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"The Praying Hands"

"PRAYER
IS THE UPLIFTING
OF THE HEART
TO GOD"

The "PRAYING HANDS" are much, much more
than just a work of art,
They are the "soul's creation"
of a deeply thankful heart -
They are a PRICELESS MASTERPIECE
that love alone could paint,
And they reveal the SELFLESSNESS
of an unheralded saint -
These hands so scarred and toilworn,
tell the story of a man
Who sacrificed his talent
in accordance with God's Plan -
For in God's Plan are many things
man cannot understand,
But we must trust God's judgment
and be guided by His Hand -



Sometimes He asks us to give up
our dreams of happiness,
Sometimes we must forego our hopes
of fortune and success -
Not all of us can triumph
or rise to heights of fame,
And many times WHAT should be OURS,
goes to ANOTHER NAME -
But he who makes a sacrifice,
so another may succeed,
Is indeed a true disciple
of our blessed Savior's creed -
For when we "give ourselves away"
in sacrifice and love,
We are "laying up rich treasures"
in God's kingdom up above -

And hidden in gnarled, toilworn hands
is the truest ART OF LIVING,
Achieved alone by those who've learned
the "VICTORY OF GIVING" -
For any sacrifice on earth,
made in the dear Lord's name,
Assures the GIVER of a PLACE
in HEAVEN'S HALL OF FAME -
And who can say with certainty
WHERE THE GREATEST TALENT LIES,
OR WHO WILL BE THE GREATEST
IN OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S EYES!

Profile ...

National President ROBERT S. S. BORIS

By Anthony Dainius



The following resume could have well been captioned "Lithuanian Catholic Education - Its Results," for unfolding everything that goes to make up our subject's life, you will notice the influence of both home and school, Catholic and Lithuanian.

This reference is to fellow Knight Robert Boris; who was born in Detroit on April 30, 1930 into St. Anthony's parish, where under the scholarly guidance of the late Father Ignatius Boreisis and the saintly Sisters of St. Francis, a great character was molded with the assistance of his parents. Incidentally, his mother was born in Grand Rapids, in SS. Peter and Paul parish, as was Bishop Charles Salatka. (The council of the parish, C-139, was recently reactivated through Bob's efforts). There, too, we find the same order of Franciscan nuns.

His entire education was under Catholic auspices - from grammar school to Holy Redeemer High and eventually the College of Commerce and Finance at the famous Jesuit University of Detroit (where he was secretary of the Student Council). These were instrumental in getting him where he is now, assistant treasurer and officer at the United States Cold Storage Corporation in Detroit.

On the K of L side of his life, we find that Bob Boris first joined the Knights at St. Anthony's Parish (Council 102) in 1948 and before long became quite active in its meetings, activities, and conventions. He served on the board of C-102 in many capacities, including president, and re-

cently was responsible for the initiation of a Junior Council 102. The Mid-Central District has also welcomed Bob's assistance and guidance in its various committees and projects.

Only four years after joining the K of L, Bob became Supreme Council Second Vice-President, in charge of membership. He was chairman of the 46th National Convention in Detroit in 1959, then, in recognition of his leadership ability and his many labors on behalf of the organization, he was elected National President of the K of L in 1960, re-elected in 1961 and again in 1962.

His K of L activities indicate a man of boundless energy. We might even say that he has more irons in the fire than Vulcan, or shall we say Perkunas! His presence as president at the last national convention, with its many problems, was enough to test the mettle of the strongest man, especially since major policy changes in the U.S. Cold Storage Corporation

also required that at least his thoughts be back in Detroit! Evidently he survived the ordeal.

Regardless which part of his life we attempt to portray, we inevitably find it entwined with a burning zeal for the K of L. His work in organizing or reactivating councils in Detroit and elsewhere, assisting the formation of junior councils, representing the K of L at local and national Lithuanian functions and observances, not to mention his other commitments - high school class instructor for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, earlier work with the DP Resettlement Committee, choir work, editor of an earlier "Vyčių Kardas," establishing camping for the K of L Juniors, a church usher, Father Stahievicius' great helper at St. Anthony's upon the death of their beloved former pastor Fr. Boreisis, etc. etc. It is not amazing that he was awarded the 4th Degree a few years ago, for "ignorance is not bliss" with Bob in discerning the hierarchy of values.

The Boris home, with the remarkable hospitality of Bob and his parents, has been the haven for many visiting Lithuanians, lay and clerical. In spite of his limited time, Bob is still able to relax with his hobbies - good books and classical recordings.

This is your life, Bob - devotion to the K of L, to Lithuania, to the Lithuanians and to Archbishop Dearden's admonition to the conventioners at Detroit, "Preserve the Catholic Lithuanian traditions, for they are good for the family and the Faith."

"Pity Me, Pity Me, O

You My Friends..."



"Pity me, pity me, O you my friends, for the Hand of the Lord hath touched me." (Job 19:21).

Why have you forgotten me, o you my loved ones, my friends, my acquaintances? Do you not know how I desperately need your help now? Now that I cannot help myself? So long, long has been my stay in this purgatory to complete the punishment still due sins so foolishly committed. The fire of purgatory is more terrible than man can suffer on earth. What pain! What grief! But hope - always there is the promising hope and glad anticipation of finding my way to the throne of God, the living God, for Whom my soul thirsts.

But when, o when, shall I go and behold the face of God? My soul pleads to you, my friends, to shorten my stay here and speed my communion with God in Paradise. A Mass - novena - rosary - prayers - good works - these are the keys to my release and eternal happiness.

Pity me, pity me, o you my friends - I will, in turn, have pity on thee!



THE GREEN OAKS



THE GREEN OAK. Selected Lithuanian Poetry. Edited by Algirdas Landsbergis and Clark Mills. Published, April 1962, by VOYAGES PRESS, 35 W. 75th St., New York 23, N.Y.

Present day and earlier century poetry and song in English translation, is beautifully presented in THE GREEN OAK. Edited by Algirdas Landsbergis and Clark Mills, this extensive collection provides American Lithuanians with an opportunity to become better acquainted with such prominent Lithuanian poets as Maironis, B. Brazdžionis, A. Skema, A. Mickiewicz, and others. At the same time, non-Lithuanian poetry lovers will delight in the "unexpected freshness" of the book's contents, as the Lithuanian poems and folk songs are simple, direct, and intimately bound to the land and the forces of nature.

GREEN OAK opens with an int-

roduction by the editors, giving an insight into the background and development of a poetic tradition hitherto unknown to the English speaking peoples. A section of the book is devoted to the "dainos" or folk songs, of which Robert Payne has said:

"The 'dainos' of Lithuania have a beauty and pure primitive splendor above anything I know in western literature. They seem to have been written at the morning of the world, and the dew is still on them. The people... sang artlessly, as though singing were as easy as breathing, but how much art there is in their artlessness! This is where song begins."

The book is a collaborative effort of Lithuanian and American scholars, writers, and poets and includes twenty-three translators' work.

It is available at Voyages Press, 35 E. 75th St., New York 23, N.Y. at a cost of \$5.00.

MAIRONIS - BARD OF LITHUANIA

ALGIRDAS BUDRECKIS

Maironis contributed to the Lithuanian cultural treasury with his great lyrical poems. With his excellent poems, conveying social themes, he aroused love of fatherland, encouraged hope for a national resurrection and expressed a deep dissatisfaction with the tsarist oppression. Deep experiences and heartfelt lyricism also comprise the themes of Maironis' poetry. As a lyricist Maironis created artistic picturesqueness. Strong emotional force, romanticism and even classical simplicity and clarity are typical of his style. His compositions formed a whole school of poetic expression which had a great positive influence on the evolution of Lithuanian poetry. Therefore, it is fitting, on this the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Maironis' birth, to summarily comment on his life and literary works.

Jonas Mačiulis, who used the pen name of Maironis, was born on November 2, 1862 in Šiluva township, county of Raseiniai. His parents were free peasants, possessing their own land. Lithuanian was the spoken language of the Mačiulis family, although the parents, in their relations with the estate owners, spoke Polish.

Having received primary education at home and having learned the Polish language, Jonas Mačiulis entered the Kaunas high school (gimnazija) in 1873. He began writing while in the sixth grade. The young poet's first poems were in Polish, later he destroyed these early attempts.

While at the high school, Maironis became acquainted with the works of the Polish poets - A. Mickievičius, J. Kraszewski, J. Slowacki; their works greatly influenced him with their romantic pathos, themes of bygone days.

Completing high school in 1883, Maironis went to study literature at Kiev University. "Literature, especially my people's," he wrote,

"attracted me to it since my first student days." At Kiev, Maironis became exposed to the works of A. Pushkin, N. Lermontov, N. Gogol and other great Russian and Ukrainian poets. The influence of classical Russian poetry is noticeable in Maironis' themes. The poet studied at Kiev for one year; here Maironis' patriotic fervor was strengthened. He wrote an article defending the rights of the Lithuanian Language to the influential Russian newspaper "Novoe Vremia" under the pseudonym of Liaudies Mokytojas (People's Teacher).

After studying literature at Kiev for only a year, Maironis, mindful of his parents' wishes and also influenced by his companion A. Vyrtas (later editor of the Catholic "Šviesa"), entered the Kaunas Theological Seminary in 1884. At that time A. Baranauskas taught the Lithuanian language and literature at the seminary. Young Maironis was strongly influenced by Baranauskas' "Anykščių Šilelis" and the latter's deep interest in the Lithuanian language. Maironis dedicated his first poem in Lithuanian, "Lietuva," to Baranauskas. Maironis also received a strong Lithuanian language background from the famous linguist K. Jaunius, who also taught at the seminary.

Maironis quickly became an active participant in the Lithuanian national movement. He first wrote a poem for the newspaper "Aušra" in 1885, which was entitled "Lietuvos Vargas" under the pseudonym of Zvalionis. This poem, which expressed Maironis' typical motif - romantic enchantment with Lithuania's past - was later entitled "Miškas ir lietuvis" by the poet and finally entitled "Miškas užia" (The Forest Rustles).

While at the seminary Maironis became even more acquainted with Polish romantic literature. Strongly influenced by it, he began to stu-

dy Lithuania's history in earnest, especially the works of M. Strijkowski, J. Kraszewski, T. Norbutas and S. Daukantas. The direct result of these studies was Maironis' first published book: "History of Lithuania" (Lietuvos istorija arba apsakymai apie Lietuvos praeigą, 1891). He used the pen name of Zanavykas. The third edition was enlarged to include a conspectus of Lithuanian literature. Although this work had romantic tendencies, it was probably the most objective history by a Lithuanian during the 19th century. Maironis' "Lietuvos istorija" was used as a textbook in the schools of independent Lithuania.

Graduating from the Kaunas Theological Seminary in 1888, Maironis continued his studies in the St. Petersburg Theological Academy (1888-1892). During his study of theology, Maironis devoted little time to poetic composition. For the first time, he signed one of his poems ("Ne taip senovės tėvai gyveno") of this period with the pen name "Maironis" (literally: Marjoram).

When he began to teach at the St. Petersburg Theological Academy (1892-1894), Maironis' poetic talent burst forth in fruitful profusion. During this period, Maironis' famous collection of poems "Pavasario balsai" (first edition 1895) appeared. In 1895 Maironis, using the name St. Garnys, published the poem "Tarp skausmų įgarbė," which after several years was completely rewritten by the poet and entitled "Jaunoji Lietuva" (1908). Living in Petersburg, Maironis also wrote the libretto for "Kame išganymas" (1896) and a poem in Polish "Znad Biruty" (From Birutė's Mount, 1904).

