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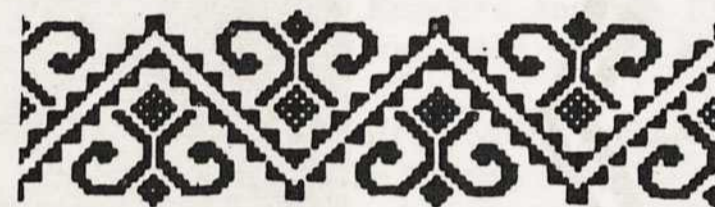
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Lithuanian Independence Anniversary

On February 16, we commemorate the 45th anniversary of the declaration of Lithuanian independence, and the 710th anniversary of the establishment of the Lithuanian state. Prior to the tragic occupation by the Soviets in 1940, all true friends of Lithuania exalted in her triumphs and looked forward confidently to her future. We may well be proud of her record during the 22 years of the country's independence. In this period, the political, economic, and cultural life of the Lithuanians advanced rapidly; the standard of living of the people steadily increased and favorable recognition was won from all nations.

Lithuania is one of the small nations unjustly deprived by force, or arms, of its life and independence. On this account, these days are days of sadness and serious reflection for the Lithuanian people at home and in every part of the world. Shattered, humiliated, suffering Lithuania bemoans her lost independence. The many Lithuanians in exile, who have availed themselves of the hospitality of other nations, have good reasons to keep their heads high, for their country - tortured and desecrated - is still alive and resistant. The spirit of the Lithuanian people will survive to the bitter end and will resist its tyrannical and godless oppressor until freedom is achieved. Catholic Lithuania will never become Soviet vassal!

Lithuania is proof that a nation's strength is not necessarily in her size geographically or in her wealth. Her greatest might is the iron souls of her people, who refuse to surrender their souls to an aggressor or to compromise with evil. The Soviets may conquer the land, take the possessions of her people, but never their souls. Even those who are not of our ancestry are proud witnessing the

dauntless spirit and more than human courage of our little nation.

You may pacify Lithuania on the surface; you may make it a solitude, and call it peace; you may burn towns, you may exterminate or deport populations; but the volcano - the undying spirit of freedom - will always be there! The people in Lithuania and their kith and kin in America and other parts of the world are against Russian domination and are determined to fight for the restitution of independence at all cost. Soviet Russia is a symbol of aggression and tyranny to Estonia, and Latvia, who were also forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union. It has been impossible for Soviet Russia to cover up the ruthless sovietization of the small states, the thousands of executions and deportations to the remote arctic regions of Russia.

The hope of Lithuanian people for the future of Lithuania depends, in part, upon the United Nations - their honesty and sincerity in facing the critical issue of restoring sovereign rights and self-government to those nations, large or small, who have been forcibly deprived of them. Any peace which does not restore the indisputable rights of the Lithuanian people and other small nations to govern themselves, will not be a just peace. One nation's will to live must never be tantamount to a death sentence from another.

On this 45th anniversary of Lithuanian Independence - Americans of Lithuanian descent - who helped so much in the rebuilding of independent Lithuania, must and will resolve again, that crucified Lithuania be restored to peace, freedom and prosperity!

Kas bus, kas nebus, bet lietuvis nepražus!





Lietuvos Valstybės Taryba paskelbusi Lietuvos nepriklausomybę. Sėdi iš kairės į dešinę: J. Vileišis, J. Saulys, kun. J. Staugaitis, St. Narutavičius, J. Basanavičius, A. Smetona, kun. K. Šaulys, St. Kairys ir J. Smilgevičius. Stovi iš kairės į dešinę: K. Bizauskas, J. Vailokaitis, D. Malinauskas, kun. V. Mironas, M. Biržiška, kun. A. Petrulis, S. Banaitis, P. Klimas, A. Stulginskis, J. Šernas ir P. Dovydaitis.

LIETUVOS NEPRIKLAUSOMYBĖS

Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės aktas buvo paskelbtas Vilniuje 1918 m. vasario 16 d. Iš tų Aktą pasirašiusių Lietuvos tarybos narių šiuo metu tik keletas te-liko gyvųjų tarpe. Visi kiti jau yra iškeliavę amžinybėn. Gyvi yra dar šie Nepriklausomybės Akto signa-tarai:

PETRAS KLIMAS

Gimęs 1891 m. vasario 23 d. Kušliškių kaime, Kal-varijos valsčiuje, Mariampolės apskrityje. Mokėsi Ma-riampolėje ir Maskvoje, kur baigė teisių fakultetą. Bu-vo diplomatas, tyrinėjo Lietuvos istoriją ir yra para-šęs vadovėlių ir istorinių straipsnių bei veikalų. Kaip diplomatas ir Lietuvos vyriausybės pasiuntinys daug metų išgyveno svetimuose kraštuose - Prancūzijoje, Belgijoje ir kt. Kurį laiką buvo universiteto profeso-rius. Buvo ištremtas į Sibirą ir jo likimas iki šiol nėra aiškus. Jam greitai sueis 72 metai amžiaus.

ALEKSANDRAS STULGINSKIS

Jis šį pasaulį išvydo 1885 m. vasario 26 d. Kutalių km., Kaltinėnų valsč., Raseinių apskr. Mokėsi Liepo-juje-Latvijoje, Kaune, Innsbrucke-Austrijoje, ir Hallėje - Vokietijoje. Darbavosi kaip apskrities agronomas, bet vėliau perėjo į politinę ir visuomeninę veiklą. Yra redagavęs keletą laikraščių, parašęs daug publicistinių straipsnių. Jis yra buvęs Lietuvos seimų nariu, kelis kartus ministru ir vėliau respublikos prezidentu. Atėjęs į Lietuvą bolševikams, 1941 m. jis su žmona bu-vo išvežtas į Sibirą, bet po 15 metų priverčiamojo darbo stovyklose gyvenimo grįžo į pavergtą Lietuvą. Šiuo metu jis jau yra 77 metų amžiaus.

AKTO GYVIEJI SIGNATARAI

STEPONAS KAIRYS

Jis yra gimęs 1878 m. gruodžio 20 d. Užunvėžių kaime, Kurklių valsčiuje, Ukmergės apskrityje. Yra baigęs technologiją. Darbavosi kaip inžinierius, vė-liau buvo Vytauto Didžiojo universiteto, Kaune, pro-fesorius. Bet savo gyvenimą daugiau yra paskyręs po-litikai, publiscistikai ir darbininkų organizavimui. Bu-vo laikraščių redaktorius, Lietuvos seimų narys, visuo-menės veikėjas. 1944 m. pasitraukė nuo bolševikų į Vakarų. Šiuo metu, jau sulaukęs 84 metų amžiaus, liguistas ir paliejęs, gyvena New Yorke.

PREL. KAZIMIERAS S. ŠAULYS

Į šį pasaulį atėjęs 1872 m. sausio 16 d. Švėkšnos valsčiuje, Tauragės apskr. Mokėsi Palangoje, Kaune ir Petrapilyje. Pasireiškė kaip labdaros draugijų orga-nizatorius, mokyklų kapelionas, vėliau kunigų semina-rijos ir universiteto profesorius. Ilgą laiką dirbo Kau-no arkidiecezijos kūrijoje kaip generalvikaras. Yra ra-šęs daug straipsnių laikraščiuose ir išleidęs keletą mokslo veikalų. Politikoje dalyvavo tik iš reikalo, buvo Steigiamojo Seimo narys. Antrą kartą bolševikams oku-puojant Lietuvą, pasitraukė į Vakarų ir šiuo metu gy-vena Šveicarijoje, kapelionaudamas viename seserų vienuolių name. Jis jau yra sulaukęs 90 metų amžiaus.

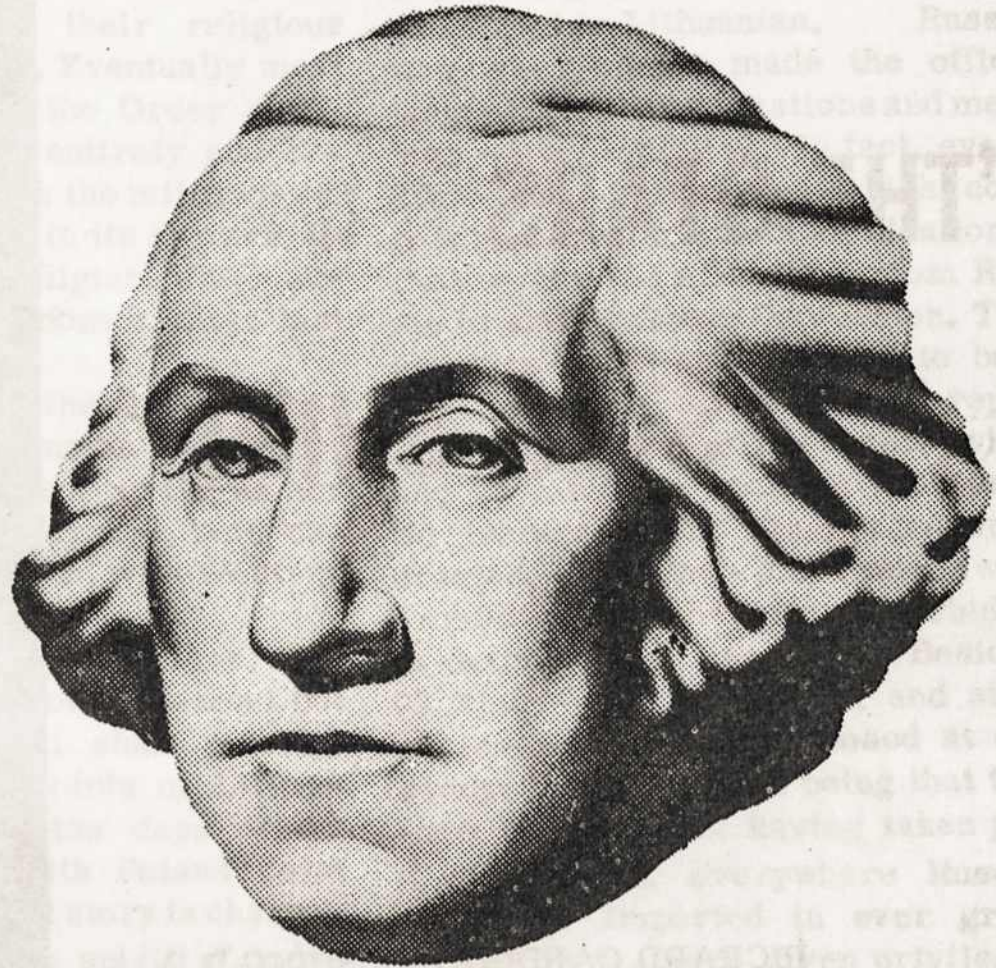
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PORTRAITS OF OUR PATRIOTS

On February 22, 1732 - 231 years ago - George Washington was born in Bridges Creek, Virginia. Commander of the American forces during the Revolutionary War and the first President of the United States - Washington is often called the Father of his Country. Not the least of his contributions was the pattern of tolerance which he helped make an integral part of the American heritage. His trusted aides included the Frenchman Lafayette, the Polish generals Kosciuszko and Pulaski, German-born von Steuben and de Kalb, the Dane Christian Febiger, the Belgian de Pauw, the Irish-American General Sullivan and the Jewish aide-de-camp, Colonel Isaac Franks. There were Negroes among the troops at Lexington and Bunker Hill. As President of the United States, Washington never inquired whether men were "foreigners or natives, federalists or republican" - but whether they could do well the job needed to be done.

