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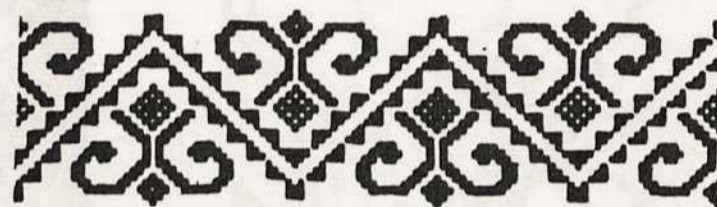
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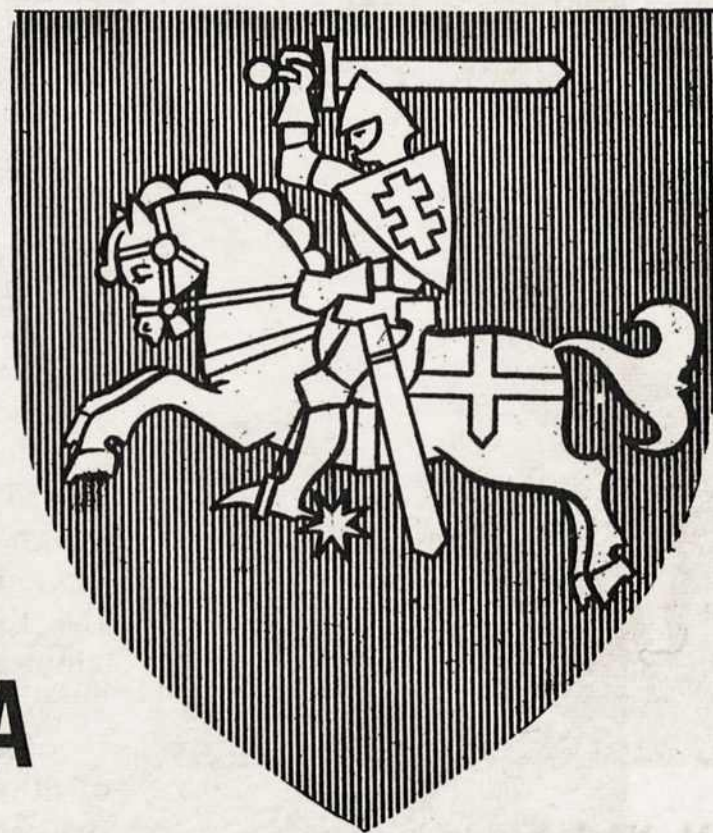
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# The founding of

## THE KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA



By Stanley Pieza

### ED. NOTE:

April 27 is officially designated as KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDERS' DAY. On that day, fifty years ago, our organization formally came into being. The following excerpts from the K of L History are presented to commemorate the historic event and to give our readers a glimpse into the events leading up to that date.

The history was compiled by Mr. Ignas Sakalas, who also wrote the Lithuanian version. Stanley Pieza wrote the English version. The History will be available in time for the Jubilee Convention to be held in Boston.

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In 1912 Woodrow Wilson was elected President of the United States, defeating President William H. Taft.

On the throne of St. Peter was Giuseppe Sarto, who reigned as Pius X and is now Saint Pope Pius X.

Back in 1912 the famous people, including stars of stage, screen and opera, were Mary Pickford, Lillian Gish, Dr. Booker T. Washington, Sarah Bernhardt, Andrew Carnegie,

J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Thomas A. Edison, Enrico Caruso, Victor Herbert, Ignace Jan Paderewski, and Mme. Shumann Heink.

The heavyweight champion of 1912 was Jack Johnson.

The population of the United States in 1912 reached over 92,000,000.

And in 1912 was born the Knights of Lithuania.

Back in 1912 thousands of men, women and children were immigrating to the United States from Lithuania, which was ruled by the Czar.

According to Historian Ignas Sakalas, immigration from Lithuania started in 1863 after the Lithuanian-Polish insurrection against Czaristic Russia. It is also claimed that there were Lithuanians in America before 1863, with a few of them serving under George Washington in the Revolutionary War and also fighting in the Union army during the Civil War.

This great land was strange to the Lithuanian immigrants who soon learned that the "streets of America were not made of gold." They spoke a strange language, akin to Sanscrit; English was difficult for them to master. So they formed Lithuanian communities with churches

and schools. They organized societies, dedicated to their favorite patron saints.

They worked hard and under difficult circumstances. They worked in the mines of Pennsylvania and other states, and they worked in foundries, tailor shops, on the highways and erecting bridges, and in the Chicago stockyards and in the milling centers. Only a few at that time were able to become professionals. Their parish became the center of social and religious life. Their philosophy of life was based upon the teachings of Christ.

The Lithuanian community in the United States grew and prospered - the Lithuanian people loved liberty. The Lithuanians in America also dreamed to restore liberty to their native land, then divided between Russia and Germany. They placed their hope in their children, and that is the undergirding of the Knights of Lithuania.

We begin the story of the Knights of Lithuania with three scenes:

First scene, after the appearance of several articles concerning Lithuanian youth in the press:

A meeting was called by a society,



M. Norkunas in his youth

known as "The Hope of the Lithuanians," at Orchard Lake, Michigan, April 9, 1912. The serious minded members, all immigrants from their native land, Lithuania, met to confer about the future of their youngsters in the United States. They listened to several discussions, but they were mostly impressed by the address of Kebu Raganius (pseudonym), who dramatically stated:

"The resurrection of the nations that have died under despots depends greatly upon the youth. In our Lithuanian youth nestles the restoration of Lithuania. Since the younger generation is the jewel of a nation, it must be sound in all ways."

Second scene, after more talks and plans among American Lithuanians:

In Boston, 1912, delegates met for the annual convention of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance. Two men caused the assembled delegates to take action that became one of the most important movements in the life of the Lithuanian Americans. They proposed the organization of the Lithuanian youth in the United States, and it met with approval of the delegates.

One of the men was Mykolas Norkunas, distinguished by his black curly hair. The other was Stasys Bugnavicius. The spokesman was Norkunas, the flag manufacturer of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Surveying

the delegates with his sharp hazel eyes, he made a stern plea for the formation of the youth of the Lithuanian family of America, explaining, "I always in my heart had a feeling that our youth should be organized throughout the country."

He won the approval of such great leaders as the Rev. A. Kaupas, the Rev. F. B. Serafinas, and from seminarians and students, P. Virmauskas, P. Juskaitis, J. Vaiciunas, Francis Juras, who later became pastors and some of them monsignors.

Norkunas, "father of the Knights of Lithuania," soon began a campaign for the formation of the youth organization by publishing appeals in the Lithuanian language press in various cities of the nation.

A portion of his appeal follows:

"With the approval of the leaders of other groups of our nationality, I present my appeal publicly, hoping, that the youth will soon be forming into a federation."

His voice was heard in every corner of the Lithuanian community in this country. It traveled from Boston to New York, and thence to Chicago, and to other cities wherever Lithuanians lived. Soon youth groups were forming in the parishes.

Third scene, the constituting convention:

At a single long table in the parish hall of Lawrence, Mass., April 27, 1913, sat ten persons. They assembled in the hall after Mass, offered by the Rev. A. Jusaitis. They met for one purpose - the formation of a united youth organization.

At the table was Mykolas Norkunas, who smiled as he realized that his ideal of a youth organization was about to take form. He probably recalled his days of youth when he helped Lithuanian "book bootleggers" transport Lithuanian books secretly from Tilsit, Germany, to Lithuania, where the printed Lithuanian word was forbidden by a ukase of the Czar until 1905. Norkunas was born Dec. 1, 1869, in the county of Trakai, Lithuania. All his life freedom was dear to him, for he suffered imprisonment for his work in spreading Lithuanian books in his native country. He came to Boston in 1892 and worked at first as a farmer and later, with the Rev. Zdanavicius, he began publishing "The Boston Lithuanian Newspaper."

At the table at which the Knights

of Lithuania was born were present men and women imbued with the ideals of their native country and with the hope of its resurrection through the Lithuanian youth of America.

Seated near Norkunas was the Rev. J. Aleknavicius of South Boston. The others were the Rev. Father Jusaitis, Lawrence; Stasys Bugnavicius, Lewistown, Maine; A. Simoniute, Lawrence, Mass.; K. Urbonas, South Boston; S. Maciulskis, Lawrence; A. Jankauskas, Lowell, Mass.; V. Paulikaitis, Lawrence, and A. Maciulskaitis, Lawrence.

After informal greetings, the delegates began their deliberations by first discussing and approving the youth organization's constitution and by-laws, a project proposed by Norkunas, Bugnavicius and Father Jusaitis. They also agreed to give the new youth organization the name of "The Lithuanian Falcons" and then decided to refer the title for approval to the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America, the congress of all Lithuanian Catholic groups in the United States.

Before the meeting concluded at the historical table, the following first officers of America's new Lithuanian youth organization were elected: the Rev. Father Jusaitis, spiritual director; Norkunas, president; A. Jankauskas, vice president; S. Bugnavicius, secretary; K. Urbonas, treasurer, and S. Maciulskis and A. Simoniute, financial secretaries.

The founding of the new Lithuanian organization made a formidable



Rev. A. Kaupas



Delegates to the First National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania

impression upon the Lithuanians everywhere in the United States, winning approval in the coal mining regions, the great cities of New York, Cleveland, Chicago and Boston, and in every hamlet and town. In the first years of its existence twelve councils, with a total of 700 members, were organized.

