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Lithuanian country-style.

LITHUANIAN MADONNAS

Anthony Dainus



OUR LADY OF CALVARY

Our Lady of Calvary or "Zemaičių Kalvarija" is Lithuania's most famous "way of the cross," situated in the northwest sector, near Telšiai, it consists of woods, hills, chapels and bridges and dates back to the XVII century. It has 19 stations of the cross (Vilnius has 36) as well as soil from Jerusalem. Here too one finds a miraculous picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary. From Holy Week until fall, pilgrimages are a regular event at Lithuania's Calvaries.



OUR LADY OF PAŽAISLIS

Our Lady of Pažaislis is a miraculous picture of the Virgin Mary found in a beautiful monastery on the banks of the Nemunas river, surrounded by pine trees not far from Kaunas. It was designed by Italians but incorporates a Lithuanian-type of baroque art. Considered miraculous since the XVII century; in 1921 it was entrusted to the Sisters of St. Casimir. The monastery was repeatedly desecrated in 1812, 1913 and 1941. The Soviets alone carted off 50 large crates of archives.

A LITHUANIAN CLASSROOM

by John A. Polesky

There are eighteen Nationality Classrooms in the circle around the vaulted Commons Room of the University of Pittsburgh. They are gifts of the nationality groups that make up the great steel center of Pittsburgh. One of these is the beautiful Lithuanian Room with its designs that display the Lithuanians' love of nature.

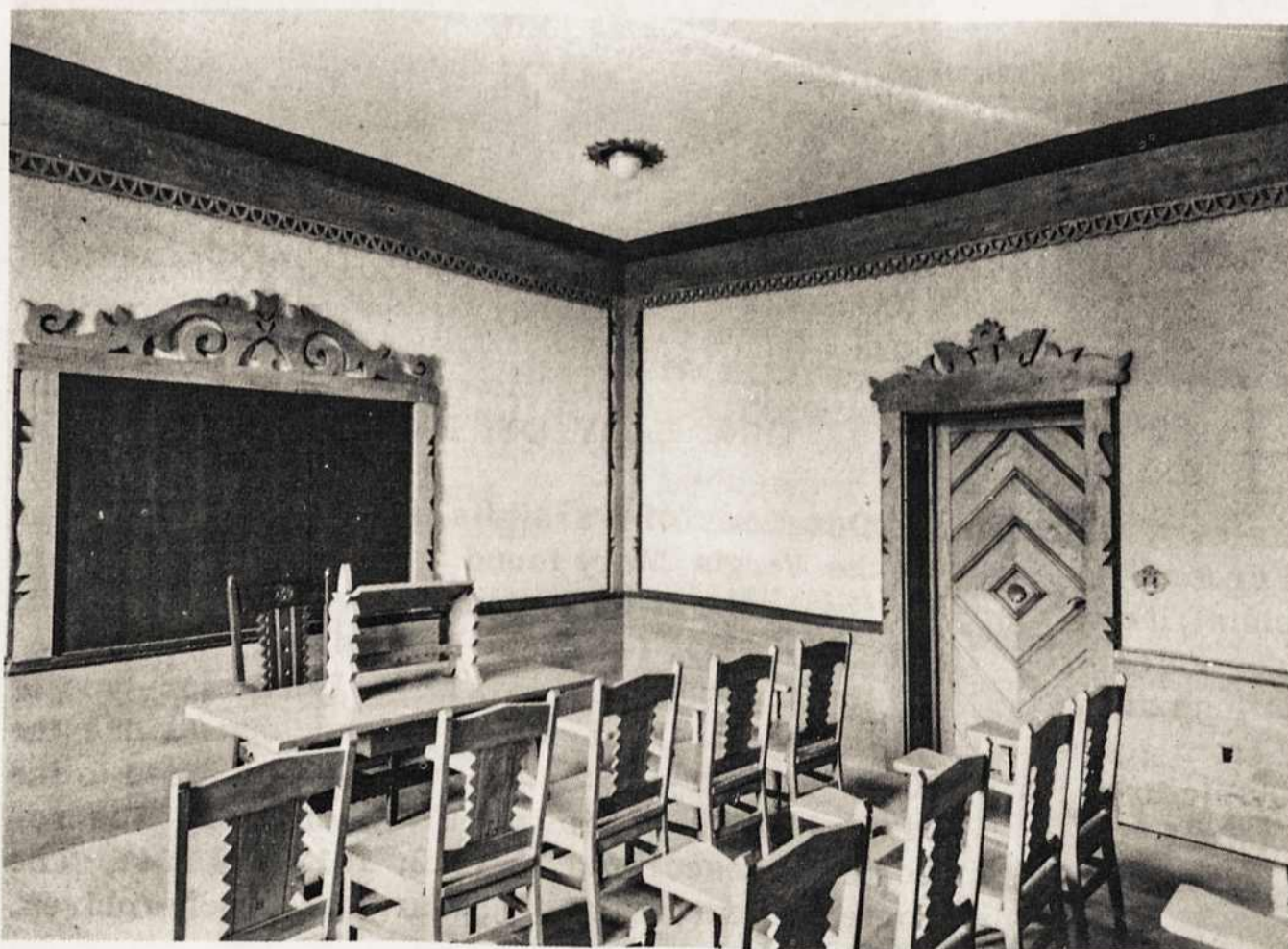
The first planning of the room began in the summer of 1932, but it was not until 1935 that sufficient funds and pledges were raised by the committee in charge of the room. On April 9, 1935, the committee presented a Deed of Gift to the Chancellor and a space was reserved in the University as Lithuanian. The symbol of the Lithuanian knight, Vytis, was then

carved on the shield over the entrance to the room.

A competition for design of the room was held and Antanas Gudaitis of Kaunas was selected as the architect from a field of seven. Foreign affairs paid for the services of Gudaitis. The original cost of the room was over \$7,000, but it could not today be duplicated for over \$30,000. Construction of the room began in 1940 and the guest of honor for the formal opening later in the year was Paul Zadeikis, Minister from Lithuania to the United States.

The national characteristic of the Lithuanian Classroom was achieved through the use of Lithuanian folk designs and ornaments as found in the Ciurlionis

Art Gallery of Kaunas. The hand-woven linen wall covering is distinctly Lithuanian and was copied by Mrs. Tamosaitis, Lithuania's foremost weaver, from an original weaving called "The Path of Birds", which is in the Kaunas Art Gallery. Recently it was necessary to replace the linen covering and it took five years to locate Mrs. Tamosaitis, who had come to Canada. She and her sister spent an entire summer weaving enough material of the same pattern to recover the walls. The new covering, however, is treated with a plastic coating to make it easy to clean and to protect it. The linen covering stretches from wainscot to frieze and is framed by columns of white oak set against "black oak." The twelve-inch oak frieze just below the ceiling is edged with a wooden scallop similar to that of the overhanging



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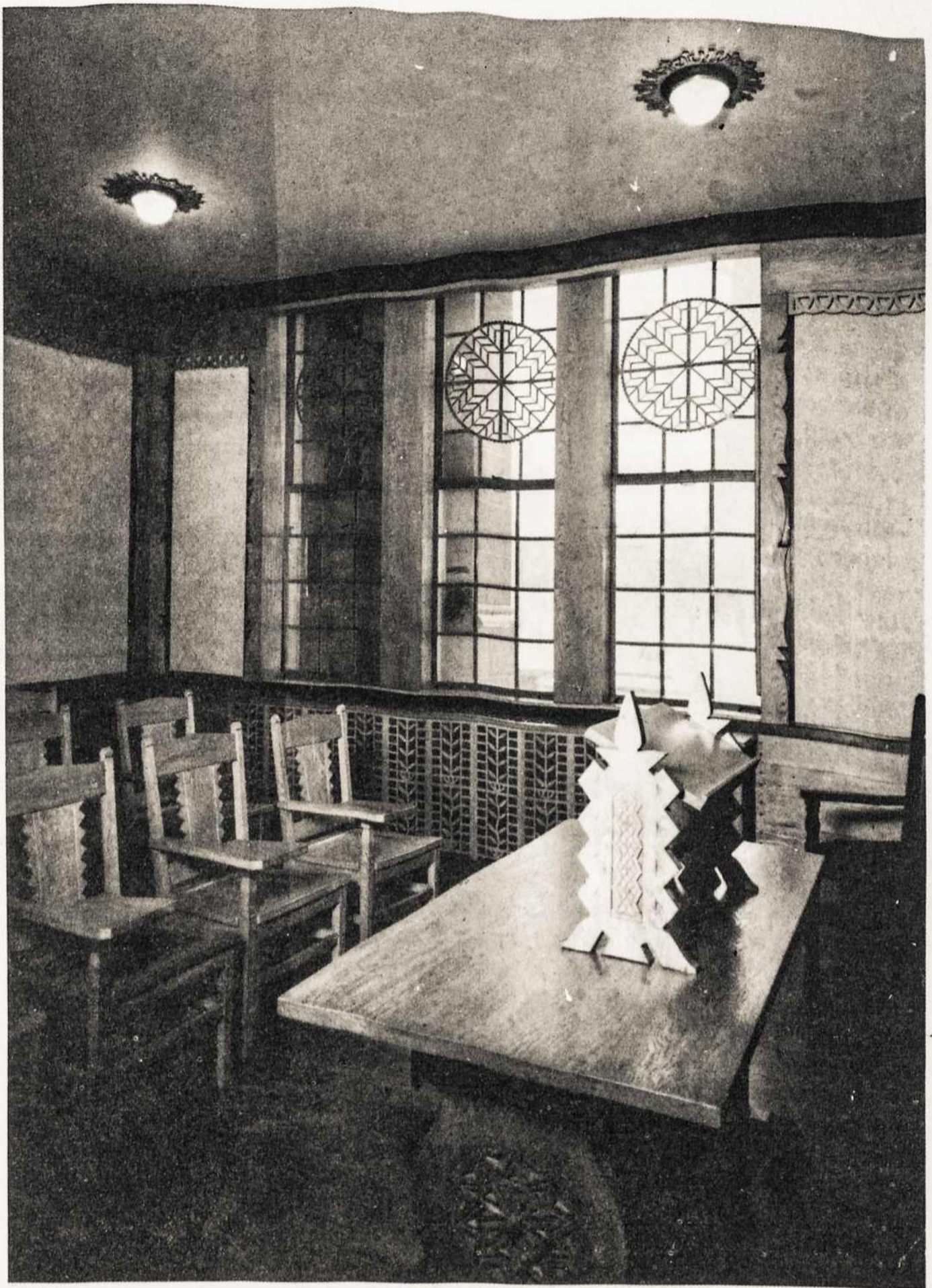
The floor boards are wide oak planks that are held in place by wooden pegs. The ornamental hardware in the room is of handwrought copper. The rosettes encircling the ceiling lights were adapted from the designs of the picturesque roadside shrines and crosses that are characteristic of the Lithuanian countryside.

