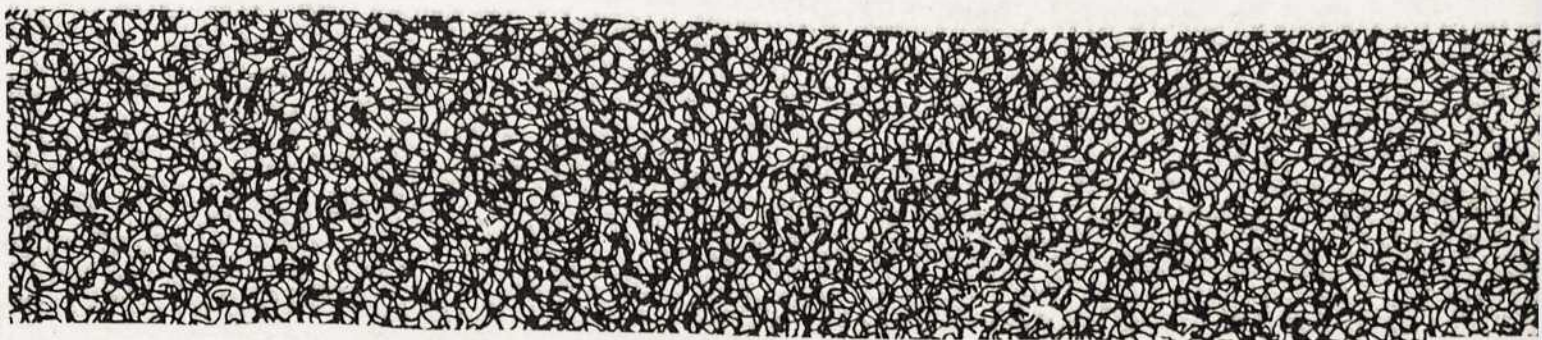


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BEHOLD



HEART

By Rev. J. Walter STANEVICH

The whole plan of our Lord's life and the whole manner of His death are designed to show forth His love for men. Through love He became man for us, through love He worked for us, through love He lived for us, through love He suffered for us, and through love He died for us. With St. Paul, each of us can say: He loved me and delivered Himself for me. The whole plan of our spiritual life is a loving union and intimate partnership with Jesus in which we return Him love for love. Naturally there are many devotions which Holy Mother the Church places at our disposal to show our reciprocal love. However, perhaps no other devotion has captured the hearts of the faithful as the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Since the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart it seems to me that we should review some aspects of this devotion.

First of all, let us realize that in the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus we have a religious devotion that is based on solid Theological grounds. You may have asked yourself from time to time why the heart was singled out for special devotion. From time immemorial the heart has been considered the seat of love by all people. We, as Catholics, adore the Divine Heart of Jesus, as the source of His unbounded love for all of mankind.

We can safely say that this devotion is as old as the Church, although it may not have been known by that specific name. It really received its greatest impetus in the early 17th century, at a time when there was a great falling away from the faith. At this particular time Christ was being forgotten and there also was a widespread desecration of the Blessed Sacrament.

It was during this period of History that Our Blessed Saviour appeared to a saintly nun, St. Margaret Mary, and delegated her to foster the devotion to the Sacred Heart. Here is what Pius XII tells us in his encyclical on the Sacred Heart: "Though He insisted on the immensity of His love, at the same time, with sorrowful mien, He grieved over the great number of horrible outrages heaped on Him by the ingratitude of mankind. He used the words - words which should be graven on the hearts of all pious souls so as never to be forgotten by them: 'Behold this Heart, which has loved men so much, and has loaded them with every favor; and for this boundless love has had not merely no return of gratitude, but, on the contrary, forgetfulness, neglect, contumely, and that, at times, at the hands of those who were bound by the debt and duty of a special love.' "

Elsewhere we read the further complaints made to St. Margaret Mary by our Lord: "If thou didst but know how I thirst to be loved by men, thou wouldst spare nothing that this might be accomplished. I thirst, I burn with desire of being loved. Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing to testify its love for them, even to exhausting and consuming itself." And telling her of the ingratitude and forgetfulness that has been the return He received for the extremes to which He had carried His love, He continues: "and this I felt more acutely than all I suffered in My Passion, in so much that if they rendered Me some return of love, I should esteem all that I have done for them as but little, and would do, if it were possible, more for them. But they have nothing but coldness and rebuffs for all My eagerness to do them good." Is not this an echo of the tearful plaint over Jerusalem, "If thou hadst known. . . And thou wouldst not!"

You may say that the promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are but private revelation. But remember, the devotion they indicate has the authority of the Church, and Pope Pius XI quoted in his encyclical the promises. There is, then, no mere empty sentimentality in the notion of giving Jesus consolation and of living in close companionship with Him. If we ask what is the essential note of the reparation which Jesus asks for in setting the agonies of His Heart before us, we can find an answer to that, also in papal documents. Pius XI extended the feast of the Sacred Heart to the whole world, to provide the faithful with an incitement to love and to repay with love the Heart of Him who had loved us and washed our sins away in His blood. Leo XIII in the encyclical of 1898, writes, "Jesus has no more ardent desire than to see enkindled in souls the fire of love with which His own Heart is consumed. Let us go then to Him who asks from us as the reward of His charity nothing but a return of love." This is the burden of the whole encyclical, and all the papal documents center around this interpretation of the words of our Lord which they so often quote: "I came to cast fire upon the earth, and what will I save that it be enkindled?" (Luke 4 ii, 49)

Our Blessed Lord wished this devotion to be spread to every corner of the earth simply to encourage the faithful to receive His Body and Blood in reparation for the offenses and indifference of mankind. He also wanted us to consecrate ourselves to His Sacred Heart. And in re-

turn just recall to mind what tremendous promises He made. He promised to give us sufficient graces for our particular states in life. He would establish peace and harmony in families. He would console them in their difficulties. He would be our refuge in this life and especially at the hour of our death. He would draw back and convert sinners. He would transform tepid souls into fervent ones. These are but a few of the promises that He made.

During this entire month of June which is dedicated to the Sacred Heart, let all of us, who are united by a special bond in the K of L, pledge ourselves to learn a little more about this devotion. It really must grieve our Lord to find so much indifference amongst His "so-called" friends. Is He asking too much of us, when He urges us to receive His Body and Blood more frequently and worthily? Is He asking too much when He pleads with His friends to make reparation and do penance for the

sins and sacrileges against His Sacred Heart and His Sacred Person? Think it over - and see if there is any comparison between your acts of love and the tremendous graces which you receive in return. Dear K of L'ers, dedicate yourselves, your families, and your homes to the Sacred Heart. Ask Him to enkindle in your hearts at least a spark of that love which He has borne for mankind, so that you in turn may become an apostle in setting the world on fire for the love of the Sacred Heart. May our constant prayer always be: "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, burning for love of us, inflame our hearts with fervent love of Thee."

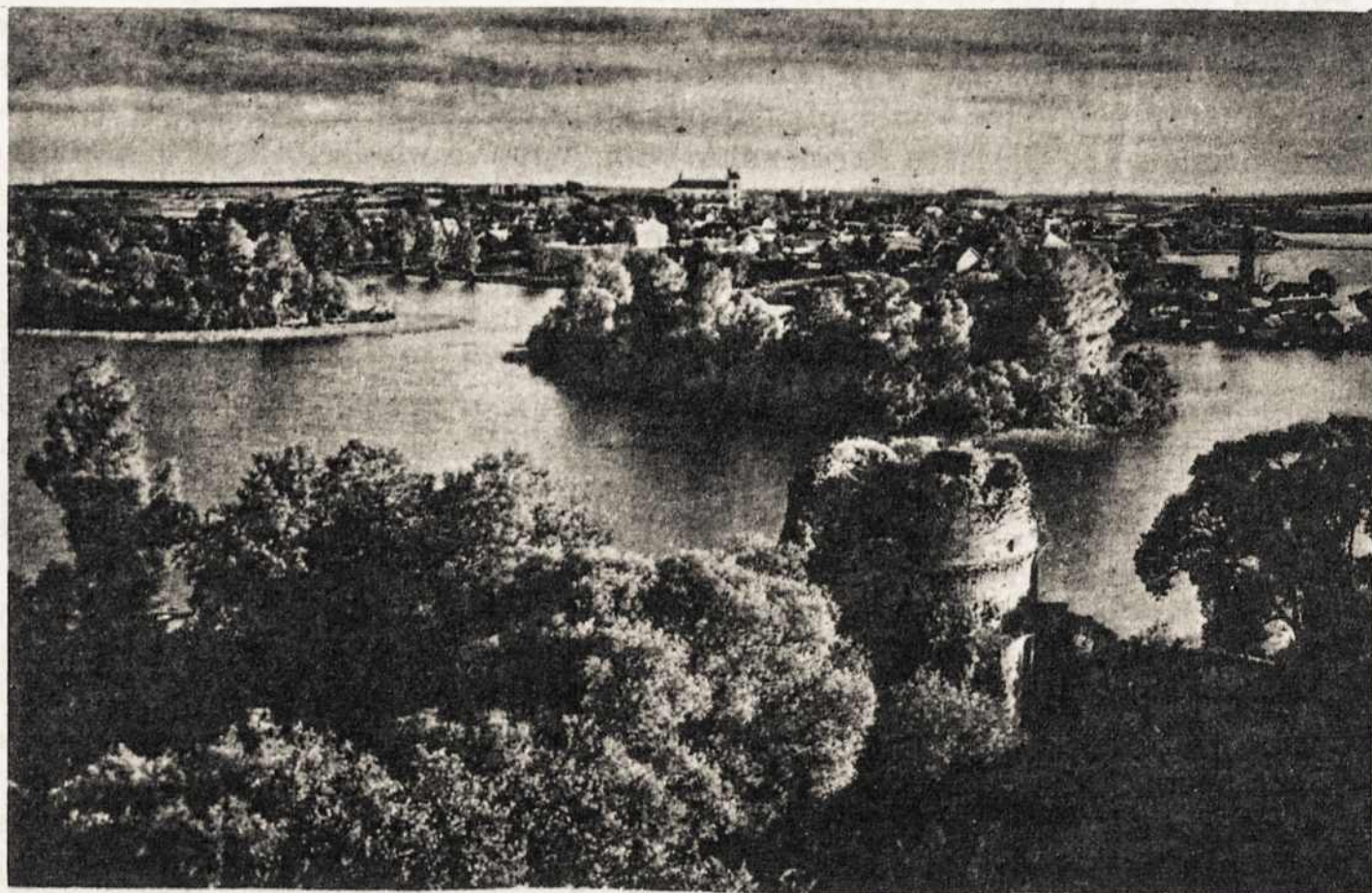
For your discussion it might be worthwhile to read and discuss all the promises made to St. Margaret Mary by the Sacred Heart.

What is your understanding of the 9 first Fridays?

What is your definition of private revelation?

Trakų pilis

Paulius Erdvys



Lietuvių dainius Maironis, kurio 100 metų gimimo jubiliejų minime šiemet, taip eiliavo:

Pelėšiais ir kerpe apaugus aukštai,
Trakų štai garbinga pilis!

Jos aukštus valdovus užmigdė kapai,
O ji tebestovi dar vis.

Bet amžiai bėga ir griūvančios sienos
Kasdieną nyksta apleistos ir vienos.

Trakai yra tikrai labai sena ir apleista pilis, kuri jau buvo minima XIII šimtmetyje. Pats Trakų miestas įkurtas uždarame pusiasalyje tarp trijų ežerų, kuris jau pradžioje XV šimtmečio turėjo didelius namus ir dvi pilis. Vieną pilį, ant Galvės ežero kranto, yra pastatęs Lietuvos kunigaikštis Gediminas, o kitą - Pilies saloje - kunigaikštis Kęstutis.

Trakų ežeryne yra 25 ežerai, iš kurių šeši supa miestą iš visų pusių. Svarbiausias šioj grupėj yra Galvės ežeras, kuriame stūksto 20 mažesnių salelių, Vienoje tų salelių, vadinamoj Pilies sala, ir matosi Vytauto Didžiojo pilies griuvėsiai, o ant kranto - Kęstučio pilies liekanos, kurias Maironis, pravažiudamas Trakus, apdainavo.

Ziloj senovėj Trakai su savo pilimis yra buvę žymi ir garsi vietovė. Joj ne tik buvodavo Lietuvos kunigaikščiai, bet ten ir gyvendavo. Trakuose kurį laiką gyveno ir Kęstutis su Birute ir jų sūnus Vytautas Didysis; pastarasis ne tik pilį, bet ir mūro bažnyčią buvo pastatęs. Ši bažnyčia užsiliko ir iki mūsų laikų.

