastangom įsteigta ir vyčių kuopa, o vėliau ir jaunamečių skyrius. Kun. A. Šmulštys mylėjo jaunimą, o jaunimas mylėjo jį. Paliudija tai ir jam grįžtant į Lietuvą suruoštas jaunimo atsisveikinimo vakaras birželio 16 d., 1930 m. Vakarą suruošė bendrai vyčiai ir sodalietės. Jaunimo prisirinko pilna salė. Pasakyta nuoširdžių kalbų, atlikta atitinkama programa ir išvažiuojantis apdovanotas reikšmingomis dovanomis.

"Tears were in the eyes of the members of both clubs when Rev. Anthony Šmulštys closed the meeting with his farewell address", baigė "Vyčio" korespondentas, aprašydamas tą vakarą.

1929 metais kuopa turėjo 119 narių. Pažymėtina, kad kuopa buvo gerokai griežta priimant naujus narius. Slapta balsuojant priėmimą, jei prieš kandidatą balsuodavo ne mažiau kaip dešimt narių, jis nebūdavo priimamas. Narys nesumokėjęs mokesčių per tris mėnesius arba nelankęs trijų eilėje susirinkimų, buvo šalinamas iš kuopos. Tokiu būdu kuopa buvo pajėgi, stojusi prie betkoko darbo jį atlikdavo labai gerai. O tai darbais kuopa buvo tikrai turtinga. Faktui galima paimti tikrai vienų 1929 m. veikimo santrauką:

Valdybos posėdžių buvo 15, kuopos susirinkimų - 24. Per metus suruošta aštuoni šokių ir pasilinksinimo vakarai, penki vakarai su vaidinimais. Du veikalai buvo pakartoti kituose miestuose, du piknikai, sporto vakaras. tėvų pagerbimas sutinkant Naujuosius Metus ir "card party". Per metus kuopa pajamų turėjo viso \$1,536.21. Parapijos, labdaros, švietimo, Lietuvos, sporto ir k. reikalams išleista \$ 1,318.03. Atskirai kuopa yra nemažai aukųjus "Vyčiui" palaikyti, Centro reikalams (aukos per seimus) ir "Vyčio" spaustuvės reikalams (linotipui pirkti).

Vėliau jaunimo organizatorium ir veikimo ašim buvo kun. J. Neverauskas, parapijos vikaras, kuris tačiau, turėdamas kitų jam privalomų pareigų, ne visur ir ne visuomet suspėdavo dalyvauti ir vadovauti. O trukdančių vyčiams veikti buvo ir, kas keisčiausia, iš katalikų pusės, net parapijos komiteto. Dėl to kuopa buvo priversta net samdytis kitur salę, nors parapijos salė buvo pakankama ir patogi jaunimo suėjimams ir pobūviams.

Vėliau daugeliui veiklesnio jaunimo išvažinėjus į kitus miestus, jieškant darbo ne anglių kasyklose, kuopos veikimas apmirė, o laikui bėgant, ir visai sustojo.

Shenandoah lietuvių istorijoje vyčių kuopa yra išsirašius daugeliu darbų atliktų Dievui ir tėvynei.

Europe IS WORTH VISITING

Rev. John C. Jutt

(Continued)

Rome is the center of Catholicism. This and its glorious past attract millions of visitors each year. The first place that attracted our attention as we entered the city by Via Flaminia was the Vatican with its immense St. Peter's Basilica. We registered at one of the hotels nearby and headed for the Lithuanian College where we visited a number of priests who were stationed there. Monsignor Tulaba, Director of the College, was not in when we arrived but it was not long before he appeared. He convinced us to stay at the Inn run by the College just across the street. We cancelled our reservations at the hotel and stayed at the Inn for the 7 days we spent in Rome. It was a wise choice.

Thanks to the generosity of Father Vytautas Balčiūnas, we saw the usual places that the average visitor in Rome sees: Quo Vadis Church, the Catacombs of St. Callistus, the church where St. Paul was beheaded, a shrine where the Blessed Virgin appeared to some children in 1947, most of the buildings where new Rome is being built, some of the buildings that had been built for the Olympic Games and the great Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls. It was here that we met a Monsignor from the Worcester diocese and a professor from Holy Cross College in Worcester. They were as surprised to see us as we were them. From them we learned that a number of people from Worcester and Bishop Wright, formerly of Worcester, were in town. Unfortunately, we did not get the chance to see the Bishop, but we did meet a number of those who had come to Rome from our diocese. After driving around awhile, we stopped on Gianiculum Hill where we got a splendid view of the city.

In the evening, Father Mincevičius took us for a night tour of the Holy City. We visited the Colosseum, the Circus Maximus, the Forum, a number of parks beautifully lit up with colored lights. We drove through the heart of the city, around government buildings, through the shopping areas, and a number of other interesting places.

