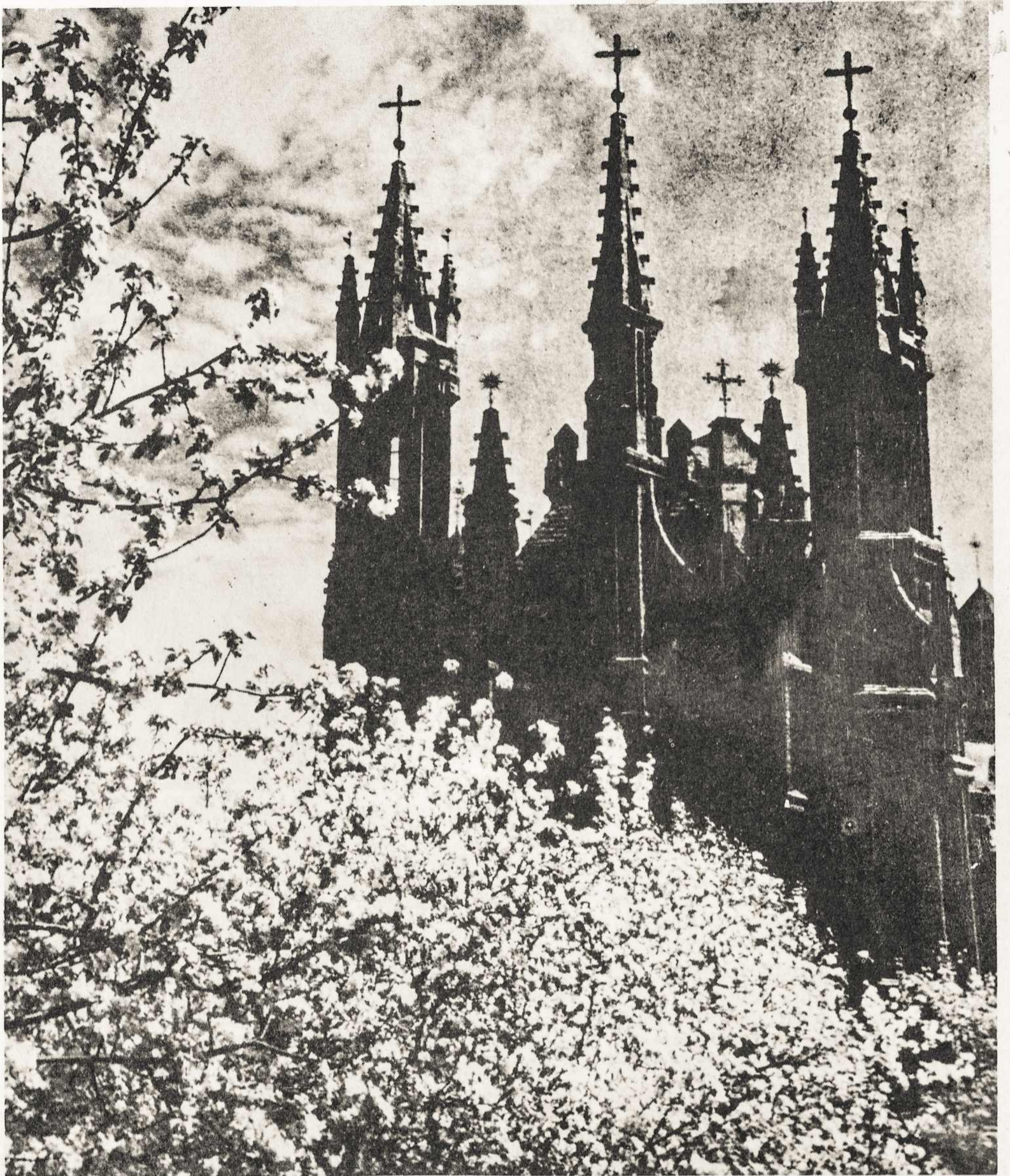


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SVEIKI, SULAUKĘ ŠVENTŲ VELYKŲ

Velykos krikščioniškam pasauliui yra dvasinio atgimimo, o augmenijai šiauriniame žemės pusrutulyje - gamtos atbudimo šventė. Velykos yra viena didžiausių ir iškilmingiausių švenčių, nes jos yra Kristaus prisikėlimo stebuklas. Velykos šiemet bus švenčiamos 1637 kartą. Jas bažnytine švente paskelbė dvasininkų susirinkimas Genujos mieste, Italijoje, 325 metais po Kristaus gimimo.

Velykos, mūsų akimis žiūrint, yra ne vien Kristaus iš numirusių prisikėlimas, bet ir dvasinio pakilimo šventė, brangi tiek tikinčiajam, tiek ir netikinčiam. Krikščioniui-katalikui brangi, kad Kristus savo mirtimi ir prisikėlimu jį išlaisvino iš gimtosios nuodėmės, o netikinčiam, kad pavasaris savo gaivališkumu teikia siekti grožį, bei degti meile kūrybai, savajai šeimai.

Todėl Velykos yra džiaugsmo ir ryžtumo šventė visiems tiems, kurie kovoja dėl tiesos, artimo

meilės, žmonijos ir savo tautos gerovės. Tos kovos ir aukos turi sulaukti laimingos rezurekcijos. Jūk Kristus rūpinosi ir krauju prakaitavo ne dėl savo laimės ar gerovės, nes Jis yra Augščiausias gėris. Jam rūpėjo žmogus. Jis atėjo į šį pasaulį mirtim kad žmogus amžinai gyventų. Jis pasiaukoję ne tik dėl vieno žmogaus, bet dėl visos žmonijos.

Visos tautos, ar jos mažos, ar didelės, ar šviesios ar tamsios spalvos, yra Dievo kūrinys ir visos yra pašauktos vienodai vykdyti Jo valią ir Jį garbinti. Atseit, jos visos yra lygiai atsakingos prieš Jį - Kristų.

Jei dabar neturime pasaulyje taikos, ramybės ir socialinės lygybės, jei didelė dalis tautų neturi laisvo ir nepriklausomo gyvenimo, pirmoje eilėje yra kaltos tos tautos, kurios buvo pirmos pašauktos vykdyti Dievo valią žemėje, bet jos nevykdė. Jos nevykdė Kristaus mokslo pilnumoje.

Mūsų tėvynė Lietuva irgi neturi laisvės. Ji turi lygią teisę gyventi laisvu ir nepriklausomu gyvenimu, nes ir ji sutverta gyvenimui to paties Dievo. Be to, ji yra naikinama. O naikinimas žmonijos yra Dievo valios laužymas.

Reikia turėti viltį, kai pasaulis supras Velykų prasmę - Kristaus prisikėlimo stebuklą, tai ir Lietuva prisikels laisvam gyvenimui. Mat, Kristaus iš mirties prisikėlimas byloja ir lietuvių širdžiai, kad tiesa laimės pergalę. Su Kristumi išgyvenus nežmoniškus kentėjimus, Lietuva laukia iš vergijos prisikėlimo, nes Kristus prisikeldamas žadina prisikelti ne tik pavienius žmones, bet ir tautas.

Tad Velykų varpai ir pavasario saulė tejungia mus Kristaus prisikėlimo džiaugsmui! Aleliuja!

Povilas Dirkis

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by Rev. J. Walter Stanievich

I have just witnessed the consecration of His Excellency Charles Salatka as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Grand Rapids Diocese. Although I have had the pleasure of seeing a number of such consecrations during my priesthood, this one in particular gave me a feeling of joy and pride. Bishop Salatka, as you all know, has the rare distinction of being the first American Bishop of Lithuanian extraction to be given the fullness of the priesthood.

This joy was mitigated with a certain degree of sadness. I could not help but think of the persecution that was being carried on in the land of our forefathers. From all that I have read and heard, the faith seems to be still a vital force in Lithuania, despite the constant pressure of Communism. We must remember, however, that the faith is being sapped of its vitality, as the months and years of persecution continue. Only four Bishops remain in Lithuania, the rest were either exiled or died. Seminaries, monasteries and convents are being expropriated. Candidates to the priesthood are being hounded and attempts are being made to infiltrate the Seminaries with students who follow the party line. Now multiply the plight of this small segment of the world's population with the persecutions that are taking place in many other areas of the world and you can readily see what problems face the Church in our age.

The rapid increase in the number of non-Christians from the present figure of two billion souls to six billion in a century will necessitate a world-wide program to intensify the evangelization of the non-Christian world. In addition to this fact, there are other extremely grave dangers threatening the Church today.

The first of these is international Communism which has become one of the greatest world forces and is making continuous progress. It is working with formidable energy and consistency at conquering the world and it has sworn to destroy the Church and to annihilate all religion. Never has humanity and Christendom been exposed to such a danger. Let us reflect for a moment on the conquests made by Bolshevik revolution since its victory in Russia in 1917. In 44 years the Communist regime has imposed its yoke on more than a third of the world population. It exercises dic-

tatorial control over 35% of the world population and 12% of the Catholic population (292 dioceses). To work at conquering the rest of the world and banishing Christ from it, the Communists have at their disposal a mighty army of 33 million members of the Party, trained, disciplined, and prepared to work energetically to destroy the Church.

The Communists are specialists in the struggle against religion; their plans are carefully studied, their techniques are constantly being perfected and their experiences codified. They hate the Church, and in the war they are waging against her, they stop at nothing. In their efforts to destroy her and conquer the world, they skillfully hide their real intentions and at the same time appeal to what is worst in man: hatred: spitefulness, jealousy, etc.

Secondly, there are dangers threatening the Church and undermining her from within, namely, de-Christianization and the movement of hedonistic materialism which are sweeping the whole world away from Christ. Of the 510 million Catholics, how many have a living, active faith, and are concerned for the salvation of their brethren? How many, on the contrary, have adopted a secular and materialistic conception of life in thought and action? How many habitually violate the laws of God and the Church and live in mortal sin? How many have in fact abandoned the Church? Materialism and de-Christianization are causing the Church to pass through a most serious crisis in our day.

How can the Church best defend herself against these threatening dangers? The best defense is to take the offensive; not so much by attacking her enemies, as by mobilizing all her children in the service of the evangelization of the non-Christian world which is awaiting salvation from her. Secondly, by becoming more actively Catholic in our philosophy and our daily actions. How many of us in the K of L movement would be willing to offer ourselves to the work of the Church? Or is the allurements, and materialism of the world too much to give up? The married K of L members could examine their consciences with respect to the example that they are giving their own children. Do you encourage your sons and daughters to consider the religious vocation? Remember that the call of Christ is not a command but rather an invitation. It is an invitation to accept an honor. Young people should therefore, be eager to answer this call of Christ and like the Apostles, "drop their nets and follow Him." Nothing can be as important as the call of Christ.

Let us all pray for an increase in vocations to counteract the materialism in the world. Let us daily pray for our Holy Father, his bishops and priests. Lastly, let us pray for one another that each of us would become a worthy follower of our gentle Master, so that others would see Christ in us.



A NEW BISHOP, MOST REV. CHARLES A. SALATKA, IS CONSECRATED!



A pause at the church door after the ceremonies. l.to r.: Archbishop Dearden of Detroit, preacher; Bishop Babcock of Grand Rapids; Archbishop Vagnozzi; Bishop Salatka; Bishop Noa.



Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, S.C., Spiritual Adviser, Bishop Salatka, Bishop Brizgys of Lithuania, Msgr. Ignas Albavičius, Cicero, Ill., Robert Boris, SC Pres., Mr. J. Kajeckas, Charge d'Affaires of Lithuania, Rev. V. Bagdanavicius, MIC, of Chicago.



A miniature Lithuanian wayside cross was presented by Mrs. Joseph Kajeckas to Bishop Salatka. Mr. Joseph Kajeckas, Charge d'Affaires of Lithuania presenting the cross on behalf of Lithuanians everywhere. Mr. A. Petrutis recorded the presentation for the Voice of America.



This gift, a Bugia (candleholder), Ewer, and Basin, was presented to Bishop Salatka by the Kof L. The items are inscribed to read "To Bishop Charles A. Salatka from the Knights of Lithuania."

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LIETUVOS VYČIŲ ISTORIJA

Ignas Sakalas

133-ji KUOPA

133-ji kuopa Los Angeles, Calif., buvo įsteigta 1947 metais vasario 27 d. Steigiamajam susirinkime dalyvavo sekantieji veikėjai ir veikėjos: M. Stark (išrinkta pirmininke), Lou Jocius sekretorium), A. Kučinskaitė, F. Gilbert, S. Krenčius, A. Regis, Stella Birbal, Helen Varkalis, George Radauskas, R. Mason, M. Kazys, L. Varkalis, J. Bruzga, V. Dudor ir kun. J. Tamulis.