Trakus kelius kartus puolė kryžiuočiai, bet jų negalėdavo užimti dėl esamos saloje pilies. Anais senovės laikais Trakai vaidino svarbų vaidmenį tarpusavio kovose tarp Kęstučio ir Vytauto iš vienos pusės ir Jogailos ir Švitrigailos - iš kitos. O 1383 metais jie ėjo iš rankų į rankas. 1430 metais Vytautas Didysis nuo kojos sužeidimo Trakuose mirė. Po jo mirties Trakų reikšmė pradėjo mažėti, kol 1665 metais miestas ir pilis rusų buvo sugriauti, sudeginti.

Trakai yra brangūs Lietuvai ne tik savo istorine praeitimi, bet ir patrauklūs, kad ir dabar, gamtos grožiu. Tai nuostabiai graži vieta su ežerų reljefu, kalnais, miškais, ir pilių griuvėsiais. Už tat Trakus lanko ne vien pavieniai keliauninkai, bet ir ištisos ekskursijos ne tik iš Lietuvos, bet ir kitų kraštų.



BRENNER and the U. S. PENNY

Compiled by Janet E. Swedis

Every fifty years the design of the United States penny is changed. During the administration of Theodore Roosevelt, a Lithuanian artist who had eluded exile to Siberia and found sanctuary in the United States was chosen to design the 1909 issue. His model of Lincoln made such an impression on Americans that in 1959 only the opposite side of the coin was changed. Victor D. (Baranauskas) Brenner's tribute to Abraham Lincoln is a permanent part of Americana.

Victor David Baranauskas, the son of an engraver and maker of seals, was born in Siauliai, Lithuania, on June 12, 1871. By the age of 16 Baranauskas had learned the skills and secrets of his father's difficult trade and had his own shop and widespread fame. His work was in great demand, and a short while later he moved his shop to the bustling city of Kaunas.

As his reputation and skill grew so did the envy of his competitors. Someone, either from a sense of jealousy or a false idea of patriotism, notified the Russian police that Baranauskas was a forger and counterfeiter. The Russian police and governors of Lithuania had no proof and, consequently, established a night and day watch on Baranauskas and his shop.

Members of the secret police requested an engraving of a government official's signature; and, because of Baranauskas' superior work, they found it almost impossible to tell the difference between the engraving and the original signature. On this evidence Baranauskas would have been exiled to Siberia and its slave labor camps had he not escaped to the United States.

The year of 1890 found him in a

New York medal engraving shop where he worked and studied day and night. It was at this time that he changed his name from Baranauskas to Brenner. While working in this shop, Victor Brenner was commissioned to make a cut of Beethoven for the New York Musical Society, thereby fully launching his American career.



Adeline Adams writes in the *DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY*: "He gave his best, seeking always to make that best still better." Because of this desire to improve his skill, Brenner spent three years studying at the Academie Julian in Paris. In 1900 he won the highest honors with his exhibit at the World's Fair. His work also won the top awards at Buffalo in 1901 and at St. Louis in 1904.

Brenner's career reached a climax in 1908 when President Theodore Roosevelt visited his studio to pose for a Panama Canal medal. When he saw a bronze plaque of Lincoln on the wall, the President immediately commissioned Brenner to make a similar model to be used on the new U.S. penny.

The first coin ever to bear the image of an American President was released in August of 1909. Its beauty was applauded by art critics throughout the nation, and Brenner's skill was warmly praised. However, the fact that Brenner's initials were on the reverse side of the coin was not as well received. It was felt that the initials, and the experimental letter B tried later, were too conspicuous; and a week later an order was issued removing the initials from the mold and recalling those coins already cast. Sometime later however, the initials were replaced on the coin and located beneath the figure of Lincoln on the face of the coin. Those coins from the original mold are now collectors' items.

Each time an American glances at a Lincoln-head penny, he sees the handwork of a Lithuanian who fled the persecution of Tsarist Russia, came to the United States for refuge, and left a sign of his gift in tribute to one of the greatest men of peace and freedom this country and the world have ever known.



JOIN LITHUANIA'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

The period after World War II was notable for emerging newly independent nations. It also saw many once free nations swallowed behind the Iron Curtain by the most cruel colonialism and tyranny of the modern day.

Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians lived along the Baltic Sea for many centuries and enjoyed freedom and independence before falling victim to Soviet aggression.

The movement for the liberation of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia has recently acquired new momentum with the introduction of many important resolutions in the United States Congress.

Based on the principles of self-determination for all nations, as expressed in the United Nations Charter, these resolutions urge the President of the United States to present to the United Nations the question of Soviet occupation of the Baltic States, since the U. S. foreign policy is essentially directed against oppression and colonialism

This new movement for freedom is rapidly gaining support. Since Sen. Kuchel's and Rep. Lipscomb's introduction of S.CON RES. 12 and H.CON. RES. 153, citizens from all parts of the United States have deluged Washington with some 100,000 letters. Spurred by such immediate reaction from their constituents, other Congressmen have contributed to this cause by similar resolutions: Rep. Morse (H. Con. Res. 163), Rep. Cunningham (H. Con. Res. 195), Rep. Roosevelt (H. Con. Res. 439), Rep. McDonough (H. Con. Res. 444), Sen. Lausche (Sen. Con. Res. 63), Rep. Hoeven (H. Con. Res. 456), Senators Miller and Hickenlooper (S. Con. Res. 64.).

The Executive Committee of AMERICANS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO FREE THE BALTIC STATES (many leading K of L'ers belong to this nationwide organization) is most happy with the results obtained so far, which indicates that this procedure - action through elected representatives - is the right road to success. However, what has already

been achieved only obligates us to work harder, because the fight against Soviet colonialism will be as lengthy and sacrifice demanding as was the newly born nations' struggle for their freedom.

This fight for liberating the Baltic States concerns and obligates all Americans, because it is supported by their elected representatives in Congress. It guarantees that the Baltic question will never become the object of an international compromise, and tangibly compels the Administration to reappraise its apparently passive attitude to such actions in the past, the road to success will require patient and persistent efforts from you and millions of other dedicated Americans.

Here is what must be done now - the SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS MUST BE IMMEDIATELY URGED TO AGAIN RECOMMEND THE PASSAGE OF THESE RESOLUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RESPECTIVELY. (Please write TODAY to both Senators from your State and your own Congressman, urging them to support

these resolutions.) THOSE 100,000 LETTERS WHICH HAD SUCH AN EFFECT IN WASHINGTON MUST BE REPEATED AND SURPASSED. Everyone should use to the utmost his right as a citizen of a democratic nation to urge his representatives to action. The letters must be written now, without delay, because a mass delegation of the members of this nationwide organization will visit Washington in June, on the 22nd anniversary of the Subjugation of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. The success of this mission will depend to a large extent on your support and effort.

Since this movement, headed by prominent K of L'er Leonard Valiukas, has now reached large proportions, its growth is becoming contingent on the amount of funds available to increase its effectiveness to carry out all the programs and plans. We therefore ask that you send your contribution to the Committee's Treasurer Mr. George A. Petrauskas, 3442 Madera Ave., Los Angeles 39, California.

A LETTER AND A DOLLAR FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE BALTIC STATES.

J. G.



A NEW RESOLUTION IN THE SENATE. Senator ROMAN L. HRUSKA (R. - Nebraska) has introduced a new resolution in the United States Senate concerning the captive peoples of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. His resolution is very similar to that of Sen. Tom Kuchel and Rep. Glen Lipscomb. From left to right: Leonard Valiukas; Sen. Roman Hruska; Mrs. Pat Hitt, Republican National Committee-woman; and Julius Jodele, President of the Lithuanian American Council, Inc., Southern California Division.

Photo by L. Kančauskas

SPECIAL NEW YORK TOURS



One of the events at the forthcoming National Convention will be a visit to Fabulous FREEDOMLAND on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15th 1962. It is an amusement center for the nation and one that you cannot afford to miss. A galaxy adventure - packed rides await you. Brave the San Francisco Quake, a wild tornado, the northwest passage, the pirates den. Ride in an open ore bucket over the Rockies or a real live burro over steep mountain trails. Cruise a Great Lakes Sternwheeler and a Manhattan harbor tugboat. Drive a racing car over the winding spaceway. Take over the wheel of an old time "Caddy". These are but a few of the rides everyone will love. Thrill to the roaring flames of the Chicago fire, the gun duel at high noon, the space city world of tomorrow, the Gay New Orleans

Mardi Gras, Great Civil War Scenes and many, many more fascinating and exciting spectacles await you.

The principal new attraction will be the Great Freedomland Circus featuring bigtop acts from abroad. Enjoy free dancing to the biggest name bands in the land. Free personal appearance performances by the "greats" of show business. Free Jazz concerts, folk song festivals, the amazing "dancing waters" and huge fireworks displays. There are many fine restaurants serving the favorite regional dishes of American and many tempting snack bars.

On THURSDAY morning, AUGUST 16th 1962, there will be a tour of fabulous New York City via "AMERICA'S FAVORITE BOAT RIDE" - the most relaxing pleasure trip in the

world! This 3-hour guided cruise completely circles Manhattan Island. You view New York's entire skyline (a photographer's delight), get dramatic close-ups of the Statue of Liberty, U. N. Buildings, pass under 20 big bridges, see 202 other fascinating New York signs, available no other way! After the boat ride, we will take you on a guided tour of the United Nations Building which will last about one hour, and includes information about the United Nations' aims and work, as well as a description and explanation of the architecture and art work to be found in the buildings. Appropriate dress is requested of all visitors.

You won't want to miss these exciting tours, so come early and join us.



COMMITTEE FOR 49TH NATIONAL CONVENTION. Seated left to right: Miss Ann Mitchell, Treasurer; Miss Connie Mack, Secretary; Mr. Joseph Sable, Chairman; Miss Ann Klem, co-Chairman; Rev. Peter Zemeikis, Spiritual Advisor. Standing left to right: Mrs. Ellie Nakrosis, Mr. Joseph Boley, Mr. Louis Stukas, Miss Mildred Grinevich, Mr. John Nakrosis, Miss Rita Miskewitz, Miss Mary Motecus, Mr. Frank Vaskas, Miss Ann Baronas, Mr. Kazys Sipaila. Missing from picture President, Larry Janonis.

Sendraugių Skyrius

red. IGNAS SAKALAS



JUBILIATAS MUZIKAS ANICETAS ŠLAPELIS -

Siais metais mini 75 metų amžiaus jubilėjų. Gimė 1887 m. sausio 6 d. Romučių kaime, Kupiškio parapijoje. Pradžios mokslą įgijo Simonų pradžios mokykloje, kurią baigė 1901 m.

Į J.A.V. atvyko 1907 ir dirbo fizikinį darbą.

Jausdamas palinkimą muzikai, nemesdamas darbo, laisvu laiku pradėjo lankyti Beethoveno konservatoriją Chicagoje ir prof. A. Pociaus vedamą fortepijono klasę. Vėliau įstojo į American Conservatory of Music Chicagoje ir mokslą baigęs 1922 m. gavo muzikos mokytojo pažymėjimą. 1925-27 m. muzikos studijas gilino Italijoje Romoje ir Milane.

Nuo 1916 iki 1949 m. (su pertraukomis) vargoninkavo liet. parapijose: Šv. Kazimiero, Gary, Ind., Šv. Trejybės, Newark, N.J.; Šv. Jurgio, Norwood, Mass.; Šv. Kazimiero, Los Angeles, Calif. ir kitur. 1932 m. įsteigė muzikos mokyklą Norwood. Vargoninkaudamas vadovavo chorams, statė operetas, ruošė vaidinimus, dalyvavo Lietuvos Vyčių, Vargonininkų ir kitų lietuviškų organizacijų veikloje.

Ilgiausių metų Jubiliatui!

Lietuvos Vyčių Los Angeles
Kuopa
J. M. P.

Brooklyn, N. Y. - Lietuvos Vyčių sendraugių 41 kuopos susirinkimas įvyko balandžio 15 d. Apreiškimo parapijos salėje. Buvo paskelbta, kad pelnas, gautas iš suruošto šv. Kazimiero vaidinimo, paskirstytas į tris dalis: parapijos reikalams, Maironio šeštadieninei mokyklai ir Vyčių Stipendijų fondui. Tartasi dėl Vyčių seimo, kuris įvyks šią vasarą New York-New Jersey apylinkėje. Išrinkta nauja kuopos valdyba: dvasios vadas kun. J. Pakalniškis, pirmininkas A. Mažeika, vice pirm. - J. Subačius, sekretorius ir išdininkas J. Boley-Bolevičius; korespondentė - E. Sandanavičienė.

