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LIETUVOS HIMNAS

Vincas Kudirka

Lietuva, tėvynė mūsų,
Tu, didvyrių žemė,
Iš praeities Tavo sūnūs
Te stiprybę semia.

Tegul Tavo vaikai eina
Vien takais dorybės,
Tegul dirba Tavo naudai
Ir žmonių gėrybei.

Tegul saulė Lietuvos
Tamsumus prašalina,
Ir šviesa ir tiesa
Mūs žingsnius telydi.

Tegul meilė Lietuvos
Dega mūsų širdyse,
Vardan tos, Lietuvos
Vienybė težydi.

LITHUANIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

(Translated by Nadas Rastenis)

Hail Lithuania triumphant!
Land of heroes hoary,
From the past thy sons may ever
Draw their strength and glory.

May thy children ever follow
Their undaunted fathers,
In devotion to their country
And good will to others.

May the Sun of our loved shore
Shine upon us evermore,
May our faith and the truth
Keep our pathway lighted.

May the love of Fatherland
Make us strong of heart and hand!
May our Land ever stand
Peaceful and united!



Free Lithuania's Link to the World

THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE



This tall, gray stone house on 16th Street in Washington housing the Lithuanian Legation is one of the last bits of territory of the Republic of Lithuania left in the world.

D. Juris

The terms Diplomatic Service and Foreign Service are used interchangeably in international relations.

The Foreign Service of Lithuania, as of other countries, consists of Diplomatic and Consular Services. For the sake of brevity, it is often called the Diplomatic Service.

Diplomatic service abroad is the representation of one sovereign state in another sovereign state. It is established by virtue of mutual agreement of two sovereign states. Chiefs of mission and other officials are appointed by the government of one sovereign state to the government of another sovereign state. Appointees receive commissions from their governments and documents of recognition from the receiving governments. The existence and functioning of the Lithuanian Diplomatic Service abroad is proof of the existence of the State of Lithuania.

The Diplomatic Service abroad represents the Government and State and deals with the Government to which it is accredited. Diplomatic Service offices or Missions are always stationed in the capital of the country to which they are assigned. They are either Embassies or Legations. Their chiefs are Ambassadors, Ministers, or Charges d'Affaires. They are appointed by the Head of their State and recognized by the Head of the State to which they are appointed.

Although established and accredited in the same manner as the Diplomatic Service, the Consular Service deals with the State, County, Municipal or local authorities and represents before them the State and its individual citizens,



Stasys Lozoraitis, Chief of the Lithuanian Diplomatic Service, now ranking diplomat in France.

as well as commercial concerns. Consulates are usually located in port cities and commercial centers. They are of two major designations: Consulates General and Consulates. Occasionally, in smaller localities, they are Vice-Consulates. Their chiefs are: Consuls General, Consuls, and Vice-Consuls.

Consular rights, powers and duties are fixed and regulated by international law, treaty stipulations, and statutes and regulations of appointing and receiving countries. Consuls and consular officers are frequently regarded as the officers both of the State which appoints, and of the State which receives them. The extent of the authority of consular officers is derived from their commissions of appointment granted by the State which appoints, and from their Exequatur, issued by the State which receives them. The granting of the Exequatur, without express restrictions, confers upon the consular officer all prerogatives, privileges and rights necessary to performance of the duties of his office.

Consular prerogatives, how-

ever, do not include all the immunities and privileges of diplomatic officers, but, on the other hand, they do grant broader practical rights and powers. Diplomatic officers ordinarily are merely the representatives of their sovereign and government; they have no right to perform acts which would have any legal effect, unless especially authorized and instructed by their government; they can only present the demands or views of their government; and negotiate with the government to which they are accredited. Consular officers, on the contrary, act, rather than negotiate. They have recognized international status which has both an international and a local effect and which gives significance to many of their acts.

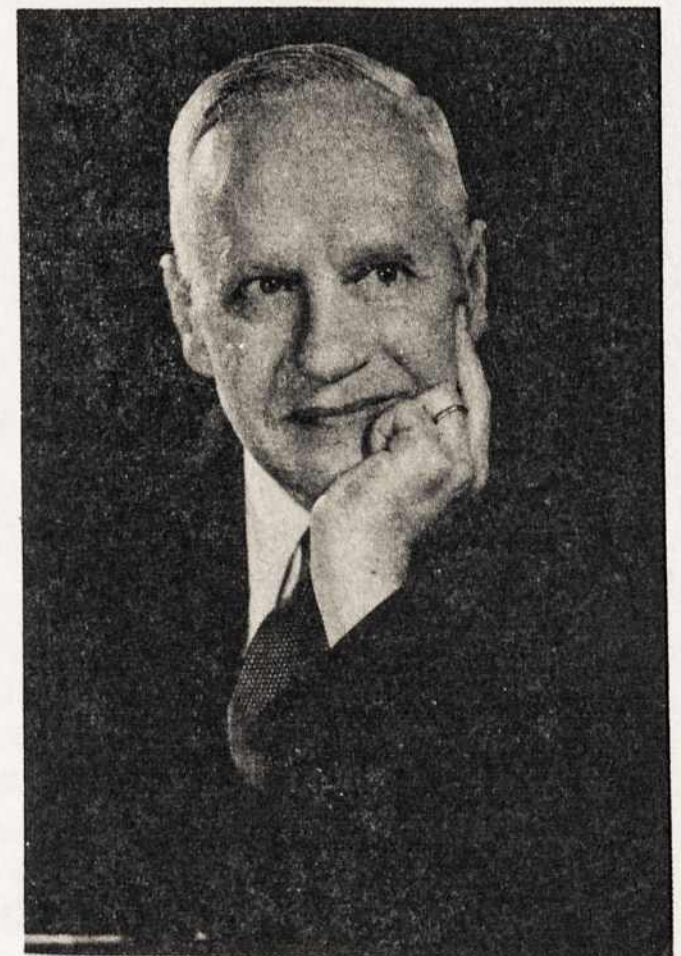
Consuls are agents appointed by a state to watch over its commercial interests, and to protect the interests of its merchants, its seamen, and its subject or citizens generally, in the country where they are stationed.

Among the varied duties and corresponding rights, there are included the duties (which are now major in the United States) and rights with regard to the preservation and protection of the estates of deceased nationals. In these matters the courts have ruled that a consul is ex-officio and attorney-in-fact for any of his non-resident nationals- he is a fully authorized and qualified personal and immediate representative of a non-resident citizen of his country, and a power of attorney from the non-resident citizen is neither necessary to strengthen the consul's position, nor capable of adding any additional force.

Consuls general and consuls of Lithuania in the United States do represent many non-resident nationals of Lithuania in estate matters. From time to time they encounter in estate cases the Soviet Embassy's attorneys and purported attorneys-in-fact for non-resident, Lithuanian nationals. So far, in every such case, the Lithuanian consuls have prevailed.

In addition to the handling of estate matters, Lithuania's Consulates' duties include issuing passports to and extending the validity of the passports of Lithuanian citizens; translating and issuing various documents; carrying on extensive correspondence with individuals and business, cultural, educational, and other concerns and organizations - both Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian. They follow the press and inform it about the plight of Lithuania and its people; they attend many meetings and various official and social functions, and make speeches on matters pertaining to Lithuania.

In the United States there are five official representations of the independent Republic of Lithuania; the Legation in Washington, D.C., Consulates General in New York and Chicago, and Honorary Consuls in Boston and Los Angeles. The jurisdiction of the Consulate General in New York extends to Con-



Joseph Kajeckas, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Lithuanian Legation, is still recognized by the U.S. as the legal representative of the Republic of Lithuania.

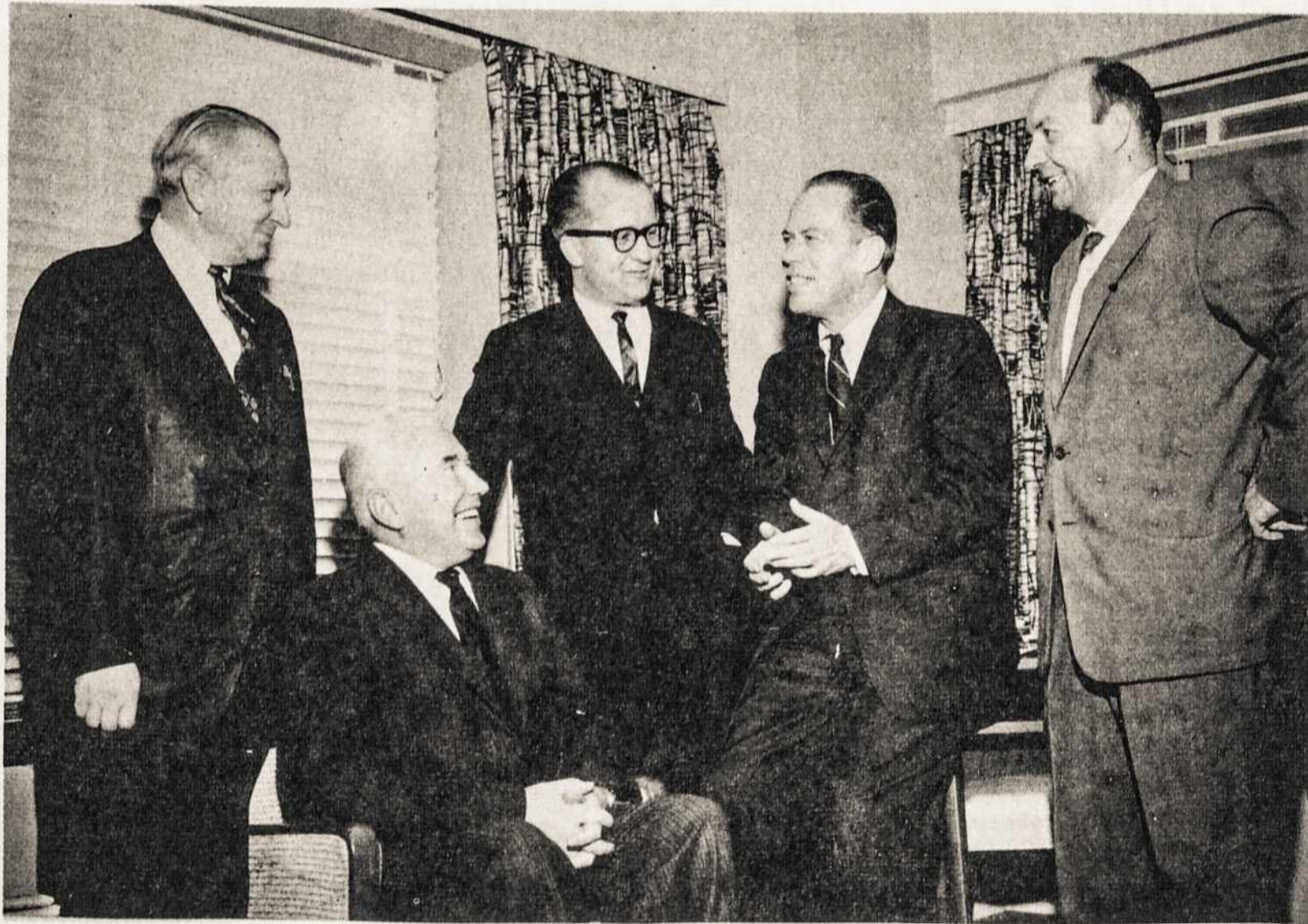
necticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia, the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The jurisdiction of the Consulate General in Chicago is for Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

There are diplomatic and consular representations of Lithuania in Uruguay, Brazil and Colombia. In Canada, the consular post is vacant for the present.

