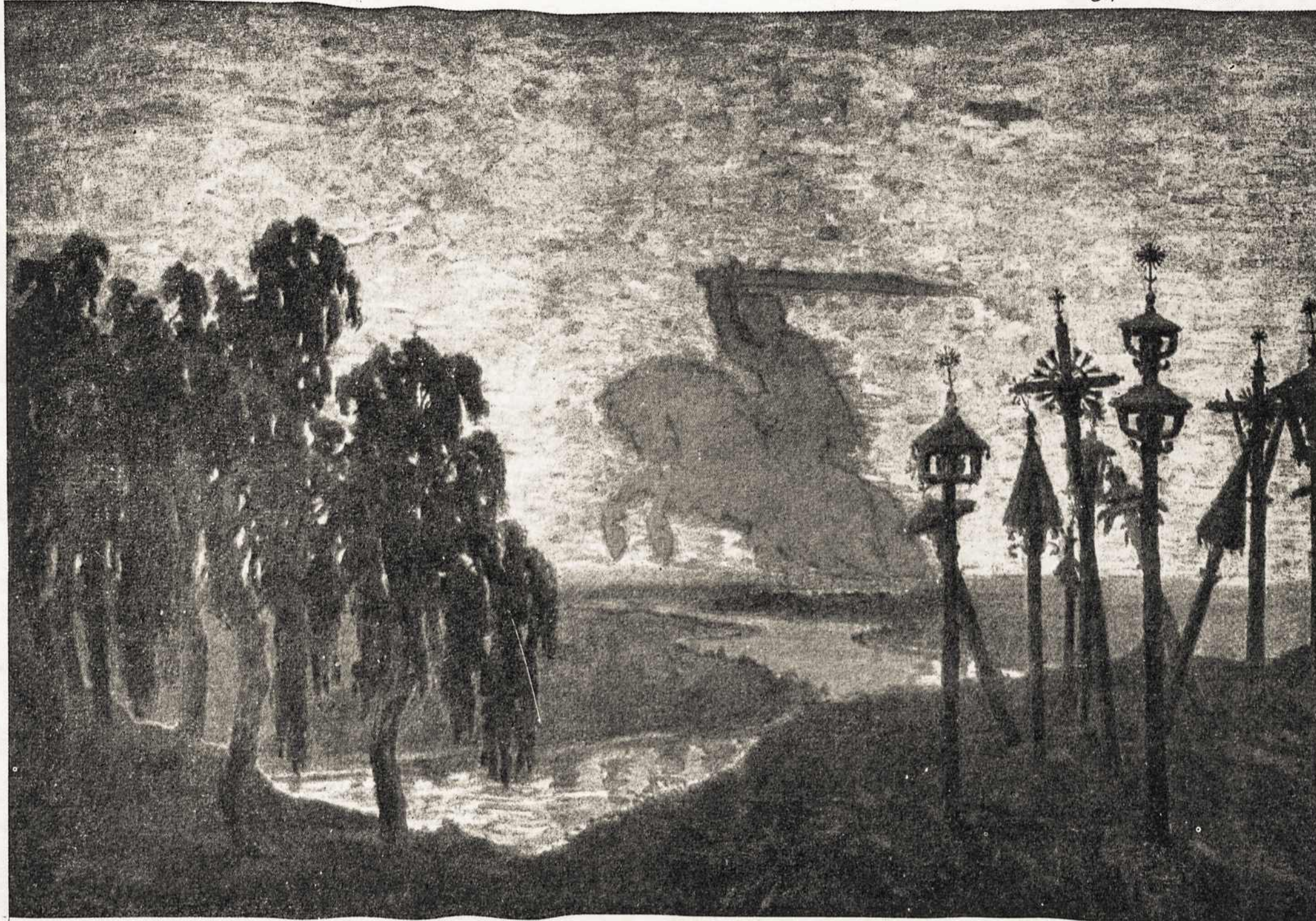


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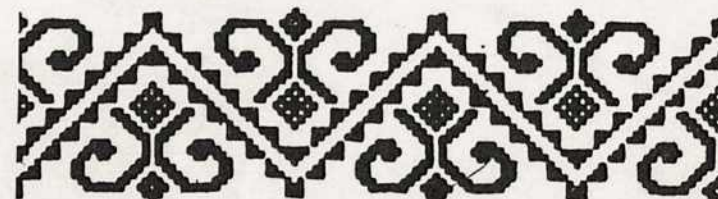