Kitas susirinkimas bus birželio 10 d. 4 val. Apreiškimo parapijos salėje.

Koresp. E. Sanda

Cleveland, Ohio - 25 kp. - Iš Sendraugių susirinkimo. Sendraugių susirinkimas įvyko gegužės 20 d. A. Macks namuose. Pirm. Antanas Mačiokas susirinkimą pradėjo malda. Sekr. J. Kuzas iššaukė valdybą ir perskaitė praėjusio susirinkimo protokolą.

Sunshine Box globėja A. Gribauskaitė pranešė, kiek išrašė atvirukų sergantiems bei kitais reikalais, kiek dovanų kuopos vardu suteikė ir mišrių užprašė už narius bei artimus giminės.

Apie maldininkų ekskursiją į Carey Ohio, ilgą pranešimą pateikė Mary Trainey ir Uršulė Šukis. Ekskursija vyko automobiliais. Ekskursantų buvo didelis būrys iš Cleveland ir iš kitų miestų. Ekskursijai vadovavo Mary Trainey.

Ruošiamo kortavimo vakaro gegužės 27 d. komisija - A. Macks, Ag. Navickas, G. Salaševičienė - prašė visų platinti biletus ir atsilankyti į parengimą.

Sekančiam susirinkimui nutarta rinktis į Lietuvų salę. Veronika Katkus pirmoji paaukojo \$5.00 vaišėms.

Baigus susirinkimą, Antosė Macks dalyvius pakvietė vakarienės, o Pikturnienė prisegė puokštes gėlių pirm.

Antanui Mačiokui ir fin. sekr. E. Karklienei jų gimtadienio proga, gi A. Macks atnešė tortą. Sugiedota ilgiausių metų ir nusifotografuota.

Vakaras buvo linksmas. Sendraugiai dėkingi A. Macks už gražų priėmimą.

Korespl. P. Glu-nė.

Chicago, Ill. - Chicagos Vyčių sendraugių pakartotinis susibūrimas (reunion) ruošiamas liepos 22 d. sendraugių Jono ir Emilijos ir jų dukters Emilijos ir žento Martyno Gestautų, Vyčių 36-tos kuopos veikėjų, erdvioje sodyboje Justice, Ill.

Rudenį - žiemą - pavasarį į sendraugių susirinkimus ir pobūvius Vyčių salėj niekuomet nariai nesusirinkdavo šimtu nuošimčių: į vienus atvykdavo vieni, į kitus - kiti. Bet vasarą duodama proga visiems nariams suvažiuoti, pasilinksinti. Žinoma, į tokias iškylas reikia pasikviesti ir savo draugus.

Didelėj ir gražioj Kass sodybos pievoje bus atliekami sendraugių jaunystės metų įvairūs žaidimai: "Aguonėlių sėjimas", "Zilvytis", "Trečio gaudymas", "Negreito kaimyno ar kaimynės mušimas" ir k., o taip pat ir įvairios lenktynės: vyrų, moterų ir mišrios. Laimėtojai bus premijuojami. Gi po šimtamečiais lapuočiais bus galima čia pat kepamais "hamburgais" ir dešrelėmis sotintis, šaltais gėrimais vėsintis, kortuoti ir kitaip smagiai laiką leisti. Jokios išžangos, nė aukos iš atvykusių nebus prašoma.

J. ir E. Kass sodyba labai lengva rasti. Geriausia važiuoti šiais keliais: Archer arba W 79th Važiuojant Archer Ave. keliu, privažiavus Justice village prie pirmų trafiko šviesų sukti į dešinę ir miestelio Oak Grove gatve važiuoti iki paskutinės sodybos. Važiuojant W 79th St., važiuoti iki Archer Ave. Čia prie pirmų trafiko šviesų sukti į dešinę siauresnį kelią, kuris kerta Archer Ave. ir įveda į Oak Grove.

Visi nariai kviečiami į šį "reunion". Prašomi atsivesti ir savo draugus, bičiulius.

Paaugėjo dviem naujais nariais. Smagu pasigirti, kad paskutiniuoju metu į sendraugių gretas įstojo du nauji nariai: elektrotechnikas Valys Indrulenas ir Povilas Dirkis. Pastarasis vyčiams pažįstamas iš nuolatinio bendradarbiavimo "Vytyje", ir kituose laikraščiuose, ir yra Lietuvos Istorijos Draugijos narys. Lietuvoj P. Dirkis buvo aukštas policijos pareigūnas ir visuomenės veikėjas.

Sveikiname naujus narius iš naujųjų lietuvių elito.

Sendraugės sunkiausiame darbe. Tradicinėj Chicagos vyčių iškyloj (piknike), kuri kas met įvyksta liepos 4 d. Bučo sode, sunkiausias darbas būna virtuvėj. Kitose vietose patarautojus galima pakeisti, bet virtuvėj šeiminkų nepakeisti. Visą dieną jos turi piknikautojus valgydinti. Pikniko komisija į šį darbą visuomet kviečia sendrauges. Po pikniko paskelbsime, kurios sendraugių šimet virtuvėj vadovavo ir padėjo.

Ypatingo gerumo ir paslaugos žmonės. Antanas ir Kazimiera Petruliai, buvę Vyčių salės prievaizdai (menedžeriai) ir pasitraukę iš tų pareigų nesiliauja sielojėsi namo reikalais ir visa jo vidaus išvaizda, kad būtų patrauklus įvairiausiems subūvimams ir parengimams. Dabartiniam prievaizdai ne tik negali žinių iš savo patyrimo, bet, esant didesniems subūvimams, dažnai pasiūlo net savo paslaugą.

A. ir K. Petruliai Vyčių veteranai. Antanas yra daug veikęs Vyčių 4-toj kuopoj, Chicagos apskrity, 36-toj kuopoj, tą pat tęsia dabar sendraugiuose. Daug taip pat yra aukojęs kuopų ir apskrities veiklai paremti ir Lietuvos Vyčių namo reikalams. Šiuo metu abu yra sendraugių atstovai Vyčių Namu Taryboje, o Antanas dar ir sendraugių valdyboje.

"Busy Bee". Šie žodžiai labai tinka vienam sendraugių, būtent Jonui

Keruliui. Daugelis jo amžiaus žmonių, net buvusių nuolatinių bruzdelininkų, rezignavę iš veiklos, poilsiauja ir, kaip viens kits yra prasitarę, nuobodžiai dienas leidžia. Bet ne Jonas Kerulis. Ne tik priklauso sendraugiams, neapleidžia susirinkimų, bet veiklus sendraugių atstovas Vyčių Namu Taryboje, taip pat labai greitas įvairiems pataisymams Vyčių name ar sodelyje. Be to, priklauso Katalikų Federacijai, lanko jos posėdžius, priklauso Balf'ui, jo surinktiems drabužiams tremtiniams Vokietijoj paruošti savo name duoda nemokamai patalpą. Jis priklauso lietuvių vienuolynų rėmėjų draugijoms, yra jų garbės narys, lanko susirinkimus, dalyvauja seimuose, ruošia vakarus, piknikus, ir t.t.

Tik tokiais žmonėmis laikosi mūsų organizacijos, vyksta katalikiškasis veikimas.

Te Dievas jį laimina gera sveikata dar daugeliui metų.

Algirdas Budreckis

Vis' atskrido, nusileido pirmas saulės spindulys
Vis' pabudo anksti ryto, sučiulbėjo vyturys
Dar beržynas tartum snaudė, miglose maudės jis
Linku jo būrelis traukė, vedė juos ten smogikas.

Rankos jų pančiais apkalę, kankino per metus
Dabar nužudyt nutarę, atvedė ten, į miškus
Iškastos tuoj liko duobės, šešios visos iš eilės
Prie kiekvienos pristumtas lietuvis karžygis laisvės.

Ant galvų visiems užmovė storus purvinus maišus
Ei į glitą - tuoj subliovė enkavedistas bjaurus
Greitai šūviai sutratėjo, kulkos pervėre visus
Liūdnai miškas nuskambėjo, tarms apverkdamas.

Rusai smogikai atlikę grįžo linksmi į namus
Puotą didelę iškėlė, gavo visi medalius
Bravo vyrai, - vadas tarė, - kad nužudėt tuos niekšus
Jie net baimę mums įvarė, kovon kėlė lietuvius.

Jie nor' valdžią mūsų nuversti, išvaryti mus rusus
Sako, kad ir lietuvis žmogus, nacionalizmas tai baisus!
Tekit, vyrai, po medalių, gerkit vyną, tai gardus
Apvalykite visą šalį, kur tik rasit tuos niekšus.

Taip sau geria, viešpatauja okupantai Lietuvos
Ta prakeikta rusų gauja ant tautos pavargusios
Jie te' mūsų brolius žudo, seseris, senus tėvus
Upeliais kraujas papludo miškus, klemus ir laukus.

Bet lai žino pavergėjai, kad sulauks ir jie laikus
Kad' lietuviai atsigavę užmokės už jų darbus.

Šešios
aukos
beržyne

OFFICIAL NEWS

RESOLUTIONS

At the New England District Knights of Lithuania Spring Convention, held in Worcester, Mass. on the 29th of April, 1962, it was voted that the following resolution be directed to the Supreme Council for presentation at the National Convention to be held in Newark, New Jersey, August 15th through the 19th, and for immediate publication in the VYTIS:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the spouses of Knights of Lithuania members who are not of Lithuanian descent be accepted to the organization as full members with all rights and privileges."

Proposed at the April 7th Supreme Council Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, for consideration during the 49th National Convention are the following resolutions:

1. "BE IT 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 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 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 all funds be turned over to the Treasurer."

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The official Knights of Lithuania Membership Drive is over! The final results are still to be checked with the National Financial Secretary. I only hope that the report made to the National Convention in August will be an encouraging one and it WILL be if we have all done our best in recruiting new members.

At this time I would like to thank every person who helped in this Membership Drive. To the membership chairman of each council; to the many officers who went out and tried to enroll new members; and to every Knight who brought in a new member, thank you. I'm sure that without your help and cooperation the Drive would have been a Drive in name only. It is only through the efforts of the members that membership will increase and our organization will expand and remain vibrant.

Though the official drive is over, this does not mean that our work is done for the rest of the year. Membership is a full time occupation and we should never stop in our endeavors. Keep your eyes opened for that new member, he may turn out to be one of the best officers you will ever have. We can use all the help we can get. We need the support, the dedication, the stimulating ideas, the talents and the abilities of new members. Keep this in mind and keep on the lookout for these ideal, prospective members.

Once again, thanks to all who helped in any way to make this Drive a success. My sincere hope is that your example will be an inspiration and incentive to others.

