

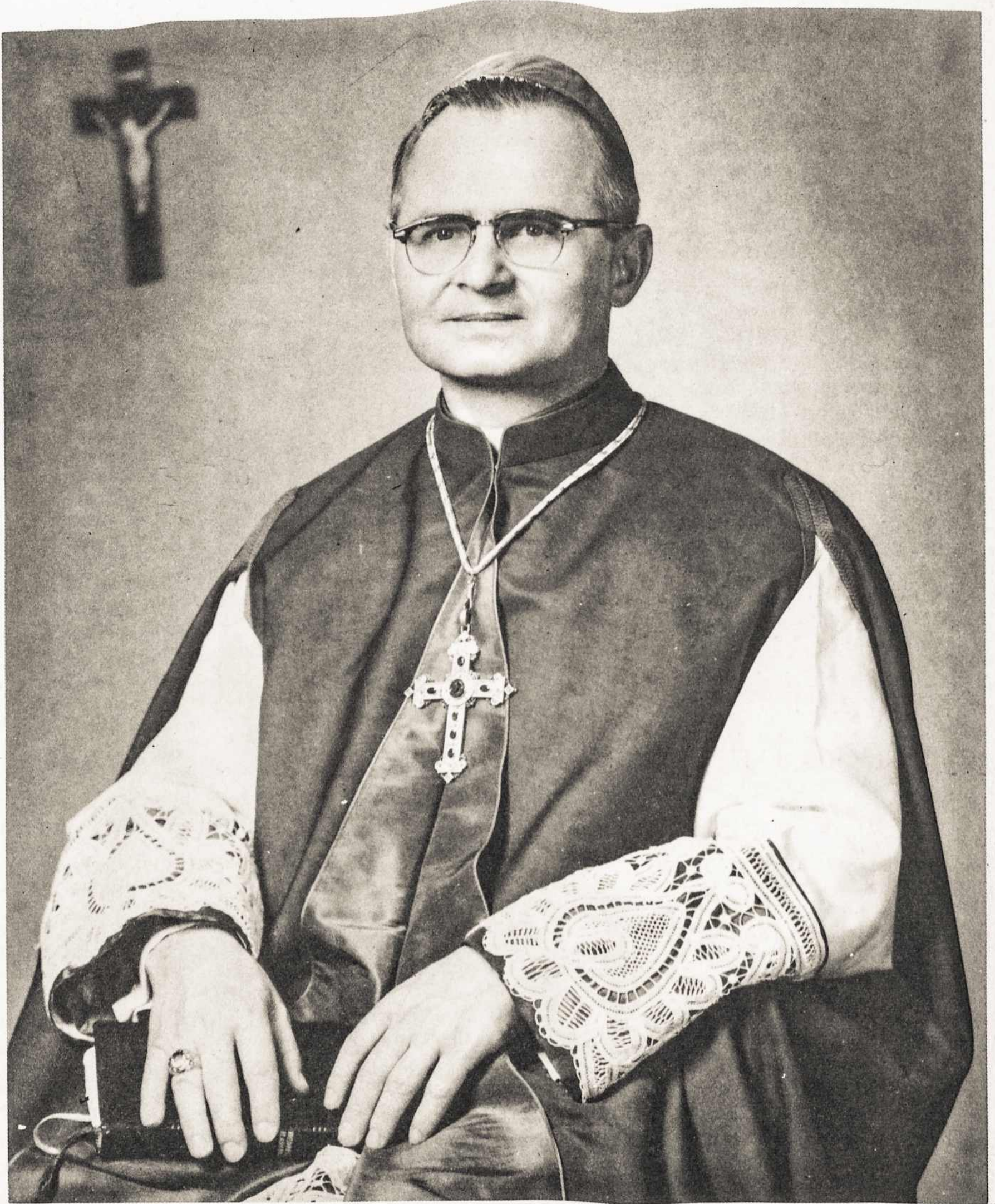
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First Lithuanian American Bishop (Story p. 4)

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ŠV. KAZIMIERAS Lietuvos Vyčių Globėjas

Povilas Dirkis

Kovo 4-ą švęsdami šv. Kazimiero šventę, prisimename ir tuos senus laikus, kada gyveno tasai taurus karalaitis ir savo kojomis lietė Lietuvos žemę, ir kad šiandieną jis yra mūsų globėjas.

Tradicinė kovo 4-oji primena mums Šv. Kazimierą, tą taurųjį Lietuvos jaunuolį, kuris mirė sulaukęs vos 26 metus amžiaus ir kurio palaikai ilsisi Vilniaus šventovėje - katedroje bėgyje penkių šimtų metų, o vienok jis mums nepaseno ir visai pagrįstai galime šaukti: mirė šv. Kazimieras, tegyvuoja šv. Kazimieras!

Per tuos kelis šimtus metų jis taip suaugo su savo tauta, kurią gyvas būdamas taip mylėjo ir kuriai tarnauti norėjo, tačiau Aukščiausias pašaukė jį kitokio pobūdžio tarnybai.

Šv. Kazimieras buvo lelijos žiedas dviejų ano meto stambių

valdovų giminių: gediminaičių ir habsburgaičių, atseit lietuviškos ir vokiškos, kurie buvo numatę jam kardo ir skeptro tarnybą, per kurią jis turėjo įeiti viešajan Lietuvos gyveniman ir jos istorijon. Bet šv. Kazimieras išengė Lietuvos istorijon bei jos gyveniman ne kaipo valdovas ar ginkluotos jėgos žmogus, o kaip šventasis.

Kiekviena krikščioniška tauta didžiuojasi savo šventaisiais, taigi ir mes lietuviai didžiuojamės turėdami savo šventąjį. Jo šventumas mummyse nesukelia jokių abejonių. Mūsų katalikiškai tautai jis turėjo ir tebeturi tokios pat reikšmės, kaip ir kitų tautų šventieji saviesiems.

Kadangi šv. Kazimieras ikišiol tebėra vienintėlis kanonizuotas Lietuvos šventasis, drąsiai galime sakyti, kad jo šventumas yra atstovaujancios lietuvių tautą

reikšmės. Jis yra mūsų tautos idealinis jaunuolis, istisus šimtmėčius rodęs lietuviui kelią, rodys ir toliau.

Šv. Kazimieras šventumo pasiekė ne pripuolamai, ne paveldėjimo būdu, bet savo tauriu gyvenimu, gailestingais darbais ir pasišventimu bei pamaldumu. Jis atsidavė visų karališkų teisių, o atsidavė malda, šelpė ir guodė vargšus, viešajame gyvenime visai nesirodė ir užbaigė gyvenimą ne kaip karalaitis, bet kaip eilinis jaunikaitis. Šv. Kazimieras pasirinko nevystantį garbės vainiką niekad nesibaigiančiame amžinajame gyvenime. Jis yra šventas, jis yra mūsų globėjas ir užtarėjas, prieš kurį mes lenkiame savo galvas ir liekame jam ištikimi.

CHARLES A. SALATKA, First Amerikan-Lithuanian Bishop

by Anthony Dainus

On a cold, wintry day last December, coming home after a bit of Christmas shopping, some of us picked up the paper to read the latest. We were in for a surprise. Our collective chins dropped and our eyes lit up as

we read that a Monsignor, son of Lithuanian immigrants, was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Grand Rapids, Michigan. A Catholic President in 1961 was great enough, but now a Lithuanian Bishop! The land of opportunity.

We Lithuanians were given our first bishop this side of the amber-dotted shores hallowed by the mortal remains of St. Casimir. (Incidentally, the new bishop has used the name of Casimir too.)

This man of the hour was Bishop-elect Charles A. Salatka. He was born on Feb. 26, 1918 in Grand Rapids and attended Msgr. Joseph Lipkus' SS. Peter & Paul elementary school, conducted by the Lithuanian Sisters of St. Francis of Pittsburgh, Pa. After attending St. Joseph's Seminary and the Catholic University in Washington, he was ordained on Feb. 24, 1945. A year later he studied canon law in Rome. He returned to his diocese in 1948 and became administrator of St. Michael's in Dennison, Michigan, meanwhile retaining his duties as Diocesan Secretary. He was appointed Vice-Chancellor in 1954 and five years later was made Papal Chamberlain by His Holiness.

It was on Dec. 13, 1961 that Pope John XXIII named Msgr. Salatka Auxiliary Bishop to the Most Rev. Allen J. Babcock, Bishop of Grand Rapids. On March 6 he was consecrated by the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, The Most Reverend Egidio Vagnozzi, at St. Francis Xavier Church



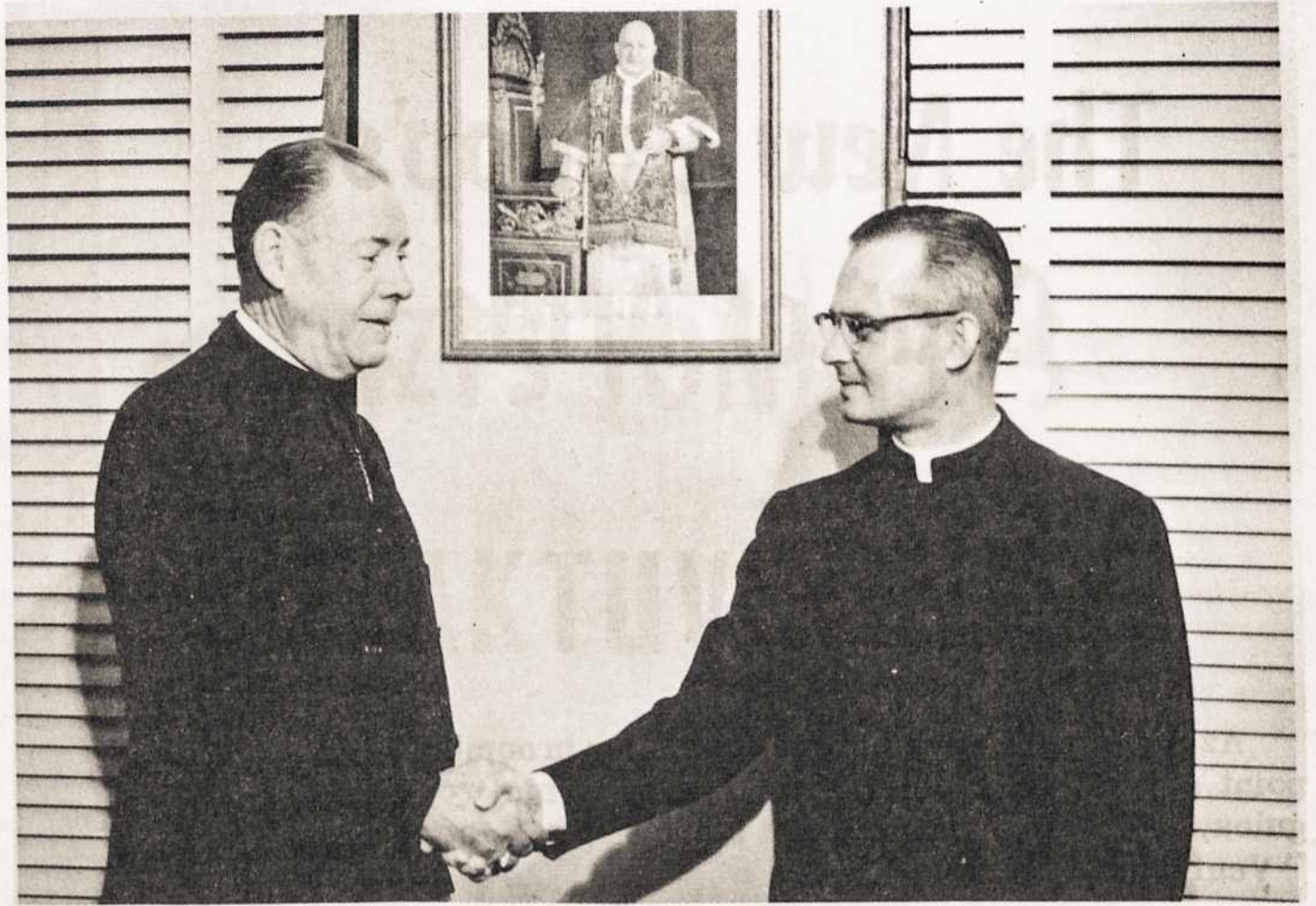
Best wishes are extended to the Bishop by (left) his former pastor, Msgr. Joseph Lipkus, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Lithuanian Parish in Grand Rapids and (right) Rev. J. Prunskis, of DRAUGAS, Chicago.

in his home town (St. Andrew's Cathedral was being renovated). All members of the hierarchy in the United States were invited.