After Mass on the first morning, we went to the Vatican to complete arrangements for an audience with the Holy Father. An account of this audience appeared in the March issue of the VYTIS. Waiting for the elevator to take us to one of the offices, we met Father Reklaitis of the Marian

Fathers. It was so good to see him after so many years. The Vatican Museums are fabulous and it would take weeks to study everything. We spent much time here. The Sistine Chapel with the paintings done by Michaelangelo must be seen to be really appreciated. After this visit, we visited the Olympic settlements. The games had ended only a few days before. We completed that day with a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

Since we obtained permission to say Mass at the tomb of St. Peter, we drove to the Vatican on the following morning and offered the Holy Sacrifice at this venerated place. We noticed the holes behind the altar where excavations are still going on. Opposite the tomb is a small chapel where the late Pope Pius XII is buried. An endless number of pilgrims offered prayers as they visited this chapel. The rest of the day was spent visiting the Basilica. We climbed to the very top of the dome and found that the views of the square below were magnificent. At Scala Sancta near St. John Lateran, we, together with hundreds of other people, climbed on our knees the 28 steps which are believed to be the steps which our Lord climbed at least four times to reach Pilate's palace. Many Popes have gone up the steps barefooted.

There are four great basilicas in Rome. We had seen three of them, namely St. Peter's, St. Paul's and St. Mary Major's. We had to see the fourth one, St. John Lateran. The Holy Father is the Head of the Universal Church, but at the same time, he is Bishop of Rome. His cathedral seat as Bishop of Rome is not St. Peter's as many seem to believe, but is at St. John Lateran. Near the main altar is the tomb of St. Martin V and above the altar are reliquaries containing the heads of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Again with Father Balčiūnas as our guide, we visited the famous fountains at the Villa d'Este in Tivoli about 15 miles from Rome. These fountains are of all shapes and sizes and present a sight the visitor never will forget. The waters of the fountain are channeled in from a nearby river.

The good Fathers at the Lithuanian College Villa treated us to a royal meal and afterwards we spent a few pleasant hours visiting there.

On the way back to Rome we visited Villa Hadriana which was built in the second century by the Roman Emperor Hadrian for his residence. Even though in ruins, it still has some nice water pools. I can assure you in the hot weather they were inviting!

Back in Rome, after paying our respects to the Marian Fathers in their home, we visited a few churches among which was the outstanding St. Peter's in Chains. We viewed the relic as well as the famous statue of Moses by Michaelangelo. After a visit to the Mamertine prison where St. Peter and St. Paul were kept prisoners, we walked around the ruins of the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, the Memorial to Victor Emmanuel II where the Tomb of the Italian Unknown Soldier is presently located, some of the modern wonders of Rome and other historical places. Visits to the old American College near the Trevi Fountains and the elaborate new one on Gianiculum Hill were very interesting. On the cultural side, we had the opportunity to see some operas and hear some band concerts. Our stay in Rome became complete with a visit to the Secretariat of the Better World Movement in Rocca di Papa nearby. A Marianist Brother was our guide and explained in detail all the phases of the Movement. The Chapel on the grounds is lovely and of particular interest are the Stations of the Cross. They are not individual stations as we are accustomed to seeing in our churches, but are actually one continuous painting along the circular wall. Lighter areas represent each station.

Fortified with refreshments furnished us by the good Sisters of the Lithuanian College at the request of Msgr. Tulaba, we headed south for Naples and from there we drove on to the romantic town of Sorrento. Along the way we managed to stop a number of times to see whatever there was of scenic and historical interest. From Sorrento, the Amalfi Drive, winding itself for about 15 miles along the sea, presented many glorious panoramas. In many places the road is quite narrow for it had to be hewn out of the rocky mountain cliffs. Extreme care must be used at all times in making the drive.



Revs. Julius, John & Anthony Jutt at Villa d'Este

As we reached the ancient city of Pompeii, we saw the many ruins and relics of past Roman glory. We said Mass here in the stately Church of Our Lady of Pompeii. Many of the stores feature cameos of all sizes, we noticed.

Returning to Sorrento, we took a boat to the Isle of Capri. Visitors try not to miss the Blue Grotto, a cave which one enters with a boat. In some inexplicable way, the sun's rays reflect through the water and give forth a pretty silver-blue light which fills the cave. We missed this phenomenon because the waters were too high that day. No boat could enter and all trips to the Grotto were cancelled. We toured the Isle, obtaining magnificent views from the cliff of the harbor and sea below with Mt. Vesuvius in the background.

We left Sorrento and headed north, driving through many small Italian villages. Most of the people were busy working in the vineyards as it was harvest time. The grapes were of a much larger size and tasted sweeter and richer than grapes we are accustomed to eating. Along the road every now and then we saw a man or woman riding a donkey which was loaded with wood and huge containers on each side. We arrived in Cassino where the immense abbey on the very summit of the mountain was bombed by Americans during the last war. We climbed the mountain to visit the new abbey which is built of solid stone. It has a very beautiful chapel, elaborately decorated with gold leaf. We were told that only four priests live there. Why such a large place had to be built is something we could not understand. Furthering our trip, we stopped at Siena and spent some precious hours visiting the places made famous by St. Catherine of Siena. The spacious church was then undergoing a complete renovation.