In Europe there are Legations in London and at the Holy See in Rome, and official representatives of Lithuania in Italy and France who are in charge of the diplomatic affairs of Lithuania in Western Europe.

The Chief of the Lithuanian Diplomatic Service is the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to Italy, now ranking diplomat in France, Stasys Lozoraitis, with residence in Rome, Italy.

Chiefs of the Missions, Legations and Consulates are: Minister B. K. Balutis in London, Minister S. Lozoraitis in Paris, Minister S. Girdvainis at the Vatican in Rome, Minister K. Graužinis in Montevideo, Uruguay, Minister Fr. Meieris in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Charge d'Affaires J. Kajeckas in Washington, Consul General J. Budrys in New York, Consul General P. Daužvardis in Chicago, Consul A. Polišaitis in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Honorary Consul A. O. Shallna in Boston, Honorary Consul Dr. J. J. Bielskis in Los Angeles, and Honorary Consul V. Sirutis in Bogota, Colombia.

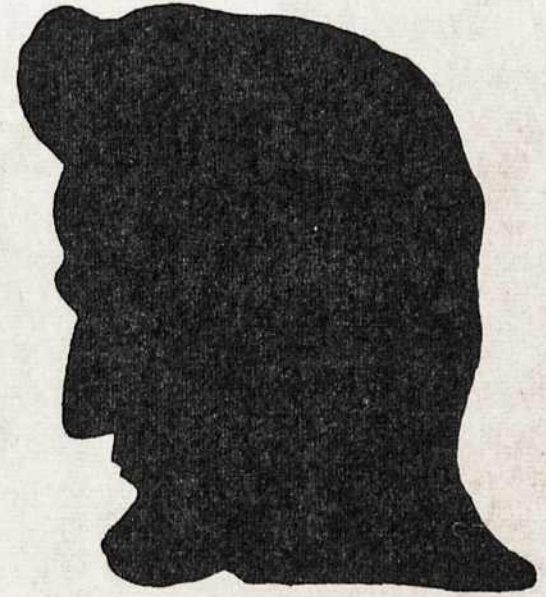


SENATOR KUCHEL MEETS LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN FUNCTIONARIES. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (second from right), one of the authors of the famous Kuchel-Lipscomb resolution, met the Executive Committee members of the Americans for Kuchel-Lipscomb Resolution on December 8, 1961, at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles and for more than one hour discussed various matters pertaining to the aforesaid resolution. Pictured from left to right: Anthony F. Skirius, Ass't. Coordinator of the Americans for Kuchel-Lipscomb Resolution; Vincent Kazlauskas, a member of the Finance Committee of the AFKLR; Leonard Valiukas, Coordinator of this nationwide committee; Sen. Tom Kuchel; and Julius Jodele, Chairman of the Lithuanian Section of the AFKLR. Photo by King's Service, Inc.

AT GETTYSBURG

By Thomas Curtis Clark

These quiet fields, where play the mocking-birds;
 These lavish orchards, boon to days of peace;
 These happy valleys - was it here the words
 of weary Lincoln bade the battles cease?
 And was it here the tides of conflict rolled
 Through fearful days of devastating death,
 While countless millions worn with warfare old
 Endured and prayed and hoped, with bated breath?
 O Lincoln, master, speak to us again;
 Lift up our hearts, subdue our stubborn souls,
 Here once again, on this embattled plain,
 Call us to peace, speed us to worthy goals;
 Bind up the broken spirits, bid war die
 In every heart, and under every sky!



WASHINGTON

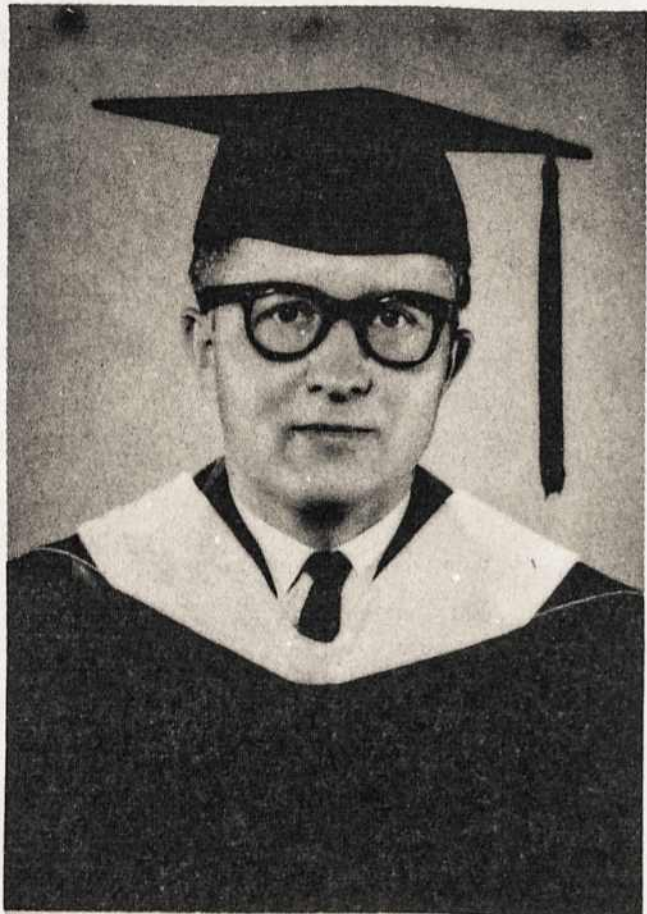
When dreaming kings, at odds with swift-paced time,
 Would strike that banner down,
 An nobler knight than ever wit or rhyme
 With fame's bright wreath did crown'
 Through armed hosts bore it till it floated high
 Beyond the clouds, a light that cannot die!
 Ah, hero of our younger race!
 Great ruler of a temple new!
 Ruler, who sought no lordly place!
 Warrior, who sheathed the sword he drew!
 Lover of men, who saw afar
 A world unmarred by want or war,
 Who knew the path, and yet forbore,
 To tread, till all men should implore;
 Who saw the light, and led the way
 Where the gray world might greet the day;
 Father and leader, prophet sure,
 Whose will in vast works shall endure,
 How shall we praise him on this day of days,
 Great son of fame who has no need of praise?



How shall we praise him? Open wide the doors
 Of the fair temple whose broad base he laid.
 Through its white halls a shadowy cavalcade
 Of heroes moves o'er unresounding floors -
 Men whose brawned arms upraised these columns high,
 And reared the towers that vanish in the sky,-
 The strong who, having wrought, can never die.

Harriet Monroe

PROFILE.....



With Lithuanian Independence Day being commemorated in February, it is most fitting that our profile of the month be a person who has devoted much time and effort in Lithuania's cause. Although many persons in the Knights of Lithuania fit this description - one of the most outstanding is Leonard Valiukas, member of Council 133 in Los Angeles, California.

Leonard was born in Lithuania and began his education in Europe. After establishing himself in the United States he continued his education at the University of Southern California where in 1960 he received his M.A. degree. He has an excellent background in Public Administration, Management, Business Administration and Journalism, but his major field was Political Science.

The first meeting between Leonard and the Knights of Lithuania was back in 1949. He became active in Council 133, served as President in 1957 and again in 1959, and continues to be one of the stalwarts of the Council. His

Leonard Valiukas

By Irene K. Sankus

activities do not end on the Council level, as he was the chairman of the National Public Relations Committee from 1952 to 1957 and the Supreme Council Second Vice-President in charge of Membership in 1958. This year Leonard was again elected to serve on the National Public Relations Committee, representing the West Coast.

It was primarily due to Leonard's efforts that Los Angeles was chosen as the site of the K of L National Convention in 1958. This gave many K of L'ers in the East and the Mid-West an opportunity to meet with the Western members.

In addition to his work with the Knights of Lithuania, he is also active in many Lithuanian-American organizations such as the Ateitis Federation - Ateitininkai (President in 1953) and a member of the Executive Committees of the Lithuanian - American Council, Inc., S. Calif. Div.

The Americans for Kuchel-Lipscomb Resolution which embraces Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians is Leonard's current project. He was one of the organizers and is a coordinator of this nationwide committee. Through this important work, he has succeeded in making Americans throughout the nation aware of the plight of the enslaved Baltic Nations, and anxious to see that our representatives in Congress begin doing something about it!

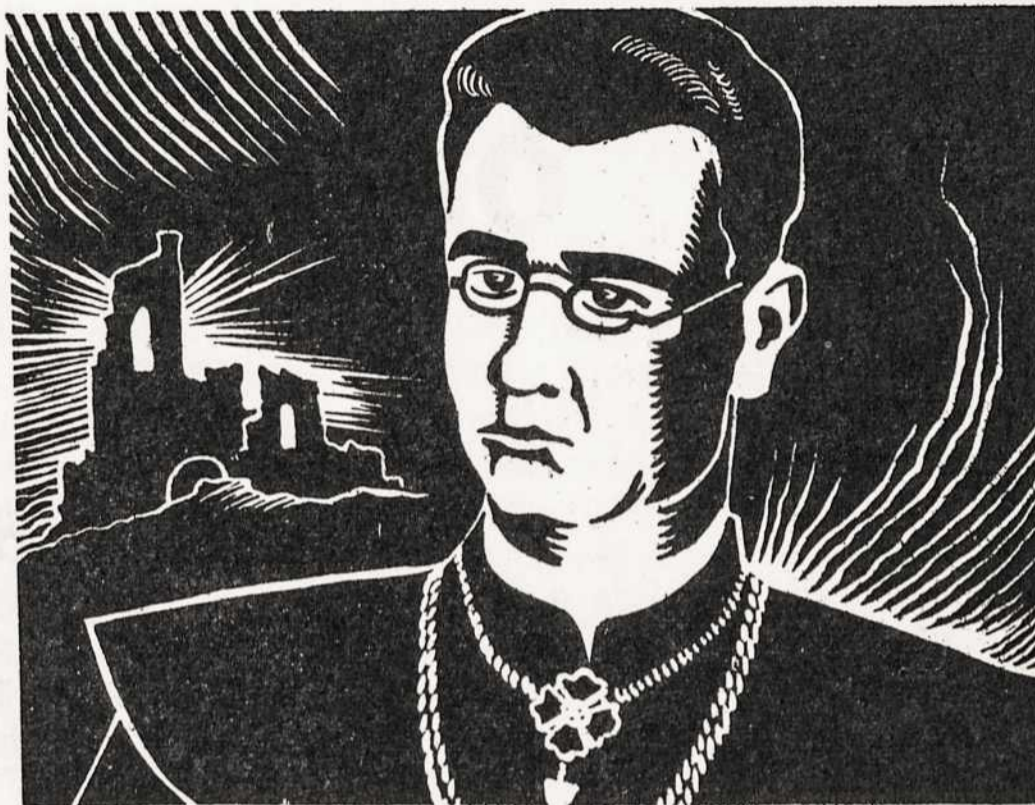
Politics are a main interest of Leonard. He is a member of the Los Angeles World Affairs

Council and has been active in the Republican Party in California since 1955. He holds county-wide and statewide offices in the Assembly. He organized the American-Lithuanian Republicans of California and the Lithuanian - American Republic Assembly and at various times was President of both groups. One of the most important and interesting committees to Leonard was the nationwide committee, Nixon for President, Lithuanian-American Committee in 1960 on which he served as one of the three co-chairman. Currently he is the Chairman of the Minorities - Nationalities Committee of the California Republican Assembly.