William A. Grigas
Vice President
Membership Chairman

K of L Calendar

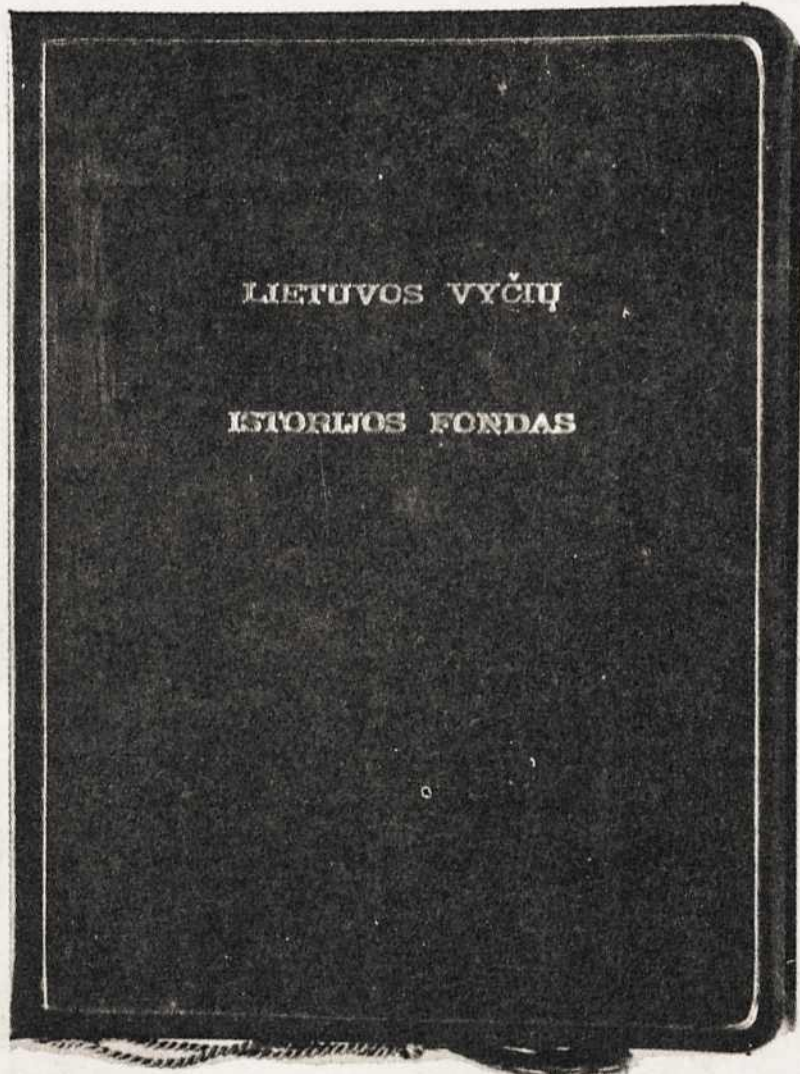
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| June 23 | K of L Golf Tournament, Dayton, Ohio. C-96 hosts. |
| June 23-24 | Men's & Women's Retreat, Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine. Sponsored by New England District. For reservations, write Al Jaritis, 75 Gates St., South Boston, Mass. |
| 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. |

THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE K OF L HISTORY REPORT

- 18-tam seime, Kenosha, 1930, nutarta: "Išleisti Lietuvos Vyčių istoriją."
- 28-tam seime, Hartford, 1940, išrinkta komisija - M. Norkūnas, A. Aleksis, kun. J. Vaitekūnas, I. Sakalas ir būsimas Centro pirmininkas (A. Mažeika) - - organizacijos istorinei medžiagai rinkti.
- 30-tam seime, South Boston, 1942: "Pirmas pranešimas buvo Vyčių istorijos komisijos, kurią tuomet sudarė kun. M. Kemėžis, kun. J. Vaitekūnas ir M. Norkūnas."
- 35-tam seime, Detroit, 1948: "Centro valdybai ir Istorijos komisijai palikta rasti asmenį medžiagai L. Vyčių organizacijos istorijai rinkti."
- 36-tam seime, Elizabeth, 1949, Garbės narys Ignas Sakalas paskirtas istorinei medžiagai rinkti.
- 46-tam seime, Detroit, 1959. Nutarimas: "Isteigti Lietuvos Vyčių Istorijos fondą ir išrinkti jo globėjus, kad būtų užtikrintas istorijos išleidimas jubilėjiniais metais." Fondo komisija: J. Boley, L. Švelnis, S. Vaitkus.
- 48-tam seime, Cleveland, 1961, pranešta, kad istorijos redakcinė komisija sudaryta iš sekančių: I. Sakalas, L. Simutis ir S. Pieža. Istorijos fonde yra \$1400. Vien Waterbury, 7-ta kp. paaukojo \$460. Fondo vėjus pratęsiamas vienus metus.
- Birž. 1, 1962. Istorija baigiama rašyti. Beliko labai trumpas laikas prisidėti savo auka prie istorijos išleidimo. Galutinis Fondo stovio pranešimas jau ruošiamas seimui.

Istorijos Fondo Komisija

LAST CHANCE TO HELP



The K of L History Fund, created three years ago, is about to close its books and turn in its final report to the 49th national convention. If your name is not among the hundreds who have contributed generously to the Fund, communicate at once with your council solicitor or one of the council officers, or send check or money order to Rita Pinkus, 76 Providence Street, Worcester, Mass. But please do so without delay, using the blank on this page.

J. B.

Rita Pinkus, 76 Providence St., Worcester, Mass.

I too wish to help in the publication of the Knights of Lithuania history and am enclosing by check or money order, made payable to the K of L History Fund, the sum of

I understand that donations of \$5.00 or more will be considered as part payment for my subscription to the book, while contributors of more substantial amounts will receive the book automatically upon publication.

Name of donor (clearly printed or typed)

Council

Address

Inscribed in this attractive book will be the names of all donors to the Knights of Lithuania History Fund. Will YOUR NAME be there? A donation to the Fund THIS MONTH will make sure it is there!

FLASH BACK

A LOOK THROUGH THE K of L ARCHIVES INTO PAGES OF THE PAST



WAY BACK...



AND NOT SO LONG AGO!

Does your Council photo file hold any such shots? LOOK NOW... in preparation for your council's display at the K of L Golden Jubilee Convention in Boston, August of 1963. More on this next issue.





K of L JUNIORS

Edited by: Helen Shields No.10 June-July 1962

FIRST MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT JUNIOR K of L RALLY

The First Mid-Central District Junior K of L Rally was held on Sunday, May 6, 1962 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. Although the Junior Rally Program did not start until 3:30 p.m., the day began very early for the Junior as well as Regular K of L members of the Mid-Central District. All met in Carey in time for 9:45 a.m. Mass. After Mass, the Juniors and Regulars attended a lecture, made the Stations of the Cross, had lunch, attended a conference and ended the Day of Recollection at 2:30 p.m. with a Holy Hour and outdoor procession, which was quite inspiring.

No time was lost in gathering at the auditorium where the Rally took place. It must be noted that the Regulars who took part in the Day of Recollection were just as quick to assemble in the auditorium to be the guests of the Juniors and to witness their district's First Junior Rally.

The Rally was opened with a prayer and singing of the American and Lithuanian National Anthems. National President, Mr. Robert Boris, greeted the Juniors and welcomed them to their first gathering. He introduced Miss Carol Noreikas who reported on the activities of Jr. C-96, Dayton, Ohio. Reports were then given of Jr. C-102, Detroit, Michigan - grade school and high school groups - by Ramona Misiunas and Marcella Dudenas, respectively. Their reports were followed by a variety program which consisted of a short skit on "The Life of St. Casimir" - written produced and acted by the Juniors of C-102 - a number of Lithuanian songs and a performance of the folk dance, "Kepurine" by a group of girls. A council activities report of Jr. C-79 was then rendered by Ralph Valatka, Jr. Members of this council presented a pantomime entitled "Life at Kof L Camp - Camp Dainava, Manchester, Michigan." It was very well received by the audience. The last of the reports was given by Matthias Kliorys who represented the youngest Junior Council in the district - Junior C-25, Cleveland, Ohio. Their presentation was most colorful in that all the participants were dressed in Lithuanian costumes. Their songs and dances were enjoyed by everyone.

Guest speaker at this occasion was Miss Helen Shields, National First Vice President in charge of Juniors. She expressed great pleasure in seeing the very good attendance, their well-given reports and participation in the variety program. She urged the Juniors to take an interest in the K of L Camp, help promote the Crusade of Prayer to St. Casimir for the youth of Lithuania, asked for the Juniors cooperation in contributing material for the Junior Page in the VYTIS, and expressed the appreciation and deep gratitude of the entire National Board to the Sisters of St. Francis and particularly to Sister M. Christine of Detroit and Sister M. Francita of Cleveland who were organizers of Junior Councils 102 and 25 respectively.

Contest awards followed. First Prize award of the Essay Contest entitled "What the K of L Means to Me," was presented to winner Christine Juozapaitis, Jr. C-25, Cleveland. Second Prize went to: Monika Skepenaite of Jr. C-102, Detroit. Vytis Drawing Contest winners were: Walter Straksys, First Prize and John Garliauskas, Second Prize, both of Jr. C-102, Detroit. The winner of "The Coloring of an Easter Egg - Lithuanian Style" was Ramona Misiunas of Jr. C102. A Special Recognition award was made to Vytautas Kutkus of Jr. C-102, who had submitted very beautifully colored eggs but could not enter them in the contest as it was specifically for girls! Mindaugas Kutkus, Jr., Jr. C-102, winner of the Essay Contest entitled, "St. Casimir - Our Patron" which appeared in the March issue of the VYTIS, was presented with his award.

In addition to the Regulars, who attended the Rally, there were a number of the Franciscan clergy and a group of nuns who reside at the Shrine in Carey. One of priests, Father Karl addressed the gathering and gave a special blessing to all those present.

The First Mid-Central Junior Kof L Rally was officially concluded with the singing of "K of L Hymn", "Marija, Marija" and a prayer. The Juniors of the Mid-Central District departed for their homes filled with new enthusiasm, already planning just how they will prepare for next year's Rally!



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

More than 150 youngsters, together with their spiritual directors, adult counselors and guests, attended the Fourth Annual Rally of the Junior Knights of Lithuania, New York-New Jersey District on Sunday, April 29, 1962 at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Elizabeth, N. J. Local Council 52 was the host. Other councils participating included Kearny, Bayonne and Newark, New Jersey; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; New York City.

Miss Mary Motecus, Second Vice-President of the District as well as counselor to the Elizabeth group and General Chairman of the Rally, called the meeting to order. Rev. Vladas Karalevičius, Assistant Pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul and Spiritual Director of Council 52, gave the invocation. Miss Ann Gwaldis, President of the high school group at Sts. Peter and Paul, presided at the meeting. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael G. Kemezis, Pastor, welcomed the Junior Knights to Elizabeth, reminding them to be proud of their Lithuanian heritage and to pattern their lives after the patron of the organization, St. Casimir of Lithuania. Miss Helen Shields

of Philadelphia, Vice President of the Supreme Council, addressed the group and introduced Mr. Anthony B. Mazeika, Jr. of Ozone Park, N. Y., who related his experiences while associated with the Junior group and how it helped him to make the transition into the Regular Council and take an active and important part in its affairs. Each council then presented its annual report covering activities held and plans for the coming season.

Mr. Jack J. Stukas of Hillside, N.J., director of the weekly radio program, "Memories of Lithuania," showed films he had taken while in Lithuania recently, thus giving the Juniors a current picture of their forefathers' land, which is presently under Russian domination.

Miss Barbara Drescher, Vice President of the Elizabeth high school group, was Mistress of Ceremonies of the Variety Program which followed.

Miss Motecus presented awards to Neryrus Jarmas of Elizabeth, First Prize, and to John Miskewitz of Bayonne, Second Prize for their win-

ning entries in the Miniature Lithuanian Wayside Cross contest. The winners in the girls' contest, which consisted of embroidering Lithuanian weaving designs on aprons were as follows: First Prize - Paula Gaubas, Newark; Second Prize - Beata Fidleris, Elizabeth; Third Prize - Audrey Jarmas, Elizabeth; and Fourth Prize - Frances Radziewicz, Kearny.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Eugene Wassel, Spiritual Director of the Philadelphia council. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed. Services were conducted by Rev. Peter Zemeikis, Spiritual Director of the District and Assistant Pastor at St. Michael's, Bayonne. Veneration of the Siluva stone relic followed.

A banquet and dance closed the day's activities. Members of the Immaculate Conception Sodality served as waitresses at dinner. Walter Sharon, President of the Junior Council in Newark, extended an invitation to hold the 1963 Rally in Newark.



REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE COLORING EGGS. l. to r. - Jeannette Gwaldis, Anne Karalevich, Janice Oskutis, Mary Lou Oskutis, Lorraine Scoidas, Mary Walinski



OPENING MEETING. Miss Mary Motecus, standing, Second Vice President of the New York-New Jersey District, opens the meeting



BE PROUD TO BE A LITHUANIAN. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael G. Kemezis, Pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul, Elizabeth, welcomes the gathering



OUR GUEST SPEAKER. Miss Helen Shields, Supreme Council Vice President, introducing guest speaker, Anthony B. Mazeika, Jr., seated left.



BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT. l. to r. - Rev. Peter Zemeikis - Bayonne; Rev. Vladas Karalevičius - Elizabeth



WINNERS OF CONTESTS. l. to r. - Helen Shields; Neryrus Jarmas, Elizabeth; Frances Radziewicz, Kearny; Beata Fidleris, Elizabeth; Paula Gaubas, Newark; John Miskewitz, Bayonne; Judy Bernotas, Bayonne; Audrey Jarmas, Elizabeth (not shown)



BROADWAY HERE WE COME! - Jr. C-52 entertaining



LITHUANIAN MINSTREL Entertainment Bayonné style



TWISTING. Anne Gwaldis and Joseph Naiva, both of Elizabeth

Winning entry in the Essay Contest at the First Mid-Central District Junior K of L Rally held at Carey, Ohio - May 6th

My mother's accounts of life in Lithuania, as she knew it, have always held a certain awe and fascination for me. They have fostered in me a patriotism for my mother's country. Now, through the K of L, I find this patriotism mounting. I, as a K of L member, am truly a Knight in the service of my Church and of all that my ancestors loved.