The entrance door of diagonal planks is centered with a wooden rosette symbolic of eternal fire and is crowned with a splendid decorative cutout typical of the roof ends on Lithuanian cottages. The three windows of musty gray glass are decorated with leaded medallions known as "sun ornaments" and represent the sun at high noon as found on wayside shrines. The wooden radiator enclosure below the windows has perforations cut out in a design of interwoven rue leaves, the Lithuanian national symbol, which is used in bridal wreaths. The top of the enclosure is of copper with a heart design to reinforce the message of the rue.

The blackboard is framed with a decorative cutout crown of white oak through which the linen paneling is contrasted. The light oak frieze above the blackboard has carved in it the names of Donelaitis, Daukantas, Basanavičius, Maironis, Kudirka, and Čiurlionis, outstanding Lithuanians who have interpreted areas of Lithuanian culture for the Lithuanian people in times of national darkness.

The professor's table and the student chairs are of white oak and carved with designs found on household utensils. A spindle from an old spinning wheel was used to make the professor's stand. The professor's chair and the columns outlining the linen panels are of "black oak," which has a very special origin.

The Lithuanian farmers for generations have selected the finest oak on their land and sink a section of the main trunk in the mud bed of a pond or river. The "bog oak" or "black oak" remains there



for a hundred years or more until it becomes a blackish green in color and becomes the inheritance of his descendents. The classroom committee had to search for two years before they found a farmer who would part with enough of the "bog oak" for the room.

The enlarged copy of the painting "The Two Kings" by Čiurlionis, Lithuania's most famous painter is the focal point of the classroom. The trees are the Lithuanian forests, which cover a dark and uncertain past, with stars among the branches as points

of hope. Standing to either side are two kings, one holding a bright jewel and the other guarding his sword. In the center of the jewel is a Lithuanian village with thatched cottages, white birches, and willows - the most precious possession of Lithuania.

The Nationality Classrooms are used for regular classes and visitors to Pittsburgh can see all of them on conducted tours on Saturdays and Sundays. If you are visiting Pittsburgh, be sure that you see them, especially the marvellous Lithuanian Room.



Birutė Pukelevičiūtė

"MANO MOTINA"

Mano motina liauna kaip jieva.
 Ji apsunkinta manim ir brandina nelaimę.
 Platūs indai primerkti šilo gėlių.
 Geltonos langinės privertos:
 Ji laukia šventadienio.

Aš ateinu per patį Pakylėjimą, kai visi keliai
 būna tušti, kai vargonai būna pritildyti.
 Naktį mano lopšin prikrinta aštrių rugpiūčio
 žvaigždžių ir mano motina gailiai pravirksta.
 Pirmą kartą.
 Nes aš atskilau, lyg uolos luitas, ir riedėsiu
 žemyn. Be jos.

Ir tikrai:
 Ji nenulaiko mano rankų.
 Rudenio sodai dega raudonom pašvaistėm.
 Laukiniai gaigalai skrenda į pietus.
 Jų sparnai žėri žalvariu.
 Tuomet aš atsisveikinu.
 Susiglaudžia takas meldyne.
 Viksvos išgalastos kaip peiliai.
 Išsižioja bedantės drėvės ir
 aš drebu visais sąnariais.
 Bet negrižtu atgal.

BIRUTĖ PUKELEVIČIŪTĖ

"MY MOTHER"

My mother is pliant - like the bird-cherry.
 She is burdened with me and matures her misfortune.
 Wide vessels are filled with forest flowers.
 The yellow shutters are closed.
 She awaits Sunday.

I come during the Consecration, when all roads are empty,
 when the organ is silenced.
 At night in my cradle there falls sharp August stars
 and my mother begins to mournfully weep.
 The first time.
 For I became detached, like a boulder from a cliff,
 and I will roll down. Without her.

And truly:
 She cannot keep my hands.
 Autumn orchards burn with the red glare of fire.
 Wild drakes fly South. Their wings glisten as bronze.
 Then I take leave.
 The path narrows in the rushes. The sedges are sharpened like knives.
 The toothless tree hollows open wide
 and I tremble in all my joints.
 But I do not return.

(Translated by Jack J. Stukas)



Editorial....

LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR

Vytis

"Mixed emotions" of various kinds were experienced upon opening the Junior Page of the April issue of VYTIS.

To read about oneself is something that was most unexpected! Thank you for the tribute and the beautifully written article!

I consider it a great honor to have been selected for the "Profile" feature of the VYTIS and shall endeavor to deserve the many kind compliments expressed.

I would like to say, that all of the accomplishments attributed to me are only the result of receiving cooperation from persons I have worked with throughout the years. One of the greatest of pleasures derived has been the association with numerous members of the Knights of Lithuania of all ages and from various parts of the country!

Therefore, if I may, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank every one of the K of L'ers who have aided, assisted, encouraged and cooperated in the various projects I have been associated with.

The friendship and kindness encountered through membership in the Knights of Lithuania Organization can rarely, if ever, be equalled!

Thank you - Knights of Lithuania - Juniors - Regulars - Seniors. God Bless all of you, and St. Casimir, Our Patron, always be with you!

Nuoširdus, vytiškas ačiū - višiams!

Vytiškai,
Helen Shields

Dear Editor:

JVC says we are afraid to change the "status quo"... afraid to improve or advance. I'll be the first to admit that our organization could stand to be improved, but I'll never advocate change for

ARE WE OVERDOING IT?

A Knights of Lithuania National Convention is usually a real production and a grand promotional project. Our leaders seem to have a knack for producing such events in any city. All the good points of one city's convention are brought over to another and a few features are added to make this coming one a little better than the last. Many of them have the professional touch.

The working sessions have been streamlined and much good work is done by the officers and the delegates that gather for the annual discussions on a national level. With the mechanical duplication of reports by officers and panel leaders, the delegates can go back to their respective chapters with arm loads of information and they need not wait for the editions of the VYTIS to report to their fellow members. All this is good and should be continued.

The officers and the delegates that attend the annual conventions, nevertheless, must make many sacrifices, financially. Hotel accommodations, travel, ordinary subsistence and convention fees certainly put the squeeze on the wallet and probably use up a good part of the year's savings. The delegate must be ready to spend if he wishes to attend all of the parties, luncheons, sports activities and banquets during the five or six-day session.

There have been some complaints that very few new faces show up at the conventions, outside of the local people who have the duty of sponsoring the convention. We especially get very few younger delegates, who have not had the chance to earn much in their short lifetime. It is very hard to expect the junior delegate to attend even if he could hitch a ride with someone. The conventions should attract more of this type of delegate. Something should be done to permit more younger members and juniors to attend our national conventions each year, and to give them a chance to make up the staff of convention officers. They need the experience and the organization needs their appearance at the conventions.

Other new features of our conventions which add to the personal costs of attending are the nights of lavish hospitality sponsored by groups that vie for the attendance and visits of greater number of delegates. The hospitality displayed in these rooms can only be described as lavish. And this lavishness goes on for all the days of the convention. This is certainly a case of overdoing it. This twist seems to be borrowed from the manufacturers' conventions and there is nothing very homey about the situation.

Where are the good old days when home delegates invited visiting delegates to their homes for good Lithuanian meals and fun in the areas where the sponsoring delegates live. The visiting delegates do not get to see the locale of the sponsoring chapters. The parents and the friends of the sponsors are not met if they do not attend the convention.

Besides, the rooms with such lavish hospitality are not always the best places to invite the younger or junior members, even if they did attend in larger numbers.

Perhaps some of these new added features of our conventions should be discontinued. Hospitality should be more sincere and homey. More

the sake of change. Why don't some of these "first rate" critics stop and consider specific areas where we need some changes, rather than always condemning the organization wholesale? I can't think of a single case where this type of condemnation has led to any real advancement. Let's have less complaints and lots more hard work where it counts.

TFP

emphasis could be placed on group participation in activities away from the hotels and in the meeting places and homes of local fellow members. If abundances of food and drink are the only means of gathering members together, then there is something wrong with our gatherings.

Our national conventions do so much good for the organization that it is almost a shame to allow such acts of exuberance and lavishness to cast some shadows upon the good work that is done by the serious members. We should think this over and decide if we are not overdoing some things during our conventions.

Bron Phillips

ARE YOU A SECULARIST?

by Albert G. Jaritis

What is a retreat? A period of time, short or long, during which a person withdraws from his ordinary life and occupations in order to pray, meditate and receive instructions in the spiritual life. A retreat is usually made at a religious house or at a place specially set apart for the purpose, and may be made alone or in the company of others. Except for recreation and necessity silence is observed.

The best way to prepare for a retreat is by examining yourself under the prod of the above question. The more secularistic you find yourself, the more you will need to use the graces of a retreat for your everlasting welfare.

The word "secularist" is derived from the Latin word "saeculum" which means "the world." A secularist is defined by the popes and American bishops, who have written on this topic, as a person whose chief interest is in the goods and pleasures of this present world. An absolute secularist is one who professes not even to believe in life after death or in heaven and hell. A secularist in practice is one (he may be a Catholic) who believes in life after death, but ignores this belief in his daily life and acts as if he were made to seek happiness only in this world.

If, as a Catholic, you are infected with secularism, the disease will show itself in three ways:

1. In your thinking. You are in practice a secularist:

a. If you never or very rarely think about death and what it will mean for your eternal welfare.

b. If you never or very rarely think about hell and the supreme importance of escaping it.

c. If you never or very rarely think about the real meaning of serious sin as the only thing that can make you an enemy of God.

d. If you never or very rarely think about heaven as the only place where you will find perfect happiness.

e. If you never or rarely think about the love of Jesus Christ for you, which He proved by dying on a cross to redeem you and make you a child of God.

2. In your omissions. You are in practice a secularist:

a. If you have drifted away from regular practice of daily prayers.

b. If you miss Sunday Mass for flimsy reasons, and practically never have the time or desire to attend Mass on a weekday.

c. If, despite the ease of the new fasting laws for Communion, you receive Communion only a few times a year.

d. If you find that you never have the time or the interest to read anything spiritual or pertaining to your faith (a secularist reads only "secular" material).

3. In your actions. You are in practice a secularist:

a. If your habitual daily actions are inspired solely by desires for money, worldly success, bodily pleasure.

b. If, in pursuing your desires, you choose seriously sinful actions whenever they offer some reward.

c. If, once in the state of sin, you stay in that state or even repeat your sins, without thinking of seeking God's forgiveness in confession.

If, even to a partial degree, you find yourself described in the above lines, decide now that you will use the retreat to convert to a life motivated by spiritual values.

Adapted from an article which appeared in the Liguorian Sunday Bulletin Feb. 18, 1962.

Ten močiutė užlingavo
Raudomis mane,
Į krūtinę skausmą savo
Liejo nežinia.