As we approached the cultural city of Florence, we noticed a well-kept cemetery which attracted the attention of those passing by. It was the Florence American Cemetery where over 5000 Americans killed during the last war were buried. Each grave had a marker, a Cross for Christians and a Star of David for Jews. Each marker had a name, place of origin, and the number of the company batallion in which the soldier served. Some markers had merely the notation that they are known but to God. It certainly is a credit to our Government for taking such excellent care of the last resting place of our boys who made the supreme sacrifice.

Florence has many museums with a great many works of art. One could spend days and even weeks here and still not see everything. Its parks are just beautiful. The Church of the Holy Cross is worth a visit for here lie the tombs of men like Michaelangelo, Dante, Rossini and others.



International Secretariate of the Better World Movement in Rocca di Papa near Rome. Pictured: Marionist Brother, guide to Revs. Anthony, John and Julius Jutt.

We said Mass in the Cathedral of St. Mary, the exterior of which is done in green and white marble. The heavy metal doors in the baptistery just across the front of the Cathedral constantly attract crowds of tourists who spend much time looking at the ornate figures. Orchestras play in the evening and the whole atmosphere is one of exquisite artistic beauty.

If one wants to shop for leather goods, for kid gloves and for table spreads with the Florentine motif, Florence is the place to do it. Prices are certainly cheaper than anywhere else in Italy. The table spreads are about one-third of the New York prices. The same is true of leather goods. Fine silk ties are really a buy here.

We didn't want to leave Florence, but our journey had to be continued, so we headed for Pisa with its famous Leaning Tower. We climbed the Tower to the very top and from there it was easy to see how much off the perpendicular it is. Actually, according to present day measurements, it is 14 feet off the perpendicular.

Heading north, we were surprised at the beauty of the city of Genoa. Its cemeteries are known throughout the entire world and they are certainly worth a tourist's visit. Our route then took us along the Italian Riviera where it was a case of seeing one scenic view after another. We crossed the border into France and spent some time in the small principality of Monaco where we visited the Casino and a number of other interesting places. We were at the palace where Princess Grace now resides with her Prince. One could visit the palace but at a cost of 250 francs (approximately \$50.00). From

the palace we were able to get a marvelous view of the harbor below. The entire area is beautiful beyond description.

We continued to drive along the French Riviera and finally arrived at Nice where we spent three nice days. The big surprise was that the famous beach about which so many brag is not of sand but actually of small stones. This is why it is called the Pebble Beach of Nice. It certainly cannot be compared to some of the excellent beaches we have along the Atlantic Coast. The avenue along the beach is very beautiful. People spend many restful hours sunning themselves along the cement walk bordering the beach. At Cannes a little further on, the beach is on the sandy side, but here again it cannot compare with what we have in our country.

As we drove through the southern part of France, we paid visits to cities like Toulouse, Aix-en-Provence, Avignon, Arles, Montpellier, Narbonne and Carcassonne. The latter town is one of the outstanding wonders of France. It was founded by the Romans in the first century before Christ. It looks like a huge fort with double ramparts and appears to have been a medieval stronghold. It has kept its fortress appearance for centuries down to the present times.

Just below Toulouse is Lourdes which no Catholic traveller misses. We spent three wonderful days here in prayer. Despite the heavy rains, thousands of people turned out for the torchlight processions which take place each evening. In the morning, Masses go on continuously at the many altars which are located almost everywhere. It is a heart-warming sight to see the procession of invalids and other sick persons who come to the shrine with the hope of obtaining a cure. Many visit the grotto on the side of the mountain where the actual apparitions took place. Pilgrims from all over the world come to pray for their loved ones and for their own special intentions. Many buy bouquets of flowers which they leave at the statue of our Heavenly Mother. We took part in all the exercises that were held and we experienced some of the most precious moments of our lives. Stations of the Cross have been erected along the mountain side and it is a task to make them. One gets a good idea of what our Lord had to go through when He carried His cross through the streets of Jerusalem. To the credit of those in charge, no business is permitted on the spacious grounds of the shrine. About the only item that can be bought are the candles which many place at the grotto to burn for their intentions. The town itself is all business. Store after store sell nothing but religious articles. In fact, it seems that the whole town is preoccupied with the business of furnishing all kinds of religious articles to the pilgrims.

(To be concluded next month)

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

N. Y. - N. J. DISTRICT

District News

J.M.

The District Convention was held on Sunday, December 3rd at the Lithuanian Liberty Hall, Linden, New Jersey.

The Convention was opened with a prayer by Father Karalevičius. The main topics discussed at the Convention were the plans for the 49th National Convention to be held this August in this area. Joseph Sable, Convention Committee Chairman, announced the new dates for the convention as August 15-19th. Other new developments concerning the National Convention will be disclosed later.

Al Jenks, District Vice-President, sponsored an interesting and informative panel on publicity and public relations.

Congratulations and best of luck to the fine staff of the District Journal, "Newsletter" - new editor, Rev. Peter Zemeikas, assistant editors, M. Rusgi and Constance Mack.