Editing, writing and political activities are Leonard's hobbies. His articles have appeared in various newspapers throughout the country and currently he has prepared and edited a book in English, "Lithuania, Past and Present." From 1952 to 1955 he was the Managing Editor of the Lithuanian Days magazine.

It is said that Leonard has more friends among the California Americans than any other Lithuanian-American in California. But his untiring work on Lithuania's behalf has added to his roster of friends and admirers many people throughout the nation, Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians alike. We commend Leonard on his many achievements and his untiring work, and wish him much future success in his endeavors.

JUBILIEJINIAI MAIRONIO METAI



Paulius Erdvys

Maironio vardas, tenka manyti, yra žinomas visam lietuviškam jaunimui, kurio tarpe randasi ir Lietuvos Vyčių nariai.

Šiais metais Maironiui, vienam didžiausiųjų lietuvių tautos poetui, sukanka nuo jo gimimo dienos šimtas metų. Užtat, pagarbos vardan, lietuvių spauda JAV šiuos metus pavadino Maironio jubiliejniais metais.

Švenčiant ir minint Maironio gimimo šimtmetį pirmiausia turime prisiminti, kad jis dar spaudos drudimo metu "Aušroje" skausmingai dainavo Lietuvos jaunimui ir tuo jis dilgino jų širdis, ragindamas pabusti iš miego ir žeruoti prieš pavergėjus deginančia ugnimi! Atseit, Maironis mūsų tautos istorijoje laikomas epochiniu dainium. Maironi lietuvių tauta buvo pamilus vien dėl to, kad jis taikliai išreiškė brangiausias tautos jausmus savo poezijoje. Maironis sugebėjo būti atviras lietuvių tautos interesams bei jų rūpesčiams. Jo kūryba pralenkia visus kitus 19-jo šimtmečio pabaigos lietuvių poetus meniniu įtaigumu ir gražumu. Ypač jo eilėraščių rinkinys "Pavasario Balsai", turėjo didelės įtakos daugeliui vyresniųjų lietuvių poetų.

Žinant, kad Maironis yra laikomas lietuvių patriotizmo dainium ir atgimimo pranašu, būtina yra susipažinti su jo biografija.

Maironis yra literatūrinė pavardė arba slapyvardė. Tikroji jo pavardė buvo Jonas Mačiulis, gimęs 1862 m. lapkričio 2 d. Raseinių apskr., Betygalos vlsč., Pasandvario dvare. Baigęs Kauno gimnaziją, metus studijavo Kijevo universitete, bet, turėdamas kunigo pašaukimą, grįžo į Kauną, kur baigia Kauno kunigų seminariją, o po to ir Petrapilio dvasinę akademiją. Baigęs paskiriamas Kauno kunigų seminarijos profesorium, o po

metų kitų nukeliamas į Petrapilio dvasinę akademiją profesorium ir inspektorium, kuriuo išbuvo 15 metų. 1909 m. perkeltas į Kauną ir paskirtas Kauno kunigų seminarijos rektorium. Tose pareigose išbuvo ligi mirties. Beprofesoriaudamas jis buvo paaukštintas Mocholiovo arkivyskupijos kanauninku, o vėliau Kauno metropolijos prelatu. Be to, Kauno universiteto buvo išrinktas teol. filosofijos fakulteto profesorium. Prelatas Mačiulis-Maironis mirė 1932 m. birželio 28 d. Jo palaikai ilsisi Kauno bazilikoje.

Ir dar kas svarbu, kad Maironis buvo tikras dvasios aristokratas: išsimokslinęs, išsilavinęs, dailaus elgesio, gražios kalbos. Jam užimant Kauno kunigų seminarijos rektoriaus pareigas, seminarijoje vyravo lenkų kalba. Maironiui rektoriaujant seminarijoje prasidėjo nauja gyvenimo era, būtent, lietuviška. Visi klerikai ir profesoriai buvo priversti vartoti tik lietuvių kalbą. Gi nelietuviai profesoriai iš seminarijos tapo pašalinti.

A. A. prel. Mačiulis-Maironis ne tik buvo pirmaeilis poetas-dainius, geras pedagogas-profesorius, bet jis buvo ir istorikas, nes yra parašęs, galima sakyti, pirmąją Lietuvos istoriją, iš kurios tais laikais vakarais mokė Kauno mokyklinį jaunimą. Jo mokiniu, istorijos, teko būti šio rašinio autoriui.

Taip, Maironis miręs, bet jo tevyinės Lietuvos meilės idėja ir ryžtingumas dėl savos tautos laisvės buvo, yra ir bus gyvas. Lenkime prieš jį savo jaunas ir senas galvas ir į savo širdis įrašykime velionies dainiaus nors šį posmelį jo poezijos: Petys į petį už savo Tėvynę!

OFFICIAL NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

TO THE OFFICERS:

The Membership Drive has been in progress for little over a month now. It would be gratifying and reassuring to hear that every Council has a good strong Drive going and that the results are very satisfactory. Since there is no way to determine the progress of each Council, I have to depend on those in charge to insure a successful Drive.

Since the Drive is under your leadership and guidance, it is up to you to see that it does not lag behind or even come to a complete stop. It is up to you to initiate a program that will attract new members. Utilize the suggestions sent to you to the fullest extent. Stimulate the Drive in the minds of your members.

Of course this puts a great burden on you plus more extra work, but your being an officer is a positive indication that you are willing to assume the responsibilities of work. There is an old saying, "If you want something done, give it to a busy person." To these busy persons, and I'm sure every K of L council officer is included, I direct my sincere hope that you are doing everything possible and exerting every imaginable effort to enlist a good new group of members.

TO THE MEMBERS:

As a rule, most members are members in name only. They pay their dues (if reminded) and usually sit back and leave the work to the officers and committees. They are too busy with other activities to give the organization a helping hand.

Stop for a minute and try to recall how you have helped your Council, or the K of L in general, this past year. What have you actually contributed to the organization's betterment? Have you sincerely given of yourself for the K of L? Were there times when you could have done more? Were there oc-

casions when you refused to aid in some Committee work or assist in some activity? There are many who will admit to nonfulfillment of K of L duties. To these members, we offer an excellent opportunity to make restitution, to the active members, we offer another assignment.

I appeal to all of you to put your heart and soul into recruiting new members during this Membership Drive. All of you must have Lithuanian friends who are not members. See these people. Talk to these people. Give them an opportunity to know the K of L. Invite them to the meetings. Introduce them to council members. Make them feel at home. Make them feel as if they are wanted - and more important - needed.

TO ALL

A Membership Drive cannot be successful without everyone's help. The Membership Committee needs the cooperation and assistance of each and every Knight. You don't have to be on the official committee to do some work - you can do your own recruiting. You can talk to your friends much better than a stranger can and as a result they would join much faster through your efforts. In the final analysis, it is up to you and YOU alone.

If you are an officer, prod your members to do some recruiting. If you are a member, offer suggestions to your officers on organizing some council activities where potential members can become acquainted with the K of L.

We all have a job to do for the Knights of Lithuania!

William Grigas
Vice-President
Membership

THE HISTORY FUND

Progress Report

Since the convention, councils heard from were: Boston, Norwood, Philadelphia, Hartford, Elizabeth, Providence and Amsterdam. Amsterdam, especially, seems to be going through its list of potential donors in and outside the council with a fine tooth comb and the results show that careful and diligent work yields results.

There have been a number of repeat performances; some who gave \$5 or \$10 last year have now come through with an additional gift. Several councils have reported that their collection is going ahead at full speed, and their work, no doubt, will soon be evident in the Fund figures.

At the year's end, the K of L History Fund was nearing the \$2,000 mark. We are now in the final months of the campaign to raise the necessary publication expense. Without a \$5 or \$10 contribution from EVERY member, our goal will not be reached.

The officers and solicitors in each council are asked to intensify their efforts in order to reach at least the minimum quota. Let us wind up this historical campaign successfully.

THE K O L HISTORY FUND COMMITTEE

K OF L CALENDAR

- February 17 - C-36 "Heart's Dance". K of L Building, Chicago.
- March 2, - New England District Dance. Marlboro Country Club, Marlboro, Mass. 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- March 17 - C-29 St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Ball. St. George's Hall, 180 New York Ave., Newark, N. J. 8:00 P.M. Adm. \$4.00.
- May 26-27 - Midwest Bowling Tournament. Detroit, Mich. C-79 hosts.
- August 6-11 - K of L Juniors' camp week. Camp Dainava, Manchester, Michigan.
- August 15-19 . 49th K of L National Convention. Hotel Robert Treat, Park Place, Newark, New Jersey. New York-New Jersey District hosts.

SING ALONG . . .

The "Rūta" Radio Ensemble, conducted by Algird Kačanauskas, has just released a new long-playing recording, entitled "Sing Along In Lithuanian." (Dainuojame Su Rūta). Complete words are printed for the 17 most popular Lithuanian songs, with the Gene Mitchko orchestra in accompaniment: (Vilniaus Kalneliai, Pragėriau Žirgelį, Praded Aušrelė Aušti, Ar Aš Tau Sese, Pasėjau Linelius, Daug Dainelių, Mylėjau Mergelę, Bijūnelis Žalias, Kai Aš Turėjau, Plaukia Nemunėlis, Subatos Vakarėli, Tūkstantis Žingsnelių, Šalta Žiemužė, Per Klaususių Ulutėlę).