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Lincoln and his Biographers...



What was Abraham Lincoln really like? His many biographers collectively have given us an essentially faithful portrayal of a subject so difficult to comprehend that no artist could have done the job alone. But each has made some brush marks that endure.

Much of the disagreement about Lincoln has been due to his amazing growth. The Lincoln of Kentucky and Indiana was not the Lincoln of New Salem in Illinois; nor was the New Salem Lincoln the Lincoln of Springfield and the circuit.

Lincoln changed noticeably between 1849, when he returned from Congress, and in 1854, when the repeal of the Missouri Compromise aroused him as he had never been aroused before. The change continued to 1860; and then, under the stress of war, his mind and spirit burgeoned.

The boy grew up to be the man, and the circuit lawyer and small town politician was the president in embryo, although the growth processes were no less wonderful and mysterious than those of biology. Every Lincoln biography reflects the biographer. He was viewed through many dispositions as an evangelist, a great leader of a great party, a temperamentalist, and a humble man. This portrait of the humble man, walking before God and loving mercy, was appropriately painted of him, for Abe was regarded by some as the saviour of the Union following his Great Emancipation Proclamation.

Both realism and idealism have a place in Lincoln literature. For as a portrait of Lincoln approaches truth, it also becomes more superb. Few other men have ever claimed so many compelling themes. There was drama, romance, tragedy, war, hate, conspiracy, and murder.

Oh, what a portrait this man painted for himself, unknowingly!

Boston's Archbishop delivers an inspiring message to our youth. . .

"THE STARS STILL SHINE"

RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING, D.D.



One of the most beautiful chronicles of the sayings and sufferings of the early Christian martyrs recounts the story of a devout mother condemned to cruel death. It is an authentic story: one of the most moving in all human literature.

Deprived of all her possessions, repudiated by her loved ones, doomed to savage mutilation and disgraceful death, there would seem to be nothing which could possibly console this tragic mother. And yet, as she lies on the floor of her prison cell, awaiting destruction and surrounded only by hatred, fear and foreboding, she glances through the narrow slits which serve as windows to her jail.

As if to match the melancholy terror of the prison within, it is night outside. The inky depths of the heavens lie beyond the narrow prison cell. But the unhappy Christian woman sees with eyes of faith, not fear. She peaks with hope, not horror. She turns to her companions in doom and remarks: "The stars still shine!"

What the effect of her words may have been on those who clustered about her awaiting death, I do not know. But I do know that for centuries since, her single sentence has been an inspiration to millions left destitute by enemies, betrayed by their friends, abandoned by their allies and condemned to lonely torment. "The stars still shine!"

I have often thought that parallels like these apply particularly to Lithuania, devout mother so cruelly deprived of so many children, martyrdom so ruthlessly persecuted by her neighbors. Few are the peoples so victimized by the evil fortunes of political history - and none more constant in the deep faith, undying hope and divine charity which enables her to repeat where others see nothing but darkness, defeat and grounds for discouragement, the words of the Christian mother and martyr in the pagan prison: "The stars still shine!"

To be able to see the stars still shine, stars of hope and faith, from

the place of imprisonment and abandonment in which Lithuania finds herself, this indeed requires a special grace from God. When we consider the things of which Lithuania has been deprived, the legitimate aspirations in which she has been frustrated and the mighty possessions, alike of a material and a moral kind, which have been stripped from her, then we appreciate how closely she resembles the mother and martyr in the pagan prison.

The Story of Lithuania

The older people among you know the story of Lithuania by the same consciousness with which you know yourselves. It is well that we repeat it, all the same, so that the younger folk may understand something of its dignity and point.

The Lithuanians are surrounded by Slavonic and Germanic peoples, but they are not of the same racial stock as these. Despite their isol-

ated position in Northeastern Europe, they belong to the same physical family as do the peoples of Western Europe. Their history in the middle ages is one of the most colorful chapters in the story of Christian chivalry. Lithuania was literally born as a nation out of the struggle against aggression, an aggression in which crowds of adventurers and mercenaries joined with German knights in the effort to subdue the proud Lithuanian people.

Conversion to Catholicism

In those days the Lithuanians were not yet Christian. It was not until the 14th century that your ancestors embraced Christianity. When they did so, their decision was typical of their independent spirit. On the one side of them there were Germans who were Christians but from whose political and military domination the Lithuanians were resolved to remain free. On the other side there were the Russians who professed the Orthodox religion and were influenced by the culture of the Byzantine Empire, a religious and cultural tradition by which the Lithuanians were not impressed. Spiritually and intellectually they wished to be identified with the world of Roman Catholicism, politically and socially they wished to remain independent of those who dominated that part of Europe nearest to them.

It was a typically heroic decision which they made: To become Catholic Christians despite the intrigues, perfidy and hostility of their immediate neighbors who were playing politics with religion and who were using it as an instrument of conquest; to resist Eastern orthodoxy despite the blandishments of those who sought to impose it.

Eventually Lithuania became Catholic not through the example of the German warlords but through the apostolic zeal of the neighboring Poles, with whom at that time the Lithuanians were united by bonds of great sympathy. Lithuania was proclaimed a Catholic Christian state in 1387 after her powerful ruler Jogaila married the Polish Queen Hedwig and became, by virtue of the marriage, King of Poland as well as ruler in Lithuania.

A Romantic Chapter in History

Thus began one of the most romantic chapters in the history of Eastern Europe and of Christendom. The Teutonic Order of German Knights who had molested Lithuania for years was now overthrown, their power broken and their religious pretensions exposed. Eventually most of the members of the Order abandoned Catholicism entirely and became identified with the militant aggression, Prussian in its politics and Protestant in its religion, which has so tattered Christendom in these last 400 years.

Lithuania, by then isolated between Protestant Prussia and Orthodox Russia, remained, so far as her own desires are concerned, independent of both and united with Western Christendom.

This is not a history class. My purpose tonight is not to instruct but to inspire, and so I shall merely touch on the high points of Lithuania's story from the days of the break from union with Poland down to our own day. That story is characterized by the same spirit of independence which revealed itself in the very first pages of Lithuanian history. It is symbolized in the persons of many great Lithuanian heroes, among them, men like Thaddeus Kosciuszko. I mention Kosciuszko, the leader of the Polish-Lithuanian uprising against the Russian occupation in 1794, not only because he took part in the American War of Independence and befriended George Washington and the American people, but because he typifies that Lithuanian spirit which believes in freedom not merely for one's own people but for others as well.

A Century of Bitter Trial for Lithuania

The 19th century, the generation of the parents of many here present, was a century of bitter trial for Lithuania, but in God's Providence it may prove to have been a period of spiritual preparation to withstand the calamities which we are presently witnessing at the hands of the Russians. In an earlier generation, Lithuania had lost her upper class leadership to Polish influence,

but at least the soul of the common people was still Lithuanian and Catholic. In the 19th century the Russian Government closed the country's schools and attempted to force the children of Lithuania's common people into Russian schools where even religious instruction was not permitted in Lithuanian. Russian was everywhere made the official language. All organizations and meetings were prohibited. In fact, everything was prohibited which could possibly hinder the Russification of the country and alienate it from Russia or the Orthodox Confession. Thus no permission was granted to build new Catholic churches or to repair old ones; no way-side crosses, which had so far been such a characteristic feature of the country might be erected. All church processions were prohibited and the priests forbidden to deliver public sermons. Besides, 32 churches, 52 chapels, and about 20 monasteries were closed at one swoop, the accusation being that they were suspected of having taken part in the revolt. Everywhere Russian colonists, imported in ever growing numbers, were given privileges.

Lithuania's Stars: A Free Press

It sounds like a dress rehearsal for the struggle against the much more merciless Russian Imperialism which is now waged against Lithuania by the Communists. Yet many lessons were learned in that rehearsal. Mother Lithuania, looking out





from her prison cell, could see stars still shining. They were the stars which have been the beacons of her survival. One of the stars which kept up her spirits was the ideal of a free press, in Lithuania, of the national language written and spoken as a means to survival. Here, too, we see a parallel to the despotic things which are happening in so many parts of Eastern Europe today. When the liturgical books of Lithuania were not merely published in Russian characters but began to include Russian Orthodox ideas, an intense struggle for the Lithuanian printed word began. No one would even touch the books that were either very cheaply or even gratuitously distributed by the Government. Parents refused to send their children to school and taught them in their mother-tongue, at home, although they were persecuted and severely punished if caught doing so. Since no Lithuanian books could be printed openly, steps were taken to print them in secret, and they were soon being smuggled from abroad, mostly from neighboring East Prussia, and privately sold among the people.

During a period of forty years until the prohibition was lifted, hundreds

and even thousands of devoted patriots made book-smuggling their life-work. What a remarkable thing this is: some people smuggle arms, some money, some food, some indecencies. But these people smuggled books, ideas, memories. Although many a Lithuanian "book-carrier" suffered imprisonment or deportation to far-off Siberia, this activity never ceased, but on the contrary, gained in intensity. During forty years, the whole country was secretly supplied with religious and secular literature as well as with periodicals from abroad, which not only gave the Lithuanian movement its particular character, but even directed it. It is only natural that the men and women who produced, smuggled and circulated Lithuanian books, at the risk of their lives, are greatly honored by the people.

Dedicated Professional Life

Another star which imprisoned Lithuania could see through the bars of her prison window was that of the dedicated professional life of her sons. The 19th century Lithuanians were denied access to political life and so could not directly influence

the direction of national interests. It was a blessing in disguise not only because it kept them out of the corrupt areas of partisan politics, but also because it channelled the best Lithuanian blood into those non-political professional vocations which endure permanently and therefore matter most.