Our many thanks to the Linden Council for their cordial hospitality and delicious dinner. You made it an enjoyable and interesting Convention.

Happy New Year from the hosts of the 49th National Convention!

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Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100

Smile & Sparkle

This was a **FIRST** for our council. Date - Sunday, November 19. Place - Wilton Bowling Alleys, People - K of L'ers and friends.

Open bowling was greatly enjoyed by Arlene and Walter Jasper; Jerry and Vic Rimkus (our

newlyweds); Don Nikstenas (proud father of a 7 1/2 lb. baby boy - James Joseph); Eleanor Stakauskas; Pat Sargalis; Sophie Olbie, daughter Barbara and friends, Beverly and Rose; Helen Dombroski; Marcia Smith; Gene Gobis; Father Baltch; Father Cyvas; Father Grabys (St. Rose's College, Albany, N. Y.); Father Janaitis, (Albany, N.Y.); Jack Sweet; and Frank Gustas. Coaching on the sidelines were Frances Gustas and Mary Sweet

Interesting facts. . . Father Baltch picked up the 7-3-10 split and the 3-10 split. Just call him Lucky! Jack Sweet and Gene Gobis both had 4 strikes in a row, Jack ending with a 184 game and Gene with 178. High 10 for the group was Marcia Smith - 190, followed by Don Nikstenas - 188.

Father Baltch suggested having open bowling more often, perhaps a Sunday in February for the next one.

The St. Casimir's Ladies Auxiliary held a two-day bazaar in October which was very successful. Sophie Olbie and Ann Beleckas were two of the girls who offered a helping hand.

Sophie Olbie and daughter Pat, and Tony and Edna Stokna contributed to the History Fund. Matt Kazlauskas also pledged an amount to the Fund. Milda Zemaitis' parents also donated towards this worthy Fund.

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Brooklyn-Queen, N.Y. C-41

C. Nagin

A group of C-41'ers braved the first fall temperatures to wind up the summer season at Freezingland, - I mean Freedomland. Anyone for a frigid ride to the North Pole???

The following Sunday, after attending 12:15 Mass at Annunciation Church, everyone gathered at the church hall to enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner, which was prepared by the domestically inclined fellas of C-41. Of course, there was the mystery of the "missing useful utensils." And one musn't forget the delightful non-conformist idea of "separate tablecloths." But nevertheless, everyone had a good time. It was learned through the grapevine that our Vice-President was the commander-in chief of the spaghetti sauce. A new hobby, Tony??

After the dinner, everyone was invited to Helen Mathusevicius' house for coffee and cake. Many thanks to Helen for her warm Lithuanian hospitality. By the way, who christened our President with a cup of tea???

Then on Halloween weekend, the "Witching Hour" was celebrated at the home of Eugene Marcis.*

On November 5th, we held our regular meeting, at which time, First Degrees were given to the following members: Regina Marcis, Carolyn Nagin, Carolyn Galenski, Grace Kulichauskas, Stanley Dedinas and Dennis Mazeika.

Incidentally, we would like to welcome Dennis as our newest member of the club.

Finally, on December 3rd, we held our last meeting before the holidays, to discuss plans for our annual Christmas Day Dance.

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Philadelphia, Pa. - C-3

"Twinkle"

The months of October and November have been busy for C-3. November 5 represented Election

Day! Congratulations are in order for the newly-elected officers: President - Walt Svekla; Vice-President - Steve Salnaitis; Recording Secretary - Lillian Sasnauskas; Financial Secretary - Ginny Salnaitis; Treasurer - Joe Simmons; Sergeant -At-Arms - John Mickunas. Here's hoping that the newly-elected officers have a successful and enjoyable year while tending to their new appointments. At the same time, may we thank the outgoing officers for a job well done.

Belated birthday greetings are extended to Lillian Sasnauskas on her 21st birthday. Fun was had by all at her party.

Joe Yanulaitis has left the teaching profession for a position with the Treasury Department in Harrisburg. Lots of Luck, Joe!

Hunting seems to be a sport enjoyed by many of our members. Among them are Al Ozalis and John Mickunas. So far they shot four pheasants, a few squirrels and two game wardens!

Our social event for November centered around our 20th Anniversary Celebrations. We started with a concert on Saturday evening, November 18, presented by the Ruta Radio Ansamblis of North Jersey, under the leadership of A. Kacanauskas. The first half of the concert featured songs from the album, "Sing Along with Ruta." The second half featured operatic and classical selections. The audience was very receptive and persuaded the choir to encore many selections.

Later, everyone enjoyed the dance music provided by the Tic Tocs.

Sunday was highlighted by a Solemn High Mass and Communion breakfast which were well attended. Our thanks go out to Father Raila and Al Janks for their fine speeches.

One big cheer for the committee who made the weekend a huge success.

Our sincere wishes for a joyous New Year!

