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The Second Session of the Ecumenical Council. The 12 Cardinals in the foreground dominate the foreground of this plenary meeting, at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.

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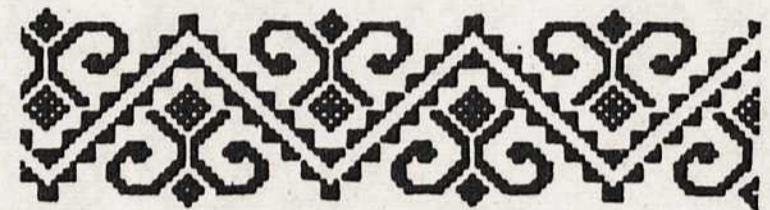
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Užtrauksime Naują glesmę broliai,
 Kurią Jaunimas tesupras.
 Netaip giedosim kaip ligšioliai,
 Kitas mąstysime dūmas!
 Drąsiai, aukštai pakils balsai
 Išauš nauja gadynė.
 Užgims darbai, prašvis laikai
 Pakils nauja tėvynė!

These words were written many years ago by Lithuania's beloved poet, Maironis, urging the people of Lithuania, especially the youth to arise and work for a new era. How appropriate these words seem for the Knights of Lithuania as we embark on our second 50 years of activity!

We paused during this, our Golden Jubilee Year to pay tribute to our predecessors and made it a year full of special events to celebrate and rejoice in our organization's past triumphs. Yes, it was a grand year for the Knights of Lithuania everywhere!

But a new dawn is fast approaching and the future awaits us! What it shall bring will depend on us, the present members of the Knights of Lithuania. If we are earnest, sincere, responsible and cooperative, then we shall reap new and even greater accomplishments than in the past. Our predecessors, working many times under the most unfavorable conditions, were able to accomplish so very much. The "K of L'ers" of today find themselves in much better circumstances. Only one ingredient is necessary: Determination to work for "God and Country."

Dear Knights! I ask you to re-evaluate yourselves and become re-acquainted with the high ideals and principles of your organization. Make a firm resolution to become active in some phase of the K of L program, and let nothing deter you from seeing your project through! Make success your goal, not only as a member, but as a council and district as well. With this in mind, our organization will be well on its way towards achieving its goals.

The Supreme Council officers, elected at the Golden Jubilee convention, will do everything possible to encourage, assist and fulfill the program of the Knights of Lithuania. They have pledged to serve you for this coming year. You should feel free to ask them for their assistance whenever needed.

I sincerely ask every member, from the youngest to the oldest, to begin anew, and with uplifted spirits, invigorating enthusiasm and real determination to work for the ideal and principles of the Knights of Lithuania. Your cooperation will enable the Knights of Lithuania to become THE ORGANIZATION which encompasses all Catholic Americans of Lithuanian descent.

Knights of Lithuania! This year we shall be working on the foundation that must serve as the basis for the next 50 years. I appeal to each and every member to contribute his and her share, so that it will be a strong and firm one. If we as members do our best, you can be sure that St. Casimir, our Patron, will guide us and Our Lady of Siluva will bless all our efforts.

Lai gyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčiai!

Helen T. Shields, President

AN EYEWITNESS REPORT..



THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

By Stanley Pieza

(Chicago's AMERICAN religion editor covering Vatican Council).

Vatican City - On a sunny and warm morning, a bus stopped at the Collegio Lituano, in the Piazza Asti, a few blocks from the ancient gates of St. John Lateran. Fifteen archbishops and bishops of various countries, attired in episcopal robes with golden pectoral crosses, emerged from the college, where they reside during the duration of Vatican Council II, and entered the bus, joyously greeting each other, "buongiorno!" The lone layman with the prelates was this writer.

Vespa scooters, Fiats and Volkswagens sped around the bus as it proceeded down the busy streets, passing the Colosseum, on its way to the Vatican. While passing the ruins of the Caracalla baths, the great dome of St. Peter's loomed in sight in all its majestic grandeur. It seemed to be floating above the city.

Upon reaching the world-renowned square of St. Peter's, the bus passed the two fountains, the giant Egyptian obelisk, and stopped at the steps leading to the main doors of the basilica.

It was about 15 minutes before the start of a plenary session of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. Autos and other buses were unloading other prelates in the square. There suddenly before the eyes of this writer were walking a great majority of nearly 2,400 cardinals, patriarchs, archbishops, bishops and abbots from across the world - the manifestation of the great

and universal Roman Catholic church. Walking towards the basilica doors were red-robed princes of the church from Asia and Africa, archbishops from such ancient sees as Carthage and Seville; bearded patriarchs of Israel and Jordan, and over 200 prelates from the United States, where the church is relatively new.

Among the U.S. bishops proceeding to the doors was Auxiliary Bishop Charles Salatka, smiling and greeting his episcopal associates. The young bishop is the first American of Lithuanian ancestry raised to episcopacy. He is an honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania. Some of the bishops called him "Charles" as they were urging him to pose for pictures. He stopped and cameras were on him.

Waving his hand and smiling, Bishop Vincent Brizgys of Kaunas, Lithuania, came forward to shake the hand of this writer. An exile from his beloved Lithuania, now held by the Soviets, Bishop Brizgys is a formidable figure at the council sessions, where he speaks in behalf of the "Church in Silence," suffering persecution behind the Iron Curtain.

Present also at the sessions are six minor prelates from Lithuania, serving in the capacity of theological advisers. But Lithuania's bishops were not permitted by the Communist rulers to attend the Vatican council.

Another American priest of Lithuanian ancestry with an important role in the organization of the coun-

cil in Rome is Msgr. Paul Marcinkus, who is attached to the Vatican secretary of state, Amleto Cardinal Cicognani. The tall and young monsignor is from St. Anthony's parish, Cicero, where Ignatius Albavicius is pastor.

It was a rare thrill for this writer to be the only newsman present during mass at the plenary session in St. Peter's basilica. As soon as the council fathers entered the basilica, this writer, accompanied by his episcopal friend, started walking towards the basilica doors. I looked up at the Swiss guards, standing erect with their halberds at the entrance, and I asked my episcopal friend, "The guards look tough, do you think I'll get past them?"

We reached the main door of St. Peter's, the bishop whispered something to one of the guards, and to my amazement the guard smiled, lifted his hand in a salute and I entered feeling like an ambassador from Lithuania.

Then I walked to a tribune near the main altar, at which I saw Pope Paul VI open the second session of the Vatican council Sept. 29. The basilica then was packed with the council fathers, priests and laymen.

At today's plenary session I stood alone in the tribune, at the left of the main altar. The council fathers sat in their special seats set in tiers on both sides of the nave.

Then my eyes fell on a tall, distinguished looking cardinal at the council presidents' table and it was the archbishop of Chicago, Albert Cardinal Meyer. He was the first, looking from left to right, at the table of 12 presiding presidents. The other American was Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York.

In a section for cardinals, near the table, I recognized the gray-haired and smiling Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston, who was the guest speaker at the Golden Jubilee Knights of Lithuania Convention; the tall James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles, and Joseph Elmer Ritter of St. Louis.

The majestic organ of the basilica started playing as Archbishop Andrew Rohrer of Salzburg, Germany, celebrated the mass, with the council fathers joining in congregational responses. The mass was offered at a tiny altar specially set up at the west end of the tiers of seats. The lights of six candles in tall golden candelabra flickered as the impressive ceremonies continued.

Standing throughout the ceremonies and near the altar were 60 non-Catholic observers, Protestant leaders of Europe and the U.S., Russian Orthodox bishops, and bearded bishops of the Armenian Orthodox communions.

Members of the Sistine Chapel Choir, standing at the foot of the ancient bronze statue of St. Peter, adorned with gold mitre and cope, sang portions of the mass. Symbolically St. Peter presides at the council.

In the shafts of sunlight that came through Michelangelo's dome, the golden pectorial crosses of the prelates gleamed, and their birettas and skull caps (zucchetos) of varied hues of purple and red appeared like the red of forest leaves of autumn.

After the mass, the Gospel book was enthroned in the altar by an archbishop of South Africa, the Most Rev. John Colburn Garner. Then the council fathers recited in Latin the Credo, and the signal was given for

the start of the session.

A voice reverberated throughout the vast basilica: "Exceant omnes!" ("All leave!")

The Latin exhortation meant that all who have no official business in the council must leave the basilica.

I left, closely watched by a Swiss guard. I noticed he also peeked under the tribune for anyone who may hope to hide and listen to the council debates which are carried on in Latin, the language of the Caesars.

I walked into the square, passed the Bernini colonnade, and proceeded toward the National Catholic Welfare Conference news service press conference in the U.S.O. building on Via della Concilazione, where the sessions are daily and ably conducted by Elmer Von Feldt, news editor of the NCWC news services of Washington, D.C. A panel of learned theologians, many of them Jesuits, give newsmen from all parts of the world the lowdown on the daily council sessions. Each reporter also receives a daily and virtually complete report of the sessions.

The Second Vatican Ecumenical council was summoned by the late Pope John XXIII for the purpose of renewing the church for the modern times. He expressed it well in Italian by one word, "Aggiornamento," meaning updating.

Pope Paul VI, the kindly Pope John's successor, summoned the second session of the council, which is now proceeding, and which will recess Dec. 4, and a third session will be scheduled.

There are three main purposes of the council:

1. Pastoral - the work of the church, its priests and laymen.
2. Missionary - the bringing of the church to the entire world.
3. Christian unity.

One of the first effects of the council to be felt by Catholics will be the changes to be made in the mass, benediction, sacraments and other forms of worship. We'll be worshiping God in our own language rather than in the Latin, which is only understood by the clergy. The old Latin also raises a wall between Catholics and non-Catholics, as some bishops pointed out.

Most of the bishops at the council were in favor of changing Catholic ceremonies from Latin into the vernacular. Theologians of Europe, among them Dr. Hans Kung of Tuebingen university, Germany, favor the change.

While watching the council, we learn that the Roman Catholic church is ever a greater spiritual power in the world. It is energizing its power to ever greater speed and performance to bring the Good News to the entire world.

The Roman Catholic church is also at present ready for dialogue with the non-Catholics in the ecumenical movement, and the response of the separated brethren brings hope for the future - perhaps quite distant - for a church with "one fold and one Shepherd."

The Vatican council will bring about a greater and more genuine encounter of mankind with Almighty God.

Roma, Italia
Oct. 23, 1963.

LIETUVIŲ KALBOS GROŽIS

(tęsa)

Antras dalykas, kuo lietuvių kalba stebina visus, tai jos melodingumas. Gausios net 3 (tarmėse net 5) priegaidės (balsių intonacija), arba melodija. Kas paverčia lietuvių kalbą dainuojamąja kalba, Jeigu kita tautis, nesuprantas lietuvių kalbos klauso kalbančių lietuviškai, tai dažnai pasako, pavyzdžiui vokiečiai: "Sie sprechen singend" (Jūs kalbate dainuodami). Taip iš tikrųjų ir yra. Nes mūsų lietuvių kalba, turėdama 3 skirtingas priegaides ir nepastovų žodžių kirčiavimą (kirtis gali nušokti nuo pirmo ant vidurinio ar paskutinio skiemens) teikia mūsų ausiai ypatingai malonų skambėjimą. Iš viso tokių kalbų, kurios turėtų priegaides, yra nedaug, pav. latvių, čekų, serbų, švedų ir dar gal viena ar dvi kalbos, o visos naujosios arba moderniškiosios kalbos, kaip anglų, vokiečių, prancūzų, rusų, italų, ispanų, neturi priegaidžių, neturi to melodingumo. Todėl mes, lietuviai, visai pagrįstai galime pasididžiuoti prieš visus kitus nuostabiu savo kalbos skambesiu.

Trys dalykai iškelia kalbos grožį:

1. balsių skambumas,
2. jų melodingumas
3. žodžių turtingumas.