Nuo įsisteigimo kuopa yra suruošus daug vakarų-vaidinimų, koncertų, išvažiavimų ir iškylų į žymesnes vietas.

Kuopa dedasi prie kiekvieno tautiško darbo, aukoja Lietuvai išlaisvinti per Amer. Lietuvių Tarybą ir tremtiniams Vokietijoje šelpti per BALF. Reikiamą duoklę atiduoda ir savo parapijai, darbu padėdama karnavaluose, piknikuose bei kitokiuose rengimuose. Ir aukomis (daugiau kaip \$500) yra parėmus bažnyčios reikalus.

Organizacijos reikalams taip pat yra nemažai aukojus, o 1957 m. suruoštu visuotiniu organizacijos seimu plačiai išgarsino vyčių vardą visu Pacifiko kraštu.

Kuopai priklauso visa eilė žymių veikėjų lietuvių kultūrinėje veikloje ir JAV politinėse srovėse. Keletas narių, kaip L. Valiukas, "Lietuvių Dienų" leidėjas A. Skirius ir k. yra prasimušę respublikonų partijoj į aukštas viršūnes. Kuopai taip pat priklauso ir kino aktorė Rūta Kilmonytė-Lee.

Vienas kuopos steigėjų adv. Juozas Petraitis (Peters) ne tik verčiasi advokato praktika, bet nuo 1952 m. eina Los Angeles teisėjo pareigas sprendžiant specialias valdininku bylas. Jo žmona Monika yra žymi veikėja ir moterų draugijose bei organizacijose.

134-ji KUOPA

134-ji kuopa Cincinnati, Ohio, įsteigta 1949 sausio mėnesį. Kuopai įsteigti pasidaravo kun. P. Gailevičius, O.P. Steigiamajam susirinkime išrašė daugiau kaip dešimt narių. Valdybon išrinko šiuos asmenis: kun. P. Gailevičius - dvasios vadas. James S. Med - pirmininkas, P. Tamulionis - vicepirmininkas, Mrs. Ann Zochan - sekretorė ir Mrs. Viola Moore - išdininkė.

Vasario mėnesio 1950 m. susirinkime nutarta paminėti Lietuvos nepriklausomybės paskelbimo sukaktį. Paminėjimas suruoštas vasario 19 d. Programa susidėjo iš kalbų ir meninės dalies.

Cincinnati, Ohio, kaip ir daugelyje kitų JAV miestų, kur gyvena nedideli lietuvių skaičiai, ne-

turi savo parapijos, dirva lietuviškam veikimui nėra palanki dėl stokos daugiau tautiškai susipratusių veikėjų, kurie tam veikimui vadovautų. Dėl to ir pražydusi vyčių kuopa Cincinnati nieku ypatingu nepasižymėjo. Vertant vėlesnius, po 1950 m., "Vyčio" numerius neteko užėti žinutės iš tos kuopos veikimo.

Atrodo, kad kun. P. Gailevičiui išvažiavus kitur kuopa nustojo gyvuoti, nes čia gimusieji neįstengė palaikyti veikimo.

135-ji KUOPA

135-ji kuopa Ansonia, Conn., įsteigta 1950 m. balandžio 24 d. Kuopos steigėjas ir pirmasis pirmininkas buvo Jonas A. Sabulis, vicepirmininkas Alfonsas Barauskas, sekr. Ann Barauskas, fin. sekr. Ann Karitas, išd. Anne Sabulis.

Steigiamajame susirinkime kuopon išrašė šie nariai: Stanley Varshelka, Olga Savitskas, Albert Yurevic, Eva Yurevic, Joseph Chernauskas, Ruth Gumbulevich, Kost. Svelnys, Donna Svelnys, Isobal Trapkauskas ir Lillian Chaplik.

Kuopoj veikia sporto, dramos ir tautinių šokių grupės, kurios savo metu (sezonu) gražiai atstovauja lietuvius ir kelia lietuvių garbę kitataučių tarpe. Pav. nuo įsisteigimo per porą metų kuopa buvo suruošus penkis vakarus su vaidinimais, dvi paskaitas kultūrinėmis temomis ir keturis išvažiavimus. Žiemos metu veikė vakariniai lituanistikos kursai. 1952 m. kuopa buvo suruošus LV Naujosios Anglijos apskrities suvažiavimą, kuris buvo pirmas toje lietuvių kolonijoje, ir visais pozityviais pavyko.

1952 m. kuopa turėjo narių; 2 be laipsnio, 5 pirmojo laipsnio, 32 antrojo laipsnio, 1 trečiojo laipsnio ir 1 ketvirtojo laipsnio.

Centro reikalams kuopa 1953 m. yra paaukojus \$10.

Ziniose "Vytyje" dažnai yra minimi vardai, kaip veikėjų: adv. J. J. Černiausko, Helen Valentine, Mildred Driznus, Ann Ramanauskas, Joseph Draugelis, Ken Stokes, Jonas A. Sabulis ir k.

136-ji KUOPA

136-ji kuopa Centre įregistruota dviejose nedidelėse lietuvių kolonijose - Springfield, Ohio, ir Albany, New York.

Springfielde kuopa buvo įsteigta 1936 metais ir veikė tik du metus. Pirmininku buvo Walter Ragauskas, o sekretore Magdalena Samoška. Lie-

tuvių jaunimas buvo gerokai nutautėjęs ir daugelis visiškai nesidomėjo lietuvišku veikimu, dėl to ir vyčių veikimas nerado juose atgarsio ir nepajėgė pralaužti svetimųjų įtakos kevalo, kad pažadinus nustebtą lietuviškumą.

1949 metais naujų narių verbavimo ir naujų kuopų steigimo vajuje Albany, N. Y., įsteigta nauja kuopa, kuri Centre įregistruota 136-ju numeriu.

Albany, New York valstybės sostinėj, lietuvių kolonija taip pat negausi. Pasaulio Lietuvių Žinyno (1953 m.) teigimu, lietuvių iš viso ne daugiau 140. Anksčiau galėjo būti daugiau, nes veikė Šv. Jurgio vardo draugija, kuri 1917 metais įsteigė lietuvių parapiją ir išsriūpino lietuvių kunigą. Tokioj kolonijoj, aišku, nedaug buvo ir jaunimo. Neturint susipratusio vado ir jaunimui gerokai nutautėjus, sunku buvo ir vyčių kuopai veikti.

Sekant negausias "Vyty" žinias iš kuopos gyvavimo, be paprastų susirinkimų, šokių vakarų, išvažiavimų, ko, žinoma, negalima priskaityti prie šiek tiek rimtesnio veikimo, kuopa nieku kitu nepasižymėjo ir po keliolikos metų visai išsibraukė iš gyvųjų kuopų tarpo.

137-ji kuopa Portland, Oregon valstybėj, įsteigta 1950 m. spalio 6 d. Pirmoji valdyba buvo sudaryta iš šių asmenų: kan. P. Aleksos, Edvardo Pečiukonio, Gražinos Juodeikienės, Jono Kananavičiaus ir Kosto Garolio.

Ši kuopa yra pati jauniausioji Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos dukra, nes iki 1955 m. daugiau kuopų jau nebuvo įsteigta.

Kad ir nedidelėj lietuvių kolonijoj, kuri susidarė didžiumoje iš naujųju lietuvių, pabėgusių iš Lietuvos nuo komunistinio siaubo, tačiau kuopa gražiai pasireiškia viešajame gyvenime, suruošdama vakarus, taip pat gražius pasirodymus metinių tautinių švenčių proga, pav. bendromis Kūčiomis, Naujųjų Metų laukimu, Motinos diena, Vasario 16 minėjimu, Birželio trėmimų apvaikščiojimu ir k.

Kuopoj veikė dramos, dainos ir tautinių šokių sekcijos.

1961 m. Centro sekretorės paskelbtame visų organizacijos kuopų sekretorių sąrašė jau neberandame 137-tos kuopos.

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

Red.: Ignas Sakalas

CLEVELAND, OHIO. - Vyčių 25-tos kuopos Sendraugių susirinkimas įvyko vasario 20 d. Jono ir Sofijos Milų rezidencijoj, Willouck, Ohio.

Susirinkimą atidarė pirm. Antanas Mačiokas malda. Sugiedota JAV ir Lietuvos himnai.

Iš Lietuvių Kultūrinio darželio pranešimą pateikė J. Sadauskas ir B. Karklius. Sendraugių auka \$50.00 įteikta Darželio vadovybei ir norima gauti kuopos nuotrauka, ji bus įdėta į Darželio leidžiamą knygą. Tam tikslui kovo 18 d. šv. Jurgio parapijos salėj ruošiamas vakaras. Sendraugiai prašomi vakarą paremti, nes jis ruošiamas gražiam tikslui.

Juozas Sadauskas paragino narius, kad jei kurie dar nėra aukoję Lietuvos Vyčių Istorijos leidimui - prisidėtų auka, arba iš anksto užsisakytų knygą.

Išrinkta komisija iš J. Sadausko, Karklienės ir Milų suruošti vakarą Nesiliaujančios Švč. P. Marijos parapijos naudai. Vakaro didesniai pasisekimui, nutarta kviesti visas parapijos draugijas.

Parapijos vargoninkė R. Brazaitienė sutiko sudaryti meninę programą.

Primtas kvietimas Vyčių jaunių kuopos bendrai minėti šv. Kazimiero dieną šv. Jurgio parapijoj.

Sekantį Sendraugių susirinkimą savo rezidencijon pakvietė Karkliai.

Dvi mūsų narės Ona Mihalich ir Julė Salkienė su savo vyru išvyko į Floridą atostogų.

Susirinkimas baigtas dvasios vadui kun. A. Goldikovskui atkalbėjus maldą.

Po susirinkimo šeiminkai visus pakvietė prie turtingo vaišėmis stalo. Čia prisiminta a.a. Onos Trinkauskienės mirtis ir jos dukrai Mary bei šeimai pareikšta užuojauta.

Galop kun. A. Goldikovskui ir Kaz. Sadauskienei švenčiantiems vasario mėnesyje gimtadienius padainuota "Ilgiausių metų".

Nuoširdus ačiū Milams už nuoširdų sendraugių susirinkimo priėmimą ir vaišes.

Koresp. P. Glu-nė

CHICAGOJ VIENAIP, ARIZONOJ KITAIP

Chicagos Vyčių sendraugių kuopos sekretorė Ona Aleliūnienė, gavusi žinią apie dukros Lucijos (ištekėjusios ir su šeima įsikūrusios Arizona valstybėje) ligą ir operaciją, neramumo verčiama nuvyko ją pamatyti ir padėti iki sustiprės šeimos reikaluose. Štai, trumpa ištraukėlė iš jos laiško:

"Lėktuvu atskridau sausio 25 d. Sveikatos atžvilgiu oras čia labai geras. Kai Chicagoj sniego kalnai, sibiriški šalčiai, ledu padengtos gatvės ir šaligatviai, kai man teko keturis kartus paslydus gerokai apsitrankyti, čia, po kelių valandų kelionės, atsivėrė pavasariškas vaizdas. Saulė nuo užtekėjimo iki nusileidimo maloniai veidą glosto. Dažnai taip šilta, kad tik suknelę užsivilkus išeinu pasivaikščioti, ant kalnų užlipti. Tikras malonumas, kai po kojomis matosi visas miestelis. Nuvykus į Arizoną ir neužlipus į jos kalnus, būtų tas pat kaip nuvykus į Romą ir nepamačius Popiežiaus."

COMMEMORATING LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY...

Prayer read by Msgr. Michael Kemezis, Pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Elizabeth, long time member and supporter of the K of L, before the US Senate, on the occasion of Feb. 16th 1962.

"Our Divine Majesty, Lord and God, look down we beseech Thee upon this august gathering of the Senators of our Nation and hear our suppliant plea.

O God, how long, how long is our sister nation Lithuania to suffer! We realize that Thou chastiseth those whom Thou lovest, and it will always be the prayer of Thy Son - not our will but Thine be done.