Possessing very little - they were the children of hard-working peasants - these people sacrificed the little they had for the common cause. The conditions of life were hard. No Lithuanian, no matter what his profession, was allowed to hold a public appointment in his native country. Prospects for various specialists to live in the Russia of those days were excellent, because the country was very backward, but Lithuanian students used to choose only professions which gave them the hope of staying in Lithuania, thus having the possibility of participating in the national struggle. Thus, most of the young people studied medicine, law or theology and became physicians, lawyers or priests. None of these occupations was very profitable, but they enabled people to reside in Lithuania and to work for the good of their compatriots.

There is a lesson here for our day. Sometimes the long range interests of a people are best served when they choose or are obliged to abandon political action, above all partisan, and prefer to dedicate themselves and to equip their children so that they may become leaders in those professions which are concerned with the basic elements of the common good.

Catholic Religious Faith

Above all, 19th century Lithuania, looking out from her prison cell, saw the star of her Catholic religious faith and from it she derived her greatest inspiration and most enduring hope. You should be very proud of the nature of these stars which have kept aloft the spirit of Lithuania during her generations of political imprisonment. They are all stars associated with the things of the spirit; freedom of the press, education of the young, progress in professional life, religious ideals. There is nothing mercenary, strictly material or vulgar about the motives of Lithuania.

Lithuania Still Has Her Stars

And now in these latter years there comes another and even more cruel trial. Again it came both from her neighbors to the East and from her political enemies to the West. It is difficult to imagine perfidy greater than that from which Lithuania suffered at German and Russian hands at the outbreak of World War II. It is difficult to imagine a prison more appalling than that in which Lithuania presently finds herself - or destitution more pathetic, particularly when we remember the hard-won prosperity, the high standard of living and the proud progress on every human level which Lithuania had made prior to her rape at the hands of the Communists.

And yet she still has her stars. For her the stars still shine, and she can see them clearly as she gazes out her prison window. She has the star of respectful friends abroad. Above all, she has loyal sons and daughters who, even though they have established their own homes and acquired new loyalties elsewhere, have not forgotten their mother in the Old Country. She still has the star of a free press to plead for her wherever men remain able to speak or write without despotic restraint. She still has the star of her cultural vitality. Above all, she still sees the star of her Catholic Faith.

Under the risk of great danger, books and magazines were smuggled into Lithuania from Prussia by Knygnešys, book carriers, during the time of Lithuania's press prohibition. Sculpture by J. Zikaras.

Seven hundred years ago Lithuania became an Island of Western Civilization surrounded by Teutonic and Russian aggression. She remains just such an island today. Her position in the world has not changed one bit; the direction of her loyalty has not altered by one degree. It has only intensified.

We may well pray that the Western World will prove worthy of the fidelity of the Lithuanian people to the Western cause.



Be Worthy of Your Ancestors

"The stars still shine!" We have no reason to believe that the darkness will lift in the immediate future. Quite the contrary: there is every indication that things will be very much worse before they can possibly be even a little better. If our interests were purely political and strictly temporal, this would be ground for despair. But they are not. As Catholics, as friends of Lithuania, as believers in the ideals of faith and freedom which Lithuania shares with all of Catholic Christendom, our interests are in those spiritual, supernatural and eternal values which are symbolized by the stars - the stars which the Christian mother saw from her pagan prison; the stars which have guided the Lithuanian people in their heroic march across seven tortured centuries; the stars toward which I direct your gaze at the dawn of this New Year.

May it be a blessed year for you - a year of proud progress, peace and sanctity. You are the children of people who follow stars. Lift your eyes from the earth and your hearts to God. Be worthy of your ancestors and make your children worthy of you.

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Famous sculpture by P. Rimša, "The Lithuanian School" shows a peasant mother at the spinning wheel, secretly teaching her child to read Lithuanian; a dog, ears cocked, lies at their feet to warn them of the possible approach of Russian gendarmes.



Lent, Again?



Rev. A. Valancius

It would not be far from the truth to say that each of us have at one time or another stabbed a curious finger into the icing of a freshly baked cake or the crust of a cooling pie, and with almost the same motion snapped our guilty head back lest we be caught in the act by the queen of the Home Bakery. Peculiarly enough, many Catholics behave much like this unofficial cake and pie taster, especially during the season of Lent. They will break fast or abstinence and then run to the priest to find out if they did wrong, and hopefully wait for an exonerating explanation.

There must be more questions asked by more Catholics each year, about the laws of fast and abstinence than about any other matter of practice and dogma in our entire faith. How much can you eat? It would seem that the Church expects each one of the faithful to carry a scale (even then some would discover a way for it to cheat) and weigh out every meal. What can one eat? Though menus are covered with an assortment of tasty meatless foods, all of a sudden, because of the law, certain Catholics instantaneously develop an almost sickening aversion to anything that is not of animal origin. When, say on a Friday night, can one begin to eat meat? Well, if your conscience is overly scrupulous - say you have three clocks or watches - one shows 11:45, another 11:50 and a third 12:00 - you need not spend a dime to call the telephone Time Signal Service. You can freely and safely follow the one that says 12:00, even though you have known it to be slightly erratic in its timekeeping capacities. You can follow either standard, daylight or sun time providing you give 24

hours of it to your fast and abstinence day.

Now, all these queries about fast and abstinence occur because the prime purpose of the regulation completely escapes us, namely the development and shaping of our spiritual person. An athlete, though he may temporarily frown at some minor training regulations and occasionally break them, never questions the essential importance and need of a training program even in minute particulars. Past experience of broken regulations and subsequent failures in competition are haunting reminders of the need of physical development. Satan hinted to Adam and Eve that it was ridiculous to be forbidden a taste of one fruit amid such plenty - it could not be that much different. It was so different, that ever

since the fatal sampling of the forbidden fruit, man has become an addicted sampler of forbidden things over the millions of pages of history, filling the pages with despair, misery and failure. The regulations of fast and abstinence, insignificant though they may seem, are intended to stop us from becoming casualties of forbidden sampling. This check of our animal appetites helps us pull in the reins when a serious temptation confronts us. Find a Catholic who is lax about Fridays and fast days and you'll see a flabby Catholic - so badly out of spiritual shape, that the first serious whisper from a temptation and he flops flat on his spiritual face. This Lenten and Friday routine is but one of the exercises in the development of our soul, yet a necessary and effective one to keep us from being bowled over when a serious blast from the tempter challenges us. If you haven't found out as yet that these blasts are violent and that you are not quite in shape to do battle with the enemy, then you need the fast and abstinence prescribed by the Church very badly!

The success of your existence on this earth will depend entirely on how you fare in competition with your formidable opponent. So, rather than ask "Why?" "How Much?" "When?" . . . during this present Lent, extend yourself like the star or champ - and add a little bit of your own to the Church's prescribed training program. The toughness of your spiritual muscle will hold you in good stead, especially at that time which will come to us all - the day when we go into eternal orbit toward the Kingdom where Our Leader has gone to prepare a place for us.

Lenten Season is Upon Us

By Very Rev. Msgr.
M. J. Urbonas

Lenten Season is upon us
Urging us to fast, abstain,
From all usual life's enjoyments
Forty days to refrain.

Let us welcome Lenten Season;
Perform penance and good deeds
All to please our Lord and Savior
Who will help us in our needs.

Let us all be up and doing
Something worthwhile for the soul;
Let each day of Lenten Season
Bring us closer to life's goal.



Širvintai is a small town about 40 miles northwest of Vilnius. As the monument indicates, it is dedicated "To the Fallen Soldiers at Širvintai, 1919-1923." It was a battle line set up against the Polish General Lucian Zelegowski, who after seizing Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, just two days after the signing of a peace treaty on Oct. 7, 1919, continued northwest under the pretense of protecting his flank against the Russians. The invasion and treaty violation was denounced by the president of the League of Nations, Leon Bourgeois, and the Poles were advised to withdraw, but to no avail. The Lithuanian army held their ground at Širvintai and Giedraičiai after sacrificing many brave men and one third of their ancient land to the invading Poles.

DZŪKAS

OFFICIAL NEWS

COMMITTEE ON LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

The Lithuanian world is quite familiar with the tremendous work that our Committee on Lithuanian Affairs is doing. It has helped a great deal in making our K of L better known to everyone.

Such an endeavor on our part runs into thousands of dollars. The cost is not our main problem. What we are mainly concerned with is the help we can give by our efforts to suffering Lithuania. However, we must face reality. We must of necessity be concerned about finances.

In order to help our organization finance the work of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, a raffle was held to give the membership a chance to help our Committee in a monetary way and at the same time a chance to win a prize or two.

Letters were sent to everyone who receives the VYTIS. Over 1500 letters were sent out. The response was fairly good. About 41% responded to the tune of \$732.50. Frankly speaking, we expected a bigger response but still when one considers that others think themselves lucky to get a response of about 25%, we feel that we should be grateful for our 41%.

We are certain that all would like to know who won and what prizes were won. Here is the list of the winners.:

1st Prize:	\$50.00	-	Tony Morkunas, 61 Harrison St., Worcester
2nd Prize:	\$25.00	-	Nellie Savage, 39 Baltic Rd., Worcester
3rd "	\$10.00	-	Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita St., Dayton, Ohio
4th "	\$10.00	-	Stanley Bernadis, 6372 Ashton, Detroit
5th "	\$10.00	-	L. Simutis, 6916 S. Maplewood, Chicago
6th "	\$10.00	-	Amelia Vallis, 8 Covington, So. Boston
7th "	\$10.00	-	A. L. Meresk, New York, N.Y.
8th "	\$ 5.00	-	John Senulis, 362 Lehigh Ave., Pittsburgh
9th "	\$ 5.00	-	Jos. Videyko, 426 John St., East Newark
10th "	\$ 5.00	-	A. L. Meresk, New York, N.Y.
11th "	\$ 5.00	-	Tad Aleliunas 3251 S. Union Ave., Chicago
12th "	\$ 5.00	-	Carl Gobis, 740 Whitmore, Detroit
13th "	\$ 5.00	-	Tony Krzyzkowski, Atlantic City, N.J.
14th "	\$ 5.00	-	Mrs. Helen Chepelonis, 12690 Marlowe, Detroit
15th "	\$ 5.00	-	Sandra Mažeika, 15 Brynmawr Ave., Worcester
16th "	\$ 5.00	-	Anne Chepulis, 47 Washington St., Seymour, Conn.
17th "	\$ 5.00	-	P. J. Serreti, 35 Hollister, Hartford, Conn.
Dictionary		-	A. Buknis, 656 E. 120 St., Cleveland 8, Ohio
Dictionary		-	Aldona Skripkus, 146 Forest St., Kearny, N.J.
Dictionary		-	Yvone Duepontee, Lafayette, La.