Maironis cooperated with the young priests who published the newspapers "Žemaičių ir Lietuvos apžvalga," "Tėvynės Sargas." Later, when the Lithuanians began to organize political parties, Maironis, together with A. Jakštas, P. Bučys

Those who read Lithuanian with facility should need no introduction to the beauty of Maironis' work. But, that those not fortunate enough to enjoy and appreciate the works in their original language may "share the wealth", we present here a few selections of the poet's work, translated into English. The translations were taken from THE GREEN OAK, edited by A. Landsbergis and C. Mills, published by Voyage Press, and reviewed elsewhere in this issue.

and other priests formulated the program for the Christian Democratic Party (1907), although Maironis himself did not actively participate in this party's activities.

After the 1905 Revolution, Maironis expressed himself less and less as a lyrical poet. He continually expanded his collection of poetry "Pavasario balsai" with new poems. "Pavasario balsai" went through its fourth edition in 1913. The poem "Raseinių Magdė" was written in 1909. During the First World War, Maironis was in the countryside (in Krekenava, Upytė), where he experienced the harshness of the German occupation.

During the period of national independence, Maironis was the rector of the Kaunas Theological Seminary. Since 1922, he was a professor at the Lithuanian University, teaching among other things a course in world literature. During this period Maironis expanded and re-edited two publications of "Pavasario balsai" (1920, 1927), completed the poem "Mūsų vargai" (1920), created several ballads ("Jūratė ir Kastytis", "Čičinskas"), three rhymed dramas ("Kęstučio mirtis", "Vytautas pas kryžiuočius", "Vytautas karalius," 1922-1930), a libretto for "Nelaimingos Dangutės vestuvės" (1927). There is evidence in Maironis' archives that he wanted to write another rhymed historical drama about Barbara Radvila, however this plan of the poet's was never realized.

Toward the end of his life, Maironis published a re-written and expanded Lithuanian History (Lietuvos Praeitis), also a "Short History of Universal Literature" (both works in 1926). At the same time he planned to edit a chrestomathy of translations of the world literary classics, however he found time to translate only 5 fragments of Hindu Rigveda hymns. His translation of the 11th century Hindu poet Bilhana's love song "Chaurapanchasika" is a masterpiece.

J. Mačiulis-Maironis died in Kaunas on June 28, 1932.

Maironis

FROM BIRUTE MOUNTAIN

With an undulant surging of waves from the west,
Let my torso be flooded with coldness, or me
With the might that my heart will have gladly expressed
When it's done so as grandly as you, Baltic Sea!

How I longed for you infinite! And, how I yearned
To perceive the mysterious voices you gave
Their release, only you understand, who have spurned
Through the ages to silence the towering wave.

If you're sad, so am I! But I couldn't say why;
All I ask is for hurricanes bellowing loud:
Though they show me no peaceful oblivion, I
Want the billows beside me as close as a crowd.

Want a friend to be closer: I trust him; he'll trace
Like a tempest's the path of my torment-to-be;
He'll keep it a secret as dark as his face
And remain through the ages as restless as me.

(1862-1932)

(Translation by Theodore Melnechuk)

SONG OF ANTIQUITY

Word is here, from as far as Vilnius: Saddle the steed.
In Marienburg Teutonic knights move to destroy us.
Goodbye, dear heart, my sister! Be still. Wait for me.
If I not perish, I shall return, joyous.

A long time now, Teutons gather their precious wealth:
gold spires, and chests of silk, soft to the feel.
Dear love, you'll have a silk scarf and a belt of gold,
and I, a Prussian sword of tempered steel.

Spring's dawn has broken, and the lark sings on forever.
Where is my lad, my love? Why does he not return?
At sunset there was battle. Blood poured down and wasted.
My love fell for his homeland. And I mourn.

Ladies, companions, sing their joy, adorned in silks.
My tears burst out and shine. I see the graveyard stand.
Dearest one, you'll not speak small words of love to me,
nor slip the golden ring on a white hand.

(1862-1932)

(Translation by Clark Mills)

AMERIKOS JAUNIMAS

Septyniolika milijonų šio krašto jaunimo nuo 13 iki 18 metų amžiaus yra beveik tauta šioje tautoje. Tas jaunimas turi daugiau negu savo bendrus bruožus. Jis turi savo skonį, savo pomėgius, savo panšią išviršinę išvaizdą, savo veiksmus, reagavimus.

Ateities viltis

Apskritai kalbant, vietinį jaunimą galima būtų suskirstyti į tris stambias grupes. Pirmąją grupę sudaro rimtasis, dorasis, mąslusis jaunimas. Jis yra drausmingas, klauso savo tėvų bei vyresniųjų, mėgsta mokytis ir domisi kultūra. Jis mėgsta naudingai ir džiugiai praleisti jaunystę, o veda tik subrendęs, gavęs atestatą ar diplomą, vadinasi, turėdamas kokią profesiją ar kvalifikaciją. Tai kandidatai į valstybinių, prekybinių, švietimo įstaigų ir kariuomenės kadrus; tai būsimieji laisvųjų profesijų žmonės, organizacijų vadovai, politikai, pramonės pirmūnai. Tai tauriųjų šeimų atžalos, Amerikos visuomenės žiedas, jos viltis. Tokio jaunimo yra daug, ir linkėtina, kad jo būtų dar daugiau; kad ir mūsų atžalynas pasektų jo pavyzdžiu.

Eilinis jaunimas

Antroje ir bene skaitlingiausioje grupėje figūruoja eilinis jaunimas. Jis mokslu nesidomi, galvoja paviršutiniškai, ateitimi rimtai nesirūpina. Jis greičiau yra dirginamas jausmų. Tai reklamos, kaip ir savo leng-

vapėdiškumo aukos. Neseniai tas jaunimas buvo ypatingai rėklus, šoko nerdamasis iš kailio, padūkimo apimtas draskė savo pamėgtųjų daininkų drabužius; rėkė ir alpo kokiam naujam kniaukliui atsiradus.

Dabar jis jau kiek rimtesnis. Jis "džaižinimą" jau lyg ir atmeta, ir šokių tempą lėtina. Tiesa, jis dirbti nevengia, kad savo reikalams turėtų atliekamo pinigų ir būtų mažiau priklausomas nuo tėvų. Jis turi savo žargoną, savo madas, sueigų vietas, tik labai nemėgsta priežiūros. Visa bėda kol jauniklis gauna važiavimo licenziją ir iškimba į automobilį. Po to jis jaučiasi pakankamai savarankus vykti kur tik jam patinka ir daryti pasimatymus.

Surimtėjimo priežastis pasirodo esanti to jaunimo palinkimas į skubų ir "ištikimą" poravimąsi. Šito siekiama savotišku būdu. Pradedant net nuo 13 m. amžiaus, porelė griežtai reikalauja viens antro ištikimybės. Nei jam, nei jai nevalia flirtuoti ar šokti su pašaliniais. Jei katras neatsiliepia telefonu, turi pasiaiškinti, kur tuo metu buvęs. Ištikimybėi užantspauduoti, simpatijai nuperkamas koks blizgutis.

Geresniu atveju, po to jau seka vedybos, dažnokai be tėvų pritarimo. Padidėja šeima, pradeda slėgti pragyvenimo rūpesčiai. Pasigirsta vienas antro kaltinimai, prasideda nesusipratimai, kartais įtarimai, nebuslepiamas nusivylimas, ir galiausiai prieinama prie išsiskyrimo, nes vesdamiesi, girdi, gerai nesupra-

tę viens antro. Pasitaiko ir kantrių, sugyvenančių porelių, bet jų maža.

Ko galima tikėtis iš to jaunimo ateityje? Žemės jis nepajudins. Dalis jo surimtės, ištvers, gyvens padoriai. Dalis liks viskam abejinga, išskyrus savo pilvą ir stikliukėlį. Dalis palūš dvasia ir arba dabar, arba vėliau pasineš pragaištingu keliu. Trumpai kalbant, nei pažangios tautos lūkesčių visiškai pateisins, nei suteiks jai pasididžiavimo.

Blogiausia dalis

Trečiajai grupei lieka kriminalinis jaunimas ir chuliganai. Visa tai išrieda iš po girtuoklių tėvų, iš pakrikusių, išsiskyrusių, apsiskandalijusių šeimų. Ši jaunų piktadarių grupė sudaro, kaip sakoma, tris procentus viso jaunimo. Tai krašto nelaimė, tai grėsmė Amerikos visuomenei, tai tos visuomenės gėda.

Svarstoma ir galvojama kaip sutramdyti tuos išsigimėlius. Kaltinama televizija, kriminalinė bei pornografinė literatūra; priekaištaujama religinėms organizacijoms, mokyklai ir valdžiai. Nors valdžia ir išlaiko specialius pataisos namus tiems nelaimingiems padarams, bet ir esamuose kalėjimuose jauni prasikaltėliai nebesutelpa.

Matyti, jog kova sunki, o laisvėmis apsvaigę veiksniai girežtesnių priemonių vis dar nesiryžta griebtis.

L. A.

Lithuanian Kitchen...

Kugelis

- 8 large Idaho potatoes
- 1 large can evaporated milk
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 pound bacon
- 1/2 pound butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt, or more to taste.

1. Pare and hand grate potatoes. Put through sieve or cheesecloth, pressing dry. Put potatoes in a large bowl, setting aside the juice. Add milk to potatoes. Beat each egg until fluffy and stir into potato mixture, one at a time.

2. Cut bacon into chips and fry until crisp. Set aside. Melt butter slowly and fry onion in butter until

transparent and slightly brown. Set aside to cool.

3. Pour off top part of reserved potato juice and add the starchy portion remaining to the potato mixture. Mix in bacon and drippings, onion and butter and salt.

4. Pour mixture into greased oblong cake pans or bread pans three-fourths full. Bake in 350-degree oven for about 1 hour or until crust is golden brown and bakes away from sides of pan.

Mrs. V. ZYZAS
South Haven, Mich.

(Reprinted from the Chicago Sun, Times)

NEW HONORARY MEMBERS

The Honorary Membership Medal carries with it the highest honor that can be awarded to a member, by the Knights of Lithuania. It represents a judgment by the Honorary Membership Committee, the Supreme Council, and the membership in general that the candidate has served the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania and is an outstanding asset to the organization.

During the 49th National Convention, two outstanding Lithuanian-Americans were found deserving of Honorary Membership in the K of L, and were each awarded the coveted medal. Our warmest and sincerest congratulations to the two new Honorary Members: THE MOST REVEREND CHARLES A. SALATKA, Auxiliary Bishop of Grand Rapids, and FRANK VASKAS.



Last March, Americans of Lithuanian descent throughout the United States were thrilled and honored by the elevation to the Episcopacy of CHARLES A. SALATKA, first American-Lithuanian Bishop. In August the Knights of Lithuania were especially privileged to have the new Bishop elevated to Honorary Membership.

The Most Reverend Charles Salatka was born in Grand Rapids in 1918, and received his elementary education at the SS. Peter and Paul school, under the direction of the Lithuanian Sisters of St. Francis. The influence of the Sisters, as well as that of his immigrant parents, did much to instill in the Bishop a love for Lithuania and her culture. He was ordained in 1945. After several years' study in Rome, Bishop Salatka returned to his native state and diocese, to serve as Diocesan Secretary, Vice-Chancellor, and then Papal Chamberlain. Since his elevation to the episcopacy, Bishop Salatka has been Auxiliary Bishop of Grand Rapids.