The official designation for the Lithuanian youth organization as "The Knights of Lithuania" was given at the Roman Catholic Federation meeting held in the summer of 1913. The name, which proved to be very popular from its inception, was proposed by a noted priest, the Rev. Father A. Kaupas, who pointed out that the Knight was an historic symbol of Lithuania and thus suitable for a youth organization dedicated to ideals of furthering the principles of justice, valor and faith as enunciated by the knighthood of Lithuania. The Lithuanian Knight became the ideal of the Lithuanian youth in America.

At the same meeting, the following resolution was proclaimed:

"We, Lithuanian men and women, living in various parts of the world, recognizing the importance of various

organizations, declare to form a united youth organization under the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Youth Federation, entitled Knights of Lithuania."

### VYČIŲ HIMNAS

Nužengk, Galybe, iš Dangaus,  
Sustiprink jauną Vyčių dvasią.  
Mes už teisybę stosim drąsiai  
Tėvynę ginti kuonarsiaus.

O plieno kardas priešą draus,  
O plieno kardas priešą draus.  
Štai plevėsuoja vėliava,  
Ką kalba jos žymė?

Ei, Vyčiai, gyvenam Tautai ir  
Bažnyčiai:  
Mums viską davė Lietuvą.  
Vaduosim galva ją sava.  
Ei, Vyčiai, gyvenam Tautai ir  
Bažnyčiai!

The theme of the Knights of Lithuania became: For God and Country, or All for Lithuania, and Lithuania for Christ."

These three episodes in the formation of the Knights of Lithuania represent the outstanding facets of the Lithuanians who came to the United States. We see in them persons of simplicity, duty and determination. They were dedicated to their native country and became fond lovers of their new nation, the United States, for from the ranks of the Knights of Lithuania have come servicemen who made the supreme sacrifice for their country of adoption, church and civic leaders, laborers and industrialists, professionals and noted persons in the field of sports. The Knights of Lithuania in its fifty years has added immeasurably to the progress of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic church in the United States and has kept alive the ideals of the Lithuanian Knight among thousands upon thousands of young Americans of Lithuanian ancestry. They also shouldered their responsibility - and remarkably well - in restoring freedom to their native land after World War I.

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Rev. J. Walter Stanievich

They that are Christ's, writes St. Paul, have crucified their flesh, with the vices and concupiscences thereof. "Know you not," he exclaims, "that all we who are baptized in Christ Jesus, are baptized in His death." According to many commentators the meaning of this text is that we live in proportion as we are associated with the life of Christ. It is in His death that Jesus Christ makes us participate in His life; we live in Him only as far as we die in Him. This takes place on Calvary, and also in a manner at Mass. On Calvary (and in the Mass) Jesus Christ associates us, in a mystical, yet very real way with His death and His life. By associating us with His death, He neutralizes the active principle which sin had implanted in us. By associating us with His life, He destroys all the germs of death and confers upon us the privilege of endless life; life of the soul and life of the body, life of grace and life of glory.

Now that the rigors of the Lenten season are, once again, a thing of the past, we should not forget the real reason for these mortifications. Rather, we should make the most of the significance of Easter. Though it is but natural to show our joy, adorning the body with fancy clothes and the soul with light-hearted gaiety, let us not forget that the real reason for the new raiment is that we know now that Christ has conquered death, that our bodies are precious for eternal life. The spirit is gay in us because we now understand we cannot entirely die; there is eternal life dwelling within us.

In commemorating the day on which Christ gave us this wonderful assurance of everlasting existence, this knowledge that we may hope to participate in divine life, is it not only fitting to think of what a change came over man with the resurrection of Christ?

The risen Christ changed our sight. Belief in eternal life projects our vision beyond the horizons of earthly hills, brings into bold relief the mansions of our heavenly kingdom. Our eyes are able now to see all the passing things of earthly life under the aspect of eternity. Who can be disturbed by the trifles of every-

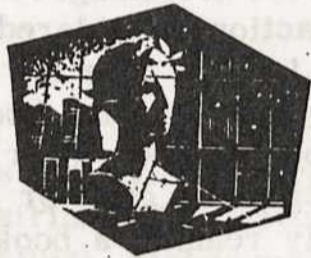
day existence when he rests on the bosom of Christ and hears Him telling us: "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and suffers the loss of his own soul?" How many, who do not see with our eyes of faith, spend their entire lives in the pursuit of earthly pleasures, wealth and glory. And, when the winter of their lives comes into focus, only then they begin to realize that they were storing up for themselves worthless treasures.

When Christ arose from the dead He changed our life. Now that we know that we are to be with our heavenly Father, we naturally desire to know how best to assure ourselves of the fulfilling of this destiny. This is why Christ said: "That you maybe the children of your Father. . . Be ye perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." Thus we have found out what our life really means. It is to give us the opportunity of laboring without weariness to attain the ideal, that the likeness of God may become more visible in us.

There is an old story that is told about the Cape of Good Hope. According to the ancient natives, this cape was originally known as the Cape of Tempests. They felt that no one could go around the cape without meeting disaster; but when the discoverer of the East Indies sailed around it, others followed him hopefully, and what was once the Cape of Tempests became the Cape of Good Hope. The sea of life once had its Cape of Tempests - its Cape of Despair - death. But now, our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, triumphantly conquered that turbulent passage and we now can follow Him, our life's full course, with good hope; we know now that beyond the dark gateway of death there is the brightness of eternal life.

As your spiritual advisor, may I suggest that all K of L members frequently go back to the fundamentals of their Holy Faith. Never be complacent with this God-given gift of faith. Although life will play tricks with you, cling to the Risen Christ as a child clings to his parent. Please accept my prayerful best wishes to all members and their families at this joyous Easter season.

# OUR CREATIVE THINKING



# THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN PERSONALITY

## PART II

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ziuraitis, O.P.

Having characterized the most common understanding of human personality, now we will take into consideration our problem under the aspect of

II. The most common misunderstanding of human personality. Let us take a few typical examples.

1) We cannot logically call a person a personality because he possesses the pleasant, attractive external behavior of a person. For instance Bishop Fulton J. Sheen says: "Girls do their hair a thousand different ways to express various personalities" (See his book: "Life is Worth Living," New York, 1953, p. 109).

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen has a very profound understanding of human personality, but his terminology, concerning our problem, is often very vague.

Analyzing the quotation, taken from Bishop F. J. Sheen, we must say, that doing up the girl's hair is not the expression of a girl's personality. Perhaps girls are attractive persons, and by arranging their hair a thousand different ways they express various aesthetical feelings in their own way. But an aesthetical behavior could be an external sign of a personality, not the personality itself. We know that a sign is anything that gives knowledge of something other than itself. For instance: smoke is a sign of fire, but smoke is not fire. Consequently, if such a sign as doing up the girl's hair would express her personality, we must admit that the best beauty salon should be the best place to prove one's purpose of human personality.

There are beauties, famous movie stars, but none of them is a personality; there are personalities, but none of them is a beauty or a movie star. An external and attractive behavior does not characterize the

integral perfection of a mature person or a personality.

Since we know the right distinction between the terms "person" and "personality," between "personity" and "personality," we will easier understand the following misunderstanding.

2) Jacques Maritain, the world famous philosopher, says:

"The notion of moral or collective personality - in which 'personality' has a proper analogical value - apply to the people as a whole in a genuine manner" (Jacques Maritain: "Man and the State," Chicago, 1951, p. 16).

We agree with Jacques Maritain that in a merely analogical sense and by virtue of a juridical fiction and responsibility it is correct to say "a moral person" as an organized whole of persons and maybe of personalities. For instance: The Knights of Lithuania, religious congregations, some political institutions and so on. They are, of course, individual persons and belong by their free choice to an organization, which has not only a collective but also a moral character. In other words: such an organization is an ensemble of persons, who enjoy their free will and responsibility for the individual and common good. Those and the other qualities of a person are indispensable for an organized group as a whole to be called "a moral person!"

The term "collective," however does not necessarily imply the free will, the free choice and responsibility and the other properties of morality. For instance: there are concentration camps, collective farms, many institutions for the enslaved people. Those collective groups of persons cannot be called logically "a moral person" as a whole. Individually and collective-

ly enslaved persons, of course, cannot create a group in the sense of "a moral person."

Therefore, there is "a moral person" in a merely analogical sense and by virtue of a juridical fiction and responsibility; but there is not such a thing as "a collective person."

Strictly speaking and in a genuine sense there are individual persons. We know that every man is a person, but not every person is already a personality, namely:

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

The notion of personality is deeper and wider than the notion of person. If in the strict and in the genuine sense there are individual persons, then much more the fact of a being individual and of an individuality is necessary for the perfection of a personality. A human personality, as we know, is an integral and increasing perfection of a man achieved by his own efforts in the entire cooperation with the Creator.

Such a cooperation with the Creator - God must be highly individual and at the same time social and religious. Why? Because in the human individuality lies the root of a social life as well as a religious way of life and its perfection. Therefore, especially a human personality cannot be collective either in a genuine or merely analogical sense.

We can speak about a moral personality in the sense of the integral perfection of: a mature person as an individual, but not as a juridical whole. A group as a juridical whole is always a special ensemble of persons and maybe it is an ensemble of personalities, but such a juridical whole cannot be called "a moral personality" because of a personality's perfection, which is highly individual. A common, collective personality does not exist at all.

3) We have characterized two typical examples, taken from Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and Jacques Maritain, showing the most common misunderstanding of human personality. The third kind of typical misunderstanding of our problem may be called a traditional one.

Dr. Johannes Messner is the best author of modern philosophy who has contributed very much towards the right understanding of the problem of human personality. (See his book: "Kulturethik", Innsbruck - Wien - Munchen, 1954, pp. 92, 212-282, 290-297, 342-622). He is perfectly correct, when he says that a human personality is a perfection of a person in the sense of a self-fulfillment or self-creation.