The hi-fi monaural copy is available at \$5.00. In stereo - at \$6.00. Orders can be sent to the director of the "Rūta" Radio Ensemble - Jack Stukas, 1264 White Street, Hillside, New Jersey, who is also National Chairman of the K of L Cultural Committee.

Jack plans to release two additional Lithuanian hi-fi recordings: "The Compositions of Saloméja Čerienė" and "Lithuanian Melodies, With Accordionist Charles Daubaras." Participating in the Čerienė recording are some of the Alice Stephens Singers, Viktoras Bendorius, Stella Končienė, Izabelė Motiekaitienė, Louis Stukas and the "Rūta" Radio Ensemble.

Earlier last year Jack released two hi-fi Lithuanian L/p recordings entitled "Music from Oppressed Lithuania," Vols. I & II, which have 24 Lithuanian folk songs, dances, operatic selections and light favorites.

New VYČIŲ VEIKLA Editor for Draugas

Mr. Albin Manst, 1731 N. Albany, Chicago, Illinois, has been appointed to edit the Vyčių Veikla column, appearing each Saturday in the newspaper Draugas.

Please cooperate in keeping Mr. Manst supplied with K of L news for this important column. . . and, be sure all District and council bulletins are sent to him regularly.

We congratulate Mr. Manst, and wish him much success in this new position.

Nutarimas.

Lietuvos Taryba savo posėdyje vasario 16 d. 1918 m. vienu balsu nutarė kreiptis: į Rusijos, Vokietijos ir kitų valstybių vyriausybės šiuo pareiškimu:

Lietuvos Taryba, vienintelė lietuvių tautos atstovybė, remdama pripažintą tautų apsisprendimo teisę ir lietuvių Vilniaus konferencijos nutarimu rugsėjo mėn. 18-23 d. 1917 metais, skelbia atstatanti nepriklausomą demokratiniiais pamatais sutvarkytą Lietuvos valstybę su sostine Vilniuje ir tą valstybę atskirianti nuo visų valstybinių ryšių, kurie yra buvę su kitomis tautomis.

Drauge Lietuvos Taryba pareiškia, kad Lietuvos valstybės pamatus ir jos santykius su kitomis valstybėmis privalo galutinai nustatyti tiek galima graičiau sušauktas steigiamasis seimas, demokratinio būdu visų joes gyventojų išrinktas.

Lietuvos Taryba pranešdama apie tai
vyriausybei, prašo pripažinti nepriklausomą Lietuvos valstybę.

Vilniuje, vasario 16 d. 1918 m.

<i>D. J. Kleckys</i>	<i>D. J. Basanavičius</i>
<i>J. Šernas</i>	<i>J. Pionarskis</i>
<i>A. Domina</i>	<i>M. Buzickas</i>
<i>J. Čiurlionis</i>	<i>K. Birauskas</i>
<i>J. Štanga</i>	<i>R. Dovydasas</i>
<i>A. Stulginskis</i>	<i>J. Rasiša</i>
<i>J. Valiūnas</i>	<i>P. Klimas</i>
<i>J. Vileišis</i>	<i>Stasys Kelertas</i>
	<i>W. Llesonas</i>
	<i>P. Narutovicius</i>
	<i>Alfonsas Petrus</i>
	<i>K. Gailys</i>



LIETUVOS VASARIO 16-JI

Kaip 1776 m. liepos Ketvirtoji yra laikoma JAV gimimo diena, taip 1918 m. Vasario 16-ji yra laikoma Lietuvos atgimimo diena. Tai didelių įvykių dienos - istorinės dienos. Kiekvienas įvykis, ypač istorinis, beveik be kovos neatsiranda. Ginkluotomis ar kultūrinėmis priemonėmis iškovotas įvykis yra kovos padaras. Štai dabar mes ir stovime prieš įvairių kovų padarą, įvykusį prieš 44 metus ir tapusiu lietuvių tautos realybe, būtent 1918 m. Vasario 16 diena.

Karaliaus Mindaugo sujungta Lietuvos valstybė, savo galybę ir klestėjimą pasiekusi Vytauto Didžiojo laikais, užtvėnkusi mongolų antplūdį į Vakarus ir germanų veržimąsi į Rytus, 18 šimtmečio gale tapo rusų imperializmo auka. Tik po 120 metų nepaliaujamos kovos su despotija vieninga lietuvių tautos valia, nepalaužiamu ryžtingumu ir didelėmis aukomis buvo laimėtas 1918 m. vasario 16 d. nepriklausomybės aktas.

Šiandieną mums atrodo tas įvykis lyg simbolika, kad vasario 16 d. aktas lyg atsitiktinai buvo pasi-

rašytas ir paskelbtas Gedimino kalno papėdėje ir nuaidėjo po visą plačiąją Lietuvą, nes tą dieną buvo net įstatymiškai įkūnytas visos tautos nuo pat 1795 m. puoselėtas, atkakliai siektas ir labai daug aukų kainavęs troškimas - nepriklausomos Lietuvos valstybės idėja, tą dieną tapusi faktū ir tokiu liks amžiams.

Paskelbti pasauliui Nepriklausomybės Aktą nebuvo taip sunku, kaip jį apginti. Tuo laiku dar visai nebuvo aišku, kas išeis iš karo sugriauto pasaulio. Net tie vyrai, kurių rankose atsidūrė pasaulio likimas - Wilsonas, Clemenceau ir Lloyd George - nežinojo, kuo viskas baigsis ir kaip sutvarkyti I p. karo gaisro degėsius. Bet mes, lietuviai, tik tiek žinojome, kad norime būti laisvi ir turėti nepriklausomą nuo kitų valstybę, todėl mes ta kryptimi, kas ką galėjome, kaip supratome, taip ir dirbome. Apginti paskelbtą nepriklausomybės deklaraciją ir atkurti Lietuvos valstybę nieko nepadėjo ne tautų apsisprendimo teisė, nei Versalio taikos konferencijos pagimdytoji

Tautų Sąjunga. Kad Lietuva liko nepriklausoma valstybe, ta ne kieno kito dėka, o dėka tai vienybei ir ryžtingumui, savanorių žygiams ir visos tautos vieningumui. Dėka tam vieningumui ir ryžtingumui, kuris išlaikė tautos gyvybę daugiau kaip šimtą metų ir atvedė prie simbolingo Vasario 16 d. akto. Tačiau po 22 m. kūrybingo ir laisvo gyvenimo plėšraus kaimyno - raudonojo bolševiko - egoistiniai ir imperialistiniai siekimai ne tik panaikino Lietuvos nepriklausomybę, bet ir žydinčią šalį pavertė neapsakomo skurdo ir baisiausios vergijos kraštu; pagaliau niekšingomis priemonėmis greitu tempu naikina pačią tautą.

Mes, lietuviai, nors būdamitos liūdnos dabarties prislėgti ir tos didelės tragedijos pritrenkti, nepamirškime didžiosios dienos - Vasario 16 d. - ir ją tinkamai pagerbkime, nes ta diena yra lietuvių tautos triumfo diena ir lietuvių laisvės troškimo įsikūnyjimas, kurio visvien nebeužtemdys jokia raudonoji bei žiarioji rusų okupacija.



Lietuvos Valstybės Taryba paskelbusi Lietuvos nepriklausomybę. Sėdi iš kairės į dešinę: J. Vileišis, J. Saulys, kun. J. Staugaitis, St. Narutavičius, J. Basanavičius, A. Smetona, kun. K. Šaulys, St. Kairys ir J. Smilgevičius. Stovi iš kairės į dešinę: K. Bizauskas, J. Vailokaitis, D. Malinauskas, kun. V. Mironas, M. Biržiška, kun. A. Petrusis, S. Banaitis, P. Klimas, A. Stulginskis, J. Šernas ir P. Dovydaitis.

LETTER FROM A STRUGGLING NATION

My dear young Lithuanians,

I am writing this letter especially to you, my young people, who have never known me, and perhaps do not quite understand why your parents and grandparents speak only with sadness of me now.

I was a country of crosses, churches, and chapels; I was a country eminently Catholic. But, on the fifteenth of June, in 1940, the Red Army was on the march and came to occupy my soil. They have tried to tell you ever since that I am dead.

I am not a mythical nation — no, indeed; but I can understand how hard it is for you to visualize what I am like. The size of my land holdings has varied between 20,000 square miles centering about the Nemunas river to the vast empire of Vytautas which extended from the Baltic to the Black Sea. Many have tried to make you forget me, to make you believe that I had ceased to exist. But this is not true, my young people; I do exist, and with your help, will continue to do so. You may not find me listed on some maps, but I am there.

My mighty and ancient people have been bred to hardship and have endured pain and suffering from time immemorial; they are not strangers to sorrow. They loved their God as you do, but the Communists had made the most terrible of decisions — to exterminate Lithuanian Catholic people.

From the first days of the occupation they prohibited all writings of religious nature and took away all works from the Catholic printing presses, libraries, and bookstores. They destroyed everything they could get. They destroyed not only reading materials, but religious art, museums, crosses, churches, seminaries — anything at all that mentioned our Almighty God. They abolished the feasts that you hold so dear; they suppressed Catholic organizations and religious instruction; they arrested, tortured, deported, and murdered priests and bishops. No inhuman or savage act was suppressed to try to rid the God of my people from my land.

This is what happened to my people, your ancestors. They have suffered. But they still have within them a spark of hope. Patience is required of those who would move slowly and surely forward, but my people are eminently fitted for this role in history. Time does not have a great significance if the true ends are eventually served. The fact that my people will never be content without complete and full liberty is sufficient reason to believe that they will succeed. The people of my land are hoping that you, a generation they have never seen, will not believe that I am dead.

Sing my songs. So many have been impressed with my native songs which literally seem to spring from the heart. They are the songs of a nation proud of its past and proud of its ability to persevere through long periods of adversity. My music has sprung from a well that goes deep into centuries; it is a music of joy.

Learn my history and the legends and folk tales and customs. These are a part of your precious heritage.

Speak my language. Its source goes back to the early users of the Sanskrit and Greek. The language has kept alive its flexible spirit so that today one finds many inclusions. At the same time, it has retained the rich, original, and archaic forms so interesting to philologists.

It saddens me to know that you have never known me. I hope that someday you will be able to step on my unrestricted soil; I will be triumphant! But, until that day comes, do not forget me. If your generation forgets me, who will remember that I am not dead?