ILL. - IND. DISTRICT

District Report "is"

NEW DISTRICT SPIRITUAL ADVISOR - Rev. Anthony Zakaras. Fr. Zak, a K of L member of long standing, is the chaplain for the Sisters of St. Casimir and an instructor at Maria High School and is extremely talented in many fields. We are most fortunate in having such a capable person guiding us.

The District BY-LAWS have been amended to read that the meetings will be held on a quarterly instead of monthly basis and our Assembly meeting and election of officers, in September. By having elections in September, the Officers and Chairmen will have the opportunity of working more closely with the Supreme Council and will be able to receive their rewards at the National Conventions. The meeting months will be March, June, September and December. The next District meeting will be held on Sunday, March 11th.

Congratulations to our 1962 **DISTRICT OFFICERS** - President, Eleanore Laurin, C-112; 1st V.P., Martin Gestautas, C-36; 2nd V.P., Irene Sankus, C-112; Rec. Secy, Theresa Pupinik, C-25; Corres. Secy., AnnMarie Pupinik, C-25; Treasurer, Al Mockus, C-112; Trustees, Vince Samaska, C-36 and Irene Rakaitis, C-112; and Marshalls, Ed Krivickas, Al Zakarka and Ed Pocius, all of C-112. Due to the By-Law amendments, these officers will serve a nine-month term.

DISTRICT CHOIR CONCERT A SUCCESS! Much of the credit for the excellent concert and reception banquet goes to: Honorary Chairman, John Kazanauskas; Executive Chairman, Estelle Rogers; the committee, Eleanore Laurin, Irene Rakaitis, Loretta Macekonis, Julie Zakarka, Al and Ruth Dagens, Balys Brazdzionis; volunteers Virginia Cerks, Gerry Mack, Jean Shlaustas, Irene Sankus and Al Kassel and his bartenders; Aldona and

Felix Daukus of the Sophie Barcus Radio Family and Lillian Vanagaitis of Margutis; the American and Lithuanian newspapers; and last but not least, the very, very hard working choir director, Faustas Strolia and choir members, who not only put in many practice hours but also did a terrific job in selling tickets. The District and the entire K of L organization are extremely proud of them. We wish them much success in all future endeavors and look forward to their next concert.



The K of L Building was the scene of the Choir's First Anniversary celebration on December 4th. Among the many guests present were Rev. Peter Cinikas, our former Spiritual Advisor, Prudencija Bickus and Al Brazis, the concert soloists. Also some of our sponsors were present, namely, John Kazanauskas, Joseph Gribauskas and Anthony Petkus and donors, Adam Anderson, Jack Jatis, Mrs. Stephen Lackawich, Bertha Lickus and Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Roses.



Choir Officials cut Birthday Cake. l.t.r.: Estelle Rogers, President; Faustas Strolia, Director; Eleanore Laurin, Ill-Ind. District President.

Our Friday Nite Bowling league teams are again running a very close race. Top team as of December 1st, by one-half game, was Standard Federal Savings & Loan with such stalwarts as Loretta Kassel, Gerry Mack, Lucille Stacy, Ron Kupetis and Bob Paul really battling to keep their team on top. Other team sponsors are Balzekas Motor Sales, Chicago Savings & Loan, Galva Restaurant, Mazeika-Evans Funeral Home, Question Mark Lounge, Petkus Funeral Home, St. Anthony Savings & Loan and Zabella's Lounge. If you're interested in entertainment - join the bowling group any Friday night at the Cermak Bowl.

The Illinois-Indiana District will commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day with the 2nd Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner - Dance at the Sherman Hotel on Sunday, February 11, 1962. One of the features will be a special program. Reservations will be limited, so everyone is urged to make their arrangements soon. Write to Eleanore Laurin, 6231 S. Artesian Avenue, Chicago 29, Ill. for advance reservations. Additional details will be available to all Councils within the next few weeks.

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Chicago, Ill. C-36 WGT

The beginning of a new year is upon us once again and our council has elected the following knights to lead us in all phases of our K of L activities for 1962:

Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Paul Juknevičius

President - Albert A. Kassel
1st Vice-Pres. - Richard Shlaustas

2nd Vice-Pres. - Robert Paul
Secretary - Joan Jankunas
Financial Sec'y. - Mary Ann Zemgulis

Treasurer - Joseph Ulevicius
Sgt.-at-Arms - Jerome Jankus
Trustees - Genevieve Giedraitis, Walter G. Tenclinger, Vincent Samoska

The very best of a successful year is wished to each and every one of our newly elected officers from every knight of 36.

Eight hundred smiles are quite a lot, especially when a disabled veteran can smile back and say thanks. Yes, through the efforts of Richard and Jean Shlaustas, we were able to donate 800 packs of cigarettes to the patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Hines, Ill. Aciuto workers Aldona Kaminskas, Victor Utara, Helen Sirvinskas, and Wally Tenclinger who distributed the Christmas good cheer on behalf of C-36.

Our annual Heart's Dance will again take place at the K of L Building on Saturday February 17, 1962. The music of Wally Tenclinger's DOWNBEATS will be featured. The committee is working energetically towards making this dance a success.