His parents, Casimir and Mary Salatka, were active parishioners and all of their five youngsters attended the same parish school. In fact, his father's name appears on the 1907 roster as one of the founders of SS. Peter & Paul Church. His mother died in 1948. He has two brothers and two sisters. At the present his father resides with one sister, Mrs. Mary Mekonis, in Los Angeles. Mrs. Mekonis' son is a seminarian there. Another sister is a nun, Sister Mary Florence, R.S.M. of the Detroit Province. His brothers Joseph and John along with other relatives live in Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids had and will have a special significance to all Lithuanians, especially those in Michigan. Just why the early immigrants at the turn of the century chose the furniture town instead of the steel and auto city of Detroit hasn't been analyzed. Perhaps their people were better organized. In fact, they even built the first church, acquired the only cemetery. Of course, today the trend has changed. Both colonies of immigrants had similar origins: first, attendance at Polish churches, then the formation of a society, followed by the erection of a small church. The clergy of these two cities attended each others' ceremonies, the parishioners intermarried, many earlier Detroiters once lived in Grand Rapids and vice versa, relatives abound in both. In the "Roaring Twenties" the youth of SS. Peter & Paul and Detroit's St. George's competed in various sports, sponsored mutual socials etc. Both parishes had early K of L councils established by Detroiters (43 and 79) but the First World War, coupled with misunderstandings, rather than lack of member initiative, undermined both.

The most interesting factor regarding this ecclesiastical windfall for the Lithuanians is the



Bishop Allen Babcock of Grand Rapids, Mich. congratulates Bishop Salatka, upon notification of his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop

answer to the question "Why?" Why was Msgr. Salatka chosen from a score of possible prelates? One could go back ten years to the time that his immediate superior, Bishop Allen J. Babcock, then Auxiliary to Cardinal Mooney of Detroit, attended the 700th Anniversary of Lithuania's Acceptance of Christianity under King Mindaugas, that was held at his cathedral. Here Bishop Babcock met the Bishops Brizgys and Rancans among others. Moreover, the cathedral and St. George's were neighboring parishes. In short, Lithuanians were not unfamiliar to Bishop Babcock.

Or we might ponder DRAUGAS' account of Bishop Babcock's address to the National Council of Catholic Men in Washington last month, wherein it was stated that religious persecutions in Lithuania may have prompted Pope John XXIII to elevate an American-Lithuanian, Msgr. Charles Salatka, to the episcopacy.

Or again, we may accept this possibility which begins with the rumor that His Holiness had designated Bishop Theofilis Matulionis a Cardinal "in his heart." Perhaps to show it externally,

Msgr. Salatka was selected presupposing preliminary screening and preferences. It goes without saying that these conjectures positively concede the Bishop's great personal merits which Msgr. Joseph Lipkus, as a chancery official, may have discovered. Whatever the reason, this repeated generosity toward our people ultimately had its basis in our tenacious adherence to our Lithuanian heritage, a creed supported by Archbishop Dearden's exhortation to the K of L 46th National Convention in Detroit, "Keep alive all Lithuanian Catholic traditions, for the traditions of each nationality are good for our Faith and family life." As a corollary of this theme, the K of L is sponsoring a nation-wide Lithuanian parish spiritual bouquet for the young prelate, for he did say, "Prašyčiau lietuvių maldų."

Without doubt, Msgr. Salatka's elevation to the episcopacy is the most significant event in the entire century that our people have spent on these foreign shores. Grand Rapids, we salute you! Your Excellency, Most Reverend Charles A. Salatka, may God bless you!

The New Bishop's Coat of Arms

W. F. J. Ryan

Blazon

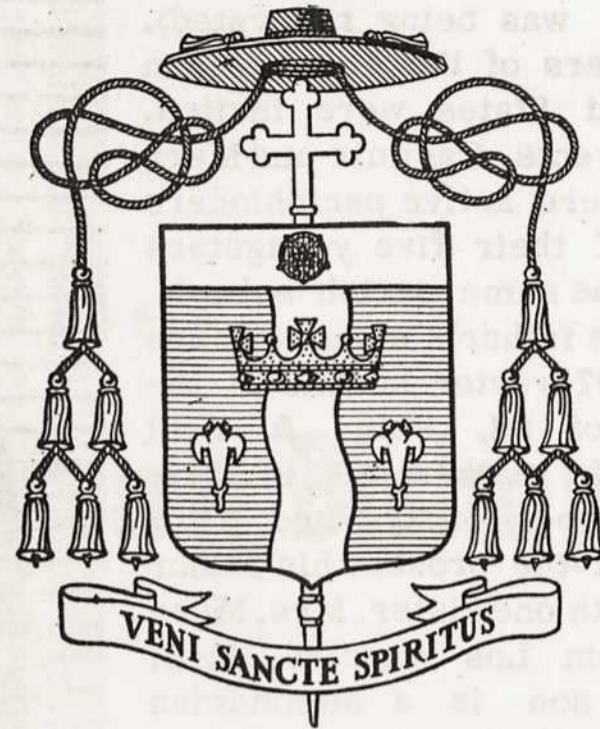
Azure, a pale wavy between two lilies in nombril point argent, on a chief of the last an Orsini rose gules, over all in honor point a crown or. Motto: "Veni Sancte Spiritus."

Significance

The Diocese of Grand Rapids where the Bishop will serve as Auxiliary, is signified by the wavy silver pale (vertical band) on the blue field. Wavy silver and blue charges represent water in heraldry, and a wavy pale running precipitously from the top to the bottom of the shield suggests Grand Rapids, without infringing on the diocesan arms where the name of the See city is suggested by wavy bends (diagonal bands) sinister. . . .

The two lilies on either side of the pale have a double significance. One of them commemorates Saint Joseph's Minor Seminary in Grand Rapids where the Bishop studied, while the other honors Saint Casimir, the patron Saint of Lithuania, from which the ancestors of the Bishop came to America. Representations of Saint Casimir in ecclesiastical art usually portray him with a lily in his hand and wearing a crown. The crown represents the throne of Hungary which he refused, and the lily denotes the angelic purity of the life of this saint. It is interesting to note that Saint Charles (Borromeo), whose name the Bishop bears, is also known in art by a crown. Hence, the crown on the shield also has a double significance.

The red Orsini rose in the chief (upper partition) of the shield is derived from the coat of arms of the Orsini family, which built and founded a convent on the Via dell'Umiltà, later established as the North American College by the hierarchy of the United States in 1859. It remained as the college until 1953, when the beautiful buildings on the Janiculum hill became its new home. The building on Via dell'Umiltà, now known as Casa Santa Maria dell'Umiltà, is at



present the site of the College graduate department. The summer home of the North American College, Santa Caterina, in the Alban hills near Castel Gondolfo was also once a possession of the Orsini family.

By including the Orsini rose in his coat of arms Bishop Salatka honors this beloved college in the Eternal City where he received his degree in Canon Law, as well as Bishop Babcock whom he will serve as Auxiliary; for Bishop Babcock displays this same rose on his coat of arms to recall his student days at the college and the office of Vice-Rector which he held from 1937 to 1940.

The tinctures of the arms are red, white and blue. Blue and white are the Marian colors, to honor Our Lady as Patroness of the United States, and red, white and blue are those of the arms of the Catholic University of America where the Bishop received a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy, and where he studied Theology.

The motto, "Veni Sancte Spiritus" ("Come Holy Ghost"), is taken from the Sequence in the Mass of Pentecost Sunday. A motto briefly expresses an ideal, a program of life and the spirit of the one who selects it.

The external ornaments are composed of the pontifical hat with its six tassels on each side disposed in three rows, all in green, and the episcopal cross in gold. The timbering of the shield follows the Roman practice for Bishops, rather than the American custom of adding the mitre and crosier. Either tradition is acceptable. Before 1870, the pontifical hat was worn at solemn cavalcades held on conjunction with papal functions. The color of the pontifical hat and the number and color of the tassels were signs of the rank of a prelate, a custom which is still preserved in ecclesiastical heraldy.

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KAZYS JONAITIS

SUKAKTUVININKAS

Paulius Erdvys

Švenčiant Šv. Kazimiero, Vyčių globėjo šventę, pravartu prisiminti vyčių veteraną, savo laiku buvusį vyčių pirmininką ir žurnalo "Vytis" redaktorių ir dar dabar aktyvų lietuvių veikėją - Brighton Park'o vaistininką poetą Kazį Jonaitį, kuriam šiais metais gruodžio 20 d. sukaks lygiai septyniasdešimt metų amžiaus.

Sukaktuvininkas K. Jonaitis yra vargo ir ryžto pavyzdys. Jis rodo, kaip reikia sekti užsibrėžto gyvenime tikslo, išlikti lietuviu ir visą amželi dirbti Lietuvos labui.

K. Jonaitis yra Suvalkų krašto sūnus, kilęs iš Padvarių kaimo, Vilkaviškio apskričio ir praleidęs kūdikystės bei vaikystės dienas mažžemio ūkininko šeimoje. Kiek pramokęs lietuviško rašto pas daraktorių, o rusiškai Vilkaviškio mokykloje, buvo pasinešęs tapti mokytoju ir bebėdąs įstoti į Veiverių mokytojų seminariją. Bet dėl šeimyninių nelaimių, tėvui likus invalidu, užsibrėžto tikslo pasiekti nepavyko. Tuomet pats pradėjo lavintis, skaitydamas knygas, kurias gaudavo Vilkaviškio "Žiburio" knygyne, žiemos metu ėjo kaimynų vaikus mokyti, o vasaromis vykdavo į Vokietiją uždarbiauti.

Užsidirbęs pinigų, sugalvojo

išvažiuoti į užsienį - Ameriką. Ir štai, 1913 m. Jonaitis atsirado JAV. ir apsigyveno Waterbury, Conn. Čia jį priglaudė kun. Saurusaitis ir davė darbo - parapijos knygyną tvarkyti. 1915 m. persikėlė į Bostoną dirbti "Darbininko" spaustuvėje. Vėliau Bostone gavo vaistinėje darbą ir bedirbdamas pradėjo studijuoti farmaciją. Nors sąlygos mokslui buvo nepavydėtinos, nes turėjo dirbti ir mokyti, gi atlyginimas buvo skurdus, užtekdavo vos už mokslą užsimokėti, o pragyvenimui likdavo centai, tačiau tas Jonaičio neatbaidė ir skursdamas jis siekė užsibrėžto tikslo.

Po kiek laiko Jonaitis persikėlė į Worcesterį, gavo geresnes darbo sąlygas ir šiek tiek atkutęs, pajutęs savo prigimtą talentą, įsijungė į lietuvišką spaudą ir pradėjo rašinėti eilėraščius, kurie tais laikais Žilvyčio vardu plito lietuvių spaudoje. Labai gaila, kad sukaktuvininkas jų nesurinko ir neišleido atskiru leidiniu. Tai būtų likęs didelis paminklas. Ne tik rašė, bet įsijungė į Vyčių organizaciją, buvo išrinktas centro pirmininku, o vėliau net žurnalo "Vytis" redaktorium.

Sukaktuvininkas Worcesterį nerimo. Jis svajavo apie Chicagą.

Ir svajonės išsipildė: atsirado šalia Chicagos, Cicero mieste, kur įsigijo vaistinę ir pradėjo pastoviai gyventi. Čia sukūrė ir lietuvišką šeimą - vedė čia gimusią, augusią ir mokslus išėjusią lietuvaite - A. Popeliškytę, ir išaugino sūnų ir dukrą, kurie yra baigę aukštus mokslus ir moka savo tėvų gimtąją lietuvių kalbą.

1933 m. Jonaitis persikėlė į Chicago - Brighton Park - ir čia iki šiol tebesilaiko.

Sukaktuvininkas yra ne tik taurus lietuvis, sąžiningas vaistininkas, kuri pažįsta beveik visos Chicagos lietuviškos kolonijos, bet yra JAV lietuvių veiklos pionierius. Brangūs ir didelės pagarbos verti tie lietuviai pionieriai, kurie, nors ir eidami gyvenimo kryžiaus keliais, tebėra mūsų tarpe ir savo praeities darbais šviečia mums stiprybės ir ryžto ugnimi.

Sukaktuvininkas Kazys Jonaitis savo lietuviška veikla yra brangus visiems JAV lietuviams, o ypač vyčiams, kurių veiklon yra idėjęs daug sielos, darbo ir pasiukojimo, ir todėl jam švenčiant septyniasdešimt metų amžiaus sukaktį, reikia ir atitinkamai pagerbti.

Ilgiausių metų vyčių pionieriui!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Rev. J. Walter Stanievich

To a Lithuanian, March 4th has been a day of special significance. On this day, we as Lithuanians, commemorate one of the glories of Lithuania's History, namely the feast day of its greatest saint and patron, St. Casimir. On that day in 1484, a young man, scarcely out of his teens, died of Tuberculosis. What truly was remarkable was the fact that he was a prince who rejected the allurements of this world for the eternal crown of glory that he so longed to earn.

His life is well known to all our readers and so I will not even strive to recount it. I would, however, like to stress one point. Too often, in our day and age, we feel that spirituality is just a pipe dream for the average Joe or Joan. It may be possible, some may contend, for priests and nuns but not for those who are active in a modern business world. Lay spirituality cannot blossom in a locale where there is sham, greed and every other possible vice imaginable. Whenever we get such notions in our minds, just think of St. Casimir. Believe me, his life was, by no means a bed of roses. He was no sheltered religious, although any religious could emulate his spirituality. And although he was of royal blood, his positive concern for the poor and oppressed would probably classify him today as a social rebel and even a radical.