Apie 2 pirmuosius jau esu kalbėjęs, lieka dar ši tą pasakyti apie lietuvių kalbos turtingumą arba žodiningumą, bei kalbos tinkamumą poetinei kūrybai. Taip, esame laimingi būdami lietuviai, nes mūsų kalba yra viena iš pačių turtingiausių kalbų, nes mes tą jau esame pastebėję pradėdami leisti dar nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje didį lietuvių kalbos žodyną. Nepaprastą žodžių gausumą rodo ir tas faktas, kad tik dviem abėcėlės raidėm a ir b buvo skirtas vienas tomas, apimęs apie 1000 puslapių. Nežinau, ar yra kuri kita pasaulio kalba, kuri galėtų jai prilygti.

Kas įgalino lietuvius tiek žodžių susikurti? Tai lietuvių kalbos nepaprastas lankstumas. Paėmę vieną žodžio šaknį ir pridėdami skirtingas priesagas gauname daug naujų žodžių, pav. k e l t i, šaknis k e l-, iš jos su priesagų pagalba galime pasidaryti šiuos žodžius: k e l t a s, k a l n a s, k a l v a, k e l i m a s, k e l t u v e s, k e l i n y s, k e l t i n i n k a s ir kt.

Norėčiau dar čia paliesti ir lietuvių kalbos tinkamumą poetinei kūrybai. Iškelsiu liaudies kūrybos arba tautosakos gausumą, jos vieną ypatingą rūšį - d a i n a s.

Mėnuo saulužę vedė
pirmą pavasarėli.
Saulužė anksti kėlė,
mėnužis atsiskyrė.

Mėnuo viens vaikštinėjo,
Aušrinę pamylėjo;
Perkūns didžiai supykęs
jį kardu perdalijo.

1825 m. Rėzos užrašyta graži liaudies daina, tikras kūrybos perlas. Gausybę turime įvairių dainų, apie

bernelius ir mergeles, jų žirgelius ir rūtelių darželius. Turime gausybę raudų, pasakų, mįslių ir patarlių, kurias mūsų beraščiai protėviai kūrė ir išlaikė iki mūsų dienų. Ta kūryba jau prieš daugelį metų džiaugėsi Lessingas, Goethe ir kiti pasaulio rašytojai, o mūsų pareiga ne tik didžiūotis ir džiaugtis, bet ir patiems išmokti ko daugiau dainų ir mokėti dainuoti. Vieno mums trūksta šiandien, tai meilės ir pagarbos savajai kalbai, kuri nuo seniausių Mindaugo laikų skambėjo kunigaikščių lūpose, kuria savo skausmą ir gėlą reiškė baudžiamų slegiamas lietuvis. Juk dėl jos ir knygnešiai ėjo kalvarijas į tolimąjį Sibirą - už lietuvišką žodį, už lietuvišką raštą. O juk ir šiais laikais, Lietuvoj likę mūsų broliai ir seserys, kentėdami kruvinojo komunizmo priespaudą, lietuviškoj dainoj ieško paguodos ir stiprybės. O mes juk dažnai ją teršiame svetimos kalbos priemaišomis. Bet aš linkėčiau visiems lietuviams, net ir čia gimusiems, labiau pamilti savą lietuvišką kalbą ir kiekviena proga ją naudoti savo tarpe ir perduoti jaunajai kartai - būsimai Lietuvai.

RUGIAGĖLĖ

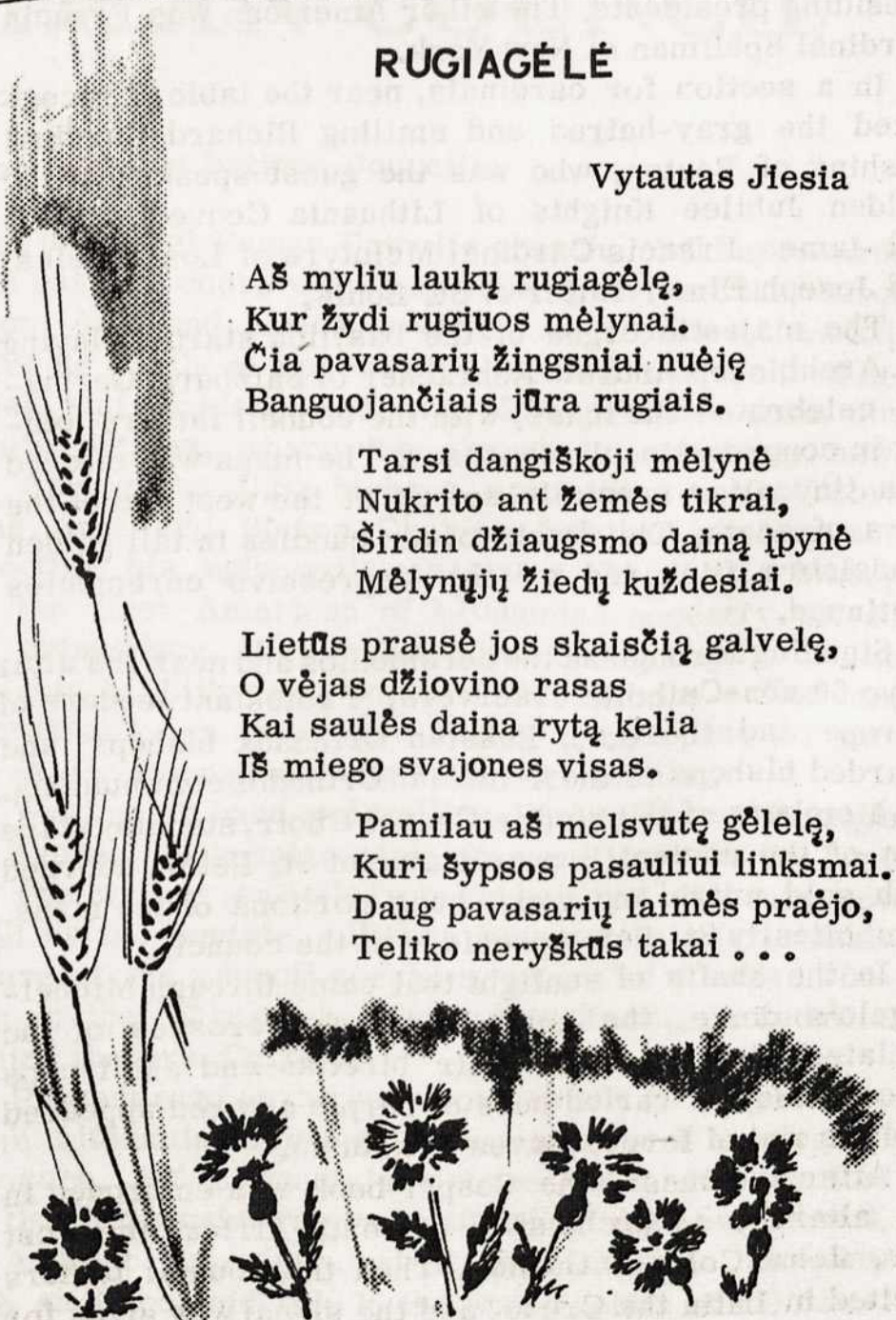
Vytautas Jiesia

Aš myliu laukų rugiagėlę,
Kur žydi rugiuos mėlynai.
Čia pavasarių žingsniai nuėję
Banguojančiais jūra rugiais.

Tarsi dangiškoji mėlynė
Nukrito ant žemės tikrai,
Širdin džiaugsmo dainą įpynė
Mėlynųjų žiedų kuždesiai.

Lietūs prausė jos skaisčią galvelę,
O vėjas džiovinò rasas
Kai saulės daina rytą kelia
Iš miego svajones visas.

Pamilau aš melsvutę gėlelę,
Kuri šypsos pasauliui linksmi.
Daug pavasarių laimės praėjo,
Teliko neryškūs takai . . .



Jubilee Year Activities...

VYČIŲ CHORO METINIS KONCERTAS

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL SPONSORS RADIO HOUR

Funds raised at a card party given in the home of Mrs. Mildred Chinik enabled Council 19 to sponsor 25 minutes of the Lithuanian Catholic Hour program transmitted over Station WEDO, McKeesport, Pa., on Sunday, Sept. 8, 1963, to mark the observance of the Knights of Lithuania 50th Jubilee year celebration.

Al Onaitis and Vytautas Yucius, directors of the hour, speaking in both English and Lithuanian respectively, delved deeply into the organization's birth and its colorful history. The commentaries were interspersed with Lithuanian musical recordings. The program, which climaxed with the playing of LIETUVOS VYČIŲ HIMNAS, was presented in an artistic and sincere manner. Many thanks to the directors and congratulations to Council 19 for its initiative.

Kada buvo atgaivintas vyčių choras, daug kas nelabai tikėjosi, kad jis galės išaugti į rimtą dainos ir muzikos sambūrį, bet šiandien choras asistuoja ant tvirto pagrindo ir yra pajėgus lygiomis stoti su kitais choralais lietuviškos dainos plėtimo darban.

Kiekvienas didesnis choras be eilinių ar proginių pasirodymų stengiasi suruošti vieną stiprų dainų koncertą, kad pateisintų savo egzistenciją. Lietuvos vyčių choras jau pernai metais puikiai pasirodė su savo metiniu koncertu, padedant solistams P. Bičkieniui ir A. Braziui. Apie tą koncertą ir spaudoje ir visuomenėje buvo šilti ir malonūs atsiliepimai. To paskatintas choras nuveikė kitą ne mažesnės svarbos darbą - išleido savo įdainuotą plokštelę, kuri dažnai skamba ir per lietuviškus radijo pusvalandžius ir ne vienas turi sau ją įsigijęs.

Tad ir šiais metais Lietuvos Vyčių choras pasiryžo duoti vėl lietuviškai visuomenei dar nedainuotą, kai kurių pirmą kartą išpildomų dai-

nų koncertą. Šiuo koncertu vyčių choras nori taip pat pasitarnauti lietuvybei ir lietuviškai kultūrai. Darnioje atmosferoje susiorganizavęs iš čia gimusių jaunuolių ir naujai atvykusių lietuvių dirba kietai ir įtemptai, net 3 kart savaitėje darydamas repeticijas.

Choro dirigentas Faustas Strolia su nepailstama energija, tikrai įdėdamas daug širdies ir net savo kūrybos, nori choro vardą dar aukščiau iškelti. Su malonumu tenka priminti, kad ir šiam koncertui sutiko talkininkauti mūsų operos solistai Kristina Bartulienė ir Valentinas Liorentas. Abu jau įsigiję gerą vardą mūsų solistų tarpe ir visuomenės mėgiami.

Tenka tik palinkėti lietuviškai Chicago visuomenei nepraleisti progos išgirsti tą koncertą ir praturtinti savo sielą neeiliniais lietuviškos musavo sielą neeiliniais lietuviškos dainos lobiais, o tuc pačiu pasitarnauti ir mūsų tautinei dvasiai išlaikyti.

A. P. Bagdonas



Illinois-Indiana District Choir with concert soloists Valentinas Liorentas (seated, fourth from left) and Christine Bartulis (seated fifth from left).

WE THANK THEE FOR

THY BENEFITS...



Among the most significant days in the history of our country is Thanksgiving Day. To emphasize and stress its importance, the VYTIS asked various personalities to share their thoughts relative to this memorable day.

The following pages carry the answers received to the question, "What particular incident or phase of your life will you be especially thankful for on Thanksgiving Day?"

K of L DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Mary Trainy - Mid Central

What am I thankful for? Good health? Yes. A good job? Yes. Freedom? Yes. But above all I am thankful for the opportunity of having known a truly wonderful person. Simple, humble, self sacrificing and retaining a wonderful sense of humor through all trials. She taught me that no matter how dark things look today, tomorrow will be brighter. She always had a cheery greeting for every one, regardless of race, creed or color, and left a smile wherever she passed.

And now that God has called her, heaven must be a happier place. I thank you, God, for letting me have such a wonderful MOTHER.

