

To Mother

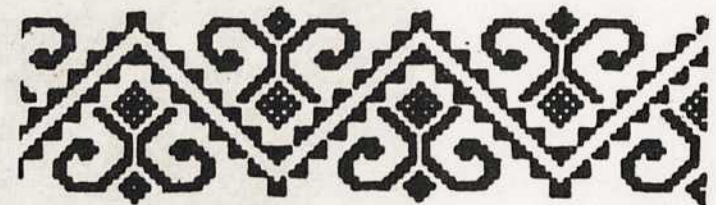
GOD BE GOOD TO YOU IN ALL YOUR
DAYS,
GOD BE KIND TO YOU IN ALL YOUR
WAYS,
GOD GIVE STRENGTH TO YOU WHEN
CROSSES LEAN,
GOD SEND LIGHT TO YOU THE CLOUDS
BETWEEN,
GOD GIVE PEACE TO YOU IN TIMES OF
STRIFE,
GOD BLESS EVERYTHING THAT FILLS
YOUR LIFE,
GOD SEND JOY TO YOU WHEN GRIEF IS
O'ER,
GOD MAKE WAY FOR YOU AT HEAVEN'S
DOOR.

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SONGS OF A FREE NATION

LEONARD SIMUTIS, M. Mus.

With the resurrection of Lithuania as a free nation in 1918, an impulse for artistic expression was engendered in the freed people and music assumed an important place in the development of Lithuanian culture. Before World War I, music was utilized in most instances to instill Lithuanian nationalism. Freedom brought the desire to not only develop music in general but also the performing and creative talents. For the first time, a Lithuanian composer could receive both encouragement and, in some cases, financial aid from his government for his studies and could have his compositions performed and published without too much difficulty. These favorable conditions not only stimulated the work of the already established Lithuanian composers but also greatly contributed towards the growth of new generations which were educated in their own Lithuanian music institutions.

National Renaissance

The years after 1918 witnessed the return to Lithuania of many Lithuanian composers who had left their homeland during the war: Stasys Šimkus returned from the United States and organized the Klaipeda

(Memel) Conservatory; Juozas Gruodis, Juozas Žilevičius, J. Tallat-Kelpša and others returned from Russia and established themselves in the musical life of Lithuania; J. Naujalis returned from Vilnius and instituted the Naujalis Music School in Kaunas which later was to become the Kaunas State Conservatory; Rev. T. Brazys, J. Štarka, A. Kačanauskas and other professional and student musicians returned to their native land to establish themselves in various musical fields. Despite material hardships, the creative talent of all Lithuanian composers received fresh inspiration in this period of national renaissance.

Most of the composers who had returned to Lithuania had come from Russia and had brought with them the influence of Russian musical trends. During the first few years of independence, these trends were revealed in their compositions, and it was only when the Lithuanian political differences with Russia and Poland began that the influence of Western European musical trends was felt.

J. Tallat-Kelpša, Juozas Žilevičius, Rev. T. Brazys, Julius Štarka, A. Vanagaitis, A. Kačanauskas and J. Naujalis were the most prominent composers of this early postwar period whose works, generally, were not affected by the Western influences.

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Zodžiai MAIRONIO

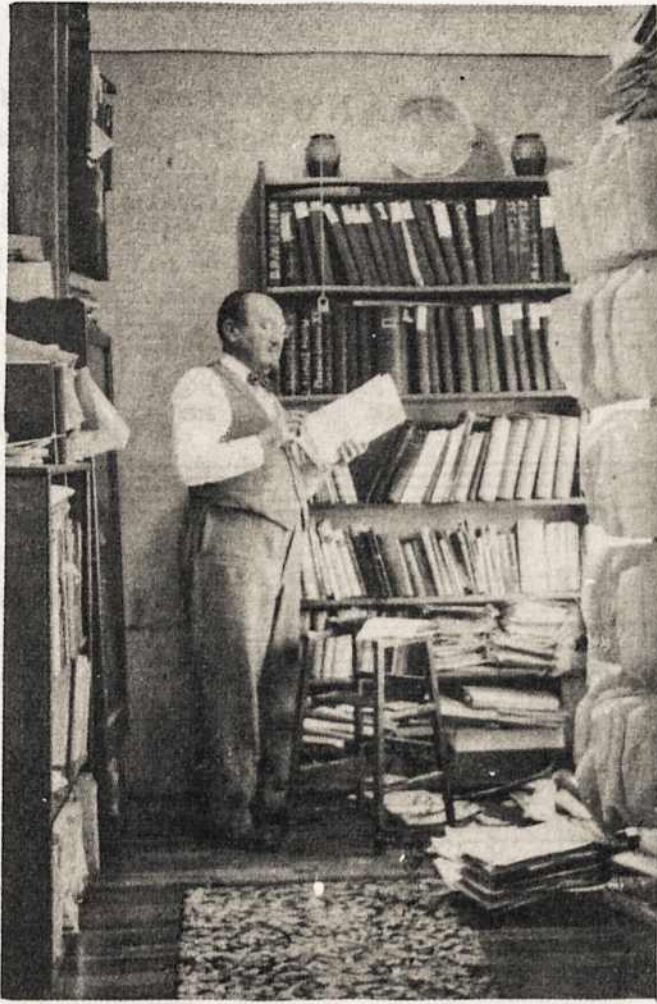
J. NAUJALIS

Lie - tu - va bran - gi, sa -
no tē - vy - ne, ša - lis kur mie - ga
ka - puos did - vy - ri ai. Gra - ši tu
sa - vo dan - gaus mė - ly - ne,
brangi, nes dau - gel vargų pri - ty - rei.

Several of these composers, J. Naujalis and Rev. T. Brazys were already quite active in musical circles prior to World War I.

Juozas Zilevičius, born 1891, studied at the Warsaw Institute and graduated from the St. Petersburg Conservatory in 1919. He returned to Lithuania in 1920 and played a major role in Lithuanian musical life. He was partially responsible for the organization of the Lithuanian Opera and in 1922 was placed in charge of the Department of Music at the Lithuanian Ministry of Education. He organized the first symphony concerts and also played a prominent part in organizing the great Lithuanian Song Festivals on a mass scale. The first music periodical in Independent Lithuania, "Muzikos Menas" (Music Art), was prepared by Juozas Žilevičius.

His compositions include a symphony in F minor. This symphony was the first symphony to be performed in Lithuania (1923). Among his other compositions are a string quartet, miscellaneous instrumental music, a cantata, vespers, religious music and numerous solo and choral works. The choral works are sonorous and very effective when performed. All of his compositions



Prof. J. Žilevičius, pictured browsing through a section of the Lithuanian Musical Archives. (Photo by J. Strolia)

are well written and several contain excellent polyphony of which he is a master.

Žilevičius is an outstanding authority of Lithuanian music and of its history. He is one of the few native Lithuanians to contribute toward developing the literature pertaining to Lithuanian music. At present, Žilevičius is in the United States devoting his time towards enriching this neglected phase of Lithuanian cultural life. Prior to coming to the United States, and when he had been the Director of the Klaipėda (Memel) Music School, he had collected over 300 items pertaining to Lithuanian folk instruments. He was a pioneer in this fertile field of music study among his people.

Rev. T. Brazys (1870-1930) was a highly trained musician and organist before he started studying for the priesthood at the age of 26. One of his first music teachers was Juozas Kalvaitis. As a clergyman, Brazys strove to instill the Lithuanian parish choirs with the love for true church music as prescribed by Pope Pius X in his *Motu Proprio*. He continued his studies in music at Ratisbone and upon his return to Lithua-

nia, he was assigned as an instructor of music at the seminary in Vilnius. His students, upon being ordained and assigned to a parish, brought his influence with them. The result was that the Lithuanian parish choirs gradually adopted the Liturgical music standards in their churches and abandoned the operatic style prevalent in European churches prior to World War I.

Brazys was a talented and a prolific composer of church music and a lover and collector of Lithuanian folksongs. He harmonized numerous folk melodies of which he had collected several thousand and made them better known amongst the Lithuanian people. His church music includes numerous Masses, vespers, and cantatas written predominantly in a polyphonic style. An individual style of composition is revealed in his majestic and prayerful church music.



Rev. T. Brazys

The first Lithuanian music text book is credited to Teodoras Brazys. He wrote many articles, studies, and books pertaining to Lithuanian music and general music topics. He strove to explain why a parallelism existed between Lithuanian melodies and modes with the ancient Greek melodies and modes. He claimed that Lithuanian folk music had its own distinct harmonizations just as Lithuanian folk music had its own distinctive melodies. Because of his work in this field of Lithuanian music, future Lithuanian composers were able to orient themselves quickly to and also find more characteristic harmonizations for Lithuanian folk-songs. In this respect, the harmonizations of Teodoras Brazys dif-

fer greatly from those of his contemporaries.

Julius Štarka, born in 1884, completed his early music training at the Naujalis Music School in Kaunas and graduated from the Warsaw Conservatory. In 1919, he organized an excellent chorus which was incorporated into the then newly organized Lithuanian State Opera. Štarka remained as the director of the Opera chorus until he was compelled to leave Lithuania during World War II. The Opera chorus became widely known for its highly artistic performances and Štarka became known as an outstanding choral director and authority.

His numerous duties did not allow the extensive development of his compositional talents. However, the compositions that he did compose were exceedingly well written and were utilized frequently by choral groups. The "Missa pro Defunctis" is his largest work and was published in Warsaw. His choral compositions appear in a series of "Dainų Šventės Repertuaras" (Song Festival Repertoire) published by the Lithuanian government in 1938. As a composer, he was not prolific and will probably be remembered more for his accomplishments as a choral director.

Antanas Vanagaitis (1890-1949) composed works that were intermixed with Lithuanian and Italian elements.



Antanas Vanagaitis

Many of his compositions have become very popular amongst the Lithuanians, notably the vocal solos "Dul-dul-dulele" and "Stasys" (Stanley), and, the choral composition "Ei pasauli, mes be Vilniaus nenurimsim" (Oh World, Without Vilnius We Shall Not Rest). Most of the works of Vanagaitis were written in a lighter vein and although his serious music is well written, only a small portion of it has reached acclaim.