Belated congratulations are extended to Joseph Ulevicius and Wilhelmina Kulikauskas upon their recent marriage and to Mary Ann Zemgulis upon her engagement to Leonard Malas of C-112.

Also a word of encouragement to Pvt. Al Srupsa who is training in the Intelligence Corps at Fort Holabird in Baltimore, Maryland. A pre-Christmas surprise was given to his many fellow Chicago knights when Chippo Chaponis of New Jersey motored to the windy city to bask in the zero degree temperatures. Glad to see this fellow of good will and jolly spirits. this sort of rounds things up for this month, so, remember "For God and Country" in all of your K of L endeavors as your New Year resolution.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Dearborn, Mich. C-102

"Pelėda"

The "Reunion Dance," was a very successful social event in

November, thanks to the untiring efforts of chairman Terry and husband Ray Medonis. Others who assisted were: Joe (Kapusta kid) Jonulate, MaryAnn and Joe Guerriero, Phyllis and Emile Byville, Frank and Donna Bunikis and Junior members, "The Byville Trio."

The music of the Rythm Queens kept toes tapping.

Among former members who had such a good time that they couldn't resist joining C-102 were: Rudy Sakal, Joe and Mary Ellen Slivinski, Vince and Helen Yursis, Joe and Mary Sakal, and Carl Gobis.

The evening also showed us that we have very good cooperation between the presidents of the two Detroit councils. During the raffle, C-79 President Frank Zager pulled out the name of the 1st prize winner - C-102 President, Leon Galinskas! A coincidence??? The prize was a beautiful Madonna planter donated by Harper Canton Florists.

At our last meeting Father Stan was the man of the hour. First of all he conducted a round-table discussion that was very enthusiastically received and participated in by all members present. We feel very fortunate to have a Spiritual Director who contributes so much to our monthly meetings. Speaking of contributing, the November host with the most forgot his post and we were left without refreshments. Father Stan, however, saved the day with coffee, cheese cake and cookies. Rumor has it he is being considered for the permanent position!

We had such a wonderful time last year during the Holidays evening out on the council that we decided to do it again this year. All paid up member of C-102 were invited to a dinner on the 28th of December, which included dancing and entertainment.

Our loss is Chicago gain - Bronius Polikaitis left us for the Windy City, lured by the chimes of wedding bells. We wish him and

his bride much happiness and success.

"Texas" Vince Boris, tanned and smiling who was home for two very short weeks, demonstrated some of the latest dance steps at the Reunion Dance!

We are happy to have Pete and Rose Podalskis back as members of C-102.

The St. Anthony Fall Fair was a very gratifying success. Several members of C-102 helped out at the booths and members of the Junior Council, with some help from Bob Boris, took care of the decorations.

Remember Mass and Communion on the last Sunday of the month as well as our monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of the month in the basement of St. Anthony's rectory.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Vickie Dumbrowsky, whose mother recently passed away in Scotland, and to Rose Podalskis upon the loss of her father.

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Detroit, Mich. - C-79

Dot & Dash

When President Frank Zager called the meeting to order on December 6, the "big word" was ELECTION. As a result, the following emerged as new officers for 1962: Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Michael Kundrat; President, Edward Martin; 1st V.P., Joseph Chaps; 2nd V.P. Magdalen Smalls; Rec. Sec., Geraldine Chaps, Fin. Sec., Eleanore Waskiewicz; Treas., Chester Nashlon; Trustees, Bertha Janus, Tony Dainus and John Dargis. (Board and Chairmen to be announced later).

Congratulations to the new leaders and plaudits to the retiring officers for their past success. Outgoing President Frank Zager, in giving his Annual Report, especially expressed his appreciation to the chairmanship, the board and all members for the wonderful support and help given during his term of office. A special thank you to those who

opened their homes for board meetings.

Fine reports of several kind were floating in at the December meeting. Three cheers to Frank Petroski on good results from the Raffle. And one word will suffice Gerry Chaps' report on the Nov. 5th card party. Terrific!

Bill Juodawlakis came to our Autumn Fantasy card party - and next thing you know he won a bird. (What's he done with his cat?!). . . When Ed Martin was found doing dishes at the same affair, well - he's been initiated the right way - the top job in January! . . . Handsome brothers Bernie and Leonard "eyeing" the same girl at square dance lessons. What's this leading up to? . . . Raising Cain with his "spares" at the Holiday Bowl is Past Pres. Zager. Better luck in the next half, Frank. . . One plus one makes two for the Zanes. Congratulations - - - When Betty, Sr. isn't doing K.P. for the K of L, she's cooking at home - something she calls "the Petroski Special" which is hamburger, tomato sauce, cheese and macaroni . . . Vicki Chepolonis and Irene Novitski gave the glamour works at December social. Irene's daughter recently made her a grandma again. . . A happy Silver Anniversary to Clem and Helen Patocki . . . Few of our "brave ones" tried to inveigle the "shy ones" into trying the Twist at 102's Reunion Dance on Nov. 25th. Does E.P. need more coaxing? . . . Just a reminder - what finer New Year's resolution is there than to bring in a new K of L'er. Don't forget your spiritual obligation as well. . . . That's it!