Dorothy Dutkus - New York - New Jersey

"Thanksgiving Day" is celebrated once a year, but the giving of thanks should be a daily communion with our Lord. The many gifts and blessings showered upon us, the friends we have made, and the happy memories that do not fade, are often so blindly taken for granted.

As I reminisce, I realize that I have found these friends through my association with the Knights of Lithuania. We have a common bond, through our religion, our nationality, our customs and our goals. I am thankful for my Lithuanian heritage, and for the association it has brought me. I cherish my colleagues who have helped to strengthen my belief and who have enriched my life. I am grateful for the privilege of having been able to serve in promoting our aims and in knowing that as a united group we can attain much more by way of preserving our Lithuanian ideals.

Frank Svelnis - Illinois-Indiana

As another Thanksgiving Day approaches, I find that many blessings were bestowed upon me. Among these is the good fortune to be born in a free country where one can choose his field of endeavor and be as successful as one's initiative and skill will permit. In addition, I'm grateful to have Lithuanian parents who have given me their Lithuanian heritage rich in its culture, songs, dances and tradition. Besides there is the gift of having good health to enjoy life to its fullest and not being dependent upon others, as so many countless thousands do in Veterans' Hospitals and like institutions. Last but not least are the friends one has, whose comradeship one finds stimulating and enjoyable and that one treasures especially in time of stress.

Yes, I can truly say there's a lot to be thankful for.

Mildred Chinik - President of C-19 (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

When one is asked to express one's thoughts on a subject such as "Thanksgiving" one could go on and on and through many facets of living. Living in America we have so much to be thankful for if only we would realize it in time. When my husband died I thought it was the end of living for me too, for our lives were lived truly as one. We were very happy together for twenty years - in our spiritual lives, our pursuit of our careers and in our cultural lives. It is partly because of these happy memories that I am able to do what I have to do. So to steal a first line from Elizabeth Barrett Browning, "How do I thank Thee? Let me count the ways."

First, I am most thankful that I was born into the Roman Catholic faith - something I didn't fully appreciate until after my husband's death. I also realize how the people behind the Iron Curtain must really be suffering today, being denied the solace of their religion, when they have so little else to be thankful for.

I am thankful, too, - that I was born into a Lithuanian family and have enjoyed its language and culture. When I think of this I am a little sad to think that most of the children in our second and third generations no longer can speak the language - either because of the apathy of our first generation Lithuanians or because of work and school pressures or for other reasons, these children will never truly enjoy the rich heritage which was bequeathed to us.

I am thankful, too, for having chosen my career - that of a librarian. I enjoy working with and for all kinds of people - children, young people, adults - of all creeds and colors. These contacts never fail to delight, to inspire and to enrich one day after day. There are occasional disappointments but we could never really appreciate the sweet without the sour.

I am thankful for the good fortune to be a member of the Knights of Lithuania. Through them I have continued to enjoy my Lithuanian heritage and have met and made many new friends - all working together for the same common background - "For love of God and Country." And to me country definitely has a twofold meaning - America, the land of my birth and Lithuania, the land of my forefathers.

Last of all, and perhaps more important than anything else I have mentioned - I am thankful for my happy relationships with my family - my mother and my brothers, and, of course, now it has carried over to my nieces and nephews. I never really knew my father for I was just a little girl when he died. I remember the wonderful support I always received from my mother in no matter what I wanted to do. I am truly thankful I still have her - a little lady in her 80's still filled with the zest for life. Through my family relationships and through my husband's, I have had many things to be thankful for, especially the friends we grew up with, and who continue to be my friends when I need them most.

These things and many others I couldn't possibly enumerate in a brief article - these are the things I am thankful for.

**Rev. John C. Jutt - Honorary Member and Honorary Chairman
of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee**



As Thanksgiving Day approaches, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for the many blessings and favors we have been privileged to receive throughout the years of our life. Thanksgiving is one of the ends of prayer. To thank God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us is one of the reasons why we pray.

Every priest is most grateful to God for his priesthood since it is the highest privilege that God can give to any human outside of the Divine Maternity itself. Hence my sincerest and profoundest thanks go to God for the priesthood I am privileged to have received.

Yet I am deeply grateful to God for the numerous opportunities He has given to me through membership in the K of L to meet so many fine young people of the same background throughout the United States and to be able to advise and be of some help to them. Thus I express my heartfelt thanks to God for making it possible to influence the younger generation to become better Americans and better Lithuanians through a sincere dedication to the lofty ideals of the K of L. Through our great organization, the opportunities to help many of our young people to a solution of their problems and anxieties have been many, and for these opportunities I am most thankful.

Thanksgiving Day moves me to be grateful but it moves me to be even more grateful because of the close association I have had with the K of L for so many years.

**Leonard Valiukas - Chairman, Americans for Congressional
Action to Free the Baltic States Committee**



It was several days before Christmas in 1944. The war was still going on, and I, as an escapee from the Soviet tyranny, happened to be in the city of Berlin for one day. During that brief stay in the capital city of Germany, I was stopped on streets, restaurants, hotels and other public places by the Nazi police officers at least one hundred times. Each and every time they stopped me, they asked for my identification papers, saying: "Ausweis, bitte!" (Your identification card, please!)

After a long odyssey, finally, in 1949 I reached the United States and subsequently became a citizen of this nation of freedom and liberty. Since May 19, 1949, when I arrived in New York City, nobody has ever stopped me and asked for my identification papers. Freedom and liberty, I believe, are the greatest blessings. Millions of people in other parts of the world, particularly, behind the Iron Curtain, are fighting and dying for nothing else but freedom and liberty. We, Americans, are really fortunate because we have all freedoms and liberties.

Robert S. Boris - Immediate Past President of the K of L



To be free of Communist oppression and tyranny is one of the greatest blessings to be grateful and appreciative of not only on Thanksgiving Day, but everyday throughout the year. Americans of Lithuanian extraction, like myself, can be overjoyed and thrilled that we live in America, a land favored by the Almighty Creator with a superabundance of food and luxuries which people in other countries, it seems, will never enjoy.

I prize this choice blessing of life in America, in a democratic society, as one of my outstanding blessings. "You never miss the water till the well runs dry" is an axiom that makes me pray even more fervently each day that I will never be denied my rights to liberty and the pursuit of happiness in these United States.

It is forever so true that the sum of life's greatest fortunes and joys are all around us and so near. Yet undoubtedly we have overlooked them many times. My life in a free land is certainly a terrific blessing and happiness. I must try to be more conscious of it and thankful to God each and every day.

Frank Vaskas - Honorary Member of the K of L

Thanksgiving Day is the one day in the year when one's thoughts turn to the first Thanksgiving Day in America, and how one and all have expressed their thanks to God for His bountiful blessings during the previous year. This writer on this Thanksgiving Day recalls with happy memory his late mother and father. No words can be written to express the deep thanks and gratitude I owe to them for having infused the Lithuanian spirit in me.

Another item I am thankful for is the Knights of Lithuanian Group. I recall the day when I joined Newark Council 29. Also I recall the many honors that I have received from the Knights of Lithuania; namely, the Papal Blessing from the late Pope Pius XII, obtained through the efforts of the Honorary Chairman of Lithuanian affairs committee, the Rev. John C. Jutt; the testimonial dinner given by the New York and New Jersey District; and the honorary membership recently awarded to me.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Louis J. Mendelis - Pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Baltimore, Md.

"What hast thou that thou hast not received?" (1 Cor. 3, 7). With this challenging admonition of St. Paul to the Corinthians and Christians of all times ever before my mind, every day of my life I try to make a Thanksgiving Day.

I thank Him for His natural gifts, such as life, health, work, and my friends. I am grateful to Him for His supernatural gifts to me, my Catholic Faith, my holy vocation to the priesthood, and all the natural and supernatural rewards that this vocation brings.

In response, however, to the request of the VYTIS Editor to single out some "one incident or phase of my life" for which I am especially thankful on this year's Thanksgiving Day, I would like to emphasize my gratitude to God for the fact that I was born of Catholic parents, that I was born POOR, and that I was the OLDEST in the family of TEN CHILDREN.

On this Thanksgiving Day of 1963 I thank God that I was born in Catholic Lithuania of parents who were not afraid to discipline their children. From my dear Mother I learned to love my Catholic Faith, that made me want to be a priest. To my dear Father I owe a debt of profoundest gratitude for his vision and his courage when, without any education, influential friends, or capital, he decided to emigrate to the United States of America. This he did in 1909, and in 18 months time he worked and saved enough money to bring over our mother and five of us children.

Because of our large family, to help to support it, I began working in the coal mines at the age of 12. This taught me early in life the need of industry. Because we were poor, I had to struggle hard to obtain my education. When I attended day school I worked nights, and when I worked during the day I went to night school.

This constant struggle to better myself, thanks again to my dear parents, helped me to develop habits of industry, concentration, and tireless application to the task at hand that helped me to prepare myself for the priestly work that I have been doing for the past 35 years. For all these graces and blessings that have come to me "from Giver of all good gifts" I return fervent prayerful THANKS to God, as I pray for the repose of the souls of my dear parents, this THANKSGIVING DAY of 1963.

Frank Gudelis - Honorary Member of the K of L

I am thankful for many things, as we all should be, but to single out just one phase, I am grateful that I am still around and can do my bit for the cause of Lithuanianism and against the cause of atheistic, materialistic Communism. Some people think that we are being naive when we work for the Lithuanian Affairs Committee and kindred projects. They simply do not understand that when we work for the cause of Lithuania's freedom we are at the same time working in behalf of all the nations enslaved by Communism, and in the final analysis for the well being and security of our own country - the United States of America.





**Prel. Jonas Balkūnas - Pastor of Transfiguration Church,
Maspeth, N.Y.**

Ivairiems luomams Padėkos Dienos reikšmė gali būti skirtinga. Kunigui dėkingumo jausmas didėja, kai jam sekasi Dievui tarnauti, sielas ganyti ir gera daryti artimui. Du kartu mano gyvenime mano širdis buvo kupina Dievui dėkingumo.

Pirmą kartą, kai 1935 metais gruodžio 4 d., vyskupas Thomas E. Molloy šventino bažnyčios rūsį. Maspetho lieuvių parapijai pradėjau tarnauti spalio 1, 1933 metais, Radau parapijoje tik 72 registruotas šeimas. Sekmadieniais bažnyčią lankė vos šimtas ir kiek asmenų. Parapija turėjo 25 tūkstančius dolerių skolos. Išde pinigų nebuvo. Apleisti pastatai reikalavo pataisymų. Dauguma parapijiečių be darbo, nes buvo pati depresija.

Per du metus išmokėtos skolos, pataisyti pastatai ir išmūrytas naujos bažnyčios rūšys. Padaugėjo parapijiečių skaičius į tris šimtus šeimų, ir sekmadieniais bažnyčią jau lankė iki 700 asmenų. Skolų teturėjom 15 tūkstančių dolerių.

Antrą kartą širdingai dėkojau Dievui, kai 1962 metais vyskupas Bryan J McEntegart pašventino mūsų naująją bažnyčią. Parapija netik daugiau nuosavybės turi, bet pasistatė vieną gražesnių bažnyčių Amerikoje. Statyba kainavo per 555 tūkstančius dolerių ir šiandien skolų neturime. Bažnyčią sekmadieniais lanko į du tūkstančiu asmenų. Parapijai priklauso penki šimtai šeimų ir dar tiek kitataučių.

Per 30 metų Visagalis laimino darbą ir kaip nebūti dėkingam Gerajam Dievui? Taip, Padėkos Diena man turi didelės reikšmės.