While his association with the Knights of Lithuania is most recent, Bishop Salatka's interest in the goals of the organization is unquestionably sincere. His warm expression of gratitude during the Convention Banquet, in both Lithuanian and English, touched the heart of every listener, and the thoughts and advice offered to his fellow Knights provided inspiration for all members.

Bishop Salatka has proven himself an outstanding member of the Church's hierarchy and a credit to his fellow Americans of Lithuanian descent. The Knights of Lithuania is indeed proud to now have him a most deserving Honorary Member of the organization.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP in the Knights of Lithuania was presented to FRANK VASKAS (C-29 Newark, New Jersey) for his dedication to the organization.

Frank, who is a native of Newark, has been a member of the K of L since 1936 when he helped reactivate Council 29. By his numerous articles which appear regularly in the Lithuanian press, and his frequent trips to K of L cities, he is well-known to many of our members.

In Council 29, he has held offices such as Financial Secretary and Trustee; served on the Council publication, "The Key"; was manager of the Softball Team; was and still is the Council VYTIS correspondent.

For the NY-NJ District, in addition to holding various offices and participating on many committees, he has for the past 10 years served as the Public Relations Chairman. In tribute for his efforts in this field, he was, in 1960, made Honorary Public Relations Chairman for the District.

On the Supreme Council level, Frank has served as a National Trustee and for three years, as the Lithuanian Affairs Chairman. He has a most distinguished record in Lithuanian Affairs work and is currently writing over 200 letters each year for the committee.

The K of L is not Frank's only interest, as he also actively belongs to such organizations as the New Jersey Lithuanian Council, the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America (Newark Chapter); and numerous other groups.

The Vaskas-Vaskevicius family tree is well-known for its Lithuanianism. At one time or another, all members of the family belonged to the Newark Council. Frank, by his never-ending dedication well deserves Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania.

LITHUANIA - LAND OF HEROES

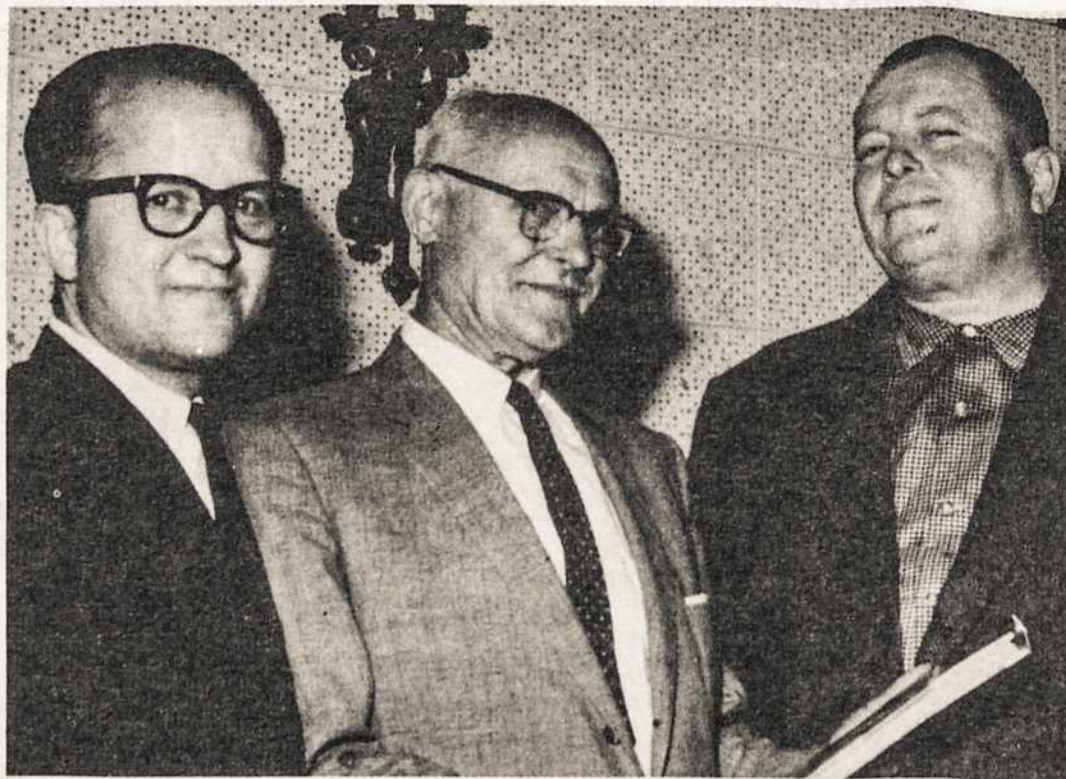
Prepared and edited by Leonard Valiukas. Published by Lithuanian Days Publishers, 1962. Price - \$4.75.

The case of Lithuania carries with it a great human story of heroic people. LITHUANIA LAND OF HEROES, prepared and edited by Leonard Valiukas gives an insight into this story, with a description of her background, culture, and her fight for freedom.

The book contains a brief but interesting presentation of Lithuania, her people, and her language. It also shows how Lithuania was occupied and incorporated against her will into the Soviet Union, and describes the heroic fight of the Lithuanian nation against the Kremlin invaders. The second half of the book gives a pictorial view of the Republic of Lithuania as it was during the years of independence, 1918 to 1940.

Leonard Valiukas, who prepared and edited this book, lived more than one year under the Kremlin regime. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California (Los Angeles, Calif.) and holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in Political Science from this institution of higher education. He has been a student of Soviet relations for more than two decades.

With this book, Mr. Valiukas, also an active member of K of L Council 133 in Los Angeles, provides at least one effective weapon to oppose the war of propaganda and lies being waged throughout the world by the advocates of Communism.



Dr. Julius J. Bielskis (center), Los Angeles, Calif., Lithuanian Consul and Past National President of the Knights of Lithuania (1919-1920), purchases the first copy of the book, LITHUANIA - LAND OF HEROES, prepared and edited by Leonard Valiukas (left), member of K of L Council #133; right - George Todt, "Los Angeles Herald-Examiner" columnist, who has devoted several of his daily columns to Lithuanian causes and Lithuania's fight for freedom.

Photo by L. Kancauskas

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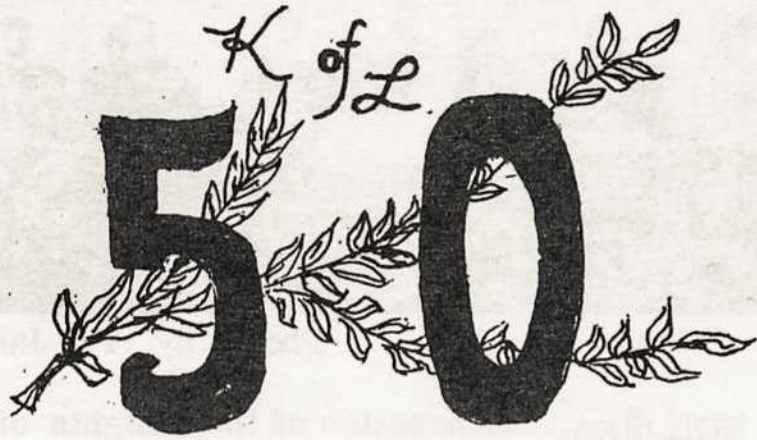
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Jubilee Year News



LIETUVOS VYČIŲ JUBILIEJINIŲ METŲ VEIKLOS PROGRAMA

Lietuvos Vyčių Jubiliejiniai Metai yra organizacijos šventė, kurioje kiekvienas vytis ir kiekviena vyte privalo dalyvauti. Forma mūsų dalyvavimo jubiliejuje turi būti kas nors didesnio negu vien atsilankymas į kurią nors susirinkimą ar parengimą. Jubiliejus bus reikšmingesnis ir mums asmeniniai naudingesnis, jei prie šios šventės gerai pasiruošime; jei giliau susipažinsime su mūsų organizacijos istorija, tikslais ir josios ankstivesniais nariais, gyvais ir mirusiais; jei rimčiau ir dažniau pagalvosime, kaip sustiprinti lietuviybę, kaip geriau atlikti tautines užduotis, kaip išsaugoti tautines tradicijas; kaip savo gyvenamoj aplinkoj plačiau paskleisti Lietuvos Vyčių idealus.

Lietuvos Vyčiai gimė iš lietuvių visuomenės ir dėl lietuvių visuomenės. Organizacija buvo sukurta padėti išlaikyti tą visuomenę tautiniai gyvą. Mūsų ryšiai su visuomene turi būti sustiprinti. Lietuvos Vyčiai yra reikalingi mūsų visuomenei nemažiau kaip jie buvo reikalingi prieš 50 metų. O visuomenė reikalinga Lietuvos Vyčiams, nes, jei neturėsime lietuviškos dirvos, nebus reikalingi nei vyčiai.

Todėl ypač Jubiliejiniais Metais labai reikia gyvai, karštai susirūpinti savo tautos esminiais klausimais, diskutuoti šiuos klausimus savo tarpe ir su kitu patriotinių organizacijų nariais; jieškoti šiems klausimams paryškinti medžiagos knygose ir žurnaluose. Privalu prisidėti prie lietuviškų kultūrinių sąjūdžių. Kuo daugiau turėsime žinių ir patyrimo lietuviškame darbe, tuo daugiau būsime naudingi Lietuvos Vyčiams ir mūsų visuomenei, kuriai tarnaujame ir kurios neatskiriama dalimi esame.

Lietuviybės stiprinimo akcija turėtų pasireikšti jubiliejiniais metais visoj mūsų veikloj, mūsų laiškuose ir kalbose, mūsų susirinkimuose ir parengimuose ir pačiam jubiliejiniam seime. Lietuviybės stiprinimas turėtų būti vadovaujama mintis visų mūsų jubiliejinių minėjimų.

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ JUBILIEJAUS KOMISIJA

A SPECIAL JUBILEE MEETING IN EVERY COUNCIL

In order to bring out the full meaning of our Golden Jubilee both to our members and to the entire Lithuanian community, a suggestion is hereby offered. Early in the New Year each council should hold a special Jubilee meeting, at which a brief history of the council would be presented and the true value and significance of the organization would be explored. This type of study and evaluation is necessary for a more meaningful observance of our 50th anniversary and to give our work a better perspective for the start of our second half century.

To this meeting, for which plans must be initiated without delay, the entire Lithuanian public ought to be invited, for it too must be made conscious of this important Jubilee. It would also be good public relations on our part, for directly and indirectly we depend on the good will of the Lithuanian community as a whole for the success of our K of L work. Let us invite the various parish societies to take part in this special meeting. Let us invite too all our past members, since many of them are still dear friends of the organization.

Organize the meeting with thoroughness and efficiency. One or two senior members could present a brief historical summary of the council's early days and its accomplishments through the years. Some personal reminiscences will be very appropriate. Another talk by one of the officers or some other member from one's own or neighboring council could discuss the basic principles upon which our organization rests. This informational talk would be beneficial to all of us and especially to our newer members, who very often are deprived of an explanation of the ideals and purposes of the organization.

Include in the program a soloist, if available, and, with the aid of song sheets and a leader or accompanist, some community singing. Top everything off with a serving of coffee and you will have begun the Jubilee not only in a fitting and dignified manner, but you will have strengthened the council.