May we congratulate the winners and may we wish the others better luck next time.

We were particularly gratified by the spirit with which many accepted our appeal. Here are a few examples:

"Two dollars extra to help with expenses for your wonderful work with Lithuanian Affairs. May your good work continue."

"Enclosed is a check for \$5.00. . . I know that the work is a very important one and really needs much help."

"Dėkingas, kad prisiuntėte nors porą knygučių, kurias su malonumu išperku. Vyčiai ir jų veikla man buvo ir paliks arti prie širdies."

"I am very happy to be able to help in this big venture of yours. I urged all members at our last meeting to support this affair."

"Jūsų kilniam darbui: Jūs garsinate Lietuvą ir kovojate tuo pačiu už visų laimę - porą dolerių įdedu."

For a little humor (and a little humor is good for all of us), we received this:

"Money bags K of L. Here it is (\$1.00). Good cause. This is a federal case."

We might add that the writer did not win anything much to our regret.

A complete report on the expenses of the raffle will be given soon. It will also be given at the National Convention in Boston. May we thank all those who accepted the booklets and made returns. Your combined help will help us to pay our bills and to have enough to cover this year's expenses in carrying out the work of the Committee. We are particularly grateful to all those who asked for more booklets and who sacrificed their time and effort to sell them. Thank you one and all.

A reminder to those who did not send in returns:

You may send in a dollar or two and help in our work. Even though the raffle took place, you may still send in your returns. Your gift will be just as much welcome. It is never too late to help.

Rev. John C. Jutt

Membership Drive

"Three in '63"

The 1963 Membership Drive is officially under way and we are asking each and every K of L'er to pitch in and make this year's Drive the best one yet.

Last year's motto was "Two in '62." This year's - "Three in '63." The gains made by the K of L during the 1962 Membership Drive indicate that it was the best showing the councils have made in recent years. If we can do better than or at least as well as last year, we can easily go over the 2,000 mark. If every member really tries to get new members, this goal will not be impossible to reach. Since this is the year that we celebrate 50 years of K of L activity, we should all try to make this a banner year for the K of L in every respect.

Though we enrolled over 200 new members last year, we must stop and realize that the majority of the new members were gained through the efforts of five or six councils. These councils are to be commended. But what about the 40 or so councils that did not have a noticeable increase in membership? Even worse, what about those councils that even lost members? Now, when every single mem-

ber is needed, there should be no reason at all for a council to lose members. Each council should do everything possible to increase its membership every year, especially those councils that have remained at a standstill for the last few years. This is a living and growing organization, and this fact should be reflected in the membership count.

By this time, councils should have received their membership brochures. An ample supply of these brochures are available for those councils requiring and requesting more. We do ask, however, that these brochures be used discriminately. To flood the market or the area without any guarantee of a return is a waste of time, money and energy.

In checking the membership reports of the different councils last year, we noticed that very few members were gained through publicity or by a membership activity. Most of them were gained through personal contact by individual members who went out on their own and sought new members. They talked to them and showed them the advantages of joining the K of L. So, we encourage each of you to be membership salesman!



Feel Right at Home
With the

**Knights of
Lithuania**



1963 Membership Brochure

Look for persons who would make good K of L members; let them get an idea of our organization; let them see for themselves some of the things we are doing; let them know what we are trying to do and then get them to join. The brochures can be put to their best use here, since they tell the whole K of L story. Keep in mind that it is the individual K of L'er making personal contacts who gets the member - it was proven in 1962!

William Grigas
Vice President
Membership

PROFILE.....

Dvigubas Jubilijatas

VINCAS PETRAUSKAS



Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos aukštiniam jubilėjui yra gera proga prisiminti kiek ryškesnius organizacijos narius ir savajame organe užfiksuoti jų nuveiktus darbus savos organizacijos ir tėvynės Lietuvos labui, nes to reikalauja padorumas ir organizacinė garbė.

Šiame rašinyje apsistosiu ties vienu tyliu, kukliu, bet labai kruopščiu Vyčių organizacijos nariu ir kitų lietuviškų organizacijų veikėju, būtent: Vincu Petrausku, kuris nuolat gyvena Chicagoje ir yra diplomuotas vaistininkas-farmaceutas Brighton Parke p. Jonaičio vaistinėje ir kuris šiemet švenčia savo amžiaus 65 metus ir organizacinio bei spaudos darbo 45 metus.

Jubilijatas Vincas Petrauskas yra Aukštaitijos lygumų sūnus ir yra gimęs 1897 metais sausio 1 d. Sauginių km., Padubysio valsč., Siaulių apskr. Kūdikystės ir vaikystės dienas praleido savo gimtojo kaimo aplinkoje, bebegiodamas po žavingos Dubysos pakrantes bei Sauginių ežeriuko skardžiais, apaugusiais žaliuojančiais miškais. Vos kelių metelių būdamas lietuviškų poterių pramok nuo motinos prie ratelio, o skaityti ir rašyti pas daraktorių. Kadangi tėviškėj geresnių gyvenimo sąlygų nesimatė, tai jaunikaitis Vincukas persirites per 16 metų amžiaus, ryžosi "pavandravoti", t.y. pasiekti pasakišką Ameriką. Ir štai 1913 metais

Vincukas pasiekė Amerikos žemę ir apsistojo dabartinėje Chicagoje, kurioje iki šiol tebegyvena. Atvykęs, tuojau imasi darbo, kaip pragyvenimo šaltinio. Jis dirba ir mokosi: lanko anglų kalbos kursus, baigia pradžios mokyklą, High School ir įstoja į Illinois Universitetą, Farmacijos fakultetą, kurį baigia, gaudamas diplomą su teise praktikuotis, kaip diplomuotas vaistininkas - farmaceutas. Sioje profesijoje tebedirba iki šiol ir dar nesimato, kad būtų palaužtas senatvės. Zinoma, jibilijs tui Vincui Petrauskui duoną pelnyti ir mokslus eiti buvo nelengva. Bet pasišventimas ir ryžtingumas viską nugalėjo. Turėdamas dar pakankamai jaunatviškos energijos įsijungė į organizacinę lietuvišką darbą. Pirmoje eilėje įsirašė į Lietuvos Vyčių greatas, kuriose ir šiandieną tebesirikiuoja. Greta Vyčių Petrauskas įsijungia paeiliui į Tautos Fondą, Raudonąjį Kryžių, R. Katalikų Federaciją, Susivienijimą, Darbininkų S-gą, Marijonų Rėmėjų ir kitas organizacijas. Visose čia išvardintose organizacijose per 45 metus Petrauskui teko daug kartų ir iltai turėti atsakomybę pareigas, o ypač būnant sekretorium-raštininku visa darbo našta gulėdavo ant jo pečių. Jam teko ne tik tų organizacijų bylos tvarkyti, protokolus rašyti, bet dar turėti reikalų su lietuviška spauda, t.y. prirašyti įvairaus turinio žinių, žinučių, pranešimų, straipsnių ir t.t., iš kurių šiandieną susidarė keli albumai iš laikraščių iškarpy. Kiekvienas albumas talpina apie 800 lapų. Vartant tuos albumus ir skaitant tų iškarpy turinius, tuojau metasi į akis, kad tai būta didelio pasišventėlio lietuviu, kuriam vargu ar būtų galima lygaus rasti. Garbė jam.

Ir dar kas svarbu, kad sukaktuvinkas turi ir archyvą, kuriame randasi daug vertingų periodinių spausdinių ir knygų. Viena iš retai sutinkamų, tai maldaknygė, spausdinta 1863 metais Vilniuje, Zavadskio spaustuveje, ir turi aprobatą buv. Zemaičių vyskupo Valančiaus. Jis kaip pamaldus žmogus sako, kad ir dabar iš tos maldaknygės paskaitas "mišaunas".

Taip pat pas Petrauską teko matyti gražų rinkinį lietuviškų pašto ženklų iš Lietuvos nepriklausomybės laikų. Atseit, Petrauskas ne tik didelis organizatorius, bet ir filatelistas.

Vincas Petrauskas 1915 m. sukūrė grynai lietuvišką šeimą: jis vedė čia gimusią, augusią ir mokslus išėjusią lietuvaite Adelę Valunčikaitę, kuri puikiai kalba lietuviškai ir yra Vyčių organizacijos narė 3 laipsnio.

Ponai Petrauskai yra ir labdarybės veikėjai, nes lietuviams tremtiniam yra daugiau šimto siuntinių pasiuntę ir dar dabar nepamiršta savo artimųjų okupuotoje Lietuvoje.

Nežiūrint amžiaus ir nuovargio vaistinės nuolatiname darbe, Petrauskas suranda laiko dirbti neįkainojamos vertės darbą, būtent: veda registraciją visame pasaulyje gyvenančių lietuvių vaistininkų-farmaceutų. Tas darbas irgi reikalauja daug energijos ir pasišventimo. Tuo reikalu Petrauskas yra užvedęs apie 20 bylų, iš kurių matyti, kad laisvajame pasaulyje lietuvių vadovaujamų vaistinių yra 79, o vaistininkų 353. Be to, mirusiųjų vaistininkų ir Lietuvoje buvusiųjų ir esamų vaistinių bei vaistininkų sąrašai vedami atskirai.

Darbščiam ir nepailstančiam jubiliatui ilgiausių metų!