J. Tallat - Kelpša (1888-1949) graduated from the St. Petersburg Conservatory in 1916. As reflected in his name, he was of distant Tatar ancestry. After graduating from the Conservatory, he continued his studies in composition at the Berlin Academy. When Juozas Naujalis established his new music school in 1919, Tallat-Kelpša became its director. In 1920, he was asked to become the conductor for the newly formed Kaunas State Opera and with inexperienced young talent, he staged excellent operatic performances. In the years that followed, the Lithuanian Opera gained the love and interest of the public and overshadowed all the other forms of musical art. In part, the State Opera was responsible for the slow development of the other branches of Lithuanian music.

In the compositions of Tallat-Kelpša, the influence of the Russian school can be found intermixed with Lithuanistic elements. His compositions are interesting, original and Lithuanian motifs are often utilized. The Samogitian motifs in the songs "Žaliojoj girelėj" (In the Green Woods) and "Koks ten lengvas poilsis" (How Soothingly Restful it is There) are extremely noteworthy. The songs for solo voice, "Mano sielų šiandien šventa" (There is a Holiday in My Soul Today), "Nemargi sakalėliai" (Colorful Birds), "Rūpinosi motinėle" (The Worries

of Mother), "Liepė tėvelis" (I was told by my Father) are unusually beautiful and are often programmed by Lithuanian singers. The compositions of Tallat-Kelpša include works for the piano, an opera, many choral and solo voice compositions, and, many miscellaneous works in manuscript. The numerous duties at the State Opera prohibited the continued creation of new compositions.

Aleksandras Kačanauskas was born in 1882 and graduated from the Riga Conservatory in Latvia. Between the years of 1916 and 1919, he studied at the St. Petersburg Conservatory. Later, he continued his training in Vienna and in Rome. Prior to World War I, he was active in Latvia as an organizer of Lithuanian choral groups. Kačanauskas is credited with being the first to begin the task of organizing the Lithuanian State Opera.

Numerous compositions of Kačanauskas were published in Lithuania. His works consist of compositions for vocal solo, chorus, piano, orchestra and an operetta "Jaunoji našlele" (The Young Orphan). "Mano gimtinė" (My Homeland) and "Mano rožė" (My Rose) are among his most widely known compositions.

(to be continued)

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Klumpakojis.

J Tallat-Kelpša

O, kaip miela išgirst.

Milvydo arija iš lib. „Kame išganymas“

Maironio žodžiai.

Al Kačanauskas.

Dedication for "GOD AND COUNTRY"

By Rev. John Savukynas, M.C.

The world has a need for a greater sense of dedication. Our worthy causes need dedicated men and women, devoted men and women, wholly and exclusively working for our many worthy causes.

The motto of the Knights of Lithuania is "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY." This is the main purpose of the organization. It is primarily a Catholic organization, a fact that must be considered seriously. As members, it is not a question of being nominal Catholics; it is important that the members be at least practical Catholics.

Our religion is a way of life and we must be living examples of it. This will give new light to our personality and character. There is no need to remind you Knights that our organization is distinguished for its religious and patriotic purposes. From its very inception, those twin purposes were present and are present today.

The greatest religious society in the world is the Catholic Church, and we Knights of Lithuania are members of that divinely constituted organization. Everywhere and at all times we must be ready to assist the Church in its work. Also, we must be dedicated to love of country. A country without the sustaining principle of the Christian code can never be a land of democratic fair play. Of course, we should be proud of our Lithuanian heritage.

In an organization like ours, there is a reservoir of patriotic strength. We are organized for good. There is much organized evil in the world and it must be met and conquered by organized good. Our civilization, our way of life is challenged. Society is in a turmoil. Youthful crimes are increasing at an alarming rate. Domestic problems are tremendous. We must not remain inactive in the midst of ruin. We can do our part to change conditions.

It is important that we have the right sense of values. We are not born with this sense, it must be acquired through training. Parents, teachers, priests and spiritual directors must supply this training.

A thing is valuable if it promotes inner peace leading to contentment, well-being and respect, or if it advances the cause of peace, resulting in adjustment to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Spiritually, we have peace of mind when our will is in conformity with the will of God. We have peace of mind when we are on good terms with God. If your main aim is to secure peace, you are a realist. Then the attainment of inner peace and outer peace is your supreme value.

At times life may become drab and monotonous. It may have a dull routine, it may lack variety and novelty. People may be bored by an existence that is flowing

along with little change and newness. Many people crave activities which are flavored and spiced. Our K of L councils are active, and we may have joined because of the activity. However, this should not always be the main reason for membership. To some, a peaceful life is flat, colorless and lifeless; they prefer excitement; thrill and adventure are vitalizing. To many, the supreme value is that which is interesting, agitating, stirring. If they are romantic they wish to be stirred by emotions. The realist strives for peace, the romantic looks for thrills and excitement.

It must be admitted that excitement-producing thrill is the spice of life. But, it is not life; it is merely its spice. Here, I may add, that some activities, some of our socials may be considered as spice. They are good in themselves, and indirectly may help towards the fulfillment of the purpose of the K of L. As spice, they do not give life; it is the ideals, the purpose that gives life to the organization. If spices are added to food, they contribute nothing to its value and nourishment. They merely make the food more tasty and palatable, more appetizing and desirable. Taste and palatability, appetite and desirability are largely personal and subjective. What is tasty to me may not suit your taste. My desire may run to things that you shun. You can eliminate spices from your life, but you can not eliminate food. In other words, food is an objective need; spices are subjective yearnings.

Returning to our original subject we may conclude that peace is the food of life, an objective need; excitement is merely the spice and thrill of life, a desirability, a subjective want. Your ideals, purpose, motto "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY" are of supreme value. This motto will foster your organization and give it sustaining life. Every member of the K of L should be dedicated to the attainment and fulfillment of this life-giving factor. Anything that can clash with the aims and needs of this supreme value must be suppressed, checked and curtailed. We will have peace, order, balance and unity in the organization when members are dedicated and have the right sense of values.

Now down to the practical application.

We all have our moods, our ups and downs. One day we are jolly, the next day pessimistic. Sometimes we feel reckless and sometimes we feel cautious. The very same food may be delicious on one occasion and tasteless on another.

We are a group of individuals, united with a definite purpose. As persons we have different likes and dislikes. We find the same in families, in spite of relationship and blood ties. Some families are very close, other family members are rugged individuals. We must admit, we all have our faults and peculiarities. Usually,



GEGUŽINĖS

PAMALDOS ŽEMAITIJOJE

Emilija Pakalniškienė

Lietuvoje ir Žemaitijoje, kaip ir visuose katalikiškuose kraštuose, buvo kalbamos gegužinės pamaldos. Teisingiau pasakius - jos buvo giedamos. Mėgo žemaitis dainuoti, mėgo jis ir melddamasis giedoti.

Gegužinės pamaldos būdavo giedamos bažnyčioje kiekvieną gegužio mėnesio dieną. Bet bažnyčia ne visiems buvo pakankamai arti, kad kiekvieną dieną į ją būtų buvę galima nueiti. Nuo bažnyčios iki bažnyčios Žemaitijoje vidutiniškai buvo apie dešimtis mylių taip, kad kitiems tik už penkių mylių buvo artimiausia bažnyčia. Kur tu nueisi kasdien tokią tolybę, ypač kad buvo ne lygūs cementiniai takai, kaip čia Cikagoje, kartais ir purveliu pabrasti tekdavo. Reikėjo todėl gegužines pamaldas namie giedoti.

Būdavo tuokart pats gražiausias metų laikas, kada pirmieji žiedai pra-

žysdavo, kada iš kitų pasviečių sugrižę paukšteliai lizdelius sau nešdavo, kada atversta dirvos velėna pavasariu pakvipdavo. Parlėkęs gandras duodavo žmonėms ženklą pradėti valgyti pavakarę. Po pavakarės, kol arkliai paėsdavo ir pailsėdavo, visa ūkio šeimyna gerojoje troboje susirinkusi giedodavo gegužines pamaldas. Trobos gale ant staliuko būdavo pastatytas Švenčiausios Mergelės paveikslas ar statula. Iš šalių degdavo žvakės. Pirmosios pavasario gėlės puošdavo tą namų altorėlį. Ir čia pat suklaupę namiškiai meldavosi į Mariją. Giedojimui vadovaudavo namų šeiminkė. Pradžioje atgiedodavo Švenčiausios Mergelės litaniją, pas-
kui giesmę

"Sveika Marija, o Motin Dievo,
Dangaus mums duota naujoji
/Jieva!"

Ilga tai buvo giesmė. Paskutinis jos punktas buvo šitoks:

"O Karalienė visų šventųjų,
Išgirst meldimą žmonių kaltųjų
Per savo kančią ir kalvariją
Nuvesk į dangų, Sveika Marija!"

Daug būdavo progų žmonėms kartu melstis. Kalbėdavo jie rožančių spalio mėnesio vakarais ir kiekvieną sekmadienį sumos metu, giedodavo kalnus kaimo kapinėse Kryžiaus Dienomis arba prie numirėlio susirinkę, bet pačios gražiausios iš visų tų maldų būdavo gegužinės pamaldos. Mariją lietuviai ypatingai gerbė ir į ją meldėsi. Apie tai galime spręsti ir iš to, kiek daug pakelėse buvo koplytelių Marijos garbei ir kiek miesteliuose įrengta buvo Liurdo grotos imitacijų. Už tai kalba ir stebuklingosios Aušros Vartų ir Siluvos vietos. Lietuva buvo Marijos kraštas.

we are friendly with those with whom we may have many things in common. Friendship is good; good friends are a blessing. We should not be friendly with selfish motives. Friendship should be based on high ideals and motives; friends should not be prone to form cliques in a club or organization.