Member of the Month

Among the many hard-working "pillars" of C-79, one stands out predominantly. We all know him as Anthony Dainus. Three years ago he "rounded up" about ten individuals and helped reactivate C-79. Tony was unanimously elected its first President. Soon this little group grew. Presently, upon

commemorating C-79's third anniversary in January, it has the largest membership in the country.

Tony was raised in St. George's Lithuanian Parish on Detroit's Eastside. An almost incredible record in his youth distinguished him as an altar boy serving Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery for five years daily - rain, sleet or shine! After completing grammar school, he attended Sacred Heart Seminary High School and continued on at Sacred Heart College to receive his B.A. degree.

Tony is mostly noted in the literary field - mainly he's done research on old parishioners from St. George's parish. Tony's been Chairman of Lithuanian Affairs, and many of his letters appeared in newspapers throughout the country. This is undoubtedly sketchy, but it gives a slight insight into Tony's many accomplishments. To the 79'ers Mr. Dainus will always remain "Father of Council 79."

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District News

"Bea-Bea"

A diversified activity calendar, a greater number of participants representing all councils, and a well-planned program were the results of the first board meeting of the 1961-62 District Officers held in early November in Worcester. President and hostess, Bernice Kavadaras, welcomed 21 knights from the area councils and led a discussion which resulted in a three-point activity program.

Sports-minded New Englanders have already had two such successful affairs. The first two District Bowling Rolloffs have been held - the first in Worcester on October 29th with C-116 as host, and the second in Cambridge on November 26th with C-18 as host. Over 75 bowlers participated in each meet. The third rolloff is scheduled for Sunday, January 14th

in South Boston, C-17 as host.

The District supported and promoted the Junior Rally in Worcester on November 12, hosted by C-26 Juniors and attended by over 100 Knights.

Bigger and better things are planned for New England Knights. Anyone wishing to join in District activities is welcome.

Happy New Year greetings to all!

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Worcester, Mass. - C-26

"Ellie"

Things have been just a little quiet around our council lately due to the fact that everyone is taking a much-deserved rest after our very successful Third Annual Musical Revue. As usual, the act that had the place in an uproar was the spry and active "Playmates," including Ed Daniels, Jay Paulukonis, Joe Kundrotas, Rich Karsok and Bill Grigas. They not only showed their childhood days but also helped Father Time turn the clocks ahead 20 years and showed us what the future held in store for them. All in all, every single person helped make the show the success it was. CONGRATULATIONS.

A Military Whist was held this past month to raise money for the K of L History Fund. It looks like the fund is off to a good start too! The Committee did a terrific job. The Co-Chairmen were Steve Walinsky, Jr. and Jay Paulukonis.

A very important part of the K of L activities is the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Chairman, Miss Olga Kersis, is organizing a 100-A Year-Club to make this the most active committee of the council. Every member should really try to be on this and help Lithuania.

Now that the Musical is over, we are going to start on a Lithuanian Play. Rita Brown and her committee will formulate the plans. Name and date have not been selected as yet.

January's Highlight will be the

annual Ski Weekend, which always turns out to be a success. There are always more that want to go than can be accommodated. It seems everyone has taken a liking to skiing.

Uncle Sam is beginning to take a few of our real active members. Some are - Joe Zalieckas, Joe Russell, Dennis Spain, Rich Karsok. Hope they will take over right where they left off upon their return.

Al Jaraitis, C-17, South Boston, made quite a few very good friends in Worcester after he lost his bets about the Holy Cross-Boston College Football Game. Better luck next year, Al !!! . . .

Rich Karsok made out very well at the Fall Dance in Boston. He came home with a portable TV.



Wanda Pajeda and Judy Bagurskis presenting Richard Karsok with gift at surprise farewell party given in his honor Dec. 9 at home of Judy Bagurskis.

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So. Worcester, Mass. - C-116

It is the sincerest wish of all our members that each and everyone of you had a very enjoyable Holiday Season.

Our Council's Christmas Social was held on December 16 at the Dark Brook Restaurant. Steak, lobster or roast beef were the choice on the menu and our members filled themselves to the brim

with the fine things offered. John Andruska as usual played Santa.

A donation was forwarded to the Retarded Childrens' Association in behalf of our council during the Holy Season.

New slate of officers for the 1962 term are as follows: Pres., Mary Klimkaitis; Vice-Pres., Jerome Burdulis; Recording Sec., Joseph Krasinskas; Financial Sec., Barbara Mazeika; Treasurer, Charles Lapinskās; Marshalls; Dorothy Glaster and Ray Sprindziunas; Trustees; Gladys Pinkus and John Andruska.