Before 1962 grows older we would do well to read and re-read Pope John's encyclical, MATER ET MAGISTRA, paying particular attention to part four on the reconstruction of social relationships in truth, justice and love. Here, the Holy Father deals with the vocation of the laity. To those who still think that growth in the spiritual life demands a retreat from the world with its daily demands, Pope John points out:

"Let no one imagine that there is any opposition between these two things so that they cannot be properly reconciled: namely, the perfection of one's own soul and the business of this life, as if one has no chance but to abandon the activities of this world in order to strive for Christian perfection, or as if one could not attend to these pursuits without endangering his own dignity as a man and as a Christian."

Thus, we see that growth in holiness and concern for the matters of the world are not mutually exclusive. However, the Holy Father cautions against the danger of the "do-gooders" or the "patronizing" apostles. He reminds us that in our dealings with men, we are bound to exert effort in such a way that while fulfilling our duties to others, we do so in union with God through Christ, for the increase of God's glory.

Every kind of Christian course of conduct pursued as a means to a higher ideal, be it of the layman or of the priest and monk, is an asceticism of the cross, which rightly understood, can never have any meaning other than the restoration of the world to God.

The apostle of today, be he a priest or a layman, must first make a place of recollection, silence and solitude in his life. Christ invited His Apostles, whose task was to be so monumental in so short a period of time, to . . . "come aside and rest awhile!" A life that does not make room for silence and recollection, cannot be a Christian life, for it cannot be a spiritual life.

The task of the true lay apostle as a result of being incorporated in Christ is to build the city of man so that it may be a dwelling place of Divinity, so that God is truly manifested in and through it. This task, then, calls for sanctity. The means which we shall use are prayer, penance, the cross, the long patience of faith and love, all of which lead to action.

As we think of the glories of St. Casimir, let us never keep him on a pedestal to be brought down but once a year. Let us rather emulate his virtues in our own personal life, day in and day out. Also, as we carry on the work of a truly Christian lay apostolate, the Church's apostolate, we should keep before our minds the sage advice of the late beloved Pius XII. He said:

"Every true and lasting reform has ultimately sprung from the sanctity of men who were driven by the love of God and of men. . . generous, ready to stand at attention to any call from God. On the other hand, any reformatory zeal which, instead of springing from personal purity, gushes out of passion, has produced unrest instead of light, destruction instead of construction, and more than once, set up evils worse than those it was out to remedy."

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Suggested points of discussion

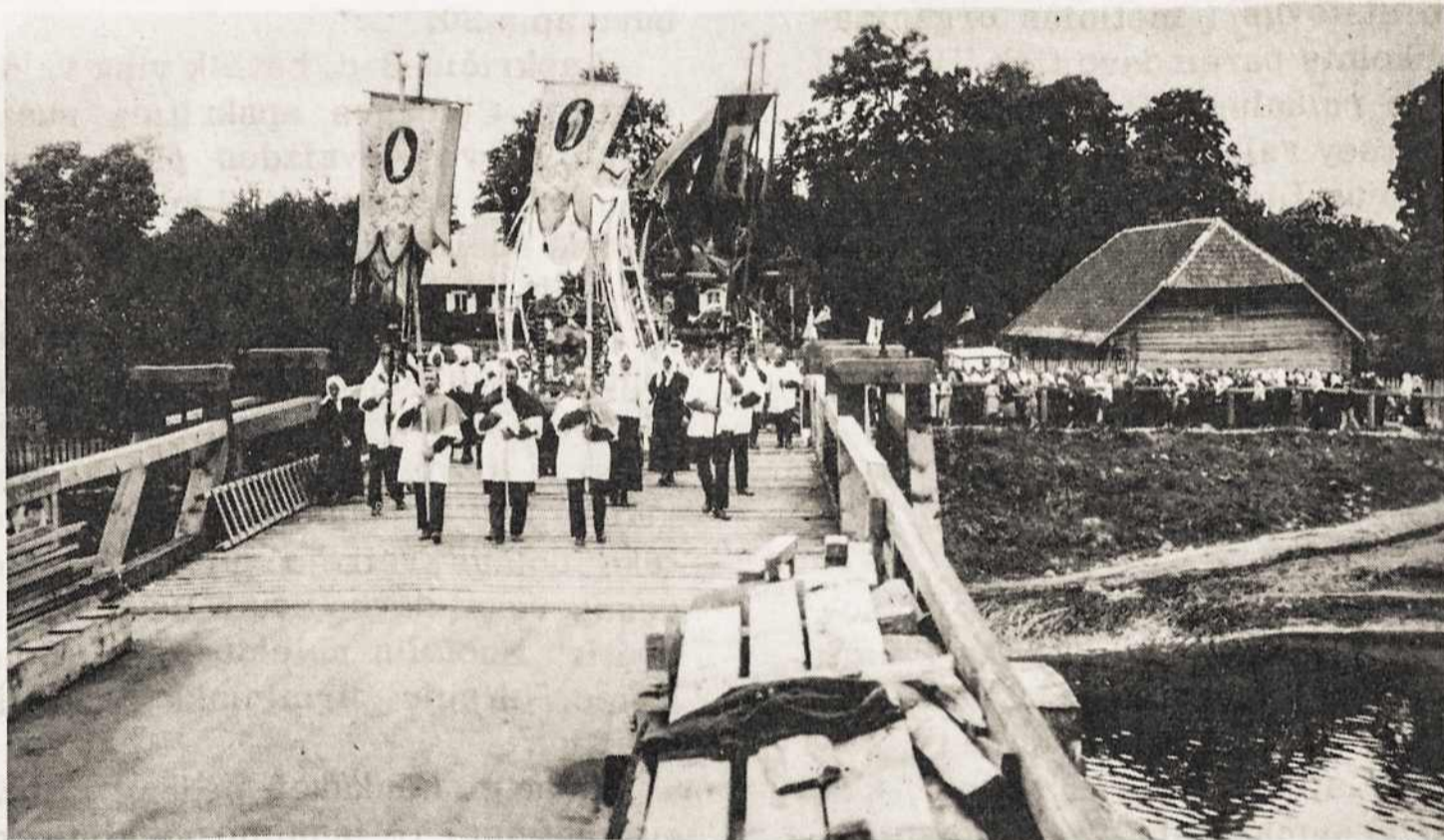
1. What do you understand by the lay apostolate?
2. How, as a knight, can I exercise this apostolate?
3. What can I do to further this apostolate . . .
 - at my work? at home with the family?
 - on a date? at K of L meetings?
 - during my recreational periods?

Bernardas Braždžionis - "Auka"

Ar žydi, Viešpatie, tenai prie gimto namo
Balta palinkusi tėvų obels šaka?
Alpstu be jos, trošku be jos už okeano. . .
(Kas šakė, motin, tau, kad žemėje taika?).

Ar eina giedanti procesija per lauką,
Kad pasimelstų Kryžiaus Atradimo dieną Tau?
Nešu ir aš tremties dienas kaip kryžiaus auką. . .
(Aplinkui melą, vien tik melą tematau).

Ar nešat jūs, pasaulyje paklydę broliai,
Jos vardą, jos gyvybę ir jos garbę širdyje?
Artėja tėviškės dienų pakrantės atitole. . .
(O jūs vis tolate, vis tolate, deja. . .).



BERNARDAS BRAŽDŽIONIS - "THE OFFERING"

Is it blooming, Lord there - by my native home
The white, bent branch of my parents' apple tree?
I faint and thirst without it beyond the ocean. . .
(Who said, that on earth there is peace, mother, to thee?).

Is there a singing procession through the field,
To pray for the Finding of the Cross, to thee?
Carry do I, like the Cross, days of exile. . .
(Around me lies, only lies do I see).

Do you bear, in the world brothers gone astray,
Her name, her life and her honor, sincerely?
Closer come the days of our Fatherland, put away. . .
(Yet you get further, and further, regretfully).

(Translated by Jack J. Stukas)

LIETUVOS VYČIU ISTORIJA

Ignas Sakalas

130-ji KUOPA

130-ji kuopa Bronx, New York valstybėje, įsteigta 1939 metais kun. Pauliuo pastangomis. Steigiamajam susirinkime valdybon išrinkta: pirm. John Sweikata, 1-ju vicepirm. Betty Kunais, 2-ju vicepirm. Andrew Kunais, sekret. May Winowsky, fin. sekr. E. Kapchen, išdininku Edward Saldis.

Žymesnis kuopos veikimas buvo iki antrojo Pasaulinio karo. Buvo suorganizuotas choras, sporto vienetas, suruošta eilė vakarų su vaidinimais, paskaitų, vakarinių lituanistikos kursų ir t.p.

Kuopa siūsdavo atstovus į metinius organizacijos seimus ir aukomis paremdavo tiek "Vyčio" leidimą, tiek Centro reikalus. Priklausė taip pat New York ir New Jersey valst. apskričiai.

Nemažai yra aukojus Lietuvos išlaisvinimo reikalams per Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybą ir tremtinių Vokietijoje šalpai per Bendrą Amerikos Lietuvių Šalpos fondą.

131-ji KUOPA

Centro sekretoriaus oficialiuose kuopų sąrašuose randame, kad 131-ji kuopa buvo įsteigta Philadelphia, Pa., Šv. Jurgio parapijoje, kur tuo metu klebonu buvo kun. dr. V. J. Martusevičius. Kuopa įsteigta 1940 metais, bet neturima žinių, kas buvo to gražaus darbo sumanytojas ir įvykdytojas, nė kas sudarė pirmąją kp. valdybą, nė kiek steigiamajame susirinkime išsirašė narių ir t.t. Pagalios nėra žinių, kaip ilgai kuopa veikė, nes jokios žinios nė "Vyty", nė kituose laikraščiuose neteko užtikti.

132-ji KUOPA

132-ji kuopa įsteigta Kankakee, Ill., 1940 m. Kuopos steigimą A. Skirius aprašo sekančiai:

Tai įvyko rudenį 1940 m., kada teko vesti knygą John Gregor krautuvėj. Gyvendamas pas Mykolą Survilą, 499 N. Entrance St., mano gerą parapijietį, gabų biznierių, dažnai tekdavo važiuoti į Chicago, nes tais metais buvau "Vyčio" redaktorius.

L. V. kuopos pradžia reikia laikyti M. Survilo namus, nes čia turėjom pirmuosius steigėjų (M. Survilos, F. Ticulkos, B. Stankaus) pasitarimus.

Pirmas oficialus susirinkimas įvyko rugsėjo 30 d., 1940 m. Štai citata iš "Vyčio" nr. 11, 1940 m.

- The Kankakee Knights of Lithuania through the mutual cooperation of Anthony Skirius, B. Stankus and Frank Ticulka held its first formal meeting at Forester's Hall in Kankakee on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2 P.M. Temporary officers appointed were Bruno Stankus, president, F. Ticulka, vice-president and Cecilia Stankus, secretary.

Kitame susirinkime, spalio 13 d. 1940 m. buvo išrinkta nuolatinė valdyba: pirm. F. Ticulka, vicepirm. B. Stankus, prot. sekr. Bernice Ticulka, išd. Lester Rashinskas (veikiau Frank Rashinskas) ir maršalka B. J. Stankus.

Pirmame susirinkime išsirašė 20 narių, vėliau buvo apie 30.

Lapkričio 3 d. beveik visa valdyba atvyko Chicago į Chicagos apskrities susirinkimą, kuris įvyko Dievo Apvaizdos parapijos mokykloje. Tą dieną buvo priimtas 132 kuopos įnešimas kitą apskrities susirinkimą šaukti gruodžio 8 d. Kankakee, Ill. Šis apskr. susirinkimas buvo net skaitlingesnis negu Chicagoy įvyksta susirinkimai. Po susirinkimo visi dalyviai kuopos lėšomis buvo pavaišinti. Kuopa išde turėjo \$100, nes rengtas šokių vakaras buvo labai sėkmingas ir tas paskatino kuopą prie didesnio veikimo. Neužilgo po to neteko uolaus veikėjo pirm. F. Ticulkos. Jis gavęs geresnį darbą South Bend, Ind., išvyko ten gyventi. Nuotolis neleido jam dažnai lankytis Kankakee. Nauju pirmininku buvo išrinktas Bruno Stankus.

Kadangi Kankakee nedaug lietuvių gyvena, tad, suprantama, ir jaunimo veikimui dirva nėra plati. Kol draugija jauna, visi ja domisi, bet po kiek laiko daugelis pradeda atšalti, susirinkimų nelaikyti, pagaliau nematyti reikalo jai priklausyti. Taip buvo daugely vietų, taip buvo ir čia. Kuopa pradėjo apsnusti.

1947 metais Chicagos apskrities veikėjai (V. Pavis ir J. Juozaitis) padarė pastangų kuopą atgaivinti. Gegužės 4 d. jiedu nuvykę sušaukė susirinkimą, kuriame buvo perrinkta valdyba: Bruno Stankus pirmininku, Magdalena Shults vicepirm. F. Rashinskas sekretoriumi, J. Stankus finansų sekret. Julia Zummer išdininku, P. Barisa ir Elzbieta Stanevičiūtė išdo globėjais.

Ir po to kuopa dėl augščiau minėtų priežasčių neilgai gyvavo.

Per abu gyvavimo tarpsnius kuopa piniginiai yra parėmus "Vyty" ir kitus organizacijos reikalus ir siuntė atstovą į porą visuotinių seimų.

