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MARY'S TEARS AND THE IRON CHEST

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It was the year 1612. The armies of the Polish-Lithuanian Republic were being driven out of Moscow, defeated in their efforts to enforce the claims of their ruler's son, Ladislas Vasa, to the throne of the Tsars. Well-trained Swedish troops were seeking bloody triumphs in Northern Europe. Protestantism still divided the continent.

Oblivious of this clash of arms, this lust for power and spread of dissension, young shepherd children were tending their flocks in the green, quiet Lithuanian pastures on the outskirts of the tiny village of Siluva. They were just ordinary, normal children of peasant stock. Their lives for the most part were dull and monotonous. Each morning they rose from their beds of straw, hurriedly donned their worn and patched clothes, quickly consumed a piece or two of rough, hard, black bread, and holding their noonday lunches in their little hands went out to face the tasks which inevitably kept them busy until sunset. Neither was their future a bright one. Their education was limited to a few brief instructions on religious matters before the reception of the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. And their parents had little to offer; day after day, their fathers and mothers labored on the huge and beautiful estates of pompous and wealthy nobles; in return they received the privilege of cultivating a piece of land from the fruits of which they hoped to eke out a humble existence and maintain their thatched-roof, one-room homes. Only the generosity of a kindly landlord occasionally saved such children from this dismal lot.

In their innocence and guilelessness, the youngsters played their usual games and sang their peasant songs while the animals browsed contentedly. On this particular day in the year 1612, they were suddenly disturbed by sounds of weeping and sobbing. Shocked by the thought that one of their companions may have been accidentally injured, they frantically looked from side to side. And on a large rock, which raised its jagged back from the ground, they beheld a pretty maiden. Her long, soft shining hair stretched gracefully over her stately shoulders. She was clothed in flowing lilywhite robes. Against her breast, in her smooth arms she gently held a sleeping Babe. Wet tears were streaming down her fair cheeks. Frightened and almost in panic, driving their flocks before them, the children hastened back to the village.

The next day, aroused by the children's story, many of the inhabitants of Siluva gathered at the scene of the apparitions. Expectation excited their hearts and curiosity lighted their eyes, even while the Calvinist minister, who had also come, rebuked the people for their simplicity and their proneness to believe the improbable. Once more sobbing sounds became audible, and all present saw the beautiful maiden, as described by the children, standing on the dark rock, pressing an Infant to her bosom, as copious tears rolled down her youthful, pure countenance.

Stunned, his face ashen, the minister asked the maiden why she was weeping. The reply came promptly:

"Formerly, my dearly beloved Son was worshipped on this very spot; now this soil is given over to the plowman and the tiller."

The reason for the Blessed Virgin's bitter complaint was soon made evident.

An old man, who had lost his sight and who was more than a hundred years of age, lived in one of the villages near Siluva. Having heard of the extraordinary happenings, he em-

phatically and insistently declared that the apparitions had taken place on the same site where a Catholic Church had once stood, but which had been burned down in 1532, and that some of the salvaged treasures of the church had been buried in an iron chest in the same vicinity.

Shortly afterwards, the Rev. John Kazakevicius, officially representing the Catholic diocese of Samogitia, invited the blind peasant to accompany him to the scene of the apparitions. Immediately upon arrival a miracle occurred: the old man's sight was restored. Without difficulty he pointed out the place where the iron chest had been hidden. An old oaken chest reinforced with iron was then easily unearthed. Among its contents were a portrait of the Virgin Mary, chalices, vestments, and documentary evidence that in 1457 Prince Peter Giedgudas had erected a wooden church for the people of Siluva.

Blessed with frequent miracles, devotion to the Maiden of the Rock grew rapidly and received the full approbation of the Church. During the last quarter of the eighteenth century Pope Pius VII designated September 8th as the special feast of the Lady of Siluva, attached a plenary indulgence to this devotion, and also sent a golden crown for the portrait.

Before the outbreak of World War II, the permanent population of the village of Siluva was a mere 1,100 persons. Each year, however, more than 100,000 pilgrims from all parts of Lithuania and many other countries journeyed to Siluva to visit the church and shrine that stood there majestically in fulfillment of Mary's expressed wish; to see the ancient iron chest, and one of the chasubles it originally contained, carefully displayed in a glass case; to study the venerable portrait of the Immaculate Virgin at the main Altar; and most would heal whatever wounds they or their dear ones suffered in soul as well as in body.

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ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

May 26-27, 1962

Hosts, Council 79, Detroit, Michigan

TEAM PRIZES:

First Place - C-82, Gary, Ind. 2950

Emily Mihaluk	Charlotte Pauza
Mike Mihaluk	Jim Rukas
Al Pazera	

Second Place - C-96, Dayton, Ohio 2876

Frank Ambrose	Joe Kavalauskas
Rita Ambrose	Charles Petkus
Mary Kavalauskas	

Third Place - C-25, Cleveland, Ohio 2865

Evelyn Andrulis	Andy Skarnus
Rev. Ivanauskas	Joanne Shigo
Gene Kusitis	

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Andy Skarnus, C-25, Cleveland	232
Ann Aleks, C-102, Detroit	241

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Julia Aleshunas, C-19, Pittsburgh	656

High Series - Scratch

Andy Skarnus - C-25, Cleveland	617
Aldona Kaminskas, C-26, Chicago	505

PARTICIPATION . . .

23 regular teams and 2 junior teams participated, representing:

5 States (Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania)

2 Districts (Illinois-Indiana and Mid-Central)

8 Councils (19, 25, 36, 79, 82, 96, 102, 112)

2 Junior Councils (Jr. 79 and Jr. 102)

NEXT YEAR'S TOURNAMENT HOSTS:

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LIETUVOS VYČIŲ DARBŲ SRITYS

Vysk. V. BRIZGYS

Trumpesni ir turiningesni obalsi, kaip Lietuvos Vyčių pasirinktasis: DIEVUI ir TEVYNEI, neįmanoma surasti. Galima sakyti, kad jame telpa ir individų ir organizuotų žmonių plati gyvenimo ir veiklos programa. Iš tų dviejų žodžių: DIEVUI ir TEVYNEI galima sukurti daug gražių ir praktiškų temų, liečiančių asmens ir organizacijos gyvenimą ir veiklą. Ši kartą ryžtuosi panagrinti tris temas: Lietuvos Vytis - Katalikas, Lietuvos Vytis - Lietuvis ir Lietuvos Vytis - Amerikos Lietuvis. Tokie eilėje jas panagrinsime ne todėl, kad pabrėžus vienos pirmenybę prieš kitą, o tik todėl, kad apie visas tris kartu neįmanoma kalbėti. Gyvenime jos visos yra to paties žmogaus ir tuo pačiu laiku vykintinos temos.

I. LIETUVOS VYTIS - KATALIKAS

Kataliko vardo turinyje telpa aktyvus krikščionis, apaštalas. Asmuo, kuris pasitenkina tik savo gyvenimą katalikiškai tvarkyti, neišpildo savo vardo-kataliko turinio. Nėra reikalo čia kartoti teologų žodžius. Tai pasako žmogaus širdis ir protas. Todėl ir matome, kad norįs būti geru kataliku net nemokyčiausias žmogus nepasitenkina vien tik savo katalikiškumu. Jeigu jis ar ji yra permažai išsilavinęs pats skelbti Kristų ir jo išganymą kitiems, tai toks nors savo auka, darbais remia skelbėjus. Tai yra natūralu. Kristus ir Krikščionybė reiškia visos žmonijos atpirkimą ir išganymą. Kam tai visai nerūpi, tas nesupranta Kristaus ir Krikščionybės. Būti tokiu susipratusiu ir aktyviu krikščioniu nepakanka dalyvauti tik labdaros ar kultūros veikloje. Reikia dalyvauti Kristaus ir Krikščionybės skelbime.

Kad būti Kristaus ir Krikščionybės skelbėju, reikia pačiam žinoti Krikščionybės turinį. O ta krikščionybė nėra tik liturgija bažnyčioje ar pamaldumas privačiame gyvenime. Kaip maistas darbininkui yra reikalingas, kad jis galėtų dirbti, taip mūsų visos religinės praktikos yra reikalingos, kad padėtų mums krikščioniškai gyventi. Krikščionybė yra individų ir visuomenės krikščioniškas gyvenimas. Visoms gyvenimo sritims: kultūrai, ekonomijai, politikai, darbininkų bei darbdavių sąjungoms ir jų santykiams ir visoms kitoms gyvenimo sritims Krikščionybė turi savo principus, patarimus ir net suformuluotas sistemas, visiems klausimams turi savo atsakymus. Visos gyvenimo sritys gali būti žmonių tvarkomos krikščioniškai ir nekrikščioniškai. Lietuvos Vyčiui reikia žinoti, kaip kas turi būti tvarkoma, kad būtų tvarkoma krikščioniškai.

Nė iš mažai civilizuoto krikščionies yra reikalaujama žinoti ir saugoti Krikščionybės pagrindus. Evangelijos ir Apaštalų Laiškai buvo skirti ne tik mokytiems krikščionims, o prieš 2.000 metų gyvenusiems paprastiesiems žmonėms, kurių dauguma buvo beraščiai. Jeigu Kristus ir apaštalai tas tiesas skelbė ano laiko žmonėms, tai kaip gerai jas ir visą Katalikų Bažnyčios doktriną tu-

ri žinoti ir suprasti mūsų laiko katalikas išbuvęs 12 ar daugiau metų modernioje katalikiškoje mokykloje ir mokąs daugiau negu tik skaityti?

Pasitaikydavo ir pasitaiko tokių asmenų, kurie katalikiškoje mokykloje ir nebuvę ar joje buvę trumpai, katalikiškos doktrinos ir gyvenimo žino daugiau už kaikuriuos eilę metų buvusius katalikiškoje mokykloje. Iš kur tas skirtumas? Mokykla niekad neduoda žmogui visko, ko jis reikalingas gyvenime. Mokykla yra gera, kuri jaunam žmogui parodo kelius ir įpratina jais naudotis, kuriais jis galės ateityje surasti reikiamų žinių. Kiekvieno žmogaus didžiausia mokykla buvo ir bus šeima ir jo asmeninė iniciatyva. Ir katalikiška mokykla krikščioniškos doktrinos duoda tik pradžių, parodo jos šaltinius, pamoko ir paragina jais naudotis. Gi daugiau negu mokykla privalo duoti šeimos kasdieniniai pasikalbėjimai, kasdieninis gyvenimas, skaitymas. Pravartu pastebėti, kad į gyvenimo klausimus krikščioniškų atsakymų nereikia ieškoti laikraščiuose. Plačiau to neaiškinant užteks priminti, kad doktrinos ir atsakymų į atskirus klausimus reikia ieškoti Bažnyčios autoriteto aprobuotose veikaluose. Laikraščių straipsniai to aprobuoto neturi.

Ir mažo mokslo žmogus gali pataikyti šventai gyventi. Aktyviam katalikui tačiau yra būtina žinoti krikščionišką doktriną. Be pakankamai aiškios ir pilnos doktrinos aktyvumas gali išeiti į blogą ir veikėjui ir visuomeni.

Organizacijos kuriamos veiklai. Geras yra metodas - narių kandidatūros laikas. Jis tačiau tik tada turi prasmės, jeigu yra skirtas metodiškam pasiruošimui. Lietuvos Vyčių pasiruošimo programoje pirmoje vietoje turi būti krikščioniškos doktrinos pažinimas. Kad veiklus katalikas visada būtų geras apaštalas, jis turi visada mokyti.

II. LIETUVOS VYTIS - LIETUVIS

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija įkurta jau ne šiandien: ji yra jau subrendusi ir metais ir darbais. Tiesa, kad jai gimstant Amerikos lietuvių gyvenimas buvo jau gerai organizuotas. Lietuvos Vyčiai yra labai daug pridėję tos lietuvių visuomenės gyvumui, sąmoningumui, dar tvirtesniam susiorganizavimui. Gi Lietuvos vardą Amerikos spaudoje ir kitur jie atstovauja ir gyviau ir efektyviau už bet kurią kitą organizaciją. Lietuvos Vyčiai gali teisingai kaip tuo didžiuotis, turėti drąsių pasiryžimų ateičiai ir kaikurių pretenzijų lietuvių visuomenėje.