Maironis



Motinuų diena

Šiandieną gegužės mėnuo virto ne vien Marijos - Dievo Motinos, bet ir visų motinų mėnuo, nes tame mėnesyje beveik visoje žemėje švenčiama Motinų diena.

Motinų dienos įsteigėja skaitoma amerikietė Ona M. Jarvis, kurios motina mirė antrame sekmadienyje, gegužės mėnesio 1905 m. Pirmą kartą toji šventė buvo atšvęsta nežymiai Crofton, W. Va., kur buvo gimusi pati šventės sumanytoja. Toji šventė kasmet įgavo didesnio populiarumo ir 1914 m. JAV oficialiai pripažino. Nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje toji šventė pradėta švęsti 1929 metais.

Atgimstančio pavasario gamtos grožyje mes pagerbiame ir naujo žmogaus gimdytoją - motiną. Nebe prasmės motinos vardui pagerbti skiriama gražiausias metuose laikotarpis, pilnas gyvybės, grožio ir džiaugsmo mėnuo. Gegužės mėnuo yra pašvęstas motinos garbei. Ir neveltui. Vie-

nas žodis - motina, bet kiek ja žmonių kalboje. Motina - tai žmogaus pradžia ir šaltinis. Jai Dievo skirta garbingiausia pareiga: duoti pasauliui naują gyvybę. Motina taip pat yra naujo žmogaus pirmoji maitintoja, augintoja ir auklėtoja. Ji pirmoji įkvepia kūdikiui savo tautos, savo tėvų kalbos ir tikėjimo meilę. Šia prasme motina turi nepaprastą svarbą ir reikšmę savo tautos ateičiai. Nes be motinos nėra šeimos, be šeimos nėra tautos. Žodžiu, motina yra mūsų vaikų gyvenimo švyturys, kuris savo spinduliais apšviečia kiekvieną tamsią valandėlę. Lietuvė motina savo pranušumu žymiai skiriasi nuo kitų tautų motinų. Ji yra lietuvių tautos simbolis, angelas sargas. Lietuvė motina mums išlaikė lietuvių kalbą, dainą, pasaką, lietuviškus papročius, tautinį meną, atseit ji išaugino mūsų tautinės kultūros pačius tvirčiausius pamatus, ant kurių atsistojo

mūsų laisvės rūmai, kuriuose mes ugdėme tautinį gyvenimą ir jį tęsiame išėivijoje.

Šiandieną tėvynėje Lietuvoje likusi motina ištikimai eina Birutės ir Gražinos keliais. Tūkstančiai motinų aiškina savo vaikučiams rauodonojo bolševiko melą, klastą. Tūkstančiai jų ir dabar už tai keliauja į tremtį, kalėjimus, kankinių kameras. Tačiau jos nenusimena: išdidžiai ir drąsliai žygiuodamos, savo širdyje kartoja: "Už tave, tėvynė mieloji, šalie gimtoji!"

Būkime tikri, kad ir dabartinė motina irgi nepaluš, kaip nepalužo anais priespaudos laikais, išliko ištikima savo tautai ir tikybai ir, be to, įkvėpė meilę tas brangenybes išlaikyti ir dėl jų kovoti. Už tat tokias motinas Dante savo garsiuose veikaluose ir vadina angelais sargais žemėje, kurie pridengia savo vaikus rūpestingumo ir meilės sparnais.

Povilas Dirkis



LIETUVIŲ VALGIAI

GRYBAI SU PAMIDORŲ PADAŽU

Išvirti 1/2 svaro džiovintų barykų. Supiaustyti pailgais gabaliukais ir ant jų užpilti pomidorų ir svogūnų padažą. Sudėti į salotinių indą ir papuošti marinuotais grybais, petruškomis, morkutėmis.

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THE FLAGS OF LITHUANIA

Lithuania has two flags: the standard and the national.

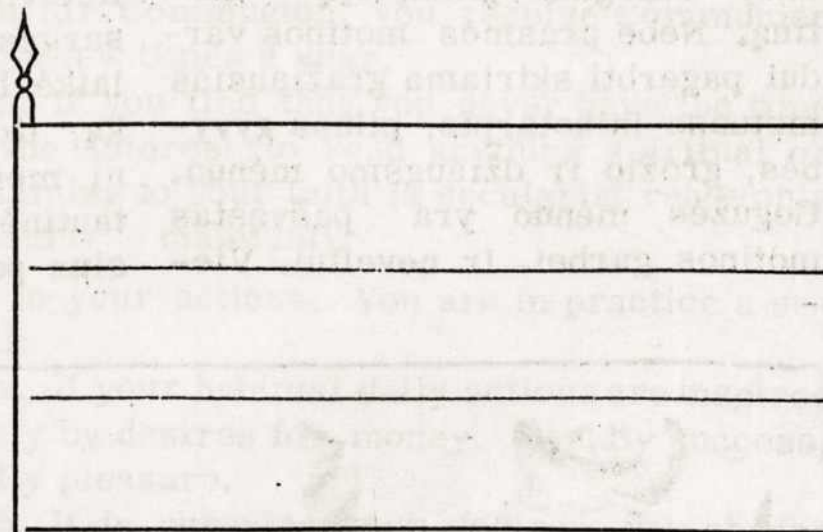
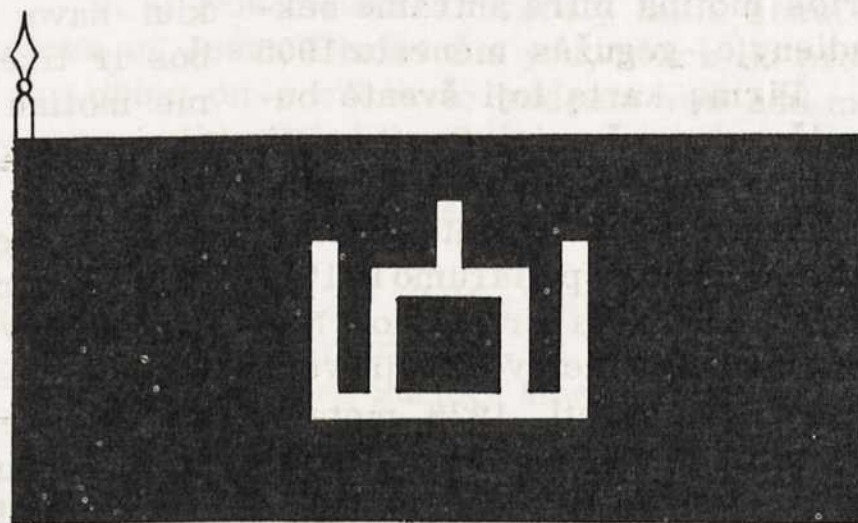
THE STANDARD FLAG

THE STANDARD FLAG. . . is used on solemn occasions and was flown over the residence of the President of the independent Republic of Lithuania. According to paragraph 8 of the Lithuanian Constitution, "the emblem of the State is a red flag with a white knight." The origin of this flag dates from the 14th or early 15th century. The knight bears a shield emblazoned with a double-barred cross, symbol of endurance. This white knight or "Vytis" as it is termed in Lithuanian, signified the coat of arms of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. This coat of arms, the "Vytis", is found in the great seal of the Lithuanian Grand Duke Vytautas the Great, and in many old maps and engravings, and was used on coins in Lithuania in ancient as well as in modern times. The "Vytis" appears on one side of the flag; on the other there is a design of a triumphal arch resembling a trident, a symbol which was used by the mighty Gediminas, Rex Lithuanorum et Ruthenorum, at the beginning of the 14th century, when his empire included Kiev, metropolis of the Ukraine.

THE NATIONAL FLAG

THE NATIONAL FLAG. . . has three horizontal stripes of equal width - yellow (at top), green, and red (at bottom). Following the Declaration of Independence of February 16, 1918, a committee of artists, who based their decision on the most popular colors found in folklore and songs, selected the colors. Yellow was for the fields of ripening rye or wheat, symbolizing freedom from want; green for the beautiful evergreen forests of Lithuania, symbolizing hope; and red - "the most beautiful color of flowers" symbolizing love of country. This flag was approved by the Lithuanian Constituent Assembly of free Lithuania which convened May 15, 1920, in Kaunas, the provisional capital of Lithuania.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED AT APRIL 7th SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING
IN CLEVELAND, O.

In accordance with The Knights of Lithuania By-Laws Article IX, Sections 13 and 14:
"13. All resolutions dealing with changes or amendments to the constitution must be submitted to the Supreme Council at least three months before the national convention and published in the VYTIS at least one month before the convention. Resolutions of this nature may be introduced by councils, districts and the Supreme Council.

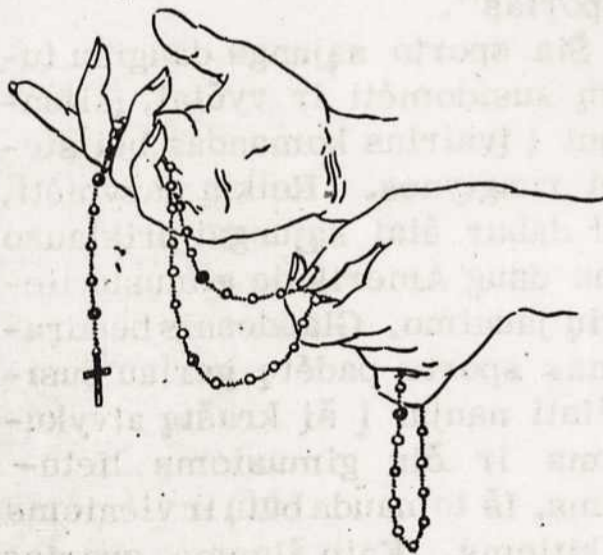
14. Changes of the constitution require two-thirds of the convention delegates' votes"

The following resolutions are offered for your consideration. They should be discussed by each council before the National Convention, and delegates instructed on how to vote to comply with the council's wishes when the resolutions are brought up at the Convention.

1. Be it hereby resolved that the Constitution be revised to establish the Office of Third Vice President who would be in charge of Senior Activities.
2. Be it hereby resolved that the Constitution be revised so that the Election of Officers be the first item of business at the Saturday afternoon session so as to facilitate the newly elected Supreme Council to hold a meeting prior to the close of the Convention.
3. Be it hereby resolved that the Constitution be revised so that all Supreme Council funds and monies be under the complete control, knowledge and jurisdiction of the Treasurer and that henceforth with this Convention that all funds be turned over to the Treasurer.



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NEW STAFF MEMBER

SOMEONE NEW HAS BEEN ADDED to the VYTIS Staff, in the person of MISS THERESA F. PUPINIK, who will assume the job of Council News Editor. More on Terry will appear in print later, but for now, PLEASE start sending all council correspondence to her:

Miss Theresa F. Pupinik
6843 S. Washtenaw Ave.
Chicago 29, Illinois

We extend to Terry a most hearty WELCOME, and a most sincere AČIŪ, and hope she will succeed in... and enjoy... her new work.