Personality traits cause one person to appeal more to you than another person. It is a natural inclination. Human nature does not change. I may be irritated because of another's characteristics or traits and at the same time may not realize that my own faults irritate another. Again, we wish to be accepted by another regardless of our own faults. Even so, we are slow or even refuse to accept another because of his or her faults.

We must realize that we will not always be pleased with all of the activities and policies of the councils or the organization. If there is friction, misunderstanding among members, it may also be expected among councils. Relationship between councils should be co-operative and not competitive. We must go along with the majority; since majority rules. Still, we should feel free to offer suggestions, express our opinions, but should never insist on their being accepted.

Be an active and dedicated member. Whenever possible volunteer or accept work on various committees. The more you dedicate yourself, the less prone you will be to offer criticism. Committee members should work as a team, and should not be dominated by any one person. Accept decisions made by the committees. Co-operate with your duly elected officers. They have difficult duties and you can help lighten their burdens.

We are rational creatures endowed by our Creator with an intellect and free will. It is more important to use reason than to follow or be swayed by emotions. We have difficulties, misunderstandings, when we become too emotionally involved.

Remember, we belong to a Catholic organization. The spiritual aspect can never be over-emphasized. Your spiritual activities should be an example and inspiration to other Catholics. Spiritual dedication is of the utmost importance.

We are all striving for happiness. Our souls have an infinite capacity for happiness, and only the spiritual, only God can fill the soul's capacity for happiness. We can have happiness in this life to a certain extent, but too often we forget, that we can have happiness only by making others happy.

Profile ...

Alexander J. Aleksis

by Marcella Andrikas



Silhouetted in the glowing light of the Knights of Lithuania Golden Jubilee, is the familiar figure of Mr. A. J. Aleksis, esteemed composer of the Knights of Lithuania Hymn. He is rich in years, labors and encomiums—ever young in spirit, zest and vision. Mr. Aleksis entered his name in K of L annals in April 1914, just seven months after setting foot on American soil. Since then his brilliant, impressive record of 49 consecutive years of consistent activity has gilded many a page of the Knights of Lithuania's proud and inspiring history.

He was born in Lithuania, the youngest of eight children, son of Francis and Elizabeth (Sumskis). Orphaned at eight years of age, he went to live with his eldest brother, the Right Reverend Monsignor Vincas Aleksandravičius, in the diocese of Seinai, who provided the means for education. Here the youthful Aleksandras grew up in an atmosphere of deeply religious, patriotic and social culture. Graduated from the Warsaw Conservatory of Music with a music teacher's degree for piano, organ and composition, he was offered the position of assistant director of the Russian Army Band in Lomza, Poland, but declined. Instead, he came to the United States, September 1, 1913, and went to Chicago, Ill. where he lived for some time with his illustrious cousin, the Rev. Dr. A. Staniukynas, founder of the Lithuanian order of the nuns of St. Casimir.

Mr. Aleksis has been organist, choirmaster, music teacher and lay leader in Chicago, Ill., Brooklyn, N.Y., Detroit, Mich., Springfield, Ill. and since January 1, 1924 in Waterbury, Conn. He is an Honorary Mem-

ber of the Knights of Lithuania, the Lithuanian American Roman Catholic Federation, the Lithuanian Organist Alliance, the Lithuanian Catholic Workers Association and of the Catholic youth organization of Lithuania, the "Pavasarininkai".

In Waterbury, Mr. Aleksis has been particularly active as president of the Catholic Federation, the Society for the Liberation of Vilnius, the Knights of Lithuania, the Lithuanian American Council, the Servicemen's Families Society, the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America. He is actively associated with the Waterbury Chamber of Commerce Arts Council, the International Piano Teachers Association, the American Guild of Organists, the Mattatuck Musical Art Society, the Combined Catholic Choir Guild of the Greater Waterbury Area and the Mattatuck Historical Society.

Mr. Aleksis is the composer of the patriotic operetta "Į TEVYNĘ" (TO OUR FATHERLAND) and nearly a hundred folk songs, classical compositions and religious motets. Under his direction approximately eighty-five concerts, plays and operettas featuring leading Lithuanian American artists have been presented for church and other benevolent enterprises. Special programs of Lithuanian music, songs and native folk dances were presented at Yale University, the Brooklyn Academy of Music (New York), Marianapolis College, Franciscan Monastery (Kennebunkport, Me.), St. Joseph's Cathedral (Hartford, Conn.) and at innumerable inter-faith, international and Lithuanian community functions.

Mr. Aleksis originated Lithuanian radio programs in Waterbury.

He produced and directed live programs from local stations WIXBS, WATR, WWCO, WBRY and New York City's municipal station WNYC during the New York World's Fair, 1939, at the request of Lithuanian Consul General Jonas Budrys.

For outstanding achievements and selfless dedicated service in promoting national culture and patriotism, Mr. Aleksis was knighted with the Order of Grand Duke Gediminas by the government of Lithuania on the 20th Anniversary of the country's Declaration of Independence, February 16, 1938.

Highlights of K of L Career

Alexander Aleksis began his K of L career as Co-organizer of Council 4, Chicago, in 1914, and served as that council's first president until 1916. Since that time, his name has been a constant resident in the annals of K of L activity across the country. Mr. Aleksis was elected National Vice-President in 1914 under Founder-President M. Norkunas at the organization's Second National Convention in Brockton, Mass. The following year, persuaded by fellow K of L leaders, he produced the Knights of Lithuania Anthem (Vyčių Himnas) - his first musical composition - which was sung for the first time at the Third National Convention (1915) in Chicago, Ill.

In 1915, he helped organize the Chicago District K of L Choir and was chosen its first Director. In 1916 married a very active Chicago K of L'er, Miss Frances Aldona Nutautas and moved "Eastward." He was President of Brooklyn, N.Y. Council 41 in 1917. In Detroit, Mich. organized

Kaip dora yra mylėti savąją tautą

J. Girnius,
Tauta ir tautinė ištikimybė

Ap. P. Bagdonas

Vyčiai šiomet švenčia savo auktinį jubiliejų. 50 metų yra netrumpas laikotarpis, kai Vyčių organizacija, pasirinkusi šūkį "Dievui ir Tėvynei", išėjo dirbti Lietuvos labui.

Vyčių organizacijos kelias nebuvo lengvas dėl keletos priežasčių. Pirmiausia Vyčiai organizavosi ne savo krašte, bet svetur. Atvykę iš pavergtos tėvynės į laisvės šalį J.A.V. ėmėsi rūpintis kurti ne tik ekonominius ar profesinius pagrindais paremtas draugijas, bet ir ideologines bei tautines. Vyčiai, atsinešę iš Lietuvos katalikiškas tradicijas, jų neatsisakė, bet ėmėsi išlaikyti ir puoselėti. Tuo atžvilgiu jie nenutolo nuo viso tautos kamieno krašte. Katalikybė yra vienas iš Vyčių organizacijos stulpų. Bet Vyčiai į savo šūkį įrašė kitą svarbų žodį - t ė v y n e i. Čia aš norėčiau kiek labiau susikoncentruoti ties ant-
raja to šūkio dalimi. Vyčiams tėvynė tai L i e t u v a.

Pirmieji Vyčių organizacijos kū-
rėjai dažniausiai kilę iš mūsų mielo, kad ir skurdaus kaimo, atsidūrę ki-

toje šalyje, pasijuto netekę pagrindo po kojomis, savosios žemės. Gimtoji Lietuvos žemė likusi toli už vandėnyno, bet tautiečiai, tos žemės vaikai, broliai lietuviai, buvo čia pat; nors ir apsupti svetimų tautų jūroje, bet gyvi su kūnu ir siela, pilni kūrybinės dvasios ir gerų norų. Šitas savųjų brolių subūrimas po Vyčių organizacijos vėliava atstojo jiems tėvynę. atsinešta iš gimtojo židinio tautinė gyvė šioje organizacijoje buvo i-
žiebta iš naujo. Vyčiai pasijuto besą savos tautos dalis. Odalis visada pri-
valo gyventi su visuma, sielotis jos rūpesčiais ir laimėjimais džiaugtis.

Pasiryžę išlikti gyvi tautos n-
riai jie neužsidarė nuo gimtojo kraš-
to, o stengėsi visomis progomis jį
pasiekti ir lankyti. Nors seniau su-
sisiekimo priemonės buvo primity-
vesnės, bet vistiek buvo daugiau ga-
limybių aplankyti senąją tėvynę, ne-
gu dabar, kada atsirado ta baisioji
geležinė uždanga. Neabejoju, kad da-
bar Vyčiai šimtais lankytų Lietuvą,
kaip Nepriklausomybės laikais kad

lankė, jei žiaurus okupantas nestovė-
tų su ginklu rankoje ties geležine sie-
na.

Tačiau tauta yra reikalinga mūsų,
ne mažiau kaip ir mes esame reika-
lingi tautos. Tauta kovoja už savo
gyvybę, už savo laisvę įvairiais bū-
dais, o labiausia savo kultūrine kū-
ryba.

Vyčiai, nors daugelis ir čia jau
gimę, drąsiai jungiasi į tą tautos
gyvybės palaikymo kovą. Čia J.A.
Valstybėse, nors ne visi Vyčiai be-
moka lietuviškai, bet jie savo gal-
voseną, darbais ir idėjomis yra sa-
vi, yra tokie pat pasiryžėliai ir išti-
kimi Lietuvai, kaip ir Lietuvoje gimę.
Vyčių laiškai kongresmanams ir se-
natoriams, choro koncertai, ir kita
veikla tikrai nusipelno pagarbos ir
dėmesio visų lietuvių. Todėl linkėti-
na, kad šio jubiliejaus proga Vyčių
veikla visais frontais pagyvėtų, ir
meilė Lietuvai tėvynei jų sielose
niekad neužgęstų, bet liepsnotų vis
skaisčiau ir karščiau.

Council 79 and was its first president
from 1918 to 1921. Moving next to
Springfield, Ill., he was soon elected
president of Council 48 and served in
that capacity from 1921 to 1924.