Zvelgiant ateitin, Lietuvos Vyčių pačios organizacijos išlaikymui ir viskam, ką ta organizacija gali duoti, didžiausiu uždaviniu laikau skleisti Lietuvos Vyčių vardą mokyklos amžiaus jaunimo tarpe. Iniciatyva organizuoti jaunuosius Vyčius yra labai didelės vertės. Jeigu į šį reikalą pakankamai įsigilintų kunigai, vienuolės, susipra-

tę tėvai, tai jie patys turėtų stengtis jaunosius Vyčius suorganizuoti kiekvienoje parapijinėje mokykloje, ar kur tokių mokyklų nėra, tai parapijoje. Ak gi yra gerų lietuvių vaikų einančių ne į lietuvių parapijos ar viešąją mokyklą. Kunigai ir Vyčiai turėtų ir juos susirinkti. Jeigu tai būtų anksčiau daryta, reikia manyti, kad lietuvių jaunimo būtų daugiau atėję į lietuvių vienuolynus, jauni kunigai nebūtų nutolę nuo savų žmonių lietuviško gyvenimo, būtų daugiau jaunų pasauliečių veikėjų. Praeities jau nepataisysime, bet ateičiai galima dar daug gero laimėti, lietuviška sąmonė jaunime dar neišmirus. Tačiau to nedarant labai daug pralaimės ir lietuvių parapijos ir vienuolynai ir visas lietuvių gyvenimas.

Ką lietuviško galima ir reikia Amerikoje išlaikyti? Sakoma, ką išmoksi, ant pečių nenešiosi. Užtai ir mokesčių mokėti nereiks, o naudos daug iš visko, ką tik moki. Kiekviena kalba yra turtas. Sakau jums tai ir iš savo patyrimo. Lietuvių kalba yra mūsų savoji kalba. Politinė pasaulio situacija gali pasikeisti kiekvieną dieną. Tada lietuviškai kalbąs Vytis - kunigas ar pasaulietis gali būti Lietuvoje daug reikalingesnis ir mielesnis talkininkas, negu Peace Corps jaunimas Afrikoje ar Pietų Amerikoje. Užtat, Vyčiai, ir toliau lietuviškai skaitykite, dainuokite, giedokite. Mūsų Maironis, Vaižgantas, Krėvė ir daug kitų yra verti būti skaitomi visokiomis kalbomis, bet jokioje kalboje jie nebus tokie gražūs, kaip originalioje - lietuviškoje.

Lietuvišką rūbą Vyčiai mėgstate. Architektai sukūrė keletą lietuviškų bažnyčių. Yra daug gražių lietuviškų tradicijų. Viena iš jų - lietuvis ir jo sukurtas gražus kryžius. Amerikoje jų yra prie daugelio lietuvių bažnyčių, pasistatė juos bene visos lietuvaits vienuolės, Tėvai Jėzuitai ir Pranciškonai savo centruose, Saleziečiai Crown Point, visa eilė lietuvių prie savo sodybų, Toronto, Ont. ir Portland, Oregon lietuviai pastatė gausiai lankomose nelietuvių šventovėse. Ir Vyčiams turėtų rūpėti puošti kur tik galima Ameriką šiuo gražiu kryžium. Padėkime visiems amerikiečiams apsiprasti su šiuo išganymo ir visokios pergalės ženklu. Per žmonių širdis jis tegul įeina į viešąją mokyklą, teismą ir kitur, kur jis dar neįleidžiamas.

Lietuviai turi labai gražių šeimyninių ir viešų religinių tradicijų. Atskirai apie jas šia proga nekalbėsiu. Jas palaikyti, skleisti ir nelietuvių tarpe laikykime lietuvių krikščioniškos misijos reikalu. Vyčiai galėtų antai nors kartą savaitėje gegužio mėnesyje pakviesti visą lietuvišką jaunimą bažnyčion pagiedoti Sv. Marijos litaniją, Marijos giesmių. Arba gavėnios metu nors vieną vakarą savaitėje pakviesti visą jaunimą apeiti Kryžiaus Kelius su giesmėmis, ar pagiedoti Graudžius Verksmus. Šios ir visa eilė kitų lietuviams savų religinių praktikų yra tokios šventos, liturginės, meniškos, kad tai tikri Katalikų Bažnyčios briliantai. Į tokias pamaldas sueitų minios žmonių. Ateitų ir nelietuvių ir tai būtų naudinga. Tendencija viską trumpinti yra labai geras kelias viską sunaikinti.

Lietuvos Vyčiams priklauso vieta Amerikos lietuvių visokioje veikloje. Šio meto Vyčiai yra intelektualiniai išsilavinę, tautiniai susipratę. Užtat jie gerai darys aktyviai reikšdamiesi visame lietuvių gyvenime. Vyčiai nepavieniai, o visa organizacija kartu turėtų iesti nariu į Amerikos Lietuvių Bendruomenę, ten aktyviai reikštis. Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės ideja yra didelė ir svarbi. Lietuvos Vyčiai padarys gerą darbą pasistengę, kad ir Ameri-

koje ji nebūtų nieku menkesnė, negu kituos kraštuos. Sekdami amerikietiška spaudą ir Amerikos politiką Vyčiai su dideliu dėmesiu turėtų sekti ir lietuvių politinę veiklą. Vyčiams dera visa energija remti instituciją, kuri vadinama ALTu. Ta institucija gal kada pakeis savo vardą, gal bus kitaip organizuota, tačiau jos veikla bus ta pati, ji turi rūpėti kiekvienam Amerikos lietuviui, o ypačiai Vyčiams.

Esant reikalo visuomenę paraginti prie rimties, susiklausymo, Vyčiai ir už savo praeitį ir už dabartinę veiklą turi teisę pasakyti visuomenei paragavimo žodį. Ir savo darbais ir savo dvasia Lietuvos Vyčiai turi už ką būti Amerikos lietuvių visuomenės pirmose eilėse.

III. LIETUVOS VYTIS - AMERIKOS LIETUVIS

Lietuvos Vytis yra amerikietis nieku ne mažesnis už škotą, airį, prancūzą, skandinavą, olandą, lenką ar kuri kitą čia gimusį ar imigrantą. Vyčių pareigos ir privilegijos yra tos pačios, kaip ir visų kitų. Vyčiai yra pranašesni už milijonus kitų, nes jie yra organizuoti ir seka labai prasmingą obalsį: DIEVUI ir TEVYNEI.

Kurie Vyčius steigė ir parinko jiems obalsį, rūpinosi ir Lietuva, tačiau pirmoje eilėje jie rūpinosi lietuviu Amerikoje. Pagalbos Lietuvai jie siekė iš Amerikos ir per Ameriką. Tas kelias Vyčių sektinas ir toliau. Ko linkite ir norėtumėte duoti Lietuvai, duokite tai dabar Amerikai. Ir dabar ir ateityje visa Amerika padės tai duoti Lietuvai.

Siekiame laisvos Lietuvos. Budėkime ir darbuokimės, kad Amerikoje laisvė nesumažėtų. Pavojų yra. Nesimato pavojaus, kad Ameriką kas okupuotų, tačiau yra pavojų Amerikos vidaus laisvei. Ir kraštutiniai kairieji net pats marksizmas ir kraštutiniai dešinieji su Europoje pralaimėjusiomis totalitarinėmis tendencijomis reiškiasi ir randa pritarėjų. Kol kas jo nepavojingos, bet kokio nors sukrėtimo metu gali tapti pavojingomis. Ginti nuo jų Ameriką reikia dabar. Reikia saugoti ir stiprinti Amerikos demokratinę santvarką ir laisvę. Tiesa, Amerikoje ne viskas tobula, ne viskas demokratiška, kas tuo vardu daroma ar norima daryti. Tuos trūkumus kritikuodami kiti taip pat ne kartą siūlo visai ne demokratiškus dalykus. Gindamiesi nuo kritikų konservatyvieji pravardžiuoja socializmu, komunizmu tai, kas tuo nėra. Visais tais klausimais Vyčiams reikia turėti savo nuomonę.

Kultūriniais, socialiniais, politiniais, ekonominiais, darbininkų ir darbdavių santykių klausimais, streikų, monopolių, valdžios kompetencijos ir kitais klausimais Vyčiai aiškumo ieško ne kitur, o Katalikų Bažnyčios doktrinoje išreikštoje Popiežių Leono XIII, Pijaus XI, Pijaus XII, Jono XXIII enciklikose. Savo galvojime ir veikime Vyčiai tesiremia šia doktrina. Skelbkime ją visai Amerikai.

Minėjau, kad reikia ginti Amerikos demokratiją nuo klaidingų tendencijų. Nėra būtina ginti Amerikoje viską, ką gina Demokratų ar Respublikonų partijos. Jos nė viena neturi suformuluotos doktrinos. Abiejų atstovai ir savo kalbose ir veikloje yra perdideli oportunistai. Kaip ir visų klausimų, taip ir demokratijos supratimui Vyčiai sau aiškumo ieško krikščioniškoje doktrinoje. Jeigu iš lietuvių iniciatyvos Amerikoje gimtų nauja Krikščionių Demokratų partija, tai lietuviai suteiktų Amerikai ir visai žmonijai ne mažesnę patarnavimą už tą kokią praeityje suteikė didieji amerikiečiai kūrę Amerikai santvarkos principus.

Lietuvos Vyčiai nenori bedieviškos Lietuvos, ar tai vadinantųsi bolševizmu, nihilizmu ar kitokiu vardu. Visi norime

krikščioniškos Lietuvos. Siekime krikščioniškos Amerikos. Gal praeityje ji buvo krikščioniškesnė, bet dabar jai daug ko trūksta. Tokios veiklos prasmė didelė. Viena - dirbdami Amerikai išmoksitė dirbti ir kitur. Antra - mes ir šiandien matome, kiek turi reikšmės net Lietuvos reikalams Amerikos įtakingų žmonių pažiūros, įsitikinimai. Nėra reikalo aiškinti, kad ir ateityje Lietuva tiek galės remtis Amerika, kokia čia bus dvasia. Vyčiams turi labai rūpėti, ko verta yra šiandien Amerikos viešosios mokyklos, bendrai jaunimo dvasia, ko galima iš to laukti Amerikos ir kitų ateičiai.

Amerikos lietuvių parapijos nėra reikalingos pasauliečių katechetų, yra pakankamai kunigų. O Amerikos diasporoje yra ne mažai vietų, kur dirbuojasi lietuviai kunigai ir kur yra būtina reikalingi pasauliečiai katechetai. Prisiminkime Alabamą, Texas, New Mexico. Ten besidarbuoją mūsų kunigai katechetų šaukiasi ir gauna per Extension

Society. Vyčiams reiktų pagalvoti, ar negalima nors porą savaitių metuose pašvęsti šiam tiesioginiam apaštaltavimui Amerikos jaunimo tarpe. Pastudijuotina, kaip kiti tvarkosi, kad jie tam darbui laiko randa. Zinau, kad ir šią vasarą vienas lietuvis kunigas turi du katechetus, kurie kitu laiku dirba mokykloje.

Visos šios mintys yra tik pluoštas sugestijų ar pavyzdžių. Jeigu Lietuvos Vyčiai savyje ugdys tikro vyčiokovotojo dvasią, tai darbų ir galimybių jiems pasišvęsti suras daugiau, negu jų jėgos ir laikas leis apimti.

Skatinkite ir stiprinkite jaunystės entuziazmą. Jis padaro žmogaus gyvenimą maloniu, įdomiu ir prasmingu. Būtu daugiau negu naudinga ir gražu, jeigu Lietuvos Vyčiai savo veiklą planuotų ir vykintų kartu su Ateitininkais. Šios dvi organizacijos kartu tapdamos gyvenimiškai aktyviomis sudarytų Amerikoje imponantišką jėgą.

MIRĖ LIETUVOS VYČIŲ BIČIULIS

Tėv. MODESTAS STEPAITIS, OFM

Gegužės 17 d. tarp Portland ir Biddeford, Maine, sunkvežimis suvažinėjo Tėvą Modestą Stepaitį, važiuojantį lengvu motociklu. Tėv. Modestas Stepaitis atvykęs į Ameriką atgaivino Lewiston, Me., Lietuvos Vyčių kuopą, buvo jos dvasios vadu ir net du kartus buvo išrinktas Centro Valdybos nariu. Net ir negalėdamas darbuotis su vyčiais, visuomet buvo nuoširdus jų bičiulis.

A. a. Tėv. Modestas Stepaitis gimė Šilinės kaime, Eržvilko valsčiuje, Tauragės apskrityje, Lietuvoje, 1916 m. kovo 13 d. ir buvo pakrikštytas Juozapu. Zigmui ir Elzbietai Stepaičiams jis buvo trečias kūdikis, augęs tarp 4 brolių ir 3 seserų. Pradžios mokyklą išėjo Varlaukyje, Batakių valsčiuje. Vėliau su tėvais persikėlė į Avietiškųjų kaimą, nes jo tėvas ten buvo paskirtas eiguliu. Čia apsigyvenęs priklausė Pašaltuonio parapijai ir lankė Eržvilko progimnaziją.