**Rev. J. Walter Stanievich - Spiritual Advisor of the K of L
Supreme Council**

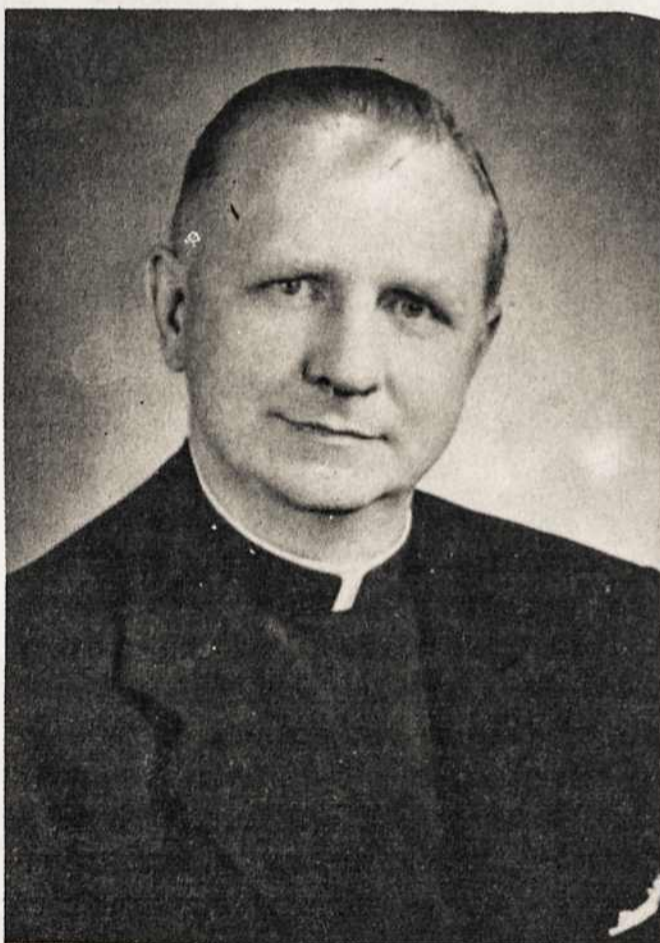
I could think of dozens of things for which I can be truly grateful to Almighty God. For example I am most thankful for the gift of faith, for the parents I have and the good friends that I have met in my lifetime. Then again, I am eternally grateful to God for the fantastic grace of serving Him as a Priest.

Very early in my priesthood, I was brought into contact with a patient who was dying of cancer. In the life of a priest, this is really nothing out of the ordinary. Actually, this happens to be an almost daily occurrence in a priest's visitation of the sick. This person, however, was a very special soul.

When I was called to visit her by a neighbor, she was already an advanced cancer patient. As a matter of fact, she should have been dead at least six months - her doctor could not understand what was keeping her alive. Her suffering was so extreme that even drugs no longer could alleviate the pain that she was experiencing. From my very first meeting, I realized that she was indeed a very special soul.

If I ever saw a face of a saint, hers was one. A smile was constantly playing on her tortured face. When she would speak, her voice was completely composed and there was never a trace of bitterness about her illness. In fact, she said that she was resigned to her suffering and was willing to remain a victim of penance for as long as Christ wanted her. The greatest joy of her day was to receive the Holy Eucharist, but even this joy was often deprived because her mouth would be so dry that she was unable to swallow even the smallest particle. Even this added cross could not deter her from her desire to make reparation for the sins of the world. Furthermore, she never wanted anyone to offer her any sympathy. I frequently heard her remark that she constantly thanked God for having selected her to live this life of suffering. In these days when we cringe from pain, suffering and sorrow; when we rebel against God's will, these are really strange words.

On this occasion when we try to recall why we should be thankful, I, for one, would like to thank God that I had the good fortune of meeting this unique and saintly soul. She not only helped me to formulate a new philosophy of life, but she has helped me to deal with similar patients whose outlook on life was embittered because of their afflictions. I have long since forgotten her name (I always called her Miss Sunshine), but she left a permanent mark in my memory to ever be grateful to God for any and all of his blessings.



BULVIKASIS LIETUVOTE

Emilia Pakalniškienė.



Lietuva buvo žemės ūkio kraštas. Važiuojant skersai ir išilgai matėsi vien spalvoti javų laukai. Jie, kartu su miškais, miškeliais, ežerais ir upeliais, puošė mūsų tėvynę. Fabrikų mažai teturėjome, todėl jeigu kur aukštą kaminą pamatydavai, atrodydavo labai įspūdinga. Čia tu tik gyva gamta džiaugiesi, ir staiga pamatai juodus dūmus, ir galingas švilpis sušvilpia lyg sirena ugnies pavojų skelbdama.

Turtingiausias metų laikas buvo ruduo. Miškuose tada būdavo pilna grybų, riešutų, uogų. Daržai runkeliais, kopūstais, agurkais, morkom, svogūnais ir įvairiausiom daržovėm raibuliudavo. Javų laukai siūbuodavo, linų jūros liūliudavo, ištisos dirvos bulvių tarpdavo.

Daug turto, daug gėrybių buvo rudenį. Tas gėrybes tvarkė ir jomis rūpinosi ūkininkai. Laiku reikėjo pasėti, laiku nupiauti, laiku į kluonus sukrauti.

Viena iš tokių gėrybių buvo bulvės, skanios, miltingos bulvės, mieloje lietuviškoje žemelėje išaugusios. Ir jas rudenį reikėjo iš žemės iškasti, surinkti ir namo parvežti.

Svarbiausias bulviakasio įrankis buvo menė. Panaši ji buvo į gūbės kaklą su galva. Jeigu vietoje gūbės liemens pridėtumei metro ilgumo medinį kotą, tai ir gautumei mentę. Jas nukaldavo kalviai.

Be krepšio irgi negalėjai bulvių kasti. Jų būdavo nupinta įvairių. Kiekvienas pynėjas čia savo individualų meną įdėdavo. Iš lazdyno medžio sulenktus dulankus kryžiskai sunerdavo. Lanko su lanku susitikimo vietas sustiprindavo kvadratinėmis žilvyčių ar plėšų žvaigždėmis. Sujungdavo tas žvaigždes karklo šakelėmis, parpiniais vadinamomis. Tarp parpinų paskui pindavo eglės šaknų plėšas arba karklo vyteles.

Ankstų rytmetį privažiuodavo vežimas, dviejų arklių traukiamas, prie prastosios trobos durų. Vyras ir moteris, maišais, mentėmis ir krepšiais nešini, susėdavo į vežimą ir vykdavo į bulvių lauką. Važiuojant matydavosi lyg sidabru apkloti laukai. Tai voratinkliai draikydavosi, rasos lašeliais prisagstyti. Saulė tingiai kildavo aukštyn. Ant bulvių laiškų baltuodavo šalna, nuo kurios pradėjus kasti rankos šaldavo.

Išilgai visą dirvą tęsdavosi bulvų vagos. Kiekvienas pasiimdavo po dvi. Atsiklaupęs ant kelių, tarp vagų vieną krepšį pirm savęs stumdavo, o kitą paskui save

traukdamas, imdavo slinkti pirmyn. Būdavo rūšiuojamos bulvės: vienan krepšin metamos mažosios, o kitan didžiosios. Pakėlus laišką išsikeldavo ir bulvės. Jos laisvai nubyrėdavo, kai į mentės kotą laišką sudauždavai. Paskui su mente atsargiai, kad nesužeistumei likusių žemėje bulvių, tris, keturis kartus paakėdavai kerą ir, surinkęs bulves, keliais eidavai tolyn.

Iš dvidešimts kerų būdavo du pilni krepšiai. Iš krepšių bulves turėdavai supilti į maišus, kurie tarpvagėse išmėtyti būdavo. Keturi krepšiai tilpdavo į maišą. Du vyrai ant sunertų rankų pasverdavo maišą ir į vežimą įkeldavo. Vežime sutilpo penkiolika maišų. Tuomet širmi žirgeliai tempdavo vežimą į jaują, kur būdavo bulvės kratomos į krūvas. Iškratyti nebūdavo sunku: maišą iš vežimo vyrai tiesiai sau ant kupros guldavo, nunešdavo iki reikiamos vietos, pasilenkdavo, ir bulvės iš maišo pro jų galvas riedėdavo krūvon. Kaip du krepšius vartojo bulvių rūšiavimui, taip ir į dvi krūvas bulves kratė. Viena krūva didžiųjų, o kita mažųjų.

Nuo ryto iki vakaro laukuose bebūdamas, nors ir nesunkiai dirbdamas, po vakarienės kalbant rožančių pajusdavai stiprų nuovargį. Bet užtat naktis prabėgdavo greitai. Rytmetį lyg per sapną girdėdavai gaidžio giedojimą, tėvelio žingsnius ir žodžius: "Vaikai, kelkitės bulvių kasti".

Jaujoje tos krūvos išstovėdavo apie dvi savaites, kol bulvės apdžiūdavo. Paskui jos būdavo perrenkamos ir nešamos į rūsius. Jeigu nebūdavo pakankamai vietos rūsiuose, dėdavo bulves į kapčius. Žemėje iškasdavo pusės metro gilumo apskritą dubę ir išgrįsdavo ją šiaudais. Prikratydavo tą duobe bulvių su dideliu kūgio pavidalo kaupu. Tą kūgį apskleisdavo šiaudais. Aplinkui iškasdavo metro gilumo griovį. Griovio žemės būdavo sumetamos ant šiaudais apskleistų bulvių. Griovys buvo reikalingas, kad lietaus ar tirpstančio sniego vanduo turėtų kur nutekėti nepaliesdamas bulvių. Iš keturių lentų sukaldavo vamzdį, kaminu vadinamą, ir įstatydavo jį kapčiaus šone ventiliacijai, kad nuo garo nesušustų bulvės.

Norėtusi dar kartą pamatyti tą gražų vaizdą ir pergyventi tą jaunatvišką laimę lietuviškos gamtos atvirume, buvusią prieš devynioliką metų.

OFFICIAL NEWS

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council has announced the highlights of its plans and ideas for 1963-64, that were formulated at the meeting held October 5, 1963, in Philadelphia, Pa.

1. Councils are asked to give proper consideration to the resolution passed at the Golden Jubilee Convention urging that all cooperate more closely with their respective parishes.

2. A Prayer Crusade for Catholic Lithuania will be organized. This will improve our religious program and give all members the opportunity to actively participate in Catholic Action.

3. As an encouragement to activity in the field of Lithuanian culture, awards will be established and presented to councils at the 51st National Convention. Each council and district should select a Cultural Chairman who will maintain close contact with the National Cultural Committee.

4. A gigantic membership drive will be launched Feb. 1 and continue through Jun. 1, 1964. The goal has been set at 1,000 new members! Parishes and individuals will be encouraged to help organize new councils, reorganize inactive councils, and enlarge existing councils.

5. In reviewing the Scholarship Fund donations, it was noted that only 25% of the councils contributed to this fund. Since the Constitution states "The Knights of Lithuania help their more talented members to get an education," we appeal to EVERY COUNCIL to contribute a minimum of \$10.00 per year. Of course, individual donations will also be welcomed.

6. Revision of the Constitution was discussed. This matter has been under consideration for some time, but has encountered various obstacles and difficulties. A committee of three persons will be formed, to study the constitution and prepare recommendations for revisions. Members, councils, and districts having suggestions, comments or ideas may forward them to Mr. Joseph Sakevich, 101 Crescent Drive, Brick Town, N.J., temporary chairman.

Details on these and other items discussed will be presented later in VYTIS and in correspondence to council presidents.

Helen T. Shields, President

51st NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION

August 6, 7, and 8, 1964 are the dates, the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel in Chicago, Illinois is the site, and the Knights of Lithuania, Illinois-Indiana District, are the hosts . . . for the 51st National Knights of Lithuania Convention.

Now that you know the time and place, it's up to you to arrange your vacation plans to be in Chicago for the Convention.

Visi dalyvaukime Lietuvos Vyčių 51-ame Seime!

ATTENTION COUNCIL PRESIDENTS AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN!

During the month of November, each council president will receive a Bulletin from the Supreme Council's Cultural Committee, which will be an aid or a guide for your Cultural Chairman to prepare his December Cultural Program.

The Guide will not be specific, but will be of a general nature. It will contain suggestions on what you can present at the monthly meeting. Each council should develop its own Cultural Program in order to participate in a "Lithuanianism" Contest wherein the council getting the most points, will receive an award at the National Convention.