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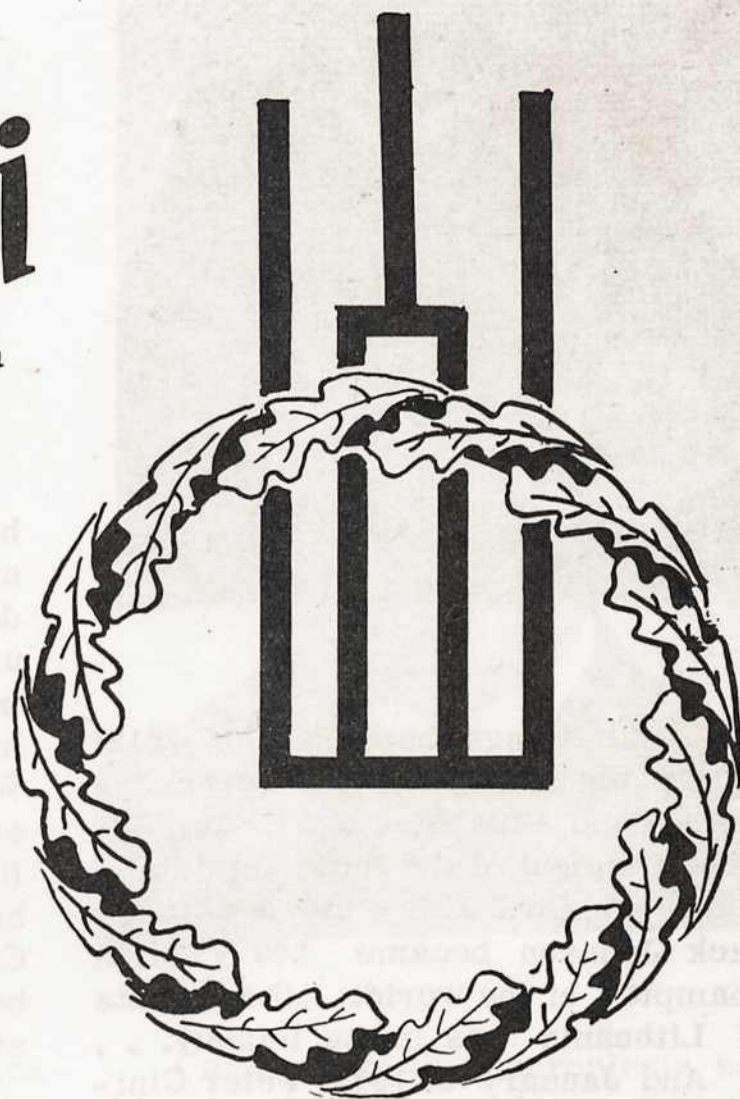
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Stojom į gretas;  
Ryjūnui smaugliui smaugiant  
Ir naikinant tautas.

Vytautas Jiesia

Tvirtovių sienas  
Išardė sviediniai;  
Mes kovėmės kaip vienas  
Ir kritome šimtais.

Ant beržo kryžių  
Kabo plieno šalmai.  
Iš kovos nebegižo  
Mūsų narsūs draugai.

Kova dar nebaigta. . .  
Milijonais balsų  
Vėl prišauks mus tauta  
Griebtis plieno kardų.



## Vyčiai ir Šešioliktoji Vasario

Povilas Dirkis

Atėjo baltai pasipuošusi žiemužė, lyg jaunamartė vestuvių drabužiuose balta baltutė, nekaltai besišypsanti baltomis snaigėmis spindinčiu veidu. Medžių šakos svyra nuo sunkios sniego naštos ir atrodo, lyg jie pražydo baltais pavasario žiedais. Graži gamta ir žiemos metu. Ir kada pažvelgi į tuos baltus laukus ir medžius, į pilką debesuotą dangų, toj prisimeaa tolimos mūsų tėvynės Lietuvos vaizdai, jos kalvelėmis papurę laukai, miškai ir sodybos. Ir grįžtame ne vienas savo mintimis į tą tolimąją bet mielą šalelę, kur ne vienas iš mūsų ar mūsų tėveliai yra gimę ir augę, savo jaunystės gražiausias dienas praleidę.