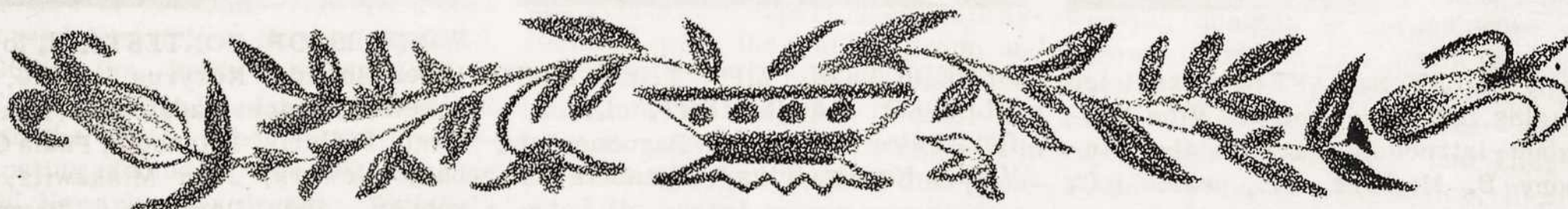
The prayers, songs, dances and study phases keep me in a Lithuanian atmosphere which I would not otherwise have. I find that through our activities which are a happy mixture of the spiritual, social, physical and cultural elements, I begin to better understand and appreciate the wealth that is ours as Lithuanians. I also feel a real kinship to our native Lithuanians, while at the same time the American spirit is equally upheld and enriched.

Belonging to the K of L teaches me responsibility for cooperative duties. What better way is there to exercise a sense of responsibility or cooperation than through activity for our Church and our land?

Thus, I can say that the K of L means, first and foremost, a truly Catholic way of carrying out Catholic aims and practices. This is evident in our devotions, pilgrimages, and other spiritual activities. The K of L means a staunch love for the land of our fathers; our activities are always planned to include the Lithuanian elements. The K of L means a "togetherness" that is well guided.

Finally, the K of L means an organization that is a joy to belong to. I'm glad to belong to the K of L!

Christine Juozapaitis
Cleveland, Ohio
Grade 8



Detroit C-79 Juniors and Regulars at Family Skating Night.



Members of Jr. C-79 and parents gather for a gay time at Pot Luck Supper

*Editorial.....***BRING YOUR SLATE
AND FIGHT FOR IT**

LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR

Dear Editor,

"As a new member of the Knights of Lithuania, I wish to thank you for publishing the wonderful magazine - VYTIS.

I like the Lithuanian articles very much as well as the ones in English.

In the February issue you had an article, 'Letter From a Struggling Nation' which I enjoyed very much. I have read it over and over again. As a matter of fact, I have read it to my children and they too have praised it.

I find the articles on the activities of other councils very interesting.

Once again may I say thank you for a wonderful job and God bless you all."

Alex Kardokas, C-116

Letters to the President:

Dear Bob:

Would you please convey my deep gratitude to the Knights of Lithuania for the ewer, basin, and bugia which they presented to me on the occasion of my recent Consecration. It would be difficult to use them without remembering the kindness of the Knights.

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Please assure the Knights of my good wishes. May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, descend upon them all and remain forever.

Gratefully in our Lord,
Most Rev. Charles A. Salatka, D.D.
Vicar General

Gerbiamas Pone Prezidente,

Malonėkite priimti mano nuoširdžią padėką už taip gražų straipsnį apie Vyskupą K. Salatką ir už man pareikštą komplimentą Vytyje, kovo mėn., š.m.

Džiaugiuosi VYCIŲ sekminga veikla mūsų kolonijose Tautos ir Bažnyčios labui. Telaimina Dievas Jūsų kilnius darbus.

Dėkingas,
Prelatas Juozas Lipkus.

Our national convention is just weeks away. Every district should be thinking about its slate of candidates for the national offices.

Slate making by the districts is not just a list that is made up at the tail end of a district meeting, a few days before the convention. This duty of slate making is of prime importance.

Many delegates gripe that the list of eligible candidates is mighty slim. That is so because very few have seriously thought about the worthy members that could be proposed as candidates. Something like a district convention should be called to compose a slate for the national convention.

Certain members work hard for their councils and districts. They should be given recognition for their efforts. Their names should at least be proposed for the slate. Besides, the proposing members should spread the good news about their candidates during the sessions and fight for them because they believe in them. Those members could be the "brand new" faces on the national scene. That could be the "new blood" everyone is talking about.

Too Many Shy Away

It is characteristic of every convention that a number of proposed candidates for higher offices conveniently shy away from nominations. It is easy to guess the excuses they usually offer.

Most often they are good and able candidates. They have the ability, time and energy to perform their duties if elected. But too often they act as though a nomination is an election. Secondly they have the wrong idea about themselves. The electors are better judges of a candidate's possibilities than the candidate himself. An old sage once said: "the honor is not in the one being honored but in those honoring". Usually a candidate is not proposed if the members do not think him worthy of the office. The election is the proof of the pudding.

Without Knowledge And Forethought

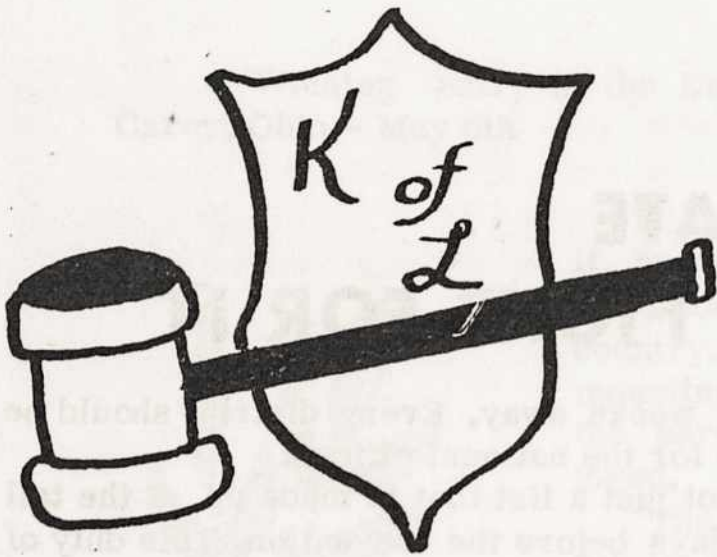
There is no doubt about it, our national conventions have a "hodge-podge" way of presenting candidates for the national offices. Too often there is no fore thought as to who may be proposed as candidates on the convention floor. Should not some more definite plan of presenting candidates be formulated so that all delegates could know what members are up for the various offices? In that way a study of the candidates could be made and the proposed candidates would be able to cancel out or allow their names to be placed on the slate. The list should be duplicated and circulated amongst the delegates immediately before the second session.

All kind of ideas should be proposed to assure the election of officers that will bring honor and glory to the Knights of Lithuania

Sacrifice Is Necessary

Many more of us should be ready to sacrifice a year or two of our personal comfort to further the cause of the Knights. If a Knight is sincere and believes in his cause, he should be ready to make some sacrifices, at least occasionally.

It is too bad that an organization like ours, with the noblest of ideals, must often rely on a certain few to make the constant sacrifices of their abilities, energies and financial resources. There must be a better division of the work amongst us, because more of us have the wherewithal to do the work. It certainly would be a sad commentary on our organization to admit



that those in the leadership are the only ones that can lead. That is not true. Many more of us have what it takes to do the work and become leaders. Too many will not be leaders because it is easier to follow from the grandstands and make no sacrifices.

The Full Benefits

Not many organizations have the high ideals and the inspiring benefits that are offered by the Knights of Lithuania. Even our motto, "For God and Country" is exciting.

Young people of our group can garner many benefits from membership in such an organization. Still, a member never benefits fully from an organization unless he actively participates in the various projects or takes on duties of leadership.

Official duties in an organization bring out the best qualities of a leader and he learns to appreciate the great good that can be had from belonging. So if you are a member of the K of L and never have been a leader, you do not fully appreciate the vast good that can be had from your membership.

An active ordinary member who loves to work can become a good leader and those qualities are necessary for national officers. Amongst the members of our councils there are many good active members, so there should be many more good candidates for high posts. The trick is to put them forward and urge them on to greater things in the organization.

Let's put our heads together and come up with good slates for the 1962 national convention in Newark, N. J.

BRON PHILLIPS

NOTE: There will be NO July issue of VYTIS. The deadline for the August-September issue is JULY 5. After that, no council news will be accepted for the October issue, as that issue will be devoted entirely to the Convention. Please send Council News to: Miss Theresa Pupinik, 6843 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago 29, Illinois.



Mrs. Dean Rusk witnesses the art of Lithuanian Easter egg decorating during a pre-Easter gathering at the Lithuanian Legation in Washington. To Mrs. Rusk's left are Mrs. J. Kajeckas, Mrs. E. Jurgellienis, Mrs. S. Steel, Mrs. Zalubienis and Lithuanian Charge d'Affaires J. Kajeckas.

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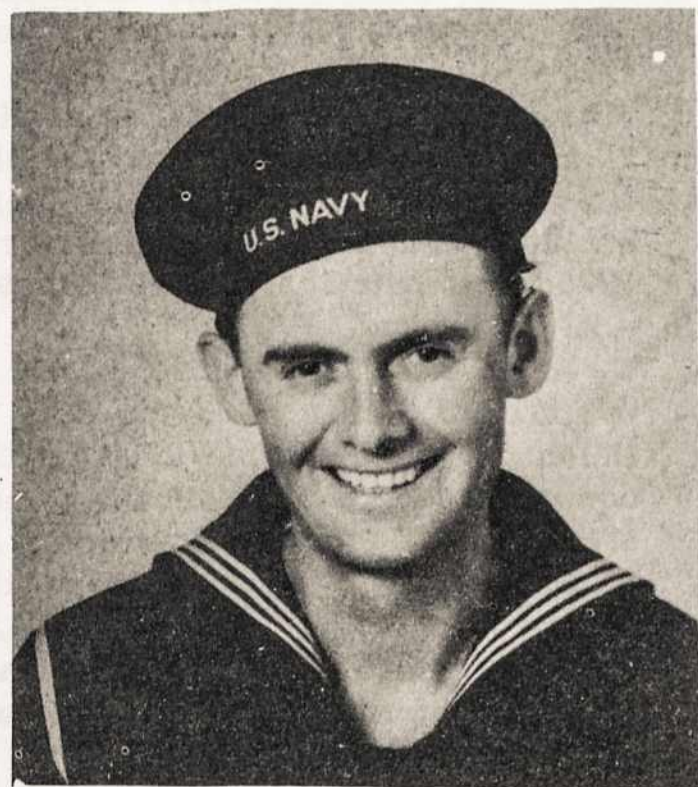


COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

Elizabeth, N. J. - C-52



On May 14, 1962 John Oskutis passed away after an illness of six weeks. He had been progressing well when suddenly he took a turn for the worse.

John was active in church, Lithuanian, civic and veteran group affairs as well as sporting events. He was a kind of "general secretary!" His full efforts were given to every task he undertook.

In 1937 he was instrumental in the reorganization of C-52, and worked continuously promoting the aims and principles of the K of L. His example will remain a constant inspiration to us, for he had contributed greatly toward making this world a better place to live in.

Our profound sympathy to Mrs. John Oskutis, to Mary Ann and Janice and to his brother, Charles.

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3

Casey

C-3 had the pleasure of having Mr. Stanley Valatka of Elizabeth, N.J. visit us on Apr. 1st, and show us slides which were taken on his

trip to Europe. Some of the slides were taken in our Fatherland, Lithuania.

Apr. 8th was a big day for the juniors, at which time they sponsored a Hat Sale in St. Casimir's school basement. The proceeds of this sale went towards their trip to Elizabeth to attend the Junior Rally.

Apr. 20th found us at Harpers Meadow for our monthly social. After bucking traffic and winding up on a "dead end" road, Walt Svekla finally found the picnic grounds. We all stuffed ourselves with hot dogs and then decided to have a softball game, girls vs. fellows. The girls almost did it again, but the fellows quit while they were ahead. Nice going, Girls!