NOTE: During the summer months, only two issues of the VYTIS will be published: June-July and August - September. (Deadline date for latter - July 5.)



LIETUVIAI SPORTININKAI AMERIKOJE

by Edvardas Sulaitis

Lietuviai sportininkai šiame krašte yra vieni iš pirmųjų. Jau po I Pasaulinio karo čia iškilo nemaža žymiųjų lietuvių kilmės žmonių, kurių vardai pateko į šio krašto sporto istoriją.

JOHN JAKUBS-JAKUBAUSKAS iš Chicagos senjorų kuopos gerai atsimena visus tuos sportininkus, pasižymėjusius bokso, sunkumų kilnojimo ar imtynių srityje. Jis pats savo laiku yra buvęs geras imtynininkas, o vėliau - sporto instruktoius ir promoteris.

J. Jakubauskas gerai atsimena tuos laikus, kada lietuvių vardą sporto pasaulyje plačiai išskėlė boksininkas JACK SHARKEY-ZUKAUSKAS. Tuomet šio sportininko laimėjimas plačiai išgarsino lietuvius Amerikoje ir paskatino kitus siekti laimėjimų. Ir dabar J. Jakubauskas dažnai aplanko Jack Sharkey ir pasikalba apie senuosius laikus.

Amerikos lietuviai krepšinininkai, kurie gražiai reiškėsi Amerikoje (jų tarpe buvo ir nemaža vyčių), padėjo Lietuvai iškovoti 2 kartus Europos krepšinio meistrinio vardą. Amerikos lietuvių krepšinio rinktinė laimėjo I vietą Tautinėje lietuvių olimpiadoje 1938 m. Kaune. Ir šiandien lietuvių kilmės krepšinininkai nemaža pasižymi, žaisdami už įvairias komandas. Štai, dabar Chicagoje turime nemaža gerų krepšinininkų: AL ZVINAKIS iš De Paul un-to, DAN BANEVICH iš Illinois Institute of Technology, WAYNE MOLIS iš Chicago Teachers College ir kit. Prieš kelis metus Amerikos lietuvių krepšinio rinktinė lankėsi Pietų Amerikoje, kur pelnė daug pergalių. Šiomet tokia rinktinė žada važiuoti į Europą ir

rungtyniauti su prancūzų ir vokiečių penketukais.

Jeigu imsime futbolą ir čia užtiksime daug pasižymėjusių lietuvių kilmės sportininkų. Paskutiniaisiais metais ypatingai pasižymėjo JOHNNY UNITAS (JONAITIS), kuris buvo pats geriausias profesionalų žaidėjas Amerikoje. Taip pat ir beisbole užtinkame žymių lietuvių, kurių tarpe dabar yra žinomiausias JOHN PODRES, prieš kelis metus savo pasižymėjimais stebinęs amerikiečius.

Neseniai sužinojome, kad ANNE SIDLAUSKAS iš Brookfield, Ill., kuri studijuoja University of Indiana Bloomingtone, buvo 1961 m. Amerikos studenčių biliardo čempionė. RIMAS VAICAITIS iš Chicagos, kuris dar tik 2 metus gyvena šiame krašte, neseniai 1 mylios ėjimo varžybose įveikė Amerikos ėjimo čempioną Ron Zinn iš West Point ir dabar



Ed. Sulaitis su Felixu Kriaučiūnu iš Chicagos, kuris buvo Lietuvos krepšinio rinktinės, laimėjusios Europos čempiono vardą, kapitonu.

yra geriausias ėjimas šiame krašte. POVILAS TAUTVAISAS iš Chicagos daug kartų yra buvęs Illinois ir Chicagos šachmatų meistrui. 1961 m. jis taip pat laimėjo ir Indijanos "open" šachmatų varžybas.

Lietuviai pasižymi ir "soccer" varžybose, kur daugumoje žaidžia naujai į šį kraštą atvykę lietuviai. Chicagoje jų komanda yra viena iš stipriųjų ir varžosi "major" divizijoje salės ir lauko pirmenybėse.

Gerų sportininkų galime užtikti ir kėgliavime, kur vyčiai turi savo lygas ir ruošia dažnas tarpusavio rungtynes. Taip pat lietuviai sportininkai reiškiasi ir stalo tenise, plaukime, lengv. atletikoje ir kitose sporto šakose.

Naujieji ateiviai sportininkai turi įsteigę Šiaurės Amerikos Lietuvių Sporto Sąjungą, kuriai priklauso virš 1,000 sportininkų. Ši sąjunga rengia atskirų apygardų ir visos Š. Amerikos pirmenybes į kurias suvažiuoja iki 400 sportininkų. Taip pat yra rengiamos ir Š. Amerikos Pabaltiečių sporto varžybos, kuriose lietuviai irgi neblogai pasirodo. Sportininkai leidžia gana gražų sporto žurnalą "Sportas".

Šia sporto sąjunga daugiau turėtų susidomėti ir vyčiai, įsijungiant į įvairias komandas bei stebint rungtynes. Reikia pažymėti, kad dabar šiai sąjungai priklauso gana daug Amerikoje gimusio lietuvių jaunimo. Glaudesnis bendravimas sporte padėtų geriau susipažinti naujai į šį kraštą atvykusiems ir čia gimusiems lietuviams. Iš to naudą būtų ir vieniems ir kitiems. Kaip žinome, sportas yra vienas iš nedaugelio sričių, kur galėtų sutilpti visi lietuviai.

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GREIT NUVYTUSIOS ŠAKELĖS

Be anksčiau išvardintų miestų, vyčių kuopos buvo įsteigtos ir daugelyje kitų mažesnių miestų, kuriuose anais laikais atvykusios iš Lietuvos išikūrė didesnės ar mažesnės lietuvių grupės. Bet vyčiams tuose miestuose nebuvo lemta ilgiau veikti. Tai liudija faktas, kad tos kuopos net Centre nebuvo įregistruotos, ar gal net nespėjo įsiregistruoti ir gauti eilinių numerių.

Priežastys to žinomos. Nebūdami skaitlingi, neturėdami nė savo parapijos, nė negaudami net metinėms šventėms lietuvių kunigo, ateiviai lietuviai turėjo glaustis prie kitataučių parapijų ir dėl to greit atsidūrė ant nutautėjimo kelio. Nesant kas jaunimą pamokytų lietuviškos kalbos ir rašto, kas skatintų palaikyti lietuviškas tradicijas, kas būtų sugebėjęs ne tik kokią draugiją įsteigti, bet jai vadovauti, jai palaikyti. To stokojo ne tik vyčių kuopos, bet ir bet kokia draugija ir dėl to jos negalėjo ilgai veikti.

Apie tokias kuopas keletą pavyzdžių paimsime iš pageltusių laikraščių lapų:

"Vyčio" Nr. 5, 1923m., rašoma, kad Schenectady, N.Y., kun. P. Bičkausko (vėliau prelado, ilgamečio Indiana Harbor, Ind., lietuvių parapijos klebono, jau mirusio) pastangomis įsteigta vyčių kuopa. Dirvą tam buvo paruošęs Amsterdamo, N.Y., lietuvių parapijos klebonas, žinomas ano meto rašytojas, poetas (Seirijų Juozo slapyvardžiu), vyčių organizacijos jos jaunose dienose veikėjas ir nuolatinis "Vyčio" bendradarbis kun. J. Židanavičius. Subūręs Schenectady lietuvius, kun. J. Židanavičius rūpinosi jų tautiniu švietimu, įsteigė lituanistikos kursus, kuriuose ypatingas dėmesys buvo kreipiamas lietuvių kalbai ir raštui, nes, kaip "V." bendradarbis toliau rašo, "Lietuvių jaunimas šioje kolonijoje yra labai nutautėjęs".

Kun. P. Bičkauskui išvykus į kitą parapiją, o kun. J. Židanavičiui mirus, nebuvo kas vyčių kuopą gyva palaikytų ir lietuvių tautiniais reikalais rūpintųsi. Tokiu būdu kuopa išnyko, nepalikdama paskui save jokio pėdsako.

"Vyčio" Nr. 15, 1917 m., rašoma, kad rugpiučio 30 d., 1917 m., Bloomfield, N.J., įsteigta nauja vyčių kuopa. Steigiamąjį susirinkimą pravedė atsilankę iš Newark, N.J., vyčių 29-tos kuopos veikėjai: A. Masandukas ir D. Rupainis, kurie savo kalbose plačiai išdėstė vyčių organizacijos tikslus ir uždavinius. Kuopos valdybon išrinkta: pirm. J.V. Abramavičius, vicepirm. J. Baranauskas, sekr. A. Karužis, išd. V. Kvoročius, išdo globėjais Pažereckas ir Lukšis, maršalka K. Siniauskas.

Tiek ir težinoma apie šią kuopą.

"Vyčio" Nr. 5, 1917 m., rašoma, kad 1917 metais įsteigta vyčių kuopa Rockdale, Ill. Žinutėj rašoma: "Kiekvienam 'Vyčio' numeryje tenka skaičiuoti žinutes iš vyčių veikimo. Gi iš Rockdale, Ill., ligšiol dar nieko nebuvo girdėt. Čia ir yra vyčių kuopa. Laike savo trumpo gyvavimo, ji jau parengė keletą gražių vakarų. Dabar vėl rengiasi prie iškilmingo vakaro, kuris atsibus atvelykių nedėlioje. Žadama vaidinti trijų aktų komediją "Prieš vėją nepapūsi".

Ši žinia sako, kad ano meto šio miestelio lietuvių grupė turėjo labiau susipratusio jaunimo, jei net ir vaidinimus paruošdavo. Tačiau kuopos veikimas buvo trumpas, nes po to nė mažiausios žinutės savam organe - laikraštyje.

"Vyčio" nr. 1, 1916 m., rašoma, kad 1915 metais lapkričio 25 d. Thompsonville, Conn., įsteigta nauja vyčių kuopa, kurion susisirašė 24 nariai.

Nors korespondentas pažymi, kad "savodarštumu kuopa gali būt pavyzdžiu net kitoms draugijoms", bet savo teigimo faktais neįrodė, o ir apie pačią kuopą daugiau niekur neteko žinių užtikti.

Kuopa, kuri negimusi mirė

Cleveland, Ohio, įsteigus naują Nesiliaujančios Pagalbos Šv. P. Marijos parapiją vadinamam Collinwood, tuometinio klebono kun. Ant. Karužiškio, nuolatinio "Vyčio" bendradarbio ir mielo bičiulio, pastangomis užsimota įsteigti toje apylinkėje naują vyčių kuopą.