Ir štai šios didžiosios ir mums visiems lietuviams taip brangios Nepriklausomybės šventės proga vėl išgyvename artumą su visu tuo, kas mus riša su tėvyne Lietuva, su jos

gražia gamta, jos garsia praeitimi ir visomis tomis brangiomis tradicijomis, kurias mūsų tėvai ir protėviai išlaikė ir išsaugojo. Mes esame paveldėję visa tai iš jų nuo senų seniausių laikų.

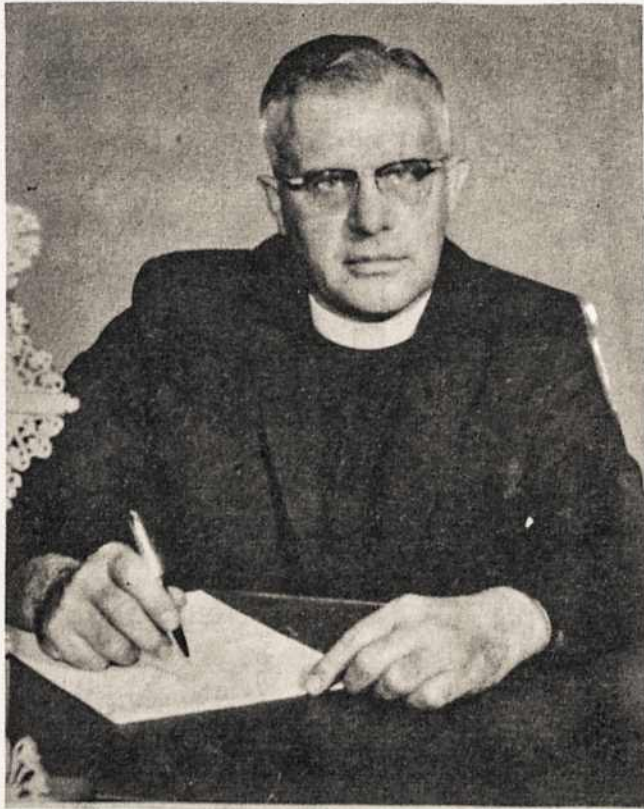
Ta didžioji diena visus mus lietuvius jungia į vieną šeimą, nesvarbu, kur bebūtume išblaškyti ar Amerikoje, Australijoje, ar Europoje. Tos dienos svarba ir reikšmė mums vyčiams irgi yra viena iš didžiausių. Ta diena yra mums vyčiams lygiai tiek svarbi, kiek ir Liepos Ketvirtoji, šio krašto laisvės diena. Todėl mūsų visų švenčiausia pareiga tą dieną ypatingai paminėti. Mano nuomone, tą dieną vyčiai galėtų geriausiai prisiminti savo nuoširdžia malda už tėvynės Lietuvos laisvę ir tos laisvės gynėjus, žuvusius Lietuvos laukuose, ar tolimame Sibire išstremtus ir nukankintus kalėjimuose. O taip pat turėtume tą dieną paminėti ir susirinkimuose, išklausanč kelėtos min-

čių apie tėvynės Lietuvos dabartį, praeitį ir pasiryžti kovoti dėl jos šviesesnės ateities.

Ta proga visus vyčius įpareigoju įsigyti nors po vieną knygą kas moka lietuviškai - lietuvišką, kam sunkiau - tas galėtų įsigyti anglų kalba parašytą knygą apie Lietuvą. Ir skaityti dažniau, ir galvoti daugiau ir dirbti ir aukotis labiau negu ligi šiolei.

Šiandien lietuviai tėvynėje kenčia sunkiausią vergiją, kokios dar nebūta iki šiol. Lietuviai persekiojami už lietuviybę ir katalikybę. Jaunimas verčiamas klausyti bedievių piktožodžiavimų ir niekinimų Dievo bažnyčios ir tikėjimo. Komunistų jungas yra bausis ir sunkus ypač dėl to, kad yra naikinami visi kilnieji žmogaus jausmai ir idealai. Todėl mes vyčiai turime tuos idealus išlaikyti ir išsaugoti bei perduoti jaunesnei kartai, kad mūsų tauta išliktų gyva ir šiame krašte.