But here and there Dr. Messner becomes inconsequent, following the traditional explanation of human personality, which still insists upon justifying so-called psychological, ethical or moral and metaphysical human personalities.

In short we shall say only that metaphysical personalities are some pure spirits, namely: God and the angels. A man is neither God nor an angel. Therefore

a human metaphysical personality does not exist at all. A psychological human personality would be possible, if a man would be a real man without body and his integral perfection would be possible by cultivating his soul only. We know that such a man and his perfection are impossible. Consequently a psychological personality is impossible.

An ethical or a moral personality could be easier misunderstood, because it seems that the term "an ethical or a moral personality" is perfectly correct.

Each human act (not an act of man) is a voluntary or moral act, because it proceeds from knowledge and free will. There are morally good, bad and indifferent human acts. The human action which proceeds in agreement with the norm of morality is good; that which disagrees with the norm is bad; and finally the action that neither agrees nor disagrees with norm of morality, that is the action considered abstractly and universally is always indifferent.

Take for instance: the idea to read books. Such a speculation is neither good nor bad - it is indifferent. However, one can read either a good or a bad book. When somebody is actually reading a book, then this concrete action - his actual reading - cannot be indifferent: it is either good or bad.

Even morally good acts are not always sufficient for a personality. We know that a criminal can perform (in the natural order of goodness) morally good acts once in a while. An innocent child can also perform morally good acts. Are they already personalities? No! Why? Because morally good actions, done occasionally are not morally virtuous acts, strictly necessary for a human personality.

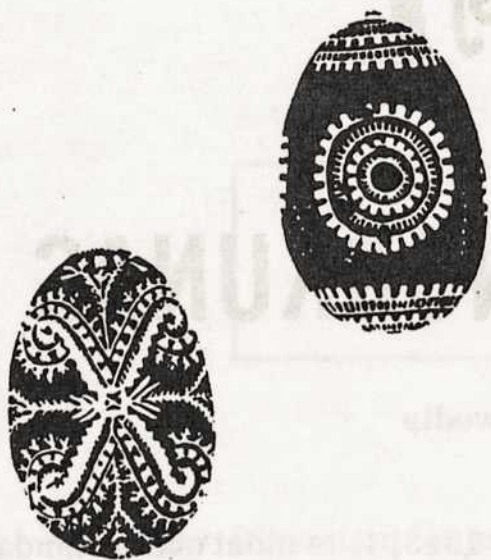
Now, an innocent child's morally good acts are not yet steadfast, because he is neither physically nor morally mature. A child's morally good acts are under the guidance of adults to lead a child towards personality, if his adults are interested and able to do so. Will a child become a personality? Possibly?!

Childlike simplicity is an ideal of a human personality, but this is not so of the child's immaturity and infancy.

A human personality is an integral maturity, a complete virtuous reality of intellectual and moral goodness as far as possible for a mature person. Of course, no human personality is a finally finished perfection, but every personality is always striving toward the greater perfection. There are educated and non-educated personalities, but they are all personalities of different degrees. Intellectual greatness belongs to the ideal of personality, but human personality is not the intellectual greatness as such. There are many brilliant intellectuals who are at the same time notorious criminals.

The term "an ethical or a moral personality" can be correct, if it is used in the above explained sense and as it is expressed in our definition of personality. We do not say, however, that our extremely condensed explanation is the most perfect one. But we do say that it is distinct enough in order to avoid the essential confusion of our problem. The problem of human personality is the greatest problem in history, especially today - in the atomic age.





# VELYKOS

## ŽEMAITIJOJE

Emilija Pakalniškienė

Gavėnios metu penktadienių vakarais žmonės pas vieną kurį kaimo ūkininką susirinkę giedodavo kalnus (kryžiaus kelius). Rinkdavosi į juos jauni ir seni. Giedodami stengdavosi kiek galima garsiau šaukti, kad net giedančiųjų veidai paraudonuodavo. Jeigu kartais nuo didelio balso užgesdavo troboje lempa, pasigirti būdavo galima, kad geri giedoriai buvo. Baigus giedoti, susirinkusieji būdavo pavaišinami neluptom bulvėm, silkėm ir kava su pyragu. Namu eidami susitardavo, pas kurį ūkininką sekantį penktadienio vakarą susirinkti.

Didįjį Šeštadienį šventindavo bažnyčioje ugnį ir vandenį. Jau anksti rytmetį vykdavo žmonės į bažnyčią, važiuoti ir pėsti, su savim nešdamiesi išdžiovintas medžio kempines ar storos virvės galus švėstai ugnelei ir kibirus švestam vandeniui parsinešti. Nenuėjusieji į bažnyčią švėstos ugnelės ateidavo prašyti pas kaimyną. Pasiimdavo rusenančią anglių ir nešdavosi į savo namus.

Naktį iš šeštadienio į sekmadienį bažnyčioje giedodavo kalnus, dūdų orkestrui pritariant. Saulei tekant būdavo Prisikėlimo iškilmės. Apie bažnyčią eidavo procesija. Procesijos centras būdavo keturių vyrų nešamas baldakimas ir po juo kunigas su Švenčiausiu Sakramentu. Baldakimą lydėdavo degančios žvakės, bažnytinių vėliavų miškas, įvairūs alto rėliai. Priekyje baldakimo eidavo mažos mergaitės, berdamos ant tako žiedelius, tuo pareikšdamos pagarbą prisikėlusiam Kristui. Choras giedodavo "aleliuja", dūdų orkestras pakartodavo jo aidą, o būgnų dundėjimas bei varpų skambėjimas sulieda-

vo viską į vieną gaudesį, girdimą net už keliolikos kilometrų (1 kilometras apie 5/8 mylios).

Varpams ir būgnams pranešus apie prisikėlusį Kristų, likusieji namuose eidavo krapyti su švėstu vandeniu savo sodybos. Krapydavo visus kampelius, gyvulius ir laukus. Iš krapytojo lūpų sklisdavo giesmės žodžiai: "Per Tavo šventą Prisikėlimą. . ."

Gavėnioje pasninkas būdavo stiprus - nė nepalyginsime su čionykščiu. Bet jau Didžiojo Šeštadienio popietę atgavėdavo: mėsos didžiausias bliūdas atsirasdavo ant stalo. Kai kurie ir susirgdavo per daug užvalgę.

Velykom dažydavo margučius. Su jais per Velykas kuldavosi. Kieno būdavo stipresnis, tas laimėdavo savo draugo sudužusįjį margutį. Taip

pat lentą ar kokią skardą padėdavo nuožulniai ir nuo jos leisdavo margučiams riedėti. Jeigu riedėdamas užkliūdavo kitą, tai užkliudytasis atitekdavo riedinčio margučio savininkui.

Pasitaikydavo ir apgavikų, kurie eidavo kultis su netikrais margučiais - mediniais ar sakų prileistais.

Gražus tai būdavo laikas. Pavasario saulė tirpydavo sniegą, darydama iš jo upelius kieme, laukuose ir pievose. Nuo stogų žėžėdavo vanduo. Visais pašaliais katėdavo vištos. Išsiskleisdavo pirmieji karklų pumpurai, ir jais būdavo papuošiamas Velykų stalas. Mažais žiedeliais pražysdavo sniegienos ir be garso sakydavo "Ir mes norime būti gražios Kristaus prisikėlimo šventei."

Taip būdavo per Velykas Žemaitijoje, ir panašiai būdavo visoje mūsų šventojoje tėvynėje Lietuvoje.



Sodyba - Žemaitijoje



## Father of the K of L

# MYKOLAS A. NORKUNAS

by Janet E. Swedis

In this Golden Jubilee year, members of the Knights of Lithuania pause during April, Founders' Month, to consider why their organization was established and to remember in a special way the man who founded this union of Catholic-Lithuanian youth in America. The Knights of Lithuania constitution states that the purpose of their K of L is to foster "adherence to Catholic philosophy and precepts, furthering among its members a deeper understanding and more zealous practice of the Catholic Faith" and "the encouragement among youth of an attachment to the land of their fathers - Lithuania - and an affection for the Lithuanian language and customs." Mykolas Norkunas was the one who saw the need for a society to provide an opportunity for the youth to fulfill these aims.

Throughout her history Lithuania has ever fought to maintain loyalty to her own culture. In the Middle Ages her Knights carried on the battle

against the other peoples of Europe who strove to make her abandon Lithuanian ways. In America the struggle was not against force but against that absorption of each culture into the American "melting pot." When Mykolas A. Norkunas came to the United States in 1892 and settled in Brockton, Mass., he recognized, by means of his connections with Lithuanians and various societies throughout the nation, the great need for an organization to unite the Lithuanian youth with their precious heritage. His work, especially in the years 1910 to 1912, resulted in the presentation of plans for a society to bring young Catholic Lithuanians together "For God and Country."

Originally, the name of this new society was LIETUVOS SAKALAI; but at the Federation Congress in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1913 Fr. A. Kaudas suggested its present name, and LIETUVOS VYČIAI was promptly accepted. When the matter of a title was settled, Prof. A. Alexis of Waterbury, Conn., organist at St. Joseph's Church, composed the official hymn for the Knights.

St. Francis' Church Hall in Lawrence, Mass., was the site of the first, constitutional convention on April 24, 1913. This date on which the by-laws were prepared by Norkunas, Fr. Kaudas, and Stephen Bugnaitis of Worcester, Mass., is now remembered as "Organization Day." Later this same year the first national convention was held in Brockton, Mass.; Mykolas Norkunas was elected national President and served in that capacity through 1915.