Baigęs Eržvilko progimnaziją, 1934 m. rugsėjo 1 d. įstojo į Pranciškonų gimnaziją Kretingoje. 1935 m. rugpiūčio 1 d. stojo į Mažesniųjų Brolių ordiną Pajūryje ir įvilktuvių metu gavo Modesto vardą. Atlikęs noviciatą, 1936 m. rugpiūčio 2 d. padaręs laikinuosius išžadus, grįžo Kretingon, kur ėjo gimnazijos kursą ir mokėsi filosofijos.



Viršinininkų siunčiamas 1938 m. spalio mėn. išvyko Italijon ir Pranciškonų seminarijoje Pescia, Colle-viti, studijavo teologiją. Ten 1939 m. rugpiūčio 2 d. padarė amžinuosius išžadus. Ten pat 1941 m. liepos 6. d. gavęs kunigystės šventimus, netrukus buvo perkeltas į Sienos seminariją, kur baigęs teologijos mokslus apaštaltavo italų tarpe.

Negalėdamas grįžti komunistų užgrobtu tėvynėn, 1946 m. balandžio 13 d. atvyko į Ameriką ir apsigyveno pirmame tuo metu lietuvių pranciškonų vienuolyne Greene, Me. Čia jis tuoj buvo paskirtas rūpintis Lewiston, Me., lietuvių dvasiniais reikalais. Tuo metu jis atgaivino Lewiston Lietuvos Vyčių kuopą ir 1947 m. Worcester, Mass., vyčių seime buvo išrink-

tas į Centro Valdybą. Misijoms vesti ir kunigams padėti viršinininkų dažnai iš Greene buvo siunčiamas ir į kitas lietuvių parapijas.

Kuriant St. Catharines vienuolyną Kanadoje, 1949 m. pradžioje, buvo paskirtas to vienuolyno pirmuoju viršinininku ir rūpinosi tos apylinkės besikuriančių tremtinių dvasiniais ir materialiniais reikalais. Pranciškonų provincijos kapitula 1949 m. rudenį jį vėl atkėlė į Greene vienuolyną, kur jis gyvena besidarbuodamas su vyčiais iki 1951 m. rudens, paskui buvo perkeltas į naujai įkurtą pranciškonų vienuolyną Brooklyne ir pradėjo spaudos darbą.

Provincijos vadovybė 1952 m. paskyrė jį "Sv. Pranciškaus Varpelio" redaktorium ir kiek vėliau "Darbininke" redakcijos kolektyvo nariu. "Varpelį" redagavo ir "Darbininke" dirbo iki 1958 m. liepos mėn. Nuo 1958 iki 1961 m. vikaravo Toronto Prisikėlimo parapijoje, o nuo 1961 m. pavasario vėl redagavo "Varpelį" ir gyveno Kennebunkport, Me. vienuolyne. I šį vienuolyną grįždamas jis ir buvo patrauktas po sunkvežimio ratais. Laidotuvių apeigos buvo atliktos Kennebunkport, Me. vienuolyne gegužės 21 d. Palaidotas - Biddeford pranciškonų parapijos kapuose.

Amžiną atilsį duok jam, Viešpatie!

Lithuanians in The News



To our many wonderful K of L members and friends in the priesthood who celebrated special anniversaries of their ordinations this summer, we extend our heartfelt congratulations! May the years to come be filled with happiness and health.

Since it would be impossible to feature each such Jubilarian in VYTIS, permit us to at least present those who were called to the attention of the Staff.

RT. REV. MSGR. FRANCIS M. JURAS, pastor of St. Francis Church of Lawrence, Mass. and Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania this year commemorated his 40th Anniversary of his priesthood.

(Photo by Bachrach)



REV. VLADAS KARALEVICIUS of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Elizabeth, N.J., celebrated his Silver Jubilee as a priest this June. Father is an active New Jersey K of L-er and the former Spiritual Adviser of the New York-New Jersey District.

(Photo by Walter T. Cocher)



25th Anniversary of ordination as a priest was observed by REV. JOHN STANKEVICIUS (right), Holy Cross Hospital chaplain (Chicago). Shown offering their congratulations are: l. to r. : Sister M. Almarita, SSC, hospital administrator; Dr. Wendel Kapustiak, president of the hospital's medical staff, and Sister M. Adorata, Mother-General of the Sisters of St. Casimir.

(Photo by Chicago Southwest News Herald)



REV. JOHN A. KUCINGIS (center), pastor of St. Casimir Lithuanian Church in Los Angeles, commemorated the Silver Jubilee of his priesthood at a banquet in his honor. Shown assisting in Father's celebration are special guests, His Excellency, Bishop V. Brizgys, and actress Ruta Lee Kilmonis.

(Photo by L. Kančauskas)

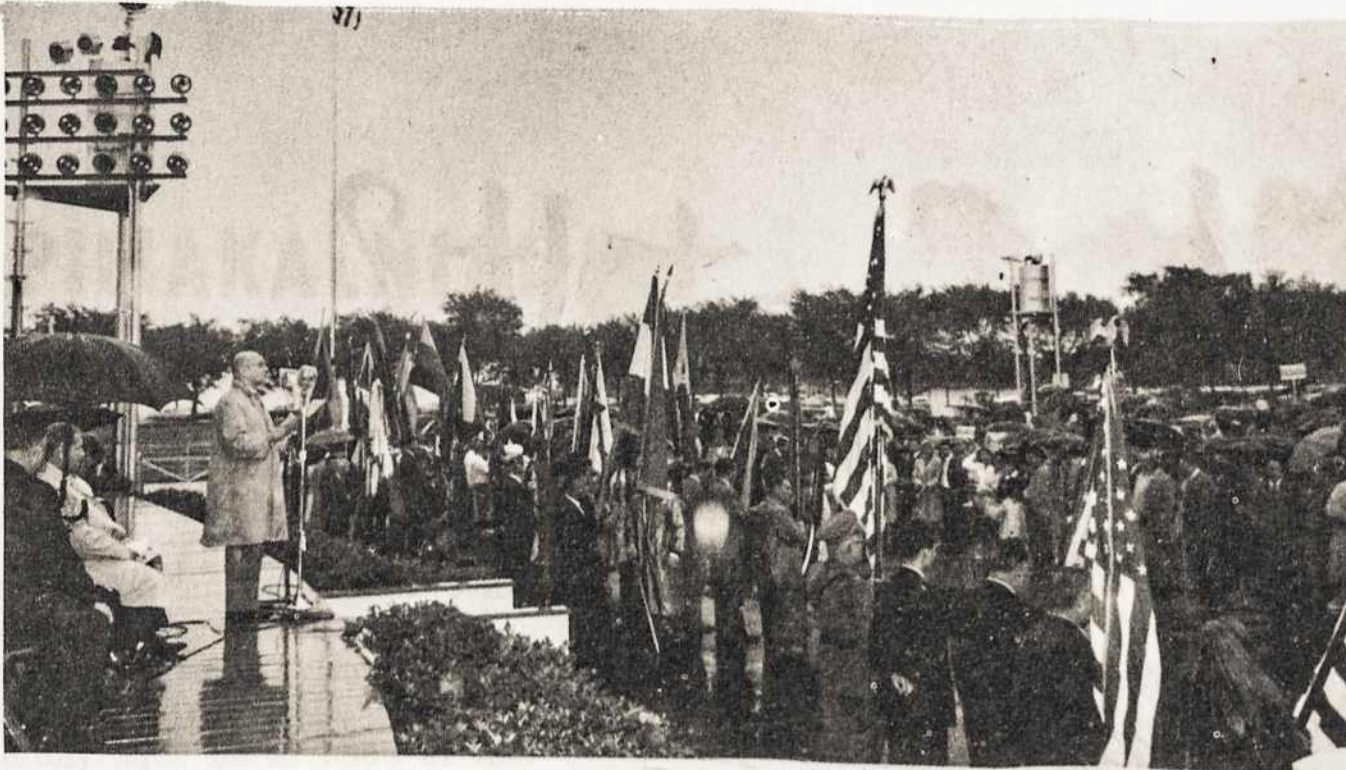


Photo by V. Noreika

CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK was observed in the United States July 15-22. Across the nation, Lithuanian-Americans joined representatives of other Captive Nations to commemorate the week with pageants and programs, showing their disapproval of illegal Communist occupation of the many oppressed nations of the world.

Chicago Lithuanians are to be especially commended for their outstanding participation in that city's Captive Nations Day. On July 15, over 1000 Lithuanians, many dressed in national costume, marched through

pouring rain - in the special procession across Chicago's Loop to Grant Park, where they witnessed a beautiful commemorative program (also outdoors). Lithuanian Consul General P. Dauzvardis was one of the program's special speakers. Members of Chicago's various Lithuanian choirs formed part of the combined Captive Nations Choir, which performed under the direction of prominent Lithuanian musician, ALICE STEPHENS. The Lithuanian delegation, the largest of all nationalities represented, was widely acclaimed and congratulated by the American Press.

JOHN GUDENAS, 15 year old student at Brother Rice High School, Chicago, recently received the nationwide "Future Scientist of America" award, for his paper "The Wave and Particle Properties of the Electron." Besides the national award, John has also received considerable city and state recognition as an outstanding junior scientist in electronics.

KAZYS MERKIS, famous Chessman of South Boston, was honored this spring at a banquet given by the Lithuanian Citizens Club. In particular, Mr. Merkis was congratulated for his achievement as a member of the U.S. National Team for the World Postal Chess Championship. Among the Banquet guests greeting Mr. Merkis was Harold Dondis, Mass. Chess Assn. President.

ANTANAS BRAZDYS, Jr., Chicago, was awarded an Edward L. Ryerson Foreign Traveling fellowship of \$2500 at the graduation exercises of the School of Art Institute.

Brazdys, 23, a sculptor, was one of the six of 170 graduating students representing six countries and 24 states, who were winners of the school's annual fellowship competition.

Brazdys, a native of Lithuania, has been a resident of this country since 1956.

THE AMBER BALL

Six lovely Lithuanian debutantes bowed to society June 23 at the second annual AMBER BALL, sponsored by the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club. The affair was exceptionally beautiful in that it centered about enacting ancient Lithuanian traditions in a modern setting.

The debs were escorted to the ballroom by their fathers, to the dance "Suktinis," commonly used to start festivities in Lithuania. Carrying single flowers, the girls then danced "Sadute" a ceremonial mystic dance, traditionally danced on St. John's Eve (June 23) by Lithuanian maidens, in hope of invoking the "good fairies" to find them suiters. The "buds" were presented with ruta nosegays and amber lockets as mementoes.

The debutantes, l. to r. are: Judy Mackiewich, Andreea Gudenas, Mary Ann Aleksiu, Cheryl Tarok, Marilyn Shaules, Cathy Kairis.

(Photo by Chicago Tribune)



Will You Regret It?

by Rev. J. Walter Stanievich

"Marry and you will regret it; don't marry, you will also regret it. . . Laugh at the stupidity of the world and you will regret it; weep over it and you will also regret it; hang yourself, and you will regret it; do not hang yourself and you will regret it. This is the essence of all wisdom."

Fortunately, these are not my thoughts but Soren Kierkegaard's, a philosopher of existentialism. Whatever be your hopes and aspirations "you will regret it." Like other existentialists, Anouilh, Sartre and Marcel, he entertains a rather pessimistic and hopeless view of life. And pessimism seems to infect much of modern civilization. Newspapers emphasize crime, and question America's ability to compete with Soviet Russia. The pessimism plague has crept into Catholic circles as well. The novelists Creene and Mauriac seem to see sin everywhere. All too many Catholics are hyper-critical of their priests and fellow parishioners. They are too critical of their employers or employees, their friends and relatives.

Why is there so much pessimism in the world today? Surprisingly enough, Tennessee Williams, a contemporary dramatist, answers the question: "Life has a meaning if you're bucking for heaven. But, if heaven is a fantasy we are in this jungle with whatever we can work out for ourselves. It seems to me that the cards are stacked against us." If life, then, is to be meaningful, if our particular vocation in life is to be meaningful, we must aim at attaining heaven. But, even before we can do this, we must hope that we can and will reach heaven.

Sometimes pessimism or despair is a helpful precondition for hope. A man inflicted with such an attitude sees that he can no longer live without powerful outside assistance. By himself he is helpless. Before the Incarnation, the eternal and the temporal, God and man were separated. But Christ, the God-man provided the link. St. Paul reminds us that we are no longer in bondage to the power of nature defiled by original sin (which alone leads to despair) but now we are in bondage to Christ who has freed us and made us heirs of God (Gal. 4:3-5). Furthermore, Christ has sanctified all of creation. And so, Christ not only opens heaven to His followers but has guaranteed that the proper use of earthly things can help us reach our destination. Given these circumstances how can we help but hope?