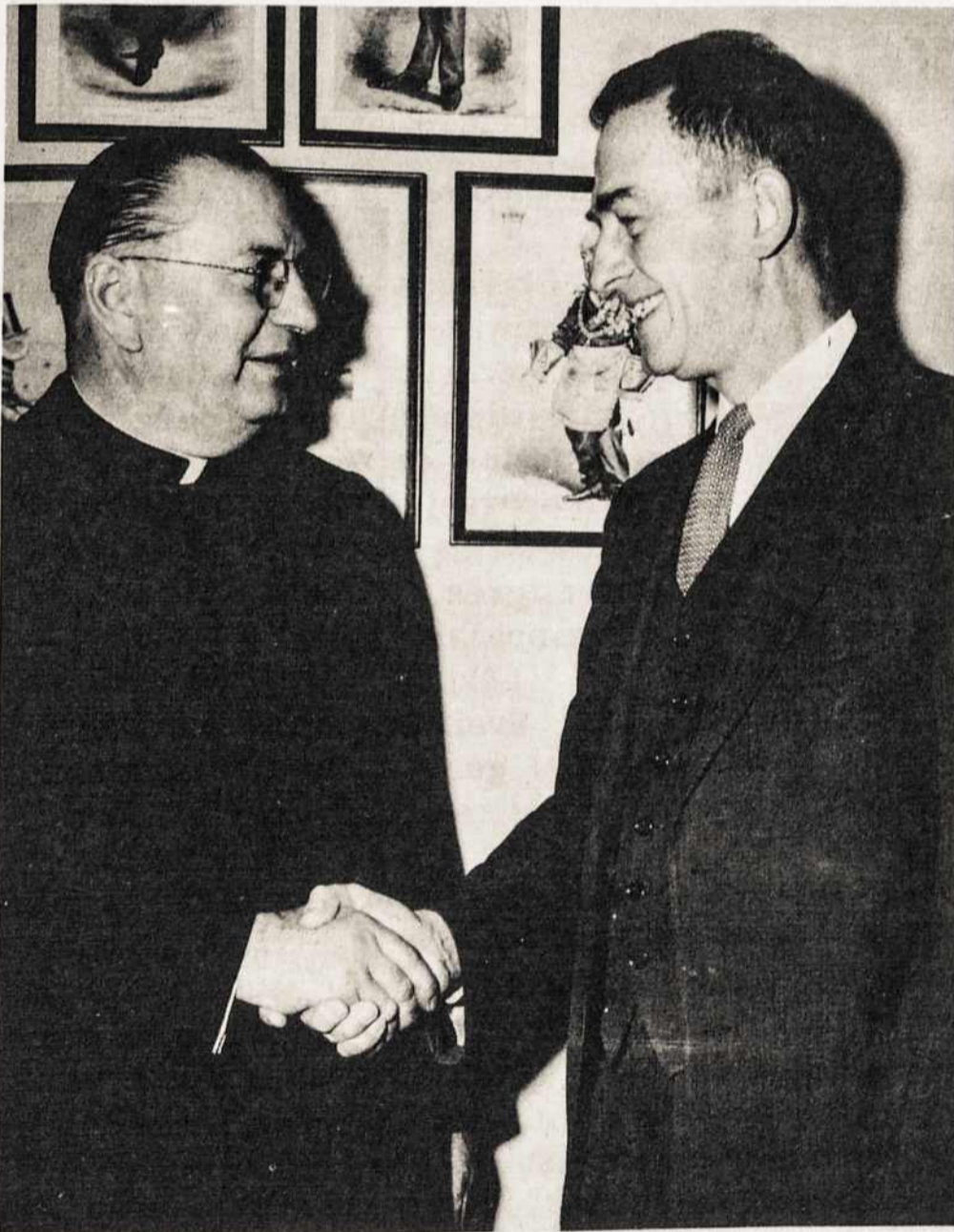
We beseech Thee to listen to our plea. We who are of this great land which Thou hast blest, thank Thee for our President, our Vice-President and for our great men and women in Congress.

O Lord help and assist them to be imbued with a spirit of prayer and divine inspiration to work and make our laws and our country's commitments according to Thy Will.

O Good and Almighty God, help our Lithuanian brethren in their bondage, give them courage and hope so that by their suffering and sacrifice, they may live as free men in a world created by Thee - to serve and honor Thee - to live in peace with our fellowmen and our sister nations.

Peace Thou came to give, yes, - peace Thou can give to men of Good Will. We pray and beg of Thee, to make us understand Thy charity for our fellowmen and our sister nations.

May God bless you and keep you. Amen! "



Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Kemezis, Elizabeth, N.J. being thanked and congratulated by Senator Clifford P. Case, N.J., for his inspiring invocation to the United States Senate.



Governor John B. Swainson proclaims Feb. 16th Lithuanian Freedom Day in Michigan. Standing, l. to r.: Ralph J. Valatka, Pres. Detroit Lithuanian Organizations Center, State Repr. Joseph J. Kowalski, Robert S. Boris and Rev. J. Walter Stanievich.

Also present at the signing of the proclamation were: Vladas Pauza, Elizabeth Paurazas, Vaicius Lelis, Anna and Mike Balchunas and Ann Valatka.



LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR

EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

This "new addition" is YOUR COLUMN. . . a place for you to air your thoughts and ideas about the VYTIS, its articles, the K of L, or just things in general. Its regular appearance will depend on the contributions received, so please write. Comments may be directed to the editor, the writers, K of L officers, or the public. Signatures will be withheld upon request.

The Editors

" . . . the new VYTIS infant monthly is growing into a beautiful child. . . . CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK."

Marcella Andrikis, C-7

" . . . leiskite palinkėti Jums visapusiškos sėkmės ir Dievo palaimos Jūsų prasmingame redakciniame darbe. Skaitau Jūsų žurnalą, (beveik cover to cover) ir esu įsitikinęs, kad atliekate labai prasmingą darbą."

V. P. Vygantas
President, Pax Romana
International Movement
of Catholic Students

" . . . as a homemaker striving to keep some of the old Lithuanian traditions alive in our family, I appreciated the spread on Kučios in the December issue."

Donna Bunikis, C-102

"It was very noticeable in the February issue that there wasn't a single council news from the N.Y.-N.J. District."

Neglected

ED. NOTE: We wouldn't DREAM of neglecting you. See page 20, Point 15, for reason.

"Who ever heard of a headline going across the bottom of a page

It Is Not OUR OWN SEPARATE ISLAND

"No man is an island." The same can be said for an organization like the Knights of Lithuania.

An organization must keep importing and exporting ideas from the mainland. It must give in exchange for the products it manufactures on its patch of the sea. If the "islanders" believe their own ideas are worth fighting for and are good for others outside of the island, they should do more than merely preach to themselves and boost their own morales.

In a certain way, that had been happening among the members of the Knights of Lithuania. Only the Lithuanian papers wrote of K of L activities, and even they were not always informed of the IDEALS, AIMS, and PURPOSES of the K of L. Only during the past five years or so did the idea of "it pays to advertise" finally take hold in our organization, when our members decided to begin telling the world of our motto "For God and Country." Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian newspapers were informed of the goals of the K of L, and of the tremendous efforts going on to promote these goals.

A medal was struck and awarded to prominent men of the government for their efforts on behalf of Lithuania and other Communist-oppressed nations. Governors and mayors were honored and attention was focused upon us and our activities. The medals were not shunned but gladly received and gracious thanks expressed. The receivers promised and fulfilled their promises to do more of what we had been promoting so long all too quietly.

Another group in our midst decided not to commemorate the Independence of Lithuania just amongst themselves but to have a public commemoration and call upon residents of one of the largest cities of the United States to join in the commemoration. Members and non-members, Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians came and stirred up memories of a once-free and independent Lithuania. They were thrilled by the experience. They promised to "come next year" . . . and they did come again to "our island" for the commemoration.

Some Knights enjoyed singing Lithuanian songs so much among themselves at meetings and parties that they decided it would be a wonderful idea to organize a good choral group, to go out and show others that Lithuanian songs are beautiful. They did and hundreds came and were enthusiastic about the beauty of the Lithuanian song.

Others thought it was not enough to bemoan the facts of aggression and errors of history amongst themselves, so they flooded - - and still flood - - the mails with formal and informal protests. Many thousands were given the real slant on matters that are important to our people. The same procedure was followed in the cases of the Lithuanian Language Records and the Annual Scholarships.

Now let us not stop with these projects, but go a step or two further. Let's make word of our organization, its goals, ideals, works, echo through the nation.

The national field can be penetrated with our magazine, by making it not just a magazine for the Knights of Lithuania, but an all-around national publication for all Americans to read and benefit by. If our goal is to spread knowledge of our Lithuanian culture and

or vertically or - for Pete's sake, in the middle?"

Anti-Variety

ED. NOTE: We did. According to the "Practical Handbook on Headline Design" by Kenneth B. Butler, use of variety in headline placement is recommended. "Avoid sameness in the positioning of your headlines on the page. Let some of them run across the top . . . some of them down in the left-hand corner. . . or the right-hand upper corner. . . or the lower corners. . . or in the middle. . . or concentrated in one of the columns . . ."

"There's an honest-to-goodness fault with the Knights, Loretta. They're basically afraid to upset the status quo. Afraid of criticism, or progress, or advancement of any kind. . ."

JVC

instill in others an appreciation and love of our heritage, why not help the editors reflect this goal in our own magazine, then strive to make it read nationally? Of course, this is not a thought for sudden completion, but an idea for the Jubilee Year or soon after that.

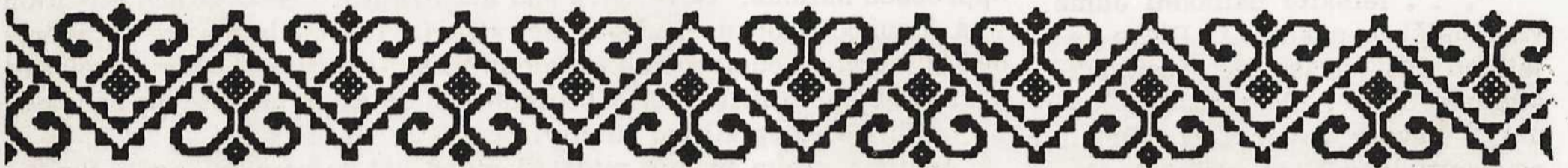
Then we might even try to break into other national organizations in the Catholic and non-denominational fields. They can give us ideas on what the rest of the world is thinking and we can give them an understanding of what we are doing to combat Communism, to promote Catholicism, to aid Lithuania's fight for freedom. The national Catholic conferences, the International institutes, and Foreign Relation Councils of the larger cities should have worthy representatives from our districts. New spheres of activity will open for the K of L and the "gospel" will be spread from states to the nation. It may not mean added membership immediately, but it will bring prestige to the organization and upon that members can be gained from the sympathizers who perhaps did not dare to make the first step to membership.

The idea is to get out and send representatives or missionaries for our cause in an ever widening sphere of influence. The bushel must be burned and the candle must be made to shine for ever more without a shield.

All the above-mentioned projects may not be projectable in the way they are proposed, but the K of L's should go out to recognize opportunity and be appreciated themselves, for that for which they stand, and for what they can bring to the lives of Americans of Lithuanian descent.

ED. NOTE: Any comments?

Bron Phillips



K of L Calendar

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| April 22 | C-112 Easter Dance, K of L Building, Chicago, Ill. | May 6 | New England District Bowling Awards Banquet. Worcester, Mass. |
| April 29 | New England District Spring CONVENTION. Our Lady of Vilna church, Sterling St., Worcester, Mass. Mass at 11:00 a.m. Sessions and speaker at 2:00 p.m. Cultural entertainment at 5:00 p.m. | May 19 | C-103 "Springtime Frolic" dance. American Lithuanian Hall, 475 Smith St. Providence, R. I. 8:00 p.m. Music by "The Starliters." |
| April 29 | Junior K of L Rally. Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, Elizabeth, N.J. Registration at 1:00p.m. (Schedule, pg. 13) | May 26-27 | Midwest Bowling Tournament. Detroit, Mich. C-79 hosts. |
| May 5 | C-36 Barn Dance. K of L Building, Chicago, Ill. | June 23-24 | Men's & Women's Retreat. Kennebunkport, Maine. Sponsored by New England District. |
| May 6 | Midwestern Day of Recollection and Junior Rally, Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio, Mass at 9:00 a.m. (Schedule, pg. 16) | August 5-12 | Junior K of L Summer Camp Week. Camp Dainava, Manchester, Mich. |
| | | August 15-19 | 49th National K of L Convention. Hotel Robert Treat, Park Place, Newark, N. J. Hosts - New York-New-Jersey District. |

SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Each year, some active young K of L'er is given a financial boost in his or her quest for a college education, through the Annual Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Award. The 5th Annual \$600.00 Scholarship Award will be made in August at the 49th Annual K of L Convention in Newark, N. J.

Six duly-elected Trustees, all of them also having college degrees, select from the many applicants the student most qualified to receive this award, on the basis of academic record, financial need, character, religiosity, organization service, and dedication to the principles of the Knights of Lithuania. Occasionally, the judging becomes so difficult that the award must be divided between two or three candidates. Seven students have already benefited from the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund!

The popularity and importance of the Scholarship Award has been demonstrated by the ever-increasing number of applicants each year, and by its recognition by the press, by other organizations, and by many prominent individuals. Yet, each year, the Scholarship committee must strain to collect \$600.00 in donations to keep the Award alive. Why?