Birthday congratulations go out to Tony Burch, Tillie Shields, Irene Ozalis, and Agnes Timmons.

Harry Kobylarz - 163.54, Tony Vallek - 163.33 and Al Kassel - 161.92; Women, Alice Tomczak - 153.38, Gerry Mack - 152.77, Aldona Kaminiskas - 152.59, Rita Tomczak - 142. and Stella De Rouin - 139.94.

Our District Choir added another successful performance at the recent Concert for BALF in East Chicago, Ind. On Memorial Day, following a Lithuanian tradition, the Choir presented Hymns at St. Casimir's Cemetery.

Belated congratulations to our District Secy. AnnMarie Pupinik and C-36 Pres. Al Kassel on their recent marriage. It was a true K of L wedding!

Paul Saliner (Saltimieras), better known as "The Gadabout", began his 8th year with Radio Station WGN. His "new" afternoon format is a "Food for Thought" interview and conversational show; and his evenings, "Forgotten Dreams" a good music program. We wish Paul much continued success.

DATE TO REMEMBER! Annual District Picnic - July 4th - Willow West Grove.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWS "Swinging S"

BOWLING LEAGUE - FINAL STANDINGS

	W.	L.
Question Mark Lounge	61	44
Petkus & Son Funeral Homes	59	46
St. Anthony S. & L.	58	46
Standard Federal S&L.	56	48
Zbella's Lounge	55	50
Gaiva Restaurant	48	57
Mazeika-Evans Funeral Home	48	57
Balzekas Motor Sales	47	58
Cermak Bowl	46	59
Chicago S & L	46	59

Hi-Team Indv. Game, Petkus & Son - 1075; Hi-Team Series, St. Anthony S. & L. - 3060; Hi-Indv. Game, Men-Len Kubas - 272 and Women-Wanda Murray- 270; Hi-Indv. Series, Men-Tom Kupetis - 681 and Women, Betty Mikalauskas -671. Top Bowlers - Men, Al Manst, Sr., - 166.57, Vince Samaska - 164.59,

Chicago C-112 "112 Inquirer"

Belated congratulations to a wonderful K of L couple, Al and Ruth Dagis, who recently celebrated their wedding anniversary. Also our best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Jim Jagiella who became the proud parents of a baby boy, Justin.

Due to the efforts of Chairman Ed Krivickas, Co-Chmn. Monica Kasper and their committee, our Annual Easter Dance was a success. Adele Druktenis was the winner of the Raffle. It was unanimously decided that the C-36 Juniors were the best Twisters. Could it be that the Regulars and their friends need more practice?

Drury Lane Theater's presentation of "Opal" had a representation

of C112 members and friends. After viewing this excellent play, several of the group had the opportunity to meet with the star, Peggy Cass. The climax of the evening was dinner at the famous "Martinique".

Ed Krivickas returned from his vacation with wonderful tales of Waikiki Beach, the Diamondhead, the luaus and the hooki laus. We could almost taste the kau kau and okole hau after his vivid descriptions. He brought back "Aloha" greetings from Dolores Rupp, who is currently working in our 50th State.

Everyone can plan on a terrific time at our Thanksgiving Eve Dance as our evermoving ball of energy Al Dagis has accepted the Chairmanship. We understand he has already started to make arrangements.

Shades of the Cleveland Convention! It was overheard that C112 plans to stage a Mock Wedding this summer. Wonder who will be the groom? - the bride? - and the attendants?

Chicago, Ill. C-36

"Blogas"

Although it has been said elsewhere in this issue of VYTIS, as their

home council we would like to express our sincere wishes for a happy marriage to council president Albert Kassel and the former Ann Marie Pupinik who were wed recently. At the May meeting, the council presented them with a handtooled leather album with the Vytis insignia on the cover. K of L'ers included in the wedding party were: VYTIS editor, Loretta Kassel; Supreme Council President, Bob Boris; District Secretary, Terry Pupinik; District Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Helen Zimmer; National Sports Chairman, Bill Juodawlakis; and Chester Nashlon and Paul Kassel. Chauffeurs for the day were Wally Tenclinger (who also provided the music) and Tony Valek. This was really a K of L wedding.

The council extends its sincere sympathy to Helen Pius upon the death of her mother in Coaldale, Pa. Please remember her in your prayers.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Ansonia, Conn., C-135

"Helen"

Let's look back at our winter activities which were highlighted by

several gala affairs. Our December meeting found us in the rumpus room of Pete and Helen Gumbulevich's new home. Here amid holiday decorations we enjoyed a Christmas social. Before the festivities we had elected new officers for 1961. They are as follows: Chaplain - Rev. George Vilciauskas; President - Leon Barauskas; Vice President - Olga Savitskas; Secretary - Ann Barauskas; Treasurer - Ann Ramanauskas; Financial Secretary - Ruth Tyson; Sergeant at Arms - Stanley Bujanauskas; Sports Director - John Tyson; Librarian - John Sabulis; Ways & Means Committee - Peter Gumbulevich, Chairman; Trustees - Violet Brazitis, Helen Chepulis, and John Sabulis; Publicity and Reporter - Helen Gumbulevich; Social Director - Al Barauskas.

After New Year's Eve dinner at the Oxford House we again went to Helen and Pete's home to greet the coming year amid balloons and streamers, dancing and games. Al Barauskas took first prize in the "Twist Contest". Our three Lithuanian chorines, Olga Savitskas, Lillian Chaplik, and Millie Driznus provided ample support.



ALL K OF L WEDDING

Left: National Treasurer and C-36 (Chicago) President Albert Kassel enjoys a dance with his bride, the former Ann Marie Pupinik, Ill.-Ind. District Secretary, during their wedding reception May 12, 1962, in Chicago. Although both are Chicagoans, they met in Worcester, Mass., during the K of L National Convention there, in 1960.

Right: The all K of L wedding party included many national and district officers. l. to r. Chester Nashlon (of Detroit); Loretta Kassel, VYTIS Editor; Best Man William Juodawlakis (of Detroit), National Sports Chairman; Maid of Honor Theresa Pupinik, Ill.-Ind District Secretary; Celebrant Rev. A. Valancius, K of L Honorary Member and pastor of St. Michael's Church, Chicago; Helen Zimmer, Ill.-Ind. District Lith. Affairs Chairman; Robert Boris (of Detroit), National President; Bettye Ann Vera (of Grand Rapids), Paul Kassel. Al and Ann Marie are holding a miniature handcarved Lithuanian shrine, sample of the gifts presented to the wedding party by the bride and groom.

At our February meeting we were visited by NED president, Bernice Kavadaras. Because of traveling difficulties she was delayed, and we were relieved when she finally did arrive. Because of her enthusiasm (which was catching) we resolved to try establishing closer relations with other councils by attending some of the affairs that are not too far from us.

A catered St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast was arranged by Ruth Tyson and Al Barauskas in March. We received an invitation to Waterbury's Communion Breakfast, but we regretfully could not attend due to our own plans. We hope to visit with you soon, Waterbury.

Our annual Card Party and Hat Show was held on Mar. 25th with great success. Co-chairmen were Olga Savitskas, Helen Chepulis, and Helen Gumbulevich. Our nine models, looking stunning in their spring "chapeaus", included Olga Savitskas, Lillian Chaplik, Millie Driznus, Frances Barsevich, Lillian Norwid, Rose De Gennaro, Sophie Muskavitch, Ann Barauskas, and Helen Gumbulevich. Helen Chepulis and Ruth Tyson collected tickets at the door and extended friendly greetings to our guests as they directed them to Bingo and Card tables. Al Barauskas, John Sabulis, and John Tyson did a marvelous job of directing the Bingo. That "thundering" voice of John's could certainly be heard! Ann Ramanauskas and Fran Barsevich were salesladies at the White Elephant Table. Stanley Bujanauskas served soft drinks with assistance from Pete Gumbulevich when things got rushed. Olga Savitskas and Lillian Chaplik mixed a delicious "witches brew" called coffee in our temperamental coffee pot as only they know how. Our models, trading their "chapeaus" for aprons served home made cakes. The cooperation on the part of all the members resulted in the success of this affair.

At our March meeting we welcomed three new members, Dorothy Milenkevich, Rose De Gennaro, and Gloria Trapkauskas. Glad to have you aboard, Girls!

April Fools Day we assembled in our cars for a jaunt to Newington, Conn. to attend the K of L Bowlara-

ma. We were especially proud of Fran Barsevich, who took the Women's High Single, and Olga Savitskas for the Women's High Three. Did we hear Waterbury say they never bowled "Ten Pins"??? Let's have a rematch! Later in the evening a delicious buffet was served by the Hartford council, followed by a Lithuanian song fest.

CHIT-CHAT: Congratulations are in order for two of our members: Gloria Trapkauskas for her appointment as Assistant Secretary of Sound-scriber Co.; and Leon Barauskas who was accepted as X-ray Technician in research at New Haven Hospital. Al Barauskas was recently sent home from the hospital. Hope you're feeling better, Al! Get well wishes are also extended to Walter Tabaka. Have you noticed that "streamlined" look about Pete Gumbulevich? Keep up the good work, Pete. We're proud of you! We were all saddened by the death of Helen Valentine this winter. She is missed by all her friends and remains in our prayers and thoughts.

Let's not forget our 12th Anniversary and Bowling Banquet which is coming up in June. We're also looking forward to "fun in the sun" and loads of activities during the summer season.

Providence, R. I. C-103

We would like to thank C-116 for the marvelous time had by all at the NED Convention. Providence was represented by the following Delegates: Frank Dziekewicz, Anne Walaska, Nijole Jurgelevicius; Alternates: Birute Paulauskas, Beatrice Mathieu; Clergy: Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., Rev. V. Martinkus; Other members who attended were John Stoskus, Victor Mathieu, and Irene Landanskas. Four of our members received Third Degrees at the Convention: Rev. A. Jurgelaitis; Rev. V. Martinkus; Mrs. Beatrice Mathieu; and Mrs. Ruth Kricoch.

Our "Spring Frolic" turned out to be a great success, and this prompts us to have more than one dance a year.

C-103 is in the process of expanding as our juniors, who aren't "juniors" any more, will be joining the regular council. By striving for a larger membership we are trying to play an active part in a very

important project - the Membership Drive.

Birthday congratulations are extended to Birute Paulauskas.

Worcester, Mass. C-26, L - E

Our April meeting proved to be a very interesting and profitable one. For the first time in a long time we had a guest speaker. The Rev. Stanislaus J. Kubik, D. D. from the marriage tribunal gave a talk on marriage and its problems. Many questions were asked, especially by one of our most eligible bachelors, Joe Sipas.

Miss Bernice Kavadaras is to be commended on her excellent job in conducting a very interesting meeting at the New England District Convention.

May 11th ushered in a slam bang weekend with our Spring Dance held at the Bungalow. Music was provided by Frank Gubala and His Orchestra. A great time was had by all. Saturday night a Military Whist was held at the Church Hall. Proceeds are for the publishing of the Council newspaper, "The Knightimes". On Sunday May 13, We and our Juniors observed Mothers' Day by receiving Holy Communion in corpore followed by a breakfast in the Church Hall.

The bowling season has come to a STRIKING finish. Eddies' Slow Pokes finished first for the season. The trophy winners for this year are:

High Average	
Joe Drumstas	100.1
Helen Gillus	93.5
High Triple	
Bob Krusas	353
Karen Butkus	309
High Single	
John Zostant	137
Aggie White	117

The Banquet was held at the Wachusetts Country Club. The Committee did a fine job during the season and also with the Banquet. Bob Krusas and Chip Tagman, our Treasurers, were overheard talking about a trip to Florida.

CONGRATULATIONS. Our two Beverlys will soon be parted. Bev Angus received a diamond from Jack Ridick, and a September wedding is planned. Bev Ranucci received the same precious gem from Bud Ginkus.



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION

The New England District held its Spring Convention on April 28 and 29 in Worcester. Over 200 K of L members, representing every council in New England, took part. The weekend was launched with a Pre-Convention Dance held at the PNA Pavilion in Milbury, Mass. on Saturday night. The following day, delegates attended a Convention Mass at Our Lady of Vilna Church at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Albin Yankauskas, spiritual advisor of host C-116, celebrated the Mass. The C-116 K of L Choir, one of the few council choirs made up strictly of K of L members, sang the Mass. Following the Mass, delegates attended a brunch at Charles Restaurant.