The preparation for this meeting cannot be haphazard. Everything must be done in genuine K of L spirit and style, for our guests will judge us in the smallest details, beginning with the invitations and ending with our conversation among ourselves and with our guests. Aim to make this program as Lithuanian as possible, if only to demonstrate that we believe in what our organization professes to stand for. Such a meeting will lay the proper foundation for other Jubilee activities to follow.

K of L JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Lithuanians in The News



Photo by P. Jasiukonis

JACK J. STUKAS, National Chairman of the K of L Cultural and Scholarship Committees, was recently selected to serve as President of the Lithuanian Committee for the 1964-65 World's Fair, to be held in New York City.

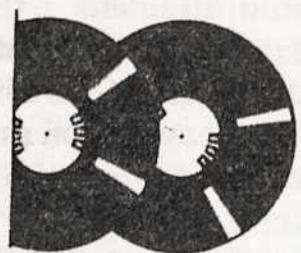
STANLEY PIEZA, Religion News Editor of the Chicago American, is currently in Rome, officially covering the Ecumenical Council for his newspaper. His news and commentary on the Council appears daily in the American. In the past, Mr. Pieza covered from Rome the elevation of the late Samuel Cardinal Stritch and Albert Cardinal Meyer (both of Chicago) to the office of Cardinal, and the election and consecration of Pope John XXIII.

PROF. MYKOLAS BIRŽIŠKA, signer of the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Lithuania on February 16, 1918, died on his 80th birthday anniversary, on August 24th, in Los Angeles, California. The above picture was taken five years ago when Prof. Mykolas Biržiška addressed the 44th National

The Summer, 1962 issue (Annual International Issue) of the PRAIRIE SCHOONER, published by the University of Nebraska Press, included in its pages "Slender, My Mother," an English translation of the Lithuanian poem "Mano Motina" by Birutė Pukelevičiūtė. The translation was done by JACK J. STUKAS and appeared previously in the May 1962 issue of VYTIS.

Convention of the Knights of Lithuania held in Los Angeles. Pictured from left to right: Mrs. M. Onaitis, the late W. Chinik, the late Prof. M. Biržiška, L. Valiukas, Rev. A. Con-ton, J. Stukas and F. Vaskas. Prof. Mykolas Biržiška has been a great fighter for Lithuania's freedom and independence.

REV. BOLES LIUBAUSKAS, Assistant Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, DuBois, Pa., better known as "The Patent Priest," was granted another patent by the U.S. Patent Office on Aug. 21, 1962. This, his latest, was received for a "Maniple Holder." This item is useful and worthwhile to priests for it provides an easy and efficient application and removal of a maniple whereby the use of pins or elastic is eliminated.



Cultural Committee Announcement ... FOR BETTER LITHUANIAN

The Children's Lithuanian Language Course Records are now available from the Supreme Council Lithuanian Cultural Committee. The set consists of 2 records that can be played at either 33-1/3 or 45 RPM, sheets with the Lithuanian and English text of the recordings, picture game booklet and parent's lesson guide. The price is \$3.00 per set.

A limited quantity of the Adults' Records are still available.

We also have the reference book "Lithuanian and Lithuanians - A Selected Bibliography" by Dr. J. Balys. A number of councils have purchased this book and donated it to their local public libraries. Other councils are urged to follow this good example.

The order form below is for your convenience. Please send order and remittance to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita St., Dayton 4, Ohio.

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A Visit to the K of L Juniors' Camp

August, 1962
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Flag-Raising - A daily ritual



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The Campers' Orchestra



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IS SENDRAUGIŲ SUSIRINKIMO

CLEVELAND, Ohio. Priešatostoginis susirinkimas įvyko sendraugių Taručių namuose. Išklaudyti ir priimti valdybos pranešimai. Ypatingai džiugus buvo pranešimas A. Macks, A. Navickienės ir J. Salasevičienės, kad vyčių vakaras buvo sėkmingas. Padėkota visiems aukojusiems dovanas ir šv. Jurgio parapijos klebonui kun. B. Ivanauskui už davimą salės. Pasiūlyta ir nutarta parapijai paaukoti \$25.

Kultūrinio darželio veikiančios komisijos narė padarius pranešimą, kas veikiama poetui Maironiui pagerbti jo mirties 30 m. sukaktuvių proga, paragino sendraugius nedelsiant priduoti kuopos paveikslą redakcijai ruošiamos knygos, kuri neužilgo bus išleista.

Atstovais į vyčių seimą išrinkti A. Karklienė ir J. Pikturnienė, alternatai A. Neimanienė ir B. Karklius. Prie sveikinimo seimui pridėta ir \$5. auka.

Sekantį susirinkimą pakvietė O. Mihalich į savo ūki-vasarvietę. Baigus susirinkimą Taručiai susirinkusius pakvietė prie vaišių stalo, kuri palaimino kun. Goldikovskis. Šeimninkei atnešus tortą, sugiedota ilgiausių metų B. Karkliui ir E. Kuzienei jų gimtadienio proga.



A. a. Elena Kuzienė.

Rugsėjo mėn. 13 d. mirė a.a. Elena Kuzienė, giliam liūdesy palikusi vyrą Jurgį, dukterį Helen Konis, sūnų Jurgį, seserį R. Sadauskienę, du brolius, anūkus ir būrį artimų giminių, o taip pat ir vyčius sendraugius. Velionė domėjosi vyčių veikimu ir dalyvaudavo kiekvienam susirinkime.

Po gedulo pamaldų ir gražaus kun. Angelaičio pamokslo šv. P. Marijos Nesiliaujančios Pagalbos parapijos bažnyčioje, palaidota Kalvarijos kapinėse.

Rugsėjo 9 d. Mihalich'ų ūkyje susirinkime seimo atstovai pateikė plačius pranešimus. Taipgi pranešta, kad rugsėjo 7 d. įvyksta Ohio, Michigan ir vak. Pennsylvania apskrities suvažiavimas Clevelande. Sendraugius atstovauti išrinkti J. Milas, K. Kutkus, J. Salasevičienė, A. Mačiokas, M. Tarutienė, P. Glugodienė. Apskrities pirmininkė paragino,

kad ir visi nariai, kam tik laikas leis, dalyvautų suvažiavime.

M. Trainey pranešė, kad ji aplankiusi jau netekusį regėjimo M. Ardžį. Draugų ir pažįstamųjų aplankymas tokio nelaimingo žmogaus jam suteikia didelio malonumo. Todėl prašė narių dažnai jį aplankyti.

Sekantį susirinkimą į savo namus pakvietė A. Gribauskaitė, o Ignas Visockis su žmona pasiūlė, kad jų sodyboj, gražiame kieme, sendraugiai surengtų rudeninę pramogą - dešrelių kepimą. Kvietimas visiems labai patiko ir tokiai pramogai suruošti išrinkta komisija iš M. Trainey, Milas su žmona, Karklienė ir J. Sadauskas.

Baigus susirinkimą dalyviai buvo vaišiniai ūkio šeimninkeš Mihalich ir A. Navickienės. Vaišės buvo tikrai šaunios.

Rugsėjo mėnesį O. Mihalich buvo išvykus į Tulsa, Okla., atostogų pas savo dukterį ir anūkus, kur dalyvavo ir giminių vestuvėse.

Artimesniam draugiškumui sendraugių tarpe palaikyti nariai yra įvedę gražų paprotį: per susirinkimą, apsvarsčius kuopos reikalus, prie šeimninkeš paruošto stalo paminėti narių gimtadienius, kurie pripuola tą mėnesį. Dedamos nuotraukos pavaizduoja tokius minėjimus.

Koresp. P.G.



Po vieno susirinkimo: Iš kairės į dešinę: Paula Glugodienė, Ona Mihalich, Antanina Mack, Jonas Milas ir Agnietė Navickienė.



Po kito susirinkimo:

Iš kairės į dešinę: Jurgis Kuzas, Mary Trainis ir vyčių garbės narys J. Sadauskas pjauna tortą. Juos stebi: Ant. Mačiokas ir dvasios vadas kun. A. Goldikovskis.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Council News Editor: Miss Theresa Pupinik

N.Y. - N. J. DISTRICT

District News

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The N.Y.-N.J. District meeting took place on Sun., Sept. 30th, at St. Casimir parish hall in Paterson, N.J. The session was opened with a prayer by the Rev. John Kinta, pastor of St. Casimir's. Other clergy who attended the meeting were Fr. John Pakalniskis, Fr. Vladas Karalevicius, and Fr. Vytautas Demeikis. Greetings on behalf of C-61, hosts, were given by John Sprainaitis.

At this meeting we held our yearly elections. Chosen to be our leader for the coming term was none other than Dorothy Dutkus of Patterson. Others elected for the executive board were Ann Klem of Kearney and Marty Rusgi of Bayonne, vice-presidents; secretaries, Charles Strolis of Newark and Alice Salkauskas of Kearney; treasurer, Mildred Grinewich, Kearney; trustees, Ann Mitchell of Elizabeth and Kazys Sipaila of Newark; rituals, Ann Klem, Walter Svekla, and Irene Varevice, Philadelphia; Lithuanian Affairs, Ann Klem and Kazys Sipaila; cultural, Ann Klem, Dorothy Dutkus, and Connie Mack; sports, Stanley Naiva, Elizabeth, and Joseph Balchiunas and Anthony Mankis, both of Newark. The newly elected board was sworn into office by the Rev. Peter Zemeikis, district spiritual advisor. The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Fr. Zemeikis and the K of L Hymn was sung.

Notes Off the Cuff: The attendance for this meeting was one of the best in some time. . . Larry Janonis, our outgoing president, was given a standing ovation. He certainly served the district well during his tenure of office, not only as president, but as an active member of many committees. The tribute was a well deserved one . . . Congratulations and best wishes to: Fr. Norbertas Pakalnis who is

celebrating his 50th anniversary in the priesthood. . . and to Elizabeth N.J. C-52 on their 25th anniversary . . . Rita Miskewitz of Bayonne and William Ochs, who were united in Holy Matrimony on Sept. 15th. . . A sincere thank you and a doff of our chapeaus to C-61 for a most enjoyable stay. . . A special orchid to Dorothy Dutkus for her efforts towards the success of the meeting and the social which followed.

Persons receiving Third Degree Father Pakalniškis, Dorothy Dutkus, Josephine Zukas, Millie Grinewich, Alice Salkauskas, Joseph Balazas, Andrew Leonard, Eleanor Rokas, Mary Grinewich, Jane Kelly, Agnes Timmin, Irene Varevice, Walter Svekla, James Stokas, Norbert Wysocki, Frances Buzis, Anne Baronas, Helen Balandis, Veronika Krezonis, Mary Motecus.

Examining board for rituals were S.C. Vice-president, Helen Shields, Ann Klem, and John Sprainaitis and Frank Vaskas, Honorary Members.

The next District convention will be held in Bayonne, N.J. St. Michael's Parish Hall, 15 East 23rd St. Bayonne N.J., Dec. 16, 1962. Time: 3 P.M.

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3

Happy Hedda

With the sun shining and our cars packed with FOOD. . . let's not forget that. . . the gang from Philly set our for Beach Haven, N.J., on July 8. Steve Salnaitis, you know those Jersey roads should not be traveled at 100 m.p.h. It was nice to have one of our Boston (Bahston) friends, Ed Rudis, with us for the day.