Mr. Aleksis pridefully points to
the historical, never repeated feat
in K of L chronicles that the State
House of the Illinois State Capitol
was the site of the Knights of Li-
thuania Jubilee Convention hosted by
the Springfield, Ill. Council 48 in
1923. As general chairman of this
Convention, he was the "spiritus mo-
vens" in arranging the convention.
Another remarkable feature of the
convention was that all its events
(registration, entertainment, banquet,
etc.) were gratis to all de-
legates.

In 1926, he was president of Wa-
terbury, Conn. Council 7. In that year,
he also was general chairman of the
13th National Convention (the one and
only) held in Waterbury. As in Spring-
field, Ill. here, too, he presented and

directed the operetta "Į TĖVYNĖ" before a most distinguished audience of such great religious and secular dignitaries as the saintly Archbishop George Matulaitis, Rev. Dr. John Navickas, MIC, Marianapolis Rector and Prof. Juozas Eretas of Lithuania.

Mr. Aleksis served as National President in 1918-1919 and again in 1923-1924, and was Chairman of convention presidiums at least four times. He was elevated to H o n o r a r y M e m b e r s h i p in the K of L in 1916 and to this day reigns as one of the best-loved and most esteemed and respected members of the organization.

Latest Musical Laurels

St. Joseph's Church Choir of Wa-
terbury, Conn. directed by Mr. Alek-
sis was the sole choral group from
Connecticut participating in the First
and Second Lithuanian Song Festivals
of the United States and Canada held

in Chicago, Ill. in 1956 and 1961. As
a further mark of recognition, Mr.
Aleksis was Honorary Director of the
II Song Festival in 1961 and Honora-
ry Director of the L.A.R.C. Organists
Alliance 50th Jubilee Concert also in
Chicago in 1962.

An adequate evaluation of what
Mr. Aleksis has meant and done
cannot be accomplished in a brief
summation. Suffice it to say that by
his indefatigable zeal, infectious
patriotism, genuine friendliness, per-
ennially youthful and engaging per-
sonality, he has endeared himself
and transmitted to the minds and
hearts of countless numbers a pro-
found affection and attachment to
Church, Society and Country. He has
met the knightly challenge to remain
faithful to duty and dedicated ser-
vice. We heartily salute Mr. Alek-
sis with a prayerful God Bless You
and Ilgiausių Metų TAUTAI IR BAŽ-
NYČIAI!

"AUŠROS VARTAI"

Our Lady of Vilnius

by Anthony Dainus

Our Lady of Vilnius or "Aušros Vartai" is Lithuania's most famous shrine, known even in eastern and western Europe. It dates back to 1503 when Vilnius was walled in and had five gates and towers. This gate had a picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a chapel atop. It has been regarded miraculous since the XVII century and cared for by the Carmelites. Everyone tips his hat in passing this historic shrine. In 1927 the Pope sent two gold crowns for it.



The miraculous portrait of "Our Lady of Vilnius"



The church of "Aušros Vartai"

Miraculous picture hangs in this Chapel built atop "Gate Of Dawn" (Aušros Vartai)

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OFFICIAL NEWS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

At the Illinois - Indiana District, Knights of Lithuania Spring Meeting, held in Chicago, Illinois in March, 1963, it was voted that the following resolution be directed to the Supreme Council for presentation at the 50th National Convention to be held in Boston, Mass. August 16-18, 1963, and for immediate publication in VYTIS;

BE IT RESOLVED that Catholic non-Lithuanian spouses of Knights of Lithuania members be accepted into the Knights of Lithuania as full members with all rights and privileges of membership.

JUBILEE CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK

Dear Knights and Ladies:

May, 1963

It is a great honor and pleasure for the South Boston Knights of Lithuania, Council # 17, to be host for the Golden Jubilee Convention, on August 14-18, 1963.

Such an enormous undertaking requires not only physical but also financial support. We are preparing a souvenir program book which will serve not only as a guide to the convention but also a permanent remembrance of the Jubilee year.

All net receipts will be divided equally between the local council and the Supreme Council. By supporting the '63 Jubilee Convention in your home area you will be building up the National Kof L Treasury while receiving more tickets for events at a smaller cost to you. Our plan is to lower admission price through the ad book.

In the coming months we will attempt to keep you informed of the progress of committees and the activities which are being planned.

Program Committee

To the Committee:

I would like to do my part in preparing for a successful Golden Jubilee National Convention to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, by having my name published in the Convention Program Book.

- () Patron - Donation \$10.
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An early reply would be appreciated.
Deadline for all ads - July 24, 1963.



THIS SOUVENIR ASHTRAY . . .

commemorating the Golden Jubilee Year of the Knights of Lithuania, is being made available to all councils by the Jubilee Convention Hosts, Council 17, South Boston. Each council president received a sample copy during the past few weeks - and is u r g e d to appoint someone to take charge of collecting orders.

The Ashtrays cost \$1.00 each, and may be ordered through RONALD VENIS, 311 K Street, So. Boston 27, Mass. To get your copy, please contact your council president, or his appointed representative. . . or contact R. Venis directly. The ashtrays will make a wonderful remembrance and conversation piece for you - and a unique gift for your friends. ORDER TODAY !

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS

Shortly after this VYTIS had gone to press, word was received that Dr. JUOZAS LEIMONAS, immediate past editor of VYTIS, died Saturday, May 4th, 1963, of a heart attack. The VYTIS Staff extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Leimonas, and urges all K of L members to remember him in their prayers. A memorial story on Dr. Leimonas and his many outstanding contributions to the Lithuanian community will appear in the next issue.



DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO THE LITHUANIAN LEGATION IN WASHINGTON . . .
during a reception there, commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day last Feb. 16, included Army Chaplain, Col. D. Chmielewski, and former Ambassador to Luxemburg, Perle Mesta. Pictured are: **l e f t:** Col. Chmielewski (left) with Lithuanian Charge d'Affaires J. Kajeckas and Mrs. Kajeckas; **r i g h t:** Mrs. Kajeckas (left), describing to Perle Mesta the rosary made of bread crusts by Lithuanian exiles in Siberia. Next to the rosary are reprints of two prayers taken from the prayerbook written by young Lithuanian girls living in exile in Siberia.



On Dec. 9, 1962, **ELIZABETH PAURAZAS**, National President of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance (Motery Sajunga) was honored at a Testimonial Dinner in Detroit. Some 400

guests from all walks of life attended the gala event, marking Mrs. Paurazas' 60th birthday and the 46th anniversary of her start in Lithuanian organizational activity.

Mrs. Paurazas is well known not only for her untiring work in the Women's Alliance, but also for her activity in the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation, BALF, the Knights of Lithuania, and other groups. She even attained the distinction of mention in the Lithuanian Encyclopedia.

The Testimonial Banquet was sponsored jointly by the Detroit chapters of LRKSA, the Women's Alliance, and the Knights of Lithuania. Pictured with Mrs. Paurazas at the banquet is Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, National Spiritual Director of the Knights of Lithuania.



JACK J. STUKAS, National Chairman of the Knights of Lithuania Cultural and Scholarship Committees, has recently accepted a three year appointment as ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR in the Economics Department of Seton Hall University, So. Orange, New Jersey. Mr. Stukas, a specialist in International Marketing, is currently completing the dissertation associated with his pending degree as Doctor of Philosophy in Marketing at New York University, which he expects to attain in early Fall. Jack also serves as director and producer of the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Broadcast in New York.

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In appreciation of Prof. Stukas' work with the Ruta Ensemble, which he organized, the following "open letter" is presented by the officers of the Ensemble.

Mielam Rūtos Ansamblio Steigėjui
Prof. Jokūbui Stukui

Gėrėdamiesi Jūsų dideliais darbais lietuviškos kultūros srityje, labai džiaugiamės Jūsų atsiėktu laimėjimu ir mokslo srityje. Profesoriaus laipsnio suteikimu Seton Hall Universitetas įvertina ne tik Jus asmeniškai, bet drauge pagerbia ir lietuvių savo didžiuliais darbais nusipelnusį lietuviškumui kultūroje, me-
ne ir moksle.

Mielas Profesoriau, savo kilniu pavyzdžiu skatink bei uždek lietuviškąjį jaunimą, o gerasis Dievulis telaimina Jūsų pasirinktąjį lietuviškąjį kelią.

Rūtos Ansamblio vardu,
Inž. V. Melinis, Pirmininkas
Alg. Kačanauskas, Dirigentas
D. Dutkutė, Sekretorė.

Alexander Carolus Curtius

By Janet E. Swedis

Throughout American Colonial history, there is a repeated struggle for educational facilities and instructors for the youth in the New World settlements. New Amsterdam's (New York's) population expansion in the middle 17th century - 270 inhabitants in 1628 increased to 1,500 in 1659 - necessitated a search for a qualified professor to establish and maintain a seat of higher education for Dutch youth. Director General of New Netherlands, Peter Stuyvesant, on September 19, 1658, again requested the West India Company at Amsterdam for a schoolmaster. A letter of April 25, 1659, stated:

How much trouble we have taken, to find a Latin schoolmaster is shown by the fact, that now one Alexander Carolus Cursius, late professor in Lithuania, goes over, whom we have engaged as such at a yearly salary of 500 fl, board money included; we give him also a present of 100 fl in merchandise, to be used by him upon his arrival there, as you may learn by the enclosed contract from our resolutions or by the contract, made with him, to which we refer for brevity's sake. Your good friends. The Directors of the W.I. Company, Department of Amsterdam.

Due to the Russian invasion of Lithuania at this time in history, many Lithuanians fled to other countries of Europe. Professors from the Academy of Vilnius and the schools of higher education at Kraziai and Koenigsberg escaped the Russian onslaught. Lithuanian nobleman, Alexander Curtius (Curtius is re-

cognized as a Latinized form of the Lithuanian Kuršius or Kurčius. Curtius probably originally spelled it Cursius but changed the s to t at a later date.) could easily have been one of these refugee - educators who eventually found teaching employment in another country.