Sessions, presided over by District President Bernice Kavadaras, began at 2:30 p.m. in the church hall. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Constantine A. Vasys, Honorary K of L Member and Pastor of the host church, welcomed the delegates to Worcester and to his parish. Rev. J. Urbanovicius, who was celebrating his 40th anniversary as a Marian Father and who worked in the organizing the K of L Ritual, spoke to the gathering.

The sessions were very lively, especially the discussion regarding non-Lithuanian spouses in the K of L. Many delegates voiced their opin-

ions. The convention finally agreed to send the following resolution to the Supreme Council for presentation to the convention in Newark this summer and for publication in the VYTIS: BE IT RESOLVED. . . That the spouses of Knights of Lithuania members who are not of Lithuanian descent be accepted to the organization as full members with all rights and privileges.



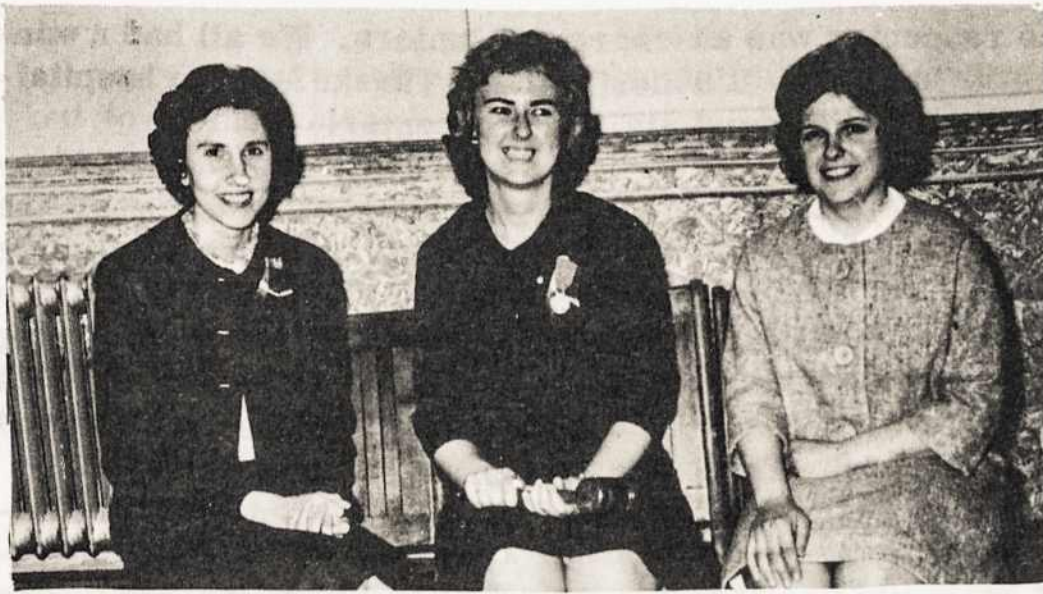
CONVENTION COMMITTEE. Seated: Rev. Albin Yankauskas, C-116 Spiritual Adviser and Mary Klimkaitis, C-116 Convention President. Standing: Bernice Kavadaras, Pre-Convention Dance Chairman and Vincent Burdulis, Genl. Chairman.

The convention, along with routine and business, donated \$100.00 to the Scholarship Fund; elected Howard Beaudette of C-10 to fill the vacancy of the former Second Vice-President who resigned; and chose Miss Ann Miller of Worcester and Howard Beaudette of Gardner as delegates to the 1962 National Convention.

The convention also featured several entertaining attractions. Lithuanian handwork was displayed by District Cultural Chairman, Jay Paulukonis and maps of Lithuania Through the Ages were exhibited by William Grigas. The Folk Dance Group of Worcester's Junior C-26 entertained during the recess of the sessions. Supper, prepared by the ladies of the host council, was served afterwards.

A playlet on the K of L Member was presented as part of the cultural program. It included dancing, singing and comedy. The C-116 Choir, under the direction of William Burdulis, was featured. Mark Klimkaitis was entertainment chairman and John Dvareckas was announcer.

The convention ended at 8:00 p.m. The Spring Convention was a huge success - a type of "mock" National Convention! It was a wonderful way to spend two days devoted to K of L ideals.



HEAD TABLE LEADERS. l. to r. Florence Zaleskas, C-17, District Rec. Secy.; Bernice Kavadaras, C-116, District President; Eleanor Anusauskas, C-26, District Corresp. Secy.



RITUAL - Third Degrees Presented. l. to r. John Zemis, C-78; Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, O. P. of Providence College; Mrs. Beatrice Mathieu, C-103. Missing from photo: Mrs. Ruth Krecloch, C-103.



MANDATE AND RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Seated, l. to r.: Ronald Venis, C-17; William Waslaski, C-10, Mary Klimkaitis, Pres. C.116; Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P. Providence College; Joseph Drumstas, Pres. C-26. Standing l. to r. Paul Zukas, Pres. C-27; Frank Dziekiewicz, Pres. C-103; Walter Witsotsky, Pres. C-1; John Zemis, Pres. C-78; Leon Barauskas, Pres. C-135; Benedict Coach, Pres. C-30; Walter Pitcavage, C-7.



Jay Paulukonis, N. E. District Cultural Chairman and his Lithuanian Handwork Display.



C-116 K of L Choir Director William Burdulis (left) receives congratulations from National Officers Mrs. Rita Pinkus, S.C. Financial Secretary and William Griegas, S. C. 2nd Vice President.

So. Worcester, Mass. C-116 Onyte

As we predicted, the convention on Vilna Hill was a memorable one to all who attended. The Pre-Convention dance at the PNA Pavilion was a social success. The place, though a little hard to find, was well worth looking for. Apparently Bea Bea's map was a little confusing. We were sorry that the group from Cambridge was lost for two hours, but once they arrived they enjoyed dancing to the music of Frankie Gee and his orchestra.

The sessions, conducted under the able leadership of Bernice Kavadaras, were orderly and interesting.

A buffet supper that could have satisfied the palates of the U.N. delegates was served. The dishes included Chinese and American Chop Suey, Baked Lasagna, Dešry and Kopusty, kugeli, and all kinds of goodies, like those crispy ausuky's. Lots of applause to Joyce Miller, just nineteen, who headed the food committee and did a remarkable job. For a while Ann Miller and Dot Sinkavitch were a little worried about the pickles, but there surely were enough, and everyone went home satisfied.

The highlight of the evening was the entertainment put on by C-116 members depicting the life of a K of L'er. The opening number was a "By the Beautiful Sea" with Aldona Kasper, Dot Sinkavitch, and Shirley Rovezzi as the bathing beauties, and Jack Kasper, and Bill and Jerry Burdulis as their beach companions. Mary Klimkaitis was a big hit in her pantomime of the girl who prefers diamonds to men. Rita Paluses got lots of chuckles with her lecture on why every Lithuanian should join the K of L. Our choir rendered three Lithuanian songs in addition to singing at the Convention Mass. Nice work, Kids. Thanks also to Bill Burdulis, our organist.

On April 8th we had a housewarming for our Clubrooms. The newly redecorated rooms were the scene of the "shower". We just love that bright orange door. The cleanup committee did a wonderful job of redecorating. Thanks to our President, Mary Klimkaitis, we now have real atmosphere in the clubrooms. We hope to see more of our members there so we All can enjoy them. One of

the activities at the reopening was an egg decorating lesson by Mary. It's a toss up as to who had the most original designs, Barbara Mazeika with her dot and check pattern or Joyce Miller with her abstract design.

Convention Tidbits - Rita Skamarock is a good hostess. She greeted and pinned a posy on everyone who came to the dance. . . John Dvareckas makes an excellent MC. Wish he would learn to say Julyte, though . . . Wonder what we could do without Milly Lapinskas and her art of making Dešry? . . . Best coffee maker is Charley Lapinskas. . . Mary Mrozinski is looking for someone to teach her how to glaze a cake, whatever that may be. . . Irene Ostrowski is trying to be a matchmaker. She thinks she's cupid's assistant. . . Joan Cashman and Diane Miller are still the best twisters in our council. . . Buzzy Bacinskas is the best car parker in the world. . . Ed Daniels of C-26, the best judge of baked lasagna.

To those of you in New England who missed this convention we can only say you missed the best ever, but you can redeem yourselves if you come to the Waterbury Convention in the fall.

Athol-Gardner, Mass. C-10

"Vincukas"

On March 4th we commemorated St. Casimir's Day with a Communion Breakfast. Frank Anoris, chairman arranged for the fine meal at the Cedar Lodge.

Some of our members were seen at the Roll-off in Norwood, St. Patrick's Dance in Cambridge, the NEW Whist Party at St. Casimir's and at the delicious Kugeli Supper in Worcester.

Miss Betty Tarpey, has just returned from a vacation in Bermuda. How do those Gardner girls do it? Best wishes to Barb Bermett who walked down the isle in May. The lucky man is Paul Pralinsky.

Our council was well represented at the NED Convention. In attendance were Dr. Henry Gailiunas, Wm. Waslaske, Frances Milosh, Betty Tarpey, Howie Beaudette, Alvin Rodski, and Wm. Wisnauskas. Howard Beaudette of Gardner was elected 2nd Veep in

charge of Juniors. We all had a wonderful time. Thanks for your hospitality, So. Worcester!

This and That: Some of our fun-loving members were seen at the District Bowling Banquet held at the Leister Country Club in May. We also attended the Providence Spring Dance, the K of L reunion held at the So. Boston Lithuanian Club and C-26's dance.

Member of the Month: Frank Anoris of Athol is our Social Chairman, and throughout the years has had his turn at just about every office. Frank has been truly devoted and dedicated to our K of L ideals, and is one of the best liked members in our group. His beautiful villa on White Pond is the scene of many K of L summer meetings and outings. Frank is always willing to lend a helping hand when he's needed and we all think he is very comical and witty.

Boston, Mass. C-17

"Sukejas"

Many C-17'ers were present with their fineries and new suits at the sunrise Mass on Easter. Boston was treated to a wonderful sunny day. The myriads of colors in the Easter bonnets almost put the sun to shame. Later on in the day egg-breaking contests took place.

Congratulations are in order for President, Jerry Venis and his wife, Rita for bringing a new future member into the fold - Lawrence Edward Venis, born April 18, 1962, seven pounds two ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Aldona Jacobauskas) Keany were also parents of a charming daughter. Yes sir, things are looking up for our future junior councils.

The following C-17 members were delegates to the N.E. D. Convention: Ronald ("call me Butch") Venis, John Olevitz, Longinas Svelnis, William, Anthony and Alice Zerembas, Mary Kraneles, Florence Zaleskas, Albert Jaritis, and Edmund Rudis. This was a very enlightening convention - one that made the delegates sit up and take notice. After the buffet the C-17 crew made their way back to Boston to St. Peter's Parish Reunion. This truly was a successful venture on the part of the parishioners of St. Peter.

Our prayers and condolences go out to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zerveskes on the loss of Mrs. Zerveskes' mother last month. Even though these two are not K of L members, they are more than willing to aid the C-17 endeavors both physically and financially.

Good luck to Paula Bernatonas and Ray Slinger who were married on May 5th. Wanda Yelmokas is still wandering through the European countryside, specifically Italy.

The "Marching and Hiking Society" will be reactivated when someone in C-17 finds the time to participate. Remember, there is a reward at the end of the trail. . . Gramp's. . . The 50th Convention Committee is still meeting and thrashing out some of the problems that it will encounter during 1963.

In closing may I add this quip: The world is full of willing people, those willing to work and those willing to let them.

Westfield, Mass. C-30

Genovaite

The May 1st meeting of C-30 found a full house of members, guests, and district officers. We were very happy to have Bernice Kavadaras, Eddie Daniels, and Joe Sakaitis present. Miss Kavadaras' talk gave the council a real incentive. Many thanks, Bernice!

After the meeting, 17 members of C-30 received their First Degree. The ritual was followed by a celebration with delicious refreshments served by Nellie Adomaitis and Alice Descarage.

C-30 was well represented at the District Convention with eight members, including all the officers, attending. Thank you, C-116 for such wonderful hospitality.

The main project at St. Casimir's parish this year is the renovation of the church. We are cooperating with the other church organizations to help raise funds for this purpose. On May 5th a smorgasbord and dance was held, and C-30's members were well represented on the working teams.

It's wonderful to see our council forging ahead and making such great progress. Much of the encouragement comes from the guiding hand of our spiritual advisor, Fr. Vincent Puidokas, who helps and advises "his

kids" in every way. God bless you always, Father.