Night promises day. Winter promises spring. Christ's death precedes and points to His Resurrection. Surely, His Resurrection confirms our hope in salvation. But, it also shows what is expected of us. We must die to ourselves by not seeking material comforts to our soul's detriment. Death-in-life is an integral part of Christian living. "You must take up your cross and follow me." "You shall be persecuted for my name's sake." We realize, then, that our journey to heaven will not be easy. And our hope actually thrives on what is difficult and challenging. What would happen if you were to take away from mountain climbers the highest and most formidable peaks? You would rob them of the zest and sport of mountain climbing. So too, if God were to take away from us our difficulties we would become drab and lifeless Christians. We would have nothing to hope for. However, unlike the

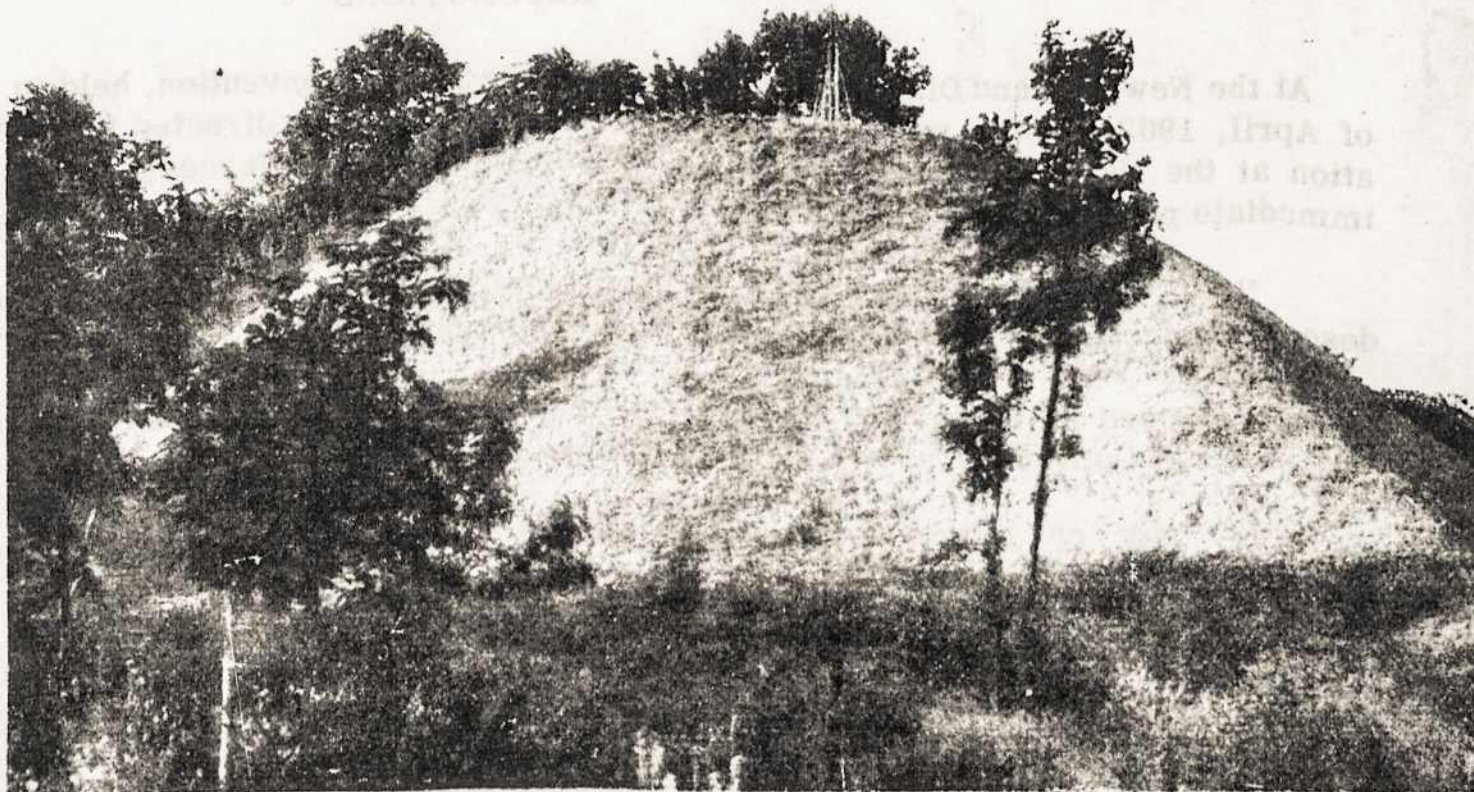
mountain climber we can't see our goal, union with God in heaven. Therefore, to be effective, our hope must be stronger. St. Paul maintains that hope that is seen is no hope (Rom. 8:24).

Since we firmly place our hope in God, Christianity has been inaccurately called an "otherworldly religion." However, we do make use of earthly goods. We are not striving for our heavenly goal by being as miserable as possible on earth, because our "new life" (grace) is to be partially enjoyed here below. Nor are we blind to the sufferings and tragedies of life, as a blind optimist would be. We realize that these are not ultimate sufferings and tragedies but serve to remind us that Christian hope is imperative.

We Catholics don't expect perfection from anything or anyone in the world and, therefore, we don't place a boundless hope in them but only in Christ. With this perspective we don't magnify a person's shortcomings, which are natural to man as poison ivy is to a forest. We are not hyper-critical of our government, our employer or neighbor? Why? Because our hope is in Christ.

And so, Kierkegaard tells us that we will regret whatever we do. Tennessee Williams, however, lifts us from the mire: Living has a meaning if you're bucking for heaven. Christopher Fry joyfully informs us: "Thank God, your time is now, when wrong comes up to face you everywhere; never to leave you till you take the longest stride of soul man ever took. The enterprise is exploration into God." Christ commands us: "You must take up your cross and follow Me." In Him lies our hope.

PILIAKALNIAI - FORTRESS HILLS



In many parts of Lithuania lonely hills stand out which the people call "piliakalniai." In ancient times these hills were man-made to help ward off the enemy from a high vantage point. Before the army of the aggressor drew near, folks from the surrounding area would hurry atop these hills and were better prepared for defense.

Many legends are told about some of these hills and since these were passed on verbally, it is often difficult to judge just where truth ends and fiction begins.

Some of these fortress-hills were excavated during Lithuania's independent days and the relics found revealed much about ancient Lithuania and the habits of her people.

(Translation from page 84 of "LIETUVA, MANO TEVU ZEME")



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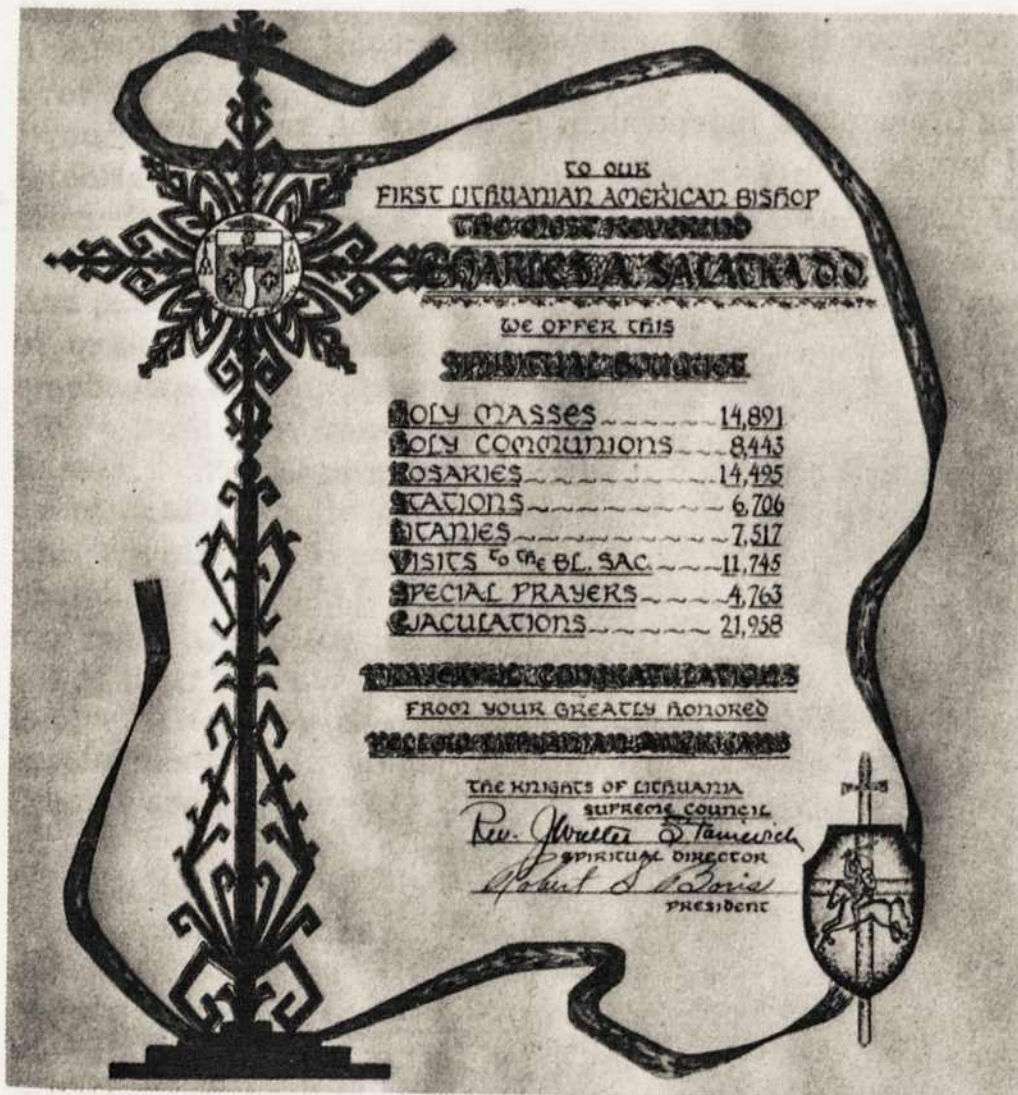
RESOLUTIONS

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."



SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR BISHOP SALATKA

This beautiful hand-decorated and specially inscribed Spiritual Bouquet (pictured left) was presented to His Excellency Bishop Charles A. Salatka, by the Knights of Lithuania, on the occasion of his Consecration last March. The prayers were offered by Lithuanians throughout the United States, under leadership of the K of L, to express prayerful congratulations to the first American bishop of Lithuanian descent.

K of L Calendar

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| Aug. 5 - 12 | K of L Juniors' Summer Camp Week, Camp Dainava, Manchester, Mich. |
| Aug. 5 | C-36, Chicago, "Swimming-City Style," Swimming Party and Buffet Supper, Chicago Midway House, 2:00 P.M. |
| Aug. 15-19 | 49th National K of L Convention, Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, N.J. Hosts - New York - New Jersey Districts. |
| Sept. 23 | New England District Picnic, Klaipeda Park, Providence, R.I. Games, prizes, Lithuanian foods. |
| Sept. 29 | C-29, Newark, Dinner-Dance, St. George's Hall, N.J. Christina Korbet, Chairman. |
| Sept. 29-30 | New England District Fall Convention, Host - C-7, Waterbury, Conn. Sat.: Pre-Convention Dance, Sun.: Mass, Sessions, Supper, Lithuanian Song and Dance Concert. |
| Oct. 27 | C-109, Great Neck, Annual Fall Dance, Knights of Columbus Hall, 2 North Plandome Road, Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. |
| Nov. 10 | C-52, Elizabeth, Dinner Dance, Lithuanian Liberty Hall, Elizabeth, N.J. |

CONVENTION EVENTS.....