The Lithuanian language, customs, and history received constant emphasis in all Norkunas' talks and writings. As the preservation of this heritage was uppermost in his mind

in 1913, it is most understandable that he should have felt very strongly concerning the need for continual stress of the ingredients of this heritage.

Details received great attention from this dynamic man. Adherence to the many specific details of Lithuanian traditions, as well as correct names, dates, and facts relating to K of L affairs, were of definite importance to him; and he worked continuously to eliminate errors of all kinds.

Norkunas loved the youth and he labored constantly in their behalf. His organization was for youth who would be brought together and drawn to the same goals. His loyalty to and faith in the ideals of the K of L and in the abilities of the youth who formed its membership were unshakeable. When he criticized, he did so as a father correcting his children, not as one who had abandoned his trust in people and ideals. He criticized and corrected because he was devoted to all the small items making up the whole organization which united the people in America with the customs of Lithuania.

His unflinching dedication to the Knights of Lithuania is displayed in the great variety of tasks he performed in her service. In the beginning days new councils had to be established throughout the country; new members had to be welcomed and encouraged; articles had to be written and speeches given to acquaint others with the purposes of the K of L. Conventions on the national scale entailed an almost overwhelming amount of effort, yet Norkunas was ever part of the work force and never failed to be present at one of these national sessions. Another project was the designing of an official K of L flag. This white banner with a

## A SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY FOR LITHUANIANS

### HELP BUILD A LITHUANIAN CHAPEL AT NATIONAL SHRINE



Many important objectives can be realized only at one point in time because the opportunity to achieve them occurs only once. If the occasion is not used, it never comes again.

Such a once-in-a lifetime opportunity is present now for American Lithuanians; namely, to perpetuate the Lithuanian name in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Washington, D.C., by establishing therein a memorial chapel of Lithuanian motif. The fact that the Shrine Administration has offered this privilege to Lithuanians among others is a singular distinction in itself.

The proposed Lithuanian memorial chapel would cost \$325,000.00 plus the expenses of conducting a campaign for funds. Thus the goal is a very impressive one and would require of American Lithuanians a concerted, cooperative effort involving sacrifice and generosity. The memorial chapel would become the permanent monument of Catholic Lithuanians in the United States.

If we, as Lithuanians, fail to contribute at least a notable sum towards this fund before the Fall of this year, this chapel facility will then be offered to another group; and all of us as Lithuanians may never again have such a distinctive opportunity.

We therefore sincerely encourage all Lithuanians to seize this unique opportunity. Many Lithuanian Catholic parishes have been able to realize for their own buildings sums equal to or even greater than the amount needed for this memorial chapel. We should be able to reach this goal, too, on a national scale, if each of us cooperates.

It is planned that this memorial chapel be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Siluva. Being honored so specially by us, Our Blessed Lady would surely intercede in a special way with God in our behalf. We ask you to join in praying to the Mother of God for the success of this project. And we request that you support this worthy undertaking by contributing to it as generously as you can in accordance with your means.

In the name of the Committee for Chapel of Our Lady of Siluva

Most Rev. Vincent Brizgys, D.D.  
Coadjutor Bishop  
Executive Chairman

Most Rev. Charles A. Salatka, D.D.  
Aux. Bishop of Grand Rapids  
Member, Honorary Committee

mounted knight placed on a red background was created by Norkunas himself.

With all this activity it would surely seem that Norkunas could not find time to squeeze in the smallest of hobbies. Yet, this energetic man spent many hours making traditional Lithuanian style canes full of knots and the well-loved Lithuanian symbols (His own cane became a symbol of himself to the Knights); many of these canes were given away as gifts. Another extra activity which brought him again to his beloved K of L was the making of the pins, the expense of

which he always bore himself, that he so delighted in presenting to members at the national conventions.

Even in his later years when he was bereft of his hearing, and age would have declared a time to slow down, Têvas Norkunas put many young people to shame with his dedication to the tasks of the K of L. A council or district to be revived, a convention to be prepared, a history to be written - and many more K of L necessities filled his days until his death on April 1, 1951. He died in the month of the founding of his beloved Knights of Lithuania and

is buried in Lawrence, Mass., the city of the constitutional convention which gave birth to his organization.

The passing of Mykolas Norkunas left the Knights of Lithuania without their most loyal and devoted champion. Henceforth, there would only be the memories of this sprightly, energetic man who strove to establish and maintain the means for the union of Catholic Lithuanian young people in America with the religious and cultural traditions of the land of their fathers. As Têvas Norkunas himself wrote: "Lithuanian we are born, Lithuanian we must remain."



# Prisikėlimas naujam gyvenimui

P. Garšva

Velykų rytą iš mūsų krūtinių galingai nuskambės giesmės aidai: "Kėlė Kristus, mirtis krito, aleliuja". Sis džiaugsmingas aleliuja paskelbs pasauliui naują Prisikėlimo rytą, kuris pirmą kartą išaušo Palestinos žemėje, kai Kristus savo dieviška galyste sulaužė mirties kietumą ir prisikėlė naujam gyvenimui.

Kristus, nugalėjęs mirtį, išpildė didžiausius žmonijos troškimus ir davė pagrindą vilčiai laimėti nesibaigiantį gyvenimą amžinybėje. Savo gyvenimu Kristus žmogui parodė naują gyvenimą, tiesesnius kelius ir aiškius tikslus, o prisikėlimu patvirtino savo mokslo pastovumą ir kilnesnio gyvenimo prasmę. Jo prisikėlimas iš mirusiųjų atėjo kaip nauja šviesa žemėn, kurią iki dabar jau apšviečia dieviškų spindulių žibėjimas.

Prieš Kristaus laikus žmonija gyveno tik geresnių laikų lūkesčiais, o po Jo prisikėlimo ji pajuto savyje naują gaivališką jėgą, kuri siekė šventųjų tobulybės, kuri davė drąsos mirti kankiniams už dorą ir tikėjimą. Pa-

goniškas pasaulis, kuris anksčiau augino tik piktžoles dabar nustebo pamatęs iš savo tarpo kylančias skaisčių mergelių, kankinių ir drąsių išpažinėjų žiedus. Štai, čia ir gimė naujas gyvenimas, naujas pasaulis, kuriame pasirodė Kristaus kančios ir mirties vertė ir prisikėlimo prasmė.

Nors žmonijos "akys buvo sukliudytos, kad jo nepažintų" (Lk. 24,16) ir Jo mokslo nuostatams nepaklustų, nors nemažas skaičius žmonių dar ir dabar tebeieško "gyvojo tarp mirusiųjų" (Lk. 24, 5), bet po Kristaus prisikėlimo tikintieji supranta, kad jis "turėjo kentėti ir taip įeiti į savo garbę" (Lk. 24, 26). Ugnis apvalo auksą nuo rūdžių, o kančia nuskaidrina žmogaus sielą, kad joje atsispindėtų krikščioniško gyvenimo skaidrumas ir sužydėtų dorybių žiedai. Krikščionis, kaip ir visa krikščionybė, daugiausia laimėjo kentėdamas ir su meile bei aukos dvasia nešdamas savo gyvenimo kryžių. O "jei mes numirėme su Kristumi, tai mes tikime, kad taip pat drauge su Kris-

tumi būsime gyvi" (Rm. 6,8). Pasitikėjimas Kristaus prisikėlimu duoda vilčių ir mums susilaukti pergalės ir laimėjimo džiaugsmų.

Tačiau ir po tiek daug metų dar vis yra žmonių, kurie nepajėgia išgyventi, kad vienintelė viltis tegali būti mirtį nugalėjusiame Kristuje. Mes ir dabar dažnai savo nedalioje imame ieškoti Kristaus ten, kur Jo nėra. "Jo čia nėra, nes jis prisikėlė" (Mt. 28, 6). Neturime Jo ieškoti nei savo silpnybėse, nei žmogiškame gudrumė, nei juo labiau ateistiniu akmeniu užverstame kape. Kristaus prisikėlimas mums parodo, kad Jo galime ir turime ieškoti tik su meile eidami Jo kryžiaus keliais, sekdami Jo pėdomis ir gyvendami Jo mokslo dėsniais. Jei mes ieškome Jo, eidami priešingu keliu, Jo veltui ieškosime ir Jo niekada nerasime.

Velykų šventė mus įpareigoja vesti kartu su Kristumi kovą prieš blogį - prieš šėtoną, prieš mirtį, prieš žmogiškąsias silpnybes, prieš neapykantą. Sioje kovoje mes turime Kristų prisistatyti prieš akis, kad Jo prisikėlimas mums duotų jėgų nugalėti tai, kas mus traukia tolyn nuo Jo, tolyn nuo mūsų tikslo. Kartu turime atsiminti, kad Kristaus pergalė yra visos žmonijos pergalė ir jos prisikėlimas naujam gyvenimui ir naujoms viltims. Su žmogaus dvasios atnaujinimu ir jo prisikėlimu iš nuodėmės Kristaus dvasioje prisikelsime mes, prisikels ir visa žmonija amžinam gyvenimui. O amžinas, nesibaigiantis gyvenimas ir yra didysis mūsų prisikėlimas ir mūsų vilčių įprasminimas.