August 15 - Convention Time - an occasion that is looked forward to all year. C-3 arrived bag and baggage for a weekend of work and fun. John Mickunas, Walt Svekla, Terry Mazeika, Al and Irene Ozalis, Lillian Sasnauskas, Helen and Tillie Shields,

Irene Varevice and Agnes Timmins made up the Philly delegation. May we take this opportunity to thank all the people of the District who worked so hard to make this year's convention a huge success.

Labor Day found us all back to Harper's Meadow for a day of relaxation. John Mickunas did a fine job on those barbecue spareribs. Too bad the girls had most of them finished before the fellows got back from their ball game. You call this relaxation?

Rahway was the scene for our Jersey bound council on Sept. 9 to attend Jack Stukas' annual picnic. Do they spend any of their spare time in Philly?

We hear back in Philly that Walt Svekla, John Mickunas, Helen Shields and Agnes Timmins and Irene Varevice needed a police escort to travel around Worcester and they only wanted to find Joe Sipas' house. They never give up, do they? But they can't complain about the hospitality that they received and the fun they had at the dance held at Maironis Park.

Congratulations to Walt Svekla, Agnes Timmins and Irene Varevice on receiving their 3rd Degrees at the District Convention held in Patterson, N.J. on Sept. 30. C-3 is very proud of these three members, and this accomplishment should encourage all our members to work toward this goal and build a better and hard working council.

Vacation bound C-3 did quite a bit of traveling this summer. Irene Sarczewicz chose Quebeck and Montreal, Charlie Petronis visited Indianapolis, Ind., Irene Varevice and Agnes Timmins traveled to Cape Cod, Joe and Ann Simmons toured New York, New England and Canada, and the good old seashore played host to Ginny and Steve Salnaitis, Tom and Pat Meron, and Lorraine Pukis.

Which twin has the Toni or which member has the Chevy? John Mickunas and Al Ozalis are both sport-

ing Chevy Impalas, and the same color too.

C-3's welcome mat is out to Ray Pukis who has returned from serving Uncle Sam in Germany. We hope to see a lot of you now, Ray.

Congratulations to Ginny and Steve Salnaitis on their second wedding anniversary.

Birthday greetings to Ann Simmons, Irene Sarcewicz, Irene Varevice and Terry Mazeika.

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

"Carolei"

Flashbacks: June 16th - We danced to the music of Nick Dzvonar and his orchestra at the Annunciation Parish Picnic. June 24 - Some of us helped Joan Mazeika celebrate her birthday with a little party at Sunken Meadows State Park. Some birthday package! Cloud-burns and a flat tire. July 8 - Queen of Angels Parish Picnic. July 11 - Our regular meeting took place at the home of Stan Dedinas. July 15 - We held our annual beach party at Rockaway Beach. Aug. 5 - Everyone had a grand time at the Lithuanian Radio Picnic. Our Corresponding Secretary, Carolyn Nagin, became one of the finalists in the "Miss Lithuania" Contest.

Aug. 15 to 19 - The 49th National Convention. Our council was adequately represented by our two delegates, Joan Mazeika and Carolyn Nagin, and two alternates, Tony Mazeika and Stanley Dedinas. Guests included Gene Marcis, Regina Marcis, Denis Mazeika and Grace Kulikauskas. All in all it proved to be an interesting and very enjoyable convention.

Aug. 25 - We continued our party mood at the home of Marie Nekuinas. Stan Naiva of Elizabeth, N.J., caused quite a stir when he began to present the pictures taken during the convention. It seems many of us were surprised to find ourselves "on camera."

Aug. 28 - K of L meeting at Annunciation Hall. We reviewed many new ideas brought up at the Convention, and we set up our fall agenda.

Sept. 2 - Annunciation Parish Picnic at Franklin Square, L.I. We renewed our convention spirit with Joe Thomas and his orchestra as we danced the Twist, Mashed Potatoes, Gol-

den Slippers, and the "Convention Polka."

Sept. 9 - Lithuanian Radio Picnic in Rahway, N.J. This picnic wound up our summer season.

Sept. 15 - "Blast from the Past" Reunion Festival at Annunciation Hall. This party helped to bring back the members after a summer of fun. It also brought us three new members, Ken Cikana, Paul Kamage, and Casey Ramancionis. Welcome to the council, Fellas!

Sept. 23 - Regular monthly meeting at Annunciation Hall. It looks like we have a pretty good fall program set up. We are planning to re-organize our dance group. We are also starting advance plans for our annual dance to be held Christmas night at Annunciation Hall.

Sept. 29 - Our members helped Grace Kulikauskas and Tony Mažeika celebrate their recent engagement. They are planning to be married in August of '63. We wish them every happiness. Tony graduated this past summer from Queens College and is now working as a Bio-chemist in a cancer research laboratory. Another recent graduate is Mike Savage from Adelphi College on Long Island. The rest of us will return to our respective colleges this fall to start another year.

Birthday greetings are in order to Donnie Jonaitis, Oct. 7th, and Stan Dedinas, Oct. 27th. Congratulations and many happy returns!

Amsterdam, N.Y., C-100

Smile and Sparkle



Gene Gobis (right) and Ann Baltuska De Luccia, of C-100 great Gov. Rockefeller of New York during his visit to Amsterdam, N.Y. in June. Gene took this opportunity to thank Mr. Rockefeller for his assistance in Lithuanian Affairs work.

Dr. Adam Kindar and his wife invited our council to their summer home for our outing on Aug. 5th. Over 65 people attended. It was one of the best outings that we have had! Dr. Kindaris priraugė šviežių agurkų iš jo daržo, ir visus vaišino su jais. Buvo labai skanūs. Lithuanian food plus a few Italian dishes were on the menu. The Kindars' place is beautiful. You would think you were in "Shagri-La". A creek coming from Lake G flows through their property. It was dammed to make a pond for swimming. At night green lights shine on the little falls. Oh, the peace and quiet! We enjoyed boating, swimming, card-playing, and singing. Matt Kazlauskas' son Mathew, who is studying to be a doctor, arrived to join the fun. Rev. Grabys, who teaches at St. Rose's College in Albany, was also present. All too soon the party was over and we had to leave for home. Our council wishes to thank Dr. and Mrs. Kindar for their most generous hospitality.

The Sept. meeting was opened with a prayer by Fr. Baltch, Pres. Don Nikstenas asked Gene Gobis to give an account of the Convention. Fr. Baltch showed us colored slides of his trip to Mexico.

Oct. 1st marked Fr. Baltch's 13th anniversary at St. Casimir's Church. Sophie Olbie surprised Father with a cake. President Don Nikstenas' family was well represented at the gathering by his wife, Mary Ann, his mother, Josephine, and his son, Jimmy. However Don was unable to make it. Vice Pres., M. Kazlauskas ran the meeting. Fr. Baltch spoke on the Ecumenical Council and the life of Bishop Teofilis Matulionis, who recently died in Lithuania.

Our Christmas party will be held at Robertshaw's Drum on Dec. 16th.

Convention News - Joe Sable's suite Saturday night was "it" - an orchestra, and jammed with conventioners trying to dance. What a host! Prof. Joseph Olsauskas renewed old acquaintances with John and Ann Valaitis and Mr. Waselauskas.

Our deepest sympathies to: Nancy Kazlauskas and Dr. Adam Kindar on the loss of their uncle, Dr. Michael Strikolis of Chicago; Fr. Baltch, his mother and sister in the recent loss of his father, Anthony; and to Gene Gobis who lost her uncle, Anthony Gobis.

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

"Snoopy"

A very happy Thanksgiving to all our K of L friends from the members of C-109. May your day be filled with thanksgiving, joy, contentment, and a bird heaped full of stuffin'.

Our July picnic-in-the-woods was completely rained out. Our members sat in their automobiles waiting for the sun to slide out behind the rain-clouds, but alas it came down "kaip iš viedro", and everyone returned home disappointed. Since the food for the picnic was donated by our gals, we hear quite a few husbands had no change of menu for the entire week following. Joe Zukas ate coleslaw, and Julius Picardi ate sauerkraut, until they were ready to call it quits. Our September picnic fared much better. Our newest member, George Dirigentis, a very able musician, kept us in song with his accordian until it became dim, and we needed flashlights to escort us out of the park.

We have a great deal of happy news. Congratulations are in order to Anne Martens' daughter Sandra, who became engaged to Bob Burke and now are planning a June '63 wedding. . . Bill Bernatovich's folks celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary on June 24th. Many more happy years! . . . Marion Rogers and Richard Kurila were united on Sept. 9th. They're setting up house-keeping in Great Neck, which means our membership will be increased by one when Richie joins with us. . . . Congratulations, too, to our very good friends, Molly Keever and Pete Yankey who were married on Aug. 18th, and to Jerry and Alma (Kosmocius) Shanahan who are now the proud parents of their fourth, Karen Frances. . . A hearty handshake to Ricky Marks who has been made Assistant Manager at the Manorhaven Branch of the Meadowbrook National Bank. . . "Well Done" to Josephine Zukas who received her Third Degree.

Thank goodness, the "bad" does not outweigh the "good." Tony Kober had the misfortune of getting a rotary lawn mower too close to his toes, and ended up in the hospital. Mary Picardi, too, was hospitalized for a few days, and all is now well. Our President's better half, Starsy Wesey, took a fall, which resulted in several stitches in her arm. Our hope for

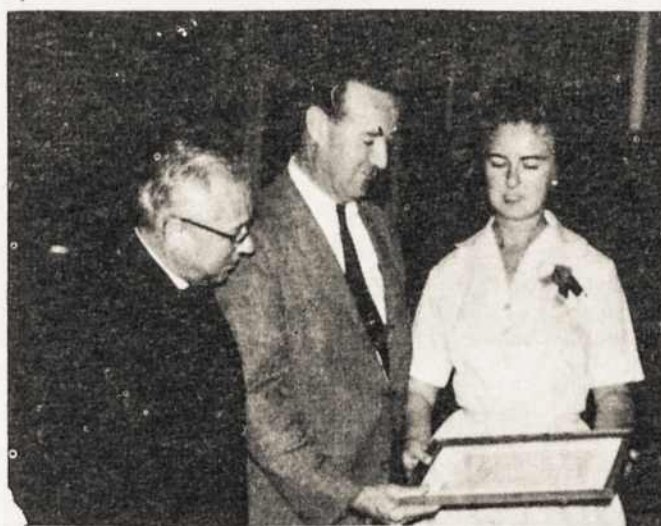
a speedy recovery.

Though somewhat belated, our members offer their best wishes to Fr. W. Karalevicius of Elizabeth, who celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ordination in June, and to Fr. N. Pakalnis of Brooklyn who celebrated his Golden Anniversary. May the Good Lord keep you both for many more years to come.

N.E. DISTRICT CONVENTION



N. E. District Officers. l. to r. bottom: Rev. Zuromskis, B. Kavadaras, S. Shukis; top: M. Boraskas, E. Anusauskas, W. Wisnauskas.



B. Kavadaras presents scroll to Congressman John Monagan of Waterbury, for his work for Lithuania. Rev. A. E. Gradeck, pastor of St. Joseph's looks on.