Our records show that but a limited number of Councils and Districts, also usually the same ones, continue to support this important K of L

program. We urge YOU to do your share to make this a 100% effort.

But HOW can you do your share?

As a Council . . . ADVERTISE this award. It may provide an added incentive for your college-age members to become more active in the K of L. It may also show those in and those out of the organization that the K of L IS interested in higher learning, and in helping its members attain it. SPONSOR one affair for the benefit of the Scholarship Program each year, or try to make even a small donation from your treasury. URGE your qualified members to apply.

As an individual member. . . SOLICIT donations from other individuals, businessmen, organizations. SUBSCRIBE yourself to the Kof L Scholarship Fund Booster Club. An attractive membership receipt card is given for donation of \$1.00 or more.

Application forms can be obtained from the Chairman, Mr. Jack J. Stukas, 1264 White Street, Hillside, N. J. The deadline for submission of applications and fulfillment of other requirements is June 1. All donations should be sent to the Committee's Treasurer, Mr. A. J. Mazeika, 149-31 120th Street, So. Ozone Park, New York.

We're counting on YOUR help. Please don't let us down.

The Scholarship Committee
Jack J. Stukas, Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - NOW IS THE HOUR!

There is one thing that keeps on going regardless of what we do. That is TIME. Here we are in the last month of the Membership Drive. I hope you have utilized the time designated for the Drive in getting new members and that glowing reports will be received from all councils. I hope it all does not turn out to be the worst showing in years - that would truly be a Nightmare!

Fortunately there is still some TIME left - about three more weeks to go before the Official Drive will be over. In these few remaining weeks, I hope you will make a concerted effort to increase the membership in your council. If you haven't made any attempts,

"Now is the Hour" to get in under the deadline. Any plans you are making to attract and keep new members must be made in the few weeks left.

Even if you do not consider it from the viewpoint of a National Membership Drive, consider it from your council level and the good it will do for your council. With every new member you get, your council benefits and becomes that much better. You have one more member who can and will come to your social affairs; one who can assist you on your committees, and one who can help promote the aims of the K of L and support the cause of Lithuania. These reasons alone should

be enough to make you dash out and recruit new members.

For the past four months, I have been asking for your help and cooperation. This is the last chance I will have to contact all of you before the Drive comes to an end. The last chance I have to ask for your support. This is YOUR last chance to come to my support and help me make this year a successful one. This is YOUR last chance to go out and get those two new members. Do it now before the end of the month. I thank you and the entire K of L thanks you!

William Grigas
Vice-President
Membership

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

Easter and New Life

by Theresa Pupinik



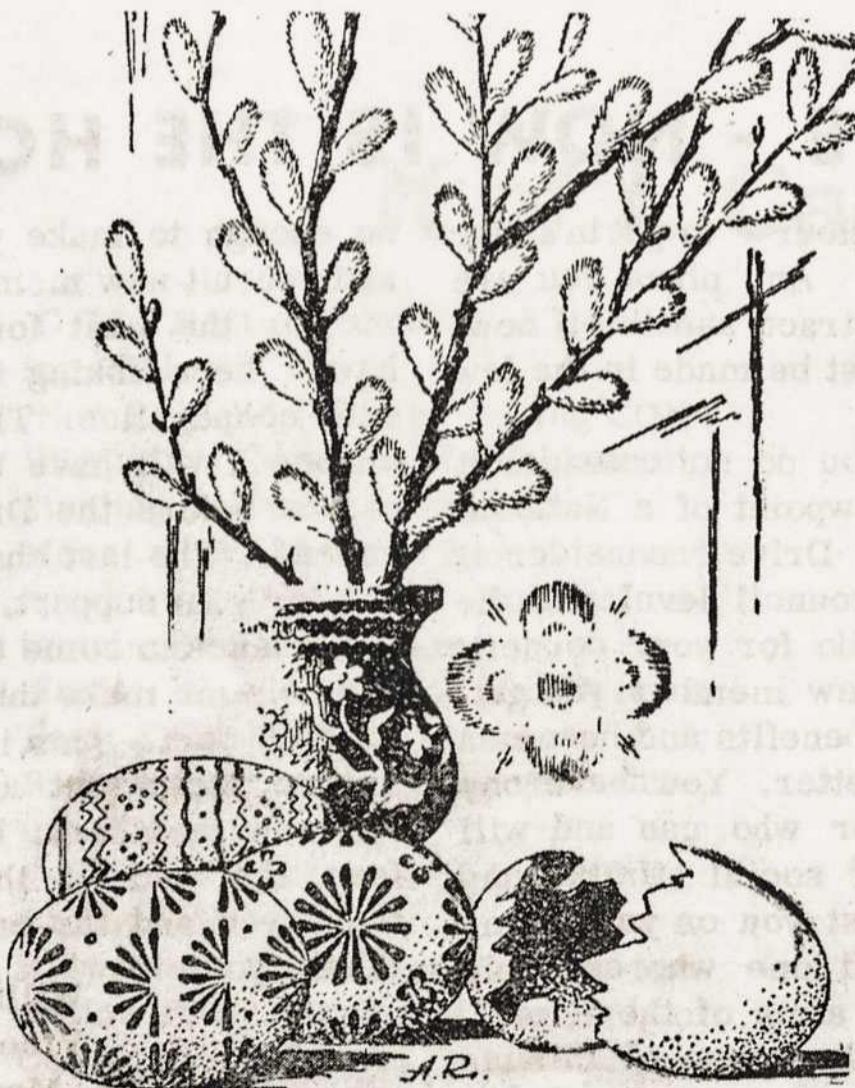
As the winter draws to a close and the first signs of spring appear, we look forward once again to the coming of Easter. Unlike other holy days, Easter comes on a different day each year. This happens because in the early Church Easter was celebrated at the time of the Jewish Passover which followed the lunar months. Our calendar of 365 days is based on the sun, causing it to differ with the Jewish calendar. Therefore,

Easter Sunday falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21st, but before April 25th.

To Christians throughout the world, Easter is one of the most important holy days of the year. The lent season and Holy Week are filled with solemn religious ceremony and liturgy in preparation for the great feast of the Resurrection. However, many of the nonreligious customs origin-

ated in ancient pagan celebrations of the coming of spring and the revival of life in the world. As people turned from paganism to Christianity they transferred the customs to the feasts and holy days of their new religion. One of these customs is that of exchanging eggs at Easter time. The egg has always been a symbol of life, and some ancient legends said that the world started from an egg. Romans placed eggs into the grave with their dead as a symbol of life after death. Early Christians took this symbol and transferred it to the feast of the Resurrection.

Throughout Europe people have always exchanged and colored eggs at Eastertime. The practice of hiding eggs for children to find, which is still a custom today, originated in Germany, where children were told that rabbits had hidden them. In Lithuania, as in the rest of Europe, eggs hold special significance at Eastertime. The practice of coloring and exchanging "margučiai" is mentioned as far back as the 16th century. This tradition has developed into one of the finest expressions of folk art which is highly prized. Today as before, eggs are painted in the intricate geometric designs that are typical of Lithuanian art.





K of L JUNIORS

Edited by: Helen Shields No. 9 April 1962

FOURTH NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT JUNIOR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA RALLY

Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall

Elizabeth, N.J.

SUNDAY, April 29, 1962

P R O G R A M

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| 1. REGISTRATION - 1:00 P.M. | 7. REPORTS Councils 67- 90 - 110 |
| 2. OPENING SESSION - 2:00 P.M. | 8. VARIETY PROGRAM Council 3 - Philadelphia 29 - Newark 52 - Elizabeth 67 - Bayonne 90 - Kearny 110 - Maspeth |
| a. Call to Order | |
| b. National Anthem | |
| c. Lithuanian Anthem | |
| d. Invocation | |
| e. Greetings by Host Council #52 | |
| 3. WELCOME - Miss Helen Shields, Vice-President Supreme Council | 9. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS Lithuanian Cross Embroidered Apron |
| 4. ADDRESS | 10. CLOSING PRAYER - K of L HYMN |
| 5. REPORTS Councils 3 - 29 - 52 | 11. SOLEMN BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT |
| 6. FILMS OF LITHUANIA - Courtesy of Mr. Jack Stukas | 12. BANQUET and DANCE. |

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We hope that every Junior Knight of the N.Y. - N.J. District is planning to attend the Rally and that as many as possible will enter the contests and participate in the Variety Program.

PROFILE.....

HELEN SHIELDS

by Loretta Kassel

To be admired from afar is gratifying, to be respected nationally for work done is indeed exciting, but perhaps the most heartwarming experience of all is to be honored in a special way by one's own close friends and co-workers. Last November, Council 3, Philadelphia, bestowed on its nationally known and loved member, HELEN SHIELDS, just such an honor, when they presented her with a special award during C-3's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration. The following words were used to summarize Helen's K of L accomplishments for guests at the Celebration.

"Seldom during our lifetime do we meet any individual whose qualities and ideals are a shining example to all those who surround him.

We, of Council 3, are fortunate indeed to have such a personality in our midst. This particular individual began her K of L career more than 15 years ago. From the very beginning her energies were directed towards the cultivation and promotion of Lithuanianism in all its aspects. She has served many terms as President and in practically all other capacities in Council 3. Even when not on the officer's slate her refreshing vitality and good advice helped many an officer in completing a good term. She served as Chairman of the 48th National Knights of Lithuania Convention held here in Philadelphia in 1958.

Approximately 5 years ago she initiated a Junior Council right here in St. Casimir's Parish. Her interests and endeavors along this line go further than our local community. At the last Convention in



Cleveland she was elected for a fourth term as 1st Vice-President in charge of the Junior Knights of Lithuania, thus setting a precedent inasmuch as no Supreme Council officer before her held an office for more than 3 years in succession. She has travelled extensively promoting this cause and as a result of her hard work new Junior Councils have been founded and existing ones revitalized. You parents here today who have children in the Junior K of L are fortunate to have such an excellent leader and counsellor for your children.

All her accomplishments are far too numerous to mention here but to summarize in a few words - she is one of the main arteries of our organization."

Where does one find the time and energy for so much activity... or the ability for such accomplishments? In Helen's case, it seemed to be merely "doing what comes naturally."

Her leadership training began early, in her own family circle. The oldest of four children, she had to assume management of the

Shields household at the age of 14, when her mother died, leaving brothers Tom and Frank and sister Tillie in Helen's care. Since her father's death in 1959, and her brother Frank's marriage, Helen still resides and shares household duties with Tillie and Tom.

Scholastic honors were also naturals for Helen during her school days. . . viz.: Highest Average Awards for four years, Special English, Religion, and Lithuanian awards, etc. at St. Casimir Grammar School, and constant appearances on the Honor Roll at John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High.

Upon graduation from High school, Helen began earning a living as a general clerk, but ten months later decided to become a bookkeeper, and has worked in that field ever since. She's presently chief bookkeeper at Keystone Adjustable Cap Co. in Philadelphia. For a change of pace, in the summer of 1952, she managed a guest house in Atlantic City, in partnership with a great aunt.

Helen's K of L career started as soon as she finished grammar school. As there was no Junior K of L in Philadelphia, she began immediately to assume various responsibilities in the regular council (and eventually helped start Junior Council 3). Since 1943, the string of offices Helen Shields has held, the accomplishments she's made, the honors received, is almost non-exhaustive. To mention just a few, she has served as Supreme Council Trustee, Secretary and Vice-President; New York - New Jersey District Trustee; National Convention Chairman and Secretary, St. Casimir's Day

Chairman for 15 years, and held a variety of offices in Council 3. She was awarded the 4th Degree in 1958, was honored by the District as the member having contributed most to the K of L during the year of 1956. In 1961, the Philadelphia Archdiocese presented her with a special award for her Catholic Youth work for 18 years. Her own council and other have bestowed numerous much-deserved honors on Helen for her untiring efforts to promote K of L activity and in particular, Junior activity.

For the average person, all the activities outlined would seem to be more than enough to fill even a 30 hour day, but then, who said Helen is "average"?? Much of her time and talents are also directed towards assisting in the work of other Lithuanian organizations. Helen has been an active member in the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation for ten years, representing the St. Casimir Pa-

rish Chapter at 5 conventions. Through the Federation, she initiated a Holy Hour at the Cathedral in Philadelphia, to observe St. Casimir's 500th Birth Anniversary. She has also been active with BALF, and the Philadelphia branch of Lietuvių Bendruomenė. The Anthony Dzikas Lithuanian Radio Program benefited from Helen's talents for two years, when she served there as assistant radio announcer. For several years, she also assisted refugees in learning English and in obtaining citizenship.

With all this activity. . . and more, a few spare moments do arise occasionally, to allow Helen to enjoy reading, music, and the company of her many friends throughout the U. S. In New York, New Jersey, or Philadelphia, it is the rare K of L party, banquet, or social event that can not boast of having Helen Shields on its guest list. . . and the same can be said

of many events in New England and the Midwest as well!