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Juozas Bubelis

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Didžiųjų laisvių ir plataus masto svetingumo JAV krašte nuo senai garbingai veikia lietuvių jaunimo Vyčių organizacija. Jos pirmasis uždavinys - branginti tautinę savigarbą, religinius idealus, mylėti tėvų perduotą kalbą ir ją čia išlaikyti lygiu būdu ir visus kitus gražius lietuviškus papročius; išsaugoti lietuviybę, kad ji kitų tautų maišatyje neišnyktų. Vyčiai savo kultūrinėje veikloje žengia pirmaujančiose lietuviškų organizacijų eilėse ir iš mūsų visuomenės susilaukia gražaus pripažinimo ir jų atliekamų darbų tokio pat įvertinimo. Didžiūdamiesi Vyčiais kartu sudedame šviesias viltis, kad jie ir toliau budriai stovės čia lietuviybės sargyboje ir neiškreips to mūsų tėvų ir protėvių pėdomis išminto lietuviško tako, bet ir toliau eis juo, vesdami naujas genterkes į mūsų tautos išsilaikymo rytojų. Paskutiniaisiais pokariniiais metais, kada į čia daugiau ėmė plaukti mūsų jaunimo Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija tikėjosi jais padidinti savo narių skaičių naujais ateiviais ir pakelti pačios veiklos pulsą, tačiau susilaukta nemažo nusivylimo. Ar tai dėl nesuprantamo ir po šiais dienai dvasinio nesusigaudymo naujakūrstėje, ar tai dėl nepažinimo kitaip čia išauklėto negu savo senoje tėvynėje jaunimo būdo, inteligentinio lygmens, būdingo demokratiškumo ar ko kito - iki šiol nepasisekė skaitlingiau tų naujų ateivių įrikiuoti į Vyčių organizacijoje besidarbuojančių jaunuolių gretas. Vyčių organizacija turi didelį panašumą su anuomet Lietuvoje veikusia pavasarininkų organizacija, tad atrodo kad į čia atkeliavus jų daliai būtų tikslu bent savo vaikus paskatinti įsirašyti į Vyčių narius. Kaip tąsyk Lietuvoje smarkiai rėmė pavasarininkus R.K. Bažnyčios vadovybė, taip ir čia tą patį turėtų daryti ir lietuviškųjų parapijų kunigai. Tačiau mūsų visų didelei nelaimė čia to nerasime, kas buvo Lietuvoje daroma. Mums daugiau reikia naujų Milukų, Burbų, Jurų, Balkūnų ir tam panašių vyrų, kad per Dievo žodį ir lietuviybės išlaikymo reikalai nenukentėtų. Žinoma, yra sveikintini tie Vyčių organizaciniai vienetai pajėgiantys namus

nusipirkti ar juos pasistatydinti. Žvelgę į senosios kartos mūsų veikėjus ir jų sūnus bei dukteris, nemažą dalį atrasime juos buvus ar tebesančiais vyčiais. Jie daugumoje švariai naudoja lietuvių kalbą ir užlaiko gražiuosius lietuviškus papročius. Lietuviškoje spaudoje netrūksta pagraudenančių straipsnių gelbėti priaugantį jaunimą, kai tuo tarpu lietuvių tėvai susilaiko jį atiduoti į lituanistines mokyklas auklėti. Gaila, kad iš didžiulės JAV gyvenančių lietuvių masės telanko lituanistines mokyklas tik apie 3.000 mokinių. Atrodo, piauname tą šaką, ant kurios patys sėdime ir bėdavoame.

Kai šitaip mūsų lietuviškieji reikalai rieda yra būtina daugiau pagyvinti naujų narių verbavimą įstoti į Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją jau pradėdant nuo lietuviškos mokyklos suolo. Tokie auklėtiniai - jaunieji vyčiai, perėję į aukštesnes mokyklas ar į įprastinį bendruomeninį gyvenimą, automatiškai būtų užskaitomi vyčiais-senjorais ar tam panašiais titulais pavadinti, kurie neturėtų nutraukti priklausomybę organizacijai, reikšimosi lietuviškoje veikloje.

Verta pabrėžti ir pasidžiaugti, kad Vyčių veikla neapsiriboja vien kultūrinių vertybių puoselėjimu bei meniškų apraiškų ugdymo darbu. Kai šiandieną lietuvių tauta velka sunkią okupaciją ir vergijos jungą, tai Lietuvos Vyčiai šią skaudžią nelaimę giliai išgyvena ir aktyviai jungiasi į politinį Lietuvos vadavimo darbą. Jie stoja šalia kitų veikiančių mūsų politinių veiksmų Lietuvos bylai ginti. Neretai jie savo sumanumu ir jaunatviška energija daugiau nuveikia, negu kiti.

Mus visus vienodai riša tautinė ideja gimdanti tikrąjį patriotizmą ir norą išlaikyti LIETUVIŲ TAUTĄ sveiką ir gyvą kitų kultūringų laisvų tautų šeimoje, tad jos likimas priklausys nuo mūsų pačių kovos ir ryžto svečių šalyse nesunykti. To reikalauja mūsų kilmė, laiko dvasia ir svetimųjų kryžiuojama Lietuva.

Vyčiai eina geru keliu, tad vivat et crescet Lietuvos Vyčiai ir jų vadai!

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

Cleveland, Ohio

Lietuvos Vyčių 25 Kuopos Sendraugių susirinkimas įvyko vytės Uršulės Sukienės namuose gruodžio 30 d. 1962 m. Pirmininkas Antanas Mačiokas susirinkimą atidarė malda. Po to sekė nutarimų skaitymas ir valdybos pranešimai.

Iždininko pranešimas parodė, kad kuopos stovis geras. Iš pranešimo apie rengtą kortavimo vakarą, sendraugių G.G. Salasevičių namuose (rengėjos J. Salasevičienė, Agnė Navickas, Antosė Macks) paaiškėjo, kad buvo gražus vakaras ir liko pelno \$56. Visas vaises paruošė sendraugiai Salasevičiai, o nariai sudovanojo visas dovanas laimėjimams. Linksmi praėjo laikas. Sendraugiams Salasevičiam už didelį darbą ir dovanas, taipgi ir visai komisijai... Ačiū.

Dvasios vadas kun. A. Goldykavickis perskaitė kopiją siųsto sveikinimo dideliai užsitarnavusiam sendraugiams, švenčiant jo Auksinį jubiliejų - Kun. A. Albavičiui.

Veronika Katkus išreiškė didelę padėką sendraugiams už gėles, sveikinimus ir maldas, kurie buvo prisųsti jai ir aukota už ją, būnant ligoninėje.



Cleveland Sendraugiai - Iš kairės: Antanas Mačiokas, Jadviga Pikturna, Elena Karklienė ir Jurgis Salasevičius. Gimtadienio proga prieš torto atnešimą, klausosi dainos "Ilgiausių Metų."

Tarybos rap. pateikė Jurgis Kuzas. Vasario 17 dieną įvyks lietuvių diena N.P.P. Parapijos salėj, pradžia 4 val. Choras iš Chicagos dalyvaus.

Sv. Kazimiero diena priimta švęsti kovo 3 dieną, N.P.P.S. Parapijoje. Vyčių kuopa bus pakviesta bendrai dalyvauti.

Sendraugiai sutarė paveikslus daryti visų narių sausio 6 dieną parapijos salėje. Valdybos rinkimą palikom metiniam susirinkimui. Prieš pabaigą, J. Sadauskas paskaitė poeto Maironio eiles. Per vakarienę pasi-

rodė tortas - Veronikos Katkaus gimtadienio proga.

P. Glu-nė.

ŽINIOS CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIAMS

- Š.m. sausio 15 d. Vyčių salėje įvyko Chicagos Vyčių sendraugių susirinkimas.

- Š.m. kovo mėn. 3 d. Sv. Kazimiero minėjimas: Sv. Mišios, pusryčiai ir susirinkimas Aušros Vartų parapijos salėje. Rengia vyčiai sendraugiai.

- Š.m. kovo 31 d. rekolekcijos visiems Illinois-Indianos apskrities vyčiams Aušros Vartų par. bažnyčioje.

- Š.m. kovo mėnesio viduryje pasirodys ilgai laukta ilgo grojimo plokštelė "Težydi vėliai Lietuva". Ši plokštelė yra skirta Vyčių Organizacijos Auksiniam jubilėjui išpūdingiau paminėti. Plokštelės abiejose pusėse yra 16 dainų ir Vyčių himnas. Išleidimu rūpinosi atskira komisija, kurios pirmininkė Loretta Kassel. Rekomenduotina visiems vyčiams ir jų draugams šią plokštelę įsigyti.

P. B.

Lithuanian Pork Sausage

**LIETUVIŲ
VALGIAI**

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| 1 (5-pound) pork shoulder, cut or ground into fine pieces | 1 onion, chopped into small pieces |
| Salt and pepper | 1 clove of garlic, chopped fine (optional) |
| | Sausage casing |

Mix together all ingredients and stuff into sausage casing. Simmer covered, in a small amount of water for about 1 hour. Then place in a 350-degree oven for about 1/2 hour or until it's nice and brown.

MRS. JULIA STALEGA

(Reprinted from the Chicago Sun-Times)



St. VALENTINE'S DAY



by Edward J. Kubaitis

While they would undoubtedly put it in more scholarly terms, Church historians are generally agreed that the popular customs associated with the Feastday of St. Valentine are strictly for the birds.

Now, that statement is not as derogatory and critical of the custom of sweethearts exchanging romantic messages on Valentine's Day, as it may at first sound. It merely refers to the historical fact that this practice originated in Medieval England and France, where it was the conventional belief at that time that all birds choose their mates in the middle of the second month of each year - i.e., on February 14th. St. Valentine himself has no connection whatsoever with the traditional observance of "St. Valentine's Day" other than this purely accidental coincidence that his Feastday happened to fall on the same date and thus became associated with it.

French and English literature of the 14th and 15th centuries contain many allusions to the Saint's Day as one specially consecrated to those in love and as a proper occasion for exchanging letters and tokens of mutual affection. For example, we find this reference in Chaucer's "Parliament of Foules":

For this was on Seynt Valentyne's
/day
When every foule cometh there to
/choose his mate.

We don't know whether the science of ornithology bears out this old belief that all birds actually begin to pair on St. Valentine's Day - but what does it really matter, anyway? After all, what does scientific validity have to do with a romantically smitten young man's asking a young lady to be his Valentine (or vice versa)? Nor do we think that Good St. Valen-

tine himself up in heaven really minds having his name and Feastday associated, however accidentally, with this pleasing custom. As a priest in Rome before his martyrdom in 270 A.D., he must have given his smiling blessing to many a young Christian couple who came to him to have their love for one another made sacred and fruitful through the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

While this general misconception about the meaning of St. Valentine's Day does no great harm, it is always better to know the real story. And it need not detract from our enjoyment of this traditional festival, nor from the honor and reverence we owe to the memory of this good and saintly Priest-Martyr, if we do not read more meaning and significance into the customs associated with his Feastday than there actually is. . .

Beyond the certainty that St. Valentine was a real person and not a figment of some pious author's imagination - based upon the evidence of almost 17 centuries of uninterrupted tradition and popular veneration of him as a Saint - we know very little about him. Popular legends and over-imaginative Lives of the Saints tell us far more about him than we can possibly believe, while official records tell us far less about him than we would like to know.

The Roman Martyrology and other confirming sources provide us with the few reasonably reliable details of St. Valentine's life and martyrdom that we have today. The Saint officially honored by the Church in the Mass for the Feastday of St. Valentine was a priest who lived and worked in Rome in the 3rd century, who was beheaded for the Faith on February 14, 270 A.D. during the persecution under Emperor Claudius the Goth, and was buried on the Flaminian Way outside of Rome. Though a few re-

lics of the Saint are still in existence, the location of his tomb is unknown today.