It is suggested that the Bulletin be saved and passed on to the next person in the council who assumes the job. Thereby, we will solve the annual problem of informing the new Cultural Chairman of what his job is and where he can get ideas for the monthly program.

Also, after your next meeting it is requested that the Council Cultural Chairman send in a report of your activity or program to Mrs. Mary Jankowski, 36 Higham, Rd., N. Grafton, Mass. so that she can record your effort and get the contest rolling.

Joseph Yanulaitis
Cultural Committee Asst. Chrm.

100-a-YEAR AWARDS

Congratulations are extended to those members who this year joined the famed "100-a-Year Club." Each of them earned this coveted membership by writing over 100 letters for the cause of Lithuania and Lithuanianism during the past year.

The members are: Frances Grigas, (C-26, Worcester); Louis Rogers, (C-112, Chicago); and Rev. Justin Steponaitis, Jerome Burdulis, Vincent Burdulis, Helen Daltwas, Julia Krocinskas, Anthony Kunsaitis, and Mary Mrozinski, (all of C-116, Worcester).

The Worcester-ites all received their award plaques during the NED Convention, Sept. 29. Mr. Rogers was awarded his plaque during the Ill-Ind. District Assembly Sept. 8.

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE RECORDS

The Lithuanian Cultural Committee wishes to remind all members that the Lithuanian language instruction records would make an appropriate and useful Christmas gift in many instances. Both the "Speed Course in Lithuanian for Adults" and "Children's Playway to Lithuanian" are available at \$3.00 per set postpaid. Each set consists of 2 records that can be played at either 33 or 45 RPM, and with booklets giving the Lithuanian and English text of the recordings. Send orders to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita St., Dayton, Ohio 45404.

LAPKRIČIO 23-JI - KOVOTOJO DIENA

Pov. Dirkis

Su ta diena yra surišta Lietuvos valstybės praeitis ir ateitis, ir ta diena simbolizuoja ne tik Lietuvos kariuomenės kūrimosi pradžia, bet ir pačios Lietuvos valstybės atsikūrimą. Tai buvo diena, kuomet vergaujančios Lietuvos vyrų krūtinėse atbudo karinga Vytauto Didžiojo pulkų dvasia. Iš po I-jo p. karo griūvėsių prisikėlę Lietuvos kovotojų pulkai, kurie savo krauju apibrėžė Lietuvos žemių sienas ir savo paaukotomis gyvybėmis apvainikavo paskelbtą Lietuvos Tarybos 1918 m. Vasario 16 d. nepriklausomybės deklaraciją. Užtat ta diena ne tik karių, bet ir visų lietuvių kovotojų diena, kurie kovojo ginklu, plunksna arba pagaliau su knyga ir lyra, nes kiekvienas kovotojas dėl Lietuvos laisvės buvo ir tebėra tos pačios lietuvių tautos sūnus ir visų mūsų brolis; jis yra lietuvių tautos kūno ir sielos neatskiriamas dalis. Kitaip tariant, Lietuvos kovoto-

jas nebuvo iš dausų nukritęs, bet buvo savos tautos kūdikis. Jis yra tapęs savotiška neliečiamybe, kaip kiekviena auka, kurios pagrindinis tikslas buvo: vardan tiesos ir meilės nugalėti melą, smurtą ir aukotis kitų labui. Kovotojo diena primena mums, kad pralietas taurių sūnų ir dukrų kraujas, paaukotos gyvybės ant tautos aukuro, yra visos tautos sąlyginis ryžtas per aušrininkus, varpininkus ir knygnešius davęs Vasario 16 d. simbolingam ir giliai prasmingam Aktui kūną, kuris pagimdė lapkričio 23 d. neišivaizduotą Lietuvos kario - kovotojo simbolį. O to simbolio tėvais buvo nekas kitas, o Vytauto Didžiojo dvasios ir ryžto vyrai - didingos praeities vyrai.

Dėl to šiandien mes privalome atkreipti ypatingą dėmesį į eilinių kovotojų, kuris laisvę kūrė ir sukūrė Radviliškio, Giedraičių, Širvintų, Suvalkų ir kitose lygiai garbingose vieto-

vėse. Taip pat mes turime atkreipti savo žvilgsnį ir į partizano, savanorio 1919-20 metų kovotojo išvagotą veidą, kuris iš po plieninio šalmo žvelgia į mus, rūškanas, pilkas, niūrus, lyg Lietuvos žemė patekusi komunizmo vergovėn. Tad supraskime visi gyvieji tų kovotojų žvilgsnius ir jų kalbas. Būkime verti tos begalinės kraujo aukos, kuri dar nesibailia ir laukia mūsų eilės. Visi mes privalome turėti tos kovotojų dvasios. Į tėvynę Lietuvą visų mūsų turi būti nukreiptas žvilgsnis ir dėmesys. Visiems vienodai turi rūpėti buvusios mūsų respublikos laisvės ir nepriklausomybės atstatymo reikalas. Tai bus tikras ženklas, kad lietuvis ir Lietuva mums dar brangūs, kad esame dar nevisai užliūliuoti ir nepasidavę šio materija persisotinusio krašto vilionėmis ir kad dar rusena mumyse Lietuvos meilės liepsna.

IŠ SENDRAUGŲ GYVENIMO

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Š. m. rugp. 25 d. įvyko L. Vyčių 25 Kp. Sendraugių susirinkimas Šv. P.N. Pagalbos parapijos salėje. Susirinkimą pravedė pirm. A. Mačiokas. Valdybos nariai padarė pranešimus: J. Sadauskas, L. Vyčių garbės narys ir atstovas L. Vyčių 50 m. jubiliejiniame seime, Boston, Mass., pranešė apie L.V. Seimo darbus, pažymėdamas puikų Seimo surengimą, tik pasigedo daugiau dėmesio L.V. organizacijos ateities veiklai.

Pranešimas priimtas ir reikšta padėka Sadauskui už pasišventimą Vyčiams. Nutarta turėti savybės išvažiavimą kur nors į laukus, į gamtą. Į rengimo komisiją išrinkta vytės: J. Pikturienė ir M. Tarutienė.

Rugsėjo 22 d. įvyko Sendraugių susirinkimas. Susirinkimą vedė pirm. A. Mačiokas. Išklaudyta valdybos ir komisijų pranešimų. Nutarta siųsti atstovus į L. Vyčių Vid. Valstijų apskričio seimelį, 12-13 d. Detroit, Mich. Atstovais išrinkti: M. Trainauskaitė, A. Karklienė ir B. Karklius.

Nutarta š. m. spalio 27 d. švęsti Kristaus Karaliaus šventę ir minėti L. Vyčių 50 m. jubiliejų. Šv. P.N. Pagalbos bažnyčioje vyčiai eis bendrai prie komunjijos 10 v.r. Po pamaldų vyčiai bendrai pietaus Smith valgykloje.

Liepos 28 d. P.A. ir K. Sadauskų rezidencijoje buvo surengtas L. Vyčių Sendraugių žaislų pobūvis. Kom. narės: Mockevičienė, K. Sadauskienė, R. Sadauskienė bei Milienė ir patys

šeimininkai puikiai patarnavo ir vaišino vyčius ir svečius. Šis pobūvis davė progos vyčiams bei draugams susieiti, pasišnekėti ir dar davė pelno per \$47.00. Ačiū namų šeimininkams už davimą vietos ir šiltą priėmimą.

Rugsėjo 15 d. Vyčiai Sendraugiai turėjo savo malonią išvyką vyčių J. ir R. Sadauskų sode. Diena pasitaikė giedra ir neperšilta, tai buvo gera proga ten pasigrožėti žydinčiomis rožėmis, jurginiais. Šimtamečio ažuolo pavėsyje vaišintasi, dainuota ir šokta. Vytės Pikturienė ir Tarutienė rūpestingai prižiūrėjo, kad visi būtų sočiai pavalgę. Vytė Glugodienė aukojo lietuvišką sūrį. Sodo savininkas buvo tas laimingasis laimėjęs tą sūrį. Saulė leidosi žemyn, vyčiai nenoriai pradėjo skirstytis, sakydami: "dar daugiau tokių išvykų. . ."

Jaunuolis

Jubilant occasions for Sisters of St. Casimir



Ten St. Casimir Sisters celebrated Golden and Silver Jubilees of their religious professions on August 16th at the Motherhouse, Chicago. Four Golden Jubilarians (left photo) standing, l. to r. are: Sr. M. Catherine; Sr. M. Rita; Sr. M. Agatha and Sr. M. Silvestra (seated). Silver Jubilarians (right photo) pictured with Mother M. Adorata (center, first row) superior general, are: seated from left, Sr. M. Joanetta and Sr. M. Reginald; standing left to right: Sr. M. Ignata; Sister M. Regina; Sr. M. Josetta and Sr. M. Nicola.



Flower wreaths distinguished principals in reception and profession ceremony at the Motherhouse, August 15th. With Mother M. Adorata are five novices (white veils), six professed Sisters and nine who made perpetual vows.

NOVICES (bottom row), l. to r.: Sr. M. Antoinette (Sacauskas), Chicago; Sr. Joan Marie (Butrich), Brooklyn, N.Y.; Sr. M. Nadine (Lithkowsky), Weatherly, Pa.; Sr. Martin Marie (Genevich), Chicago; and Sr. Victoria (Liberto), Chicago. Second row, l. to r.: Sr. Diane, Gary, Ind.; Sr. Vincent, Brooklyn; Sr. M. Alice, Chicago; Sr. Cecile Marie, Chicago; Sr. Marie Therese, Melrose Park, Ill.; and Sr. Cardelle Gesu, Milwaukee, Wisc. Third row, l. to r.: Sr. M. Fidelis, New Philadelphia, Pa.; Sr. Marieva, Shenandoah, Pa.; Sr. Kathleen, Shenandoah, Pa.; Sr. M. Audrey, Chicago; Sr. M. Francis, Minersville, Pa. Top row, l. to r.: Sr. M. Corissima, Providence, R.I.; Sr. M. Eugene, Chicago; Sr. M. June, Worcester, Mass.; and Sr. M. Alberanne, Waukegan, Ill.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich., C-79

Plikas

Delegates to our National Convention were chosen at our monthly meeting on July 3. First Sunday Communion was held on July 7, and again the turnout was rather poor. The Kent Lake Outing held on July 14 didn't turn out very well because of the rainy weather. About 25 "die-hards" did turn out for an afternoon of baseball and a little bit of sunshine.

What a wonderful turnout we had at our Family Day Picnic held on July 27. Maybe we should hold our meetings at these picnics.

The K of L must have brought the Detroit Tigers some luck on the day of our annual trip to Tiger Stadium. They won 10-9, and, of course, we all had a grand time.

At our Sept. 4 meeting, with approximately 40 members present, chairmen were picked for the coming raffle, card party, and kiddies' Christmas party.

Our bowling league has gone into full swing with 14 teams participating. They still have some openings for both regulars and subs, and even "rooters" are welcome every Friday night at 7:00 p.m.

The fall weiner - roast was held on Sept. 28 with 39 members attending. Although it was a cool evening, the charcoal fires kept us warm.

Get-well wishes are extended to Dorothe Martin and her mother, who are presently ill, and to Vicki Chelponis' mother, who is in poor health.

Congratulations: to Mary Ann and Bill Juodawlakis, who were married

Aug. 3, and to Bill Walls and Ann Kase on their marriage of Aug. 10.

Dayton, Ohio, C-96

EL

As a last tribute to summer we held a cover dish supper on the parish lawn. Earlier in the afternoon a number of the members visited the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of our deceased members.

Our gala Jubilee Polka Dance was held on Oct. 5. The committee for this celebration included Stan Vaitkus, chairman and Elinore Sluzas and Charles Petkus, co-chairmen. Several out of town guests attended. Music was provided by Stan Wolowic, famous television and recording artist.