Misc.: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Tarnauskas on the birth of their daughter. . . May was a month of guests. It was nice to see Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banca of Detroit. . . Glad to see so many longtime members back in the swing.

Norwood, Mass. C-27

"Lulu"

Our council has been hopping for the last few months, and all plans have met with success. A display of Lithuanian culture at both branches of the Norwood Library during February attracted much attention, and the librarian has expressed the hope that the display be repeated next year. Our sincere thanks to Agnes and Alge Vaitonis for arranging this, and to all those who collected the many interesting articles.

St. George's Parish celebrating their 50th Jubilee this year, and to start off the series of commemorative events, C-27 arranged a banquet for the parishioners on St. Casimir's Day. The hall was filled to capacity, and so were the parishioners, who feasted on a kilbasy supper, with all the old-fashioned trimmings. Before the banquet, Father Klimas, our Spiritual Advisor, presented his one act play, "Jurgis Kuraitis," which starred K of L'ers Kay Perednia, Joe Adakonis and Alge Vaitonis, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Father plans to write a sequel presentation in the fall. Louise and Paul Zukas were co-chairmen, assisted by a very hard-working committee of Kay and Joe Adakonis, Agnes and Alge Vaitonis, Kay and Dan Perednia, Betty Stricki, John Stalnick and Vinny Kasauskas. Our thanks to the Married Ladies' Sodality and the Holy Name men for all their help.

March 25th found members from all over New England gathered at St. George's for the annual District Holy Hour. This was followed by a bowling roll-off at the Norwood Sports Center.

Then 65 hearty appetites descended upon the church hall where a frankforts and beans supper awaited them. After everyone had their fill, Kay Perednia sat at the piano and played some fine old Lithuanian songs as everyone set "Sang Along in Lithuanian." Thank

you, chairman, Kay Adakonis, for a job well done.

Early summer will find us enjoying Father Klimas' hospitality at his Cape Cod summer camp. Plans are still being formulated, and this promises to be a full day of complete relaxation and fun.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Pittsburgh, Pa. C-19

Mitzie

Council 19, though small in number is again becoming quite mighty in action. Some of the members have been bowling all winter and spring after an absence of about five years as a council activity. So, you guessed it, our form is pretty rusty, and as far as scores are concerned we simply won't talk about them!

A good-sized group turned out for the March 4 Communion at St. Casimir's R. C. Church on the South Side. After Mass the group met at Johnny Garneau's Smorgasbord for luncheon and a meeting. The group is working hard to raise money to pay off the Lithuanian Catholic Hour debt. Mildred Chinik and Anne Kolicius held card parties at their homes under the chairmanship of Mildred Chinik and raised a sizeable sum. A few of the other members have promised to do their bit to this worthy cause after Lent. Father Walter was our inspirational speaker at the Luncheon, and encouraged us all to continue to cultivate the Lithuanian language through song and the spoken word. Father Walter, upon being appointed the Pastor of St. Casimir's was recently honored by his parishioners at a testimonial banquet in which the C-19 members participated. We all wish him success in his new appointment.

Council 19 is planning a spaghetti supper right after Easter to see if the funds can be raised to finish off the radio debt! Julia Aleshunas and Lori Yucius will be the expert cooks. Those who attended our last one had such a good time that they're coming back for a repeat performance on May 19th.

After the April meeting the following items are on the agenda: Andy Rozger is driving a carload of members to the spiritual services at Carey, Ohio on May 6th; the bowlers are all set for Detroit the weekend of May 25 - all the regulars plus a few others

perhaps for the cheering section.

Even though the C-19 group finally had to give up the Lithuanian Catholic Hour because of lack of funds and lack of support (not because of disinterest on the part of the members) The Catholic Federation has again begun broadcasting, with our own K of L members alternating as announcers and with Father Susinskas from Braddock as the main speaker for the beginning months, William Kolicius, Vito Yucius and Al Onaitis are the announcers for the present. The program is being sponsored by the Lithuanian Parishes of the Pittsburgh Diocese. Listen in - one and all - Station WEDO, 1:35 to 2:00 P.M. - 810 on the dial - every Sunday afternoon.

Other events in the planning stage - a visit to the Pittsburgh Playhouse for dinner and a play, a visit to a ball game after a quick dinner some evening or for a Sunday game with dinner to follow after the game.

It begins to sound like fun again, doesn't it? We are hoping some new members will be tempted to join us in our good times.

In closing, I'd like to extend best wishes to C-19's 1962 officers: SPIRITUAL ADVISER: Rev. Walter Karavackas, PRESIDENT: Eleanor Aleliunas, 1st VICE PRES. (Juniors): Lori Yucius, 2nd VICE PRES. (Membership): Antoinette Naujelis, FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Julia Aleshunas, RECORDING SECRETARY: Mildred Chinik, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Lori Yucius, TREASURER: William Kolicius, RITUAL CHAIRMAN: Stephen Onaitis, LITH. AFFAIRS CHAIRMAN and VYTIS CORRESPONDENT: Mildred Chinik, PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN: Vito Yucius, SPORTS: Andy Rozger, SICK & CHEER: Margie Potts, SERGEANT AT ARMS: Andy Rozger.

Detroit, Mich. C-79

Inklings

At our regular monthly meeting Charles Podoloski was welcomed as a new member, and Bill Juodawlakis and Julie Smilgis were guests. We were happy to have them.

The 79'ers are back in the old groove after weeks of Lenten fasting, and Frank Petrosky has every intention of keeping us busy socially. So far he has scheduled a Weiner Roast, a ball game, a picnic at Kent Lake, and a "horse shoe pitching"

contest and picnic at Lola Valley. Can't complain of stagnation around here.

Ann Valatka is busy with "open house day" for our elder Lithuanian folks. This is a new idea for Detroit, but according to Ann it is being well received. We wish her good luck and hope it is a huge success.

Sophie Zager, another "go-getter" also has a pet project. She has been sending Catholic literature to Kentucky. This is really living Catholic action. Sophie has been doing all of the questioning, packing, and mailing. God love you, Sophie.

Joe Kazlauskas and his "jumping juniors" are also spreading out. They have big plans for a skating party and a family style July 1st picnic at Camp Dainava. All youngsters, ages 10 to 16 are welcome. Joe and young Ralph Valatka will be happy to sign them up as Jr. K of L'ers.

Best wishes are being sent to: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gogalis (Estelle Pileckas) and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Nashlon (Margaret Ann Smailis) on their wedding; Elaine Patocki, daughter of Helen and Clem, as she graduates from the College of Mt. St. Joseph in Cincinnati with a BA degree; and to Lenard Vitichus for winning another scholarship at Interlochen, Michigan's music camp for gifted children.

A speedy recovery is wished from all of us to Ann Fogg and Eleanor Waskiewicz who were hospitalized.

C-79's bowling season has come to an end with the "fabulous five," Joy Inn Team as champions. Once they reached the top, after six weeks of bowling, no one could dislodge them. The winning combination on this team are Lillian and Delphine Stepan, Dan Conlon, Bill Juodawlakis, and Leonard Salas. And they said it couldn't be done!



Joy Inn Champs! l. to r. D. Conlon, D. Stepan, B. Juodawlakis, Sponsor John Eizonas, L. Stepan, L. Salas



2nd Place Winners! l. to r. top row: A. Petroski, Sponsor A. Dombrowsky, B. Petroski, J. Petroski. Bottom row: W. Dombrowsky, F. Petroski, P. Stanulis



3rd Place Winners: l. to r. top row: J. Guerriero, M. Guerriero, J. Step, Sponsor C. Step. Bottom row: J. Chaps, T. Wilchesky

VYTIS questionnaire

Dear Reader,

In order to make the VYTIS more interesting and enjoyable for YOU, the following questionnaire has been devised to give us a better picture of your thoughts concerning VYTIS. You NEED NOT sign your name!

Please be frank in answering the listed questions - and add whatever comments you may deem helpful. Return this complete page as soon as possible (before Aug. 1, 1962), to:

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Concerning the present VYTIS, please indicate your reply with a check x in the appropriate space.

1. I usually read:

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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Every article | d. <input type="checkbox"/> Lithuanian articles | g. <input type="checkbox"/> (Other) |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Feature articles | e. <input type="checkbox"/> English articles | |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Council News | f. <input type="checkbox"/> Official News | |

2. Generally speaking, I would classify the contents of VYTIS as:

Very interesting Fair Not interesting.

3. I would miss VYTIS if we stopped publishing it. Yes No

4. The VYTIS should contain about % Lithuanian and % English material

5. I would like to see more articles on the following topics:

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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Religious topics | e. <input type="checkbox"/> Lith. History in English | i. <input type="checkbox"/> K of L Committees |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Lith. culture in English | f. <input type="checkbox"/> Lith. self-taught series | j. <input type="checkbox"/> Articles in Lithuanian |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Lith. folklore | g. <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | k. <input type="checkbox"/> (others) |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Lith. Amer. personalities | h. <input type="checkbox"/> Organization improvement | |

6. I would like to see more, less the same amount of pictures used each month.

7. The Council News Section should be:

kept as is eliminated reorganized (elaborate, please) _____

8. The Junior News Section should be:

kept as is eliminated reduced to one page

9. On the cover, I prefer:

an artistic design a photograph.
 Scenery activity people

The cover design (or picture) should be changed:

each month each year each

10. Please comment also on: the inside cover (how to improve its appearance), type of pictures used, suggestions for Profiles, etc. _____

That we may better evaluate the above information, kindly check the information below that pertains to you personally.

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| 1. SEX: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. STATUS: Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. EDUCATION: Grade School <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate School <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 4. BIRTHPLACE: USA <input type="checkbox"/> Lithuania <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 5. AGE: 16-21 yrs. old <input type="checkbox"/> 21-30 yrs. old <input type="checkbox"/> 31-50 yrs. old <input type="checkbox"/> over 50 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 6. I understand Lithuanian <input type="checkbox"/> I speak Lithuanian <input type="checkbox"/> I read Lithuanian <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| I understand English <input type="checkbox"/> I speak English <input type="checkbox"/> I read English <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 7. I attend K of L meetings: always <input type="checkbox"/> occasionally <input type="checkbox"/> never <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| I attend K of L conventions: almost always <input type="checkbox"/> occasionally <input type="checkbox"/> never <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 8. I belong to a Lithuanian parish: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | |
| I attend a Lithuanian church: always <input type="checkbox"/> occasionally <input type="checkbox"/> never <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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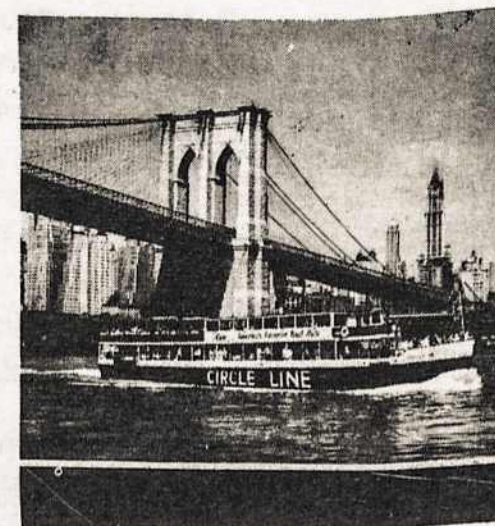
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PRE-CONVENTION EVENTS

Aug. 15
Wed.

- Freedomland

Bus will leave from Hotel at 10:30 A.M.



Aug. 16.
Thurs.

- Cruise around Manhattan Island

Buses will leave from Hotel at 9:00 A. M.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Aug. 16
Thurs.

9:00 P.M. Variety Show, St. George's Hall, Newark, N. J.

Aug. 17
Fri.

8:00 A. M. Mass, Holy Trinity Church, Newark, N.J. (Breakfast)

10:30 A. M. Opening Session (Hotel)

12:30 P. M. Luncheon (Hotel)

2:00 P. M. Session (Hotel)

8:30 P. M. Cultural Night (Ruta Concert) L.C.C.C. Kearny, N. J.

Aug. 18
Sat.

8:00 P. M. Mass, SS Peter & Paul's Church, Elizabeth, N.J. (Breakfast)

10:30 A. M. Session (Hotel)

12:30 P. M. Luncheon (Hotel)

2:00 P. M. Session (Hotel)

9:00 P. M. Convention Dances (2) Ballrooms (Hotel)

Aug. 19
Sun.

10:30 A. M. Mass, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kearny, N.J.
Dedication of Wayside Cross
Picture
Brunch

2:00 P. M. Closing Session (Hotel)

6:30 P. M. Banquet