Kuopą labiausiai rėmė ir palaikė F. Rašinskas. Barisai, M. Survila, Stankai, kurių čia gyvena net kelios šeimos, ir kt.



A landscape of Eastern Lithuania

OFFICIAL NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - NOT MUCH TIME LEFT

Here it is the month of March already and it seems that the Membership Drive just started. Time really does fly, doesn't it? Has it flown right by you as far as all your resolutions concerning membership are concerned? Or have you been doing a lot of planning and campaigning to get more members for your council and for the K of L? If you have been doing something, good! You are to be congratulated. If you haven't done anything personally, when are you going to go out and recruit those members you thought of getting at the beginning of the year?

Remember the motto for '62 is to get two new members. That is not asking too much. None of you can be that secluded that you can't find two Lithuanian friends who are not yet members. Get them to join and to help you make your council one of the best and most active in the country. It is up to you to do your part. We can't leave the work to others, we have to do some of it ourselves.

A few days ago, your council celebrated St. Casimir's Day. You should have had a Communion Breakfast and a guest speaker and you should have had the attendance of every member. Did you? If not, why? To attract new members, you have to get them to want to join. These special occasions are very impressive and attract a good deal of attention from the public. Make use of these occasions to work for you in your Membership Drive efforts. I'm sure a good many persons in the church wanted to be a part of your group. It is up to you to see that they get into the council. It is up to you to sign them up, and get them to participate in all the council's activities.

Next month, on the 27th to be exact, it will be 49 years since Mr. Norkunas called for a founding convention in Lawrence, Mass. He realized the need for such an organization. He helped start it for us, he gave it the push and drive to make it what it is. What have we done to further his goals and objectives? What have we done to increase the membership? What have we done to get others to join and help in the work to which we are all dedicated? Are we just going to waste our time and efforts and let the work he started die by the wayside or are we going to do our utmost to continue his work, increasing the membership and furthering his goals to make

the K of L bigger and better and widely known in every Lithuanian community?

What happens depends on you. In these next two months that are left, you still have time to get out and do some work. Don't let these months slip by. Don't forget the motto for '62. We need your help. We are depending on you. Don't forget that you are a reflection of your council. If you do poorly, your council does poorly. Take pride in the K of L and in your council. When the reports are sent in and recorded in the National Convention brochure, make sure your council is at the top of the list.

William A. Grigas
Vice-President
Membership

K of L CALENDAR

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| March 17 | - C-29's St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner and Ball. St. George's Hall, 180-2 New York Ave., Newark, N.J. \$4.00. Proceeds - erection of Lithuanian Wayside Cross. |
| March 25 | - N.E. District Holy Half-Hour. 3:00 p.m. St. George's Church, Norwood, Mass. Bowling Roll-offs at 4:00 p.m. |
| April 7 | - N.E. District Military Whist Party. St. Casimir's Church Hall, Worcester, Mass. 8:00 p.m. |
| April 29 | - N.E. District Spring Convention. Our Lady of Vilna Church, Worcester, Mass. Mass at 11:00 a.m. Sessions and speaker at 2:00 p.m. Cultural entertainment at 5:00 p.m. |
| May 26-27 | - Midwest Bowling Tournament. Detroit, Mich. C-79 hosts. |
| August 5-12 | - K of L Juniors' camp week. Camp Dainava, Manchester, Mich. |
| August 15-19 | - 49th National K of L Convention. Hotel Robert Treat, Park Place, Newark, N. J. New York- New Jersey District hosts. |

K of L Juniors

Edited by: Helen Shields

No. 8 March, 1962

WELCOMEWELCOME

It is a great pleasure to extend sincere greetings to JUNIOR COUNCIL 25, CLEVELAND, OHIO which was recently organized through the efforts of Sister M. Francita. We are most happy to welcome them into the ever growing membership of the Junior Knights of Lithuania and hope that each and every one of these new members will truly enjoy being a Junior Knight!

We are most happy to welcome the re-organization of JUNIOR COUNCIL 90, KEARNY, NEW JERSEY which was organized by Elena Nakrosis, Anne Klem, Barbara Gelcius and Alice Salkas. We wish the Junior Knights much success in their endeavors and will be looking forward to meeting them in Elizabeth, N. J. at the Junior Rally!

Helen Shields

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

We have just begun the Holy Season of Lent. It is customary, especially for those under 21 who are not obliged to observe the rules of fasting, to make a sacrifice by giving something up during Lent. Most of us give up one or more things like movies, candy, gum, cake and so forth either for the whole season or with the exception of Sundays. This is all well and good, but have we ever thought of DOING something extra special for Lent?

One of the most worthwhile things that we, as Junior Knights, could DO during Lent is to resolve to say one short prayer every day to our Patron - St. Casimir, asking him to help the youth of Lithuania to hold on strongly to their Catholic faith. It is a fact, that the atheistic rulers who have oppressed Lithuania and other nations of the world are doing all in their power to uproot the Catholic religion. Let us counteract their efforts by beginning a CRUSADE OF PRAYERS to St. Casimir. It would only take a few minutes of our time and yet would bring our Lithuanian brothers and sisters such great moral strength which they are badly in need of if they are to resist the atheistic influences to which they are being subjected.

Lent is a very good time to start such a CRUSADE - and once we begin, even though Lent will be over with Easter - let's continue to remember the youth of Lithuania in our prayers each day. Are you willing to join this PRAYER CRUSADE? It is our hope that every Junior Knight will.

FOURTH NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT JUNIOR K of L RALLY

Let the trumpets sound! Let the bugles call! Herald the news of the forthcoming Fourth New York-New Jersey District Junior K of L Rally to be held on Sunday, April 29, 1962 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, Elizabeth, N. J.

Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. The program will start at 2:00 p.m. It will include greetings, an address by a former Junior knight, a special movie, "Lithuania - Past and Present," benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, reports from the councils on their activities, and a 15-minute variety show given by each council participating in the Rally. Dinner and dancing to recorded music will round out the program.

This year the following contests will be held:

For the boys - A wood carving of a Lithuanian Wayside Cross.

For the girls - Embroidering Lithuanian designs on an apron.

Pictures of crosses and Lithuanian embroidery designs have been sent to Junior councils. Be sure to ask your counselor for a copy, which will give you a very good idea of how to start working on your project. We remind you that all entries must be your own work; however, you can seek advice from anyone before starting on your project. Three prizes will be awarded in each of the contests.

We hope that every Junior knight of the New York-New Jersey District will plan to attend the Rally and that a great number of you will enter the contests so the judges would have a difficult time selecting the winners.

St. CASIMIR

OUR PATRON



By Mindaugas Kutkus

"Trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle." (ST. CASIMIR - Rev. A. Contons, p. 48). This, St. Casimir understood fully. To become the patron saint of Lithuania was no trifle, but through trifles, he became one! It was Pope Urban VIII who appointed him the principal heavenly patron of all Lithuanians.

The Knights of Lithuania, as well as the Ateitininkai and Lithuanian Scouts venerate St. Casimir as their official patron. We all should try to follow the example he set for us - the example of sanctity.

If there is a secret to sanctity, surely St. Casimir was the one that knew it. Born in the royal palace of Cracow, he was richly blessed with natural gifts. With these gifts, he learned to know and love God very closely. As a prince, he was also taught the fundamentals of reading, writing, the art of public speaking, physical education, together with the importance of prayer and virtuous living.

At the age of 13, he was sent by his parents with an army of 12,000 to seize the throne of Hungary. The lad was convinced by his mother that his course of action was just. In his boyish imagination he thought he was marching to free the Hungarians from an oppressive ruler. Little did he realize that he had no right to the throne occupied by an elected king. When Casimir arrived in Hungary with his forces, he was welcomed only at a few castles. He then hesitated to join battle with the superior forces of Matthias, the main ruler. Disease spread among Casimir's soldiers.

His mercenaries quit when there was no money left to pay them. A few hundred soldiers were killed. He was forced to withdraw to a Polish fortress. Looking back upon his shattered dreams, the lad might well have reflected upon the warning of Jesus, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where rust and moth consume and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." (Matt. 6, 19-20). At any rate, never again did Casimir aspire to an earthly throne.

St. Casimir was also known for his justice. He was called by the people, "Defender of the Poor." No matter how wretched or poor a person might be, if his cause was just, Casimir defended it.

So frequent were the prince's visits to church, that some said he spent more time in church than in the royal palace. He would become so deeply absorbed in prayer, that it became difficult to summon him for his meals.

Early in 1483, Casimir's health began to fail noticeably. As the last hour was approaching, the clergy and religious gathered around his deathbed. The Last Rites were administered. Prayers for the dying were recited. Holding a crucifix in one hand a flickering candle in the other, the 25-year old prince passed away in the arms of his mother. It was dawn of March 4, 1484, at the castle of Gardinas in Lithuania.

St. Casimir took the trifles of his every day life and offered them up to God, for he knew trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle!

Mindaugas Kutkus, author of the above article, is the prize winner of the Junior K of L Essay Contest entitled, "St. Casimir, Our Patron." In view of the fact that only a small percentage participated in the contest, only one winner was selected. Our sincerest congratulations to Mindaugas, who is a member of Jr. C-102, Detroit, Mich., and to Mary Kulakusky, Jr. C-26, Worcester, Mass. who received an Honorable Mention.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

Introducing - ARNIE ANTA-KAUSKAS, member of Junior Council 26, Worcester, Mass.

St. Casimir's Grammar School was the source of Arnie's primary education. Presently, he is an Honor Student in his sophomore year at St. John's High School.

In addition to his studies, he plays an active role in extra-curricular activities. Among his favorites are: Junior K of L, C.Y.C., and basketball. Arnie is a member of St. Casimir's Parish Basketball Team. The team won the 1960-61 Diocesan Championship.

As for vital statistics - Arnie has dark brown hair, dark eyes, and stands almost 6 ft. tall.

Arnie is liked by all and Junior Council 26 is proud to have him as one of their members and as our Personality of the Month.

By Betty - Jr. C-26

LET'S BACK THE ATTACK ON OBSCENE ENTERTAINMENT!

by Betty Ridick - Jr. C-26

A recent survey of movies being billed at local theatres and so-called movie houses has forced the Junior K of L members to strongly protest the rise and popularity of obscene pictures. This entertainment is by far some of the worst and most vicious since the beginning of the movie picture industry. Yet, in spite of the horrifying contents, people seem to patronize these sinful presentations.

What can we, as Catholic youth working FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, do to help prevent such degrading of our country? First of all, we can join our hands in prayerful supplication that these Godless producers, directors, casts, etc. would come to their senses and realize the damage they are inflicting on society. Secondly, it is our solemn duty to discourage anyone who dares attend such outrageous movies or shows, as well as to stay as far away as possible from these places ourselves. Third, let us encourage managers of movie theatres not to book such trash.

Come on, Junior K of L'ers, let's fall in the march against such degenerating entertainment.

It is our hope that the adult K of L'ers, as well as the Juniors, who read this will take part in this march against obscene entertainment.

LITHUANIAN CORNER

Have you been using the Lithuanian phrases that have appeared so far in this corner? We hope so. They are easy to learn and once you learn them, use them often - that way you will not forget them. Here are a few to add to your list:

Dėmesio! Attention!
 Aš ateinu I'm coming.
 Ką manote? What do you mean?
 Kas šiandien? What's today?
 Nieko tokio It doesn't matter.
 Kas atsitiko? What happened?
 To nemėgstu I don't like it.
 Kaip puiku! How nice!

JUNIOR K OF L SUMMER CAMP

WHEN: Week of August 5-12, 1962
 WHERE: Camp Dainava, Manchester, Mich.
 FOR WHOM: All Catholic Youth of Lithuanian descent between the ages of 7 to 14. Older youths can inquire about qualifications required in regard to serving as assistants to camp personnel.
 RATES: Only \$25.00 per youth. Reduced rates when more than one child from the same family attends camp. A \$5.00 deposit will hold your reservation.

Plan now to attend the Junior K of L Summer Camp, which is sponsored by the K of L Supreme Council. You will enjoy the many and varied spiritual, cultural and social activities of the camp. You will not only have fun, but you will learn many things that will be useful to you throughout the entire year.

Camp Dainava is under the supervision of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Its convenient location in Manchester, Michigan makes it most accessible to you youths from Chicago, Dayton, Pittsburgh, Detroit and other surrounding areas.

More detailed information and applications can be obtained by writing to: Mrs. Donna Bunikis, 24127 Andover, Dearborn, Michigan. Please send for your applications early, so they may be properly processed.

Catholic youth of Lithuanian descent not affiliated with the Knights of Lithuania either as Junior Knights or through parents' membership are most welcome also!



High School Juniors Christmas Party, Jr. C-52.



Having fun, at Jr. C-102 and 79 Christmas Party.

Jr. C-25, Cleveland, Ohio
Rose Ann Bagusinskas

Eighth-grade students of St. George's School, Cleveland, became members of the Junior K of L in the latter part of December. Sister M. Francita presided at the initial meeting. Council officers are: President - Christine Juozapaitis; Vice-President - Matthias Kliorys; Secretary - Rose Ann Bagusinskas; Treasurer - Giedrius Lazdinis.