## PAREMKIME DAINAVOS JAUNIMO STOVYKLĄ

Prieš 7 metus Amer. Liet. R. Katalikų Federacijos iniciatyva prie Manchester, Mich., netoli Detroito, buvo įsigyta jaunimo stovykla ir jai duotas Dainavos vardas. Tai 226 akrų žemės plotas su 10 akrų ežerėliu, apsuptu gražiais kalneliais. Ten buvo pastatyti 3 pastatai, kuriuose jau 6 vasaras stovyklavo lietuvių jaunimas. Kiek daug gražių prisiminimų, kiek džiaugsmo valandų yra suteikusi jaunimui Dainava, gali patvirtinti kiekvienas, kuriam teko apsilankyti vasaros metu į šią stovyklą. Jau keletą vasarų L. Vyčiai Dainavoje turėjo suorganizuotą stovyklą savo jaunučiams. Jos praėjo su dideliu pasisekimu.

Stovyklą administruoja Nekalto Prasadėjimo Seseleš iš Putnam, Conn. Savo programa ir higieniška

įrengtomis patalpomis ši stovykla Michigan valstijos įstaigų yra laikoma viena iš geriausių ir ją yra įtraukę į stovyklų sąrašą kaip "Lithuanian Youth Camp".

Kad būtų pilnai užbaigtas stovyklos įkūrimas, dar reikia būtina pastatyti vieną pastatą - administracijos namą su koplyčia. Šį pavasarį jau prasidės statyba. Tam reikalinga lėšų. Tuo tikslu yra daromas vėjus. Yra išsiuntinėta laiška su knygutėmis, į kuriuos kviečiame kuo skaitlingiausiai atsakyti. Savo kuklia auka Jūs padarysite lietuvių jaunimui didelę dovaną, o kartu turėsite galimybę dalyvauti laimėjimų paskirstyme, kuris įvyks gegužės 4 d. Detroito.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

# LITHUANIAN

## Cultural Committee Announcement

The Supreme Council Lithuanian Culture Committee wishes to remind all K of L members that we now have available both the Adults and Childrens Language Records. Each set consists of two records that can be played at either 33 or 45 RPM together with booklets giving the Lithuanian and English text of the recordings. The price for either set is \$3.00 postpaid. Councils should aid their Juniors to obtain and use these records.

We also have the reference book "Lithuania and Lithuanians - A Selected Bibliography" by Dr. Jonas Balys. A number of councils have purchased this book and donated it to their local public libraries. This good example should be followed by others.

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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Send your contribution TODAY to the Committee's Treasurer, Mr. Anthony J. Mazeika, 149-31 120th St., So. Ozone Park, New York.

Also, students wishing to apply should contact their council president, or Jack J. Stukas, 1264 White Street, Hillside, New Jersey, the Chairman of the committee.

We're counting on YOUR support. Please don't let us down.

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Mieli Vyčiai,

Dažnai aš prisimenu Vyčių organizaciją. Man atrodo, kad ji yra viena iš geriausių lietuviškų organizacijų, dėlto, kad ji susideda iš jaunuolių, kurie yra mūsų tautos žiedas, iš kurių gali išsivystyti Lietuvos didvyriai, lietuviybės gynėjai. Tikrai malonu mums matyti mūsų organizaciją taip gražiai gyvuojančią.

Žinoma, jiems daugiausia trūksta lėšų, kad galėtų paskirti ko daugiau stipendijų. Tas pagyventų organizacijos veiklą. Mes senesnieji stokime į darbą ir paremkime lėšų telkimą. Prisidėkime prie to gražaus tikslo visi - vienas mažiau, kitas daugiau. Kada darysime testamentą, nepamirškime to gražaus tikslo. O juk žinote, kur vienybė, ten ir galybė. Dėlto visi prisidėkime nors maža dalele. Mums ir su šiuo pasauliu bus lengviau skirtis, kada paliksime tinkamai aprūpintus mūsų brangiosios tėvynės reikalus.

Simonas F. Goodis  
 West Orange, N.J.



# GOLDEN JUBILEE PROJECTS

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

On Saturday, February 16th, Miss Bernice Kavadaras, President of the New England District, presented a half hour radio program of Lithuanian music on WNEB in Worcester in honor of Lithuanian Independence Day. Much time was devoted to a discussion of how the Lithuanian young folk here in America work for Lithuania's cause. In this discussion, Miss Kavadaras told how the Knights of Lithuania has and is working to help preserve Lithuanian culture. The Jubilee year of the K of L was discussed.

On Sunday, March 10th the New England District held a HOLY HOUR in honor of St. Casimir and to pray for a successful Jubilee Year and Jubilee Convention. This took place in Cambridge, Mass. only a few miles away from the site of the Jubilee Convention in August in Bos-

ton. A Leadership Workshop followed. A part of this workshop was devoted to a discussion on how the councils can actively participate in a proper observance of the Jubilee Year. As was suggested by the Jubilee Committee, those in attendance practiced and sang the Vyčių Himnas and Sventas Kazimierai Hymn.

The New England District, in honor of the Jubilee Year, will present a Lithuanian Cultural Concert consisting of ALL K of L talent on Sunday, May 19th at 6 p.m. in Worcester at the Lithuanian Club. All area councils are expected to contribute at least one act. The All K of L Choir of Council 116 has already promised to perform. Junior Councils will also contribute folk dances and songs. Mrs. Mary Jankowski is the director. More details later.

## LIETUVOS VYČIŲ ISTORIJS FONDŲ AUKOTOJŲ SĄRAŠAS

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Cleveland, Ohio

Jaunuolis

Vasario 10 d. įvyko L. Vyčių sendraugių susirinkimas p. Piktornų namuose. Susirinkimą sumaniai pravedė pirm. pagalb. J. Milas.

Skaitytas ir priimtas protokolas iš praeito susirinkimo.

Išklaudyta išd. Sadausko ir S.S. dėžutės globėjos p-lės Gribauskaitės pranešimai.

Priimtas į L. Vyčių Organizaciją: P. Zigmantas. Rekomendavo ją vy-tis A. Buknis.

Vytė Trainauskaitė pranešė, kad L. Vyčių 25 kp. pasižadėjo prisidėti prie įteikimo pintinės gėlių Chicagos L. Vyčių Chorui, dalyvaujančiam lietuvių meninėje programoje, minint Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventę Cleveland, Ohio, Vasario 17 d.

Išrinkta nauja valdyba. Pasiūlyta užgirti vienbalsiai buvusiąją valdybą. (Dvasios vadą paskirs kun. Angelaitis) Pirm. A. Mačiokas, pirm. pagalb. J. Milas, nut. rašt.

J. Kuzas, mok. rašt. A. Karklienė, išd. J. Sadauskas, išdo glob. P. Glugodienė ir J. Piktorna, . . . . . A. Buknis, prie S. S. dėž. A. Gribauskaitė.

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Apgailėtina, kad pasitraukė iš koresp. štabo P. Glugodienė ir M. Trainauskaitė. Reikėtų naujų korespondentų, nes "Senelis" jau sensta.

Kas užims jo vietą?

Sekantis susirinkimas įvyks kovo 17 d. vyčių Milų rezidencijoje.

Būtų malonu matyti susirinkime P. ir A. Tamulionius ir A. Neimaniene.

Gimtadienio proga pagerbti:

A. Mackevičienė, J. Milas ir K. Sadauskienė. Sugiedota jiems Ilgiausių Metų!

Ačiū vyčiams Piktornams už susirinkimo globojimą ir sūnui bei marčiui už padėjimą patarnauti. Dėkui už vaišes.



Juozas Sadauskas gėlyne, prie savo užaugintų jurginų, kuriems davė vardą Rose-Ann, tai jo dukros vardas. Juozas už auginimą jurginų yra gavęs daug pagyrimo laiškų ir kaspinių. Jo vardo ir gimtadienio proga sveikiname vyti Juozą, linkėdami sveikatos, ilgų metų - sėkmės auginti jurginus!

## LIETUVOS VYČIŲ PLOKŠTELĖS KRIKŠTYNOS

Š.m. kovo 23 dieną Dariaus-Girėno salėje Vyčių choras dar sykį susitiko pasidžiaugti savo pirmąja įdainuota plokštele. Buvo surengtos taip vadinamos plokštelės krikštynos, gavus pirmąją naujųjų plokštelių siuntą. Šios plokštelės išleidimui buvo sudaryta Lietuvos Vyčių choro plokštelės komisija, kurią sudarė pirm. Loretta Kassel, choro pirmininkė Ze-



Jonas Byanskas svikina Faustą Strolia, per Plokštelės Krikštynas.

na Savokaitytė, Helen Zimmer, Al. Raubiškis, R. Samoška, A.M.Kassel, Terry Strolia, H. Gudauskas, Al. Zarkarka, A. Plienaitis, Kęstutis Bagdonas, Ap. P. Bagdonas ir choro dirigentas Faustas Strolia.

J. Stuko pastangomis ir pagelba Continental Record Co. atliko patį plokštelės pagaminimo darbą. Plokštelės vardas yra simboliškas, paimtas iš P. Jurkaus eilėraščio "Težydi vėliai Lietuva."

Vakarieneje be pačių choristų dalyvavo ir daug Vyčių pareigūnų ir svečių. Pirmiausia Kun. dr. V. Rimšelis, Kun. A. Zakarauskas, vyčių dvasios vadai, Gen. Lietuvos konsulas dr. P. Daužvardis su žmona, J. Byanskas, choro nuolatinis akompaniatorius, Sophie Barkus Radijo vėlandos vedėjai Feliksas ir Aldona Daukai ir daugiau, kuriuos visus sunku ir paminėti.

Susėdus prie stalų ir besistiprinant vyčių paruoštais užkandžiais, pasigirdo naujosios plokštelės muzikos melodijos, kurios buvo sutiktos gausiais susirinkusiųjų plojimais. Pavalgius ir išklaudius plokštelės dainų, pasirodė komisijos pirminin-

kė Loretta Kassel su glėbiu plokštelių ir choro pirmininkė Zena Savokaitytė su sąrašu rankose. L. Kassel padėjo visiems kurie bet kokių darbu yra prisidėję prie tos plokštelės "užgimimo," svečiams už atsilankymą, F. Stroliai, kapo dirigentui, muz. J. Byanskui ir visiems choristams.