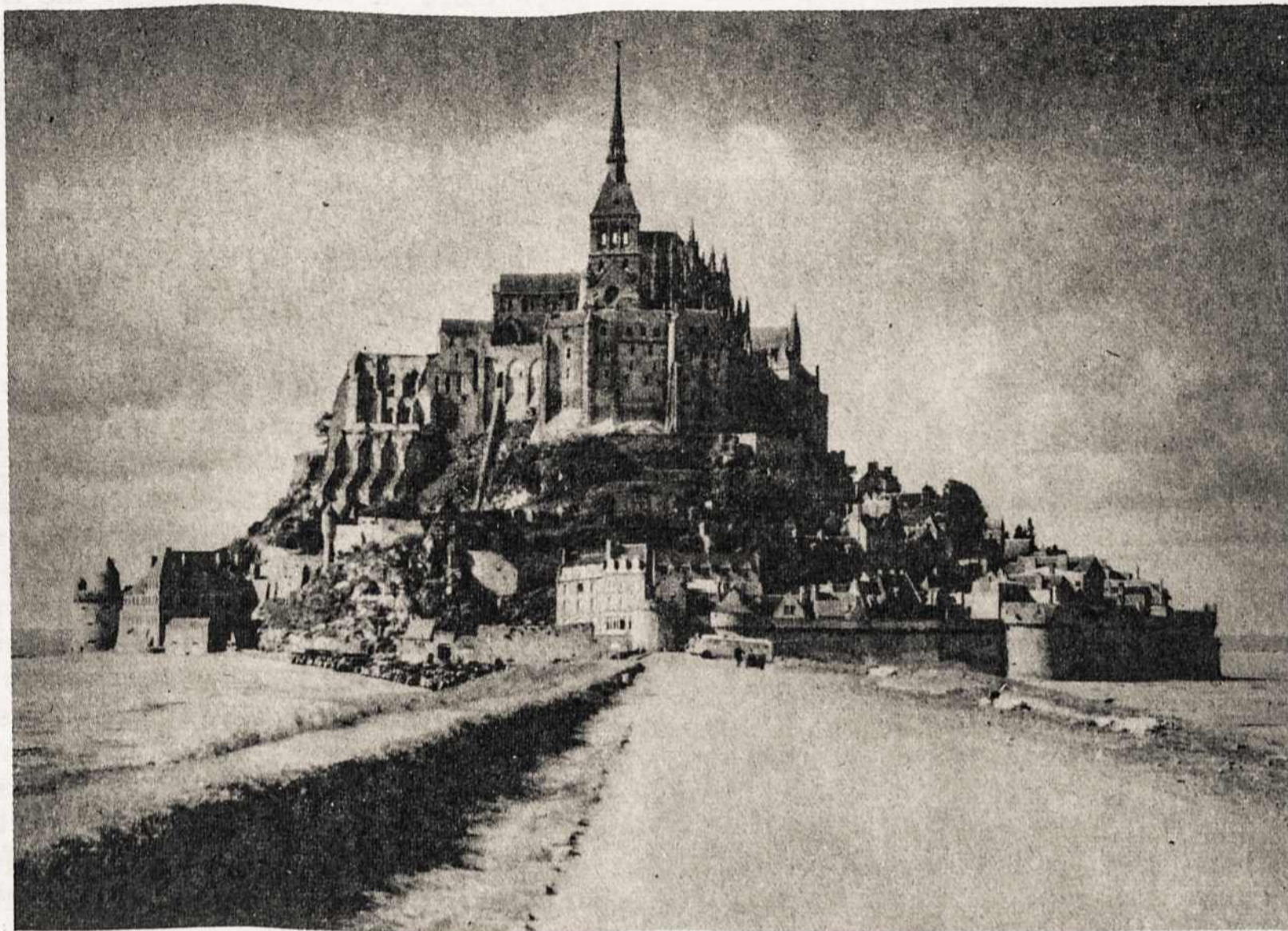
Pray for my people; they are praying along with you. My people have placed their trust in God, and God will not forsake them.

May God be with you!

Suffering Lithuania

Europe IS WORTH VISITING

By Rev. John C. Jutt



Mont S. Michael

(Continued)

From Lourdes we had hoped to go into Spain and ultimately to Fatima. However, we met two priests from our diocese who had been to Fatima, and they mentioned the fact that actually there was really nothing in particular to see at Fatima except the Church. Consequently we decided to return to Paris and spend the extra days in England, even though our itinerary did not call for a visit to that country.

We headed north from Lourdes and spent some time visiting the wine presses in Bordeaux. In Nantes we had the chance to attend a performance of the European version of Hollywood On Ice. We continued to drive north until we came to that so-called eighth wonder of the world, Mont St. Michel.

Mont St. Michel is actually a small island in the English Channel, on the summit of which is built a huge Abbey Church. Below the rock on which the Abbey stands is a small village of about 50 houses and shops. Most of the time it is isolated in the center of a great expanse of sand and is joined to the mainland by a single road. The tide here is so great that it comes in at a rate of ten

miles an hour. From the Abbey Church the views of the surrounding area are magnificent, and when we saw the waters approach, we had to conclude that it was an unusual spectacle.

Our original plans had called for our leaving France on the Queen Mary from Cherbourg. Traveling through Europe, we had accumulated many items. In Cherbourg we dropped in at the Cunard Line Office and left a few pieces of baggage plus a number of boxes containing many of the items we bought throughout Europe. After completing arrangements to board the ship in Southampton instead of Cherbourg, we drove to the town of Lisieux. It might be said that this part of France is most picturesque. The coastline, the rich pastures, fine orchards and splendid buildings left an impression on us that we shall never forget.

Since the feast of St. Theresa was on October 4th, we thought that it would be nice to spend a few days at Lisieux in prayer. Certainly there would be a great deal of spiritual activity on the

days preceding her feast day. Such was not the case. The beautiful, majestic Basilica was there but the people were not. We made a tour of the Basilica and the surrounding area and said Mass in the Crypt. There was no crowd as one would have expected. Most of the services were at the Carmelite Monastery a short distance away. We paid a visit to the Convent. A statue of the Little Flower, containing some of her remains, is encased in glass and many pilgrims drop in here to pray. In view of our disappointment, we decided to leave Lisieux earlier than we had expected.



Basilica at Lisieux, France
Photo - French Government Tourist Office

The world knows about the magnificent cathedral with its famous stained glass windows at Chartres. Like many of the great churches in Europe, this one was dirty and the exterior stone showed the ravages of time. However the stained glass windows are the most beautiful we have seen anywhere. A lover of fine art can certainly have a field day here!

Heading toward Paris, we stopped for a visit at Versailles. The palace and the gardens are simply magnificent. Lit up at night, they present a sight that can hardly be duplicated anywhere in the world. We were particularly interested in seeing the famous Hall of Mirrors. This gallery

is the best known part of the palace because it was here that the Treaty of Versailles was signed in 1919.

From Versailles we drove the 14 miles into Paris. Here we spent more time visiting the Louvre, Les Bois de Boulogne, the Pantheon and most of the other sights that we missed when we were there at the beginning of the trip. We sold the Peugeot and made arrangements to fly across the Channel into London. The flight was made in the evening and when we arrived in London, it was raining. We had our first glimpse of the well-known London fog!

London intrigued us. We had some misgivings about London and with it England. Maybe this was due to the impressions we got while in school studying the history of England in her relationship with the United States. However, London turned out to be a lovely place with an atmosphere of its own. We paid visits to Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the Parliament Buildings, Big Ben, the Tower where the royal jewels are kept, Picadilly Circus and many other places that the average tourist does not want to miss. We toured the ritzy sections of London, Eaton Place, Albert and Victoria Museum, Clarendon House and St. James' Court. At the latter place we managed to see the changing of the guard, a ceremony which takes almost an hour. We did some shopping on Regent Street and saw a number of American plays at the theatre.

We had heard much about the work of the Catholic Evidence Guild. We had the opportunity to see it in action. Young people take a small stool with them, place it in some alley or on some corner, ascend it and speak to the listeners who congregate on some phase of Catholic Doctrine. Heckling, of which there is quite a bit, does not seem to phase them one bit. The zeal and the enthusiasm with which they go about their difficult task is an example many of our young people could follow. We were certainly moved by their love for God and the Church and only God knows the tremendous amount of good they are doing.

After five splendid days in London and the surrounding towns, we took the boat train from Waterloo Station for Southampton. Here we boarded the elegant ship, the Queen Mary. It took 4 1/2 days to reach New York City and with it home. The boat ride gave us a chance to rest after seven weeks of driving. However, it was our conclusion that travelling by boat is a waste of time. It is much better to fly back and spend the four or so extra days seeing more of what Europe has to offer.

We have often been asked about prices in Europe. In general it can be said that prices are quite high in some cases more expensive than our own. However, certain items can be bought much cheaper than in our own country. What we

did was this: we had a fairly good idea of what we wanted, we studied the New York prices of those items and compared them with European prices, we also remembered the labels and other pertinent information. As a result of this, for the identical items, we found that perfumes were much cheaper in France than here, German-made cameras and binoculars were about 40% less expensive than here and we already mentioned that watches in Lucerne were about 70 to 100% cheaper than in New York. Leather goods in Florence can be had at a great saving over the American price, and cashmere sweaters, English woven, are certainly cheaper in London. Woodcarvings appear to be high priced in Oberammergau but if one priced the same items elsewhere, one would realize at once how much cheaper they are in Oberammergau. It all depends on what one wants to buy and where he buys it. Preparatory study can save the tourist a great deal of money.

Gasoline is very expensive in Europe. The imperial gallon, about five American quarts, costs

anywhere from 42 cents in Switzerland to about 85 cents in Italy and France. However, in the latter two countries, the tourist is able to buy coupons which permit him to buy gas at a discount of about 20 to 25%. These prices are high, it is true, but using a European-made car, we got as much mileage as we get here in the United States at the same cost.

The high cost of gasoline should not deter one from touring Europe by car. It is still the cheaper way as we found through our own experience. There is so much to see and it is interesting to observe how the people of other nations live. Travelling broadens one's viewpoint and the memories obtained will never leave one. As we said at the beginning of this account of our European trip, so much more can be seen by car than by tour. If you have the time and opportunity, take advantage of it. We know that you will never regret it.

F i n i s

SHOW SORROW NOT REMORSE

Peter P. Cinikas, MIC.

Sinners are made well by confession and sorrow.

The "sorrow of the world" is remorse which often leads to worry, jealousy, envy, indignation. Whereas, the sorrow of the confessional which is related to God leads to expectation and hope.

True sorrow has in it the appeal to God's mercy; as it is well stated by St. Paul to the Corinthians: "For the sorrow that is according to God worketh penance, steadfast unto salvation; but the sorrow of the world worketh death" (II Cor. 7, 10).