W. Wisnauskas, District Lith. Affairs Award winner.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The District Convention took place the weekend of Sept. 29th and 30th with C-7 of Waterbury, Conn. as hosts. Saturday's program included a Nominating Committee meeting, a welcome get-together at Waterbury's suite at the Roger Smith Hotel, a dance at St. Joseph's Hall, and an after-the-dance get-together at C-7's clubrooms. The mayor of Waterbury, Edward Bergin and his wife attended the dance. Sunday's activities opened with the Convention Mass. The delegates (over 75) marched to church escorted by the 4th Degree Honor Guard of the Knights of Columbus. Preceding the Mass, 4th Degrees were presented Rev. A. Contons, Edmund Rudis, and Helen Daltivas. Dinner followed at Galente's Restaurant.

Sessions began at 3 p.m. The following are some of the highlights: 1. Presentation of a scroll for work on behalf of Lithuania to Congressman John S. Monagan. 2. Presentation of 28 Third Degrees to N.E. Knights. 3. Presentation of NED awards for outstanding work for the Lithuanian Affairs Committee to John Andruski C-116, William Wisnauskas C-10 Gardner, and Alex Kardauskas C-116 Worcester. 4. Election of officers for the 1962-63 season.

Congratulations to the new NED officers: Sp. Adviser, Rev. John Zuromskis, C-17; President, Bernice Kavadaras, C-116; 1st Vice Pres., Barbara Mazeika, C-116, 2nd Vice Pres., Eleanor Anusauskas, C-26; Recording Secretary, Sylvia Shukis, C-1; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Boraskas, C-1; Treasurer, William Wisnauskas C-10; and Trustees, Benedict Coach, C-30, and Alvin Rodski, C-10. Committee members are: Cultural chairman, Mrs. Mary Jankowski; C-26; Lith. Affairs, Chairman Mrs. Mildred Lapinskas, C-116; Ritual, Mary Klimkaitis, C-116, Joseph Sakaitis, C-26, and Dorothy Sinkavitch, C-116; and Sports, Carol Tagman C-26 and Ronald Venis C-17.

A cultural program was presented by Prof. A. Aleksis, and supper was served ending the day's activities. A total of about 125 participated with 10 councils represented and eight clergy in attendance.

Athol-Gardner, Mass., C-10
"Vinciukas"

Congratulations to - Frank Anoris, recently elected president of the White Pond Camp Owners' Association; Mary Piragis, recently appointed Assistant Treasurer of the Athol Savings Bank; Howard Beaudette, elected 1st V.P. of the American Legion Post of Gardner; and Al Rodski and Mary Klimkaitis, chosen Polka King and Queen at the National Convention.

Several of our stalwarts attended St. Casimir's Parish Picnic, Worcester, and the annual picnic of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified in Brockton. Gardner's K of L'ers were pleased to have So. Boston hold an all day outing at the beautiful Lith's Outing Club on Hinds Pond in July. Come again next year, Southie!

Fr. Jutt, Dr. Henry Gailiunas, Miss Nellie Melaika, Bill Waslaski, Al Rodski, and Bill Wisnauskas attended the NED Convention in Waterbury. Thanks for the wonderful hospitality, Waterbury!

C-10 held a wiener roast in August at the Summer Camp of Frank Anoris on White Pond. It was an ideal day. Boating, swimming, dancing, and eating was enjoyed by about 20 of us.

Personality of the Month: Dr. Henry Gailiunas is a resident of Athol who has been a member of the K of L since 1960. (He was an active member before Uncle Sam took him away, and before the interruption of school.). During the past several years he has served on several committees, and at the present time is our 1st V.P., a man of enthusiasm and ability.

Dr. Gailiunas graduated from Athol High in 1947. He received his B.S. at Boston College and then entered the Georgetown Univ. School of Dentistry, Washington, D.C. where he received his D.D.S. After a two year hitch in the Navy he is now practicing in Athol, where he resides with his mother. His late father was a charter member of C-10, which was organized in May 1914.

Dr. Gailiunas is a member of St. Francis Parish and is an instructor of Christian Doctrine to high school students. He is a member of the Lions and Rotary. We of C-10 are happy to have this professional in our K of L ranks, and we all wish him the best of luck in the years to come.

So. Boston, Mass., C-17
Falling Leaves

The summer is now just a memory, as is the 49th National Convention. Our council was fortunate enough to have three of our members elected to national offices and committees. Al Jaritis was elected to the office of Trustee; Ronald Venis is National Sports Co-chairman; and Larry Svelnis is a member of the Public Relations Committee.

C-17's summer schedule was very busy. A combined beach party with C-10, Athol-Gardner, was held at the Lithuanian Picnic Grounds at Hines Pond, Gardner. This was the first of many inter-council activities planned for the future, as a means of fostering better relations.

Many C-17 members donated much time and effort toward making the annual Labor Day picnic a success. This was for the benefit of the Sisters in Brockton, who are erecting a new chapel at their motherhouse. There was a very good turnout at the picnic.



C- 17 Hikers start out . . .



Success . . . they reached the top.

During the summer we also held a couple of warm-up hikes at Big Blue in the Blue Hills. The success of these hikes led us to try Mt. Monadnock, East Jaffrey, N.H. It is 3150 feet above sea level at the top. Ten

hikers made the effort on a beautiful September day: Buddy and Billy Zarembo, Mary Kraunelis, Florence Zaleskas, Rita Vaitkunas, Butch Venis, Al Jaritis, Frank Stankus and Loretta Kontrim. Going up took two hours and forty-five minutes with lots of huffs and puffs; the descent took forty-five minutes of mostly running. The hikers, very well satisfied, are now looking forward to taller mountains.

At the NED convention the following C-17 members attended: Ed Rudis, John Olevitz, Larry Svelnis, Albina and Leo Rudziunas, Dana Rudziunas, Al Jaritis, Ronald Venis, Florence Zaleskas, and Bill Gorski. Fr. Albert Contons received his 4th Degree at the convention.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Yelmokas on their tenth wedding anniversary. May we also add that their children are becoming celebrities. Ann Marie saluted the flag on the "Big Brother Bob Emery" TV show, while on the "Bozo the Clown" show brother Johnnie told a riddle to Bozo. Stan's sister, Mary, of California visited them here this summer. Joe and Marion Matachinskas' daughter, Mary Ann of Tyler, Tex. visited her grandparents in So. Boston. Mary Ann is entering the convent of Notre Dame, St. Louis, Mo.

On the subject of congratulations, we also extend ours to Fran Daniels on her recent engagement. Fran, who is still in the Air Force, will be married in April of 1963.

A hearty welcome to our two new members, Frank Stankus and Gordon Nelson.

A procrastinator is one who puts off until tomorrow the things he's already put off until today. If this fits you please change your ways and attend our Jubilee Convention meetings. We need you and your fresh ideas.

The bowling season got under way at the So. Boston Bowlarama, B'way, So. Boston. It is not too late, if you are in the mood, to knock the pins down. Remember 7:45 p.m., Tuesday evenings for good company.

The Fall Dance committee has been very active. They already have the band, the hall, the tickets, and now all they need to make the dance a success is the cooperation of the members. Please attend - Nov. 24, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens' Auditorium.

Joe Boley paid a surprise visit to the Jubilee Committee. He gave many helpful hints on running a successful and memorable convention. All suggestions from K of L'ers will be given consideration, so if you have any, feel free to send them to the Chairman of the Convention, Mr. John Olevitz, 75 Gates St., So. Boston 27, Mass.

Remember in your prayers: the father of Charles Marcincavicius; Rt. Rev. Francis Strakauskas of St. Casimir and Rocco, Brockton; and Archbishop Teofilus Matulionis, Bishop of Kaisiadorys, Lithuania, a longtime inmate of the Red prisons.

We wish everyone a bountiful Thanksgiving Day and hope that every member of the K of L and their friends will become BOOSTERS for the 50th Jubilee Convention in '63.

Westfield, Mass. C-30 Genovaitė

Eleven representatives of C-30 attended the Fall District Convention in Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 30, 1962, and all reported having a wonderful time. C-30 president, Benedict Coach, was elected district trustee for the coming year. Our spiritual advisor, Fr. Vincent Puidokas, also attended the meeting and extended a hearty welcome to the Spring Convention which will be held in Westfield.

On October 14, during Forty Hours Devotion at St. Casimir's, the K of L had a food sale with all profits going towards the renovation of the church. As co-chairmen, Edna Bernadicius and Theresa Atkocaitis really worked hard to make this project a big success.

It's always a pleasure to greet new members - "welcome to the club," Fran and Jim Kules.

Happy 25th Anniversary to Ann and Joseph Sabonis, and Happy 2nd Anniversary to Jim and Marcia Rogers. Belated congratulations to Anthony and Benedicta Atkocaitis on their 49th Wedding Anniversary! Happy Birthday to Frank Bernadicius, Dolly Kisonas and Theresa Atkocaitis.

So. Worcester, Mass., C-116

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Our spiritual advisor, Fr. Albin Yankauskas has been transferred to St. Casimir's. We wish him the best of luck in his new duties and express a word of gratitude for the

many kindnesses that he has shown us. A warm welcome to our new spiritual advisor, Fr. Michael Tamulevich, who has come as administrator of Our Lady of Vilna Parish. We hope his stay with us will be a fruitful and pleasant one.

Our 1962-63 bowling season has begun at the Strand Alleys on Friday evenings. The Woodchucks, Chipmunks, Squirrels, Racoons, Foxes, and Cubs can be seen chopping away at the woods, and the action is fast and furious. The Chipmunks, captained by Al Krasinskas, are in first place. How can he lose. He has five blondes on his team. It's nice to see Helen Daltwas and Ann Miller (Paxton) on the team this year.

The Annual Choir Outing was held in Sept. at Point Rok. It was a day for relaxation, fun and food. Shirley Rovezzi and Aldona Kasper were the hostesses. The girls did a wonderful job on the food. Ann Miller (Millbury) and Mary Mrozinski proved to be the champion horseshoe players. Missing from this year's outing was Joe Krasinskas, who is in the Rutland V.A. Hospital suffering from a serious heart attack. Our best wishes go out to Joe for a complete and speedy recovery.

At the National Convention 23 placques were presented for Lithuanian Affairs awards, and of these C-116 received 12. The total letters written by our council this year was 3272. Naturally we are very proud of this record, and our members are already busy writing again under the direction of John Andruski, who deserves much praise for his ardent work in this project.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ostrowski, the proud parents of a daughter, Joyce Ann. Also to Billie and Maureen Burdulis on the birth of their son, Daniel. . . If you see a car heading for the Rhode Island shores on Friday evenings it's not the phantom, but Bob Paluses going deep sea fishing. . . Mary and Vic Mrozinski are back from Bermuda sporting beautiful tans. . . Trudy Zibinskas did a nice job selling all those booster tickets for the District. . . We hear Bob Stevens is being restricted after his famous party. We promise to be more quiet next time, Bob. . . It was nice to talk over the "good old days" with Joe "Draugelis" Sabulis from Ansonia.

MID CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. C-79

Inklings

We have a storm to blame for the small attendance during the July meeting. Those who ventured out enjoyed a very interesting session. Hostesses were Betty Petrosky and Dorothe Martin. Dorothe dressed an Infant of Prague statue and Cel Yunck walked off with the lucky plate and the Infant. Vicki Chepalonis won a goofy ball.

The first annual picnic was an overwhelming success and brought most every one out. Frank Petrosky, Bernie Vitkus, and Pete Stanulis were "top drawer." Their spouses also deserve applause.