Tada sekė pats plokštelių įteikimas pradedant Gen. Konsulu dr. P. Daužvardžiu ir baigiant choristais. Tarp apdovanotųjų buvo Illinois-Indianos Vyčių apskrities pirm. Geštautas, Tarybos pirm. E. Laurin ir kt.

Dar pasidžiaugę savo darbo rezultatais ir pabendravę jaukioje krikštynų nuotaikoje visi ėmė nenoromis skirstytis į namus. Bet prieš tai dar choristasi rinkosi ant plokštelės savo draugų parašus, kad turėtų ne tik plokštelę prisiminimui, bet ir tų savo draugų, su kuriais kartu dainavo, parašus.

Taip buvo atšvęstos plokštelės krikštynos, o prieš akis nauji darbai, nauji uždaviniai, Lietuvos opera, jubiliejinis koncertas Bostone ir kiti.

P.B.

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Edited by Mrs. Theresa Strolia, 3722 W. Marquette Rd., Chicago 29, Ill.

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Pittsburgh, Pa., C-19

Mitzi

C-19 members have been having difficulties in getting a large crowd out for monthly meetings, since the group is a relatively small one (more like a large family these days). However this hasn't kept us from planning and holding regular events. We held a most successful Luau this past summer, our traditional Christmas party in December, and most recently a Valentine's Day celebration at the home of Vyto and Lori Yucius in Mt. Lebanon. Lori prepared the food, Mildred Chinik planned and brought the games, and those who came had a good time. It was nice to see Sam and Anne Allen, former members, and to enjoy the evening with them. It was also encouraging to have two of the younger set attend that evening. Joe Allen brought two "lovelies" with him: Theresa Yakstis and Claire Paulukonis are members of a song and dance group Father Walter is rehearsing with thoughts of May Festival participation.

The May Festival includes groups of many nationalities. There is a planned musical program in which all the nationalities participate over a period of three evenings. In a downstairs hall many booths, manned by the different groups, feature hand-crafts and foods of the different countries. In the past our members have often participated. This year Fr. Walter is on the planning committee with Antoinette Naujelis, Julia Aleshunas, Eleanor Allen and others helping in the booths. Sam and Ann Allen, Mildred Chinik, Eleanor Allen and a few others have willingly loaned their prized Lithuanian possessions for display at these times.

At a meeting held recently after the St. Valentine party an interesting little item was brought to our attention. It seems that one of our members had thought the party was on Sunday rather than Saturday evening. Julia Aleshunas arrived at Lori's Sunday evening only to be told that the party was over! Better luck next time, Julia.

The Lithuanian Independence Day celebration was held at the Lithuanian Hall on Feb. 17th with our own Vyto Yucius as MC and many of our members participating. The two young Yucius daughters, Dalia and Daina posed for publicity pictures in Lithuanian costume.

We attended Mass and received Holy Communion in a body on March 3rd at St. Casimir's Church. We then went to Johnny Garneau's Smorgasbord in Monroeville for luncheon and an annual meeting. In the absence of our President, Eleanor Allen, the meeting was presided over by Julia Aleshunas. The meeting was brief and no detailed plans were made for the coming year. However election of officers took place, and the results are the following: president, Mildred Chinik; vice president, Andy Rozger; 2nd vice president, Eleanor Allen; financial secretary, Julia Aleshunas; recording secretary, Anna Navickas; corresponding secretary, Lorraine Yucius; treasurer, William Kolicius; ritual, Stephen Onaitis; correspondent, Mildred Chinik; sick and cheer, Anne Keldusis; Lithuanian Affairs, Mildred Chinik and Eleanor Allen; cultural, Father Walter and John Senulis; and public relations, Vyto Yucius, Albin Onaitis, and William Kolicius.

During the luncheon, short talks were given by Fr. Clemence and Fr. Walter. Fr. Clemence, of Bridgeville, Pa., stressed that although we have a small group we should continue

to work actively together. "Mažas kelmas - didis vežimas!" Father Walter urged us to try to speak at least for short periods at our meetings in Lithuanian. He also suggested that members should resolve in the future to be more willing to accept offices in organizations - in the K of L and other parish organizations.

Eleanor Allen has gone to the "schoolroom" for a ten week period. She has been attending Duquesne University for some time working toward her degree and has now been assigned to practice teaching at Carrick High School. We wish her success and hope that she learns to like teaching. Our young boys and girls need inspirational young teachers like Eleanor.

We would like at this time to extend our sympathy to the Onaitis and Sikerica families. Albin and Stephen Onaitis' mother recently passed away, and Nellie Sikerica lost her father. Both Mrs. Onaitis and Mr. Kuntz had been ill for some time. We would also like to ask all members to remember in their prayers Eleanor Allen's father, who is seriously ill.

Dayton, O. C-96

MARI

The annual Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration program was presented to a capacity crowd with many of our members participating. Our Junior Council gave a sneak preview of their program to be given at the Junior Rally in Detroit this spring. Elaine Lucas presented an original essay. Frank Gudelis read letters sent to and received from our Statesmen in Washington. Elinor Sluzas led the choir in several Lithuanian songs. Ann Scott and Mary Lucas prepared the refreshments for the reception following the program. St. Casimir's Day was observed

on Sun., March 3rd, with members attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion in a body. Father Narbutas' sermon was appropriate and inspiring, as were the beautiful hymns sung by our Elinor. Following Mass, a delicious breakfast was prepared and served by Anne Sinkwitz, Elaine and Marilyn Lucas. Albert Druktenis, one of our new members, spoke on the life of St. Casimir. Incidentally, Albert has received awards for his talent in public speaking, and we are proud to have him as a K of L member. We had quite a large attendance at this commemoration, including several prospective members and a K of L guest from C-25 Cleveland, Charles Machutas. Nice to see you Charlie.

Hear Ye - - - Hear Ye - - - Big plans are in progress for a gala celebration of the 50th Jubilee Year. Details are still being worked out, but I can tell you that several spectacular events are being planned for this Golden Jubilee Year.

Through the efforts of Elaine Lucas and officers of the council, a meeting was called for all teenagers of our parish in order to acquaint them with our organization and its aims and ideals. A good number responded, and as a result several new members were added to our roster. We are most happy to welcome into our midst - Asta Dysas, Albert Druktenis, Joe Walusis, Tina Kavy and Fred Kondrotas Jr. Several others have also promised to join. Asta Dysas has consented to head our Cultural Committee for which we are most grateful.

Father Stan Raila, K of L member from New York, was guest priest for Mission Week at our parish. The council received him at a small reception after the Sunday evening service.

A speedy recovery is wished to our very hard working member Mike Petkus, who spent a few weeks in the hospital after an operation. We certainly miss you, Mike, and hope you can join us again in the very near future.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Michael Racie, who passed away on Feb. 24th. Mike was a long-standing Knight in our council. May his soul rest in peace.

Congratulations to our Spiritual Advisor, Father Titas Narbutas on

the publication of his newly authored book, "Marijos Sventovės Amerikoj".

Detroit, Mich. C-79

Plikas

Our February meeting was well attended by 61 members. It is good to see such eager and hearty members attend the meetings, and makes the officers and board members jobs seem more worthwhile. We still have a few empty seats around, so come on, 79'ers. Let's ALL come down to the meetings!

The hostesses for the meeting were Lillian and Delphine Stepan, ably assisted by Leonard Salas. The arrangement had a Valentine Day theme, with most of the goodies having heart shapes to them. It was a fine idea and a very nice social.

A lot of oohs and ahhs were heard when Gerry Chaps showed her new rings. It's not too often the young ladies feel like a bride twice in a lifetime.

Our social calendar will soon be formulated with the appointment of Lillian Stepan as chairlady with Pete Stanulis, Frank Petroski and Bernie Vitkus as her assistants.

Our pre-lenten dinner was held on February 10th and was well attended. The smiling faces of the crowds that left gave you the idea of a satisfied appetite. The work of Mrs. Blush and her committee of hard

working ladies and gentlemen will not go by unmentioned. A job which was well-done can be heard from many who attended. Also praises to the kitchen help who got the dishes clean, not to mention the hands also.

## ILL. - IND. DISTRICT

Chicago, Ill., C-112

GEM

We were very honored to have as our guest speaker at our monthly meeting in February, Lithuanian Consul General Peter Dauzvardis. Consul Dauzvardis gave an interesting and informative talk on the activities of the K of L, encompassing the past 50 years, and touching on the next 50. He said that of all our activities, the most important by far is the Lithuanian Affairs and urged the members to keep writing letters, for America will never recognize a non-free Lithuania. Greater membership was also urged by Consul Dauzvardis who said that the councils should try to get at least 50 new members in the coming year.

Belated best wishes to Eldora and Edwin Ubis who celebrated 3 years of wedded bliss on Feb. 20th. This anniversary was especially happy because baby daughter, Susan was there to share it with them.

Presiding over the medal presentation ceremonies on St. Casimir's



P. Bagdonas, Lith. Editor of VYTIS, receives Choir record from L. Kassel, as Z. Savokaitis, choir president looks on.

Day was District Ritual Chairman, Al Mockus, who pinned four of our members and our Spiritual Advisor. Proudly wearing their newly acquired Third Degree medals were the Very Rev. V. Zakarauskas, Ed Krivickas, Gerrie Mockus, Dolores Wainauskas, and Lorraine Wainauskas.