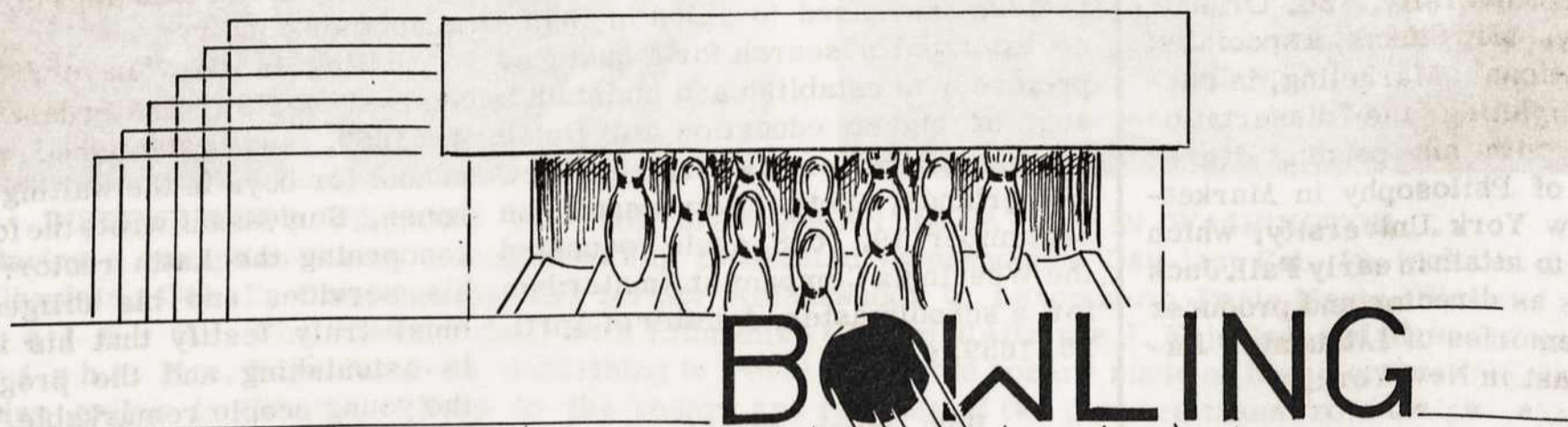
Sailing in the "Bever," Curtius arrived in New Amsterdam on July 4, 1659, and established a Latin school for boys in the waiting schoolhouse. Stuyvesant wrote the following concerning the Latin rector: "As to his services and his diligence, we must truly testify that his industry is astonishing and the progress of the young people remarkable."

Curtius' meager salary caused much friction between himself and the West India Company. The refusal of the Company to raise his salary or give sufficient recompense for his labors as professor and as practicing physician (Early New York histories list Curtius as the first physician of any note in the colony.) resulted in his return to Europe in 1661.

Though he had been practicing medicine previously, Alexander Carolus Curtius "nobilis Lithuanus" entered the University of Leiden, Holland, in December, 1661, to obtain a formal degree in medicine. No information is available on the subsequent events of Curtius' life, nor is there any material on his life prior to his employment in New Amsterdam. We know only that Alexander Carolus Curtius was a Lithuanian nobleman who was a professor in his homeland before becoming the first schoolmaster and prominent physician in New York.

K of L Calendar

- May 19 NED Cultural Concert, 6 p.m., New Lithuanian Naturalization and Social Club, Worcester, Mass.
- May 24-25 C-25, Cleveland, Ohio, MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNEY, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Cleveland.
- May 26 C-3, Philadelphia, Pa., Annual Picnic, Bell Gardens, Bellmawr, N.J.
- June 15-16 NY-NJ District Meeting, Kearny, N.J. Dedication of Wayside Cross, 12 noon, Holy Trinity Church, Newark, N.J.
- June 28-30 NED Coed Retreat, Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine
- Aug. 14-18 C-17, So. Boston, Mass., Jubilee Year National Convention, Hotel Bradford, Boston, Mass.
- July 7 2nd Lith. National Dance Festival of U.S.A. & Canada. International Amphitheater, Chicago, Ill. 2:30 P.M.



You are invited to attend the

MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

- May 24th - 8:30 P.M. - Friday Nite Get-Together Cocktail Party - K of L Suite - Statler Hotel
- May 25th (Sat.) - 11:30 A.M. - Registration and Brunch - Statler Hotel
 2:30 P.M. - Bowling - Ambassador Lanes - 1500 Superior Ave.
 9:00 P.M. - Dance - St. George's Church Hall - 6527 Superior Ave. - AL NEUMAN's Orchestra
- May 26th - 12 Noon - Mass at St. George - 6527 Superior Ave.
 1:00 P.M. - Banquet and Presentation of Awards and Mid-Central District Raffle Drawing

Registration: Bowlers \$11.00 - Non Bowlers - \$8.00

CLEVELAND C-25

May 24-26



VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Waterbury, Conn. C-7 Lelija

Rev. Albert Karalis, curate of St. Joseph's Church in Waterbury, and formerly chaplain of our Council, has been transferred to Hartford, Conn. All the members of C-7 wish him luck in his new assignment. Father Gradek, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, will be our new chaplain until a new curate has been assigned to the church.

On June 2nd, the K of L, along with other societies of the parish, will sponsor a Testimonial Dinner in honor of Father Gradek's 35th Anniversary of his Ordination. A roast beef supper has been planned, and a program is being prepared to mark the occasion. Plans are not yet complete.

Edward DiNapoli, the man who was instrumental in bringing to Waterbury the First Place Award from the National Membership Drive last year, is being displaced by the new highway which is being constructed not far from the K of L Clubrooms. Ed has been in business for many years and everyone in "Brooklyn" knows him very well as a business man and a very active member of St. Joseph's Church. His plans for moving to a new location are not complete, but whatever they are we all wish him a lot of luck.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the Masses, Mass Enrollments and Sympathy cards sent to our family in memory of my Mother. It was very thoughtful of all our friends and greatly appreciated by us. Thank you all very much.

Worcester, Mass. C-116 Onytė

With the coming of spring, our Council has become infused with renewed vigor, just like a busy beehive. During our last meeting a social committee was picked to plan activities for our members for the next 4 or 5 months. We hope that when the circulars are received by our members inviting them to join in the fun and relaxation, that they will take heed. Some very nice socials are being planned. Here is an opportunity to get better acquainted, especially with our juniors.

If any of our members are looking for a place to go on Monday evening they can join our choir. Right now we are in the midst of rehearsing for the Jubilee Year concert. Billy Burdulis, our President says: "We sure can use some altos and sopranos, and oh, yes, some tenors and basses too."

Our sympathy is extended to Paula Garbauskas on the recent death of her father. . . We now will take a sick-roll-call for the patients of Dr. Kildare and Ben Casey. . . By this time Ducky Guillote should be fully recovered from his siege with pneumonia. . . Rita Skamarock should be checked out of St. Vincent's Hospital. . . Al Krasinskas' bowling thumb all better and Barbara Mazeikas' laringitis all cleared up. . . The only lost patient was Mary Klimkaitis' parakeet who passed away. . . It was nice seeing Joan Cashman at our monthly meeting. . . Ditto Tony Markvenas. . . John Doreika has been making week-end visits from his duties at Newport. . . Vic & Mary (Balukonis) Mrozinsky are sporting a brand new Impala. . . Beebee Kavadaras has a new blue Dodge, that re-

fused to budge the first day she bought it and she had to take a taxi to her teaching classes. . . we extend a hearty welcome to our newest member, Diane Dalida. . . Joyce Miller is practicing the Vyčią Himnas and promises to be our accompanist at our next meeting. . . Jack Kasper has his wife Aldona and 3 boys out walking every Sunday, a la Kennedy physical fitness day. . . We recently overheard Helen Daltwas tell Mildred Buda and Ann "Paxton" Miller, "I went to a social and was the life of the party, so you can imagine how dull it was." Now seriously Helen, we heard you were quite a cut-up. . . By the time this appears in print the council's world travelers, Dot Sinkavitch and Ann Miller should be on high seas cruising toward Jamaica, Haiti, Aruba, and other islands right into South America. Bon voyage, girls, and do have a good time . . .

And you can all wish council 116 a happy 35th Anniversary. We have had a glorious past, and here's looking to a wonderful future. . . support your council in all its endeavors. The next years will be more auspicious than the past 35. VALIO, VALIO! C-116.

Waterbury, Conn. C.Ampė

Waterburio vyčią 7-ta kuopa, kaip ir kasmė, minėjo savo globėjo Šv. Kazimiero šventę, tačiau šiomet savo jubiliejiniais metais ypatingai su pakilia nuotaika ir didžiu nuoširdumu. Sekmadienį, kovo 3 d. 8 val. ryto, visi vyčiai dalyvavo Šv. Kazimiero garbei atnaušaujamose Šv. mišiose, priėmė Šv. Komuniją, parapijos mokyklos vedėjas kun. W. Vichas pa-

sakė tai šventei pritaikintą, labai gražų patriotinį pamokslą. Parapijos choras, vedamas vyčių himno autoriaus komp. A. J. Aleksio, giedojo mišias, o pabaigoje ir vyčių himną.