To become "one of the main arteries of our organization" is not something which is easily accomplished, but Helen Shields has more than merited the title, with the unselfish giving of her time and talents, to promote Catholic Action, to bring about an appreciation of Lithuanian culture, and offer friendship and help wherever needed. May God grant her continued success in all her endeavors.

For many years, the name "Helen Shields" has been almost synonymous with "K of L Junior Activity." So that those who benefit most from her boundless energy, the Juniors, could get to know and appreciate her a little more, we've included Helen's profile in THIS section of VYTIS, received and read by all the Juniors.

VYTIS Editors

W E L C O M E - - - - - W E L C O M E

We are very happy to welcome JUNIOR COUNCIL 10 of ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS, which was recently registered in the Supreme Council. Our sincere thanks to the Pastor of St. Francis Parish, Honorary K of L Member Rev. John C. Jutt, and Mr. Howard Beaudette for their interest in organizing a Junior Council. We wish the new Juniors much success and hope they will be active members of the Junior Knights of Lithuania!

Unofficial news reached us that a group of youngsters were organized into a Folk Dance group by Stella Kolesk, which we understand will be the new Junior Council 12 of New York. We wish Miss Kolesk and the youngsters much success in their endeavors and hope that we shall have the opportunity to meet them at the N.Y. - N.J. District Junior K of L Rally in Elizabeth.

Helen Shields

CRUSADE OF PRAYERS TO ST. CASIMIR

Has any Junior Knight or perhaps a whole council resolved to join this CRUSADE? If so, I would like to hear from you. It would be greatly appreciated if you could send me just a postal card telling that you will say a short prayer every day to our Patron, St. Casimir, asking him to help the youth of Lithuania to retain their Catholic faith. It will be most interesting to see how many Junior Knights we can get to join this CRUSADE OF PRAYERS TO ST. CASIMIR. Won't you let me hear from you in the next few weeks? Address postal card to: Miss Helen Shields, 217 Wharton St., Philadelphia 47, Pa.

JUNIOR K of L SUMMER CAMP

Summer and camp go together - like bread and butter! You don't want to be late in getting information or sending for applications to the Junior K of L Summer Camp which will be held the week of August 5 to 12, 1962 at Camp Dainava, Manchester, Michigan. Eligible to attend are youths between the ages of 7 and 14 who are of Lithuanian descent. Older youths will be considered as qualifying for assistants to camp personnel.

All inquiries about the Junior K of L Summer Camp should be sent to: Mrs. Donna Bunikis, 24127 Andover, Dearborn, Michigan.

MIDWESTERN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

and

JUNIOR RALLY

Sunday
May 6, 1962

Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation
Carey, Ohio

S C H E D U L E

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| 9:00 a.m. | Mass . . . Lower Shrine Church - Corporate Communion Communal Hymns and Prayers |
| 11:15 a.m. | Conference . . . Lower Shrine Church |
| 12:00 Noon | Dinner . . . Parish Hall |
| 1:30 p.m. | Conference . . . Lower Shrine Church |
| 2:30 p.m. | Shrine Devotions . . . Upper Shrine Church Outdoor Procession |
| 3:30 p.m. | Junior Rally Program |
| 5:30 p.m. | Departure |

Carey, Ohio might be described as an American Lourdes. Countless pilgrimages and retreats are held regularly. Miraculous cures are not uncommon.

Due to the nature of this shrine and its unique location, in the center of a triangle formed by Cleveland, Dayton and Detroit, it is ideal for a gathering of the K of L Juniors from these three locations. It is less than a three-hour drive from any of these cities.

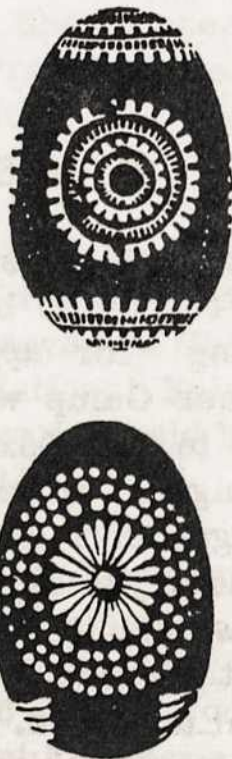
Plan now to attend. Dinner is available for only \$1.50 per person. Check into the possibility of chartering a bus.

For more information, contact:

Mr. Stan Vaitkus
518 Hialeah
Vandalia, Ohio

Mr. Robert S. Boris
7619 Calhoun
Dearborn, Michigan

LITHUANIAN WEALTH...HER FOLK ART



PLEASE READ...

"THE BOOKS OF OUR PILGRIMAGE"

The above is the title of a very interesting little booklet. It was originally written in the Polish language in 1832 by Adam Mickiewicz, while he was exiled by the Russian government and living in Paris, France.

That booklet was translated into English by J. K. Tautmyla, (a pen-name of an outstanding spiritual leader and a distinguished Lithuanian). It was published by "Draugas" Press in Chicago.

The translator prepared an interesting prologue, including a brief biography of Adam Mickiewicz, and a bit of Lithuanian history.

Many Poles claim that Adam Mickiewicz was not only a Pole, but also one of the best Polish writers-poets. But let us see what Mr. Mickiewicz himself has to say about that. The following are several excerpts from the above named booklet:

In his long and intensely interesting epic poem, "Pan Tadeusz," he starts as follows:

"Lithuania, my dear Fatherland, you are like health to me. Only those appreciate who lose you."

"As in the camp of the chosen people, there were men infected with leprosy; so also among you are men suffering from patriotic anaemia, that is, bad Lithuanians. Shun them, avoid them and fly from them because their disease is more deadly than leprosy. The symptoms of that disease are: A sick Lithuanian does not believe in the restoration of a free and independent Lithuania, although he may have fought for it. His sickness reveals itself in his conversation, when he states that it is impossible to regain the freedom for Lithuania."

"If a soldier fights without having faith in the righteousness of his cause, he is a beast, and the officer who leads him to battle, without faith in his cause is a thief! . . ."

"There are some of you who dare say: 'Let Lithuania rather be in slavery, than that she should be resurrected according to aristocracy.' And others say: 'Let her rather so lie, than that she should be revived according to democracy.' Still others say: 'Let her rather be as she is, than that she should have such boundaries.' Now these, who speak thus, are all doctors (politicians) not sons, and they do not love their mother, the Fatherland."

"I say unto you: ask not as to what will be the future government of Lithuania. Let it suffice for you to know that it will be better than the ones you have known. And do not question about the boundaries, for they will be greater than they have been at any time."

"Do not argue too much over the form of the future government in Lithuania. Those who argue much will not form the best government, but those who love most deeply, and are full of self-sacrifice."

"Let us plant therefore, the love of the Fatherland, and the spirit of self-sacrifice, and be assured that our country and nation grows great and beautiful."

The Prayer

"Lord God Almighty! The children of a brave nation raise their disarmed and shackled hands to You from all corners of the earth. They call to You from the depths of the mines of Siberia, and from snowbound Kamchatka, from the plains of Algeria, and from France, a foreign land. But in our Fatherland, Lithuania, faithful to You, they are forbidden to call upon You in prayer."

The Litany

"Mother of God, to whom our fathers gave the name 'Queen of Lithuania,' save our Fatherland, Lithuania.

Saint Casimir, patron of Lithuania, pray for us. From the slavery of Moscow and Prussia, deliver us, O Lord.

By the martyrdom of the young men of Lithuania, killed with clubs, and those who died in the mines of Siberia, and in exile, deliver us, O Lord.

By the martyrdom of the citizens of Ašmena, slaughtered in the churches of God, and in their homes, deliver us, O Lord.

By the wounds, blood, tears and suffering of all enslaved exiles and pilgrims of Lithuania, deliver us, O Lord.

For universal World War for the freedom of people, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

For the independence, unity and freedom of our Fatherland, we beseech Thee, O Lord."

I believe the Vyčiai and Vytės will find that booklet very interesting, instructive and inspiring. Again, it was written in 1832.

J. J. Bielskis

THE K of L IN THE DECADE AHEAD

Part 4

"I do."

"Why?"

"Because I'm a Knight of Lithuania."

Hold it. I don't advocate wallowing in orange blossoms or skipping through stephanitis just to be a Knight above all others. But, gee whiz, connubial bliss can certainly bring the K of L a lot closer to that big happy family image many of us have of it.

I'm thinking of my native New England where I once watched newlyweds plan their lives, make their promises and raise their bi-lingual offspring. Once upon that sorry time, a squealer in the playpen was a sure sign that his Mommy and Daddy's K of L days were over.

Not any more, thank goodness.

For some strange reason - I think it's the changing mores - young married couples are taking an active interest in the Knights of Lithuania. And I don't mean just showing up at a dance, when and if they can get a baby sitter or a spinster aunt. By active interest I mean assuming offices in the council, chairing various committees, and looking for all the world like human beings rather than household drudges in chintz or tired old breadwinners in grey flannel.

It's a pretty picture, almost pretty enough to make me go out and hire an organist. But, it's more than that. It's a mighty hopeful picture, too.

Frankly, the K of L has a monumental problem in that its members are of such diverse age groups. A Junior can be so young that he isn't even allowed to watch the Walt Disney Show. A Senior can be so advanced in years that he can't stay awake long enough to

LET'S ALL GET MARRIED

By John V. Chervokas

watch the Disney Show.

The young marrieds won't solve this problem by assuming the helm of our Lithuanian barque - but they can go a long way in reassuring young and old alike that there's a future in this organization, and a future for this organization.

Chances are these young marrieds met their respective spouses at a K of L function. But don't grow narrow of mind, lads and lassies. There are prospective brides and grooms who don't romp through amber or chew on rye bread. Nevertheless, the K of L does offer that left-handed (third finger, guys) benefit. You can meet some awfully nice people.

And when these awfully nice people persist in their dedication to K of L goals and principles, even though Timothy, Gregory, Katherine, Milda, Kim, and Casimir are running the sitter ragged at home, then we should hold on to these good people for dear life.

You see, they have been young most recently themselves. They know the problems of the Juniors since they might well have been Juniors themselves - and will soon have Juniors with their same name.

They know the problems of the Seniors because they can share an emphatic position with them. They know that they will reach those golden years in time. They know that they must establish certain regimens and certain happy conditions for their own eventual, inevitable Seniorship.

And through their own situation, the young K of L marrieds are responsible people. They have to make decisions at the Stop and Shop, at the shoe store, at the dentist, at the automobile showroom. And believe me, the K of L meeting room

isn't far removed from any of those real-life, down-to-the-pocketbook spots like the local supermarket.

For these reasons... suburban living demands socializing, getting together, going out occasionally - whatever you might want to call it. Baby sitters are a phone call away. City living is quite similar. For business reasons or political reasons, or just peace-of-mind reasons, nights out are necessary. Diversion is necessary. Avocations are a must.

And so, after throwing the bouquet and the garter to two eager eligibles, the young Lithuanians are now coming back to their gay but sincere pastime - the K of L.



At 25, John Chervokas is celebrating his tenth year as a K of L'er. At 15 he was elected National Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman and since that time he has spent his time thinking, just thinking. Now he returns to active duty.

Legally, he is from Norwood, Mass. (Council 27). Physically and mentally, he is from New York City where he writes copy for one of the country's largest advertising agencies.

ATTENTION - Vytis Correspondents

The following are a few suggestions that might help to make the Council Activities in the VYTIS more interesting:

1. Use short words which will be clearly understood by everyone. Remember, easy writing makes for easy reading.

2. Don't use the same phrase or descriptive word more than once in a paragraph, and the less you repeat through the entire item, the better.

3. To relieve monotony, employ a bit of originality in your writing. It is not very unique when 15 correspondents begin their reports with - "Our council held its meeting on month, day, year."

4. Don't hurt or degrade anyone. (Example: Joe Blow had a weaving good time at the last picnic.) Even though YOU may think the entry is exceptionally clever, it is not. Ask yourself, would you like to be Joe Blow?

5. Write your column as soon as possible after the affair while the details are still fresh in your mind. That way you will be able to inject much more color into your writing. Keep intelligent and understandable notes on all subjects you might want to write about.

6. Do not write about an event that is scheduled to take place in the next few days or weeks. By the time the VYTIS is published, this event will have taken place. So report on that particular function after it has occurred or write it up in the past tense.

7. Read your piece over to see if it's smooth. Cross out all extra and meaningless words; you'll be surprised how many there are. Don't be afraid to throw the paper away and start over again if something doesn't sound the way you want it to. After awhile the right words will come naturally. That's experience through practice.

8. Don't forget that we are Lithuanians and our language is something to be proud of. Try to insert a few words or phrases LIETUVISKAI.