Let's take this opportunity to wish a "Happy Birthday" to the following council members celebrating birthdays in April: Dolores Yuknis, Adam Oskeliunas, Judge Alphonse Wells, Zena Savokaitis, Dolores Wainauskas, Andy Yuknis, Bernice Laurutan, Albert Cekanor, and Louis Rogers.

## N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

Kearny, N.J. C-90 Dimples

At our February meeting we held our yearly election. Newly elected officers are as follows: Mildred Grinewich, President, Ellie Nakrosis, First Vice President; Andrew Leonard, Second Vice President; John Nakrosis, Treasurer; Anne Klem, Recording Secretary; Marianne Gelcius, Financial Secretary; Alice Salkauskas and Dorothy Bezgela, Trustees. Best of luck and success to each of them in their respective positions. After the meeting, coffee and buns were served.

Best of luck to Alice Salkauskas who recently announced her engagement to Robert Piosica of Irvington. Best wishes to you both. A May 26th wedding is planned.

Congratulations to Architect John Nakrosis on the opening of his new office here in town, and to Charles F. Paulis, Jr. on his recent appointment as Superior Court Judge of Warren County. Judge Paulis was a resident of Kearny until his move to Washington, N.J. He is a member and avid supporter of C-90.

We were hosts to the March 10th - N.Y. - N.J. District Convention. A Communion-Breakfast took place after the 10:30 Mass in Our Lady of Sorrows Church in commemoration of St. Casimir. Our Jr. K of L girls volunteered to be waitresses. A meeting and buffet were held in the afternoon.

Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dancing, and just plain having fun are in store again this year for our May

5th Cocktail Party. Leo Kasper and his orchestra will supply the music. Mary Grinewich is chairlady of this gala event. An invitation is extended to one and all from far and near to attend.

Philadelphia, Pa., C-3 Sunshine

A few of C-3's members, who didn't get to use their ice skates at the Poconos, ventured to the Boulevard Ice-Skating Rink on Feb. 10th for our monthly social and had a great time cutting up the ice.

Lithuanian Independence Day was commemorated by Philadelphian-Lithuanians, with most of C-3's members present, on Feb. 17th at the Lithuanian Music Hall. After the speeches, two guest soloists, Carol Bowen and Lou Stukas, entertained everyone.

Most of our members were seen at St. Casimir's Pre-Lenten Dance on Feb. 23rd, working and having fun. There were various dance contests, and our own Agnes Timmins won as the best Polka dancer.

Feb. 24th C-3's Bowling League met at Erie Lanes, and the report is that Helen Shields is getting better and better. She might even be "Champ" of C-3 yet. Joe Simmons' new bowling ball really caught the girls' eyes. They used it more than he did. After working up their appetites, the bowlers usually make a day of it and stop for a snack somewhere. This time they were seen at St. Andrew's Blynj Baliuj.

Feb. 26th we all gathered together again at the Lithuanian Music Hall for St. George's Shrove Tuesday Banquet, which was the last of our gay times for the Lenten Season.

Congratulations to Hedy Sarcewicz on her recent promotion to Assistant Treasurer at Liberty Federal. . . If you want to know how to get new members of the council - just ask Charlie Petronis - he has a secret formula . . . Our social directors are really out-doing themselves at the monthly after-the-meeting socials. . . Lillian Sasnauskas and Irene Sarcewicz were present at City Hall on Feb. 11th, when Mayor Tate issued a Proclamation for Lithuanian Independence Day. It was a new experience for both girls and they enjoyed meeting the Mayor. . . Walter Svekla has done

it again. He blew the motor in his car near Allentown, Pa. in February, the second time within four years. . . We have missed Joe Yanalaitis (new) at our meetings and socials the past few months. Where are you hiding yourself? . . . Birthday greetings to Agnes Timmins and Irene Ozalis (April).

Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Carl Kazakauskas on the death of his father.

Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100

Smile & Sparkle

On Feb. 11th our monthly meeting was held at St. Casimir's Parish Meeting Rooms. Business matters were discussed. An Annual Communion Brunch was held at Pirez's Restaurant immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass on March 3. Some thought we should have a program over our local radio station, WCSS, in regards to the Golden Jubilee of the K of L.

While Father Baltch was giving us a detailed description of each Tableau depicting important events in Lithuanian history, (which the St. Casimir's School children put on at the A.L.C. Hall on Feb. 10 commemorating the 45th anniversary of Lithuanian Independence), Margaret Boccio and Gene Gobis brought out a lighted birthday cake for him. He was completely surprised by the council's action and all present wished him a happy birthday. Margaret Boccio presented Father with a gift. Others present were Sophie Olbie, Don and Mary Ann Nikstenas, Sadie Karbus, Eleanor Stakauskas, and Matthew Kazlauskas.

The annual stockholders dinner of Radio Station WCSS was held on Feb. 25th at Barney's Restaurant. Three K of L'ers attended, Attorney & Mrs. A. C. Stokna, and Gene Gobis. Tony was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer of the radio station. Edna received a royal treatment. Her dinner was served to her earlier since she was due at the Amsterdam Elks Club, of which she is president.

Newark, N.J. C-29 The Wanderer

C-29 held their annual Communion Breakfast in honor of St. Casimir on Sun., Mar. 3rd. This

was the first event in the Jubilee Year. While there was a fine turnout that morning, it could have been better. High Mass was offered at 10:30 in Holy Trinity Church by Rev. P. Totoraitis. Father delivered an excellent sermon that dealt for the most part with the work of the K of L during the last half century. The St. Cecilia Choir, under the direction of Mr. Clemert Bagdonas sang the Mass. Charles Douchess sang an Ave Maria. At the close of the Mass the K of L Hymn was sung.

Former national president, Joseph A. Sakevich was toastmaster at the Breakfast. Guest speaker, Monsignor Thomas M. Reardon offered the invocation. Others on the speakers list included council president, Joseph Balchiunas, vice president, Jack Remeika, Monsignor Kelmelis, and Rev. Totoraitis. Susan Mensler spoke on behalf of Junior Council 29.

Notes off the cuff: The oration given by the guest speaker was one that will long be remembered. He dwelt upon the history of St. James parish, our neighbor, and how the various nationalities started parishes. He said we should be proud of our heritage and teach our youngsters more about Lithuania and her history. The Msgr. also told of his trip to Poland a few years back. He visited there incognito and saw firsthand the conditions in that country. Despite the hardships the people kept to their faith.

Don't forget to enter the 28th on your events calendar. It is the date of the annual dinner dance. Dedication of the Wayside Cross will take place on Sun., June 16th. A Junior Rally will be held on April 28th.

Our former president, Charles Strolis, is still home recovering from a leg injury received last December. He sent his greetings to all at the St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast.

On March 3rd First Degrees were extended to the following: Eva Coll, Mary Stonis, Edward Schmidt, Algirdas Andziulis, Simonas Kontrimas; 2nd degrees to Robert Pocius, Marion Tatoris, and Regina Schmidt.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### DISTRICT NEWS

The Third Bowling Rolloffs of the District took place on Sun., Jan.



Special guests at Ill.-Ind. Dist. "Choir Christening" Party, l. to r. J. Byanskas, accomp., F. Daukus, A. Daukus, Mrs. J. Dauzvardis, E. Zapolis, and Mrs. Jonikas.

13th at Norwood, Mass. C-27 hosted the surprise supper of spaghetti and salad. Attendance was good and the bowlers were most enthusiastic after the rest over the holidays. That same day 20 council leaders and District officers attended the District Board meeting to formulate plans for 1963.

The Fourth District Bowling Rolloffs were held on Sun., Feb. 24th in Lawrence, Mass. The hosts, C-28, entertained following the bowling. Chop suey sandwiches served by the lassies of C-28 were the hit of the day. All were pleased to have the Juniors of C-28 participate in the Rolloffs. Do join us again. Juniors are always welcome.

All New England folks are reminded that the Spring District Convention is to be held in Westfield the last weekend of April. Plan now to come. A cordial invitation is extended to members in the neighboring Districts to join in for a weekend of K of L work and fun!

Worcester, Mass. C-26

Elections have taken place for the coming year: President - Joseph Drumstas; 1st Vice - Ellie Anusauskas; 2nd Vice - Ann Bender; Secretary - Aggie and Betty White; Treasurer - Ed Daniels; Financial Sec. - Helen Gillis; Auditors - Betty Ridick and Mary Zaleskas; Sergeant-

at-Arms - Tom Zemaitis and Margie Ranucci; and Lithuanian Affairs - Lillian Struckus.

Congratulations to all the new officers, and "Ačiū" to outgoing ones.

A bit of late news, but still important enough to mention is the fact that three of our members, Ann Bender, Mary Jankowski and Joseph Sakaitis have been giving their services to the K of L on council, District, and Supreme Council level, for 25 years. They were honored at a banquet, and pins were given to commemorate the occasion. Keep up the wonderful work!

The first half of the bowling season has come to a close finish, with Bill Grigas' team ending up in first place. Ted Pinkus' team gave them a fight, but like the true champions they are, they held on to the lead. The second half got under way the same way the first half left off - close all down the line.

Our annual Communion Breakfast in honor of Saint Casimir was held with Vaidevutis Mantautas, professor at Holy Cross College, as our guest speaker. First Degrees were also given out.

Congratulations to Carol Tagman and Bill Grigas who will take the big step in April, Beverly Ranucci and Buddy Ginkus who plan to wed in June, and also to Diane Skroki and Jim Godek who will take their turn in August.