Suorganizavus parapijos chorą ir jo vedėju pakvietus kuz. V. Greičių, žinomą vyčių veikėją ir ilgametį vyčių 25 kuopos Šv. Jurgio parapijoje vedėją, vienon choro praktikon atsilankęs kun. A. Karužiškis iškėlė mintį naujai vyčių kuopai įsteigti. Be klebono, kuris plačiai paaiškino apie organizaciją ir kaip kurias konstitucijos ištraukas, dar kalbėjo jau seni vyčių "vilkai": dabar garbės narys J. Šadauskas, M. Ardzijauskas ir muz. V. Greičius. Visi mielai pritarė sumanymui ir tik dėl vėlaus laiko nutarta kitame susirinkime padaryti kuopos užuomazgą ir išrinkti valdybą. Tai buvo 1930 metais.

Po kiek laiko iškėlus kun. A. Karužiškį, nauju klebonu buvo paskirtas kun. J. Angelaitis, gabus administratorius, kuris visą savo energiją pasuko į parapijos darbą, į naujos bažnyčios statybą. Draugijų, organizacijų reikalams mažai turėjo laiko, o patiems vyčiams, kurie vis dar priklausė prie 25-tos kuopos, nesiimant iniciatyvos, taip ir neįvy-

ko antrasis susirinkimas ir kuopa neįsteigta. O tokioj gražioj kolonijoj, ypatingai turint vadovu organizacijai labai palankų asmenį - kun. J. Angelaitį, naujoji kuopa galėjo visu gražumu sužydėti ir daug nuveikti naujos parapijos labui ir organizacijos garbei.

LIETUVOS VYČIAI ŠKOTIJOJ

Kilnūs Lietuvos Vyčių obaisis Dievui ir Tėvynei buvo apėmęs ne tik Amerikos lietuvių jaunimą, bet radęs atgarsio ir užsienyje, ypatingai Skotijoje. Jau 1917 metais "Vyčio" numeriuose buvo pasirodę žinių iš Bellshilio lietuvių jaunimo veikimo.

Vienoje korespondencijoje (žiūr. "V." Nr. 4, 1917) rašoma apie jaunimo suruoštą vakarą, kuriame V. Mikalauskas, B.C. pirmininkas, pasveikino jaunimą, o D. Strungis savo kalboje apibūdino jaunimo gyvenimą "svetimoje šalyje ir prisirišimą prie savo tėvynės". Gi "Vyčio" Nr. 7-me, 1918 m., straipsnyje "Skotijos jaunimo atbalsiai" jau rašoma ir apie Lietuvos Vyčių veikimą:

"Kaip Amerikos jaunimui jau yra žinoma, iš

kelių žinučių, tilpusių 'Vytyje' apie Skotijos jaunimą, ir čia pradėjo organizuotis Vyčių kuopelės." Toliau rašoma, kad "antai Burbanke gyvuoja kuopa iš apie 30 narių, kurių tarpe randasi ir gabių jaunikaičių ir gerų tėvynainių. Pastarieji, supratę tautos reikalus, apimti jos dvasios, visokiais būdais stengiasi sutraukti visą jaunimą prie vyčių. Du vakaru savaitėje mokinam lietuviškai skaityti ir rašyti, kitomis dienomis daroma gimnastikos, rengiama įvairūs pasakojimai apie Lietuvą, jos praeitį ir t.t. Vieną kartą čia buvo apsilankę du jaunuoliai, J. Vencius ir D. Strungis, kuriuodu kalbėjo apie Lietuvą, ką reiškia vyčiai ir t.t. Taip pat buvo skaitoma ir "Vyčio" keli straipsniai apie jaunimą ir jo veikimą."

Kitoje vietoje rašoma, kad "kitose kolonijose jaunimas irgi plečia lietuvišką veikimą ir garsina lietuvių vardą. Imkime kad ir patį Glasgową. Čia jaunimas turi paėmęs savo rankosną visą "Blaivybės" veikimą. Net ir choras yra mokomas B. Rupeikytės.

Straipsnis baigiamas mintimis, kad Skotijos jaunimas kreipia daug dėmesio į Amerikos jaunimą ir jo leidžiamą laikraštį "Vyti".

VISŲ TREMTINIŲ IR EMIGRANTŲ ŽINIAI

Bolševikų teroro paliestų kraštų tremtiniams bekrinkant po laisvo pasaulio šalis ir padidėjus emigracijai iš karo nualintos Europos, Katalikų Bažnyčia atkreipė į juos ypatingo dėmesio. Tą visos Bažnyčios ir savo asmeninį susirūpinimą tremtinių ir emigrantų dvasine bukle naujuos kraštuos P. Pijus XII įamžino istoriniu dokumentu - enciklika "Exul Familia - Ištremtoji Šeima". P. Pijus XII lygindamas tremtinius ir emigrantus prie Šventosios Šeimos taip pat tremtinės Egipte, paskelbė naujus nuostatus, kurie turėtų palengvinti tų visų žmonių dvasinį aptarnavimą ir jų dvasinę savijautą.

Sukankant dešimčiai metų nuo "Exul Familia" paskelbimo Apaštaly Sostas nori pakartotinai atkreipti visos žmonijos - tremtinių bei emigrantų ir juos priimančių dėmesį į ano istorinio dokumento nuostatus bei dvasią. Tuo tikslu šių metų rugpiūčio 3-7 dienomis Romoje įvyks tremtinių ir emigrantų kongresas. Kongreso programos bent svarbesni momentai, įskaitant ir audienciją su Šventuoju Tėvu, jau paskelbti.

Labai pageidaujama, kad ir lietuviai planuoją šiais 1962 metais vykti Europon savo kelionę taip sutvarkytą, kad rugpiūčio 3-7 dienomis būtų Romoje ir dalyvautų šiame kongrese savoje lietuvių grupėje. Dalyvauti dera ne vien šio karo tremtiniams, o ir seniems emigrantams bei svetur gimusiems. Įvairiuose tarptautiniuose kongresuose lietuviai iki šiol gražiai pasireiškė. Tikėkimės, kad ir šiame kongrese, kuris savo prasme mums yra ypatingai savas, lietuviai užsipelnys būti visų pastebėtais.

Kongresui registruotis galima jau dabar. Vėliau bus patiekta papildomų informacijų. Amerikos ir Kanados lietuvius prašome rašyti: Rev. S. Raila, 225, S. 4th St., Brooklyn, 11, N.Y.

Kitų kraštų lietuvius prašome rašyti tiesiai mūsų šv. Kazimiero Kolegijai Romoje, via Casalmonferrato 20.

Amerikos ir Kanados lietuviai kartu sudarydami pakankamai skaitlingą grupę galėtų žymiai sumažinti kelionės išlaidas. Smulkesnių informacijų šiuo reikalu bus paskelbta vėliau.

Kas norėtų apsigyventi Romoje mūsų Kolegijos naujoje patogioje svetainėje, turėtų nedelsdami tai pranešti pačiai Kolegijos vadovybei.

Jūsų Kristuje.

Vysk. V. Brizgys

K of L Calendar

- May 19 C-103 "Springtime Frolic" dance. American Lithuanian Hall, 475 Smith St., Providence, R.I. 8:00 P.M. Music by "The Starliters."
- May 20 C-17 Reunion Banquet. South Boston Lithuanian Citizens Auditorium. So. Boston, Mass. Reservation & ticket chairman, Larry Svelnis, 43 Gage St., Needham, Mass.
- May 26-27 Midwest Bowling Tournament. Detroit, Mich. - C-79 hosts.
- May 27 C-3 Picnic. Bellmawr Park, Bellmawr, N.J.
- June 10 C-36 Picnic. Argonne Park, Argonne, Ill.
- June 23 K of L Golf Tournament, Dayton, Ohio. C-96 hosts.
- June 23-24 Men's & Women's Retreat. Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine. Sponsored by New England District. For reservations, write Al Jaritis, 75 Gates St., South Boston, Mass.
- July 4 Illinois-Indiana District Annual Picnic. Willow West Grove, Willow Springs, Illinois.
- July 29 K of L Beach Party. Ocean Beach Park, New London, Conn.
- 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.

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Lithuania, Land of My Parents

(Compiled by Vladas Vijeikis, published by TĖVIŠKĖLĖ, Chicago.)

This beautiful, pictorial documentary of Lithuania and things Lithuanian is now in its second printing. The more than 400 pages of the book feature highlights of Lithuania's history -- her Grand Dukes and Presidents, her conquests and failures -- and a pictorial description of her money, costumes, jewels, nature, people. There are also representative excerpts of some of Lithuania's more famous poetry, folk music, and art work.

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Although the text is Lithuanian the basic language used is universal, namely, pictures, so should be enjoyed and appreciated by all, regardless of the amount of Lithuanian known.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District News "Bea-Bea"

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING A SUCCESS! The NED board meeting held on March 18th in Worcester was attended by 23 K of L members representing eight of the councils in the district. Councils represented were: Waterbury, Providence, Westfield, South Boston, Brockton, Athol-Gardner and 26 and 116 of Worcester. The attending delegates made final plans for the Spring District Convention and accepted reports of officers and councils on the very successful activities that have been taking place throughout the district since the first of the year.

The District's Lenten Knights of Lithuania Day, held on March 25th, also attracted a large gathering of Knights and Ladies from area councils. Over 100 people attended the Holy Hour held at 3:00 p.m. in St. George's Church, Norwood, Mass. Rev. John Zurosksis, Spiritual Advisor of the District, conducted the Holy Hour and Rev. Aloysius Klimas, C-27 Spiritual Advisor, delivered the sermon. Following the services, about 65 bowlers gathered at the Norwood Sports Center for the 5th and final District Bowling Roll-offs. C-78 of Lawrence and its Juniors attended the bowling for the first time this year. Led by Rev. Janiunas, this council displayed the most spirit and had this group joined us earlier in the season, the other councils would surely have had some fine competition! After bowling, a social, hosted by C-27, was held in the Norwood church hall. A Lithuanian Sing Along led by Kay Perednia of Norwood finished off the day's activities. Recently pub-

lished Sing-Along booklets, printed by the District Cultural Committee, were used.

A GIGANTIC TEN PIN BOWLING SOCIAL gave a bang up finish to the bowling season in New England. Held on Sunday, April 1st at the Bowl-O-Rama in Newington, Conn., this activity attracted 75 K of L members from Ansonia, Hartford, Waterbury, Worcester, South Boston and Providence. This affair was sponsored by the District and hosted by C-6 of Hartford. A delicious buffet lunch was prepared by the lads and lassies of C-6 and served at the Holy Trinity School Hall. After lunch, the following prizes were awarded:

Men's Hi Triple - Wally Blinn, C-7 Waterbury - 548

Men's Hi Single - Tony Jenkins, C-7. Waterbury - 215

Women's Hi Triple - Olga Savitskas, C-135 Ansonia - 381

Women's Hi Single - Fran Barsevich, C-135 Ansonia - 171

Men's LOW Triple - Joe Sakaitis, C-26 Worcester

Women's LOW Triple - Ann Walaska, C-103 Providence

Attendance prizes were won by: Pat Henrichson, Worcester; Elaine Mazotas, Hartford; Anne Barauskas, Ansonia; Sophie Muskavitch, Ansonia; Ann Miller, Worcester; Dennis Sabonaitis, Worcester; John Barsevich, Ansonia; Gary Ostroske, Hartford; Rev. G. Vilciauskas, Ansonia; and Peter Carroll, Worcester.