We take this opportunity to thank Sister M. Francita for her help in organizing and directing our Junior Council.

The Activities Committee, headed by Rita Karsokas and Peter Matulevicius, are drawing up a schedule of activities which will be presented for discussion at our next meeting.

We look forward to meeting regular K of L members: Miss Ursula Yankauskas and Bill Smith, whom we hope to have at our next meeting.

Jr. C-90, Kearny, N. J.

Although we are a newly organized group, we are happy to relate that 32 members have joined our council already. We enjoyed the several activities that were held and are looking forward to a very active year.

Our officers are: Spiritual Advisors - Revs. Pocius and Thomp-

son; President - Theresa Gelcius; Vice-President - Rosemary Tephnhardt; Secretary - Nancy Markewich; Treasurer - Adeline Stakes.

Our Council is under the guidance of counselors: Elena Nakrosis, Anne Klem, Barbara Gelcius and Alice Salkas.

Jr. C-102, Detroit, Mich.

Mary Ann Boris

The time was 6:30 P.M. on the evening of December 29th. The place, our rectory basement. The occasion - Christmas party of Jr. Councils 102 and 79.

The preparations were begun weeks in advance. Our tree was decorated with soda straw ornaments, made by the Juniors, and multicolored lights. When completed, it resembled the tree on



Backstage preparations, Jr. C-102 Christmas Party. l. to r.: Mary Anne Dombrowski, Vilija Baukys, Helen Olisaukas.

the December cover of the VYTIS. Refreshments were donated by some of the wonderful parents. All of us were prepared for an evening of fun, and fun we had! We enjoyed every minute of the dancing, games and refreshments. Expressions of disappointment were seen throughout the room when the clock struck 10:30 and it was time to end the party.

We sincerely thank our chaperones who made the entire evening possible.

Our January social was a Party on Ice, which took place at a nearby skating rink.

Jr. C-52, Elizabeth, N. J.

Our council is very busy making preparations for the Fourth N.Y.-N.J. District Junior Rally which we will host at our parish hall on April 29th.

Separate Christmas parties were held by all three groups of Junior Knights and it was reported that each party was a complete success. Attending the High School Juniors' party were: Alexis Keturwitis, Grazina Fidleris, Judith Savonis, Christine Kudulis, Jeanette Gwaldis - Treasurer, Mary Anne Oskutis, Ronald Lazauskas, Mary Motecus - Counselor, Anne Gwaldis - President, Rev. Vladas Karalevicius - Sp. Advisor, Joseph Naiva and Gerald Lasauskas.

The K of L IN THE DECADE AHEAD

LIFE WITH FATHER CAN MAKE US OR BRAKE US

John Chervokas

He opens the meeting with a prayer. He closes the meeting with a prayer. And somewhere in between, the Spiritual Advisor answers the very prayer he offers; for in the dedication of the "father-of-the-council" lies the K of L's hope for success in the decade ahead.

Why so? Because lay leaders are a scarce commodity, and happily, a Spiritual Advisor's clerical training and priestly bearing provide him with the natural qualifications for leadership, on more than just the spiritual level.

Here is the ideal K of L council: an energetic understanding priest, ten to fifteen able take-charge members, and an abundance of doers with a true love for their self-chosen extra-curricular career.

Sounds simple? Sounds perfect? Then where are they? Where are these councils? Where are these perfect unions of priest-lay leader-follower?

We have them, most assuredly. Diplomacy and discretion do not permit naming them and holding them up as especially worthy examples. But the fact that these units are in a distinct minority does suggest that something, or someone, is out of harmony with the ideal organization we all hope to achieve.

In many instances, the only stumbling block to a perfect story-book council is the lack of member cooperation with the Spiritual Advisor.

You see, the pressures of parish life don't guarantee a young curate "the soft, plush life." He ministers unto the old folk, the young, the sickly, the sinful, and occasionally - the saintly. It's a dawn-to-dusk job, being a priest, and often much longer than that.

If above and beyond all his other duties the parish priest is dedicated to the goals and principles that are uniquely ours, he should be given every encouragement. Respect his rank and station. Take his spiritual advice to heart. Take his cultural counsel with resolution.

If you feel that you just have to disagree with your Spiritual Advisor, do so gently, politely, kindly, and without rancor.

The situation is often awkward. Too often the Spiritual Advisor is placed on a pedestal by many of the happy host of doers. They depend on the good father to such an extent that the greatest burden of K of L work falls on his shoulders. If this has happened in your council, it's high time you took stock of the situation.

In all likelihood, your Spiritual Advisor relishes working with young American-Lithuanians. In all probability, he enjoys the challenge of building an exciting and vigorous organization in his own parish. But the job is virtually impossible if circumstances... or you... make him do it on his own.

Remember... he is the Spiritual Advisor. Take his title on face value. Father's primary duty

is to direct and oversee your spiritual life as it applies to your everyday Catholic activities - at work, in the home, at the K of L meeting. Father's primary duty is not to hire the hall for the Fall Dance, nor see if the butcher on Cypress Street will kick in a fruit basket for the whist party, nor to make sure the membership drive is a whopping success.

If he is somehow given these extra duties, and if he accepts and fulfills them, your Spiritual Advisor is a great altruistic man. But, don't you think you are less a person for saddling Father with something you could and should do yourself?

The fact that the Knights of Lithuania is a minority-group organization does not infer that a minority of its members should guide it. Lay leaders and conscientious workers should "join with" their Spiritual Advisors rather than "work under" them. To move ahead, proudly and lively, in the coming years each council should strive to achieve a certain vital rapport with the Spiritual Advisor.

Let's join with our Spiritual Advisors throughout the country so that all American-Lithuanians can point to our Knights of Lithuania as an organization that, through communal effort, has grown to something big and wonderful and rewarding.

NEXT MONTH - LET'S ALL GET MARRIED!

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

Red.: Ignas Sakalas

TRUMPAI IS CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIŲ

Ši žiema sunki ne tik susisiekimui, bet ir veikimui. Begana sniego, kurio gamta Chicagai nepavydėjo, dažnus oro keitimasis: tai šaltis žemiau nulio, tai droblis (lietus su sniegu) padarė kelius ledinuosius, pavojingus. Tokiame ore žmogui nesinori nė iš namų išeiti, nebent jau didelis reikalas spiria. Dėl to ir vyčių sendraugių veikimas buvo mažas, silpnas. Susirinkimai vyksta Vyčių salėj, o daugelis narių gyvena už kelių ir dešimties mylių. Dėl to net prametų gruodžio mėn. susirinkimas neįvyko, o ir šių metų sausio mėn. susirinkimas buvo neskaitlingas.

Praėjusių metų kuopos valdyba sausio mėnesio susirinkime paprašyta pasilikti savo pareigose, tik vicepirmininko mirusio a.a. J. Vilkišiaus vieton išrinktas finansų sekretorės S. Jonutienės vyras Antanas. Tad kuopos valdybos sudėtis tokia: dvasios vadas prelatas I. Albavičius, pirmininkas - I. Sakalas, vicepirm. A. Petrulis ir A. Jonutis, sekr. O. Aleliūnienė, fin. sekr. S. Jonutienė, išd. N. Karlavičius, išdo globėjai A. Bacevičius ir U. Zemaitienė.

Užgavėnių blynų vakaras sendraugiuose įeina tradicijon. Ir šiemet toks vakaras bus suruoštas Vyčių salėj kovo 6 d. Be blynų, kuriuos keps ir vaišins atsilankiusius narius ir svečius šaunios mūs šeimininkės: T. Norbutienė, U. Zemaitienė, J. Klapatauskienė, O. Aleliūnienė ir S. Jonutienė, bus dar ir bunco žaidimas. Visi nariai kviečiami nepamiršti to vakaro, o ateidami atnešti ir dovanų bunco žaidimui. Įėjimas į salę nemokamas.

Ne visi tokie laimingi, kaip mieli nariai Aleliūnai, Samai, Rubinai, kurių vaikai sukūrę šeimas išsikėlė - "auksines" valstybes ("golden" states) gyventi. Kai tik šaltis Chicagą surakina, jie turi progos išvykti pas savo vaikus ir gėrėtis amžina vasara, įvairiaspalvėmis gėlėmis. Šiuo metu Arizonoje pas savo dukrą ir žentą atostogauja nut. sekr. Ona Aleliūnienė. Šiuos laiminguosius paseka ir neturi savo vaikų tose "auksinėse" valstybėse. Pav., ne tik vyčių, bet ir kitų katalikiškųjų draugijų ir organizacijų veteranai Aukštaičiai iš Marquette Park. Ir jiems California yra gerai žinoma. Ne visi sendraugiai gal žino, kad Aukštaičių sūnus yra prezidentas District Savings and Loan Assn banko Bridgeporte.

Nesenai gavęs atostogų buvo parvykęs Chicagon paviešėti pas motiną, seserį ir brolvaičių N. Karlavičių JAV karinių oro bazių igulų kapelionas kapitonas kun. V. Meškėnas. Anksčiau kapelionavęs vienoj bazėj Aliaskoj, paskutiniuoju laiku perkeltas į Skotiją (Angliją), kur susidūręs ir su bazės apylinkės miesteliuose gyvenančiais lietuviais.

N. Karlavičius nors darbo apie savo nuosavybes turi iki kaklo, tačiau ir sendraugiuose yra pavyzdingas veikėjas. Ne tik eina kuopos išdininko ir namo taryboje atstovo pareigas, bet ir paties Vyčių namo reikalai neapseina be jo konstruktyvio žodžio ir darbe talkos. Turėdamas didelių pažinčių namų statyboje, N. Karlavičius keliais atvejais įvairiuose Vyčių namo reikaluose yra sutaukęs pinigų.

Organizacijos garbės narys ir Draugo redaktorius L. Šimutis to dienraščio bendradarbių šių metų šventėje buvo pagerbtas 70 metų amžiaus sukakties proga.

Sukaktuvininkas buvo pirmas mūsų laikraščio Vytis administratorius, nuolatinis bendradarbis proza ir poezija (Šilelio slapyvardžiu). Dažnas pirmojo dešimtmečio seimų dalyvis. Nuo organizacijos įsisteigimo iki šiol vyčių reikalais jaunimui ir senimui pasakęs šimtus kalbų, paruošęs referatų, tiek pat, o gal dar ir daugiau, įvairiuose laikraščiuose parašęs straipsnių. Kitose organizacijose ir jų seimuose vyčiams remti įnešęs rezoliucijų ir t.t. Bendrai, vienas žymiausių kovotojų už vyčių idealus. Šiuo metu yra sendraugių garbės narys.

Sukaktuvininkui linkime dar ilgai gyventi ir niekad nepasentil

SENDRAUGIAI VEIKIA IR AUKOJA

CLEVELAND, OHIO. - Juozo ir Kazimieros Sadauskų namuose Lietuvos Vyčių 25-tos kuopos sendraugiai turėjo metinį susirinkimą, kuriame pirmiausiai išklaudyta visa eilė pranešimų.

Į metinę kuopos veiklą įeina ir praėjusiais metais organizacijos seimo suruošimas Clevelande. Nors darbo buvo daug, bet seiminės pramogos atstovų neapvylė. Visi išsivežė gražių išpūdžių.

Lietuvių Kultūrinio darželio atstovai J. Sadauskas ir B. Karklius pranešė, kad ruošiamasi prie pastatymo darželyje paminklo didžiajam lietuvių poetui Maironiui. Tam reikalui sendraugiai paaukojo \$50.00. Paminklo atidengimo proga bus išleista Darželio Kronika, kurioj bus įdėta ir sendraugių kuopos nuotrauka.

Iš Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos skyriaus veikimo pranešimą padarė J. Sadauskas ir G. Kuzas. Lietuvių diena šiemet bus ruošiamas Švč. P. Marijos Nesiliaujančios Pagalbos parapijoj. Jau susitarta su parapijos kleb. kun. J. Angelačiu. Mišios ta intencija bus

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Don't "Give-Up" But "Exchange"

laikomos 10 val., o po piet programa naujo parapijos salėj. Ta pačia intencija mišios bus laikoms ir šv. Jurgio parapijos bažnyčioje vasario 11 d. 10 val. ryto.

Mūsų kuopa paaugo trimis naujais nariais - Jurgiu Salasevičium, Jule Salasevičiene ir Agota Navickiene, o anksčiau įsirašė Keručiai. Visi yra žinomi Clevelando lietuvių veikėjai, todėl garbė kuopai turėti juos savo narių gretose.

Nutarta suruošti įvairumų pramogą. Ruošimo komisijon išrinktos A. Mack, A. Navickienė ir J. Salasevičienė. Visai kuopai padedant, tikimasi, kad parengimas bus sėkmingas.

Perrinkta šiemis metams kuopos valdyba, kurią sudaro: dvasios vadas kun. A. Goldikovskis, pirm. A. Mačiokas, vicepirm. M. Trainauskaitė, fin. sekr. Karklienė, prot. sekr. J. Kuzas, išd. J. Sadauskas, išdo globėjai J. Piktorna ir P. Glugodienė, atstovai į Lietuvių Kultūrinį darželį J. Sadauskas ir B. Karklius, atstovai į Amer. Lietuvių Tarybos skyrių J. Sadauskas ir J. Kuzas, korespondentai J. Sadauskas ir P. Glugodienė.