Tuoju po mišių, visi vyčiai, įvairių draugijų atstovai ir kviesti svečiai, virš 100 asmenų, susirinko parapijos didžiojon svetainėn, skoningai vyčių paruoštų, bendrų pusryčių, laike kurių buvo pravestas Šv. Kazimiero pagerbimas. Atkalbėjęs invokacijos maldą ir beužkandžiaujant, komp. A. Aleksis pravedė trumpą meninę programą. Jam pačiam akompanuojant, solistas Ed. Stulginskis gan maloniai visus nuteikė švelniai padainuodamas solo tris dainas, o po jo scenon buvo pristatytas pradėjęs išskirti jaunas gabus aktorius, vaidinęs įvairiuose amerikiečių teatruose, Alg. Žemaitis, kuris paskaitė ištraukas iš "Cyrano de Bergerac". Po to sekė Šv. Kazimiero garbei ir iš vyčių veiklos pritaikinti atsiliepimai. Kalbėjo kleb. kun. A. E. Gradeckis, Jim Valaitis, J. Ambrozaitis, M. Andrikytė, P. Richards, A. Alanskas, M. Stankevičienė, M. Karinauskienė, DiNapoli, Juozas Samoška ir kiti. Iš visų gražiai pareikštų minčių ypatingai išsiskyrė Marcelė Andrikytė, kuri, kad ir kiek nesveikuodama, savo pakilioje kalboje pareikšdama vyčiams užsidegimo organizacinėje veikloje, sumaniai pritaikiusi žymiųjų pasaulinių filosofų - rašytojų minčių ištraukas. Taipgi dėmesio verta, nuoširdi kalba buvo Juozo Samoškos, kuris visų buvo aplo-dishmentais sutiktas, kaipo Waterburio demokratų partijos išrinktas "Man of the Year". Po to komp. A. Aleksis, kuris ką tik grįžęs iš Floridos atostogų, kaip ir visad visiems žinomas savo sąmoninga lietuviška išraiška ir nesigailis įterpti skaidraus jumoro, pristatė tam tikslui atvykusį iš New York'o pagrindinį kalbėtoją Juozą Boley-Bolevičių. Jo kalba trukusi apie 30 min., buvo visų išklausyta su ypatingu dėmesiu ir susižavėjimu, nes kalbėtojas, būdamas iš profesijos dramos aktorius, pasigerėtinai perdavė savo igimtus kilnius patriotinius jausmus idealiai gryna lietuvių, o pabaigoje ir anglų, kalba. Sunku atsistebėti, kad esama nemažai žmonių, kurie niekad nebuvo Lietuvoje, o stipriai persisunkę tėvynės meile, koku yra ir Juozas Bolevičius. Nuoširdžiai linkėtina, kad jis turėtų daugiau progų pasireikšti ne tik vyčių judėjime, bet ir platesnei lietuvių vi-

suomenei, iš ko būtų gausios naudos Dievui ir Tėvynei.

Po dviejų labai greitai prabėgusių valandų, išpūdingiems pusryčiams vadovavęs Frank Shaknaitis, padėkojo visiems atsilankiusiems ir išsiskirstė su pakilia nuotaika.

So. Boston, Mass. C-17

Konvalija

Alleluia! He has risen from the dead! The Lenten season is over as is the lenten fast and the coming of Spring brings us closer to our Golden Jubilee Convention. It seems as though the rest of the country was also interested in our convention, because they named the "New" Boston an "All American City." So the New Boston welcomes one and all to the convention in August.

The Hiking Society is in high gear these days. Bill Gorksi and other chaperones took the Juniors on a grueling hike through the Blue Hills. The Juniors thought it was a big joke, because they were still full of pep while the chaperones were huffing and puffing and resting most of the time.

Plans are underway for the "Horseback-Riding-Smorgasboard" outing to be held at the Golden Spur Riding Academy in Randolph some time in June. The last few times that this event was held it was very successful.

Frank Stankus underwent a very painful operation and is now convalescing at home. Get well soon, Frank, because we all miss you around the clubroom.

The home stretch for the bowling league is not far off, and the Ali-Katz are still leading the pack. Plans are now underway for the bowling banquet.

The members participated in Forty Hours Devotion at our parish. It certainly is wonderful to show the rest of the population that the K of L has time to partake in religious matters as well as social ones. Other religious events coming up include the annual NED Co-ed Retreat to be held at the Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine on June 28-30. Make your reservations early with Al Jaritis, 75 Gates St., So. Boston 27 Mass. Maine is a wonderful place in the summer.



N. E. District Workshop Leaders. l. to r. Ed. Rudis, SC Ritual Chairman; Mary Jankowski, Rev. W. Walkevich, and Bernice Kavadaras, NE District President.

Remember in your prayers Annie Naujokaitis, grandmother of Madeline Druzdis, and a really wonderful person. May she rest in peace. . . May I take this time to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Al Stakutis back to the council, and to apologize for sending this information so late. . . Norma Razvadauskas is spending her spring vacation in Bermuda. . . The hockey stalwarts, Ed Rudis, Butch Venis, Johnny O., and Al Jaritis, are walking around with their heads to the ground, because their beloved Bruins finished in the cellar for the third straight year. Maybe next year, boys. . . The plans for the Junior Rally in Athol are off to a good start. The transportation officer is trying to get enough cars to transport as many Juniors as possible there. They hope to make a good showing to help C-10 in their endeavors, especially Howie Beaudette who is working very hard on this project. . . Kasy Sauciunas and family have bought a home in the suburbs of Boston. . . The jubilee convention workers are as busy as bees, and if any of you other councils want to help you are invited to offer your services and see if they aren't accepted!

On March 24th St. Peter's Church held a concert at Jordan Hall, Boston, in conjunction with the Immaculate Conception Church of Cambridge and the Belmont Community Choir. This was Jcronimas' Kachinskas' debut. Mr. Kachinskas, organist and choir director of St. Peter's, composed a Mass to the Immaculate Heart of

Mary, commemorating the coronation of Mindaugas. It was a very heart-warming performance and was well received by the audience.

Plans are underway for the annual parish reunion banquet. Quite a few of our members are on the committee. Along with the convention work, no wonder their families wonder when they'll be coming home to visit.

This year the Yankee Division is heading to summer camp in the first two weeks of June. Last year they missed the convention due to conflicting dates, so Uncle Sam took care of the matter this year. . . In order to have a successful convention we need your help both physically and financially. So be a BOOSTER, PATRON, SPONSOR, get ADS, and last of all COME to the New Boston, All American City for the Jubilee Convention.

Brockton, Mass. C-1 Kazoki

CRAZY! . . . is about the most appropriate word when describing our Feb. 23rd Beatnik Party. We all appeared as genuine reproductions of Greenwich Village. The only thing missing was Father Tony and his bongos. Much to our enjoyment, we discovered two new talents among us - Diane Griže and Buzzy Carleton.

March 3rd found us in a different mood as we commemorated our second annual Communion Breakfast. Father Knuzys offered the Mass and



50th Convention is discussed by Committee members during recent meeting: l. to r. J. Olevitz, Chairman; Rev. J. Zuromskis, NED Spiritual Adviser; L. Ronald Venis, Sports Chairman.



50th K of L Convention is outlined by Boston Committee members to Senator John E. Powers, Pres., Mass. Senate. Standing (l. to r.): Rev. John D. Zuromskis, N.E.D. Spiritual Adviser; Alyce Zaremba and Albert Jaritis, Committee Members, and John J. Olevitz, Convention Chairman.

we attended as a group. We later adjourned to a local restaurant for the meal. Many thanks to Pat Miskinis, Religious Chairman, for the success of this event.

We were off again on March 10th. This time to the mountains of Troy, N.H., to try luck at becoming sports-minded. Some brave individuals took to skis while others reveled in the fun of the toboggan run. My only complaint was that I didn't particularly relish the idea of landing among the cows' and horses' corral, which happened to be at the foot of the toboggan run. A few times we were a little too close for comfort, but being such brave individuals, we decided to chance it. One courageous soul actually went through the fence! What would you have ever done without the rail to grab onto, Al? By the way, have your arms gone back into their sockets yet?

Our official photographer was John Yuskaitis, and that was about all he could do, having been injured on skis two weeks before.

A quick rollick in the pool preceded the devouring of a delicious meal, and soon we took leave of the "Inn at East Hill Farm." With bruised and happy hearts we began the journey home.

We made it! This time to help celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a party at the home of John and Marilyn Yuskaitis.

I would like to express my gratitude for being a small part of such a wonderful organization, and pay special tribute to Father Kneizys. He is doing a great job rebuilding our council, and only a person such as he could succeed. God bless you, Father.

MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. C-79

Plikas

Our St. Casimir's Day Mass Celebration was held on Mar. 3rd at Church Of Divine Providence, and was well attended by our own council 79 plus the visiting councils 102 and 139. A crowd of 200 was anticipated and many more than 200 attended. A High Mass was celebrated with our own Spiritual Advisor, Fr. M. Kundrat, as the celebrant and the two visiting Spiritual Advisors from our neighboring councils, Fr. W. Stanievich of St. Anthony's Parish and Fr. Kristy of St. Peter's Parish, as assistants. A fine sermon was given by Fr. Kundrat on the life of St. Casimir our patron saint, and it made us all proud to be of Lithuanian Heritage.

The breakfast, which was headed by our Gerry Chaps, was something to behold. From the first piece of turkey to the last piece of kugelis everyone seemed to say "Sirdingai Ačiū" for the very fine meal. All weight-watchers threw their diets to the wind when they saw all this fine food. Along with this fine meal were a few timely jokes told by Vince Banonis, who looks like he could still be back playing football with our Detroit Lions.

Congratulations are in order for two nice couples who celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversaries most recently, Mr. and Mrs. F. Zager and Mr. and Mrs. J. Chaps. We hope that they have many, many more. Incidentally their families both consist of 3 boys. Congratulations also to Jodie and Chuck Step on the arrival of their new daughter.

Our monthly meeting was held on Mar. 6 after church services. There were 50 attending this meeting, only 25% of our membership. So, come on 79'ers! Let's get active and voice opinions at our meetings.

The Mid-Central Convention dates were decided at this meeting, Oct.

12-13. Further plans will be forthcoming.

Our bowling league is drawing to a close with 24th St. Bar still in the lead. But that lead is dwindling.

The Mid-Central Bowling Tournament is also drawing near. It will be in Cleveland, Ohio on May 24-25-26. Our Detroiters are planning to charter a bus and travel in a group. All interested parties contact John Eizonas Lu 4-4139.