The "horse shoe pitching" contest was hot all the way. Chuck Step, Frank Janus, Johnny Wasse, Vito Paul, John Eizonis, John Kolinske, Bill Juodawkis and Pete Stanulis were cheered on during the four final games, but Vito was declared winner and was presented with a trophy by Father Kundrat.

There was also a good bit of excitement during the women's "shoe kicking" contest. Valentina Hotra, Barbara Sackel and Dorothe Martin were finalists. Dorothe ran off with the prize. A "goofy ball" was also pitched. Virginia Johnson took first place and was immediately signed with the Tigers. The children's contest, pennies heaped into lawn clippings, was thoroughly enjoyed by the small fry. Barbara Vitkus came thru with a mit full of pennies and a dime.

Congratulations to Mary Ann Smailis on winning a scholarship to Wayne Univ.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Brown. She was Francys Lambrose of C-79.

Maggie Smailis and Margaret Ann Nashlon started the new season as hostesses for the meeting and served Lithuanian cheese, rye bread, donuts and coffee.

The Autumn Card Social will take place on Nov. 18th. Chuck Step has taken over the "Kiddies" Christmas party and Cel Yunck is chairlady of the New Year's Eve Gala. The Vitkus boys will provide the dance music. Speaking of Chuck, he and Jody are waiting for the 4th little "Step".

Ed Martin, who was elected a Trustee at the K of L convention, presented Joe and Geri Chaps with the awards which they had won for outstanding work. One award in the 100-A-Year Club, and to Joe the Individual Award for membership. It couldn't happen to a nicer couple. Anthony Dainus, a 79'er, was elected to the Public Relations Committee for the Mid-Central District.

The annual soft ball game between C-79 and C-102 took place at Liberty Park. The 79'ers won 12 to 6. Ray Medonis presented John Eizonis with the trophy . . . THE JUG. Lil and Delphine Stepan along with Betty Petrosky and Geri Chaps almost lost their voices cheering the 79'ers on to victory.

The bowling season is well on its way, and John Eizonis has twelve teams going. Mary Kazlauskas is making plans for another Square Dance. Sophie and Frank Zager, Stella Hotra and Helen Keller are set to go for the Lithuanian Golden Age group. So far it has been a huge success and we hope it will continue.

Joan Zilvitis was honored at D.B.I. as student of the month. Congratulations.

A most welcomed guest at our meeting was our re-elected National President, Robert Boris. So nice to have you, Bob.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Mrs. Shires, Ann Cratage's mother, who recently passed away, and to Phil Dalton on the loss of his sister.

Dayton, Ohio. C-96 "EL"

This year New Jersey beckoned to three of our members. Steponas Bucmys traveled by car to the convention, then on to Boston. Misses Ann Sindwitz and Elaine Lucas. flew to spend some time in New York, then to Jersey. All came home bubbling with news, bursting with enthusiasm, and anxiously awaiting August of 1963 in Boston. Many thanks to the Host District for a very enjoyable convention.

Baseball fans boarded a bus to see our famed Red Legs bat a few balls against the well known Los Angeles Dodgers. Thanks go to Charlie Petkus for arranging this enjoyable excursion. Congratulations also to Charlie and wife Sarah on the birth of a bouncing baby boy.

We closed the summer season with a family picnic at Triangle Park.

Bowling has started again on Friday evenings with six teams participating.

We are happy to report that two of our juniors, Joseph Prasmantas and Julius Rastikis attended Camp Dainava in Michigan during the K of L Youth Week. Joseph gave a glowing report of his experiences at our last meeting. Let's strive for a few more at next year's camp.

Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary congratulations to Joe and Mary Kavalauskas.

Many parishioners and K of L'ers enjoyed slides and a detailed report given by Father Narbutas, our Spiritual Advisor, on his recent trip to Europe.

Reports have been received that Robert Omlor, C-96 member who is in the U.S. Air Force has received a promotion and is really enjoying the sights in Europe and the Middle East.

"How lucky can you get" dept. Charles Vanagas was winner of a color TV set at the parish garden party, a Carribean Cruise, and a trip to the world series games. Congratulations!

Detroit, Mich. C-102 "Jay-Jay"

It was a short summer. but Detroit's K of L'ers found it packed with plenty of activity.

"Local Boy Makes Good" - Congratulations to our Past President, Lee Galinskas upon his graduation from U. of D. and attainment of that hard-earned sheepskin. Also to Richard Smolek, Jr. K of L'er (son of our hard-working member, Helen) who is one of the happy winners of the K of L Scholarship Award. Lots of good luck in the future to both.

Sink or swim - and we almost did - but when our Committee plans a wiener roast, there's no giving up. Hats off to the 20 faithful who braved the rain and chill at Hemlock Park on June 30th for 102's picnic. We were glad to see our good friends, Jerry and Joe Chaps from C-79.

July 15th - it was "sink or swim" again, at a pool party at the Vic Yokim's. Vic was a K of L'er some years ago, and we're hoping to see him in our midst again soon. Thanks to Vic, everyone had a grand time.

This year, we decided to honor

the male K of L members and their sons with a Father's Day breakfast, which was held in St. Anthony Rectory basement. They certainly put away the food!

Our "boys" walked away with the ball game when they played soft ball against our sister Council 79 at St. Anthony's Parish picnic last year, so they didn't bother to practice for the game this year. C-79 won the game in spite of the fact that the very able Umpire was none other than our own Pastor and Spiritual Director, Father Stanievich. The girls from both councils stood by with plenty of rubbing alcohol, liniment and bandages, but fortunately we suffered no casualties. There's lots of life in the "old boys" yet.

It was a pleasant surprise to have as guests at our August meeting, 3 young ladies who took time out from their volunteer duties as Counsellors at Camp Dainava during K of L week to drive in to Detroit for a few hours. They were Bernice Kavadaras, Pres. of the New England District, Mary Motecus, Vice Pres. of the NY-NJ District, and Ruth Laucius, also of NY-NJ. Bernice gave a very inspiring talk on the K of L that made us all feel glad we were a part of this great organization.

Speaking of Camp Dainava, a hearty "Thank You" to Mrs. Donna Stanievich for a most laudable job as Camp Leader during K of L week August 5-12. Her many diligent hours of work were rewarded by the happy accounting of a wonderful time enjoyed by all the children who attended. The grateful parents also enjoyed the week - quietly, at home.

Those of us who regretfully missed the National Convention at Newark in August were pleased to learn of the re-election of Father Stanievich and Bob Boris, as Supreme Council Spiritual Director, and President, respectively. C-102 is mighty proud, indeed.

Notice to all fun-loving Kof L'ers! We're doing it again, that is, giving our 2nd K of L Reunion Dance. Nov. 24th is the date, so keep it open and look forward to meeting old friends and making new ones. The scene of activity will be the Lithuanian Veteran's Hall on West Warren, Detroit.

Glad to see Ruth Wagster up and

around, and looking so well following major surgery just a few months ago.

Our deepest sympathy to Evelyn Galinas, whose mother passed away recently, and to Dolores, on the loss of her Dad, Mr. Kulikauskas.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

District Report

"Swinging S"

The I-I delegates and guests attending the 49th NATIONAL CONVENTION at Newark reported that the sessions were informative and the parties entertaining. The New York-New Jersey District members were excellent hosts.

Congratulations to the newly-elected Officers and Committee Chairman. Representing our District on the Supreme Council this year will be: Treas. Al Kassel, Legal Advisor Konstant Savickas, VYTIS Editor Loretta Kassel, Lith. Afrs. Chrm. Irene Sankus, Sports Co-Chrm. Richard Shlaustas.

Our District representatives, Irene Sankus and Theresa Pupinik, actively participated by serving on the Nominating Committee and as Convention Secretary resp. Also many other District members volunteered their services for the various Convention Committees.

Seven members received their Fourth Degree at the Convention in-

cluding Loretta Kassel (36) and Irene Sankus (C112) of our District. Congratulations to them all!

One of the highlights of the Convention was the I-I District party, "Lietuviškos Vakaruškos". (See highlights of October VYTIS). Wally Tenclinger, Irene Sankus, Rich and Jean Shlaustas, Gerry Mack, Al Raubiskis, Al Kassel and all of our delegates extended themselves in making this party successful. Following the tradition of the last several years, we also hosted the Monday morning "Farewell Breakfast Party". All of the Convention "left-overs" had an enjoyable time just relaxing and saying their good-byes until the late afternoon hours.

1962-1963 OFFICERS - The District Assembly, held in September, elected Officers for the coming year. Pres. Martin Gestautas; 1st VP Vincent Samaska; 2nd VP Irene Sankus, Rec. Secy. Theresa Pupinik; Corres. Secy AnnMarie Kassel; Treas. Frank Svelnis; Trustees, Albert Raubiskis and Raymond Samoska; Marshalls, Albert Dagis, Edward Krivickas, Alphonse Plienaitis, Edward Pocius. The Chairman of the Board will be Eleanor Laurin, outgoing District President.

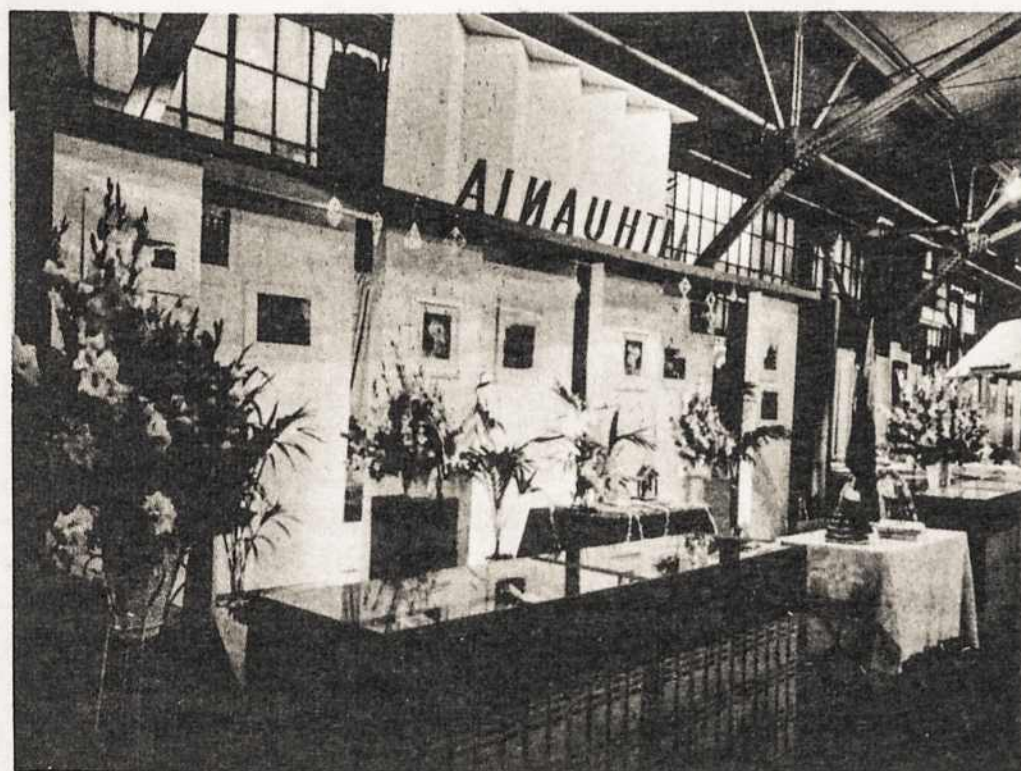
K of L CHOIR - Following the pattern of the SC and District, the Choir selected new officers as follows: Pres. Zena Savokaitis, VP Raymond Samoska, Secy. Helen Gudauskas, Treas. Albert Raubiskis, Sgt-at-Arms, Alphonse Plienaitis & Kes-

tutis Bagdonas, Librarian Albert Zakarka, Archives Lucille Stacy, Publicity (Lith.) Peter Bagdonas & Kestutis Bagdonas, (Eng.) Loretta Macekonis.