9. Write only when you have something to say. Don't just fill up space. (Example: Ho Hum! Another month has rolled around and once again it is time to pick up the pen. . . Bill B. as usual made the motion to adjourn. So shall I - until next month.) Now that takes six lines in the VYTIS and what does it tell? Absolutely nothing except that the writer had nothing to write about. So why did he? Better to leave that space for others who have something interesting to tell about.

10. Stop using meaningless initials. Outside of a dozen people who know why D.S. had his eye on S.W., who cares? Our magazine is international, travelling to South America and Europe. Let's put it on a high scale for adult reading. Use complete names and use names frequently, everyone likes to see his or her name in print, but don't go overboard! Don't try to name all the people who were present at a picnic or party. Use good judgment. Listing Special Guests is a good idea. Be sure all names are spelled correctly.

11. Use items about unusual happenings. Something your council has done with success. Especially personal or council activity that brings out the purposes and ideals of our organization - TAUTAI IR BAZNYCIAI. Also, if a certain type of social your council sponsored brought in new members, write it up. Other councils might like to try your ideas.

12. Send in black & white pictures of unusual activities - a Communion breakfast, a degree installation, a chorus in rehearsal, special groups at dances, outings, etc., or anything that might be interesting or even inspiring. Try to avoid routine poses in which individuals stand or sit tensely before the camera. Action snapshots that tell the story of K of L activity at a glance will add much greater appeal to your article. The VYTIS editors will select the most attractive photographs submitted each month and print them. There is ABSOLUTELY NO EXTRA COST FOR PRINTING PICTURES. Photos, whether printed or not, will be retained for a scrapbook, unless the sender requests return.

13. Type your articles if at all possible - double space. If you do not use a typewriter, write as legibly as you can.

14. Lack of space presents a problem in some issues of the VYTIS and Council News have to be cut down in order to accommodate each council's news. If you find your article to be quite long, to insure that your most important news are not deleted, jot down the initials V.I.P. (Very Important Paragraph) in the margin along the news item so the editors would be sure to retain these specific items. Try to keep the Council News down to two typewritten double-spaced pages.

15. The editors NEVER omit a Council's News. The news may be condensed because of length, but it will always be published. If you do not see your Council News in the VYTIS some months, it's because one was not received or was received past the deadline.

16. All COUNCIL NEWS should reach the editor by the fifth of the month preceding the issue for which it is intended. For example, council news received by Jan. 5 will be included in the Feb. issue. All ARTICLES should reach the editor by the first of the month preceding the issue for which it is intended. Authors may use pen names, but all council news and articles submitted to the editors must bear the signature and address of the writer. The editors assume no obligation to return any unsolicited material. Send your material in well before the deadline, allowing the editor and the printers more time to do a better job. Your punctuality will give your article a better break and it will be appreciated by all concerned.

Cooperate with the editors in making the VYTIS an attractive, appealing and interesting K of L organ. Encourage members of your council to write articles. Don't hesitate to write to the editors expressing your reaction to articles and features in the VYTIS. Members who do not agree with some of the things done should complain in a reasonable manner, then abide with the editor's final decision. Good suggestions will not go unheeded. Be the LIAISON OFFICER between the VYTIS and your council.

Here's to better Council Correspondence!

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

Chicago, Ill. - C-112

"112 Inquirer"

1962 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Board Chairman - Ed Krivickas; Membership - Ed Pocius; Lith. Affairs - Al Zakarka; Ritual - Ruth Dagis; Wake & Gifts - Monica Kasper; VYTIS - Irene Sankus; Lith. Publicity - Balys Brazdzionis; Pulpit - Al Dagis; and Social - Julie Zakarka.

The January Bowling Social was hosted by our council. We bowled at Queens Recreation. Dinner ala Julie was served at the K of L Building. Winners of a new game "Talk-A-Thon" were Aldona (Dagmar) Kaminskas and Al (The Soloist) Shulicke.

This year our council was host to the District St. Casimir's Day celebration. Honored guests were: Bishop V. Brizgys; Jesuit Prov. Rev. B. Markaitis; District Sp. Advisor Rev. A. Zakarauskas; Msgr. G. Paskus; C-112 Sp. Advisor Rev. V. Zakarauskas; Prof. V. Manelis, Ateitininkų Pres.; Honorary Member Leonard Simutis, Sr.; P. Paucys, DRAUGAS repr.; and O. Zailskiene, Natl. Lith. Scout leader.

After breakfast, we were entertained by our District Choir and the Bridgeport Ansamble of Zyther Players, directed by Mrs. Vaiceliunas and Jonas Spackauskas. In addition to presenting Third Degrees, our annual presentation of Vytis of The Year Award was presented to Estelle Rogers, District Choir President.

As usual, our American Legion Posts, Don Varnas and Darius-Girenas, posted the colors. We were honored this year to have both Post Commanders present.



Estelle Rogers, Ill.-Ind. "Vytis of the Year."

Monica Kasper, keeper of our funds, recently celebrated her TENTH YEAR AS C-112 TREASURER. The event was celebrated after our last meeting, at which time she was presented with a corsage and a NEW wallet and was toasted with sundaes, sodas, coffee, cokes and dry manhattans (what a combination). Our congratulations to Monica and may she continue in her excellent work.

Congratulations to Geraldine and Al Mockus - proud parents of Robert Alexander. R.M. made his first appearance on Feb. 28th.



Monica Kasper, C-112 Treasurer

and 11:56 a.m. and weighed in at 9 lbs., 7 ozs. Mother, son, father and uncle Al and aunt Ruth Dagis are ALL doing fine.

Mrs. Lazutka, mother of Dolores Yuknis and Barbara Vaitekunas, recently passed away. Our condolences to the entire family.

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL EASTER SUNDAY DANCE ON APRIL 22nd at the K of L Building.

Chicago, Ill. - C-36 "Blogas"

Comments are still being heard in and out of the Kof L circle about our successful annual Hearts' Dance of last February. New members, new faces, and several prospective members encouraged the old faithful crew of workers as Rich and Jean Shlaustas, Al Kassel, Bob Paul, Joan Jakunas, Wally Tenclinger, Stella Danelius, Tony Valek, Dale Srupsa, Vince Samaska, Lucille Stacy, John Kilkus, Rita Gorb, Kazys Ulevicius, and others. The K of L hall looked like a nightclub, in its "carousel atmosphere" attire, while the vibrant strains provided by Wally Tenclinger and his "Downbeats" kept things really moving (and "twisting").

Our thanks to Council 112, Marquette Park, who hosted the most impressive District Mass, Communion, and Breakfast to commemorate St. Casimir's Feast, March 4. Congratulations to Lucille Stacy and Wally Tenclinger who were honored with the Third Degree of our organization. It was good to see our neighboring Gary K of L'ers participate. . . and even more heartening to see the fine representation of our own council.

It's official. . . Council 36 has

pledged a \$500.00 memorial gift for the new Immaculate Conception Church. Spearheading the committee for this rewarding endeavor is Loretta Kassel, who is assisted by Joan Jakunas and Richard Shlaustas. Please do your part to help us fulfill our pledge as is only through your support that we can meet our intended goal. Contact the committee immediately. . . with your suggestions, **OR YOUR CHECK!**

Bob Paul has once again stirred the council through his recent mailing of the Membership Drive reminder. Are we all doing our part???? Your support is necessary. . . Bring **AT LEAST ONE** new member to the next meeting!

Cleveland, Ohio - C-25 MJ & HJ



A reception in honor of Juozas Kajeckas, Charge d'Affaires a.i. of Lithuania, was held on Feb. 9, 1962 at the Cleveland Sheraton Hotel. Pictured l. to r.: Mrs. Nellie Arunski - C-25 President, Mr. J. Kajeckas, and Miss Mary Trainy, President, Mid-Central District.

February 11th was a beautiful winter day for our twice postponed **WINTER PICNIC** held at Johnnie and Louis Apanavitch's. Close to 60 people had a marvelous time ice-skating and sled riding. . . and guess what we used instead of sleds? Great big **TRUCK INNER TUBES!** What speed and comfort! Heartfelt thanks to our wonderful cooks for the good meal

which was centered around **HOT chili**. Thanks, Johnnie and Louis . . . may we come around next year?

A Bowling Social was held on February 17th with refreshments served at Ernie and Joanne Hauck's. Evelyn Andrulis proved her skill again by winning First Prize. Second Prize was taken by Joanne Shigo and Third by Bill Jakubs. Congratulations Joan Susin on taking booby prize! Because this was Ursula Yankauskas' and Johnnie Apanavitch's mutual birthdays, all the guests **SPLURGED** and brought 25 cent gifts. This proved to be more hilarious than profitable. Joanne Hauck and John Andrulis also had birthdays in February.

St. Casimir's Day celebration was held at St. George's Church. The Seniors joined C-25 on this grand occasion. After the 10:30 Mass, a brunch was served in the church hall. Father B. Ivanauskas, Spiritual Advisor of C-25, welcomed all the guests. Guests of honor were Father Sugintas of Chicago, three officers of our newly organized Junior Council and John Ragauskas of the Catholic War Veterans. To make this occasion more unforgettable, Mr. Al Brazis sang at the Mass. The 4th and 5th grade children, under the direction of Sr. M. Valeria, entertained with a few well-sung Lithuanian songs. Many thanks!

Best wishes to Nellie Arunski and Mary Jane Andrulis on their March birthdays.

Dayton, Ohio - C-96 "EL"

Although the cold weather has slowed down many activities, the K of L's in Dayton are still hopping.

A 12th night party held in the church hall started the activities for the new year. It was an impromptu party which turned out very well. Each brought a gift as did the Three Kings on the 12th night after Christmas. The gifts were all very clever, the food delicious and good sportsmanship



Scenes of C-25 Winter Picnic

predominated as we all watched the U.D. game on T. V.

Many of our girls attended the annual weekend retreat in January.

Another social event which proved to be most enjoyable and successful was a Mexican Fiesta arranged by Mary Lucas. There was everything from a gaily decorated Pinata which the children enjoyed breaking, to Mexican tequila for the "oldsters." Authentic decorations and mementos brought back from Mexico by Mary helped to complete the theme of the evening. After the members had enjoyed games and a movie travelogue of Mexico, we were served a delicious Mexican buffet. A few members donned serapes and sombreros and truly had a gay fiesta.

We wish to congratulate our Jr. K of L advisors who are doing a marvelous job of rejuvenating our Juniors. They are Eloise Berczelly and Bee Noreikas.

Many of our members parti-

icipated in the observance of Lithuanian Independence Day at a program given by the parish. Frank Gudelis read several letters received from senators, congressmen, etc. Judy Petrokas gave a reading in English on Lithuanian Independence. Frank Ambrose read the Mayor's Proclamation and Elinor Sluzas directed the Parish Choir in several selections. Anne Scott did her part by preparing the canapes and punch.

St. Casimir's Day was observed with Mass and Communion followed by a breakfast which was prepared by the men of the club under the chairmanship of Ted Sluzas.

Mike Petkus, chairman of our Annual Lithuanian Day Picnic announced June 25th as the date of this affair.

Detroit, Mich. - C-79 Inklings

Labas! Sixty members attended the monthly meeting of C-79. Our guests were Robert Boris and Lee Galinskas. Adele Vale, Antoinette Zilvitis and Vito Radze were welcomed as new members. Millie Dargis and Mary Kazlauskas, our Valentine hostesses, decorated the hall in red and white hearts and flowers. They served homemade cup cakes with gobs of whipped cream, coffee, tea and candies.

John Eizonis, chairman of the May Bowling Tournament, held everyone's interest with the plans of the affair. Reservations for out-of-towners will be made at the Fairlane Motel. Bowling will take place in the Satellite Alleys. John's committee, Chet Nashlon, Betty and Frank Petrosky, Gerri and Joe Chaps, Vickie Chepalonis, Maggie Smailis, Lil Stepan and Len Salas, are old hands at getting things done, so you can be sure of a real cool time! In addition to the Mass, dinner dance, get-together and banquet, there will be a prize fund for team entries. . . \$150 American green backs for First Place. So, with C-79 as your hosts, the biggest and liveliest of councils, (we may be a bit pre-

judiced), come prepared for fun. We're waiting to entertain you. The date - MAY 25, 26, 27, 1962.

Frank Petrosky, our social chairman, reported on a few already planned activities and his "horse shoe pitchin'" was well received. Frank is giving away Ed. Martin's brand new bronze horse shoes as a prize but Eddie doesn't know about it yet!

The Moteru Sajunga of Divine Providence sent out an S O S via Julie Belickas for male "kitchen help." Naturally our men are anxious to help, so the call was answered by E. Martin, J. Dargis, F. Petrosky, A. Milius, A. Dainus, R. Valatka, J. Kazlauskas, L. Salas and F. Zager.