Another St. Valentine, whose feastday is also given as February 14th, is also mentioned in the Martyrology. This second Valentine is said to have been the Bishop of Interamna (the present-day Terni, sixty miles from Rome), who also died a martyr's death. From the fact, however, that the Bishop Valentine is described as having also been beheaded on the same date, on the same Flaminian Way and under the same Emperor Claudius, it is very probable that both Valentines were actually one and the same person. (Lest anyone wonder how such uncertainty and confusion could arise over the identity of those who are honored as Saints by the Church - it must be remembered that in those early days of the Church saints were not canonized individually, as they are today. The official inquiries and exhaustive investigations of the present-day Beatification and Canonization Processes were not instituted by the Church until many centuries later.)

There are also a number of other Valentines listed in the Church's Roster of Sainthood, but because their Feastdays fall on other days of the year, we need mention them only in passing. Among these other St. Valentines and their feastdays are: A 3rd century Bishop of Genoa (May 2); a 4th century Priest-Martyr who died at Viterbo (Nov. 3); A 4th century Bishop - Martyr of Treves, Gaul (July 16); A Valentine martyred with his companions Felician and Victorinus in the 4th century (Nov. 11); A 4th century Bishop of Strassburg, Alsace (Sept. 2) and an Abbot-Bishop who died at Mais in the Tyrol in the 5th century (Jan. 7).

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Chaplain's Corner

Food for Thought

Some months ago, a very dedicated priest of God, who has for many years been an ardent member of the Knights of Lithuania, suggested that I appeal to the dedicated K of L'ers. In substance, he was gravely concerned with the general apathy exhibited by the rank and file members of our organization. Being a priest for over four decades, he has learned not to become too discouraged with human weakness and frailty. This, however, did not deter him from striving to suggest that even though our organization did have obvious faults and shortcomings, there was still a definite need for its existence. Hence he put forth the suggestion that the dedicated souls of the organization seek to make the necessary corrections. He visualized a sort of K of L version of the now famed U.S. Peace Corps program.

Before we go too much further, let me stress that the Padre in question is by no means a broken down old "fuddy-duddy" whose main purpose in life now is to thwart initiative. Nor is he the type of person who delights in telling the young "whipper-snap-pers" what was done in the old days - or how much better things were in the days of his youth. Rather, he is a gentleman nearing the three-quarter of a century mark with the fresh vigorous ideas of man in the full bloom of activity.

His particular "gripe" about so many of our activities was that we are not looking to the future quickly enough and as a result, the future will pass us by in its dust. First of all, he was very disheartened to see so many members who do not wish to contribute anything of themselves for the food of the organization. It is true that every organization, whether it be our Holy Church or the smallest bridge club has its share of "joiners" who will do no more than sign their name on the application blank. But it seems to me that we can take a cue from our President Kennedy, who in his historic inauguration speech challenged each of us to give of ourselves for our country rather than ask what our country can do for us. This same idea can be applicable to the Knights. Let us not ask what the K of L can do for us, but rather what contribution of ourselves can we give to make the K of L a better organization.

An example of this can easily be found in your local councils. Do you come to all the meetings? When election time comes, how many decline to run for office? Look back and see what excuses were put forth. "I'm really too busy - good old George is a better man for the job. . . he's carrying the ball

for ten or twenty years." They may also feel that they are inadequate for the post. The same holds true when it comes time to serve on one or another committee. But the payoff is that more often than not they will be the first to criticize. The good Father suggested that perhaps each council should strive to set up some kind of leadership program. It seems to me that this would be an excellent idea.

Secondly, there is the question of our Lithuanian heritage. Even though the Reverend gentleman in question was born in Lithuania and has as much love for the land of our forefathers as the most ardent patriot, he also realizes that we are dealing with people who are Lithuanians several generations removed. Often there is a further complication, as when the Lith. is married to a non-Lith. If this organization is to exist and flourish, if it is to contribute anything to us in a concrete sense, then we've got to think positively and realistically. This question is not going to disappear if we ignore it, but rather it will come back to haunt us. Actually, we can exploit our Lithuanian heritage to full advantage without surrendering anything but false pride.

We can truly be proud of our ancestry. Each of us should strive to learn our language. . . we should study our history. . . we should know our cultural background . . . for unquestionably these things will make better men and women of us. But there is one thing that we cannot do, and that is to ask Father Time to stop. We've got to search out the best solutions of combining the old and the new. Frankly, I feel that each of the members should really give this matter some very serious thought.

Another of Father's observations was that too many members were only interested in the social or "fun part" of our program. Although recreation has its place, an overexaggerated stress on parties, excessive drinking, and small talk is actually a discredit to our Catholic Faith, our Lithuanian heritage, and our K of L organization. And frankly, I think that any serious minded person will say "Amen" to that.

As we begin the Jubilee year of our organization, my feelings personally in this matter are that we ought to seriously consider some of these points. This "youthful-minded" priest has been in the Knights of Lithuania long before many of the present members were born. I feel that we owe him a debt of gratitude for his continued interest in our organization, and in us.

Rev. J. Walter Stanievich

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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Detroit, Mich. C-102 Jaye-Jaye

Joe and Maryanne Guerriero proved themselves Host and Hostess with the mostest for our December breakfast following corporate communion at St. Anthony's Church. The Rectory basement wore a festive air, beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas Season. Maryanne's home-made fruit cake and other goodies were enjoyed by all.

Our Officers for 1963 are President - Ray Medonis; Vice President - Chuck Mishakis; Fin. Sec'y - Josephine Jonulate, Recording Secretary - Donna Bunikis; Corresponding Secretary - Terry Medonis; Treasurer - Bill Juodawlakis, Trustees - Clem Galinas and Frank Bunikis. Ray plans to call a meeting of Officers soon to outline plans for activities for 1963.

We're happy to welcome our new members, Donna and John Stanievich; and Marie and Tony Zyren, who were reinstated in January. Glad to have you with us.

Congratulations to our Treasurer, Bill Juodawlakis, on his engagement to Mary Anne Gillis on Christmas Day. We'll be looking forward to that Lithuanian wedding soon.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner Party was held on Saturday, Dec. 29th. Thanks to Maryanne and Joe Guerriero for the use of their lovely home, and to all the members who prepared and brought all the good food. Bob's mother, Mrs. Boris, never fails to come through with her delicious Kugelis. The boys need a lot more practice playing Charades. The girls easily walked away with the game.

The girls are quite enthusiastic about a Fashion Show Anne Uznis has volunteered to sponsor next spring. Better start slimming down, gals, we're going to need some models. The Committee promises to

Don't risk the chance of missing your copies of the VYTIS. Pay your 1963 dues early - be a year-round member. Support your Council by attending all meetings. furnish more details as to date and place very soon.

Detroit, Mich. C-79 Inklings

At the December meeting, with 83 members present, our new officers were elected. Congratulations to re-elected president, Ed Martin; Maggie Smallis, vice-president; Ruth Grasha, 2nd vice-president; Pat Milius, rec. secretary; Delphine Stepan, financial secretary; Pete Stanulis, treasurer; and Bernard Vitichus and Chester Nashlon, trustees. Board members are Geraldine Chaps, Vicki Chepalonis, Lillian Stepan, Ona Kase, John Kolinsky and Vito Paul. We sincerely hope that they will receive the full cooperation of all the members and continue the high standards of C-79. It was nice to see Andy and Albina Gillis at the meeting.

John Kolinsky did a great job with the annual raffle. Those very lucky K of L's, the J. Browns, went off with the 1st place prize of \$100.00.

The "Kiddies Christmas Party" as usual was the best ever. Just ask the kids. On the committee were Chuck Step, chairman, Betty and Frank Petrosky, Pat and Andy Milius, Sophie and Geroge Leshosky, Lil and Delphine Stepan, George Sinkus, and Margaret Ann and Chester Nashlon. More than 200 children came to see Santa (Andy Milius) and his helper, Christmas Carol (Mary Ann Smailis). The Puppet Show held everyone's attention, and movies were shown by Frank Keller and John Belickas. The clown, Frank Petrosky, kept everyone in stitches with a smokey cigar and some fancy dance steps. About 75 adults came to sing carols while

Helen Patocki played the piano.

The K of L bowling team is going strong. John Eizonis rolled a 698 series. Just before Christmas Ann Zilvitis, Ed Martin, Ed Sackle, Tony Wilchesky, Frank Petrosky and Dave Petrosky won prizes for pins over average.

The K of L Mass on Christmas Day was sung by our talented members. The Lithuanian carols were just beautiful.

Vicki Chepalonis, Frances Alknes and Dorothe Martin were hostesses for the December meeting, and served delicious food. The tables were decked out in turquoise and white, complete with tree, manger, figurines, candles, and angels. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and I think the hostesses really enjoyed being hostesses.

We have some very good news - Bill Juodawlakis gave Mary Ann Gillis a beautiful engagement ring. Mary Ann is the daughter of Andy and Albina. Bill is a member of C-102 (but we adopted him).

The party is over, and everyone had a good time. The committee, headed by Cel Yunck, Betty and Fran Petrosky, Bernie and Adeline Vitichus, Helen and Clem Patocki, Pete Stanulis, Ed and Dorothe Martin, and "Hall decorators," Bill Juodawlakis and George Kayganitch did a superb job. Dance music was provided by the Vitichus boys. You see Cel, there wasn't a thing to worry about; it was terrific. It was nice to have people from our sister councils attending.

C-79 is honored to be selected as hosts for the Mid-Central District convention in 1963. . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Zager family. Frank's dad passed away just before Christmas. The mother of John and Helen Kerutis also passed away before the New Year. We are sorry your holidays held such sorrow, but you can be sure we will remember

your parents in our prayers. . . Since this is the last time I will write for you, I would like to say that it was my pleasure. Apologies for any slip-ups, and I know you will like your new reporter. Vytiškai, Sudiev. . .

N. Y. - N. J. DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWS

F.V.

The District meeting was held at the American-Lithuanian Citizens Club in Bayonne, N.J. on Dec. 16th. The session was called to order by President, Dorothy Dutkus and opened with a prayer by District Spiritual Director, Rev. Peter Zemeikis. Father Zemeikis also extended greetings on behalf of the Bayonne Council, hosts for the day.

A committee was selected to plan a dinner-dance to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our organization. Chosen were the following: temporary chairman, Larry Janonis, Geraldine Kern, Ann Klem, Jack Stukas, Joe Sable and John Meskunas.