C-90 WAYSIDE CROSS PROJECT REALIZED

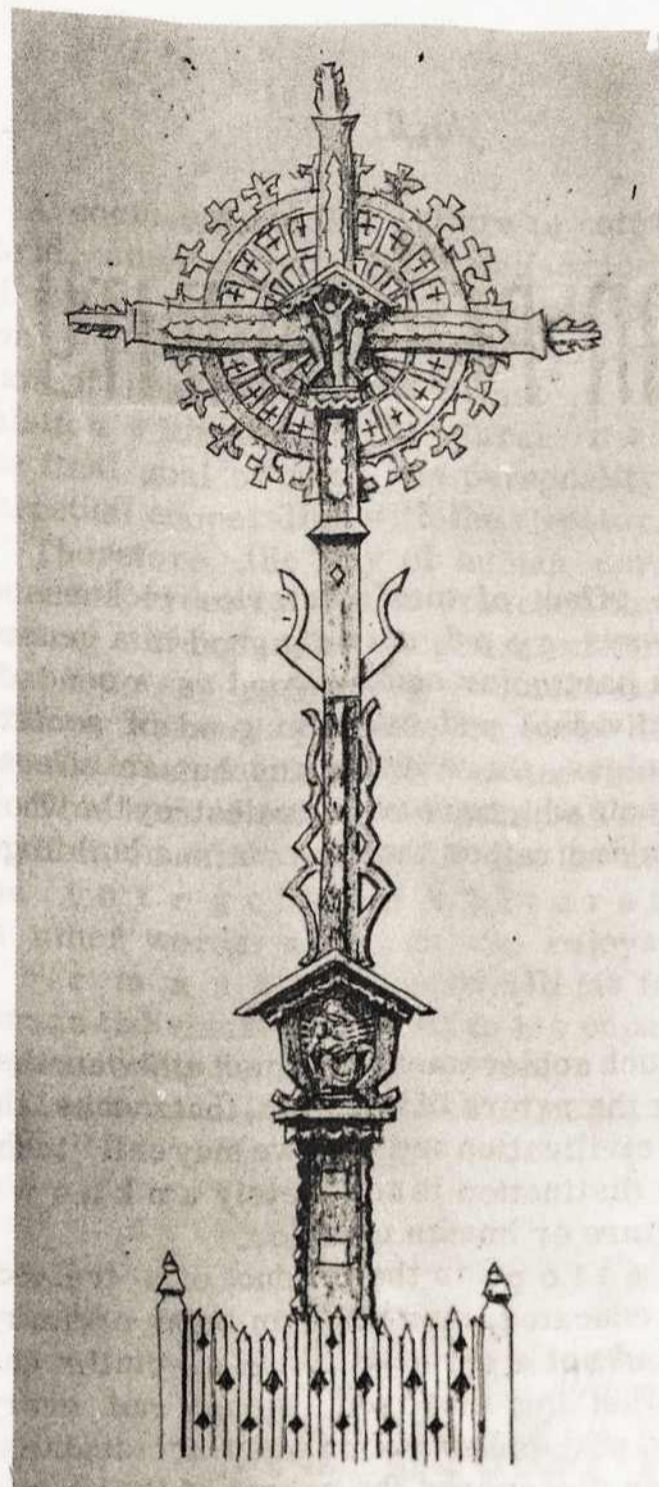
by Anne Klem

Five years ago Father Leo Vociekauskas, Council 90's Spiritual Advisor, planted a seed, which sprouted as the Wayside Cross Fund, grew, and will reach its full maturity during the 49th National K of L Convention. Yes, it's the Lithuanian Wayside Cross which will be erected between Our Lady of Sorrow's Church and the Rectory with the New York City skyline in the background. It will be dedicated after the Convention Mass on Sunday, Aug. 19, and will climax Kearny's efforts to bring a bit of the Old Lithuania to their midst.

John Subacius, the well-known ecclesiastical artist and a fellow knight from the Brooklyn Council, designed the Wayside Cross and executed the project all by hand. The design is original, of Lithuanian motif, and still in keeping with the architecture of the Church. It will be 21 feet high of Douglas Fir and mahogany surrounded by a Lithuanian garden-type fence. The main feature of the cross will be a "Corpus" shrine at the beams' intersection, surrounded by a sunburst of swords. At the lower part of the cross at eyelevel there will be a shrine featuring Our Lady of Sorrows, which is the name of the Kearny Church. The figures of both shrines will be in gold.

Together with the Wayside Cross Fund, Kearny Council presented to larger donors to the Fund miniature copies of the cross, to bring a good symbol of Lithuanian Christianity into the recipients' homes. An amazing feature of the fund-raising campaign was the interest and the support of non-Lithuanians who just wanted to be a part of the project.

May this Wayside Cross stand many, many years as a reminder of the persecuted Lithuania where crosses are destroyed, and may its viewers pray that religious freedom will before long again prevail in Lithuania.



LITHUANIAN SONGS - BY THE RUTA ENSEMBLE

The National Convention's cultural program on Friday night, Aug. 17, will feature the RUTA FOLK SONG ENSEMBLE of New Jersey. Named after Lithuania's national flower, the RUTA Ensemble is now in its 21st year of spreading love and enjoyment of Lithuanian song. They have appeared frequently on Lithuanian TV and Radio programs in New York and participated in numerous concerts and other cultural functions of the Lithuanian American community. In addition, they have appeared in various International folk festivals. Their most recent achievement is their popular l.p. recording "Sing Along in Lithuanian."

The group is directed by Algirdas Kacanauskas, son of the Lithuanian composer, Aleksandras Kacanauskas. More than 50 percent of the group's members are K of L members. Its president of the past three years is Miss Anne Klem (pictured third from the right, front row), also an active K of L from C-90, Kearny.



OUR CREATIVE THINKING

THE IDEA OF HUMAN PERSONALITY

Rev. Dr. Thomas Zifraitis, O.P.

This ideal of human personality is the ideal of the Knights of Lithuania. What is a human personality?

I

This most difficult problem, the idea of human personality, will never be solved perfectly. But every effort must be made to avoid essential misunderstandings and confusions on this subject.

Every man is a person, but not every person is already a personality. We are born as persons without any choice, but we merit the privilege of becoming a personality by making the right choice. A human person is God's greatest gift, and the highest obligation given by our Creator is to live as a personality besides existing as a person. This personality is achieved by our own efforts, that is, by self-creation in cooperation with the Creator.

We cannot create our existence as such. We can only continue to exist by creating a new world for ourselves, because in this world nothing is completely ready even for our physical needs. Plants and animals are at home in the cosmos - we, however, are strangers. The new world in which man can continue to exist and advance as a personality is the human creation or culture.

II

Culture has different degrees of perfection. First of all man has to make his own ordinary living, that is, his food, clothing, house, tools, transportation, and so forth. Man has to transform the external nature which is sufficient for man's physical needs. Thus a material culture results, making something out of something. This culture is the lowest degree of human creation.

Man has to transform or cultivate not only external nature, but also his own nature, which includes both physical and spiritual elements of his nature. This self-creation, which is more than education, is called humanistic culture or culture in its proper sense, - namely the interior richness of human life.

Now, since a man is rich interiorly, he can express himself (in a normal way) exteriorly by words, deeds and different achievements, thus making material culture more useful for a higher level of the theoretical and practical needs of man. The real effect of man's interior richness, that is, the result of his humanistic culture, is called civilization or culture in a secondary sense.

The relation between culture and civilization is the relation between cause and its effect. This is the proper meaning of this relation because morally progressive, self-created man is a creator of civilization, but not vice versa.

Civilization as an effect of man's interior richness or culture must be always good, not only good in a general sense, but also in a particular sense - good as a concrete reality for the individual and common good of society, mankind. Nevertheless, there are many human effects, so-called achievements, which are ready to destroy the whole civilization and mankind rather than to continue building it up.

III

To understand such achievements we must make another distinction based on the nature of creation, that means, the distinction between civilization and what we may call "technalization." Such a distinction is completely unknown in the history of culture or human creation.

Technalization is the product of a trained, but not necessarily educated, man who can be an ordinary specialist but not a personality. A specialist can also contribute something civilized, though not every specialist will do it purposely, but merely accidentally. For example: a man discovered the secret of the atomic energy in order to kill people; however, his invention has been developed and used by someone for mankind's prosperity, material and spiritual progress. Today Russia in many cases offers the best example of the basic differences between civilization and technalization. Thus, everything which is destructive does not belong to a culture and its effects - civilization.

Furthermore, culture has not only an individual purpose, but also a social character. Man is rational in order to be social, not only sociable. An individual culture, which is a humanistic culture, reaches towards greater perfection, towards a larger world of human creation and cooperation. In fact, culture in its proper sense - man's intellectual and moral richness - is based on human individuality, not on individualism as a privilege of certain dictators. Such an individualism is an isolation of peace and freedom, of creative thinking and culture like that of the Iron Curtain, which is nothing else than the cemetery of a civilized people.

The humanistic culture always strives for a wider and deeper life reaching the highest level of culture for a mutual enrichment of human creation. This kind of culture we call socio-humanistic culture.

This level of culture would be man's created ideal world in which he could exist as a person, but not as a personality. A person as such is satisfied to exist only, but a personality wants to live: to exist more and more perfectly in the world of ideal. The ideal of a personality cannot be created even by God, because personality's ideal is the Creator, God Himself, threefold divine Personality.

IV

A socio-humanistic culture is not, therefore, the final world, since personality's self-creation should continue always to strive towards the unlimited Perfection - God, Who is known and loved by every normal man of good will. A steadfast natural and moral relation with God is a natural religion which is the final goal of man's as personality's self-creation in perpetual cooperation with the Creator.

Therefore the way of human personality in its natural order or realm proceeds through four basic causes: through nature, culture, civilization and religion. That is to say: personality achieves its natural perfection, which is possible for every normal man, through the material, formal, efficient and final causes.

This kind of self-creation is an integral one. The realization of that integrity (as far as possible) is called the integrity of cultural life open to man. In other words: a person who enjoys that integrity as a permanent possession (as far as possible for a human individual according to his capacity and talents), is a personality.

There are, of course, different degrees of personality's integral perfection, yet there is only one essence of human personality. Consequently we arrive at the following definition of human personality, taking it first in a natural not in a supernatural order:

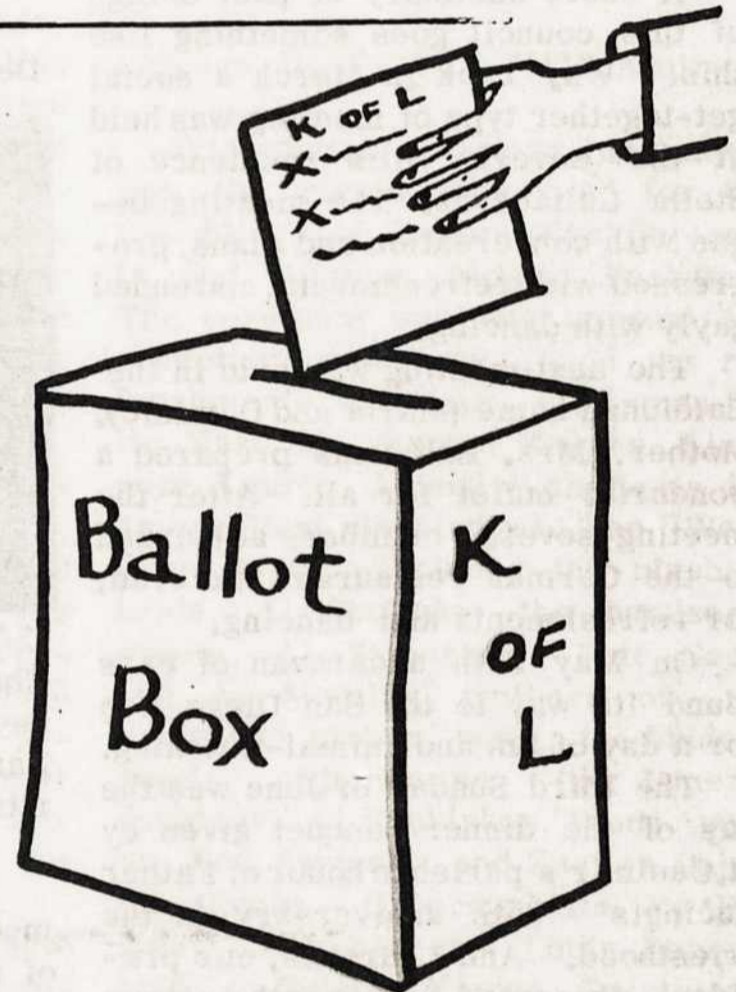
Human personality is verified in any human individual who enjoys as a permanent possession the most perfect possible interior grasp and external realization of the whole - integral range of the cultural life open to man.

The ideal of personality's perfect integrity is grounded in the unity of the integral cultural and supernatural life. But this perfect ideal cannot be realized, as far as possible, by neglecting any possible perfection of a natural personality. A natural personality is the first necessary condition for a supernatural one, which is the most normal, the most integral life of man, that is, a life of a saint. The international tragedy of today is the best proof of how much the right idea of human personality has been neglected. . . God bless your personalities - Knights of Lithuania!

To Use Or Not To Use

The VOTE

ALBERT JARITIS



Between August 15 and 19th, a great many delegates will be wending their way to the Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, for the 49th National Convention. In their hands they hold one vote each. Whether or not they shall use these votes judiciously depends upon each delegate. Contained below are a few helpful hints for them to use or not use.

1. Our councils, districts, and Supreme Council can never be better than the individuals running it.
2. Self-autonomy is impossible without self-participation. A good organization starts with you. It will be just as good as you and other like you make it.
3. The results of the coming election will be of vital concern to every member.
4. It is a human tendency to vote for self-interest rather than for the good of all concerned.
5. Putting the welfare of the K of L above the interest of a particular party, group, or individual is one sure way to protect the democratic brotherhood to which we are looking forward.
6. Vote for those who you know want to serve and will serve the Knights of Lithuania for the best interest of all.