We are very proud of our K of L'ers, especially folks like Tony Dainus and Joe and Gerri Chaps. Tony should be commended for his fine articles and the most recent one published on the Baltic Issue was one of the best. With articles like this, God willing, the Iron Curtain will be lifted. Joe and Gerri publish the greatest little news calendar called "Patter." It's the handiest reminder what with all the goings on around here. Ačiū labai.

We attended the Concert sponsored by C-102 and, Chicago, we enjoyed every minute of your performance. Thanks for a wonderful evening of entertainment. For this correspondent, it brought back many pleasant memories of the songs my parents used to sing many years ago.

Sophie Bitner who had a very bad fall and suffered a hip injury is slowly recovering. We wish you well, Sophie, and hope to see you around soon.

Twelve members attended the February meeting held at the home of Bill Walls. His very lovely daughters were hostesses.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. - C-133

NEW OFFICERS. Miss Ann Laurinaitis heads our Council this year. This is her second

term; she was President of C-133 in 1960. Ed Bartkus and Antanas Vosylius are Vice-Presidents. Miss Alice Dotts was elected as Secretary and she has a very able assistant - Miss Maria Balciunas. Miss Loretta Papsys is Treasurer - Financial Secretary for the third term. Bruno Katauskas and Dominic Balciunas were elected as Trustees. The council also has two Sgts.-at-Arms, Joe Barkauskas and Joe Peters. Miss Stella Galiauskas was elected as Chairman of the Committee for Social Activities. By the way, she is from Brooklyn, N.Y., and our President, Ann, is from Elizabeth, N.J.

Our President's address is: 432 South New Hampshire Ave., Apt. 301, Los Angeles 5, California. Telephone: DU-2-3673.

Installation of new officers was held on January 20th at the Palladium where Lawrence Welk and his orchestra provide music. The officers' meeting was held on February 19th and the first meeting under the new administration took place on March 3rd at Stella's residence.

N.Y. N.J. DISTRICT

Philadelphia, Pa. - C-3 "Casey"

With the chill of February still over us, C-3 decided on an indoor social for the month. After a decision was made, we all headed across the bridge to the El Dorado Bowling Lanes in Pennsauken, N.J. for a bowling tournament. To add to the enjoyment of the day, the fellows challenged the girls to a game and to their surprise lost. This was only accomplished with the fine help of our bowlers Ginny Salnaitis, Irene Varevice, Agnes Timmons and Ann Simmons. With this defeat against them, they challenged the girls again and lost again. Steve Salnaitis, Charles Petronis and Walt Svekla were full of excuses. At the end of an afternoon of bowling, it was decided that the night was still young so everyone went to the White Lantern to ce-

lebrate Walt Svekla's birthday. They even had a cake for him . . . pizza pie with birthday candles!

A few members of C-3 namely, Lillian Sasnauskas, Agnes Timmons, Irene Varevice, Walt Svekla, Helen Shields, Johnny Mickunas, Charles Petronis and Ed Camerson (a potential new member) ventured to Elizabeth, N.J. for the celebration of the Ruta Choir's 20th Anniversary. It was nice seeing many of our friends again.

HERE AND THERE: Birthday congratulations go out to John Mickunas and Thomas Meron.

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

"Caroli"

A big cheery hello once again from C-41! We held our regular meeting on February 18th during which time our newly elected officers officially began their new terms. President Stanley Dedinas started things rolling with a discussion on "Things to do in '62"! Suggestions were made for more frequent group attendance at Mass and Communion. Plans were also made for a "stepping up" in our letter writing campaign. In addition, it was decided that each member should try to bring a friend down to our activities and in this way we can help increase our membership in the organization. On the social side, we are planning several house parties to pull ourselves out of the winter doldrums and "get in the swing" again. But to get ahead in our ideas, we'll need group cooperation from ALL members. So, let's get with it kids!

It looks as if the bowling bug has bitten again! After the meeting, a few of us "pros" headed down to the beautiful 90-lane Ridgewood Alleys to try our luck. . . Speaking for us girls, we're still up there with the champs, but Gene, what happened? Losing your touch perhaps or were the odds (3 girls to Gene) too much to handle?

On March 4th, we commemorated the feast of St. Casimir by a joint Communion Breakfast of the N.Y.-N.J. District. We would

like to thank all of our friends, relatives, and guests who attended and helped to make this event a memorable one. A special thank you also to our guest speaker, Msgr. Balkunas, and also to Fathers Pakalnis and Pakalniskis who helped to make the affair a big success. We express sincere gratitude to the women who prepared such a delicious breakfast and to all the girls who helped serve it. To each and everyone, many, many thanks!

After the Breakfast, we held a N.Y.-N.J. District Convention to discuss various topics pertaining to the National Convention which will be hosted by N.Y. and N. J. in August, 1962.

This was followed by a play in honor of St. Casimir which was sponsored by the Seniors of C-41 and directed by Joseph Boley.

After the play, we all put on our dancing shoes and started swinging at the Scout Organization's dance. So, all in all, C-41 was really "on the go" that day!

Newark, N. J. C-29

The Wanderer

C-29's monthly meeting was held on February 20th and the main point on the evening's agenda was a report on the outcome of our council's commemoration of the 44th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence Day. Mrs. Trečiokas, Chairman of the committee, gave the very fine report. We are certainly proud of all our endeavors in connection with this observance and of the fine turnout we had on the day of commemoration, Sunday, February 18th in St. George's Hall.

The local press, namely "The Evening News" and "The Advocate" gave us excellent coverage and for this we extend a very sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU.

Also, we must doff our chapeaus to Rev. Peter Totoraitis, assistant at Holy Trinity Parish. He certainly did a masterful job in connection with the celebration. The Lithuanian Flag was displayed at

City Hall on February 16th. In addition, for three days a sign was hung over the tax payers hacienda with the words, "44th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence." President and Mrs. Charles Strolis, Rev. Totoraitis, Frank Vaskas, Eva Ellis and Eva Trečiokas visited City Hall on February 8th and witnessed Mayor Leo P. Carlin sign the proclamation which designated February 16th as Lithuanian Independence Day in Newark.

A sincere thank you to the Lithuanian - American Veterans and Auxiliary for their wonderful cooperation of February 18th, both at High Mass in the morning at Holy Trinity Church and at the evening gathering in St. George's Hall.

C-29 is collecting contributions for the erection of a Lithuanian Wayside Cross on the grounds of Holy Trinity Parish. Dedication will take place on June 17th. Jack Stukas, Chairman of the fund-raising committee, gave a report at the February 20th meeting in regard to their work so far. A corned beef and cabbage dinner was held on March 17th to help this fund along. More will be reported on the event later.

The Lithuanian-American Veterans had their yearly installation on February 25th in St. George's Hall. A fine attendance was on hand for the ceremonies. Among the K of L members present for this event were Eddie Daniels and Joe Sipas, both of Worcester, Mass., Ann Klem and Frank Vaskas. All were called upon to take a bow.

Elizabeth, N. J. - C-52

Nuff Said

Chas. Oskutis' new job with the Water Commissioners has him so preoccupied that he cannot preside at the monthly meetings. Ann Mitchell is a pretty good fill in. Is it C-52 that's sponsoring "Lithuanian Day" at Jug End Barn in May?

A big welcome to Dot Staton and Sharon Verson. You're just

in time for the National Convention in Newark which should be a lot of new fun for you. The convention is the most talked about item here.

Bill Senkus is president of the "Vincent and Elizabeth Senkus Foundation." The Foundation has donated a substantial gift towards the K of L Junior Rally to be held in Elizabeth on April 29th. Also, four books on Lithuanian Culture were donated to the Elizabeth Public Library. Very noble of you and the Foundation, Bill!

John Oskutis home recuperating after a stay at the new "co-ed" hospital, Alexian Brothers.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District News "Bea-Bea"

Our District has been active and busy the past few months as a result of the cooperative spirit of all officers and all area councils.

February celebrations in commemoration of Lithuanian Independence

Day were held in all localities, with the New England District's display of Lithuanian hand-work presented by the district cultural chairman at the Worcester Public Library as a highlight. Our local councils aided their church and civic celebrations, had proclamations issued, and publicized Lithuania's cause. A radio program of Lithuanian music and information on Lithuania was even presented in the Worcester area by District President, Bernice Kavadaras.

The 4th District Bowling Roll-offs was held on February 25th with C-103 of Providence acting as host to the delicious buffet supper. Fifty-five bowlers attended and competed for the prizes which will be awarded at the Awards Banquet May 6th in Worcester.

One of the highlights of our area socials took place on March 2nd at the beautiful Marlboro Country Club. K of L members from almost every council journeyed to

the District's Dance Party where all were warmly greeted by the hard-working committee.

March 4th was another busy date for New England Knights for on this date almost every council commemorated St. Casimir Communion Sunday with Mass and Communion in corpore.

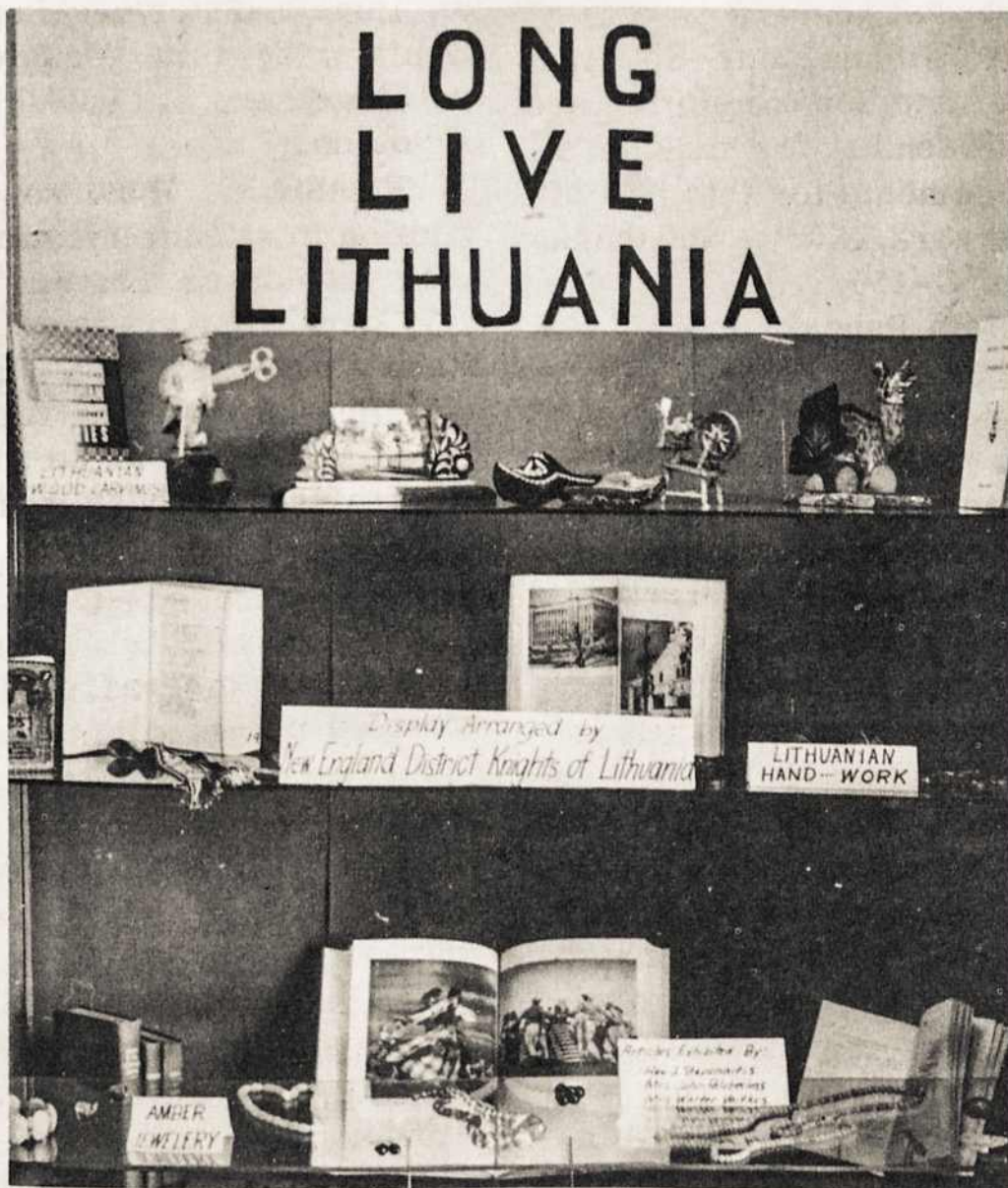
The highlight of District activities is scheduled for the end of this month for on April 29th, C-116 of Worcester will host the District's Spring Convention. Program is as follows:

- 11:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Vilna Church
- 12:00 noon Brunch
- 2:00 p.m. Convention Photo, Business Session
- 3:00 p.m. Main Speaker, John Chervokas, "How to Warm Up a Cold New England Knight"
- 5:00 p.m. Buffet Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Post-convention Entertainment by C-116.