A Sing-Along in Lithuanian followed. Such a good time was had by all that C-6 and the District are planning another BOWLING SOCIAL in October, especially for those who missed this one. I told you it would be a success! A great big thanks go to all coun-

cils who took part in this affair. A special thank you to Rev. Bensevich, Madelyn Bansavitch, Sue Bairunas and Bernard Saukis and other C-6 members who arranged the social and welcomed everyone so graciously.

Waterbury, Conn.- C-7

Special observance at the 8:00 Mass at St. Joseph's Church, a breakfast and degree awards marked St. Casimir's Day March 4th.

St. Casimir was saluted by Rev. A. Edward Gradeck, pastor of St. Joseph's, in the opening address before about 100 people.

Honorary Member Alexander Aleksis, told those present at the breakfast that the only hope for Lithuania's freedom from Communists was for all to give full support to the U.S. in the battles which it faces against the Communists first and then Lithuania will be free.

Guest speaker was Rev. Gerald Matejune, C. P. of the Holy Family Monastery, Farmington, Conn. He said that Mary had appeared first in Siluva, Lithuania, 200 years before she appeared at Lourdes or Fatima. He also spoke of St. Casimir's special devotion to Mary.

During the program, Rev. Albert Karalis, Chaplain, announced that the Council would prepare a spiritual bouquet for the first American-born son of Lithuanian parents to be elevated to the episcopate - Bishop Charles Salatka.

Theodore Tata, Vice-President and sports director, and Edward Di Napoli, head of the membership drive, spoke briefly.

Representatives of the Apostleship of Prayer, Rutas Society, Lt. Clarence Balanda Post and Auxi-

liary, St. Joseph's Guild, Junior K of L, St. Joseph's Choir and all other organizations of the church also participated.

A color guard from the Balanda Post led the procession to the church and to the breakfast at the hall after Mass.

Sincere thanks go to Walter Pitcavage, Chairman of the affair; Peter Kudzma, Cochairman; Frank Shaknaitis, M. C.; and Robert Dreher, who was in charge of refreshments. Also Patricia Richards, Lillian Paulauskas and Nell Mesquinas. Appreciation to best table setter and clean-up man and houseman of the club, Anthony Jenkins, a well-known Lithuanian who is also known throughout Waterbury as Civil Defense Director.

At an afternoon meeting, Second Degrees were given to Teddy Tata, Peter Kudzma and Lee Zilinskas by a ritual team composed of President James Valaitis, Frank Shaknaitis, Father Karalis and Mrs. Nell Mesquinas. First Degree were presented to Mr. & Mrs. Edward Yanavich.

We also want to extend our thanks and good luck to the hard worker of Junior C-7 Bernard Yanavich who is also a new member of St. Joseph's Choir.

South Worcester, Mass. - C-116

It is our happy privilege to report that our "Bulvinių Blynų Balius" was a huge success. Many thanks to our Lithuanian Affairs Committee. John Andruski is thinking of entering the 1962 Championship Potato Graters Contest, because he really outdid his amateur standings that night! He probably would win although Charlie Lapinskas, and Jerry Burdulis could give him some rough competition. Millie Lapinskas, Ann Kokernak and Barbara Mazeika were the stout-hearted chefs who stood over those hot pans frying blynys to beat the band. Unknown to the gang who were gobbling the blynys, Barbara Mazeika was behind the stage curtains wowing anyone who happened by with her

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one-two-over-we go style in frying pancakes. And what was that we saw you wearing, Barbara - an old altar boy cassock as an apron?? How could you girls possibly blow three fuses in succession? Tsk! Tsk! A few, including Trudy Zibinskas, were overcome by the fumes of the frying pans. Joanie Cashman, Marion Lukason and Trudy kept the blynys coming to our hungry K of L'ers just as fast as the crew could make them. Joyce Miller, Buzzy Bacinskas and Charles Lapinskas complained of dish pan hands.

Our council attended this social in a good number, which proves we Lithuanians are all just plain old fashioned blyni lovers at heart. It was nice to see some of our St. Casimir C-26 K of L'ers at this affair. Coffee and cake followed and everyone got into the act with a Lithuanian Sing-Along. A nice time was had by all.

Our council's annual Military Whist was a financial and social success due to the teamwork of all our members and our hard-working committee. Ann Miller was general chairman of the Whist and her efforts were gratefully appreciated by the council.

After 30 weeks of terrific battling for top honors, C-116's bowling league has come to an end. This was probably one of the best balanced leagues that we ever had. In the second half, no less than five teams were in there competing for first place and on three or four occasions only two points separated the first five teams. The turnouts were almost always 100%. The Hawks, captained by John Yurkenas, captured the second half title. Congratulations to the victors.

Our spies report that Dot Sinkavitch can be seen flying low in her new green "Lark." Speaking of Dot, she and Marion Lukason will

be heading for a vacation in Hawaii come May 19th. We hear a dinner party with a Hawaiian theme was held at Aldona Kasper's to prepare Dot for her trip. Aldona prepared some tasty beef stroganoff which must have been good because the girls were seen doing quite a few push-ups. Where was our Debbie Drake to show Rita Skamrock, Julia Krasinskas, Shirley Rovezzi and Dot how they should be done? - - - Richie Sinkavich, please tell us about that Winter Carnival up at the Univ. of Mass.!! . . . We hear your course in Spanish is coming in handy, Gladys. . . Ann Miller reports she spent one fabulous weekend in New York. She spent the day out in the cold watching the St. Patty's Day parade, then went to the N.I.T. Basketball Game with Holy Cross winning over Colorado. She's still raving about the Latin Quarter where she was entertained by Liberace. . . Ann Markvenas, Millie Buda and Ruth Ciras would make great international spies because they really have done a good job in eluding all allusive links . . . The Ben Casey Club forgot one of their members the night they weighed in on the scales and ate all that pastry!

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

Our annual Communion Breakfast was held in high fashion just as it always has been in past years. It was great to see so many attending. As is customary, First Degrees were presented by our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Michael Tamulevicius. Recipients of the Degrees were: Joe and Jim Godek, Janet Swedis, Paul Kuzmeskas, Bob Alex, Bob Desautell, John Ridick, Joe Bacinskas, Zig Sermuksnis, Betty Ridick, Rich Bieksha, Charlie Witkus and Anthony Tamulevicius. Congratulations!

Many members took a break during Lent and attended the Cambridge Dance on St. Patrick's Day. Also on that day, three of our members made their TV debut in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Boston, namely Ed Daniels,

Mary Ann Roland and Ellie Anusauskas. Ed is manager of the Lithuanian War Vets Drum Corps (sometimes called Knights of Lithuania Drum Corps, because of the flag our council donated. It stands out from all the rest because of its bright yellow background). Mary Ann is a Majorette and Ellie is a member of the Color-guard. Sixteen Junior K of L'ers are members of the Playing Corps. Mary Ann, Eddy and Ellie thank Ed Rudis for the delicious meal served to them after the long parade. Thanks also to Madeline Gruzdis for the party.

Bill Grigas, Supreme Council Second Vice-Pres., has our Membership Drive really underway! Three Membership Drive Nights were held to help get prospective members interested enough to join. Movies were shown of past Council, District and National activities. Refreshments were served.

The pins are really falling now that the bowling season is almost over. High single for men is held by John Zostant - 137 and Karen Butkus - 127 - for the ladies. High Triple for the men is held by Bob Krusas with a 353 and Helen Gilus' 321 for the fairer sex. Ed Daniel's team is in first place and also holds team high single with a 530. The banquet will be held on May 17 at the Wachusetts Country Club. Here the First Place team will be honored and trophies will be awarded to the winners.

Congratulations to Rich and Bev Yvanauskas on their new addition to the family - a girl this time. . . Ed Daniels traveled to Washington with a group of our Juniors. . . Ed also journeyed to New Jersey with Joe Sipas.

South Boston, Mass. - C-17

The reunion banquet will be held on May 20, 1962 at the South Boston Lithuanian Citizens Auditorium, third floor. This will be a dinner-dance opened to the public and other councils' members. It will be a gathering of old clans-

men and new members and it will be an occasion for reminiscing over fond memories. A popular band will play both old - polka, new - twist, and other tunes for dancing pleasure. This will be the council's biggest event for the year, and a warm-up for the 50th Convention! Get in touch with Larry Svelnis, 43 Gage St., Needham, Mass. for tickets and reservations.

The convention committee is meeting almost every week and sometimes every single day. The workload on some of the members is terrific, so if anyone from any council wants to help out, just get in touch with the chairman, Johnny O.

Butch Venis is busy with the house improvement funds and is trying to sell some of the salt & pepper shakers, cans of pepper and bottles of vanilla in order to pay for the new coffee urn. So, all of you culinary experts, buy your pepper and vanilla from Butch so he can make the books check out and then proceed to purchase more equipment for the clubroom.

The members of the Hiking Society can't wait to head out into the hills. Get out your walking shoes and be prepared for a long hike one of these days.

At the last meeting we had two more members added to the ranks - Joanne Antonellis and Dana Rudganas. We will give a background of these new K of L'ers in the next issue.

We received a letter from Father Joseph of St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, Mass., which expressed his thanks to an unknown benefactor who sent in cancelled stamps. This writer would also like to say thanks to this anonymous benefactor. Keep up the good work.

A bit of information was received that the Sisters of Jesus Crucified are also requesting cancelled stamps. Their address is: Sisters of Jesus Crucified Convent, East Seventh Street, South Boston 27, Mass. Divide your stamps if you must, but save and send!

We lost a most able supporter in the K of L when John Wargalis of Milton passed away. Jan, as he was known to his friends, will be missed by all and will be remembered in our prayers.

Remember the New England District Retreat for men and women to be held on June 22, 23, 24, 1962 at the Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine. An invitation is extended to those K of L'ers who will be vacationing along the eastern coast at that particular time to make the retreat.

Joe Lubinas opened his new funeral home on East Broadway.

Has anyone seen the following: Brenda Statskey, Joe Svagzys, Bill Gorski, Ann Kleponis, Mary Kleponis, Helen Suprin, or Maddie Druzdis? If you have, tell them they are missed and we would like to see more of them in the near future.

A good number of C-17'ers spent an hour in Adoration of Our Lord at St. Peter's Church during Forty-Hours Devotion.