"Let no man seek his own, but that which is another's". (1 Corinthians 10:24)

The survival of our organization is in the hands of the delegate. If you are one, make sure that you are there to vote and use that vote wisely.

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. C-133 S.G.

Since Leonard Valiukas has taken an Eastern trip, another correspondent was delegated to report on council activities (an ex-Brooklunite K. of L'er, who has joined the Los Angeles council).

A short summary of past doings of this council goes something like this: Way back in March a social get-together type of meeting was held at the Beverly Hills residence of Stella Galiauskas. The meeting began with conversation and plans, progressed with refreshments, and ended gayly with dancing.

The next meeting was held in the Balčiunas home (Maria and Dominic). Mother, Mrs. Balčiunas prepared a wonderful buffet for all. After the meeting several members adjourned to the German restaurant, Hofbrau, for refreshments and dancing.

On May 20th a caravan of cars found its way to the San Diego Zoo for a day of fun and animal-watching.

The third Sunday of June was the day of the dinner-banquet given by St. Casimir's parish in honor of Father Kučingis' 25th anniversary in the priesthood. Ann Lauraitis, our president, presented Father with a plaque from the K of L.

Alice Dotts presented a musical program in her new home featuring outstanding Lithuanian guest artists, such as Florence Korsak.

Joe Kniupys, our "now and then" present member, is in Seattle surveying the World's Fair and will report when he gets back. He plans a trip to Hawaii in the Fall.

Loretta Papsys and Maria Balčiunas are conferring about a Mexican trip. Ole! Last year, Maria visited Hawaii.

Tony Vosylius plans a European trip around August.

And, this is your reporter inviting correspondence while I am in Europe. Address: Stella Galiauskas, c/o American Express, Paris, France. Thank you.

GOOD LUCK to the New York-New Jersey District on their Convention. Best wishes for success from Los Angeles C-133.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. C-79 "Inklings"



C-79 receives its Official K of L Charter, during MW Bowling Tourney Banquet. 'l. to r. R. Boris, Natl. Pres.; Rev. Kundrot, C-79 Spiritual Adviser; E. Martin, C-79 Pres.

May was a wonderful and hectic month, and we enjoyed every minute of it. The marriages of Estelle Pileckas and Charles Gogelis and Margaret Smailis and Chester Nashlon were most beautiful. We wish them many years of happiness.

At the regular meeting of C-79 58 members were present. Betty Petrosky and Adelyn Vitichus, the hostesses, dedicated the theme to the B.V.M. Bernie Vitichus' rosary cake caused some fancy oh's and ah's.

Millie Dargis is planning a Cana Conference for the fall. It should be well attended since we've never had one before.

Congratulations to the new council, 139, formed at St. Peter's in Detroit. That's three for us.

The first annual free picnic for paid members was well received. Better get those dues in NOW!

Frank and Betty Petrosky celebrated 22 years of married bliss. It couldn't happen to a nicer couple.

Ann Valatka's idea for entertaining the Senior Lithuanian folks was very successful. She and Johnny Kreiner are doing a terrific job. Now Ann is getting Lithuanian Language classes ready for the fall. She never seems to tire.

The Sunshine Club was kept busy with several ill members: Joe Chaps, Eleanor Waskievicz, Maggie Smailis, and Tony Dainus. We are happy everyone is up and around. However, Our Lord had different plans for Ann Fagg. We wish to extend our sympathy to her family.

Estelle Gogelis had a bit of hard luck. She inhaled a surgical needle and spent ten days in the hospital. Fortunately she's doing alright now.

Stanley Zvirblis was proudly telling everyone of his engagement to Irene. Lots of luck to both of them. Irene and Joe Novitski gained a daughter; their son was recently married.

Dayton, O. - C-96

"EL"

Our bowling season ended with an Awards Banquet prepared by Mary Lucas.

Anita Goldick, Secy of the bowling league presented trophies to the winning team of Jim Kavalauskas, Louie Prasmantas, Joan Kavalauskas, and Phyllis Mayauskas. Other trophy winners were Clarence Landenberg, Eva Leasure, Barbara Blosser, and Tony Kavalauskas.

Nominations were held for next years bowling committee. Those elected were: Tom Scott, Pres.; Anita Goldick, Secy.; and Frank Ambrose, Treas. All who participated can say we had an enjoyable season.

Several of our members traveled

to Detroit to participate in the Midwest Bowling Tournament and came home with the second place trophy. Those making the trip were: Joe and Mary Kavalauskas, Rita and Frank Ambrose, Anita Goldick, Charles Petkus, Charles Goldick, Shirley Leisure. Congratulations! We're mighty proud of you.

Our family picnics have come into full swing again. The evening usually ends in a good old fashioned songfest.

"Cap and Gowners" this year were Laretta Omlor, Judy Petrokas, and Marilyn Lucas. Congrats and lots of luck in your future endeavors.

A great disappointment was experienced by the committee for the Midwest Golf Tournament held in Dayton on June 23 & 24. Only five out of town guests arrived for the tournament. Ann Scott and her committee worked diligently to make this weekend an enjoyable one, but only five Detroiters, namely, Terry and Ray Medonis, Jody and Chuck Step, and George Sinkus heeded our invitations and came to Dayton to participate in the week-end activities. Hats off to you loyal five, we thank you most heartily. In order for these Golf Tournaments to continue, we need the support and co-operation of every council in the Midwest. It certainly is disappointing when you don't receive even a "regretful" response from the Gary, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, or Chicago councils. Much expense, time, and energy are expended in arranging these tournaments, and when the majority of the councils are disinterested you wonder if it is worth the effort.

Our Annual Lithuanian Day Picnic, which was open to the public, was held on June 24th. As always, Mike Petkus and his committee did a tremendous job. Thanks also to Eva Leisure and her "girls" for their hard work in the kitchen.

The picnic proved so enjoyable to one Detroit guest that he stayed over for another day and then forgot his "baggage". If he will send his address to Mary Lucas, 330 Alaska St., Dayton 4, Ohio, she will forward it to him.

We extend belated congratulations to our Spiritual Advisor, Father Titas Narbutas on the Silver Anniversary of his Ordination. A Solemn Mass and Banquet were held on May 20th at which many of our members were present.

We welcomed several new members into our council recently: Pat Petkus, Mike Petkus Jr., Joe Sinkwitz Jr., and Tony and Marilyn Kavalauskas.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWS "Swinging S"

You don't see C-82 (Gary) members too often, but when you do they usually make their presence known. At the recent Midwest Bowling Tournament in Detroit, they won the John Kaminkas Traveling Trophy and 1st Place for their excellent bowling. The winning team: Emily Mihalik, Captain, Charlotte Pazera, Mike Mihalik, Alfonse Pazera and Jim Rukas. Other District winners were: Aldona Kaminkas (C36) High Series 525; Mike Mihalik (C82) High Series Hdcp. 643; Bernice Laurutan (C112) 2nd High Game 182; Al Raubiskis (C112) High Game Hdcp. 243; and Al Kachinkas for Most Pins under Average (but don't blame Al as he really was upset since most of his original team dropped out at the last minute).

On June 24th, the K of L Choir, under the direction of Faustas Strolia, sang several hymns at the Sacred Heart Church in Melrose Park. The Mass commemorated the Anniversary of the Deportation of Lithuanians to Russia, a sorrowful time in Lithuanian history. Other summer performances were given at the Annual Chicago Trade Fair and the B-Y Free Fair.

With a great deal of last minute effort, the garden remodeling committee finished most of their work in time for the official Garden Opening Party on June 30th. The evening was most entertaining. Helen Zimmer was the lucky winner of the Barbeque Grill. (But didn't she JUST buy a new grill a few weeks ago?)

For the first time in several years, our Annual July 4th Picnic wasn't rained out. Willow-West Grove was a busy place with the picnickers, dancers, volley-ball- soccer- games players, the talkers, the eaters and the socializers. Chairman, Marty Gestautas and his committee did an excellent planning job. A special thank-you goes to the hard-wor-

king cooks. Mrs. Petrulis, Mrs. Zemaitis, Mrs. Klapatauskas and their leader, Vince Samaska. And we must not forget to thank the volunteer kugelis makers (we didn't know our girls could make such delicious kugelis). The big Cash Raffle winners were: Mrs. P. Kapiene (\$150.); Loretta Macekonis (\$75.); Joseph Taraska (\$25.) and Irene Sankus (\$25.).

A recent surprise visitor was our Natl. Veep, Helen Shields, She had the opportunity to get reacquainted with "Sharko's" and with many old friends at the July 4th Picnic. Is there anyone this gal doesn't know? But one question - WHO is this Gir-ri-pip-pips????

Make plans to attend the DISTRICT ASSEMBLY in September. Election of Officers and plans for the coming year will be made.

Chicago, Ill. C-112 "112 Inquirer"

Immediately after our June meeting, the guests assembled for the "Wedding" of Jievute (Eve) Pipiraitė and Adomas (Adam) Perkunas. The ceremony was most unusual, the reception, entertaining and the refreshments delicious. Chairman Julie Zakarka, Monica Kasper, Eleanor Laurin, Al and Ruth Dagis did an excellent planning job. The "Wedding Party" included the blushing bride, Al Shulicke; the handsome groom, Al Samoska; Pete Gagle and Al Matulis, mothers of the bride and groom, resp.; the bridesmaids, Clementine (the Miner's daughter) Al Raubiskas, Plona Aguona. Ray Samoska, and ZsaZsa Gabor (po tėvais - Gaborauskaite) Ed Pocius; ring-bearer, Louis Rogers; bride's father, Vladas Paleliunas; old maid aunt, Andy Yuknis; distant aunt and uncle, Ed Krivickas and Ray Sempl, resp.; and Saules Spinduly, Al Mockus. The Rev. Pirslys was Al Dagis. Judge Al. Wells was the Narrator of this colorful event. The happy bride and groom left immediately after the reception for their honeymoon in Mishoogan, Wisconsin.

Dolores Rupp from Hawaii and Florence Rumsas were unexpected Picnic visitors. The July 4th Picnic was also the debut appearance of Master Robert Mockus. It was a toss-up as to who had the most admirers - the girls or Master R.M.!



C-112 Mock Wedding. Above: Judge A. Wells, narrator. Right: The "Wedding Party."



Vacation-Time will take Al and Julie Zakarka first to Amsterdam (N.Y., that is) and then on to meet Al and Ruth Daxis for a week of fun in New York City. (Note to the 62 Conv. Comm.: Need any help? The A.Z's and the A.D's are great idea men!)

Our sincerest condolences to Florence Rumsas and family on the recent death of her mother.

On the tentative summer schedule-Council Beach Party and a Baseball Excursion to Milwaukee, Wisc.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

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The Annual District Convention took place at Elizabeth, N.J. on Sunday, May 27th. The sessions, chaired by president, Larry Janonis, were held in the parish hall. Rev. Peter Zemeikis, district spiritual advisor, said the opening prayer. Rev. Vladas Karalevičius, spiritual director of C-52, extended greetings on behalf of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish.

Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Father Karalevičius who celebrated his Silver Anniversary in the Priesthood on June 10th. Martin Rusgi of Bayonne and Geraldine Kern of Elizabeth were chosen as delegates to the National Convention. The writer, on behalf of the District, wishes to express sincere thanks to C-52 for the ge-

nerous hospitality shown to the delegates and guests.

I would also like to thank Joan Mazzeika and Carol Nagin of Brooklyn for their assistance during the past term, and commend the District Executive Board for originating a monthly District Bulletin. It has taken quite a bit of weight from this scribe's shoulders when it comes to collecting information for the district article. The staff of the publication includes Rev. Peter Zemeikis, Marty Rusgi, Connie Mack, and Ann Klem.

Our Annual Picnic took place on Sunday, July 1st at St. Michael Parish Picnic Grove, Bayonne, N.J. A nice crowd was on hand, and we were also favored with good weather. It was good to see so many former members present on this occasion and a most enjoyable time was had by all. On the committee for this affair were Rev. Zemeikis, Connie Mack, Rita Miskewitz, and Marty Rusgi.

Elizabeth, N. J. C-52 "Nuff Said"

Our best wishes to Father Walter Karalevicius who celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ordination on June 10, 1962. Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jankunas on their 50th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of Mrs. Joseph Degutis. A few editions back Joe's parents celebrated their 50th anniversary. That makes a total of 100 years of wedded bliss in one family! A grand welcome to Helen Gorby and Anthony Lauzauskas on joining C-52.

We had the pleasure of having distinguished company at our last meeting; Our National Spiritual Advisor, Fr. W. Stanevicius; President, Bob Boris, and Lillian Paulauskas, Mary Andrickus, and John Alankas of Waterbury, Conn. Informal talks were given by both Father Stan and President Bob. Father conveyed to us a few delightful words with "audience participation." Bob spoke of the importance of the Junior K of L and Camp Dainava. Nice to have visitors in our midst.