Congratulations: to Anne Sinkwitz on her engagement to Joseph Boeke. The wedding will be held in February. . . to Marilyn Lucas and Stephen Grant on their recent marriage. . . to Eileen Pieterzak, who will also be married in February. . . to Charles Petkus, who became a father for the fifth time.

We have resumed our bowling league every Sunday with six teams participating. Bowling officers for the year are John Goldick and Frank Ambrose.

The Dayton council is proud to announce the erection of our first wayside cross and shrines at the home of George and Frances Mikalauskas. More details in a complete article will be published soon.

Plans are underway for the remodeling of our church. The entire decor is to be in Lithuanian motif.

Pittsburgh, Pa., C-19

Mitzi

On Sept. 8 our members received Communion in corpore, and then were invited to a delicious brunch at the home of Lori and Vyto Yucius in Mt. Lebanon. It is an effort on the part of members to do additional entertaining, but there is nothing that takes the place of home hospitality. Many thanks to two hardworking members.

On Sunday, Sept. 15 the members and their friends met for an Oriental Party at the home of Mildred Chinik. The hostess, some of the members, and most of the children wore oriental garb. Fans were distributed to the ladies, parasols to the children, and coolie hats to the men. Gay lanterns, lights, and other oriental paraphernalia were used as decorations, and some of the smaller lanterns were used as prizes for children's games.

It was so nice to see members come with their families - Sam and Anne Aleliunas and children, Bill and Anne Kolicius and children, Vince and Lil Makvitis and daughter Eileen. Some brought along children of friends or their nieces and nephews. Among these were Steve and Marcy Onaitis and two nephews, Julia and her niece and nephew, Alice Potts, her niece and friend Christine Jusys, and still others. It was also nice to see Clara and Bronius Marculaitis and Madlyn and Bob Petraitis.

The food was delicious. Orchids to the chop suey cooks, Alice Potts and Julia Aleshunas. Antoinette and Eleanor were also hard workers on the committee, and Mildred tried to satisfy every request. A wonderful time was had by all. Last year we had a Luau; this year we went Oriental. Who knows, someone suggested we try Lithuanian next year.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

Congratulations to all our new 1964 officers. Among them - Al Kassel is beginning his third year as Supreme Council Treasurer and Eleanore Laurin her first as National Trustee. The following are our new district officers: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. A. Zakaruskas; President, Frank Svelnis; First Vice - President, Genevieve Giedraitis; Second Vice-President, Loretta Kassel; Third Vice-President, Ignas Sakalas; Treasurer, Al Raubiskas; Recording Secretary, Ann Marie Kassel; Corresponding Secretary, Helen Zimmer; Trustees, Eleanore Laurin, Loretta Macekonis, and Al Kassel; Sergeants-at-Arms, Al Plienaitis, Ed Pocius, Louis Rogers, and Al Zakarka. Al Zakarka was also elected President of the district K of L Choir.

Our bowling league also has new officers: Vince Samaska, president; Al Pratt, vice-president; Frank Svelnis, treasurer and Al Manst, secretary. The league bowls at Gage Park on Friday evenings and, from all reports, everyone is having a wonderful time. Stop in and join them when you're passing.

Best wishes to Lucille and John Kilkus, who have just returned from a Las Vegas honeymoon. They have kept up the traditional "K of L Wedding" by having Wally Tenclinger and Tony Valek driving the bride and groom and the bride's parents. Wally's band also played during the reception. Since Johnnie O. couldn't come as "guest from NED", Jack Mattrick, from Worcester, who was visiting here at the time, now possesses the title. The extra features at the wedding were the K of L Choir singing the Mass and the K of C 4th degree Honor Guard escorting the bride and groom into church.

Coming Events - The K of L Choir is having a concert-dance on Sunday, Nov. 17, at Darius Girenas Hall. . . Our monthly Sunday Bowling Party will take place Nov. 24 at Gage Park Bowl with a dinner afterwards at the K of L Hall.

DON'T FORGET the 51st National Convention in Chicago, August 5-8, 1964. (Everyone but J S that is.)

Chicago, Ill. C-112 112 Inquirer

Following the pattern of the Sup-

reme Council and District, the Council amended its by-laws and held an election of officers at the September meeting.

Our congratulations and best wishes for a most successful Ill-Ind. District Jubilee Year go to: Irene Rakaitis, president; Albert Dagis, vice-president; and to secretaries, Ruth Dagis, recording; Lorraine Wainauskas, financial; Betty Bozec, corresponding; to Monica Kasper, treasurer; Albert Raubiskas and Dolores Wainauskas, trustees; James Jagiella, Edward Krivickas, Alexander Mockus and Alexander Shulicke, sergeants-at-arms.

The new president has announced that Canon V. Zakaruskas has agreed to continue as the council's spiritual advisor. With all the assistance Father Zakaruskas has extended to the council and its members, the news was most welcome.

Chairman of the standing committees who were appointed by the president included: Estelle Rogers, membership; Edward Pocius, ritual; James Jagiella, Lithuanian affairs; Zena Savokaitis, social; Monica Kasper, gift; Betty Bozec, English publicity, with Balys Brazdžionis, handling Lithuanian publicity; Irene Sankus, VYTIS; Al Mockus, pulpit, and Dolores Wainauskas, by-laws.

National convention delegates, Monica Kasper, Irene Rakaitis, Estelle Rogers and Pete Gagle represented the council well by serving on various committees and actively participating at the sessions and social events.

Special congratulations to: Eleanore Laurin, representing the I-I district, who was elected as national trustee; Tony Yuknis, who was appointed to the national publicity committee, and to Monica Kasper, who was awarded a Fourth Degree.

November birthday greetings go to: Ed Ubis, Jean Krut, Ray Samoska, Balys Brazdžionis, Lucille Stasiunas, Connie Rozmin, and to President Irene Rakaitis, and to Al Dagis, outgoing president.

Special Note: Our December Communion Sunday will be held in conjunction with the District's Day of Recollection.

Dates to remember: Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Eve dance; Dec. 21, Christmas party, and the January Bowling social party.



K of L Wedding. Lucille Staisunas and John Kilkus, C-36 (Chicago) members are pictured after their wedding Sept. 28, 1963 at Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago. The bridal party included, left to right: Paula Staisunas, Helen Zimmer, Joanne Sliteris, Loretta Kassel, Norbert Pachanowski, Peter Kilkus, Dennis Shrupsa and James Kilkus.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Worcester, Mass. C-36 Joe D

We held our July meeting at Maironis Park with a cookout. A good crowd turned out, and we ate to our hearts' content. Final plans were made for our annual beach trip to New London. Councils 116 and 10 joined us for the beach affair. It turned out to be an "in the pool party" as usual. Marge Ranucci was the first one thrown in. The bathing beauties included Rose Chestnut, Mr. and Mrs. Ginkus, Eddie Daniels, Joe Sakaitis, Ellie Drumstas, Pat Cunic, Ellie Anusauskas, Steve Walinsky, the Kuzmeskas brothers, Danny Bacinskas, and Ronnie Walinsky. Vitty Morunas and Joe D., looking like lobsters with their sunburns also joined in the party. Fran Grigas was the acrobat of the crowd. Pete and Mary Jankowski and Ronnie and Ellie Walinsky arrived with their families. The photographer was none other than Bob Alex. All in all, everyone enjoyed themselves and the beautiful weather made it a great time. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Krusas and Eddie Daniels for planning such a great affair.

August was a month of preparation for the Convention. Teddy Pinkus, Sr. and Mrs. Mary Jankowski were chosen as our delegates. Plans were made for our bowling season, which started in September. Helen Gillus, Joe White, and Mary Jankowski will head the league this season.

Deepest sympathy to Ann Savickas, who lost her mother, and to Thomas Greenwich, who lost his father.

Carol and Bill Grigas are with us again after an extended honeymoon in Arizona, where Billy attended the University of Arizona. Our congratulations: to Nancy Miller and Janet Swedis, who both won scholarships at the National Convention. . . to Mrs. Rita Pinkus for being re-elected Financial Secretary. . . and to Mrs. Mary Jankowski and Janet Swedis, who were elected to the Cultural Committee.

We had the honor of having a few Chicagoans in Worcester after the convention. We hope that they enjoyed their short stay in Worcester, the city of the National Convention in 1966.

Norwood, Mass., C-27

Lulu

The new K of L season promises to be a busy one, beginning with a Harvest Dance in October at the Lithuanian Hall. Co-chairmen, Louise and Paul Zukas, and their committee are hard at work planning an eventful evening for all friends throughout the New England District.

Awarding of degrees highlighted our activities during the last month, and hearty congratulations are in store for Katherine Perednia and Louise Zukas, who were awarded fourth degrees at the recent National Convention in Boston; to Vincent Kasauskas and John Stadalnick, who received their third degrees at the District Convention in Worcester; to Agnes Vaitones and Paul Zukas on second degrees; and to Betty Stricki on her first degree. Keep up the good work.

And still more congratulations to Vic Kasauskas, who was recently elected a N. E. D. Trustee, and to George Barton, who is now District Cultural Chairman.

A great big welcome to Joseph Paul Perednia, newborn son of Katherine and Dan Perednia, long-time and ardent K of L'ers.

Athol-Gardner, Mass., C-10

Vincukas

Our council held a weiner-roast at Frank Anoris' summer camp on White's Pond in the latter part of June. We managed to barbeque our meal between rainsqualls. Although it was too cold for swimming, we did enjoy ourselves with diversified activities.

Some of us attended a mountain-climbing hike with C-17 in June. We traveled to East Jeffrey, N.H., and our goal was Mt. Monadnock. Some of us just couldn't make it - better luck next time. The food, prepared by Butch Venis, was excellent. Thanks, Boston!

Dick Genaitis has been elected vice president of the Sophomore Class at Northeastern University, Boston. . . Howie Beaudette acted as a counselor at the University of Massachusetts Boy State Program during July. . . Al Rodski, Bill Wisnauskas, and Vyt Waskewich spent a week at Hampton and the Cape.

Member of the Year: Howard

Beaudette of Gardner will serve as Commander of the Gardner Post No. 129 of the American Legion for the coming year. Commander - elect Beaudette declared that his year of leadership would be dedicated to the further expansion of the Post's community service activities and to the continuation of its long-standing services for disabled veterans.

Howie attended and graduated from Orange High and the Culinary Institute of New Haven, Conn. He is now a head cook at the State Hospital in Gardner.

Howie holds membership in the 40 and 8 of the American Legion, the K of L, the Lithuanian Veterans of Worcester, the K of C, and the Lithuanian Outing Club. He is an ardent social and church worker in town. We all congratulate Howie and wish him the best in his new office.

So. Worcester, Mass., C-116 Onyte

Grateful parishoners of Our Lady of Vilna gathered to pay homage on Sept. 15 to their beloved pastor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Constantine Vasys on the occasion of his 50th anniversary in the priesthood. Many dignitaries from far and near took part in this memorable event. Bishop Bernard J. Flannagan, D.D. of Worcester and Bishop Brizgys were honorary guest speakers. Gracing the head table was a distinguished array of Monsignori: Msgr. John Balkunas of Maspeth, N.Y.; Msgr. Daniel Elwood, Wincendon, Mass.; Msgr. Francis Juras, Lawrence Mass.; Msgr. Joseph Koncius, New York; Msgr. David Sullivan, Worcester; and Msgr. Francis Virmauskas, So. Boston. About 35 priests from New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts were also present.

Many state and city officials, including Congressman Harold Donahue; the Hon. Paul Mullaney, Mayor of Worcester; and City Councilor, George Wells came to acclaim the Monsignor's civic as well as religious contributions.

There is no need to recapitulate the love and enthusiasm the Monsignor has for the K of L. That he is one of its most staunch and energetic supporters is well known. As was befitting the occasion, our council took an active part in the celebration. Valio, Msgr. Vasys. Ilgiausiy metu linkime Jums!