In commemoration of the Jubilee Year, the Choir project will be the making of a RECORDING OF LITHUANIAN SONGS, both folk songs and ones written by modern composers. The recording will be made in mid-November and released early in 1963. The Committee is asking the support of all Councils. For advance orders and further information, contact Chairman Loretta Kassel, 4049 S. Rockwell St., Chgo 32., Ill.

On Oct 6th, the CHOIR held a BENEFIT DANCE at the K of L Bldg. Chairman Genevieve Giedraitis did a splendid job and she extends her appreciation: to Roosevelt Furniture Co and Rockwell Furniture Co. for their generous donations to the Raffle; to the many organizations and other choral groups who attended; and to the K of L members who donated their time and efforts to help make this dance a grand success.

Recently we participated in the 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO. Not only did we actively participate in the parade plans, including the designing of the float which carried Miss Lithuania, but we also handled the work on the Lithuanian Pavillon at Navy Pier and prepared a booklet on the progress of Lithuanians in Chicago which was distributed to all Navy Pier visitors.



Lithuanians join in celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the City of Chicago. Left: The Lithuanian Pavilion at Navy Pier in Chicago. Right: Some of the K of L members responsible for preparing the Pavilion; l. to r.: Walter Tenclinger, Rita Gorb, Eleanor Laurin, Frank Svelnis. Behind them is a gallery of photos picturing Chicago's many Lithuanian establishments, including churches, schools, hospitals, restaurants, and business firms.

To be congratulated for their splendid work are: Wally and Don Tenclinger, Eleanore Laurin, Frank Svelnis, Vince Samaska, Rich Shlaustas, Rita Gorb and all other members who attended and gave their assistance.

The District BOWLING LEAGUE has begun its season by selecting new officers: Pres. Frank Svelnis; VP Vince Samaska; Secy. Tom Kupetis; Treas. Genevieve Giedraitis. A cheering section is welcome every Friday from 8 PM on at Queens Recreation.

Loretta Kassel, Helen Zimmer and Irene Sankus represented the District at the recent SC meeting and Mid-Central Convention held in Cleveland on Oct. 6-7th. The girls reported that the meetings were interesting and the socials, with C-25 and the Cleveland Seniors as hosts, great!

Chicago, Ill. C-36

Blogas

Council members who attended the 49th National Convention were well rewarded by the hospitality extended them by the N.Y.-N.J. District. They wish to extend congratulations to the Committee for a job well done. Those who journeyed to Newark included Mr. and Mrs. A. Kassel, Walter Tenclinger, Helen Zimmer, Vince Samoška, Genevieve Giedraitis, Al Plienaitis, Terry Pupinik, Mr. and Mrs. R. Shlaustas, and Loretta Kassel. Actively participating on convention committees were Ann Marie Kassel and Terry Pupinik, convention secretaries and Wally Tenclinger, Greetings Committee. Congratulations to council president, Al Kassel upon his re-election as Supreme Council

Treasurer, to Richard Shlaustas National Sports Chairman, and to Loretta Kassel, Vytis Editor. Ann Marie Kassel and Wally Tenclinger received the 100-A-Year Awards, and the 4th Degree was bestowed upon Loretta Kassel.

Those wedding bells are breaking up that old gang of ours! Yes, we have congratulations in order for Mary Ann Zemgulis and Lenny Malas who were united on Sept. 1st, and to Stella Danelius and Walter Gregor who became Mr. and Mrs. on Sept. 8th. Many long years of happiness to both couples. During the Convention it was learned that our own Terry Pupinik is betrothed to K of L Choir director, Faustas Strolia, and they are planning a December nuptial. Best wishes to you both. Who's next? Kodėl ne?

"Lithuanians in Chicago" was the title of an exhibit and pavilion at the 125th Anniversary of the City of Chicago which was held in August at Navy Pier. This joint effort was sponsored by the K of L and the Lithuanian Communities, Inc. Many of our council members were responsible for this successful venture which was viewed by many thousands during the exposition. Wally Tenclinger was in charge of the float and pavilion design. Frank Svelnis, Jr. prepared the pamphlet that was distributed, which told the story of Lithuanian progress in Chicago. Richard Shlaustas, Rita Gorb, and Vince Samaška ably assisted the committee with the pavilion arrangements. This was a very fine showing for the K of L, and we are proud that our own council members contributed their talents unselfishly for another job well done. They were especially commended by His

Honor, Richard J. Daley, who insisted that the booklet be distributed to leaders of all the National groups in Chicago. The Lithuanians were the only national group who followed the original theme of progress as was requested by the City of Chicago, and they were duly recognized for their efforts.

A warm hello was extended to council members from Al and Dale Srupsa, now living in Fayetteville, N.C., where Al is stationed. During his 15 state and 4000 mile tour of the East Coast Wally Tenclinger visited with the Srupsa's who further state that they miss all of their K of L friends and would like to hear from them. Drop them a line at 932 Country Club Drive, Lot 304, Fayetteville, N.C.

Scotty Zukas and Fran Valancius who recently toured Hawaii are willing to give hula lessons to all interested. Be prepared, Girls.

Congratulations to C-36 members who were elected to offices in the Illinois-Indiana District: Marty Gestautas, President; Vince Samaska, 1st Vice-President; Frank Svelnis, Jr., Treasurer; Ann Marie Kassel, Corresponding Secretary; Terry Pupinik, Recording Secretary; and Al Plienaitis, Sg.-at-Arms. Let's all help them uphold their obligations by offering any assistance and encouragement we can give them.

Our "Autumn Twirl" was successfully presented in the K of L building under the direction of Betty Mikalauskas, Dolores Kupetis, and Lois Panfil. Hats off to these fine young talents of the council for another job well done.



ANOTHER K OF L WEDDING...

Stella Danelius and Walter Gregar, both of Council 36, who met through the K of L, are pictured after their wedding at Immaculate Conception Church. The bridal party included, l. to r.: Loretta Kassel, Lucille Stacy, John Kilkus, and Sam Amadeo. All but Mr. Amadeo are also active C-36 members.

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Representing our Council at the 49th National Convention were: Irene Rakaitis, Estelle Rogers, Monica Kasper, Gerry Mack and Albert Raubiskis. Not only did our members actively participate at all sessions but I. Rakaitis, G. Mack and I. Sankus served on Convention Committees. By writing 100 letters or more for the Lith. Afms. Comm., Geraldine Mack and Anthony Yuknis became members of the 100-A-Year Club. Our delegates wish to express their appreciation to the Convention hosts - N.Y.-N.J. District - for their wonderful hospitality.

Our Quarterly Communion Sunday was held on Sept. 9th at Nativity B.V.M. Church. Brunch ala "Dutchie" with Chef Andy presiding, was served at the Yuknis residence. In the afternoon, the members participated in the Procession and Services honoring our Lady of Siluva.

Congratulations to "new" parents in our Council, namely: Ann Marie and Leo Juraitis, Martha and John Konchus, Aldona and Frank Naujokas, Aldona and Ed Ulbis.



C-112 Models in "Unique Fashion Show"

Under the leadership of Chrm. Julie Zakarka and her Co-Chrmn. Betty Bozec, everyone attending the "Unique Fashion Show" at the K of L Bldg., on Sept. 30th, had an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon. The models were Cecilia Adas, Betty Bozec, Monica Kasper, Anele Pocius, Irene Rakaitis, Estelle Rogers, Dolores Rupp, Zena Savokaitis, Dolores Wainauskas and Dolores Yuk-

nis. It was indeed a show with "out-of-this-world" fashions. The accompanist was Gerry Mockus and the Singing Trio, Pete Gagle, Ray Samoska and Al Shulicke.

Chairman Al Dagus reminds everyone (especially out-of-town guests) that our Annual Thanksgiving Eve Dance will be at the K of L Bldg., on Wednesday, November 21st!



Los Angeles, Calif. C-133

Celebrities in our midst...

Pictured left:

A number of K of L'ers of Los Angeles C-133 met recently the Mayor of San Francisco, The Honorable George Christopher, who is a member of the committee, AMERICANS FOR CONGRESSIONAL

ACTION TO FREE THE BALTIC STATES. The Mayor was presented with a copy of the book, LITHUANIA - LAND OF HEROES, prepared and edited by Leonard Valiukas. Left to right: Miss Alice Dotts, Sec'y of C-133; Mayor George Christopher; Mr. Tula Christopher, Mayor's wife; and Miss Ann Laurinaitis, President of the C-133.

(Photo by L.Kancauskas)



Pictured right:

A group of Los Angeles K of L'ers with a leading Lithuanian - American soprano, Miss Daiva Mongirdas of Boston, Mass. Pictured from left to right: Antanas Vosylius, V.P.; Miss Grace Chlebowski; Miss Alice Dotts, Bruno Budriunas, leading Lithuanian-American composer; Miss Ann Laurinaitis, and Miss Daiva Mongirdas.

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PARDON OUR SLIP . . .

The scurry to present a full Convention coverage quickly in the October issue of VYTIS seemed to invite oversights and errors - and we, being quite human, answered the invitation! Our humblest apologies for all errors, omissions, and blunders made, especially for those which cannot be corrected. Following are a few that can (we hope) be corrected!

Alvin Rodski's "other half" in winning the Polka Contest was MARY KLIMKAITIS, not Nellie Malaika. Sincerest apologies for forgetting you, Mary.

The many parties hosted by the Boston delegation during the Convention did not go unnoticed or unappreciated, by any means. In fact, delegates and guests became so accustomed to enjoying Boston's hospitality that they've taken up "drifting" toward the Boston Suites at District Conventions too - even as far "west" as Cleveland!

In the spirit of "saving the best for the last" . . . we extend belated thanks to the Boston Council for its continuous and gracious hospitality - and many apologies for brushing so lightly over it in the October issue.

Several hundred extra copies of the October 1962 VYTIS (Convention Issue) are available, and are intended for use in membership drives, council reorganization work, etc. Anyone desiring extra copies should contact Loretta Kassel, 4049 S. Rockwell St., Chicago 32, Ill., or Rita Pinkus, 76 Providence St., Worcester, Mass.

K of L CALENDAR

- Nov 10-11 C-26, Worcester, Musical Show
St. Casimir Church Hall
- Nov 10 C-52, Elizabeth, Dinner-Dance
Lithuanian Liberty Hall, Elizabeth, N.J.
- Nov 18 "Magic Carpet to Vilnius". Commentary
and movies on his recent trip to Lithuania,
by Dan Kuraitis.
Darius-Girenas American Legion Hall,
Chicago, Ill.
Sponsored by Ill-Ind. District.
- Nov 21 C-112, Chicago, "Thanksgiving Dance"
K of L Hall, Chicago.
- Nov 24 C-17, South Boston, "Fall Dance"
South Boston Lithuanian Club, So. Boston,
Mass.
- Dec 16 N.Y.-N.J. District Convention
St. Michael Hall, Bayonne, N.J. 3:00 P.M.

Convention Flashbacks