The council will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its organization with a Mass of thanksgiving on Sunday, Oct. 28th.

A dinner dance will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th at Lithuanian Liberty Hall with Charles Oskutis and Norbert Wysockey acting as co-chairman.

We plan on having a good delegation to the National Convention. Here's a listing of the delegates: Mary Motecus, Ann Baronis, Sharon Verson, Dorothy Staton, William Senkus, Jonus Stokas, Stan Naiva, Norbert Wysockey, Ed Sharkus, and Charles Oskutis.

Chairman, Bill Senkus announced that C 52 will send two boy and girl scouts to camp Dainava this year.

Congrat's to Janice Oskutis on being the recipient of a full scholarship from the Benedictine Academy. Some Collegians I haven't seen around of late - Madeline Sarockas and Al Budreckas. Study must preoccupy their time.

Newark, N.J. C-29 The Wanderer

C-29 activity has slowed down a bit, due to many members being away on summer vacations. However, here are a few items of interest.

The dedication of the Lithuanian Wayside Cross, scheduled for June 17th, has been postponed until sometime in the early fall. The site chosen for the cross will have to be changed due to the erection of a new parish hall at that location. The construction of this new hall has already begun.

Our first important bit of activity after the National Convention will be a Dinner Dance on Saturday, September 29th at St. George's Hall, 180-2 New York Avenue. Chairman for the event will be Christina Korbet, Co-chairman, Jack Remeika.

Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100

"Smile & Sparkle"

At our April meeting Father Baltch spoke of the decreasing Christian population and the coloring of eggs at Eastertime in Lithuania. An Easter poem from Eglute, "Meletele ir Margutis," was read. Father Baltch advised us that 14 Juniors attended Mass and received Holy Communion on Palm Sunday. Mathew Kazlauskas presided since Don Nikstenas was working. We were happy to see Pauline Urban and Margaret Boccio attend. Eleanor Stakauskas did a good job of taking minutes.

Matt Kazlauskas opened the May meeting by asking Father Baltch to say the prayer. Gene Gobis read the secretary's minutes in the absence of Eleanor. Father Baltch read from the Christopher Notes on how we can help roll back the tide of hunger, overpopulation, and how the earth can produce more food. He also read the story, "Agota's Kerchief" by Vincas Ramonas.

NEWS BITS: Edna Stokna was installed as President of the Emblem Club in April at the Elks Club in Amsterdam, N.Y. Her daughter Marilyn is also a member. . . C-70 has a new member acquired during the Lithuanian Weekend festivities at the Jug End Barn in So. Egremont, Mass. His name is Anthony Alexander of Torrington, Conn. Gene Gobis met the Malin sisters (Melrose, Mass.), the Yankun sisters (Watertown, Mass. and Palisades Park, N.J.), and Tony

Alexander while at the Jug End Barn. Pauline and Gene with the aid of Johnny Alanskas and Lillian Palauskas made Tony "see the light." Welcome to the fold, Tony! . . . The Hartford Dance Group performed a number of Folk Dances that weekend. "Lietuviškas Sūris" was served during cocktail time and a number of Lithuanian dishes were on the menu. . . We all tried out our Lithuanian while at dinner, and visi linksmai praleido tris dienas.

Great Neck, L.I., N.Y. - C-109

"Snoopy"

We've been away a long time, but even though you haven't heard from us, we've been active and very much alive! We've got a bit of catching up to do, and since last year was a newsworthy one for us, we want to reminisce a little bit and let you in on some of the happenings.

1961 seemed to be the banner year for the offspring of our Council members. To start off, early in the year, on Holy Thursday, Josephine (Rusas) and Joseph Zukas were blessed with a cherubic baby girl, Jane Marie. Pop's vest buttons sure were a-poppin! . . . Nancy Kober, daughter of Mary and Tony, was chosen as one of two attendants to the May Queen during the May Crowning at the Port Washington Parochial School, - the other attendant being Terri Como, daughter of Perry. . . Sandra, Anne Marten's daughter, became the Clearasil-Girl-of-the-Month, and her photograph seemed to be smiling at us from every magazine we picked up. . . Marion Rogers, daughter of Amelia and Charlie, beamed with happiness when she became engaged to Richard Kurila and started planning their September '62 wedding. . . Our President, Al Wesey, became an uncle via his brother Tony, and to mark the occasion wore the brightest red shirt he could find to our meeting. Sue Zebart also became an aunt (for the second time) via her brother Joe. . . However, not all news was good news that year. Richard Marks lost his dad, John Marks, for whom a Mass was offered by our members. Ricky had also purchased a 16 ft. runabout cruiser that year, however it was completely demolished during one of the hurricanes. . . Anne Martens went into the hospital for major

surgery; all was successful, and she is now as fit as a fiddle. . .

1962 started out nicely with Al and Starsy Wesey spending their winter vacation in sunny California, where it rained for days without end! . . . We acquired a new member, Beruta Gonzales, which brings our membership up to 19 members. Beruta is the sister of our very vivacious ex-member, Lillian Remenchus, who with her husband Joe, is now residing in Miami Beach, Fla. It was nice seeing them again recently when they both came up "north" for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Joe's parents. . . The Wains have become busy beavers again now that the summer is upon us; Paul managing the concession at the Kings Point Park, and Stacia "minding the store" at their Specialty Shop. . . Mary and Julius Picardi can be found prettying up their home, the present project being painting the outside of their house. How does Jules manage to find time to be a volunteer fireman, too! . . . Bertha Saltanis is another person with a green thumb, perhaps one with blisters, after witnessing her well-arranged and blooming rock garden. She's a fine "Do-It-Yourselfer." . . A few of our members are whizzing by in the latest models; the Kobers with their Mercury, the Picardi's with a Chevrolet, Ricky Marks' Corvair, and Anne Marten's Dodge. Happy and safe motoring, folks! . . . Our bowlers, each in different leagues, Lou Ann Sosaris, Tony Kober, Joe Zukas, Bill Bernatovich, are still going strong, some even capping some beautiful trophies for their efforts.

To save the best for the last, one of our happiest occasions was when the Rev. Frank Bulovas of the Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, N.Y., was appointed to our Council as Spiritual Director. Not having had a religious advisor in our entire years of organization, we are indeed very pleased and very proud to welcome Father into our midst.

So you see, we have been making news in our own little way, and each of our 19 members is most interested and very enthusiastic regarding our Council's activities and the Kof Lor-organization in general. You'll be hearing from us again soon. Until then we're looking forward to seeing you all at the Newark Convention in August.

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3 Casey

It seems to me that C-3 has been doing quite a bit of traveling during the month of May. May 20 found them at Rancocas Creek in Mt. Holly, N. J. trying their skills at canoeing. News from the grapevine tells me that Charlie Petronis and Al Ozalis hope to have better luck next time.

May 27 found C-3 hosting a picnic at Bellmawr Park in Bellmars, N.J. After the sun began to shine and our hearts feeling lighter, the day turned out to be a huge success. This was only done by the fine cooperation and hard work done by all the members.

On May 30, C-3 ventured to Harper's Meadow trying to find a spot to relax and that is just what they did, except for a few of our members namely Steve Salnaitis, who just could not be torn away from playing softball.

C-3 held a swimming-barbecue outing at Olympia Lake, N.J. on June 17th For thirteen tired members it was the first swim of the season. We arrived early, set up an eating area, and spread our blankets over the valuable beach ground. All of us made frequent trips for food, prepared by the best cooks in the K of L, the Philly girls. None of us can deny that C-3 is the best fed council in the country. Pat Meron did an admirable job with the steaks in the aluminum pans. Before the day ended we tried most of the swings and monkey bars that were available. "Chuckieboy" Petronis, principle character in the C-3 "Lock Case", consented to be the guinea pig on the

rubber tire swing. "Chuckie-boy" can really pound the turf and passed with flying colors - black and blue!

The faces of C-3 members are being a familiar sight in North Jersey. On June 15th Irene Varevice, Agnes Timmons, Helen Shields, and Walt Svekla attended the June District Executive Board Meeting.

On July 1st Agnes Timmons, Irene Varevice, and Walt Svekla attended the District Picnic in Bayonne, N.J. All three had a good time, but the unusual part was that they left at a "respectable" hour and didn't get lost coming home. Wonders never cease!

June 24th found us back at our familiar hunting grounds, "Bellmawr Park," to celebrate Al and Irene Ozalis' first wedding anniversary. The inclement weather didn't stop us from having a good time. We just moved the food and tables into the dance hall.

What seems to be the attraction in Rock Island, Walt!

HERE AND THERE: Birthday congratulations go out to Hedy Sarczewicz and Charles Petronis. Our congratulations also go out to Al and Irene Ozalis who celebrated their first wedding anniversary in June.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWS

"Bea Bea"

The District Golf Tournament and Bowling Awards Banquet was held on the 6th of May at the beautiful and scenic Leicester Hill Golf and Country Club in Leicester, Mass. Sports lovers from the New England area

gathered for an afternoon of golf and an evening of fun, food, and relaxation honoring the winners of the Monthly Bowling Rolloffs League. Several golfers made an attempt, and a good attempt, to start off the golfing season with a good score. All were rewarded with a golf ball for their endeavors. The evening found many more K of L'ers attending the delicious feast. Miss Ann Miller and Miss Carol Tagman were in charge of arrangements. The District President, Miss Bernice Kavadaras spoke briefly following the meal. Rev. John Zuromskis, District Spiritual Advisor, presented the bowling awards. The top bowlers in the Rolloffs this past season are as follows:

Hi Average :
Joan Krusas, C-26 - Worcester - 94.3
John Kokernak, C-116 - Worcester - 119.5

Hi Triple:
Helen Gillius, C-26, Worcester - 345
Joe Barakauskas, C-1 Brockton - 354

Hi Single;
Carol Tagman, C-26 - Worcester - 125
Ted Pinkus, Jr., C-26 - Worcester -

Dancing and socializing followed. A great big thank you to the Misses Miller and Tagman for a wonderful job as District Sports co-chairmen this past season.

The NED co-ed Weekend Retreat was held on June 23rd and 24th at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Me. The weekend proved most enjoyable and fruitful for 22



N. E. District Bowling (left) and Golf (right) champions receive awards during May 6 Banquet.

New England knights and ladies, representing C 17 of So. Boston and C-116 of So. Worcester. Conferences, services and even delicious meals kept everyone enthused for the weekend in beautiful, scenic, Maine. So. Boston's Al Jaritis was the hard working chairman, who is to be commended for a fine job done on a most worthwhile activity.

Lawrence, Mass. C-78 "Charlie"

C-78 sponsored a banquet and entertainment on June 17th in St. Mary's Auditorium in honor of the Fortieth Anniversary in the priesthood of our pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. M. Juras.

Our council president, John Zemmis, received his Third Degree at the district convention in Worcester. We are proud of John, the first in our council to receive this honor.

Some of our Juniors will be leaving us this fall to attend college. We certainly will miss Jr. President, William Gobush, who will enter Clark Univ. Guess he wants to be another Louis Pasteur. Vyto Vilkisius, our sports chairman and a terrific bowler to boot, will go to Marianapolis Academy. Sylvia Ray, Vice President, will enter Lawrence General Hospital, another Florence Nightingale we hope. Our love and best wishes go with them. In June we held a big send-off for them, well anyway, a weiner-roast.

Ansonia, Conn. C-135 "Helen"

Gee, are we green! . . . Yes, green with envy are we who were unable to attend the NED Convention in April. Those who did go, including Leon Barauskas, Al Barauskas, Olga Savitskas, Lillian Chaplik, Millie Driznus, Sophie Muskavitch, Ann Ramanauskas, and



Scene at C-135 12th Anniversary Banquet

Violet Brazitis returned with tales of what a grand time they all had and how interesting and well presented the agenda was. We hope that more of us can join you next time, gang.

Our May meeting was highlighted by a film, "Travelogue of Arizona." This was shown through the efforts of Johnny Sabulis and was enjoyed by all. John is now trying to secure a film entitled "Tips on Bowling" from which we bowlers are hoping to obtain some helpful hints.

A "Pot-luck Supper" consisting of lasagna and baked chicken along with other goodies and loads of calories (which some of us could do without) was consumed with great relish at our June meeting.

Our president, "Tootsie" Barauskas has been doing his part enrolling new members to the K of L. He recently addressed the Children of Mary Sodality (we hope to capture them with his masculine charm!) about joining our organization. Plans are also being formulated to organize a Junior K of L during the fall.

Our own Floyd Trapkauskas, past Alderman of the fair city of Ansonia and past president of the Young G.O.P. of New Haven County, was recently honored along with other past presidents at the installation dinner of the G.O.P. Your reporter was introduced to the former Governor of Conn. and Ambassador to Spain, John Lodge, who also extended his congratulations to Floyd. Good luck in your future aspirations, Floyd.