Dayton, Ohio, C-96 EL

Spring has finally come to our valley, and our members are bursting with a new vitality. Plans are in full swing for a fitting celebration for the Jubilee celebration. A gala ball will be held at the Avondale Club with the lively polka music of television and recording artist Stan Wallowich and his orchestra. A cocktail party and buffet will precede the dance for members, friends and our of town guests. Stan Vaitkus, general chairman, and his committee are planning this grand affair.

Members are looking forward to our annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady Of Consolation in Carey, Ohio sponsored by the Mid-Central District.

The men of our council attended a retreat in Gethsemane, Kentucky.

Palm Sunday was the date of our annual Easter baked goods sale.

Pittsburgh, Pa. C-19 Mitzi

C - 19 is "perking" again - that is, if plans mean anything and can be carried out by our small crew! At the first new officers' meeting held at the home of Mildred Chinik on March 20th the gang was surprised with an unexpected snow storm. At midnight everyone started out to their cars and some didn't get too far. The slush had frozen and most of the roads were a sheet of ice. Lori Yucius came back and stayed the night at Mildred Chinik's and Bill Kolicus came back and snoozed for a couple hours and started out for home around 4 A.M. when the roads were cleared. Julia Aleshunas, hardy soul, got through - delivered three of her passengers on the South Side and then managed to get home

all the way to Jeanette, Pa.! I'm afraid Mildred Chinik is going to have difficulty with meeting nites at her home come next winter if there is any prospect of snow!

Julia Aleshunas is busy planning a social nite for April 24th and is also negotiating for a bus to take us all to Carey, Ohio to the Day of Recollection on May 19th. Members will invite guests to try to fill up the bus and cut down the individual cost.

Tentative plans have been set up for practice bowling in preparation for the tournament being held in Cleveland on May 25th and 26th. Andy Rozger, Steve and Marcie Onaitis, Vyto and Lori Yucius, Julia Aleshunas, Ann Selnoris and Mildred Chinik are planning to go as of the present - by May 25th we hope to have a larger group.

For our May social nite Lori Yucius is planning a big gambling night - a combination card party, penny bingo and poqueno nite.

In June we are planning to combine a quarterly Joint Communion date with a day of recollection to be held in Bridgeville, Pa. by the Franciscan Fathers. If we can't do it at this time we will do so around September 8th, in honor of Our Lady of Siluva.

For our big 50th Jubilee Year event we are planning a big banquet (shades of Ed Sullivan) and program for October, and we'd be more than delighted to welcome out-of-town guests.

Cleveland, Ohio C-25 H & J

Give a cheer - or even five at last a word from C-25. But really, we've been so busy this winter with personal enterprises there's hardly been time for snow shoveling!! Helen and Bill Jakubs moved - Gene Kunitis did likewise, and Tom and Frances Rasavage found a new spot to hang their hat too.

Gil and Nancy Richmond were the proud parents of a daughter and Ursula Yankauskas had the honor of being Godmother. Charlie and Nelda Machutas had their fourth - a girl this time

Our deepest sympathy was sent to four of our members who lost a parent recently: Our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Ivanauskas, Ursula Yankauskas and Andy Skarnus whose

fathers passed away, and Nellie Arunski was also saddened over the loss of her mother.

Poor Lois Apanovitch injured her hand between two cars during a struggle with a snow drift. This accident caused us to cancel our famous WINTER PICNIC, which is held at their lovely home.

We did have a Roller Skating Party on Feb. 16th with refreshments served at the Jakubs. Everyone enjoyed crowding around the fireplace to roast hot dogs on the open fire.

The Seniors of Cleveland were hosts for the annual St. Casimir's Day celebration at our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. After Mass and Holy Communion a breakfast was served at Smith's Restaurant.

A committee chaperoned an ice-skating party for our struggling new JUNIOR group.

A bowling party was held on March 23rd. (We're practicing for the BIG BOWLING TOURNAMENT, MAY 24-26. It's in CLEVELAND and you're coming, of course!!) The hungry ones returned to Pete Luiza's for a midnite snack. High scores for the evening with handicap were Bruno Bartkus, 673; Tom Rasavage, 659; Pete Luiza, 634; Mary Trainy, 628; Al Shigo, 607; and booby prize went to Bill Smith with a 448.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

District News

Zelda

St. Casimir's Day Commemoration Mass was held at Our Lady of Vilna Church. Bishop Vincent Brizgys was celebrant of the Solemn High Mass and gave an inspiring sermon on St. Casimir. The Mass was sung by the K of L Choir, under the direction of Faustas Strolia. Colors were posted by the Don-Varnas Post.

Following the Mass, breakfast was served at the K of L Bldg. Our hearty thanks to our gracious host, the Sr. Council and to their chairman, Ignas Sakalas, Konstant Savickas, S.C. Legal Advisor, Master of Ceremonies for the program welcomed the guests. Bishop Vincent Brizgys; Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Dist. Sp. Advisor; and Rev. John Savukynas were guests of

honor.

Al Mockus, Ritual Chmn. presented Third Degrees to the following: Rev. Paul Juknevičius, Joanne Jakunas, Theresa Strolia, Ed & Al Pratt, Jerome Jankus, Joseph Ulevicius, Helen Pius, Sophie Chuprinskas, Vince Samaska (C-36 members) Rev. V. Zakaruskas, Lorraine & Dolores Wainauskas, Geraldine Mockus & Ed Krivickas, C-112 members. Congratulations to them all.

Guest speaker was Leonard Simutis (Hon. Member), who reminisced on some of the past works of the I-I Dist. He made mention of such men as Ignas Sakalas, Anthony Petrulis, Stanley Cibulskis, Anthony Bacevicius and Walter Stroga, who helped organize councils in Chicago. He urged everyone, especially during this Golden Jubilee Year, to enroll new members.

Martin Gestautas, I-I Dist. Pres. awarded Ignas Sakalas with the "K of L Man of the Year" award. He was presented with a tie clasp bearing the K of L emblem.

The Lithuanian Opera Co. of Chicago this year presented "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliaci." The K of L Choir had the pleasure of assisting them in "Cavalleria Rusticana." Although the Choir's role was minor, it was an honor and a wonderful experience.

It seems as though the K of L Bowling League just got started and within a few weeks the season will come to an end. It is a close race for first place, but good luck to all the teams. The teams attending are Chicago Savings & Loan, Petkus Funeral Home,

? Lounge, St. Anthony Savings & Loan, Zbella's, Bill Becker Chevrolet, Evans Funeral Home, Team #9, Al's Hilltop Lounge, and Crane Savings & Loan.

Chicago, Ill. C-112

GEM

When it comes to celebrating St. Patrick's Day, no one can do it better than the Lithuanians (except possibly, the Irish). This was evidenced by the rollicking crowd that filled the K of L Bldg. on Mar. 17 to partake of the entertainment, music, and refreshments offered by our council. The able chairman of this affair was Al Shulicke, and he was assisted by many, many committee members who helped make this one of our most successful affairs. The entertainment committee did a wonderful job getting together the several acts they put on. Tops was the skit with Pete Gagle portraying "Joe the Bartender" and Shulicke as "Crazy Guggenheim." This one really had the crowd roaring. Another delightful act featured Irene "Gypsy Rose" Rakaitis and her Four Shamrocks, who were played by Eleanore Laurin, Julie Zakarka, Estelle Rogers and Dolores Wainauskis. Irene did a take-off on that now famous song "Let Me Entertain You." Sincere thanks should go to the gals in the kitchen, under the supervision of Chef, Ruth Dagis, who did a great job of preparing the food. The table looked very typical of St. Patrick's Day with its array of green jello molds and green frosted cakes. All in all, a great time was had by everyone.

We were very fortunate to have as our guest speaker for our March meeting, Father John Savukynas. Father Savukynas gave a very interesting and inspiring talk entitled "Dedication."

Quite a few of our members are celebrating birthdays in May, so let's wish a "Happy Birthday" to Jim

Jagiella, Joseph Short, John Chaplin, Virginia Short, Alice Cekanor, Leonard Shemaitis, Don Petkus, Marge Uchison, and Dominic Yocius.

N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWS

F.V.

The District held its annual Communion Breakfast at Kearney, N.J., on Sunday, March 10th, with C-90 as hosts. The membership received Communion at 10:30 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. High Mass was offered by Rev. Raymond Thompson, who also preached a sermon. The event marked the feast of our patron, St. Casimir. At the end of the Mass the Knights of Lithuania Hymn was sung.

Breakfast was held in the parish hall and John Nakrosis of the host council was toastmaster. Mildred Grinevich, President, welcomed the guests. The invocation was offered by Rev. Thompson. Also seated at the main table were District President, Dorothy Dutkus, S.C. Vice President, Helen Shields, and former National President, Joseph Boley. Kenneth Becker of Metuchen, N.J., was guest speaker. His talk on indecent literature certainly made a deep and lasting impression on the listeners. A film was shown in connection with his oration.

Awards for outstanding work in the District during the past year were given to Agnes Timms of C-3, Philadelphia, and Jack J. Stukas of C-29, Newark. The closing prayer was given by Rev. Thompson.

A business session held in the



ILL.-Ind. District Bowling League Members: Evans Funeral Home Team: 1. to r. J. Daniels, L. Nilles, Al Kassel, T. Kupetis, A.M. Kassel.



Al Brazis Hilltop Lounge Team: 1. to r. J. Cunningham, R. Shlaustas, R. Tomchek, T. Valek, G. Giedraitis.

afternoon in the parish hall was called to order by President, Dorothy Dutkus, and was opened with a prayer by Rev. Thompson. Minutes of the meeting held in December at Bayonne, N.J.; were given by secretary pro temp Geraldine Kern and accepted. Present at the session were the District Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Peter Zemeikis and Rev. Vladas Karalevičius of Elizabeth. Eight councils were represented at the conclave. Various committee reports were given and the meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Karalevičius and singing of the K of L Hymn.