Our "Kopustai ir Kilbasai Supper" was a huge success. The hard-working committee, headed by Mildred Lapinskas, prepared the sausages and cabbage in true Lithuanian style. Bernice Kavadaras did a good job in preparing an "after-dinner show." John Doreika, our council comedian, entertained. Barbara Mazeika, Ann Miller, Dot Sinkavitch and Mary Klimkaitis did a routine which had the audience in tears.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. John Kokernak on the birth of a son. They have one other child, a daughter. . . We hear Maryann Sienkiewicz was a hit in "Roma-off and Juliet" presented by the Meiji Players in Japan. Nice work, Maryann. . . C-116 would like to extend best wishes to Fran Daniels of So. Boston as she prepares to enter the Air Force Nursing Corps - - - Janice Sabonaitis is sporting a beautiful gem on her finger. A June wedding is planned. . .

In case you haven't heard, Richie Luikey is now stationed with the Air Force in Germany. . . Jim Gvazdauskas is attending school in Boston. Maybe that's the reason we haven't seen too much of him lately. . . It was nice to have the boys from Waterbury attending our Kilbasai Supper. . . Did you know Dot Sinkavitch is quite a golfer? Won a free week-end at Eastover for winning a hole in one contest. The ball actually went into the cup. Quite an accomplishment.

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So. Boston, Mass. - C-17

The fall dance held on November 25th was a successful venture. Guests from New England and Washington, D.C. attended.

John Olevitz was elected General Chairman of the 50th National Convention. Alice Ruseckas was elected as Corresponding Secretary and Albina Rudgunas was elected as Recording Secretary.

A Christmas party was held after the December meeting. A large group attended and the annual practice of exchanging gifts was observed. A real Lithuanian decoration of the Christmas tree added to the scene of the party.

Our President, Jerome Venis, had the misfortune to suffer a hairline fracture of his right leg. We need your leadership, Jerry, so get well soon.

C-17 will be the host council for the N.E. District roll-off on January 14, 3:30 p.m. It will be held at the South Boston Bowlamara on East Broadway, So. Boston.

Fran Daniels headed for southland on January 2, 1962. Good luck, Fran.

C-17's ski weekend is slated for January 19, 20, 21 and will be held at Purity Springs, Madison, New Hampshire. See Ed Rudis for details.

Larry Svelnis and Ed Rudis are campaigning for offices in the South Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club.

May we remember Helen Suprin's mother in our prayers. She passed away November 22nd.

Al Jaritis is looking at justice from the other side of the fence. He was selected for jury duty.

C-17 wishes each and everyone a Linksmų Naujų Metų.

Athol-Gardner, Mass.-C-10

Vincukas

On November 5th, Rev. John C. Jutt, K of L Chaplain and Pastor of St. Francis Church, Athol, was given a reception in the church hall by some 300 parishioners, priests and friends present from Athol, Worcester, Gardner and Orange.

Rev. Albin Yankauskas of Our Lady of Vilna, Worcester, acted as M.C. and introduced a number of priests, Father Jutt's parents, his brother and sisters.

In his address, Father Jutt stressed the fact that the reception was a testimony to the Priesthood and not to him as a person. He thanked his benefactors and pledged to work in their behalf during his stay in Athol.

John Krustapentus, Chairman of the reception, presented Father with a purse on behalf of the large group. All of our best wishes to Father Jutt.

Several of our members attended the past two roll-offs in Worcester and Cambridge.

A group from Gardner attended the highly successful annual Musical Review, sponsored by St. Casimir's K of L to aid the parish fund. It is always an excellent affair. Worcester surely has the talent. Bravo, C-26!

Plans are being formulated to recruit the younger set from St. Francis' parish into a Junior K of L Council. Heading the committee are: Father Jutt, Rich Karsok, Bernice Kavadaras, Dr. Gailiunas, Howie Beaudette and Al Rodski.

Mr. & Mrs. Brownie P. Kukauskas bought a new home on Rich Street in Gardner. . . Mr. & Mrs. Norman Langlois became the parents of a baby girl recently. The

Langlois' also have two sons, Michael and John. . . Bill Wisnauskas was on the Federal Grand Jury in Boston for two months. Happy New Year everyone.

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Westfield, Mass. - C-30

Genovaite

Now that 1961 has come to an end, it's time to look back on the past very busy months.

August found us baking dozens and dozens of cookies for the Red Cross to donate to the Veteran's Hospital. Nellie Dardauski did a fine job as organizer of this worthwhile project.

Cookies in August and candy in September. Margaret Wallis and Dolly Kisonas were chairmen of a candy sale which helped to swell the treasury. A trip was also made in September by President Theresa Atkicaitis and Nellie Lingaitis to the District Convention in South Boston.

A covered-dish supper meeting which was held in December was a wonderful affair. Our hard-working President and Dolly Kisonas, who is always willing to help, did a super job. Food, decorations and atmosphere were just right and much was accomplished at this time for the new year. Officers for 1962 were elected:

President, Benedict Coach; Vice-Pres, Joseph Sabonis; Secretary, Carleen Smyk; Treasurer, Helen Alexik.

Good luck to the new officers and many thanks to 1961's officers for a job well done.

Plans were also made for a Pre-Lenten Card Party to be held February 14, 1962.