Happy Anniversary to us!! Our council celebrated its 12th Anniversary at the Yankee Silversmith in Wallingford, Conn. on June 17, 1962 with a combined Anniversary and Bowling Banquet. Guests at the affair were Miss Bernice Kavadaras, NED president and Ed Daniels of the SC Ritual Committee and NED treasurer. We were happy to have them with us. Miss Kavadaras urged us to form a stronger and more active organization thru increased membership. Our own president, Leon Barauskas gave a resume of the activities and officers of the council over the past 12 years. Rev. George Vilciauskas, our spiritual advisor, extended greetings to the group.

Trophies were presented to outstanding bowlers by Jack Tyson, sports director. In the women's division awards were presented to Miss Olga Savitskas, high average; Mrs.



C-135 Banquet Committee: l. to r.: Mrs. H. Gumbulevich, L. Barauskas, B. Kavadaras, Mrs. L. Norvid.

Ruth Tyson, high single; Miss Lillian Chaplik, high three; Mrs. Helen Gumbulevich, low single; and Mrs. Ann Barauskas, most improved player. Recipients of awards in the men's division were Jack Tyson, high average; Pete Gumbulevich, high single; and Al Barauskas, high three. A special award was given to Anthony Varschelka for outstanding performance by a guest. A plaque was awarded to Leon Barauskas, former sports director of the council.

Rev. Vilčiauskas was presented a gift certificate for a bowling bag, ball and shoes.

Mrs. Lillian Norvid and Mrs. Helen Gumbulevich were co-chairmen of the dinner program.

Athol-Gardner, Mass. C-10

"Vincukas"

Our annual steak barbeque was held at Frank Anoris' campon White's Pond on Sunday, June 17th. What a day! It turned out to be the best in all respects. Father Jutt said Grace, and the 18 of us sat down to a feast fit for royalty. The steaks were expertly barbequed by Norman "Wing" Langlois. After dinner, with dishes and chores completed, other guests began to arrive. Several of our "twisting" juniors came as did Frank, Ann, and Nirole from Providence, Bill Grigas, Jay, Carol, Joe, Sparky, and Joe D. from Worcester. Swimming, dunking, and water skiing were enjoyed by some - attempted by others. Nice try, Joe D! As usual our own Howie came along with his now famous concoction. Supper in the form of a weiner roast was en-

joyed by all. We were sorry to see the evening end. Miss Nellie Melaika was general chairman of this most successful affair.

Several of our members attended the 25th anniversary of Father Justin Steponaitis' ordination at our Lady of Vilna Church Hall on June 17th. The dinner and program were well received by the more than 500 in attendance. We wish you many more fruitful years, Father!

On June 9th some of our members attended the Luau at Romova Park, Brockton.

Member of the Month: The "character" I have chosen to dissect this month is Miss Nellie Melaika. Nellie was born and raised in that section of Athol known as "Cobble Knoll." After graduation from Athol High, Cass Toy Co. claimed her, and she has been a diligent and competent secretary there ever since. Nellie, our council Cultural Chairman, has had her turn at many offices and has always done her best. Outside of her duties at Cass Co. Nellie is active in the St. Francis Guild as well as the K of L. She loves to dance, bake, and swim, and is nice company to have around.

Westfield, Mass. - C-30 Genovaitė

All the wonderful swimming tips and fine movies provided by our president and Red Cross swimming instructor, Benny Coach, really came in handy this past summer for C-30 members.

July 15th was the scene of the annual K of L outing held at Lake Congamond. Ann Sabonis and Doris Tarnauskas did a terrific job as co-chairmen.

The New England District Beach Trip, July 29th, at Ocean Beach, New London, Conn., was the enjoyable destination for many from our council.

August will find C-30 working at a picnic. This time it's the Parish Picnic and a K of L sponsored booth. Frank Bernadicius and Annette Kylish are doing a fine job on arrangements to help raise the needed funds for this major money raiser for the church renovation.

Joseph Sabonis, in charge of the New England District Booster Sales for C-30, reports that the tickets are going well.

MISC.: Happy Birthday, Helen

Alexik. Happy Anniversary, Joe and Nellie Dardinski. What a wonderful 25th anniversary present for Charlie and Nellie Covaleski. . . a set of TWIN GIRLS from their daughter, Carol. Congratulations!

So. Boston, Mass. C-17

"the bellringer"

A beautiful, warm May night greeted the past and present members of C-17 at the Reunion Banquet. Tears and laughs were exchanged by friends who had not seen each other for the past few years. President, Jerome Venis, introduced Rt. Rev. F. A. Virnauskas, pastor of St. Peter's, who



C-17 Pres. J. Venis greets Reunion Banquet guests.



Rev. J. Zuromskis, C-17 and NE District Spiritual Adviser greets guest J. Boley.

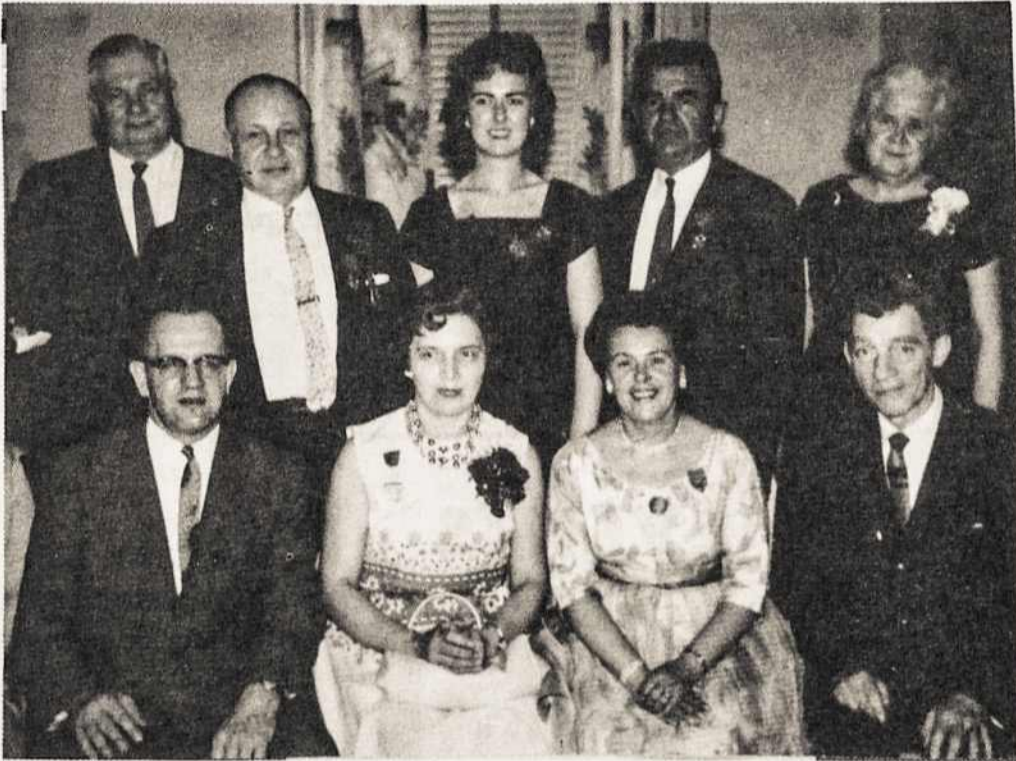
said Grace and extended warm greetings to all present.

A sumptuous Lithuanian meal was then served. The dishes included dešras, kumpis, viščiukas, kopust-

tai, bulbes, salotai, duona, sviestas, kava, saldžioji gile, and krusties. If anyone went away hungry it wasn't because the waitresses didn't do their jobs properly, but because that person was on a diet. From the looks of the plates the dieters were among the missing. Congratulations to Mrs. Monica Plevock and her staff, who did a wonderful job preparing this food.

The program began with chairman, Larry Svelnis introducing Joe Lola, toastmaster. Joe had the people in stitches with his many jokes. We think he is the Lithuanians' answer to Milton Berle. Atty. Anthony Young presented an Honorary Medal to the widow of the late Frank Razvadauskas. The featured singer was Miss Alice Masaitis of New Philadelphia, Pa., a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music. From the applause it was evident that the audience enjoyed the musical selections she presented. Mr. Joseph Boley, past president of the Supreme Council, was the guest speaker. Mr. Boley extolled the birthplace of the K of L and stressed the importance of the coming Jubilee Convention. He asked all council members to support it and to make an attempt to come to Boston in 1963. Mr. Boley also spoke on the progress of the K of L History Book. His address was very interesting and thoughtprovoking. Among the celebrities in our midst that evening were Rev. John Zuromskis (NED Spiritual Advisor), Rev. John Klimas, Rev. Jos Svirkas, Miss Phyllis Grendal, Mr. Frank Vaskas, Mr. Edmund Ketvirtis (Pres. of the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club), Miss Bernice Kavadaras, Rear Admiral M. Moncie, Albin Neivera, Stanley Griganavich, Felix Zaleskas, Mary Janowski, Jos. Sakaitis, and Miss Bertha Manstavich of Montreal. K of L's were present from Athol-Gardner, Worcester, Providence, Norwood, Brockton, and Cambridge. The program was followed by dancing. Music was provided by Al Woods and his Society Orchestra. By the end of the evening the hard-working committee had the satisfaction of knowing that the people were talking about revitalizing the K of L and planning to make 1963 a banner year. Many thanks to all who helped to make this the "kickoff" to a glorious Jubilee Convention in '63.

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Left: Among the guests were (front) Longinas Svlenis, Mrs. Frank Radzvadauskas, Mrs. Peter Jankowski, Joseph Boley of New York. (rear) Mr. Felix Zaleskas, Mr. Stanley Griganavich, Miss Bernice Kavadaras, Mr. Albin Neivera and Mrs. Bronis Kontrim.

Right: Bevy of Beauties who worked to make the reunion a success (l. to r.) Mrs. A. Yourmanis, Mrs. P. Werbickis, Mrs. B. Kontrim, Mrs. H. Mikulskis, Mrs. Peshino, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. B. Boardman, Mrs. G. Tuski, Mrs. A. Gailus.



Three of our members received their sheepskins this years. Diane Plevock of Dorchester graduated from Fanningham State College, and Loretta Kontrim and Norma Razvadauskas received degrees from Emmanuel College, Boston. Norma will continue her studies at Brown University, while Loretta will report to work at the Children's Hospital.

Out for the summer are the following: Jerry Venis; Janet Giddeck; Ed Rudis; John Daniels; Leo Rudziunas; Ray Slinger; Bob Gendreau; Ray Zibinskas; and Gus Uselis. Congratulations to John Daniels on his promotion at Raytheon. John, who does some travelling for the company, flew down to the Redstone Missile Center, Huntsville, Ala. While there he paid a surprise visit to his sister, Lt. Frances Daniels, who is stationed in Tenn.

The "Happy Wanderers," with 16 hikers, made their summer debut recently. Only a couple of incidents marred what would have been a very successful march. One of the girls saw a snake, and this led the hikers to march with great apprehension. The only casualty was a poison ivy victim, Ann Kelponis. The trail led to "Gramp's" where the "tender-foots" rested. Now they are clamoring for another hike, and we suppose one will be coming up in the near future.

News from the Stork Club... Adele Nancy, daughter of Bronis (Babe) and Mary Martus greeted the world on June 3rd. Gregory Michael Shalna was born on June 1st. Mother, Joanne was formerly a member of C-17 who has since moved to N.J.

The Vacationist: Helen Suprin spent hers at the seashore on the Cape. Millie Vallis and Mary Kleponis are down in Nantucket. Madeline Druzdis is also a devotee of Cape Cod. The National Guard's two weeks maneuvers will fall on the same date as our National Convention. Rev. John Zuromskis, Edmund Rudis, John Daniels, Raymond Zibinskas, and Gus Uselis will be among the missing at Newark this year.

Atleiskite, dovanokite man... The correct spelling of Leo and Dana's name is Rudziunas. Dr. Joseph Svagznys should read Svagdys.

Remember the soul of Joseph Casper, Sr. in your prayers. Mr. Casper aided and worked for all Lithuanian and many civic activities.

Father Contons and Bill Gorski are busy getting out the publicity for the new chapel that the Sisters of Jesus Crucified are building. If you have any funds to spare kindly send them to Mother Superior, Our Lady of Sorrow Chapel Fund, Brockton, Mss. Your donation will be rewarded a thousand times by the prayers of these appreciative nuns.



CORRESPONDENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

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PRE-CONVENTION EVENTS

Aug. 15 - Freedomland
 Wed. Bus will leave from Hotel at 10.30 A.M.
 Price \$5.00



Aug. 16. - Cruise around Manhattan Island
 Thurs. Tour of U.N. Building
 Buses will leave from Hotel at 9:00' A.M.
 Price \$4.00

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