Make Your Sorrow Perfect

Often we need sorrow for sin that is sudden and grave. That sorrow must be perfect. It must come from the sense of having offended God, Who is All Perfect, All Good, Just and Kind, deserving of all of our love.

We will find that this sorrow which is often known as contrition and is felt in confession, is not a vexing and fretful sadness which tends to depress and make one morose. A great feeling of consolation springs from this sadness, because there is always hope and forgiveness by the One that is

offended.

After serious sin everyone of us should always remember that Christ is ready to forgive and forget if our contrition is perfect and because of Him Who is so good and deserving of our love. Then too we must be ready to avail ourselves as soon as possible of the consolations of the confessional.

Shun Remorse

When we feel the sense of depression - and moroseness we should begin to fret because we are too much of the world and not enough of the spirit of God. We are probably forgetting that God forgives if we express our sincere contrition and fulfill His command of confession. All is not lost; there is much to be hoped for, because God is Good.

As we go along in the performance of our everyday duties and run into serious downfalls, and truly, the occasions are many, we must remember that world would like to make us remorseful and sin some more. But we must express a sorrow that is from God, that leads us to penance and steadfastly to salvation.

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

Red.: Ignas Sakalas

Los Angeles, Calif. Lietuvos Vyčių Sendraugių kuopos metinis susirinkimas įvyko 1961 m. gruodžio 10 d. Lietuvių Centro (Bendruomenės) namuose, dalyvaujant 45 nariams. Dvasios vadas kan. A. Steponaitis susirinkimą atidarė malda ir po to tardamas žodį padėkojo už jo atlan-kymą ir paramą jam sergant li-goninėj.

Pirmininkaujantis J. Puikūnas pakvietė "Lietuvių Dienų" leidė-ją Antaną Skirį padaryti prane-šimą ir pasidalinti politinėm nau-jienom, patirtom lankantis Chika-goj, Vyčių Centre ir kitose lietu-vių organizacijose. Antanas Ski-rius apibudino šio laikotarpio po-litinę raidą ir informavo apie Vy-čių, ALTo ir VLIKO ir kitų orga-nizacijų veiklą, taipgi apie Kuchel-Lipscomb rezoliucijos rėmimo reikšmę. Dėkojant prelegentui už išsamų pranešimą ir už rū-pestingą veiklą lietuviškuos rei-kaluos, pirmininkaujantis J. Pui-kūnas priminė, kad Antanas Ski-rius yra sulaukęs savo sidabrinio (50 metų - žilų plaukų) jublie-jaus. Susirinkime buvo prisimin-ta, kad Antanas Skirius yra vienas

iš pirmųjų ir veikliųjų vyčių Pa-cifiko pakrantėj, yra iniciatorius-steinėjas Los Angeles sendrau-gių kuopos, daug nusipelnęs lie-tuviškai spaudai ir veiklai. Susi-rinkimas vienbalsiai nutarė jubi-liatui pripažinti nusipelnusio Gar-bės vyčio vardą ir išrinko kuopos garbės pirmininku. Šia proga ju-biliatui Antanui Skiriui kuopos var-du buvo įteikta simbolinė dovana - gražaus darbo Lietuvos herbas - Vytis. Jubilatas už visa tai dė-kodamas priminė, kad Los Angeles lietuvių kolonijai, o ypač vyčiams, yra daug pasidarbavusios M. Var-kalienė, B. Starkienė ir O. Vilkie-nė ir kad jos irgi yra užsitarna-vusios garbės vyčio vardo. Susi-rinkimas įvertindamas, kad pami-nėtos narės tikrai nesigailėdamos nei savo lėšų, nei savo sveikatos daug yra nuveikusios lietuvių or-ganizaciniuose reikaluose, nutarė pripažinti irgi nusipelnusioms kuopos garbės vyčio vardą. Visus išrinktuosius garbės vyčius susi-rinkimas karštai sveikino.

Susirinkimo iškilmingoji dalis buvo baigta vaišėmis, kurias gra-žiai suruošė Ona Deveikienė ir Bronė Skirienė.

Susirinkimą tęsiant toliau buvo aptarta tolimesnė veikla. Nutarta įsteigti kuopos knygynėlių. Paauko-ti lietuviškų knygų steigiamam knygynėliui pirmieji pasižadėjo Antanas Skirius - po vieną egzemp-liorių visų savo išleistų knygų ir Jonas Puikūnas - penkis egzemp-liorius savo parašytos ir išleistos knygos slapyvard. J. Migirdas - Smulkioji tautosaka - patarlės, priežodžiai, posakiai. Išklausus kuopos valdybos ir Revizijos komi-sijos metinių pranešimų, juos pri-ėmus ir patvirtinus, buvo perrinkta kuopos vadovybė 1962 m. sekančios sudėties:

Dvasios vadas - kan. Antanas Steponaitis, Garbės pirmininkas ir finansų sekretorius Antanas Ski-rius, kuopos pirmininkas ir lietu-vybės reikalų vedėjas - Jonas Pui-kūnas, vicepirmininkė - Zuzana Tiknis, protokolų sekretorius - Marija Kiškis, kasininkas - Julius Kiškis, Revizijos komisijos narės - Sofija Leonavičienė ir Bronė Ski-rienė. Parengimų ir piknikų ren-gimo komisijon išrinkta: Pranas Žukas, Stasys Deveikis ir Sofija Leonavičienė.

M.



Lietuvos Vyčių sendraugių Los Angeles, Calif., kuopos šių metų vadovybės nariai: Iš kairės į dešinę: Sofija Leonavičienė, Zuzana Puikūnienė, Jonas Puikūnas, kan. Antanas Steponaitis, Ma-rija Kiškienė, Julius Kiškis, Bronė Skirienė, An-tanas Skirius.



Lietuvos Vyčių sendraugių Los Angeles, Calif., kuopos metinis susirinkimas, įvykęs 1961 m. gruodžio 10 d.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. - C-79 Dot & Dash

Those many Yuletide activities kept us "dashing" around on the double. To begin with, another successful children's Christmas party was held on Dec. 17. Even old jolly Santa gets better (and bigger) every year. Giving out with the ho-ho-ho spirit and substituting for Andy Milius because of the laryngitis bug, was Leonard Salas who had a nice big "Sock" for every kiddie. Linda Petkus did a fine job as Santa's helper. On the program, Frank Keller ran the movies, "Christmas Spirit" and "Nativity Scene." Afterwards, a professional magician made his appearance and kept 'em all in stitches with many imaginative tricks. The grown-ups were treated to delicious donuts and coffee. Chairman, Sophie Zager, is most sincerely grateful to her committee and to everyone who pitched in so nicely.

To many '79'ers who made a special gesture to attend the Rosary on the Westside, December 10, for the late Father Savage of St. Peter's Lith. Church, we extend our appreciation.

A festive atmosphere pervaded the Veteran's Memorial Hall for a New Year's Eve party. Our new president, Ed Martin, and Mrs. Martin greeted everyone as they arrived. Decorations were tops and music by the Vitchus' Starlites was terrific. In the food department, the menu was most appetizing. The buffet table was enhanced with a huge centerpiece arranged by Sophie Leskosky. Of course,

to end his term the right way (so he thought), out-going Pres. Frank Zager did the dishes. Chairman, Pete Stanulis, and his fine committee are to be congratulated for the party's success. When the 9 to 2 o'clock Ball was ended, those farewells just seemed to last.

Speaking of last things, this will be the last piece of prose from your Dot & Dash correspondent. No more will she clasp her hands to her feeble brow and shriek "The Vytis copy; I forgot to type it" and then make a mad dash to the typewriter to beat the deadline. Seriously, I'd like to thank my Editors for always giving adequate space in using C-79 articles. My apologies for any oversight or slip-up in council news. Your new press chairman will be Mrs. Dorothe Martin and we are sure you will enjoy every word she writes. Dabar "vytiškai" Su Diev!

Cleveland, Ohio - C-25

M. J. Andrulis

Due to the death of our Pastor last summer, C-25 was without a Chaplain. Fr. Balys Ivanauskas returned to St. George to fill two vacancies: (1) Pastor and (2) Chaplain of C-25.

A Halloween party was held at the home of Evelyn and John Andrulis. The committee, Joanne Houck, Nellie Samas and Bill Smith, provided a good time for all who attended.

The Andrulis' house was the scene of another K of L party on December 9. This time it was a

get-together after the members went bowling.

High point of the December meeting was the election of C-25 officers: Nellie Arunski, President; Ursula Yankauskas, Vice-President; Sandra Paskevics, Recording Secretary; Gene Kunsitis, Treasurer, Peter Luiza, Fin. Secretary; and Joanne Houck and John Andrulis, Trustees.

Dayton, Ohio - C-96

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Congratulations to Anne Scott on her election as President of C-96. Other officers who will serve in 1962 are: Fr. Titas Narbutas - Spiritual Advisor; Eloise Berczelly - Vice-President; Kitty Prasmantas - Corres. Secretary; Frank Gudelis - Treasurer; Rita Ambrose - Fin. Secretary; and Elaine Lucas - VYTIS Correspondent.

"A wonderful time was had by all," was the unanimous opinion of those who attended the Christmas party sponsored by the girls' sewing club. It was said to have been the best. Just ask Elizabeth Scott. Joan Susin was a guest from Cleveland.

Hearty congratulations to Veronica (Omlor) and Kenneth Heitkamp who became proud parents of their first child, a son, Kenneth, Jr. Also to George and Fritzie Miklauskas on the birth of a son, George, Jr.

Meanwhile, back at the bowling alleys, we hear Jim Kavalauskas seems to be collecting on most of the bowling pools.

1962 Greetings to all of our K of L friends!

ILL.-IND. DISTRICT

District Report

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All Lithuanian-Americans in Chicago and vicinity know of our two Lithuanian American Legion Posts - Darius-Girenas #271 and Don Varnas #986. Many of our K of L members are also very active in the Legion and this year we have the distinction of both Post Commanders being our members. Legion Officers that are also K of L members are: Darius-Girenas Post - Commander Raymond Mikalajunas; Sr. Vice-Cdr. - Vito Rumchek; Jr. Vice-Cdr. - Raymond Krasauskis; Judge Advocate - Alfonse F. Wells; Historian - Vete Shillings and Asst. Service Officer - Casey Gubista; Don Varnas Post - Commander - Jack L. Jatis; Service Officer - John Evans; Historian - Paul McGuire and Sgt.-at-Arms - Adam Anderson. Our best wishes for continued success to both of OUR Posts.

One of the K of L's most beloved friends, Sophie Barcus, recently passed away. She will be remembered in our prayers and our sympathy to the family of Aldona and Felix Daukas.