The Council Choir outing was held on Sept. 8 at Point Rok, a beautiful picnic grove on Lake Quinsigmond. The committee members, Dot Sinkavitch, Ann Miller, Richard Swedis, and Bob Palusis arrived early and got the ball rolling. It was an ideal day for a picnic, and our members came early and stayed late. Ačiu širdingai to all those who contributed to the delicious food. All in all, a good time was had by all. Any members interested in joining the choir will be more than welcome. We certainly could use some additional singers.

A "Pramoga" was held on Oct. 20 for the benefit of our fast depleting treasury. Mildred Lapinskas and her committee did a fine job of setting up this affair. This is the first of three money-making??? events that our council is running to replenish the low larder. The second is a dance at Mairoñis Park on Nov. 20.

The battle for first place in our council's Bowling League goes on every Friday night at the 20th Century Alleys. We have no less than four men with averages of 100 or better. (This is candle pins.) They are Vic Mrozinski - 103.6, Charles Lapinskas - 103.5, John Andruski - 102.8, and Al Krasinskas - 100.2. Barbara Mazeika is doing very well this year. She holds a very impressive even 100 average. Ann "Lefty" Yurkenas has been averaging in the high 90's. Nice going, girls.

Dot Sinkavich and Rita Skamarock spent a week vacation in Maryland and New York. While in the big city, the girls took in no less than three plays. . . . The Mrozinski's, Mary and Vic, are off to Florida for two weeks. . . . Congratulations: to Joan Cashman, now a Notary Public, and to Gladys Pinkus, who made the honor roll in her final year at Emmanuel College. . . . Paula Garbauskas and Joe Bunevich are sporting new cars. It will be a 1964 K o L wedding for these two. . . . Dorothy Glaster is planning a trip to Bermuda over the holidays. . . . Mildred Buda is still on the serious sick list. You can all drop Millie a card of good cheer. Write to her at 12 Whitney St., Worcester. . . . Congrats to Barbara Cashman - it was a boy. Barbara does the illustrations for our council newspaper. . . . A hundred "hoorays" to Helen Daltwas, Mary Mrozinski, Anthony Kunsaitis, Julia Krasinskas, Jerome and Billy Burdulis, and Father Steponai-

tis for receiving plaques for all those letters they wrote for the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. . . . Nice to see Richard Luikey back at bowling.

Westfield, Mass., C-30 Genovaitė

The Oct. 1 meeting of C-30 was the scene of the celebration of the election of C-30 president, Benedict Coach as NED president, and Mary Minkus as district corresponding secretary. The elections took place at the NED convention held Sunday, Sept. 30 in Worcester. About half of C-30 attended this convention, including our Spiritual Advisor, Father Puidokas. Delegates included John Tarnauskas, Sophie Kucharski, Benedict Coach, and Helen Alexik. Alternates were Mary Minkus, Nellie Dardinski, and Ann and Joseph Sabonis. All members of C-30 hope that President Coach has a successful and progressive term in office, and we all give him our support.

Helen Alexik and "Cookie" Coach are busy organizing the Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle to be held in conjunction with a food sale on Nov. 17. . . . Doris Tarnauskas and Sophie Kucharski did such a splendid job on last year's Christmas party, that they were asked to do the honors again this year. . . . Sept. 8 was the scene of a final outing at Lake Congamond, and some of the braver members went in swimming. It was a beautiful day. . . . On Sept. 28 St. Casimir's Parish held a smorgasbord and dance which was most enjoyable. . . . C-30's juniors have a folk dance group under the direction of Mr. Charles Duda, which is doing so well that they are planning an exhibition in the near future.

Congratulations: to Joseph and Alice Decarage on the occasion of their 27th wedding anniversary. . . . to Ann and Joseph Sabonis on their 25th anniversary. . . . to Jim and Marcia Rogers celebrating their third. . . . and to Frank and Margaret Wallis on their 13th. Happy birthday to Dolly Kisonas and Margaret Wallis.

Brockton, Mass., C-1 Kazokė

June found us at our best, hosting a dance at the Romuva Park. Thanks to the generosity of a local farmer with a well stocked hay loft, we were

able to create the atmosphere of an old fashioned barn dance. The girls of C-1 had some difficulty finding which end of the needle to thread, but decided to buckle town for the good of the Scholarship Fund. They turned out twenty-five beautifully dressed dolls which were raffled at the dance, thus enabling us to make a worthy donation. Many thanks to Mary Baroskas, Sylvia Shukis, Pat Miskinis, Marion Cook, Diane Grize, and Marilyn Yuskaitis. We must admit that this time we couldn't get the boys to cooperate.

Later in the month we gathered to attend a performance of the Boston Pops and found ourselves on a hiking trip to the restaurant afterwards. Don't ever order a German boiled dinner unless you know what it is.

Deepest thanks to all members who remembered the family of Peter Yuskaitis upon his death. Mr. Yuskaitis was a charter member of the Knights.

With the sea breezes beckoning, we arranged for an excursion to Dennisport Beach on Cape Cod. All in all it proved to be a successful day, and thanks are in order to Mary Baroskas and Diane Grize for their work.

Journeying to other parts of the Cape, we arrived at West Yarmouth with John and Marilyn Yuskaitis as our hosts. After a cooling dip into the warm waters of Lewis Bay, we decided to rent bicycles and try our luck at entering the famous compound you hear so much about. Much to our disappointment, we were unable to accomplish this, but did get to see all the homes. We saw the President in the distance, the only trouble being that he was in a helicopter. The scenery alone made the trip worth the effort. Between cycling, swimming, and volleyball, we really became members of the "physical fitness plan." The only mishap occurred when we all got into the back of John's station wagon and caused the gas tank to fall down. Having survived this incident no more than a sore stomach from laughing, we settled down to the more serious business and elected delegates to the National Convention. We thank Sylvia Shukis and Mary Boroskas for the fine job they did of representing C-1 in Boston.

John and Marilyn Yuskaitis hosted a pre-Labor Day cookout in their

backyard. Father Kneizys turned out to be the first / and for a time we thought the only/ guest. Finally the melle began, and everyone ate an assortment of homemade goodies. Diane Grize was honored with a birthday cake baked by Sue Boroskas.

With an optimistic look to the future, the officers joined forces to set up the schedule for the coming year. It was formally presented at the first meeting, Sept. 8. A new policy which the council has adopted is to dedicate a rosary for enslaved Lithuania before the meetings. We have also decided to purchase a Christmas crib to be erected in front of the Rectory during the Christmas season. New members welcomed into the organization are: Connie Boroskas, Robert Pileski, Joseph Yezukevich, and Edward Armon. A buffet luncheon was served by Diane Grize and Mary Boroskas, followed by a game period. As we took leave of the meeting the assembly was busily engrossed in deciphering a charade.

So. Boston, Mass. C-17 Selmis

C-17 wishes to express its gratitude to everyone for the support given to the Jubilee Convention. Without your help this convention couldn't have been a success.

The Juniors have resumed their bowling league on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. If you rise early come and see the future champs at the South Boston Bowlarama. The seniors have also started their league on Tuesday nights at 8:00 p.m. Why not join the crowd and get some exercise?

The fall dance committee is very busy making plans for this event. Members of the committee are Jerry and Rita Venis, Butch Venis, Mary and Buddy Zarembo, Helen and Alice Zarembo, Paula and Ray Slinger, Joe Casey, Ann Marie and Celia Sakevich, Bill Sakevich, Joe Nevares, Michael Casper, Janet Gidick, Loretta Kontrim, Maddie and Ginnie Druzdis, Frances Sumski, Vic Bernotes, Currie Morris, Helen Zemaitis, Donna Grigas, Alice Ruseckas, Monica and Diane Plevock, Frank Stankus, Stephen Green, Joan Kleponis, and Milly Valis.

The Hiking Society made its annual "Foliage-Cookout-Hiking" outing to Mt. Monadnock, N.H. (3165 feet above sea level). The diligent hikers, who

made it to the top, said it was certainly worthwhile to see the beautiful, breath-taking foliage. We would like to remind other councils that they are welcome to join us whenever we take these hikes.

A large group of C-17'ers attended the Harvest Ball sponsored by C-27, Norwood. Everyone had a great time, and it's nice to see C-27 on the upswing once more. Keep up the good work.

Greeting to the following new members of C-17: Paula Antanelis, Joseph Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Druzdis and daughter Virginia, Barbara Kleponis, Eleanor Kleponis, Ruth Ann Neivera, Mrs. Helen Zemaitis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grigas, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Grigalunas, Mrs. Elizabeth Grigalunas, and Mrs. Helen Sabiski. Welcome to the council.

Congratulations are in order to the following C-17 members elected to national offices: Jerry Venis, second vice president; Larry Svelnis, third vice president; Florence Zaleskas, ritual committee; John S. Daniels, scholarship committee; and Ronald Venis sports co-chairman. At the NED Convention Jerry Venis was elected first vice president and Butch Venis, second vice president. Delegates to the convention were Angie Yelmokas, Aldona Keany, Al Jaritis, Larry Svelnis, Jerry and Rita Venis, Butch Venis, Flo Zaleskas, John Olevitz, and Alice Zarembo.

Loretta Kontrim spent three weeks in Europe this past summer... Wanda Yelmokas is now teaching in Japan... The Kennebunkport retreat was such a success that it inspired Bill Gorski and Al Jaritis to head for the Trappist Monastery of St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, Mass... Tommy Druzdis, U.S.M.C., is now stationed in Camp Pendleton, Calif... Robert Ruseckas served on the Suffolk Jury Service... Joanne and Paula Antanelis spent the summer as instructors in the Boston Park System. Joanne is with the Boston School System, and Paula is studying to become a teacher... The list is too long to mention all those attending school, so we'll just say good luck in your studies, and may you all wind up on the Dean's List...

Congratulations to former spiritual advisor, Rev. John Zuromskis upon his appointment as pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Lowell, Mass. Our prayers go with him. We also

welcome from St. Francis Church, Lawrence, the Rev. Albin Janiunas, new curate and a friend of the K of L.

Leo and Albina Rudziunas have recently purchased a home in West Roxbury. Paula and Ray Slinger also have a new home in that area... Jerry and Butch Venis ventured to Philadelphia for a Supreme Council meeting... Norma Razvadauskas is a new teacher in the Newton System... A great many members helped out at the annual picnic of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified at Brockton, Mass.

A short time before the convention our council was saddened to hear that Kasty Sauciunas had passed away. Kasty recently returned to the Bay State from Connecticut. Our prayers also go out to the Rev. John Skalandis, St. Joseph Church, Lowell; Rev. Pius Juraitis of Athol; and Rev. John Vaitakunas of Providence. Remember to say a prayer for the repose of their souls.

Those who did not attend the convention and would like the special souvenir pin can write to John Olevitz, 75 Gates Street, South Boston 27, Mass. Send \$1.25 for this pin. John also has some of the commemorative ashtrays.

N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3 Sunshine

This past summer found C-3 members everywhere but in Philly: Hedy Sarcewicz vacationed in Puerto Rico; Agnes Timmins in Bermuda; Irene Sarcewicz in Florida; Joe Yanulaitis in Wisconsin; Eleanor Chebatoris in Canada and Kennebunkport, Me.; Irene and Al Ozalis in Niagara Falls, Canada; Charles Petronis in Indianapolis, Ind. and Irene Varevice, Agnes Timmins and Walter Svekla returned once again to Cape Cod. We sure did cover a lot of territory and had a "grand old time."

On June 8 most of C-3's bowlers could be found at Flanagan's place in New Jersey for their first Bowling banquet, where practically everyone was awarded a prize.

Best wishes and lots of happiness



C-41 (New York) members Anthony B. Mazeika and Grazina Kulikauskas are pictured during the reception following their wedding August 31, 1963 in New York.

to Carl Kazakauskas and Eve Zwigaitis who were wed on Oct. 6, and to Joe Simmons and Trudy Jakuskis, who exchanged marriage vows, Oct. 12.

Congratulations to new Home-owners, Irene and Al Ozalis, Ginny and Steve Salnaitis, and Joe and Trudy Simmons. We just can't wait for those house-warming parties to begin.