Get well wishes to Ray Zibinskas who has been ill with the flu.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

District News "Swinging S"

Our DISTRICT CHŌIR recently presented a concert in Detroit for the benefit of St. Anthony's Parish. Participating in the function were: Faustas Strolia and John Byanskas, director and accompanist, resp.; soloists, Prudencija Bičkienė and Algird Brazis; Estelle Rogers, Genevieve Giedraitis, Rita Gorb, Helen Gudauskas, Monica Kasper, Loretta Kassel, Loretta Macekonis, Ann Marie Pupinik, Theresa Pupinik, Irene Rakaitis, Julie Zakarka, Zena Savokaitis, Helen Zimmer, Peter Bagdonas, Walter Cibulskis, Peter Gagle, Bob Paul, Al Plienaitis, Bronas Polikaitis, Al Raubiskas, Ed Rimkus, Louise Rogers, Ray Samoska, Al Skudra, Al Schulicke, Andy Tatusko and Al Zakarka. The Chicago applauders



K of L Choir enroute to concert in Detroit, Mich.

were: Joe Fitzgerald, Liza Cibulskis, Mrs. B. Polikaitis, Eleanore Laurin, Irene Sankus and Al Kassel. The hospitality of Father Stan, the Boris Family and the Detroiters, as usual, was the greatest!

General Consul and Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis were honored guests at a TESTIMONIAL DINNER, commemorating the anniversary of General Consul Dauzvardis' 35th year as a Lithuanian Consul and his 25th year as Lithuanian Consul in Chicago. The evening was arranged by all of the Lithuanian organizations of Chicago. A "full house" including many K of L'ers, paid tribute to these two outstanding K of L members, who have done so much for our organization, and who have dedicated their lives to spreading "Lithuanianism."

Several members of our District Choir, namely Stanley Cepas, Marty Gestautas, Mecys Mikutaitis, Ed Rimkus, Louis Rogers, Ray Samoska, Al Skudra, Bruno Jancys and Al Zakarka performed in "AIDA" sponsored by the Lithuanian Opera Company of Chicago. Our Choir director, Faustas Strolia, was the Assistant Director for this project. Performances were given on April 1st, 7th, 14th and 15th. Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, Loretta Kassel, Eleanore Laurin and Irene Sankus



K of L'ers in "AIDA" - Ray Samoska, "a High Priest", member of the Opera Company, and Faustas Strolia, assistant choral director of the Opera.

served on the English Publicity Committee.

Our April Bowling Social was held in Kenosha, Wis. on April 1st. Rev. Anthony Miciunas, former District Spiritual Advisor, and Rev. Ben. Uzdavinis were hosts to 35 Chicagoans. Top bowling prize winners were Steve Manst and Al Tilvika. Genevieve Giedraitis and Wally Cibulskis were winners of a special game. Wonder how Vince Samaska and Al Manst felt when they bowled a 600 and 590 series, respectively, and didn't win a prize? Helen Zimmer won a special prize from the bowling alley (but who wants a pair of bowling shoes - one shoe a size 7 and the other a 6 1/2???)

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Third Degree Recipients - Lucille Stacy and Walter Tenclinger of C-36 and Al Dagis, Ruth Dagis, Geraldine Mack and Peter Gagle of C-112. All six received their Degrees on St. Casimir's Day and were extremely deserving). Second Degree Recipients - Justina Klapatauskas, Seniors, Stella Danelius, Theresa Federovics, Genevieve Giedraitis, Betty Mikalauskas, Martin Gestautas, Walter Gregar and Peter Utara, all of C-36. First Degree Recipients - Zena Savokaitis, C-112, Dolores Kupetis, Ronald Kupetis, Alphonse



"AIDA" Cast also included K of L Choir members portraying slaves

Plienaitis, Paul Sakalauskas, Stasys Samusis, Richard Smilgis, Gintas Raulinaitis, and Wilhelmina Ulevich, all of C-36.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO: Stan Kancewick, K of L member from Roseland, who recently won a speech contest sponsored by Toastmasters, an international organization; Vyto Lazauskas, repeat champion of the District Ping-Pong Tournament; Vince Samaska, Al Kassel, Tony Valek, Al Manst and Steve Manst who were 19th out of 1260 teams entered in the Chicago Bowling Assn. Competition; and to Walter and John Cibulskis, C-24, who on Jan. 27, 1962, received Degrees at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Walter received his M.S. Degree in Engineering Graphics and John, his B.S. Degree in Mathematics.

Chicago, Ill. - C-36 "Blogas"

Congratulations to all C-36 members who were recipients of First and Second Degrees, conferred on them at the District Ritual Presentation. (Names of recipients are listed in Ill.-Ind. District report). A special word of thanks to Dr. Stasys Samusis who was present for the ceremony. Dr. Samusis drove the long distance from Manteno, Ill., where he is on the staff of the State Hospital.

Special Congratulations to Consul Dauzvardis from C-36 upon his 25th year as Lithuanian Consul in Chicago! The following members represented our council at the successful banquet bestowed upon Consul and Mrs. Dauzvardis by all the Lithuanian organizations in Chicago: Loretta Kassel, Vince Samaska, Genevieve Giedraitis, Helen Zimmer, Theresa Pupinik, Wally Tenclinger, Helen Sirvinskas, Jerome Jankas, Alphonse Plienaitis, Frank and Eleanor Zapolis.

A motion was passed at the March meeting in regards to members of the council and their immediate families who become seriously ill or are called to their eternal reward. Upon receiving any

news pertinent to the above-mentioned motion, which was passed unanimously, we urge you to contact our President, Al Kassel, Yards 7-1524, who will in turn notify the council. Please cooperate.

The April Communion Sunday was well ATTENDED but not as INTENDED. EVERY member of our council should have been present. We need your support at future spiritual activities!

How did you do in the Membership Drive? Looks like Marty Gestautas is the "sure-fire winner." Thanks to Chairman, Bob Paul, for the excellent job of handling the Drive and for the interesting letters and reminders which were sent out. In tones along the lines of increasing our membership, may we be reminded of a saying from Epictetus, the Greek Philosopher: "No great thing is created suddenly, anymore than a bunch of grapes, or a fig. If you tell me that you desire a fig, I answer you that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen."

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Dayton, Ohio - C-96 "EL"

Attention all golfers! Start polishing your clubs for the annual K of L golf tournament to be held in Dayton, June 23rd in conjunction with our Lithuanian Day picnic on June 24th. We urge all of you, golfers or just rooters, to come for an enjoyable weekend and take advantage of C-96's hospitality. Chairmen for this eventful weekend are Ann Scott, golfing, and Mike Petkus, picnic.

On May 3 we will celebrate the 30th birthday of our council with a good old fashioned get-together fest with the help of Jack Stukas' new sing-along record. Several of our members have procured this record and are very enthusiastic in their praise of it.

Members are to be commended for their participation in the Perpetual Adoration at our parish's

Forty-Hour Devotion held in March.

Our Lenten program featured religious discussions after services on Wednesday evenings. It's really surprising how much we still can learn about our religion.

A speedy recovery is sent to a very prominent K of L'er of our council, Frank Gudelis, who has been hospitalized. We know with his drive he'll be up and going again very soon.

Congrats to Judy Petrokas who merited a four-year scholarship to the Univ. of Dayton, and to Ann Scott upon completing her Real Estate Course.

Newest council members are Pat Petkus and Joe Sinkwitz, Jr.

Members are building up their averages to take along to the Midwest Bowling Tournament in Detroit.

In preparation for Easter, Mary Lucas taught our Juniors and interested K of L members the art of decorating "Margučiai." The session was held at the home of Eloise Berczelly. A bake sale was held on Palm Sunday morning.

Cleveland, Ohio, - C-25

"Patty Girl"

The month of March was a fun-packed month for C-25. To start off with the unusual, on Sunday, March 11th, just about all C-25 Knights attended a surprise BACHELOR SHOWER for Gene Kunsitis, our Treasurer, held at the apartment of Bill Smith. Gene is moving into his own apartment on the Boulevard. This is going to be quite an apartment from ALL the time Gene is spending on the decorating. We're all looking forward to that first meeting or party at your place, Gene!

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: With all the time EPK is spending on his apartment, will he have time to get his boat in the water?? We water skiers sure HOPE SO!

Speaking of boats, we understand the BIG DAY for Helen and Bill Jakubs was April 23rd - that's the day the "Amadandy" was placed in the calm waters of Lake

Erie. We can hardly wait for that first ride, Captain Bill!!!

Ah, the fond memories of March 17th - C-25's first Roller Skating Party! A vivid mental picture remains of seeing several fellow Knights clutching desperately to the railing while their wheels were going in four (?) different directions. It sure was fun, though, and we'll have to do it again - after our bruises heal. The highlight of the evening was during intermission when Nellie Arunski, our President, was escorted to the center of the rink and everyone sang out with HAPPY BIRTHDAY. That corned beef afterwards at the Andrulis' home and those potato puffs, Joanne Shigo, were luscious. It was good to see Andy Palzes again. - Don't stay away so long next time, Andy!

A thank you note was received from The Main Branch of The Cleveland Public Library for the copy of LITHUANIA AND LITHUANIANS - A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY. They were very happy to add this to their collection of Lithuanian Books.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mary Trainy, President of the Mid-Central District, upon the loss of her mother.

Rumors have it that C-25 has quite a few determined members who plan on taking FIRST PLACE in the Midwest Bowling Tournament to be held in Detroit in May!



Mutual birthday celebration of Ursula Yankauskas and John Apanavitch.

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Civic-minded Knights (Nellie and John Arunski, Adele Svets, Mary Trainy, Alice and Ben Karklius, Joe Sadauskas and Tony Buknis) recently attended the Lithuanian Democratic Club Annual Dinner at the Park Lane Villa honoring Edward Katalinas, Councilman. We understand Ursula Yankauskas is Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Detroit, Mich. C-79 Inklings

We are very proud to report that we had a grand turnout of 63 members at our last meeting. The meeting was most interesting since Ed Martin held it half in Lithuanian and half in English. It was a lot of fun and our American-Lithuanians proved they can "hold their own" in the mother tongue. Father Kundrat, our Spiritual Advisor, was surprised with a birthday cake, baked by Bernie and Adelyn Vitichus.

John Eizonis and his committee are still devoting all their vim, vigor and vitality towards perfecting plans for the Bowling Tournament. Get your reservations in now! The dates are May 25, 26 and 27 here in Detroit. We're not braggin', but we know you'll have a BALL!

Frank Petrosky, social chairman, was applauded when he presented plans for a Gobel party, ball game and square dance.

Beside all the forthcoming social activities, a more serious undertaking will be assumed by C-79'ers. Ann Valatka and her committee are planning a full day of relaxation and recreation, once a week, for the Lithuanian senior citizens. We pray to be successful in bringing a bit of "sunshine" into the lives of these beloved people.