Rev. Vladas Budreckis informed us of plans for the 1964 Lithuanian Song and Dance Festival which will take place in New York City. The program will deal with both the religious and cultural aspects of Lithuanian life. The K of L has been invited to take an active part in this program.

Jack Stukas, chairman of the Lithuanian group arranging to participate in the 1964-65 World's Fair, invited the District to be active with that committee.

Mary Stonis of C-29 told of the Junior Rally, which this year will take place in Newark on April 29th. The District decided to give a donation towards the conclave. A donation will also be given to the Memories of Lithuania program in connection with their presentation of an English translation of the celebration of Kučiy in Lithuania. The program, under the direction of Jack Stukas, was given on Dec. 24th over radio station WEVD, N.Y.

The Annual Communion Breakfast will take place on Sunday, Mar. 10, at Kearney, N.J. with C-90 as hosts.

Sincere thanks to C-67 for their hospitality to the delegates and guests on Dec. 16th.

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3 Sunshine

Spaghetti and meatballs were enjoyed by the parents and friends of C-3 members at our Installation Dinner and Jubilee Year Kick-Off Program held Jan. 6, 1962, at which our Spiritual Director, Father Wassel invested the new officers. Congratulations to them and to Steve Salnaitis who was M.C. Everyone was delighted that Father Batutis, Pastor of St. Casimir's was our Guest Speaker on this momentous occasion. Our thanks to him and to the committee who made this affair a success.

We'll Be Coming Round The Mountains When We Come! is what you can hear C-3 members singing, as they are looking forward to the weekend of Jan. 11-13. That's right! We're heading for the Pocono Mountains for weekend, of skating, skiing, and Fun! Fun! Fun!

NEWS BITS. Congratulations to Chris and Bernice Meidzius who are the proud parents of an 8 lb. boy, George, born Dec. 22. . . Congratulations to Ray Pukis on his recent engagement to Erika Groger of Germany. No date has been set as yet. . . If anyone is holding a Revival, don't forget to invite Tillie Shields, it won't be a success without her. . . Sorry Ann Simmons couldn't attend

the Christmas Party, but we're sure she was having fun being Maid-of-Honor for her cousin. . . Wow! That was some carat Irene Varevice was sporting at the New Year's Eve Party - a gift from Santa . . . C-3 members were very pleased that Ed Daniels and Sparky Morkunas spent the holidays with us. Hope they enjoyed it as much as we did. . . It seems there were two very happy Out-of-Towners who were mighty glad the cold and windy weather didn't prevent the Mummies from strutting to the traditional "Golden Slippers". . . Birthday wishes to Walter Svekla and John Mickunas (February).

New York, C-12

Ed

It has been some time since our council has submitted news to the "Vytis," therefore in attempting to start the New Year on the right foot, I will endeavor to bring our fellow Knights up to date.

Al Monk's 25th Anniversary dance, I am happy to relate, was a tremendous success, due to the diligent efforts of our ticket sellers who started selling early. We were honored with the presence of Al Monk's mother, beaming with pride and admiration



Frank Zapolis, C-36, Coordinator of the Lithuanian Christmas Ornament Contest held at the Jesuit Fathers' Youth Center Art Gallery, Chicago, Illinois.

because she knew the dance was in her son's honor.

Election of officers was held at the November meeting. Those elected were Vince Yatkuskas, President; Steve Montviedas, Vice-President; Ed. Senken, Treasurer; Joseph Kscenaitis, Sergeant-at-Arms; and for Lithuanian Affairs, Steve Montviedas. Congratulations to the new board, and let's wish them success in the ensuing year. At this meeting plans were presented for the annual Christmas party. The "esprit de corps" exemplified by everyone was heartwarming, and this no doubt was the reason why our Christmas party was a big success. Many thanks to the committee and those who assisted.

We were honored by a farewell visit from our handsome Warrant Officer and his wife. (Mr. and Mrs. George Yatkanskas). George left on a tour of duty in Germany for a period of 3 years. Our best wishes go with George and we hope for a speedy and safe return home.

Stella Kolesk, who became Mrs. Mitchell Marcinauskas last November, will be leaving C-12. They will reside in Shelton, Conn. It is with reluctance that we accept this news, knowing that we will miss her. Stella, in spite of her own troubles, has always found time to help Father Garinskos and C-12 whenever they needed it. We who know her have learned to love her due to her fine character and sense of loyalty. Our best wishes go with Mr. and Mrs. Marcinauskas.

On behalf of C-12 I would like to welcome a new member into our fold, Mrs. Irene Senken. Welcome aboard, Irene, and may your stay be a pleasant one. Congratulations to the following parents who are expecting a visit from the stork: Mr. and Mrs. Andrianskas and Mr. and Mrs. Cupervich. Good luck!

Newark, N.J. C-29 The Wanderer

C-29 held their elections at the December meeting with the following results: president, Joseph Balchunas; vice president, Jack Remeika; secretary, Joan Yankauskas; financial secretary, Kazys Sipaila; treasurer, Peter Podgalsky; and trustees, Eva Treciokas and Christina Korbet. Hats

off to former president, Charles Strolis for a job well done while serving as the head of C-29. Charlie, by the way, is home recovering from a mishap that occurred a short while back. For a time, he had been in St. James Hospital.

As in the past, the council will sponsor the celebration of Lithuanian Independence Day in our city. The event this year will take place on Feb. 16 at St. George's Hall, 180-2 New York Avenue. The chairman of the event is Valentinas Melinis.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT



C-36 Hearts' Dance Committee. Left to right: Betty Mikalauskas, Vince Samaska, Irene Norushis, Bob Paul and Dee Kupetis.

DISTRICT NEWS

December 1962 marked the second anniversary of the K of L Choir. Choir members gathered at the K of L Building on a Monday night, this time not for a rehearsal, but for a party to celebrate the occasion. It was a well deserved celebration after the hectic months in preparation of the recording. Now they are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the first shipment of records.

C-5 was the host for the December Bowling Party. About 40 people attended. Casey Gubista and Fran Valancius took first place with a 917 series; 2nd place, Al Kachinskas and Dolores Wainauskas with 903; 3rd place Tony Gendrolis and Lorraine Wainauskas with 885; and 4th place John Maluska and Gerry (What Again!) Mack with 867. We were delighted with the presence of Rev. A. Valancius (MC for the evening), Rev. A. Za-

karauskas, and Rev. J. Savakynas. Santa (Pete Gagle) distributed the presents, after which Father Zakaruskas directed the group in Christmas carols. Two beautiful Christmas trees added to the festive occasion, one in American and the other in Lithuanian style. Our thanks to Mrs. Kass, John Aksys and Al Plienaitis who made the Lithuanian ornaments and trimmed the tree. The evening was enjoyed by everyone thanks to the efforts of Al Manst, Loretta Macekonis, and Helen Gudauskas.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWS

The Second Bowling Rolloffs sponsored by the District was held on Sunday, Nov. 25th in South Boston. About 75 bowlers from the area councils participated along with visiting K of L members from the N.Y.-N.J. area. It sure was great having our neighboring district join us for the weekend! Please come again. . .soon. C-17 served as host for the entire weekend by holding its Annual Fall Dance at the Lithuanian Club on Saturday evening followed by an after-the-dance party at the Jubilee Convention Hotel Bradford. A social at the Lith. club was also hosted by this group after the Rolloffs on Sunday. Yes, a nice time was had by all. And, this is only a sample of what good hosts Bostonians are, so plan now to come to the great Jubilee Convention in August!

Athol-Gardner, Mass. C-10

Vinciukas

Our annual Christmas party was held on Dec. 16 at the Cedar Lodge. It was a cold wintry night, but the warmth of the lodge was grand. It's been the scene of many of our council get-togethers. The food and atmosphere are excellent. Margaret and Tina, both Juniors were in attendance. Fr. Jutt gave all in attendance Santa banks. Thanks, Father! Winners were drawn for the recent K of L - Lithuanian Af-

fairs raffle. All in all, it was a success.

Our sincere thanks to our NED president, Bernice Kavadaras, for attending our December meeting. Bernice gave us many words of encouragement. Come again, Bea-Bea.

We all wish Lennie Davidonis a quick recovery. Len has been hospitalized for about six weeks at the Henry Haywood Hospital, Gardner.

Our motto, "For God and Country," can be met this month throughout our participation in parish celebrations of Lithuanian Independence Day. If your parish does not observe the event you can help "Suffering Lithuania" through prayers and letters for the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

Member of the Month: The girl I have chosen this month is a charming and gentle girl who has been with us for quite some time. During her years in our ranks she has been a capable and generous worker. At present she is our recording secretary. Frances Milosh was born and educated in Gardner. After graduation from Gardner High she entered as an operator for the New England T and T where she has proved her worth. Fran is a twin. Her sister Barbara (Mrs. Howard Gibbons) is now residing in Methuen. Fran is an ardent skier and spent a winter holiday in Switzerland last February. She also likes to dance and bake. We all wish her the best, and many more years in the K of L.

Norwood, Mass. C-27

Lulu

Our council would like to welcome our new pastor, Father Abracinkas, to St. George's. Our former pastor, Father Norbut, left us in October to take up new duties as pastor of St. Casimir's in Brockton. Father Abracinkas is well-known in District K of L circles, and is an ardent supporter of K of L. We are very happy to have you with us, Father.

1962 came to a close with a round of activity by C-27 members. We attended South Boston's Thanksgiving dance in full force, and thoroughly enjoyed opening the holiday season with old friends from all over New England.

Our District President, Bernice

Kavadaras, was our special guest at the December meeting and very graciously presented us with a beautiful trophy for our revival and membership efforts. Thank you, Bernice, for your visit and your inspiring talk. Please come back again soon.

Our annual Christmas sale was a complete success and sellout. Response was so great the first week of the sale, that the second week had to be cancelled. We all extend a very special word of thanks and appreciation to Chairman, Kay Adakonis and to her committee for their hard work in planning and carrying out the affair.

Next on the agenda was a Christmas Party for the school children of the parish. Father Abracinkas and Alge Vaitonis laid the ground work for this with an assist from Santa. Movies, carolling and gifts delighted some 100 children, assembled in the church hall for an afternoon of Christmas fun.

First activity of the new year was the N.E. District Bowling Roll-off, on Jan. 13 at the Norwood Sports Center. We found lots of tough competition for our best bowlers, and lots of good food for a hungry group afterwards. Agnes and Alge Vaitonis were in charge of this one.