The 50th Jubilee Convention was certainly a memorable one for C-3, since our own Helen Shields captured the office of President of the Supreme Council and Agnes Timmins that of Recording Secretary. Other members who attended were: Lillian Sasnauskas, Irene Varevice, Margie Gestite, Charles Petronis, John Mickunas, Walter Svekla and Joe Yanulaitis.

An INVITATION is extended to everyone to attend C-3's 50th Jubilee Dinner-Dance on Nov. 16 at St. Casimir's hall. If you miss it you'll be sorry, for this will be the GALA finish of the 50th Anniversary.

October Birthday Greetings to Irene Varevice, Ginny Salnaitis, and Casimir Zemaitaitis. November greetings to Margie Gestite, Irene Sarcewicz, Lillian Sasnauskas, Helen Shields and Ann Alsanskas.

New York, N.Y. C-12 Ed.

C-12 held its June meeting at Yamky Lodge, Lake Oseola, N.Y. Plans were formulated for the "Vincent Yatkaukas Anniversary Dance." Larry Janonis engaged Joe Thomas and Orchestra for the affair.

The council hosted a pre-convention picnic for all N.Y.-N.J. District K of L'ers on Aug. 3, at Yamky Lodge. A note of thanks is due to the boys at Yamky Lodge for the great hospitality and fraternal atmosphere. It was unsurpassed.

Congratulations to the Cupervich's on the arrival of their second son, Vincent, April 5. This was an occasion to remember, in that his dad had to be doctor and nurse all in one, unassisted. Our hats are off to you, Vinny, and I'm sure the officers of the Linden Police Dept. are equally proud of you.

Belated birthday greetings to the following members: Nell Genis, July 16; Vincent Yatkaukas, July 8; Larry Janonis, Aug. 1; and Joseph Kacenaitis, Aug. 26.

Now that summer activity has terminated, C-12 will resume its monthly meetings at the parish hall. Members will be notified as to when the first meeting will take place. We

invite all members to attend these meetings and welcome their views to help make this council an active one.

Kearny, N.J. C-90

Dimples

Our beloved pastor, the Rev. Leo Vaiciekauskas passed away on Aug. 18. He was pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church since 1931 and our spiritual advisor for many years. In 1956 he presented to our council the idea of building a Wayside Cross, which was dedicated last year. May his soul rest in peace.

Congratulations to John and Ellie Nakrosis who became the proud parents of a baby boy, Daniel, born July 4, weighing 10 pounds and 3 ounces.

The District bowling season got on its way in the Kearny Lanes Sept. 15. I was glad to see Joe Balazas, Kathy Daunoras, and Andy Dapkins from our council. Here's hoping that some trophies will be brought back at the end of the season.

Welcome to the Rev. Alfred Zemeikis, new curate at Our Lady of Sorrows church.

Coming Event: Feb. 8, "Pancake Dance (Blynų Balius) at the Lithuanian Political club, Schuyler Ave., Kearny.

Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100

Smile & Sparkle

Our annual outing at Dr. Kindar's in Galway, N.Y. was held June 30th. About 60 people participated. Vity Morkunas represented Worcester, Bob Williams - Philadelphia, Father Grabys and Father Janaitis - Albany, and Father Petraitis, Schenectady. Much fun was had by all. Many, many thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Kindar, who were such wonderful hosts. Thanks also go to Matt and Nancy Kazlauskas, Sadie and Charles Karbus, Margaret Boccio, Gen Zoal, and all the others who helped make the affair a success.

Council members vacationed in a variety of places this summer: Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis, and Helen Dombroski at Lake George, N.Y.; Father Baltch in Europe; Matt Kazlauskas and Dr. Adam Kindar, deep sea fishing off the Jersey Shore; and Sadie and Charles Karbus at the Blue Water Manor, Lake George.

Eleanor Stakauskas and Gene Go-

bis represented our council at the Jubilee Convention. Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, the Rev. Robert K. Baltch and Rev. Peter Janaitis attended as guests. Eleanor and Gene had "open house" in honor of Father Baltch immediately after the banquet. It was his first convention and many people wanted to meet him. Some who attended were Phyllis Grendal, Mary Motecus, Eugenia Karpus, John Simonovich, Charles Oskutis, Ed Sharkus, Mr. Contons (Father Conton's father), Jerry Jesulaitis, Jack Jatis, Marty Rusgi, and Tony Mankus.

Father Baltch showed us the slides of his European trip at our September meeting. Gene Gobis was named chairman for a "Money Making Scheme." We chose Dec. 15 as the day for our Christmas Banquet. It will be held at Robertshaw's Drum, three miles outside of Amsterdam on Route 30. If anyone from neighboring councils is interested in attending, please contact Gene Gobis, 18 John Street, Amsterdam, N.Y., and she will furnish the necessary information.

A speedy recovery to Mrs. Josephine Urban, Pauline's mother, who underwent surgery in September. Sympathy to Gene Gobis on the loss of her aunt in September.

Newark, N.J., C-29

The Wanderer

The C-29 annual dinner-dance was held on Saturday, Sept. 28, at St. George's Hall. This event marked the resumption of council activities after the summer vacation. Toastmaster at the dinner was Jack J. Stukas. Msgr. Ignatius Kelmelis gave the opening invocation, pastor of Holy Trinity Church followed by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, the Lithuanian National Anthem, and the K of L Hymn. Louis Stukas was the accompanist. The dinner-dance was also a part of the Council's commemoration of the Jubilee Year.

The two main speakers were Msgr. Kelmelis and the Rev. Peter Totoraitis. They each commended the K of L for past activities and urged all to do more to further the cause of Lithuanianism, especially by learning the language.

Mary Stonis was chairman for the event. Others who served on the committee were Joseph Balchunas, Peter Podgalsky, Jack Remeika, Joan Yankauskas, Kazys Sipaila, Julia Strolis, Eva Ellis, Regina Schmidt, Anna Pocius, and Marian Totoras.

Notes of the cuff: Attendance at the dinner-dance, while passable, could have been much better. Several of our members were conspicuous

by their absence. A council will not long be in existence if the members do not give loyal and cooperative support to all activities.

It surely was reunion time, for in the audience were many faces we have not seen for years. . . During the course of the evening's activities, birthday greetings were extended to Charles Strolis and Frank Vaskas. They were also presented with a birthday cake. Sincere thanks to Eva Ellis, Mary Stonis, Anna Pocius, and Joan Yankauskas, who were the instruments behind the presentation of the cake. . . Several members of our Junior council were also on hand for the festivities.

A successful Halloween Party was held in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall by the C-29 juniors. Hats off to the hard-working committee, whose efforts were responsible for the success of the affair.

Yearly elections will take place at our December meeting. . . At this time councils should be thinking of the February 16th Commemoration. They should arrange to have a public celebration of this event and make it the best ever. . . Our condolences to Ronnie Krezonis and Charles Oskutis, both of Elizabeth, N.J., C-52 on the loss of their father and sister, respectively,

PARDON OUR ERROR . . .

By mistake, the Jubilee Convention Issue (October, 1963) of VYTIS presented the Scholarship Award winners' pictures in reverse order. Our apologies to them both. That you may know them "as they are", pictured below are: Nancy Miller (left) and Janet Swedis (right).



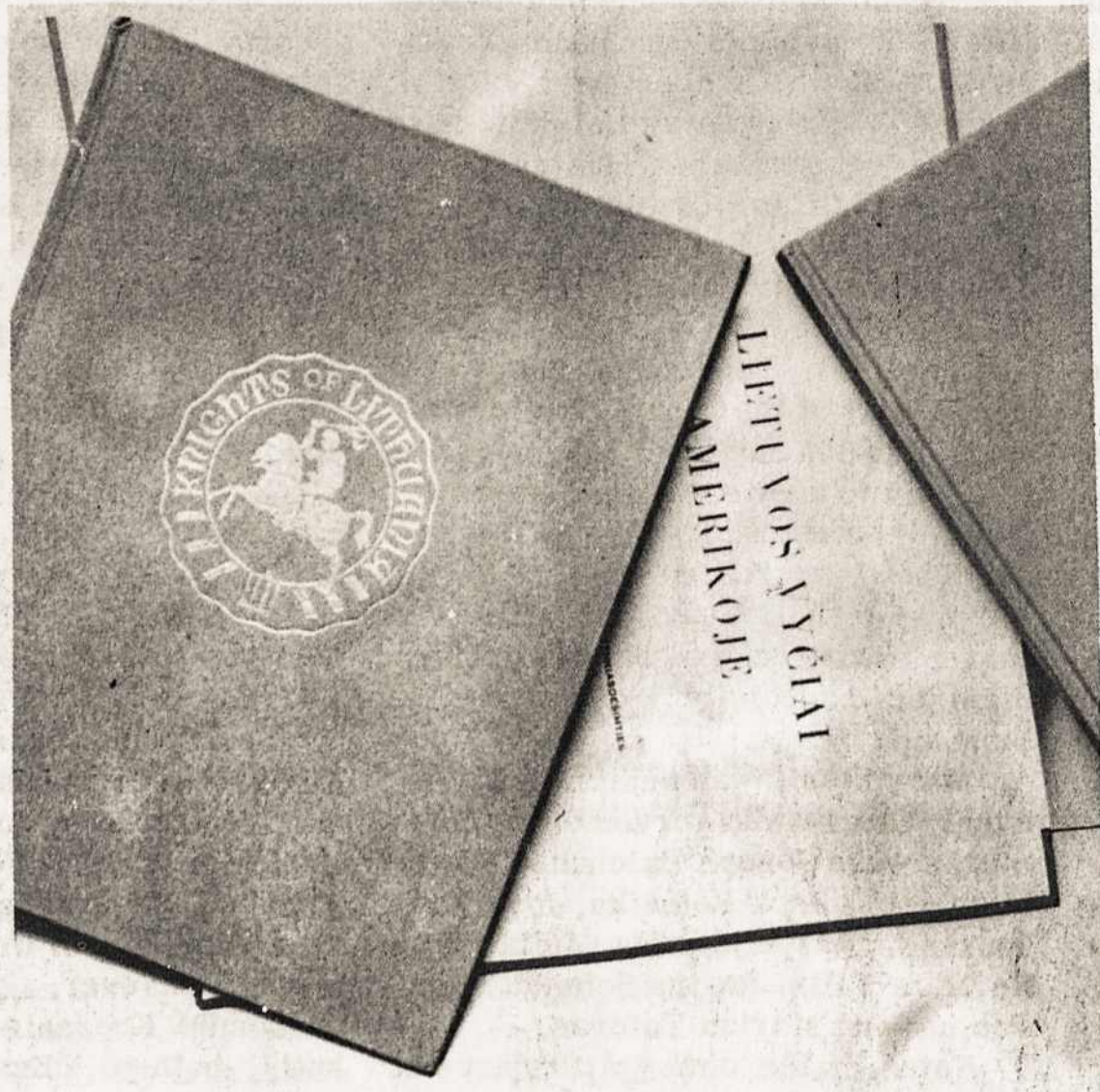
K of L CALENDAR

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| Nov. 16 | C-116, Dance, Maironis Park, Worcester, Mass. |
| Nov. 17 | Ill.-Ind. District Concert, "Vai Lėkite Dainos" Jubilee Year Concert, D-G Hall, 4416 So. Western Ave., Chicago, Ill., 3:30 p.m. |
| | C-30, Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle, Westfield, Mass. |
| Nov. 20 | C-116, Military Whist Card Party, So. Worcester, Mass. |
| Nov. 27 | C-112, Thanksgiving Dance, Chicago, Ill. |
| Dec. 15 | C-100, Christmas Party, Robertshaw's Drum, Route 30, Amsterdam, N.Y. |
| Dec. 21 | C-112, Christmas Party, Chicago, Ill. |
| Feb. 8 | C-90, Blynų Balius, Lithuanian Political Club, Schuyler Ave., Kearny, N.J. |

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