Sekanti sendraugių susirinkimą pakvietė į savo namus Jonas ir Sofija Milai, gyveną 2890 Foxboro Dr..

Baigus susirinkimą K. Sadauskienė visus dalyvius pakvietė prie šaunios vakarienės. Priedui atneštas dar ir tortas su trimis žvakutėmis, nes trys narės: O. Michalich, A. Mack ir P. Glugodienė šventė gimtadienius. Visos papuoštos korsažais ir sudainuota ilgiausių metų.

Vakariene visi susirinkusieji buvo labai patenkinti ir dėkingi Sadauskams už tokį priėmimą. Šia proga reikia pažymėti, kad K. Sadauskienė ne tik sendraugiuose darbuojasi, bet yra veikli narė ir šv. Jurgio parapijos chore. Sadauskų vyresnysis sūnus tarnauja JAV kariuomenėj, jaunesnis lanko universitetą Columbus, Ohio, ir pernai vyčių seimo metu sumotina daug talkino komisijai, gi jų dukrytė visus žavi savo gražumu.

Koresp. P. G.

About this time every year, many of us make a resolution to "give up" some luxury or another for Lent. Really, it is not a matter of "giving something up" but more a matter of "exchanging" a sacrifice for something that is for the good of our soul, as St. Matthew states in the 16th chapter of his Gospel: "What exchange will a man give for his soul" (verse 26).

And there is a great need for this "exchanging" or self-discipline because during the rest of the year the world is too much with us and we lose the perspective that is necessary for our lives as Catholics.

The "giving up" can bring us that peace of mind that is so important for the better performance of our everyday duties. Besides, there is the great purpose of Lent: penance for sins. This spirit of self-sacrifice at this time also causes us to remember the great and intense sufferings of Christ on Calvary. This thought should be uppermost in our spirit of sacrifice during this Holy Season of Lent.

A Long Life?

Somewhere in the early writings it has been stated that one reason for a long life is penance. The Lord does not give us a long life to acquire more of the things that we cannot take with us, but He wants us to make reparations for our sins.

Many Lents have passed us by and how far are we along the road to sincere penance? We might only get another year, as the parable of the fig tree states in St. Luke's Gospel. A certain tree had not borne fruit for three years and the master of the vineyard was about to cut it out, but he decided:

"Let it alone this year also, until I dig it about and dung it. And, then perhaps it may bear fruit."

It certainly would not be wise to wait before we start cultivating our spiritual life hoping this is not the last or the next to the last.

The Secret of A Good Life

In this regard there is the little incident about the young man who was inquiring of an old man what his secret of growing old may be. The old man spoke in a philosophical manner when he stated: "Repent on your last day!". The immediate response to this was the evident question: "But who knows when it is my last day?" The wise old man answered for that: "Well then, if you do not know when your last day may be, repent today for it would be tomorrow."

That is why our "giving up" must be this year and not next year. Next year may be too late. We may even fall so far into some sinful habit and the rising may be too difficult. A final victory this year may ward off the fatal bad habit that may loom up in the near future.

If the urgings of actual grace are within us now and pushing us towards penance and reparation this year, we would be fools to resist because God may never prod us again. This may be THE year of decision and salvation.

This warning often comes to us loud and clear. The distractions of the world, the flesh and the devil should not divert our attention from the call: "Embrace discipline, lest at any time the Lord be angry and you perish from the just way" (Ps. 2,12).

Peter P. Činikas, MIC



FORMER VYTIS EDITOR HONORED

BY REPUBLICAN PARTY

MISS PHYLLIS GRENDAL was recently honored with an appointment as Massachusetts Republican State Committeewoman, representing the Fourth Suffolk District (Wards 6, 7, 8, 9, and 13). Pictured above, greeting her at the committee session held at the Hotel Bradford in Boston, is Chairman Phillip K. Allen.

Miss Grendal, the first Lithuanian Committeewoman appointed in Massachusetts, has been secretary of the Suffolk County Republican Club of Mass. for over ten years. During this time, she has also been very active in K of L Circles. Phyllis is immediate past Assistant Editor (English Section Editor) of the VYTIS, and is an Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania. She is an active member of Council 17, South Boston, and of the New England District.

We congratulate Miss Grendal on her new position, and wish her much success in the work awaiting her.



ILL.-IND.KNIGHTS invited His Honor Richard J. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, to assist in commemorating Lithuania's Independence Day by participating in their "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet. Pictures, l. to r.: Eleanore Laurin, Konstant Savickus, Genevieve Giedraitis, Mayor Daley, Helen Zimmer and Joseph Gribauskas. The picture was taken in the Mayor's Office.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

N.Y. ' N.J. DISTRICT

Elizabeth, N. J. - C-52

"Nuff Said"

Last year's executive committee did such an exemplary job that they were unanimously re-elected at the last meeting. President - Charles Oskutis; Vice-Pres. - Edmund Sharkey; Secretary - Ann Mitchell; Financial Sec. - Frances Balandis; Treasurer - Stan Naiva; Welfare Comm. - Ann Baronis; Cultural Comm. - Mary Motecus; Social Chairman - Ed Anilonis and Norb Wysocky; Sports Chairman - Chas Rusteika.

Gerri Kern, Al Budreckis and Stan Naiva still remember their weekend in Philly. . . . Another busload of sportsters (winter vintage) enjoyed a weekend at the Jug End Barn. . . . Delores Anilonis plans to spend a few weeks in her native Detroit. . . . John Oskutis ailing. Get well soon, John. . . . New Year's celebrated in a "colorful" way at Ed Sharkey's place. . . . Charles Oskutis modeling ladies' hats at this correspondent's home. Evidence recorded on film!

Our deepest sympathy to Helen Lukosh on the loss of her mother and to Tony Markevich on the loss of his father.

Incidentally, Helen's brother John is the Mayor of Teterboro, N.J.

A hearty welcome to two new members named Tony - Matusevichus and Mankus.

Kearny, N. J. - C-90

Council 90 has for the past five years been raising money for the erection of a wayside cross which will stand between Our Lady of Sorrows Church and the rectory.

The actual building of the cross began, however, before this could happen many important decisions had to be made. The height of the cross was set at twenty feet in proportion with the height of the church. The design was decided upon by the members and clergy. The cross is to be made of wood. It shall have a crucifix in the center on the top and Our Lady of Sorrows in the shrine near the base. A small fence shall be erected around the cross, however, a kneeler is to be placed in front for those who wish to pray.

Dedication of the cross will take place at High Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kearny, during the 49th Annual Convention, sponsored by the N.Y.-N.J. District.

Many social events have already taken place and are being planned in order to raise the funds needed to build the cross.

Kearny is very proud of their newly organized Juniors under the direction of Mrs. Ellie Nakrosis. They started with an enthusiastic group of 25, which is constantly increasing. They have elected officers and decided on meeting dates.

Newark, N.J. - C-29 The Wanderer

The most important item on the agenda of our monthly meeting January 16th was annual elections. The entire 1961 board returned to office for another term. They are: President: - Charles Strolis; Vice-President - Jack Remeika; Secretaries - Eva Sharan and Charles Sipaila and Treasurer - Peter Podgalsky. Spiritual Director is Rt. Rev. Monsignor Ignatius Kelmelis, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church.

C-29 will sponsor a corned beef

and cabbage dinner on St. Patrick's Day in St. George's Hall. Donation \$4.00. Proceeds will go towards the erection of a Lithuanian Wayside Cross adjoining Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Chairman of the event is Jack Stukas.

Annual Communion and Breakfast will take place on Sunday, March 25th. Mass will be offered at 9:00 A.M. in Holy Trinity Church by Monsignor Kelmelis. Breakfast afterwards in St. George's Hall.

As you read this column ye scribe will have completed the annual trek to the Sunshine State . . . Florida. The less said about the weather the better. It surely was nothing for the Chamber of Commerce to brag about. While in Miami and visiting the Lithuanian Club, ran across Joe Krotulis of Linden.

Another member of C-29 who also completed a jaunt to the same state is Jack Stukas. From all reports he had a good stay down there.

Don't forget the 49th National Convention dates of August 15-19. Conclave will take place in Newark at the Robert Treat Hotel. Hosts are the N.Y.-N.J. District.

The Lithuanian - American Veterans held their yearly elections recently and our council Vice-President Jack Remeika was elected to the post of Finance Officer. Jack was Post Commander in 1961.

Philadelphia, Pa. - C-3 Casey

Now that the new year is well under way, C-3 is reporting their activities for the month. January found us all on Lake Harmony in the Poconos having an enjoyable

weekend of ice skating, skiing and an overall weekend of fun. Saturday was spent ice skating on Lake Harmony and Sunday we all went up to Big Boulder to try our talents at skiing. . . well, better luck next time. A few of the brave ones were: Steve Salnaitis, Irene Varvice, Walt Svekla, John Mickunas, Maryann and Tony Burch. Agnes Timmons and Lorraine Pukis had a harder time getting up the mountain than they did coming down.

It was nice seeing Joe Sipas again. Why don't you make your visits more frequent?

HERE AND THERE: Birthday greetings are extended to Mary Ann Burch, Al Ozalis and Walt Svekla.

Amsterdam, N.Y. - C-100

Smile & Sparkle

The Chanticleer was the site of the annual council Christmas party. Attorney A. C. Stokna presided as toastmaster and Rev. Robert K. Baltch was the main speaker.

Those in attendance were: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Baranauskas (Schenectady, N.Y.), Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Beleckas, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Jasper, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Kazlauskas, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Nikstenas, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Picken, Atty. & Mrs. A. C. Stokna, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Sweet, Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Cassandra Anderson, Bernice Blusis, Margaret Boccio, Regina Drenzek, Helen Dombroski, Genevieve Gobis, Annacetta Guzielek, Ann Kutchis, Virginia Kutchis, Bobette Murphy, Sophie Olbie, Mary Ann Rogala, Patricia Sargalis, Eleanor Stakauskas, Marilyn Stokna, Milda Zemaitis, and Ruth Zostant.

Games were played and a grab bag was held. Christmas carols, both in English and Lithuanian, were sung with the piano accompaniment by Father Baltch.

Congratulations to the commit-

tee, Ann Beleckas, Sadie Karbus and Mary Ann Nikstenas, on a job well done. It was one of our best Christmas parties.

Elections took place during the regular monthly meeting on January 8. The 1962 slate of officers are: Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Robert K. Baltch; President - Donald Nikstenas; Vice-Pres. - Matthew Kazlauskas; Secretary - Eleanor Stakauskas; Treasurer - Sadie Karbus; Financial Sec. - Ann Beleckas; Sgt.-at-Arms - Prof. Joseph Olsauskas; Ritual Committee Chairman - Atty. A. C. Stokna; Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman - Gene Gobis.

After elections, Father Baltch spoke of Ciurlionis, the first abstract painter in Eastern Europe. Father showed us a book he received from Lithuania containing reproductions of masterpieces by this famous Lithuanian painter.

Two members of the original C-100 departed from our midst in January. Detective Anthony Grabb (Grabauskas) died suddenly on January 17. Members of the Fire Department and the Police Department turned out in a group for the funeral services at St. Casimir Church. Veronica Kisielius Giardano, sister of our treasurer, Sadie Karbus, passed away January 24 in New York City. Our sympathies are with members of both families.

Members of C-100 are saddened by the death of a former Junior K of L'er, 14-year old Christine Kazilas. Chrisie, who was stricken with a rare blood disease two years ago, died on February 10th. Because of the long duration and seriousness of her illness, Chrisie's family has been left with exorbitant medical and hospital bills. It would be a very heartwarming deed if K of L'ers could lend a helping hand and in Chrisie's memory send a contribution to the family to lighten the burden of these steep expenses. The address is: Mr. & Mrs. William Kazilas, 17 Schuyler, Amsterdam, N.Y.

Our sincere condolences to

Mary Ann Nikstenas, wife of our council President, who lost her mother Mrs. Cecelia Podolec on February 4th.

C-100 Knights share in the grief of their VYTIS Smile & Sparkle correspondent, Gene Gobis, whose father passed away unexpectedly on February 11th.

Heartfelt sympathy is expressed to the families of the deceased and may the souls of these dearly departed be blessed with the everlasting joys and peace of Heaven.

Birthday greetings are sent to our President, Don Nikstenas (Feb. 1), Father Baltch (Feb. 17), Eleanor Stakauskas (Feb. 27), and to Pat Olbie (Jan. 10). Pat is wearing something new on the third finger of her left hand. A few days before Christmas, Pat became engaged to William Fura. No date was set for wedding. Congratulations, Bill!

Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y. - C-41

Caroli

Hello once again from C-41. A report of the past few months' activities includes a flashback of holiday merriment as well as official election results.

On Christmas night, everyone gathered at the home of this correspondent to exchange holiday greetings before attending our annual Christmas dance at Annunciation Hall.

Then on New Year's Eve, a few of us ushered in the New Year at the home of Hedy and Don Jonaitis. Many thanks for their warm hospitality! But we'll never forget slushing home in the snow afterwards.

Everyone was really "twisting along" at Arlington Hall on January 6, dancing to the lively music of Bernie and the Connecticut Twins. And girls, who could forget that cute policeman who thought he was too "old" to do the twist!