Ritual Degrees were presented at our December Business meeting to: 1st Degree - Peter Bagdonas, Alice Cekanor, Marilyn Kareiva and Ann Mockus; 2nd Degree - Ted Antusis, Aldona Naujokas and Al Raubickas. All are members of C-112. Congratulations to them and we sincerely hope that they will continue working for their future degrees. Next District Ritual Presentation - March 11th BEFORE the District meeting.

The Monthly Bowling-Supper Club socials continue to be a main event during the bowling season. The last party was held at Queens Recreation with C-112 as hosts. The social bowling schedule for

the balance of the season is as follows: February - C-5 (North Side), March - C-82 (Gary, Ind.); April - Kenosha, Wisc. (We will be the guests of Rev. Miciunas and, who knows, perhaps this might be the start of a K of L Council in Wisconsin! Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin District does sound nice, doesn't it?); and May - Midwest Bowling Tournament in Detroit.

CHOIR NEWS! 1962 Officers - President - Estelle Rogers; Secretary - Zenia Savokaitis; Treasurer - Ray Samoska; Librarian - Al Zakarka; English Publicity - Terry Pupinik; Lith. Publicity - Peter Bagdonas and Keistutis Bagdonas; Scrap Book - Lucille Stacy and Sgt.-at-Arms - Bob Paul and Al Schulicke. Under the capable leadership of these officers, we know the Choir will continue to prosper.

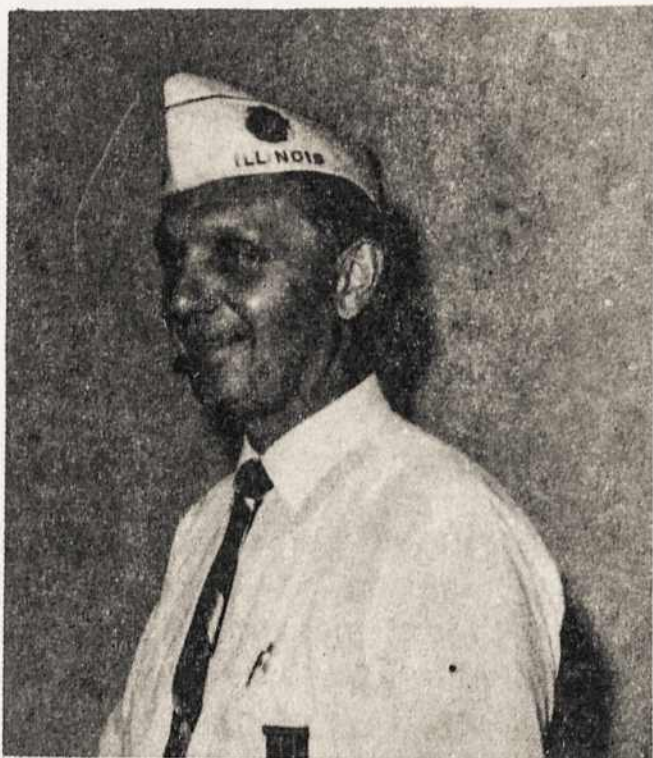
The Choir ended '61 with a performance at the Museum of Science and Industry's "Christmas Around the World - Lithuanian Night." On the immediate schedule for '62 are appearances at the Grand Opening of St. Anthony Savings & Loan Assn. (Joseph Gribauskas) on Jan. 24th; the District's "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner-Dance in the Bal Tabaron Room of the Sherman Hotel on Feb. 11th; and a Concert sponsored by C-102 of Detroit on Feb. 24th.

Hosts for this year's St. Casimir Day celebration will be C-112. All members are urged to participate and pay honor to our organization's Patron Saint, Sunday, March 4th, Nativity B.V.M. Church, 10:45 Mass.

During the recent holiday season, we had many K of L guests in Chicago, namely, Bob Boris of Detroit, Jack Stukas of Newark, Casimir (Chip) Chaponis of Elizabeth and Carl Gobis of Detroit. As "Chip" said, "There's always something going on in Chicago." Indeed there is and we most cordially welcome one and all. Have YOU visited Chicago lately????



D-G Post Leaders: l. to r.: Ray Krasauskis, Jr. Vice; Ray Mikalajunas, Commander and Vito Rumchek, Sr. Vice Cd.



D-G Post Judge Advocate Alfonse F. Wells, Supervising Judge of the Travel Division, Municipal Court, Chgo. and Pres. of the Natl. Assn. of Municipal Judges.



Jack L. Jatis, Don Varnas Post Cdr.; Chief Clerk of County Court, Cook County; and Candidate for Alderman, 13th Wd., Chicago.

Is it true that the Chicago Con-
ventioners had a Pre-Convention
party during the latter part of
January ??????

Chicago, Ill. C-112 "112 Inquirer"

Due to the efforts of Chairman
Al Mockus and his committee, all
who attended our annual Thanks-
giving Eve Dance at the K of L
Building had an enjoyable evening.
The happiest was Al Rimkus, choir
member from Indiana, winner of
the \$25.00 cash raffle. A pleasant
decor, good companionship and
Wally Tenclinger's Downbeats ad-
ded to the entertainment. The next
dance scheduled will be our annual
Easter Sunday Dance.

Marquette Parkers traveled to
Brighton Park to hold 112's annual
Christmas party at the D-G Rath-
keller. Chairman, Julie Zakarka,
and her committee did a wonder-
ful job in planning the evening. We
were pleasantly surprised by an
out-of-town guest, Casimir (Chip)
Chaponis of Elizabeth, New Jersey.
Entertainment was provided by the
112 Chipmunks, namely, Ruth Da-
gis, Irene Rakaitis, Al (AL-VIN)
Schulicke and their leader, Julie
Zakarka. After watching some of
the "Twisters," everyone decided
to practice at home and be really
prepared (?) to do the "Twist"
at the next dance or party.

Several 112 members attended
a gala New Year's Eve Party at
the American Legion Square Post
and from all indications they start-
ed the New Year in proper style.

Congratulations to the re-elec-
ted and newly elected officers of
our Council: President - Irene
Rakaitis; Vice-President - Ed Kri-
vickas; Rec. Secretary - Ruth
Dagis; Corres. Secretary - Ann
Mockus; Fin. Secretary - Al Da-
gis; Treasurer - Monica Kasper;
Trustees - Pete Gagle and Louis
Rogers; Sgt.-at-Arms - John
Chaplin and Andy Tatusko. We
sincerely hope that they will re-
ceive the full cooperation of all
the members and carry out the high
standards of the council.

Chicago, Ill. - C-36 "Blogas"

At the opening of the National
Membership Drive, our council's
membership has already reached
90 members. As we have taken
membership awards nationally in
1959 and 1961, let us all strive in
1962 to again earn the first place
award at this year's convention.
Can we count on everyone to bring
in one new member to our next
meeting? WE NEED YOUR HELP
TO MAKE COUNCIL 36 THE
LARGEST AND MOST ACTIVE
COUNCIL IN THE K OF L. Will
you do your share this year or will
you sit back and depend on one
person, namely Membership
Chairman Bob Paul to carry on
with this most important job? Let's
go well over the 100 mark this
year. A special surprise is in
store for the 100th member!

Your annual dues of four dol-
lars are currently payable to
Financial Secretary Mary Ann
Zemgulis who hopes to attain 100%
return from all members.

Steps are being taken to for-
mulate a Folk Dancing Group
among the Junior members of
the council and also to use this
activity to increase the Junior
membership roster. Chief organ-
izers Genevieve Giedraitis, Joe
Ulevicius, Vince Samaska, and
Wally Tenclinger ask your cooper-
ation in obtaining interested pros-
pective Juniors.

Congratulations to all who
braved the 12 below zero temper-
atures to attend the January meet-
ing. This first meeting of the
new regime brought forth many
ideas for council improvement and
activity. Discussed were: Splash
party, Variety Show, Square Dance,
Communion Sundays, and many
more good ideas. However we need
everyone's participation at council
meetings to plan what you want
for council activity during 1962.
Your attendance at every meeting
is VITAL to our organization.

Yes, it's our own Genevieve
Giedraitis who's spearheading the
February 11th District Lithua-
nian Independence Day Banquet,

along with Ticket Chairman Bob
Paul, Program Chairman Loretta
Kassel and many other C-36 help-
ers.

"Take the bus and leave the
driving to us" shout the Greyhound
people! A bus has been charter-
ed by our council to haul 39 happy
K of L'ers and friends to Detroit
on May 26, 1962 for the annual
tournament and associated social
functions. "First come, first
served, for council members only"
is our policy. Reservations are
being accepted by President Al
Kassel. A "Bon Voyage" party is
in store, at the K of L Building
on Friday May 25th and departure
is slated for 1 A.M. the following
morning, the 26th.

Great tidings of joy were spread
throughout the Chicago K of L when
it was announced that Albert A. Kas-
sel, Council President, and Miss
Anne Marie Pupinik, of C-5, will
be exchanging marital vows on May
12, 1962. Heartiest congratulat-
ions from the council go out to Al
and Anne Marie.

It was a rollicking New Year's
Eve celebration at Wally Tenclin-
ger's home, way out in the country,
(only 25 miles from Brighton Park)
Homewood, that is. Even such po-
pular K of L out-of-towners such
as Bob Boris and Jack Stukas at-
tended. Many friends of the K of
L and Ateitis dancers rang in the
new year to the silging of the
Ruta recording. Rich Malis from
Indiana braved the weather also.

"Sing Along In Lithuanian" the
new album of New Jersey's Ruta
Ensemble is selling like "hot
blynies" reports Chicago's K of
L distributor, our own Loretta
Kassel. This record is a MUST
at all K of L home gatherings.

It was great to see Al Srupsa
home on furlough from the Army
over the Christmas holidays. Our
boy Al is upholding the peace of
the nation while training in the
Intelligence Corps, at Fort Hoha-
bird, Maryland. Continued good
luck to you Al.



The Knights of Lithuania figured most prominently in the St. Joseph's parish concert "FALL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC" presented Sunday, November 26, 1961, at St. Joseph's Hall, Waterbury, Conn.

In the photo seated left to right are LOUIS STUKAS, guest soloist; Honorary Member Prof. A. J. ALEKSIS, choir and concert director REV. A. EDWARD GRADECK, pastor; PROF. J. ZILEVICIUS, L.M., guest speaker and ALGIRDAS KACANAUSKAS, accompanist.

Second row standing from left to right: E. Digimas, accordionist; Mary Bakutis, Patricia Klikna, Casimira Campe, Stephanie Miklinevich, Marcella Andrikis, concert mistress of ceremonies; Laima Gaigalas, Mary Gelbogis, Locadia Sulauskas, Dalia Gaigalas, Ceslova Dieliniks, Hedwiga Stulginskis, Valerie Gelumbauskas, Susan Miklinevich.