Notes off the Cuff: Many thanks to C-90 for making the stay a most enjoyable one. The Lithuanian Affairs Committee report certainly was a lively and spirited one, to say the least. . . The District will have a Mass offered for the repose of the soul of the late Vytautas Demeikis of St. Casimir's Parish, Patterson, who passed away suddenly on March 3rd. May he rest in peace . . . A donation was given to the K of L History Fund and to Our Lady of Šiluva Chapel in Washington . . .

In connection with the Jubilee Year of our organization we are holding a two-day event. On Saturday, June 15th, at 8 P.M. in the Kearney parish hall there will be a meeting sponsored by the District followed by a social hour. On Sunday, June 16th, there will be a High Mass at 12 noon in Holy Trinity Church, Newark, followed by a brunch. Dedication of the Lithuanian Wayside Cross will take place at 2 P.M. and a dinner and dance at 4 P.M. Any K of L member on the road at that time is invited to take part in the doings. More later regarding this celebration.

Congratulations to Jack Stukas on being accepted into Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., for a three year term as associate professor in business administration.

New York, C-12

Ed

C-12 received Communion in a body, March 17th, at the eleven o'clock Mass. A wonderful luncheon followed with kilbasai and saurkraut as the main dish. The guests for this annual affair were the Reverends Gurinkas, Paulonis, and Senkus.

Vincent Yatkaukas acted as host

and master of ceremonies. He called upon each of our distinguished guests to impart a few words. The talks were brief and to the point, and when Fr. Paulonis spoke everyone was moved by what he had to say. Fr. Paulonis has been a member of the K of L since its inception. Although Father is American-born, he speaks Lithuanian fluently, which he attributes in part to his K of L membership. We thank Father Paulonis for visiting Our Lady of Vilna parish and also for his inspiring talk.

At the close of the luncheon President Yatkaukas addressed the members and guests in Lithuanian. His joy in seeing so many members in attendance was quite evident.

Evelyn Bell, one of our most active members, entered the hospital on March 19th. On behalf on C-12, I sincerely wish her the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

Aside from the K of L meetings at Our Lady of Vilniaus, there is also a children's dance group which meets every two weeks. Miss Aldona Sileikas teaches the children folk dances of Lithuania, and sings to them in her native tongue. Many words of praise can be said for this young lady. However, the best way we can compliment her is to bring more children to her class.

Congratulations to the J. Thomas' who are expecting in July. This will be their fourth. Belated greetings to the Samulimases. Welcome back to C-12. On behalf of the membership I extend my deepest sympathies to Father Gurinkas on the loss of his brother in Connecticut, and also to Stanley Borus who lost his father March 24th.

This writer wishes to apologize to those members whose names were misspelled in the Feb. issue of VY-TIS. In closing I would like to remind those members whose dues are still outstanding to please take care of this obligation.

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3

Sunshine

We had a very good attendance at our Jubilee Year St. Casimir's Day Communion Luncheon on March 3. Following a procession into Church and Mass, everyone went to the hall for a most delicious lunch. Our guest speaker was Rev. Casimir Zvirblis, who spoke on our beloved Patron, St.

Casimir. Congratulations to the following members, who received their First and Second Degrees:

First: Margie Gestite, Dianne Beletsky and Pete Puodziunas.

Second: Rev. Eugene Wassel and Charlie Petronis.

After we cleaned things up and rested a while, the monthly meeting went on as scheduled.

COMING! Plans are now in progress for our Jubilee Year Second Annual Picnic to be held on May 26, 1963 at Bell Gardens, Bellmawr, New Jersey. Further details will be given at a later date, but EVERYONE is invited to come.

Welcome to our two new members, Ann Alsanskas and Frannie Navickas. We're glad to have you with us.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lorraine Pukis and Bob Stepanowski who were wed on April 27.

Lots of luck and happy motoring to Walter Svekla, who is sporting a 1963 Pontiac Catalina.

Kearny, New Jersey C-90 Dimples

On Feb. 4th we had 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; Dorothy Bezgela and Mary Grinewich, 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 Plosica of Irvington. A May 26th wedding is planned. . . Congratulations to Architect John Nakrosis on the opening of his new office here in town . . . Congratulations 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. Congratulations and best of luck again.

On March 4th, we had our monthly meeting. We discussed and made the final arrangements for our St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast. Also, a special meeting was called for Mar. 25th at the home of John and Ellie

Nakrosis regarding our May 5th "2nd Annual Cocktail Party".

On Mar. 10th, we were the host council for the Communion Breakfast in honor of St. Casimir and also for the N.Y.-N.J. District Convention. 10:30 Mass was said by Father Thompson in Our Lady of Sorrows Church, followed by Breakfast. Mr. Kenneth Becker, Communications Chairman of Trenton Diocesan Union of the Holy Name Society, was our guest speaker. Our thanks are extended to everyone who attended and especially to our Jr. K of L girls who served as waitresses.

Part of the proceeds from our May 5th Cocktail Party will go toward the "Our Lady of Siluva Chapel" which is to be erected within the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C. We hope that may other councils follow in our footsteps and run events for the erection of this Shrine.

Birthday greetings to Kathy Dauroras, April 11th and Anne Klem, April 20th.

Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100

Smile and Sparkle

At our K of L Communion Breakfast, Vice-President Matthew Kazlauskas brought in records of our original council which was founded on August 3, 1919. The first officers of our council were Walter Rusilas, president; Brone Daumantas, secretary; Matthew Kazlauskas (our V.P.) treasurer; and Sophie Kiselis financial secretary. Leafing through the list of members Sophie Olbie came upon the name of her brother, Ben Kroup as being in the original Amsterdam council.

Matthew had visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yunker and Mrs. Yunker, who was a member of the original council until 1938, presented Matt with the old records. She also re-joined the council. However, tragedy struck this fine family two days after Matt's visit. Mr. Yunker, while walking from his home towards the bus stop, was critically injured by an auto. Our deepest sympathies go out to Ann Yunker and her daughter.

Another new member to join our group is Irene Rogers Wood who is a professor on the staff of Russel Sage College in Troy, N.Y.

While chatting with Eleanore Baranauskas at the Communion Breakfast, we were informed that her husband Ed's job took him to the Ascension Islands. . . Gene Gobis and Betty Smith spent St. Patrick's Day Week-end at the Jug End Barn, South Egremont, Mass. . . Pauline Urban is the latest member to be sporting a new car - a white Fury - Plymouth! . . . Mary Ann Nikstenas, who has been hitting the aces on many occasion this season, has been joined by Gene Gobis who for the first time hit 500 and had a score of 529.

Our efficient secretary Eleanor Stakauskas is taking steno-type two nights a week. I hear she has acquired great speed.

Newark, N.J. C-29 The Wanderer

The main item on C-29's agenda right now is the coming dedication of the Lithuanian Wayside Cross, which will take place on Sunday, June 16th. A High Mass will be offered at twelve noon in Holy Trinity Church, followed by a brunch in the new parish hall. The dedication ceremonies at 2 p.m. will be followed by a dinner-dance. This ceremony will tie in with the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the K of L. We hereby extend an invitation to K of L'ers from distant points, who might happen to be in the vicinity at that time, to join us in this celebration and dedication.

On June 15th, the Saturday before the dedication, there will be a District meeting in Our Lady of Sorrows parish hall, Kearny, N.J., at 8 p.m. followed by a social hour.

C-29 made a donation to the Altar Boys' Fund of Holy Trinity Church. Donations received at the February 16th commemoration have been forwarded to ALT.

Belated birthday greetings to Christine Korbet. . . Jack Remeika, past commander of the Lithuanian-American Veteran's Post and council vice-president, has been named chairman of the committee arranging the Memorial Day celebration in our city. . . Congratulations and best wishes to Rev. John Scharnus, pastor of St. Ann's church who will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary in the priesthood on June 2nd. Rev. Scharnus was born in our city and served as an altar boy at Holy Trinity Church.



ILL.-IND. District Bowling League First Place Team: l. to r. A. Raubiskis, D. Kupetis, J. Dusak, A. Kachinskis. Not shown - R. Kupetis. Team Sponsor is St. Anthony's Savings and Loan Assn.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gerb. Redaktore:

Daug jums linkėjimų. Puiki VYTIS. Lai gyvuoja mūsų "Creative Thinking!"

Tėv. T. Ziūraitis, O.P.

To the Editor:

Your articles on Lithuanian poets and artists are interesting and educational. But haven't we had enough? For contrast, how about some human interest stories in the Vytis? - and whatever happened to the Junior corner?

Sincerely,
EPG, Knights of Lithuania
Detroit, Mich.

ED. NOTE: Prospective writers and VYTIS contributors, please take note!

Dear Editor:

This is only a short note voicing my disapproval of the drawings of naked angels in the February issue of the "Vytis." The article "St. Valentine's Day" might have been better published without any illustrations.

I see no reason for such sketches simply because they are allowed in the mail by the Supreme Court.

Sincerely Yours,
Stella Zielnis (Miss)

ED. NOTE: Have you seen the Sistine Chapel?

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF JUBILEE CONVENTION

Wed.

Sports Activities

Registration 10-8 at hotel

Registration 7-10 at club *

Get - together 7 - 1 at club *

*So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club

Thurs.

Registration 9-6

9:30 Bus

11:45 Mass at St. Francis Church in Lawrence, Mass., in Commemoration
of Mykolas Norkūnas

12:30 Buffet

1:30 Commemorative Session

3:30 Visit to M. Norkunas Grave

8:00 Clambake

Fri. Morning

8:00 Mass at St. Peters Church

Registration 9-7

10:00 Session at Bradford Empire Room

12:30 Luncheon

2:00 - 5:00 Session

8:00 - ? Dance Main Ballroom - Music by Al Soyka

Sat. Morning

8:00 Mass at St. Peters Church

Registration 9-7

10:00 - 12:00 Session - 12:30 Luncheon

2:00 - 5:00 Session

8:15 Concert

Sunday

10:00 Mass at St. Peters Church

12:00 Brunch

10:00 Mass at St. Peters Church

12:00 Brunch

2:00 Session, if necessary

6:00 Banquet, Main Ballroom

Monday

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