An executive meeting was held on January 21 at the home of Eugene Marcis to discuss plans for the annual St. Casimir's Communion

Breakfast. After the meeting we were served delicious cake and coffee by our charming hostess Reggie and her "handsome helper," Gene. Incidentally, belated congratulations to Gene who turned the ripe old age of 21 on January 3.

It was "Twist Time" again on January 27 at the home of Joan and Tony Mazeika and, as usual, we were treated to the typical warm Vyčiu hospitality. Irene Sandanavicius was really surprised when we all started singing "Happy birthday, Irene." Wonder what she was thinking of when she came to the last of her "gifts" from Stanley & Stanley, Inc. . . .

On January 28, elections were held at our regular meeting with the following results: President - Stanley Dedinas; Vice-Pres. - Tony Mazeika; Treasurer - Eugene Marcis; Secretary - Helen Mathusevicius; Corres. Secretary - Carolyn Nagin. Congratulations and much success in 1962 to the new officers.

On February 10, a few of our members made a return visit to Arlington Hall to dance, swing and twist along once more to the music of the Connecticut Twins.

We are proud of our absent member, Thomas Michalski, who was recently promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Congratulations and the best of everything to you, Tom.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District News "Bea-Bea"

The New England District began 1962 with a board meeting attended by 18 district leaders on Sunday, January 7th in Worcester. The meeting was highlighted by many reports of planned activities, many new and novel ideas, and by preliminary plans for the Spring District Convention, which incidently will feature a "new look" with a main speaker, shorter business session and enter-

tainment and participation by area Junior groups.

On Sunday, January 14th, 60 bowlers participated in the Third District Roll-offs in South Boston. This was followed by a February roll-off in Providence. A special Lenten Holy Half-Hour and roll-off will be held on Sunday, March 25th in Norwood. An awards banquet will climax the bowling season on Sunday, May 6th in the Worcester area.

The District Dance Party took place on Friday evening, March 2nd, at the Marlboro Country Club, Marlboro, Mass. The committee members who worked diligently on this affair were: Sylvia Shukis C-1; Bill Wisnauskas C-10; Al Rodski C-10; Florence Zaleskas C-17; Al Jaritis C-17; Ed Puzin C-18; Paul Zukas C-27; Carol Tagman C-26; Ellie Anusauskas C-26; Mary Jankowski C-26; Jerome Burdulis C-116; Dorothy Sinkavitch C-116; Bernice Kavadaras C-116.

The District Military Whist Party will be held on Saturday, April 7th at St. Casimir's Church hall, Worcester, with Barbara Mazeika in charge. A portable TV set will be given away as well as many other attendance prizes.

So, New England Knights:
Support your District and it will
/grow
Faster and quicker than you'll
/ever know.
Take part in the affairs that are
/planned for you
And you'll meet friends old and
/new.
So when 1963 then rolls around,
And all the Knights to Boston will
/be bound,
You can be proud you're a New
/ England Knight
And celebrate the Jubilee with all
/your might.

Westfield, Mass. - C-30 Genovaité

1962 started out with two busy months for C-30. The Post Christmas Party at Shaker Farms Country Club was a huge success.

Jim Rogers and Carleen Smyk went home the happy winners of the raffle.

"Frolicks in the Snow" found members enjoying sledding and skating at Lake Congamond.

The K of L members of St. Casimir's are not only active with council projects but with church programs as well. Many have enrolled in the Thursday night Lithuanian language classes under the direction of Dr. Alis. The church minstrel show "Sixty-two Review" has many members in the chorus.

For several months a raffle has been held after the meetings and money collected during this time are to be used to CARE packages.

Walter Coach volunteered to be the discussion leader for the March meeting, taking a subject from the Chaplain's Corner of the January VYTIS.

Congratulations to our President, Benedict Coach, and his wife "Cookie" on the birth of a son. Belated congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kyllis and Mr. & Mrs. James Rogers on the birth of daughters.

So, Worcester, Mass. - C-116

Our council is in the midst of making arrangements for the coming New England District Spring Convention which is to be held 28-29 April. We hope to see our New England friends at this affair. It will be a bang-up event as our committees are hard at work planning all sorts of nice things for our guests.

C-116's bowling league is in its final stages and no less than five teams of the six-team league are in a torrid race for first place. At present the Hawks are in first place, but at the rate the teams are going, this may not be for long.

A group of hardy fresh air fiends braved the extremely cold weather Sunday, January 28, to visit the La Salette Shrine in

Attleboro. This trip was planned by our Spiritual Committee.

The Lithuanian Affairs group of our council meets every Thursday in the clubrooms to write letters. They are doing a fine job and going real strong. John Andruski is the leader of this group and sometimes we suspect he uses the whip - no one dares miss the Thursday night correspondence clotch!

Aldona Kasper had a little vacation. She joined Jackie in Cooperstown, N.Y. where he is furthering his studies for the Telephone Company. . . Millie Buda and Helen Daltwas were spotted on Rt.9 in an Italian Restaurant eating spaghetti. . . Who's the "Admirer" Dot Glaster receives orchids from??? . . . Joe B. has all the girls in a dither. Wonder which one is going to win out???. . . Congratulations to Al Krasinskas who recently was appointed head of one of the departments at an A & P market. . . During our ski weekend at East Madison, our girls could be seen slaloming down the slopes . . . Diane Miller looks like she'll be a candidate for the Olympics one of these days. . . Susan Jasper was the center of attraction for a certain boy from Providence . . . Wonder what the attraction was that drew Mary K. over to the "Enchanted Cottage"? . . . Bob Stevens and Richard Swedis kept the fireplace going all weekend. . . Ask Joan Cashman how it feels to get into a bed that has crumbs in it. . . Don't forget folks, see you at the Spring N.E. Convention at Our Lady of Vilna Church.

Worcester, Mass. - C-26 L....E

Best wishes and good luck for a successful year to our newly-elected council officers: Rev. Michael Tamulevicius, our Spiritual Advisor of many years, was our unanimous choice again for the coming year. President - Joseph Drumstas. This is Joe's first year as council President and looking over the slate of

officers, we know he will have a most successful year. First Vice-President - Eleanor Anusauskas. Last year Ellie was our Second Vice-Pres. and this year we have promoted her to First Vice-Pres. This gives her charge of the very active Juniors. Second Vice-President - Robert Krusas. Joan Steele Krusas had to marry Bob in order to get him into the council. It was well worth it. He's second VP on the first try. Secretaries - Aggie and Betty White. The two sisters are inseparable socially. Now they're inseparable working for the council. Treasurer - Ed Daniels. Ed has proven that his books can balance even if it takes a few extra dollars from his own pocket. Financial Secretary - Helen Gil-lus. When you see Helen coming towards you, you'll know she's collecting dues. Auditors - Marge Ranucci and Joan Krusas. These two have promised that nothing will get past them. We should have a mighty big bank balance by the end of the year. Sgts.-at-Arms - Mary Jankowski and Judy Bagurskas. Mary has held almost every office in our council. This is Judy's first year as an officer. Mary's experience should prove very helpful to Judy, who is still earning her degrees. Lithuanian Affairs - Olga Kersis. Olga's experience in this office will really make this year a very busy one in sending letters.

Our council members extend a sincere Ačiū to our retiring officers who did a splendid job during the past year. A very special Ačiū to Bill Grigas who served as President for the past two years and really gave the extra push to get our council high on the activity list. The outgoing officers would like to thank all the members for their help and cooperation this past year.

The Knights on Broadway traveled to Athol, Mass. to present our Musical Revue. The cast really enjoyed putting the show on one more time and we would like to thank Father Jutt for giving us

that opportunity.

The bowling season is half over. Now is the time for all good bowlers to make their moves or wait another year. "Joe's Old Pros" are the champs for the first half, but the way things look now, they will have to work real hard this time to stay in first.

The council newspaper "The Knighttimes" is celebrating its Second Anniversary of re-activation. Our Editor, Bill Grigas, has really been doing a great job. If all his staff did their job, the paper would be better and bigger. Keep up the good work, Bill!

Two of our members were installed as officers of the Lithuanian War Vets. Joe Yurevich as Commander and Bill Grigas as Vice Commander. Congratulations.

Vinny Zigmont recently became the proud father of a bouncing baby boy. Everybody is doing well.

South Boston, Mass. - C-17

Kniavka

This reporter is happy to report the fact that our stalwart outdoorsmen and women who made the ski weekend a success came home without any casualties and it can be attributed to the fact that there was little snow covering the hills. It could be called an indoor ski trip. The brave ones who took up the challenge of the lack of snow, that is real snow covering, went down the hills like seasoned veterans, just like they did it everyday. Ed Rudis deserves the credit for setting up the most enjoyable weekend for C-17. Next time Ed, read the Farmer's Almanac and see when they say that there will be some snow.

C-17 hosted the third New England District Bowling Rolloff and there were some 56 bowlers who took part in the rolloff. C-116's John Kokernak took home the honors with the high single of 144, the high triple of 381 and also the high average. A social followed and everyone ate like food was

going out of style. After the re-past, a group of the C-116 girls went to the Boston Garden to witness the hockey game between Boston and Montreal and Boston came out on the short end. Even though the girls didn't know the fundamental rules of ice hockey, they enjoyed the fast action that the game provided. Maybe the next time they attend they'll see the home team win.

The council's bowling is enjoying some success but some of the records have fallen. Ed Rudis' high single of 141 is still high but his high triple of 341 went by the wayside when Al Jaritis hit a 365. Status Quo with the girls.

A large group attended the most successful Snowflake Ball of C-1, Brockton. It just goes to show that the K of L's even though they had bad road conditions proved once more that they support each other's councils in their endeavors. A good time was had by all that attended.

May we of C-17 say welcome to the new pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church of Cambridge, home of Council 18. Good luck, Father Anthony P. Baltrushunas in your new stewardship and you can depend upon C-18 giving you its all.

The plans for the Alumnus of the K of L Dinner-Dance are now being completed and the date has been set for May 20, 1962 at the South Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Auditorium. If you know the whereabouts of some of these past members get in touch with them and also pass on the date. Larry Svelnis is the chairman of this affair. This is open to present as well as past members. This is one of C-17's ways of trying to increase the membership of the K of L.

Another new innovation is a coed retreat to be held at the Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine. This retreat is under the sponsorship of the New England K of L District. Make your reservations early or else you'll miss the boat and be left on the wharf. More details will

follow in the next edition. The date for this event will be June 22,23,24, 1962.

The 50/63 convention committee is very busy of late, they have secured the site of the convention and also the date. This information will be released later.

Gus Uselis became a full time student at Newman Preparatory School, Boston. . . Glad to see Rudy up and around. That old demon "the virus" had him down. . . . Loretta Kontrim, a chemistry major at Emmanuel College, represented the college at the Mass. Institute of Technology during the annual Student Night Program sponsored by the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society The Paula Bernatons and Ray Slinger nuptials have been set for May. . . The Zaremba brothers, Zibby and Zibby (these two lads will give anyone trouble trying to decide which twin has the Tony!) are back from the Marine Corps and have joined the activities of the council. . . . Madeline Druzdis is working night and day because she is planning to tour Europe this fall. If any of you world travelers know of any particular "musts" to visit, kindly advise Maddie so she won't miss these points of interest. . . . Ann Kleponis is heading for the warmlands of Florida for her winter vacation . . . What gives with J. O. and his weekend excursions to Chicago? Can't be the warm weather Chicago has to offer!!

There were smiles aplenty because the Valentine cards were passed out, you would have thought that they received a million dollars.

Athol-Gardner, Mass. - C-10

Vincukas

Election of council officers for the new term was held January 8th in St. Francis' Church hall, Athol. Alvin Rodsky of Gardner was re-elected President; other officers are - 1st Vice Pres. -

Howard Beaudette of Gardner; 2nd Vice Pres. - Dr. Henry Gailiunas of Athol; Financial Secretary - William Waslaske of Athol; Treasurer - Mary Piragis of Athol; Rec. Secretary - Frances Milosh of Gardner; Spiritual Chairman - Leonard Davidonis of Athol; Lithuanian Affairs and VYTIS Correspondent - Bill Wisnauskas of Gardner; Social Chairman - Frank Anoris of Athol; Cultural Chairman - Nellie Melaika of Athol; Ritual Chairman - Mary Gauronsky of Athol; and Spiritual Advisor - Fr. John Jutt.

With such an excellent slate of officers, we expect a banner year ahead. Congratulations and all best wishes to the newly elected leaders and chairmen.

On January 6th, the entire cast of C-26's Musical Revue traveled by bus to Athol to give a performance for the benefit of St. Francis parish. The cast, a total of 52 K of L's, defied a prevailing storm and gave a magnificent presentation. The storm discouraged many patrons, but the 125 persons who did attend enjoyed the show immensely.

Members of C-10, Fr. Jutt and parishioners wish to thank the cast and everyone who helped make the show a success. Vytiskai ačiū.

Several of our members were seen at the New England District bowling roll-offs in South Boston on January 14th and at the Brockton Snowflake Ball held at the Walkover Club on February 3rd.

Fran Milosh spent three glorious weeks in Switzerland. We understand she is an excellent skier now.