A very warm welcome to new members Joanna Perekslis and Stanley Kalis. We hope you'll be with us a long time. Speaking of "new members," belated congratulations to John and Betty Skricki on the arrival of their beautiful daughter, Carol Ann.

So. Boston, Mass. C-17

Neparankus

December was election month, and our elections were as exciting as the State Governor's race. Rev. John Zuromskis is spiritual advisor. To serve as president for the Jubilee Year is Jerome Venis, re-elected. . . vice president, Leo Rudziunas. The secretary, Paula Slinger, is a newcomer to the ranks of officers. Another newcomer, Billy Zaremba, was elected treasurer. Miss Ann Kleponis was elected financial secretary. Two more novices gained office as trustees, "Buddy" Zaremba and Frank Stankus. Last, but not least, the marshal is Al Jaritis. Good luck to the present officers, and may they receive the well-deserved cooperation from the membership as they have in the past.

The holidays are now just fond memories, and the bowlers are back trying to defend and improve their standings. The first half of the season found the "Nothings," under the leadership of Ed Rudis, taking first place by a few points. In second place are the "Fickle Five." The captain of this team is Butch Venis. Coming along in third place and in a favorable position are the "Alley-Katz." Here we have one of the fair sex as the team captain, Rita Venis. Behold, the last and anchor team are the "Dew Drops", under the guidance of Frank Stankus. They are really trying to come out of the cellar. High game for the men is 146, held by Ed Rudis; and for the women Rita Venis with a 143. There is plenty of room for spares and other passerbys who can only bowl an occasional game, so come along for the comradeship and a pleasant time.

Welcome to another new member, Donna Grigor. Donna attended St. Peter's Lithuanian Grammar School, then went on to So. Boston High School. She graduated from Carnegie Tech., and is now employed as a medical secretary. After being inducted, Donna sat in on the meeting, and without much adieu volunteered to help decorate the clubrooms for the coming Christmas party.

The Christmas party was a success even though it was the coldest night of the year. A large loyal group made their way to the clubrooms where the fun, festivities, and food awaited them. Thanks should go to the committee, Alice Zaremba, Mary Kraunelis, Loretta Kontrim, Donna Grigor, Angie Yelmo-kas, Dana and Albina Rudziunas, Florence Zaleskas, Madeline Druzdis, Joanne Antonellis, Anita Daniels, Bud and Billy Zaremba, John Daniels, Butch Venis, and Al Jaritis.

A large group of 17'ers are planning to attend the Athol-Gardner Ski-Weekend. It should be a grand time. Ed Rudis is gathering names.

Our sympathies are extended to Rita Venis, Al Stakutis, and Sister Celestine, SJC, on the death of their mother, Mrs. Constance Stakutis. May she rest in peace.

Many thanks to Mary Kraunelis and her mother for the hospitality they extended after Midnight Mass. Many of the council members stopped there for coffee, donuts, and numerous other goodies. . . Congratulations to

Fr. A. Baltrashunas of Cambridge on his 25th anniversary to the priesthood.

Westfield, Mass. C-30 Genovaitė

At the December meeting of C-30 a "vote of confidence," so to speak, was cast for the 1962 and now 1963 President, Benedict Coach, and Vice President, Joseph Sabonis. Virginia Tarnauskas was elected secretary and Sophie Kucharski, Treasurer. John Tarnauskas is head of Lithuanian Affairs, Frank Bernadicius has the cultural committee and President Coach will be working on the Ritual. The New Year will be an active and progressive one with such fine people in office.

Dec. 11th was the night for fun, and everyone who attended the annual Christmas Party at Shaker Farms Country Club had a wonderful time. Thanks for the fine arrangements to Doris Tarnauskas and Sophie Kucharski. Lucky prize winners were Frank Wallis, Sophie Kucharski and Ben Tarnauskas; but John Kucharski stole the show - - Have you ever seen the Twist done better??

The Red Cross made its annual appeal to C-30, and Nellie Dardinski was in charge of arrangements for the cookie bakers.

Preparations are under way for the District Convention which will be held in Westfield this Spring - See you there!

Happy Birthday to Marcia and Jim Rogers and Bob and Barbara Smyk. Glad to see Ida Sturgeon feeling better. Happy Valentine's Day.

Ansonia, Conn. C-135 "Helen"

Despite the fact that Ansonia has not been heard from lately, you haven't caught us napping! The latter part of '62' found us enjoying an outing at Lake Quassapaug in Middlebury, Conn. on Aug. 24th. Jack Tyson and Al Barauskas, co-chairmen of the affair, served roast beef. That beef was so good we forgot all about the Hot Dogs! Activities of the day included our annual Volley Ball match and a track race around the park by Joe Muskavitch and Jack Tyson.



The C-135 "Gang" at Lake Quassapaug outing.

On Sept. 29th and 30th many members attended the N.E. Convention in Waterbury, Conn. hosted by C-7. Delegates to the convention included Lillian Chaplik, Mildred Driznus, Anne Ramanauskas, Ann Barauskas, Leon Barauskas and Violet Brazitis. Members of C-135 who received their 3rd degrees were Joseph Draugelis, Anne Ramanauskas, Mildred Driznus, Lillian Chaplik, Violet Brazitis and Ruth Tyson. Congratulations kids!

Our Halloween Party was held on Oct. 27th in the Church Hall. Clever decorating by our co-chairmen, Millie Driznus, Sophie Muskavitch, and Violet Brazitis, set the mysterious mood of the evening. The costumes this year were so unusual most of us were doubtful of each other's identity until the unmasking.



C-135 Halloween Party

A Two Penny Turkey Auction was held on Nov. 11th. This was a new experience not only to the patrons attending but also to the council members. But, under the able direction of Olga Savitskas and Lillian Chaplik, and with the cooperation and teamwork of all members the affair was a huge success.

A Christmas social and our December meeting took place at the home of Helen and Pete Gumbulevich on

Dec. 5th. Third degree medals were awarded to the deserving members by Rev. George Vilcauskas, Council Chaplain.

Again this year, C-135 greeted in the New Year together with a Dinner at the Oxford House in Oxford, Conn., followed by a party at Helen and Pete's home. Not all members were able to attend this year, and their familiar faces were missed by all. Games and Dancing to name orchestra's via recordings of course, set the party mood.

The newly elected officers for the coming year are President, Lillian Norwid; Secretary, Dorothy Milinkevich; Treasurer, Anne Ramanauskas; Financial Secretary, Lillian Chaplik; Sergeant-at-arms, Stanley Bujanauskas; Sports Director, Al Barauskas; Historian, John Sabulis; Reporter, Helen Gumbulevich; Social Director, Olga Savitskas; Ways and Means, Pete Gumbulevich; Lithuanian Affairs, Millie Driznus; Trustees, Helen Chepulis, John Sabulis and Olga Savitskas. This election will give the ladies a chance at the Presidency after several years of male leadership. Beware you men! The candidate for Vice-President is to be determined at a later date.

A loud "welcome aboard" is extended to Virginia Goggi who is a new social member. Virginia is a Registered Nurse and is on the staff at Griffin Hospital, Derby, Conn.

We hope Joe DeGennaro and Pete Gumbulevich are feeling better after their illness.

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C-78 held their annual Christmas Party on Dec. 30 at the home of Joan Lisauskas. Our Spiritual Director, Fr. Albin Januinas, blessed the Christmas tree and crib. Members enjoyed Kučios, exchanged gifts, and then sang carols. It was a Lithuanian Christmas all the way.

Our Juniors held their Christmas a week earlier. Father Al read a beautiful article on Lithuanian customs and traditions. They also enjoyed Kučios, with the blessed wafers. Exchanging of gifts and a record hop completed the evening's festivities.

At our January meeting we were honored with the presence of NED president, B. Kavadaras and her ent-

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ourage, Joseph Sakaitis and Edward Daniels.

The council is preparing for Lithuanian Independence Day and NED Bowling Rolloffs, which will be held Feb. 24th in Lawrence. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the rolloffs. Belle Yerus is in charge of reservations. Joan Lisauskas is chairman in charge of refreshments, assisted by the following committee: Mildred Rakauskas, Mary Neverky, Irene Baublis, John Verbikas, Ann Svenchonis, and Geraldine and John Zemis.

Plans are underway for our St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast, Mar. 3rd.

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'Twas two days before Christmas and all through the Inn there was plenty of stirring and holiday spirit.

Our members had donned their gay apparel for our Annual Christmas Party at the Shrewsbury Motor Inn. Santa was so busy he couldn't make it, so Dot Sinkavitch and Rita Skamarock were his helpers. They handed out cosmetic bags to the girls and shaving lotion to the boys. Dot, Rita, and Bernice Kavadaras were the committee responsible for the success of the party.

The K of L Choir sang at the Midnight Mass and did a fine job of shaking the rafters with all those familiar and much beloved carols. The tenors have gained a little more volume now that Joe Krasinskas is back in circulation. Welcome back, Joe!

Dot Sinkavitch played hostess to her annual Holiday Party, Mary Klimkaitis, Bernice Kavadaras, Rita Skamarock, Barbara Mazeika and Ann Miller have been getting together for quite a few years to greet the Yule-

tide Season and celebrate Rita's birthday. Missing from the scene was Mary Ann Sinkiewich who is still in Japan.

Seen at one of the local clubs were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mrozinski and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ostrowski ushering in the New Year. We hear that the Kaspers and the Krasinskas families got together for a nice party.

The first half of the bowling season was won by the Chipmunks. Congratulations! The key to their success was their nearly 100 per cent attendance.

We hope to see all our members attending our monthly meetings more regularly. The newly elected Board of Officers have many wonderful plans for the coming year. The activities are being planned for You, so give them your utmost cooperation to make 1963 the best year ever for our council.

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. . . to Irene Sankus, Walter Tenclinger, and others who assisted the Asst. Editor, Marilyn Kareiva, in completing this issue, and getting it into your hands - while "Yours Truly" went off to enjoy a few weeks of rest and sunshine in Mexico.

The Editor

K of L CALENDAR

- Feb. 16 C-29, Newark, N.J. Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day, St. George's Hall, 180-2 New York Ave., Newark.
- Feb. 24 Lawrence, Mass. N.E. District Bowling Rolloffs Number 4.
- Mar. 3 C-90, Kearney, N.J., NY-NJ District Annual Communion-Breakfast.
- Apr. 7 C-1, Brockton, Mass., NE District Bowling Rolloffs Number 5.
- Apr. 21 NE District Junior Rally, hosted by C-10 Juniors, Athol, Mass.
- Apr. 29 Newark, N.Y.-N.J. District Junior Rally.