This year's convention will be quite "progressive" and most interesting as it will feature the "new look" of a main speaker, junior entertainment, folk dancing, and displays. So New England Knights, and all K of L members, if you wish a most enjoyable day, plan now to attend the District Convention, Sunday, April 29th. Everyone is welcomed!

South Boston, Mass. - C-17

RIGHT OFF THE C-17 GRAPE-VINE: Members of C-17 celebrated St. Casimir's feast March 4th by attending High Mass and a Communion Breakfast afterwards. A large delegation attended both the Mass and the breakfast. Father Virmauskas and all of the curates gave short welcoming speeches and Dr. Joseph Leimonas gave the attending audience, which was comprised of the K of L, C. Y. O., Scouts and other interested parties, a talk on the forthcoming Jubilee Convention and related why they should participate with the K of L in celebrating this great event. After all the speeches



New England District Cultural Committee display at the Worcester Public Library (Feb. 16-Mar. 15) in commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day.

and greetings, Father Albert Con-ton, former K of L National Spiritual Director, presented both Dr. Leimonas and Phyllis Grendal watches for their great work in the past in editing the VYTIS. This award came from the Supreme Council in regards to their past good work.

A large group of C-17'ers attended the New England District Dance at the Marlboro Country Club and had a grand time along with K of L'ers from various parts of New England. This is really the revival of the New England District and the credit can go to the President, Bernice Kavadaras, and her officers and workers who are striving not to let the K of L become dormant and die.

The future council has been increased by two members. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Daniels and Mr. & Mrs. Kasty Sauciunas, who were born in the past two months. We need all the help we can get, so our congratulations to the parents of both girls.

A Valentine card grab was held after the last meeting under the supervision of Alice Zaremba and Mary Kraneles.

The council members who aided the building fund of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified at the Surum-Burum were Ed Rudis, Larry Svelnis, Butch Venis, Jerry Venis, Bud and Billy Zaremba, Rita Venis, Alice Zaremba, and Mary Kraneles. These folks deserve some credit for their hard work and their efforts will not go unnoticed. Keep up the good work.

Al Jaritis spent some pre-Mardi Gras time in New Orleans while on his vacation.

Ed Rudis is enjoying flying these days since he has his plane located at the Norwood airport but the flying weather hasn't been in Ed's favor.

The committee for the reunion banquet has been busy lately. The date for this great extravaganza is May 20, 1962 and further details will be printed in the next issue. Everyone is invited to attend.

A few C-17'ers made their way northward to the wilds of Athol and attended their Winter Carnival, and they had a good time only because the council members of Athol-Gardner know how to prepare such a good time.

South Worcester, Mass. - C-116
Ann Miller

Our council observed St. Casimir's Day, March 4, by receiving Holy Communion in a body at 9:30 Mass. The members of the K of L Choir under the direction of Mr. William Burdulis, sang Lithuanian hymns, including the beautiful "Šventas Kazimierai."

Following Mass, a catered breakfast was served in the church hall. Our guest speaker was Attorney Richard Serapas who gave a very informative talk about the legal profession. President Mary Klimkaitis presented a gift to the parish on behalf of the council for all the favors granted by Our Lady of Vilna Parish to the council during the past year.

Gladys Pinkus, our Spiritual Chairman, and her committee are to be commended for making all the arrangements for this fine affair. Nice work, Gladys, and thanks from all of C-116.

A "Potato Pancake Party" was an enjoyable event which took place in our K of L Clubroom on Sunday, March 11. This was sponsored by our Lithuanian Affairs Committee to raise money to defray the heavy postage expenses incurred by this hard-working group. Highlighting the supper was a Lithuanian Sing-Along inspired by the recently issued record of songs by the New Jersey group. Mildred Lapinskas and John Andruski did a very good job grating the potatoes.

Our council bowling season is in its final stage and the battle for first place is raging furiously. Bob Paluses has announced that the Bowling Banquet will be held at the Dark Brook Restaurant on Saturday, May 5.

Richard Swedis is back on the road to recovery and probably by the time you read this will be ful-

ly mended after a knee operation.

It was swell to see Stanley Gri-gas and Tony Minikauskas at the N. E. District Dance on March 2. It has been a long time since these fellows have rubbed elbows with us socially. We would like to see them more often. . . at monthly meetings and our council functions, for example.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Ann Miller of Paxton on the death of her beloved father. . . also to Gladys Pinkus on the loss of her grandfather.

A good showing of our membership was at the celebration of Lithuanian Independence Day on February 18 at St. Casimir's Parish Hall. Bernice Kavadaras, Mary Klimkaitis and John Dvareckas helped with the publicity and some of the paper work for this commemoration.

Bill Burdulis, Jr. and his committee are hard at work preparing to make the N. E. District Convention to be held in Vilna's Hall on April 28-29 a smashing success. Don't miss this genuine K of L get-together. . . you'll be sorry if you do.

FLASH. . . Beware of an invitation to attend a meeting at Bernice Kavadaras' home. . . you never know what to expect. . . Ask Barbara Mazeika. . . she walked into Bea-Bea's home for a Membership Meeting to be greeted by a surprise birthday party.

Lawrence, Mass. - C-78

"Charlie"

K of L members from Lawrence attended a special Lithuanian Independence Day program presented by the St. Francis parish school children. The program featured guest speakers plus a musical revue. Our own spiritual adviser, Rev. Albin F. Januinas, addressed the large gathering and gave a very inspiring talk on the K of L and Lithuania.

Council 78 sponsored a Communion Breakfast March 4 to honor patron, St. Casimir. Junior and regular K of L'ers and their friends attended Mass at 8:30 A.M.



Joseph Drumstas receives "Golden Skates" Trophy from Frank Anoris.



The winning team from C-26, St. Casimir Parish, Worcester.



Dancing group at the Lithuanian Club, Athol, during "Winter Carnival."

Our famous chefs, Mary Neversky and Joan Lisauskas, prepared breakfast, and the Junior K of L served as hardworking waitresses. Guest speaker for the occasion was Miss Giedre Malenas, who spoke on the life of St. Casimir. We trust a good time was had by all.

Athol-Gardner, Mass. - C-10

Vincukas

The Athol - Gardner Council held its annual "Winter Carnival" on Saturday and Sunday, February 10-11. The affair began with a successful dance held at the Lithuanian Club with the Harmony Kings of Indian Orchard playing. The highlight of the dance was the selection of a queen. Pretty, petite, Dolores Chrabacz of Providence, R. I. was chosen and crowned. She was presented a corsage by her date, none other than Council President, Alvin Rodski!



Miss Dolores Chrabacz, chosen as "Winter Carnival Queen" is presented a corsage by Mary Piragis.

Sunday's activities at Tully Brook Inn began with an excellent family-style dinner consisting of Swedish meatballs and chicken pie. President Rodski and our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. John Jutt, welcomed the guests.

St. Casimir's C-26 took final possession of the Golden Skate permanently by winning a 200-yd. obstacle course run. Bravo, Worcester!

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New England District President, Bernice Kavadaras, directed three acts that were enjoyed immensely. Mary, Ann, Dotty and Barb did a "He's Too Fat For Me" number both in Lithuanian and English. The act and the make-up was tremendous. Thanks, kids!

Dancing after supper was enjoyed particularly by the famed twisters from Worcester. All in all, everyone agreed it was an excellent weekend.

Howie Beaudette of Gardner recently was seen working at the March of Dimes Motorcade. Howie sold some homemade concoction at the Carnival for the newly-formed Junior council. All agreed it had a kick! The Juniors benefited from this sale.

St. Francis Parish of Athol commemorated Lithuanian Independence Day by holding a Holy Hour on February 16 for "Suffering Lithuania." Father Jutt was guest speaker at Worcester's celebration. Both the "Athol Daily News" and the "Gardner News" carried appropriate articles on the significance of the day.

Westfield, Mass.-C-30 Genovaite

The Holy Season of Lent began beautifully, with a mission here at St. Casimir's. C-30 members were fortunate to have this opportunity for spiritual growth.

Council 30 has plans for an Easter Basket raffle. Joseph Sabonis and Frank Bernadicius are in charge.

The Ritual Committee is working hard on records and arrangements for degrees to be given sometime soon. Work hard for your points.

The card party and church Minstrel Show were both wonderful successes, thanks to the efforts of all.

Our president, Benedict Coach is making plans to attend the Dis-

trict Convention this spring. See you there!

Misc. Chit-Chat. . . Glad to see Dolly Kisonas and Nellie Lingaitis on the speedy road to recovery after their recent trips to the hospital. - HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Edna Bernadicius. - HAPPY EASTER TO ALL.

Providence, R. I. - C-103

J. Stoškus

Vasario 4 d., suvirš penkiasdešimt Vyčių iš Naujos Anglijos apskrities susirinko į Providence kegliavimo rungtynėms. Po sporto žaidimų jaunimas sugrįžo į parapijos salę dėl vaišių ir pasi-linksminimo. Naujos Anglijos pirmininkė Bernice Kavadaras, ir vietinio kuopos ritualų komisijos pirmininkas J. Stoskus suteikė pirmo ir antro organizacijos ritualo laipsnius. Lietuvos Vyčių antras laipsnis buvo įteiktas: p. Vera Minalgo ir Irene Landanskas, abi buvo kuopos pirmininkės; pirmą laipsnį gavo: kuopos pirmininkas, Pranas Dziekevich; vicepirmininkė, Ona Walaska, raštininkė Birutė Paulauskaitė, finansų raštininkė pavaduotoja Nijolė Jurgelevičiūtė, Robertas Dziekevich, Albert Jurgelevičius ir Katrina Cyronak.

Kuopos lietuvių reikalų pirmininkė bendrai darbavosi su vietinėmis organizacijomis, ruošiant Lietuvos nepriklausomybės minėjimą. Jos pastangomis gautas Providence Mero Walter H. Reynolds paskelbimas vasario 16 d. "Lietuvos Respublikos Diena" mūsų mieste. Senatorius Claiborne Pell savo laiške pareiškė, kad Lietuvos laisvės atgavimo kova jam gerai pažįstama ir jam garbė prisidėti prie mūsų išsilaisvinimo darbuotės. Kongresmanas F. St. Germain, atsiuntė savo linkėjimus ir prisiuntė jojo pasakytą kalbą

kongreso rūmuose vasario 16 d., minėjime tuose rūmuose. Jojo kalbos turinį citavo Pawtucket Times laikraštis.

103-os kuopos nariai gražiai atšventė savo patrono ir sykiu dvasios vado 30 metų klebonavimo progą kovo 4 d. Visi vyčiai bendrai dalyvavo šv. mišiose, priimdami šv. komuniją ir bendrai dalyvaudami kun. J. Vaitekuno pagerbimo puotoje.

Vietiniai vyčiai dalyvavo sniego karnavale, suruoštam Athol, Mass., kuopos. Kovo 2 d., gau-singas vyčių skaičius iš Providence praleido linksmą vakarą Naujos Anglijos apskrities suruoštuo-se šokiuose Marlboro, Mass. Buvusi veikli kuopos ir apskričio narė Barbora Adler susilaukė savo pirmgimio sūnaus. Josios sesutė Katarina ir brolis Charles Cyronak yra veiklūs kuopos nariai.

Tėvas A. Jurgelaitis, O. P., Providence dominikonų kolegijos narys šiomis dienomis paskirtas svetimų kalbų dekanu. Jojo vadovybėje yra septyniolika svetimų kalbų mokytojų. Šv. Kazimiero ir klebono jubiliejaus proga jisai sakė pamokslus per visas šv. mišias šv. Kazimiero parapijos bažnyčioje.

Jauni vyčiai įteikė savo klebonui gražų lietuvišką kryžių (way-side cross) jojo klebonavimo bankete. Jie taipgi pasveikino parapijos mokyklos viršininę seselę M. Thomasene ir seselę M. Gregory jų vardinių progą.

Gegužės mėnesį sueina dešimt metų nuo mūsų vikaro ir jaunųjų vyčių dvasios vado paskyrimo į mūsų parapiją kaip kun. klebono J. Vaitekuno vikaru.

Lietuvos Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos apskrities metinis piknikas įvyks Providence, rugsėjo 16, Klai-pėdos parke. Metinės rekolek-cijos bendros vyrams ir moterims ruošia apskritis birželio 23 ir 24 d., pas tėvus Pranciškonus, Maine.