Third row left to right: V. Vaškėlis, A. Čempė, J. Brazauskas, K. Seliokas, P. Kuras, E. Stulginskis, J. Muraška, J. Kazlauskas, P. Marunas, M. Tonkunas.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Waterbury, Conn. - C-7

C-7 is very pleased to report on several important events which took place recently. The first was a concert, "Fall Festival of Music," given at St. Joseph's Church, conducted by Alexander J. Aleksis, choirmaster, organist and Honorary K of L Member of C-7. Mr. Aleksis used a baton which was presented to him at the Second Annual Lithuanian Song Festival held last July in Chicago. Louis Stukas, baritone from New Jersey, was the guest soloist in the concert. Piano Accompanist was Algirdas Kacanauskas, son of a noted Lithuanian composer. Marcella Andrikis, Mistress of Ceremonies, introduced the following guests who gave brief addresses:

Prof. Juozas Zilevicius, L.M., formerly Director of the Klaipeda Conservatory of Music in Lithuania, and Miss Helen Shields, K of L National Vice President.

The guest artists were honored at a luncheon sponsored by C-7. Luncheon committee included: Patricia Richards, Walter Pitcavage, Walter Blinstrubas, James Valaitis and Lillian Paulauskas. Members of the Reception Committee were: Lillian Paulauskas and Locadia Sulauskas, choir member.

The second important event was the installation of our 1962 officers: Chaplain - Rev. Albert Karalis; President - James Valaitis; Vice-President - Theodore Tata; Secretary - Patricia Richards; Treasurer - Eleanor Barkauskas; Fin. Secretary - Marcella Andrikis; Sgt.-at-Arms - Peter Kudzma.

Board of Directors: Walter Pit-

cavage, Lillian Paulauskas, Locadia Sulauskas, John Alanskas, Eddie DiNapoli and Edmond Shukaitis. Ritual Committee: Rev. Albert Karalis, Nell P. Meskunas, Frank Shaknaitis and Lillian Paulauskas. Lithuanian Affairs: Rev. Albert Karalis, Nell P. Meskunas, Frank Shaknaitis. Publicity Director - Locadia Sulauskas. Houseman - Anthony Jenkins.

All the members and friends who attended the Christmas party December 16, had a wonderful time thanks to the following workers who did a great job arranging this social event: Walter Pitcavage, Lillian Paulauskas, John Alanskas, Patricia Richards and Nell Maceinas.

A children's Christmas party was held Sunday, December 17, and our newlyweds, Teddy and Agnes (Zdanis) Tata were in charge.

South Worcester, Mass. - C- 116

"The party's over. . ." and we all had a wonderful time. Our council held it's annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16, and the "Twist" was the thing. Diane Miller won the Twist Contest that night, but Joan Cashman gave her some keen competition.

An EXTRA at the party was the presentation of birthday cakes to Mary Mrozinski and Helen Daltwas who celebrated their birthdays on December 16. Don't know which one blushed more!

We were honored to have Bill Grigas, National Vice President, as a guest, along with Fr. Al Yan-kauskas, our Council Spiritual Advisor.

Bob Stevens hosted a "party after the party" and from all reports a good time was had by all.

Following our council's final choir rehearsal before Christmas, the hard-working elves, namely Shirley Rovezzi, Julia Krasinskas and Aldona Kasper, surprised the choir members with Christmas punch and goodies.

In the bowling circle, John (Big Bad John) Andruski's team, The Owls, won the first round. A few changes were made to even up the teams and on the Tuesday after Christmas Round #2 began.

Home from Miami for the holidays and looking swell was our past president, Bernice Burdulis. Going back south was no great pleasure since the temperatures during that week were as cold in Florida as in Massachusetts. However, Bernice Kavadaras and Mary Klimkaitis took Bernice B. to the airport for a warm send-off. . . We hear that Louise (Speedy) Totilas travelled to Washington for the holidays. . . Sister Angela (formerly our Helen Gvazdauskas) was home for a visit during Christmas week. . . Dot Sinkavitch was invited to Gardner to see the New Year in. . . Did you see the bee-o-o-tiful diamond Janice Sabonitis received from her Bernie? . . . Billy Burdulis' bowling team should win the second round in our

council league since he received new bowling balls for Xmas. . . Barbara Mazeika's "one and only" surprised her with a lovely fur coat. . . Rita Skamarock had never celebrated her birthday because it falls on December 24 - - - so, on the afternoon of the 24th, six of our girls threw a party just for her. . . Seen at C-26's Christmas Party on the 29th, were Joan Cashman, Aldona Lapinskas, Diane Miller, B.B. Kavadaras and Mary Klim. A twistin' time was had by all. . . Our members are so pleased with the "Sing Along in Lithuanian" record put out by the New Jersey choral group. In fact, Mary K. is planning to buy a stereo just so she'll be able to play the record.

Athol-Gardner, Mass. - C-10

"Vincukas"

Our annual Christmas party was held Wednesday, December 13th at the Athol House. Nellie Melaika and Al Rodski were in charge of arrangements. After a delicious dinner, Bill Wisnauskas acted as Santa and distributed gifts to all in attendance. Father Jutt gave us an informal travel talk on Hawaii. All agreed it was a very nice evening.

Winter Carnival plans were made at the December meeting. From the looks of things, it should be the best ever. The Harmony Bells of Springfield will provide music for dancing. The dance will be held at the Lithuanian Club, South Street, Athol, on Saturday. Sunday's activities are scheduled to take place at Tully Brook Inn. See you all at the Carnival. Remember the dates February 10 and 11.

Miss Bernice Kavadaras, New England District President, made her annual visit to our council on December 11. It was nice to have her present as she is full of ideas and zeal for the K of L ideals. Best wishes during your term, Bea-Bea!

C-10 Knights extend their best wishes to Fran Daniels of South

Boston who has entered the Air Force Nursing Corps.

Bill and Al were seen at Rich Karsok's farewell party held recently at Judy Bagurskis' home in Worcester. A swell time was had by all. Good luck, Rich!



Mr. & Mrs. Howard Gibbons of Lowell, Mass. The bride is the former Barbara Milosh of Gardner, Past President of C-10. Congratulations and very best wishes to the newlyweds from all K of L'ers.

South Boston, Mass. - C-17

"Pavargelis"

The tinsel, streamers, Christmas tree and the old year have been put away, so now we are ready to face the challenges of 1962. At our last meeting, the hustle and bustle of the impending election was electrifying and when the dust had settled, our council had new officers. Jerry Venis was re-elected President; Leo Rudzunas - Vice President; Alice Zaremba - Secretary; Mary Krauneles - Treasurer; Florence Zaleskas - Financial Secretary; Ronald Venis - Marshall; Trustees - Albina Rudzunas and Larry Svelnis. With your cooperation, we can help our new officers do a good job. With the 50/63 Convention nearby, they need our aid more than ever.

Our bowlers are still busy knocking down the pins on Friday nights. There is still room for more bowlers who are interested

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in participating in our second half. We meet at 7:45 p.m. at South Boston Bowl-Arama. Eddie Rudis is leading with a high string of 140 and three string total of 340. For the girls, it's Rita Venis and Marge Kashkin with a high string of 125.

News from the Holy Land: Our traveler, Wanda Yelmokas, had the opportunity to spend the great season of Christmas at the original site. We shall look forward to a full report of the trip from Wanda.

Midnight Mass at St. Peter's was well attended by council members. After Mass, they made their way through the blinding snow for some welcomed coffee and other goodies offered by Mrs. Zaremba and daughter Alice. Good news of the Zaremba twins' homecoming were related. The lads have just finished their enlistment in the Marines. We look forward to two more active members to the club!

This reporter must add a new department to his column. It will be called "Atleiskite, dovanokite man." Hope this doesn't become a habit because it is very embarrassing!

(1.) It was not Al Jaritis' tape recorder that was used for the music accompaniment at the spaghetti supper, but Bill Gorski's stereo tape recorder. (2.) It's not Mrs. Thomas Kearney, as was reported in a back issue, but Mrs. Thomas Keaney. Am I forgiven, Aldonna? (3.) Another faux pas and to rectify it, John Daniels is attending Northeastern University nights and is after his Master's Degree in Business Administration. (4.) Listening half-heartedly one time or another got Loretta Kontrim's activity mixed up. She doesn't attend night school but works at the Library nights.

Ed Rudis and a few Worcester

Knights made the trek to Philly for the long holiday weekend. To say the least, they had a good time welcoming in the New Year and watched the famous Mummer's parade.

Mary Kleponis visited all of the high spots of interest in New York on her last vacation. That girl sure gets around.

It was good seeing Frank Yonika around again when he was home a few days over the holidays. Frank is working for the U.S. Maritime Commission in Washington, D.C.

Please remember to pray for the soul of Evelyn (Bender) Vaskes' father who passed away recently.

A good deed may easily be performed in the name of the Knights of Lithuania through the following manner: (1.) Save all of your cancelled stamps and send them to: Passionist Fathers, Dunkirk, New York and Cistercian Fathers, St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, Mass. (2.) Save and send all of your old Christmas, Easter and birthday cards to the following: Holy Ghost Fathers, St. Mary's Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; St. Ann's Mission, Belcourt, No. Dak.; Oblate Sisters of Providence, 501 Chase Street, Baltimore 2, Md.

Just send these items through the Knights of Lithuania name. There won't be any monetary return, but many thanks in the form of prayers.

Happy St. Valentine's Day to all.

Norwood, Mass.-C-27 "Lulu"

Our newly reactivated council is showing a lot of spirit and several activities are already behind us and others are under way.

Our members combined their

talents to make Christmas decorations, corsages, wreaths, etc. which were sold in the church hall to help build up our treasury. Under Chairman Kay Adakonis' very able guidance, the project was a success and a Christmas Fair in 1962 will be held on a much larger scale. Congratulations, Kay, to you and your committee for a job well done.

Our council members will gather Lithuanian articles for display at the South Norwood Public Library during the week of February 16th in observance of Lithuanian Independence Day. Members will also be on hand for the signing of the Lithuanian Day Proclamation at the Town Manager's office.

St. George's Parish will celebrate its 50th Anniversary this year with a series of events throughout the year. C-27 is sponsoring the kick-off banquet to be held on St. Casimir's Day, March 4th, in the parish hall. President Zukas and the executive board are in charge of arrangements. Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Klimas, has written a short play for the occasion.

We hope to see all of our old friends throughout New England at the District Holy Hour and Bowling Roll-off which will be held here on March 25th. More details on this later.

Our thanks to New England District President, Bernice Kavadaras, and Miss Mary Klimkaitis of C-116, Worcester, for attending our December meeting. Bernice gave us many words of encouragement. We are looking forward to another visit from these ladies in the near future.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to our Vice-President, John Stadalnick, who was injured recently in an automobile collision.