Best of luck to Pat and Andy

Millius in their new home.

Have you heard that Estelle Pileckas and Charles Dougalis are planning to take a walk down the aisle? Our best wishes to two wonderful people.

Maggie Smailis is doing fine since her very recent surgery. It has been strange not having you around, Maggie. Everyone misses you.

We would like to wish speedy recoveries to Ann Fagg who was hospitalized, and John Zvirblis who was badly injured in a fall down some stairs.

Congratulations to Joe Chaps; he finally rolled a 200 game. For a fairly new bowler, that's doing "okay."

St. Casimir Day at C-102 was quite an occasion. The very large attendance of members from 102 and 79 was a sight to behold. The Solemn High Mass was most impressive. We were royally entertained, very well fed and were delighted to be your guests. Ačiū labai.

A hearty welcome to our new K of L'ers: F. Mickey, Mr. & Mrs. J. Stanievich, M. Vale, Joan Zilvitis, E. Buksaitis, L. Galenskaskas, A. Joy, A. Kasetas, B. Jasevicius, Mr. & Mrs. J. Snares, W. Adams, Nellie Mahlo and R. Lukosavich.

N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

Amsterdam, N.Y. - C-100

Smile & Sparkle

A group of 24 members and friends gathered at the Wilton Bowling Alleys on February 24th for open bowling. We missed Father Baltch who was sick with the flu; however, Father Cyvas of St. Michael's Parish, represented the clergy. Klem Czelusniak, our City Treasurer, joined us with five of his friends. High 30 went to Ronnie Paradis with a 518. Runner-up was Louise Costa with 506. High 10 also went to Louise - 185, followed by Gene Gobis with 178. The "Blind" prize was won by Kitty Kerns. Others participating in this sport were Eleanor Sta-

kauskas, Pat Sargalis, Sophie Olbie, Bobette Murphy, Helen Dombroski, Ruth Zostant, Ann Beleckas, Mary Constantine, Shirley Brown, Emily Zack, Marcia Smith, Don and Mary A. Nikstenas, Jack Schofield, Larry Pellotte, Frank Gustas, Jerry Waver and Jeff Fisher. Chairman of this event was Gene Gobis who was assisted by Eleanor Stakauskas.

At the 11:00 a.m. Mass on St. Casimir's Day, our council received Holy Communion in a group. A Communion luncheon followed afterwards at Klub Aloha. Master of Ceremonies, Attorney A. C. Stokna, introduced our Guest Speaker, Rev. Matthew Cyvas, who chose for his topic the most logical subject - our Patron, Saint Casimir. We learned many novel facts, such as: In Rome there is a library named after St. Casimir. Also, many societies have been formed in Rome, in honor of this great Saint.

Attending the breakfast were: Rev. Matthew Cyvas, Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Pres. Donald Nikstenas and wife Mary Ann, Vice-Pres. Matthew Kazlauskas and wife Nancy, Charles and Sadie Karbus, Ann Beleckas, Eleanor Stakauskas, Walter and Arlene Jasper, Sophie Olbie, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stokna and daughters, Marilyn and Juanita, Margaret Boccio, Eleanor Baranauskas (Schenectady, N.Y.), Carolyn Kreisel and Gene Gobis. Chairman of the breakfast was Gene Gobis. Assistants were Carolyn Kreisel and Eleanor Stakauskas.

Second Degrees were presented by Reverend Baltch to: Eleanor Stakauskas, Marilyn Stokna, Carolyn Kreisel and Matthew Kazlauskas. First Degrees were conferred upon Eleanor Baranauskas, Ann Beleckas and Nancy Kazlauskas.

Congratulations to Marilyn Stokna who graduated from the Professional Business Institute in Minneapolis, Minn., in February as a dental assistant and receptionist. She is also a graduate of the Mild-

red Elley Business School of Albany, N. Y.

Pat Olbie has set the date. She will become Mrs. William Fura on June 2 at St. Casimir's Church,

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

Caroli

Now that spring is in full bloom, everyone is coming out of their winter doldrums with new plans for parties, dances and the like.

We held our regular monthly meeting on March 18th to discuss our activities for the next few months. Following the business session, this "roving reporter" was surprised by the strains of "Happy Birthday" and a delicious birthday cake baked by cousin Helen Matusevicius. Many, many thanks to everyone who made "turning the ripe old age of 19" such a pleasure.

Meanwhile, back at the Ridge-wood Bowling Lanes, Eugie was at it again!! This time it was the fellows' turn to "steal the show" from the girls... what DID happen to the Female Champs of C-41???

On March 31st a few of our members braved the weather to attend the annual Splash Party at St. George's pool to celebrate Tony Mazeika's birthday. The grapevine reported that it was perfect "splish-splash" weather for ducks only. Happy Birthday, Big Tony!!

April 15th was the date of our next meeting. On the agenda were plans for Easter week. Members attended Good Friday services at Annunciation Church in Brooklyn.

On Easter Sunday morning, a group of us rose bright and early to attend the beautiful and inspiring Dawn Mass at Annunciation Church.

In the evening, after our usual exchange of Easter greetings among the members and their families, we all met at Annunciation Hall for some relaxation and fun at the annual Easter Night Dance. It was a wonderful way to end a perfect day!

Elizabeth, N.J. - C-52

"Nuff Said"

We enjoyed a beautiful day for our Communion Breakfast - a typical Lithuanian day. A very nice group turned out including the Juniors who were our guests.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Kemezis, Rev. Walter Karalevicius and Rev. Joseph Pragulbickas were in attendance. Msgr. Kemezis, who was the main speaker, told us how thrilled he was to deliver the invocation in the U.S. Senate Chamber on February 16th. He also stressed the fact that we should write to our Congressmen and Senators encouraging them to continue their efforts in behalf of an oppressed Lithuania.

Charles Oskutis, toastmaster, called on Father Walter and Ann Mitchell to say a few words. Since Father Joe left to say the next Mass, his words were from the pulpit.

On May 2nd, Bill Senkus showed movies of the activities pertaining to our parish's 50th Anniversary. Movies were also shown by Stan Valatka of his recent trip abroad to Lithuania, Moscow, and gay Paree!

The N.Y.-N.J. District will convene in Elizabeth on May 27th. A most interesting day is planned - rituals, leadership courses and other important items.

John Oskutis, looking and feeling well, is back to work. Pete Kasilonis is now working for the Government - a mailman!

After seeing the planning committee's tentative plans for the National Convention which were recently published in the N.Y.-N.J. Newsletter, we would say, "A job well done for a good Convention."

Newark, N.J. C-29 The Wanderer

The St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance were very successful. The attendance was excellent and even the weather cooperated and was ideal! Jack J. Stukas served as Master of Ceremonies. Talks

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were given by our Pastor and Spiritual Advisor, Msgr. Ignatius Kelmelis, Rev. Peter Totoraitis and Rev. Dr. Joseph Vaskas, M.I.C. of Chicago. All the proceeds of this occasion will go towards the erection of a Lithuanian Wayside Cross on the grounds of Holy Trinity Parish. Dedication of the Cross will take place on Sunday, June 17th, which also happens to be the feastday of the parish.

Those in charge of the affair wish to express their sincere thanks to all who attended and made the event the wonderful success it turned out to be.

The second event that kept C-29'ers going was our Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 25th. The membership and the Juniors of C-29 are to be congratulated for the fine turnout. High Mass was offered by Rev. Peter Totoraitis and the sermon was delivered by Monsignor Kelmelis. St. Cecelia Choir sang during Mass, under the direction of Clement Bagdonas. "Ave Maria" was sung by soloist Charles Douchess. Serving as altar boys were two C-29 members, Anthony Malakas and Frank Galan.

Breakfast followed in St. George's Hall. Toastmaster was Jack Remeika, C-29 Vice-President. President Charles Strolis extended greetings on behalf of our council. Rev. David Pathe, Chaplain at Villa Maria Claire, Saddle River, N. J., and Guest Speaker at the breakfast, offered the opening prayer. Talks were given by Vladas Dilis, President of the New Jersey area Lithuanian Community Group; S. Kontrimas; Monsignor Kelmelis; Reverend Totoraitis; Honorable Phillip E. Gordon, East Ward Councilman; and Rose Basil, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lithuanian-American Veterans Post of Newark. The address

given by the Guest Speaker will linger long in the memory of all who were present.

NOTES OFF THE CUFF:
 The Council Executive Board was sworn into office by Reverend Totoraitis. Second Degrees were presented to: Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Shadis, Eva Sharan, Joseph Balchiunas and Edward Mazonis. The following members served as examining board for rituals: Charles Strolis, Jack Remeika, Peter Podgalsky, Frank Vaskas, Joseph Sakевич and Joan Yankauskas.

Sure was good to see Rev. Dr. Vaskas at our St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance. Before entering the order of Marian Fathers, Father Vaskas was a member of C-29, also served as altar boy at Holy Trinity Parish under Monsignor Kelmelis, so it was like old home week for Father.

The Juniors did their part by pitching in and decorating the hall for the St. Patrick's Day doing. They held a dance in St. George's Hall on Saturday evening, April 28 and participated in the Junior Rally at Elizabeth, N.J.

A card party was held by our council on April 1st in St. George's Hall, for the benefit of raising more funds for the Wayside Cross.

We offer our sincere sympathy and condolences to the family of John Wainis, who passed on to his eternal reward. John was a former President of C-12, New York and was a Past President of the N.Y.-N.J. District

Put a circle around Saturday, September 29th. It will be the evening of our second annual dinner and dance.

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Philadelphia, Pa.- C-3 Casey

C-3's annual St. Casimir's Day celebration was one we all could be proud of. The day started with 10:30 Mass, followed by a luncheon where a fine job was done by our M.C. - Charles Petronis. Speakers at the luncheon were Jack Stukas of Hillside, N.J. and Rev. Peter Silvinskas. Mr. Stukas spoke on the many opportunities open to Lithuanian youth and advised them to avail themselves to these opportunities.

First Degrees were conferred on Charles Petronis and Lorraine Pukis; Second Degrees on Tony Burch, Irene Sarcewicz, Peter Shelus, Ann Simmons, Joe Simmons and Joe Yanalaitis.

Walt Svekla, C-3 president, welcomed Diane Beletsky and Margaret Gestite into the seniors. It is nice having you with us, girls.

The March social was an ice skating party, which was held at the Boulevard Skating Club. We soon might be reading about some of the members going off to the next olympics!

If you are looking for something exciting to do to start the summer rolling, head for Philly. C-3 is hosting a picnic at Bellmawr Park in Bellmawr, N.J. on May 27th. You can be sure that the day will be full of surprises and fun. So, why don't you come and help make this event a success and one that will be remembered for a long time to come.

NOTE: During the summer months, only two issues of the VYTIS will be published: June-July and August - September. (Deadline date for latter - July 5.)