Waterbury, Conn. - C-7

Congratulations and continued good luck to Eddie DiNapoli who is doing a fine job on the Membership Drive.

A Valentine Party was held February 17th in our clubrooms. The Committee "Sweethearts" who deserve all the credit for the

super outcome are: Lillian Paulauskas, Patricia Richards, Eleanor Barkauskas, Locadia Sulauskas, Marcella Andrikis and "Cupid" Walter Pitcavage!

A St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast was held on March 4th. We were very pleased to have our Junior council join us. In charge of the arrangements were committee members: Walter Pitcavage, Peter Kudzma, Edmond Shukaitis, Anthony Jenkins, Patricia Richards and Lillian Paulauskas.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

District News "Swinging S"

The 2ND ANNUAL "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" DINNER-DANCE commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day was presented on Sunday, February 11th in the Sherman Hotel's Bal Tabarin Room. The Illinois-Indiana District, Chairman Genevieve Giedraitis and the entire committee express their sincerest appreciation to each and everyone who contributed to the success of this commemoration.

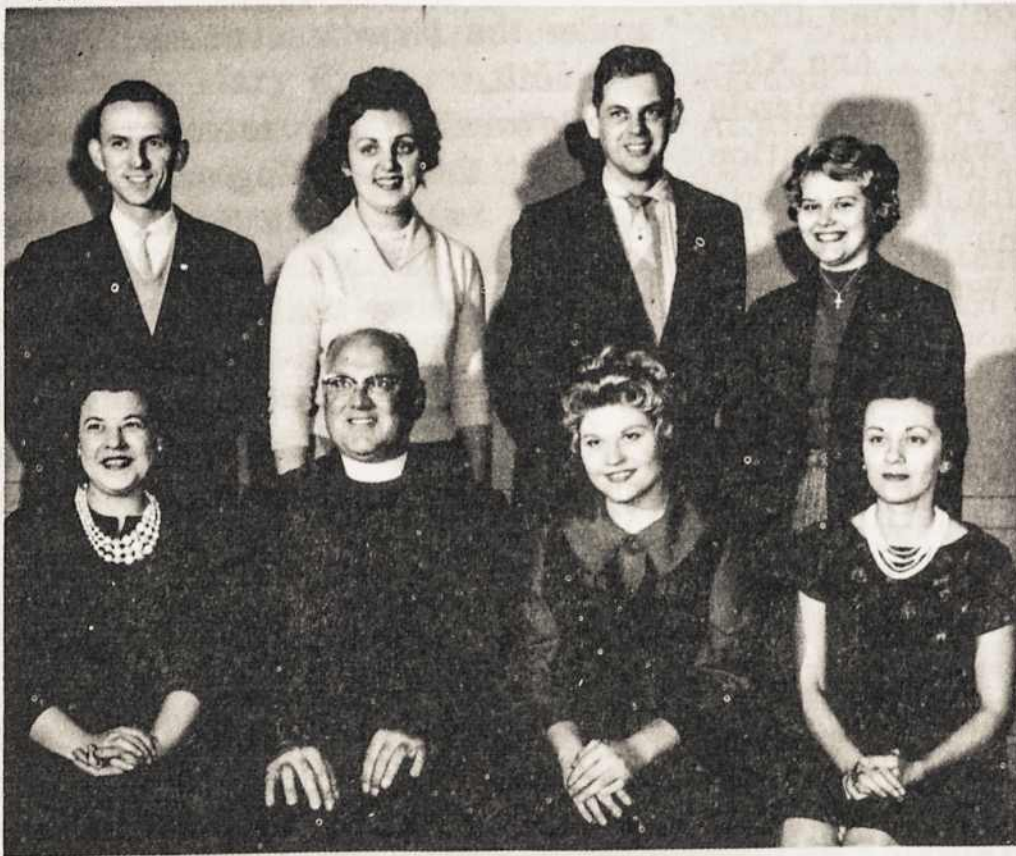
We were given a glimpse into Lithuania's past through gay folk dances by the Ateitis Senior and Junior dancing groups and through the melodic songs by Mrs. J. Giedraitis and our own K of L Choir. Mrs. J. Giedraitis is an operatic and concert singer especially noted among the Chicago Lithuanians, and incidently, the mother of the General Chairman of this affair.

The Ateitis Senior Dancers are directed by Bruno Shotas and accompanied by Azuolas Stelmokas; the Ateitis Junior Dancers, by Frances Gramont and Frank Zapolis and accompanied by Walter Tenclinger and our K of L Choir, by Faustas Strolia and accompanied by John Byanskas.

Chairman Genevieve Giedraitis, in addition to thanking everyone for their attendance and support, expresses her appreciation to the following: Joseph F. Gribauskas, sponsor of the Reception Party; DRAUGAS and other newspapers for their publicity; Felix and Aldona Daukus, Lillian Vanagaitis and Paul Saliner for the radio publicity; Sig Sakowitz for his efforts in arranging to have our program taped for television viewing on

Station WGN-TV, Channel 9; Daina TV, Juosta, Balys Radio & TV, Mutual Federal Svgs., St. Anthony Svgs., and Simaitis Realty for making their business establishments available for ticket distribution. Last, but most assuredly not least, to her committee - Helen Zimmer, Loretta Kassel, Eleanor Laurin, Bob Paul, Ray Samoska, Terry and Anne Marie Pupinik, Al Manst, Al Mockus, Ed Pocius, Aldona Naujokas, Dolores Yuknis, Kazys Ulevicius and Irene Sankus, for all of their untiring efforts in contributing to the success of this event.

Previously we mentioned our DISTRICT FRIDAY NITE BOWLING LEAGUE, but neglected to mention the capable leaders of this fine group of "sports." Namely, they are Richard Shlaustas, President; Gerry Mack, Vice-Pres.; Steve Manst, Secretary; and Frank Svelnis, Jr., Treasurer. Our apologies to these hard-working members. League standings? Currently several teams are battling for the top spots and we should have more detailed information in the next issue.



K OF L ILL.-IND. DISTRICT "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" BANQUET. Left - Banquet Committee: Seated, l. to r., E. Laurin, Cocktail Party Chrmn.; Rev. A. Zakarauskas, Master of Ceremonies; G. Giedraitis, Gen. Chrmn.; H. Zimmer, Secretary. Standing, l. to r., R. Paul, Ticket Chrmn.; L. Kassel, Program Chrmn.; R. Samoska, Treasurer; T. Pupinik, Publicity Chrmn. Right - ATEITIS JUNIOR DANCERS perform during the banquet.

Speaking of sports- don't forget the MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT in Detroit (C-79 hosts) on May 26th. C-36 has already made bus transportation arrangements and is preparing to go all out in hopes of repeating their triumphs of the 1961 Tournament.

1962 DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Religious - Rev. A. Zakarauskas; Juniors - Martin Gestautas; Membership - Irene Sankus; Lith. Affairs - Helen Zimmer; Ritual - Al Mockus; Natl. Sports - Richard Malis; Choir - Estelle Rogers; By-Laws - Walter Cibulskis; Archives - John Cibulskis; Cultural - Kazys Ulevičius; Civic Affairs - Vincent Samaska; Social - Terry Pupinik; Publicity - Al Manst (Lith.), Loretta Macekonis (Bulletin) and Irene Sankus (VYTIS). The chairmen are all working diligently and we know that with everyone's cooperation they will have a successful term.

Several of our staunch members attended the recent SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING on January 20th. S. C. Treasurer Al Kassel, Vytis Editor Loretta Kassel, District Secretaries Anne Marie and Terry Pupinik escaped our beautiful snowy Chicago weather and had a pleasant week-end without snow in Pittsburgh. We understood that a fifth member of the group had to cancel due to a "collision." Hmmmmm!

It was rumored that the Chicago Conventioneers were planning a Pre-Convention Party on January 27th. Naturally it was assumed they were celebrating the 1962 Convention, but to everyone's surprise it turned out to be 1963! Johnny Olevitz of South Boston and the chairman of the '63 convention was the special guest. Before Johnny left, we promised that Chicago would have an excellent representation at the Convention - so you had better start making your plans now. But in the meantime - don't forget to attend the '62 Convention in Newark this August.

Chicago, Ill. - C-36 "Blogas"

The Annual Memories of Lithuania Banquet held on Sunday Feb. 11 at the Sherman Hotel proved to be another successful venture of the Illinois-Indiana District. Much of the success can be attributed to the hard working and energetic Council 36 Knights who deserve to be commended. The soloist, Mrs. J. Giedraitis, rendered her selections beautifully. Congratulations, Mrs. Giedraitis! Members of the council had reserved four tables for the banquet.

Having launched the membership drive both nationally and council-wise, let us not forget our prime objective, to make COUNCIL 36 THE BEST AND BIGGEST COUNCIL IN THE K OF L. Shift into first gear full speed ahead by returning the membership applications mailed last month, to Bob Paul, Membership Chairman. "Operation Clutch" should become a year 'round effort, so REMEMBER: The continued growth of the K of L and Council 36 depends upon YOU.

The response since the first mailing of the History Fund letter has not been 100% yet. The importance of this Supreme Council activity cannot be stressed enough - encourage others to send their donations along with yours to Betty Mikalauskas, 4235 S. Maplewood Ave., Chicago 32, Ill. Make all checks or money orders payable to the K of L History Fund.

An additional reminder for all bowlers and non-bowlers: reserve your place on the '36 NOMAD BUS to Detroit which leaves at 1 A.M. Saturday May 26th from the K of L Building. REMEMBER, bus reservations are limited EXCLUSIVELY to 36'ers and their friends. Call Al Kassel today!

During this solemn Lenten period of the liturgical calendar let us not overlook the many opportunities to come closer to God, and attend the special activities sponsored by your parish. Plans are in the offing for a retreat. Re-

member your obligation to the church, especially during Lent.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. - C-102 "Pelēda"

Our Holiday Dinner in Canada was declared a rousing success by all who attended. Doing justice to the Smorgasbord were about 20 regular members and a few new faces. We were happy to have with us recently rejoined members, Ed and Joan Zaliagiris and Rudy, Mary and Joe Sakal. Former President Frank Peterson and his "better half" Isabel were in town for a few days and helped make our evening more festive.

The New Year was welcomed in at a gay party hosted by C-79. Missing from the scene was Bob Boris, who went to his home away from home (Chicago) to attend the wedding of Bronius Polikaitis.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Stan, in addition to his regular duties as Pastor of St. Anthony's, has been appointed administrator of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church. Our warmest congratulations to you, Father.

A great big welcome to Edna and Bill Klucens also Christine and Charles Mishakis who rejoined at our last meeting.

Detroit, Mich. - C-79 Inklings

Labas! The first regular meeting of the new year was held on January 3rd. The newly elected officers were installed and made like "Pro's." Congratulations to the new team and thank you for a job well done to the past slate.

The highlight of the evening, after the installation, was the honoring of our two Past Presidents, Frank Zager and Anthony Dainus. It was a pleasure to say thanks to these men for everything they contributed to make C-79 such a growing organization. A special table was set for them and identical gifts were presented. The

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men wore boutonnieres and Sophie Zager, who proved to be a capable "First Lady", was presented with a nosegay. The hostesses, Helen Patocki and Dorothe Martin, served hot dogs, kapusta and de-calorized chocolate cake.

The Junior K of L'ers are to be commended for their Communion Breakfast. Young Ralph Valatka made a perfect host and M.C. All the youngsters really out-did themselves. Too bad we had such a terrible ice storm which prevented more from attending. However, those who ventured out really enjoyed seconds of hot-cakes and sausages. Labai gardžiai pavalgėm.

Sounds like our K of L Choir is getting hep. We've been invited to sing again on Easter Sunday. We have some terrific voices in the choir, and with Jerry Graham directing, we can't miss. Don't you just love to listen to Jerry sing Lithuanian knowing that he neither speaks nor understands the language.

Visited the bowling alley on January 12th. Estelle Pileckas, your team sure missed you. Aquiline Zane and Ed Martin along with young Mark Zager rolled their hearts out but - - no score! Incidentally, John Eizonis and his crew are buzzing with fabulous plans for the coming bowling tour-

nement. Don't miss this one, sounds like everyone will have a great time.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrosky have gained another son! Their lovely daughter Barbara became a bride recently.

Ed Salas, that coffee is getting awfully cold.

The January board meeting was held at the home of Ed Martin. Robert Boris was a special guest and presented some new ideas.

There were 59 K of L'ers at the last meeting and a few guests, two of whom were Lee Galinskas and Rita Neverouck of C-102. It was nice to have you.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 49th NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 15-16-17-18-19, 1962

Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, N. J.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday August 15	Trip to Freedomland
Thursday August 16	Registration, Hotel Sightseeing Yacht Cruise around Manhattan Island Guided Tour of United Nations Building "Variety Night"
Friday August 17	Opening Mass, Holy Trinity Church, Newark Breakfast Sessions A. M. and P.M. Luncheon "Cultural Night"
Saturday August 18	Mass for deceased members, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Elizabeth Breakfast Sessions A. M. and P. M. Semi-formal dance
Sunday August 19	Solemn High Mass, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kearny Dedication of Wayside Cross Breakfast Closing session Banquet.