So. Worcester, Mass. C-116

The feast of St. Casimir's was celebrated in a very fitting manner in our Council. First we attended Mass at which the K of L Choir sang. We then had a catered Communion Breakfast in the church hall. Rev. Joseph Vaskas of the Marian Fathers was guest speaker. Our newly organized Juniors participated in this affair. Marion Lukason and her committee did a very nice job of arranging the whole affair.

At our very successful Military Whist most of our council members won the prizes. We can now go to Julia Krasinaskas' house for ham and to Barbara Mazeika's home for the liquid refreshments. Between them they won about six prizes.

By the look of things, the battle for the top position for the second half bowling championship will not be decided until the last strings are rolled. Who is in first place? Every week a new team takes over. What happened to the five blondes and a guy? They won the first half, but are not doing so well now. Vic Mrozinski leads the men with a fine 108 average. Barbara Mazeika has taken over first place in the women's averages. There are a few weeks to go so anything can happen, and it probably will!

Jerry Burdulis has left for the Air Force. He will be stationed in Texas. We wish him good luck and much success. Jerry will be very much missed by the K of L and his many friends. He was the artist and printer of our Council's newspaper, the "Equestrian." Our council is in dire need of someone to fill his shoes. Come on all you budding artists. Now is the time to come to the aid of your fine bulletin.

Bernice Kavadaras is sporting a beautiful tan after a visit to Miami. She visited with Bernice Burdulis, and also ran into Professor Alexis from Waterbury at the Lith. Club there. . . John Burdulis was again seen at the Totem Pole . . . Frank Ciras showed movies of his trip to Yellowstone National Park after our monthly meeting. . . Alex Kardokas and John Andruski are still going strong on Lithuanian Affairs. . . Ann Miller has been spending many evenings at home these days listening to the Stereo she received for Christmas. . . Welcome to Vincent Lukason and John Cunic,

two new members of our Council. . . We hear John Dvareckas will take the steps down the aisle this coming September. . . Mary Klimkaitis is getting to be our Council's twist champ. She could be seen twisting away at the Wachusett Country Club . . . Tony Kunsaitis is our champion Ping Pong player. . . After our Communion Breakfast Ruth Ciras remarked to Ann Markvenas that the reason that after-dinner speakers are mostly men is because women could't wait that long. LINKSMU VELYKU VISIEMS.

So. Boston, Mass. C-17

Kovo Kiškis

March 4th has gone down into the annals of K of L history as a significant day for C-17. It was the first get-together of the junior and senior councils at the Annual Communion Breakfast. A goodly number of members attended. The speeches were short and the food to the liking of the guests. A big hand is in order for the juniors and committee members who gave their valuable time to help make this day a success. Stand and take a bow Alice Zarembo, John Olevitz, Butch Venis, Jerome Venis, and Billy and Buddy Zarembo.

Plans are underway to aid the Sisters of Jesus Crucified with a sports day. This is under the able direction of Rita Venis.

Our bowling league is still going strong, and there are some changes to report. The Jabbers, or is it Gabbers, under the direction of Johnny O are in the lead. They are followed by the Alley-Kazams. The dark-horse favorites of the spectators and other rivals are the Fickle (or is it Tickled) Five. In the last issue it was reported that the "Nothings" were in first place. This was in error since they are, as their name implies, in the cellar. Captain Ed Rudis is trying hard to get this team out of this position.

The Juniors have started their own bowling league at the same location. So far they have been bowling for averages so that they can form teams and start the league.

With head bowed low, this writer must resort to "atleiskite ir dovankite man." First, let the public know that John Roman of the Lithuanian Radio Program has returned to

the fold, a most welcome addition to the council. Next, in the last issue we reported 16 new members, but only 15 were listed. The "lost sheep" through no fault of her own is Elvira Averka, a graduate of Boston University, and of late of San Francisco. A certain lady's family wondered where their daughter got her new name. I can take credit for giving Donna Grigas the alias of Donna Grigor.

At the last meeting two additional members were welcomed. Victor Bernotas is the brother of our secretary, Paula Slinger. Curre Morris is a student at Bentley College whose ambition is to become a C.P.A. Need someone to take care of your income tax?

Tony and Joanne Shalna are co-chairmen of the Cultural Program. They are looking for some talent to represent C-17 at the NED cultural show that will be held in May. If you have any talent that you don't want to remain hidden, contact Tony or Joanne.

We have good news to report on the ski weekend. There were no injuries, only a few black and blue bruises. Sign up early for next year's trip. It is set for the same time as the Worcester Ski-Whacks, so it should be the best ever.

HELP us to publicize the Jubilee Convention through ADS AND BOOSTERS to help defray the Convention costs. Then, come "to the sea" and see the BEST CONVENTION EVER!

Don't know how to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. George Mattson, or should it be Lt. and Lt. Mattson? Any way, Frannie Daniels was married in St. Rose of Lima Church in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Brother, John, attended the festive occasion, and then he made his way west to California on company business. John also paid a visit to Winnie (Skudris) Reardon.

Waterbury, Conn. C-7

Lelija

Our council observed St. Casimir's Day traditionally by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion in a body. The breakfast, following the Mass, was held at St. Joseph's Hall. Our thanks to Chairman Anthony Jenkins and Mr. Alexis for a very fine program for the day. Mr. Joseph Boley was the main speaker at the breakfast and was his interest-



L. Kassel presents a record to Fr. Rimšelis, moderator of "Draugas"

ing and inspirational self. Listening to Mr. Boley made all of us conscious of our Lithuanian heritage. We went away determined to do more for the K of L than we have up to now. At the Holy Hour in the afternoon Fr. Karvelis of the Cheshire Reformatory in Conn. gave the sermon. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this day a success.

Mr. Alexis, who is just back from Florida, looked tanned and healthy and was in good voice at our St. Casimir's Day observance. Marcella Andrikis practically left a sick bed to come to church and sing with the choir that day. She had been ill for several weeks with pneumonia. Hope you will be rewarded by St. Casimir for your effort, Marcella.

One of our members of long-standing, Joseph Samoska, was chosen as "Man of the Year" by the American Democratic Club in Waterbury. Mr. Samoska is a very active member in church and civic affairs, and is again chairman of the Red Cross Blood Bank this year. He is a collector at St. Joseph's Church and takes an active interest in sports both at St. Joseph's and in the city. We wish Mr. Samoska the best in any future ventures he attempts.

Bowling is about three quarters through the season, and the teams are all very close. The last seven teams are only one or two games apart. Plans are being made by the committee for our banquet in May.

Wanda Laureckas has set her wedding date for May 25th. Her new name will Mrs. Pat Levasseur. Our best wishes for your happiness, Wanda.

Athol: Gardner, Mass. C-10

Vincukas

of Lithuania's liberation, when she will take her place among the free nations of the world.

Our council celebrated the feast of St. Casimir by holding a Communion-Breakfast. The breakfast at the Athol House followed the 8:30 Mass at St. Francis Church. Fr. John Jutt, pastor and council chaplain, celebrated the Mass. Fr. Klement Kasinskas, a Passionist missionary currently giving a mission at the parish, gave the sermon. His theme was "Love of Neighbor" and generosity to all.

Council pres., Al Rodski, spoke briefly at the breakfast, as did Father Jutt and Father Kasinskas. Approximately twenty-five members, including juniors, attended. Miss Nellie Melai-ka was general chairman.

Our council is preparing for the NED Youth Rally that will be held on Sunday, Apr. 21st in St. Francis Hall. All juniors in the district should avail themselves of this opportunity, since the rally promises to be the best in all respects.

The "Gardner News" carried an article on Lithuanian Independence Day. It told of the meaning of this day to all freedom loving Lithuanians who are anxiously awaiting the day

We are happy to welcome into our council two new members, Michael Waslaske of Athol and Richard Genaitis of Gardner, currently a student at Northeastern University, Boston.

Member of the Month: I have chosen as my subject this month the retired pastor of St. Francis Church, Fr. Pius Juraitis. Father was born in Lithuania in 1884 and was ordained in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1907. In the early part of World War I he fought with the Russian army and from 1916 to 1918 was staff chaplain in Moscow. He was later arrested by the Communist regime and after nine months was freed in a prisoner exchange. He returned to Lithuania in 1921 and studied at the Lithuanian University until 1926.

He came to the United States in 1927 and served at the Lithuanian parish in Elizabeth, N.J. and at St. Joseph's in Mahanoy City, Pa. Father was pastor of St. Francis in Athol from 1930 until 1960. At present Father Juraitis is retired and makes his home at the parish rectory. Father has been a true friend of the K of L and a devoted priest for 56 years.

## K of L CALENDAR

April 19	C-116, So. Worcester, Mass. Spring Dance, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.
April 21	NED Youth Rally C-10, Gardner, Mass., St. Francis Hall
April 27-28	NED SPRING CONVENTION, sponsored by C-30, Westfield, Mass.
April 27	Ill. - Ind. District, Founder's Day Celebration, K of L Building, Chicago, Illinois
April 28	C-29, Newark, N.J., Junior Rally
May 6	C-90, Kearney, N.J., Cocktail Party, LCCC Hall, 2 p.m., Kearney, N.J.
May 11	C-17, So. Boston, Mass., Spring Dance, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Auditorium, 366 W. Broadway, So. Boston, Mass.
May 19	NED Cultural Concert, 6 p.m., New Lithuanian Naturalization and Social Club, Worcester, Mass.
May 24-25	C-25, Cleveland, O., MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNEY, Statler - Hilton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.
June 16	C-29, Newark, N.J., Dedication of Wayside Cross
Aug 14-18	C-17, So. Boston, Mass., Jubilee Year National Convention, Hotel Bradford, Boston, Mass.

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