# PROFILE OF A SILVER JUBILARIAN

## Rev. Peter P. Cinikas

By Anne Pieza

Great things happened in 1912! On the throne of St. Peter was Saint Pope Pius X. . . William Taft was president of the United States. . . Mary Pickford was a movie star. . . Jack Johnson became heavyweight champion of the world. . . the Knights of Lithuania was in its infancy. . .

And January 6, 1912, Peter Cinikas was born.

The little Cinikas boy became - a student, scholar, writer, a priest, missionary, preacher, pastor, editor, publisher, builder, impressario of music and drama, youth advisor, amateur golfer, traveler, bibliophile, a patron of Lithuanian lore and language . . . and a friend of all.

He attended St. Leo Grammar school, 78th st. and Emerald av., and in 1932, with visions of the priesthood as his ultimate goal, Peter entered Quigley Preparatory seminary.

Attracted by the admirable work of the Marian Fathers congregation among American Lithuanians, young Peter decided to join this group of dedicated priests. From 1933 to 1939, he studied at the Marian Hills seminary, Clarendon Hills. He pronounced his initial vows in the Marian Fathers congregation Oct. 17, 1933, and his final vows July 16, 1937.

Then came the most important day in his life - the day he dreamed of, worked and prayed for - his ordination to holy priesthood.

On January 22, 1939, attired in his chasuble, Cleric Peter Cinikas prostrated himself at the altar in the chapel of the seminary, with a prayer on his lips for his father and

his dear departed mother, his sister and brother, and all those near and dear to him who helped either spiritually or physically to attain this moment, and a vow of dedication to humanity. Then the late Archbishop William David O'Brien, auxiliary bishop of Chicago, and president, Catholic Church Extension Society, lay his hands over the head of Father Peter Cinikas. He was in the first class to be ordained from the Marian Hills seminary.

Father Peter was one of three children born to John Cinikas and Antonia Gabris. Father Cinikas' beloved mother died while he was a youngster of ten. His devoted father, who took great pride in Father Peter's priesthood and his accomplishments, passed away in July of 1955.

Father has a brother, John, who married the former Josephine Milkevich. They live at 4917 Forest Ave., Downers Grove, Ill., and are parents of three daughters: Frances Antoinette, 22, a graduate of De Paul University School of Music, where she is currently studying for her Master's degree and serving as an associate professor of piano; Jeanne, 18, a freshman at Mundelein college, majoring in biology, and Suzanne, 12, a seventh grader at St. Joseph's Grammar school.

Father Cinikas' sister, Genevieve, and her husband, Bernard Pilipowski, who live at 14516 Clark St., Riverdale, Ill., are parents of a 15-year-old daughter, Mary, a sophomore at the Marian High School in Chicago Heights.

A gifted writer, the newly ordained Father Peter entered the School of Journalism at Marquette University, Milwaukee, where he studied from 1938 to 1940. Then he was assigned as administrator of the Lithuanian

Daily Draugas, serving from 1940 to 1945, and again from 1951 to 1958.

Father Cinikas' articles, written in Lithuanian, first appeared in 1934 in Draugas and Laivas. He became an expert translator from English into Lithuanian, and helped edit "Mažųjų Draugas," a weekly insert for youngsters in the Draugas. He wrote a series of peripatetic philosophy, "Pasikalbėjimai Prie Ežero," and recently Father Cinikas translated into Lithuanian a great work, "The Imitation of Mary," written by Thomas a' Kempis, author of "The Imitation of Christ."

Meanwhile, Father Peter founded the Marian magazine and became its first editor in 1948; directed Marian Fathers' press activities from 1952 to 1958; was pastor of St. Gabriel parish in Milwaukee from 1945 to 1947; assistant and missionary-at-large with residence at St. George parish, Niagara Falls, N.Y., from 1961 to 1963, and from 1958 to 1960 at St. Gabriel. At present he is the superior at the Marian Fathers House, Clarendon Hills, where he was appointed August of 1963 by the Very Rev. Victor Rimselis, MIC., Marian Fathers' American provincial.

A fitting testimonial to Father Cinikas' architectural and building knowledge are the magnificent Marian Fathers monastery and Draugas buildings at 63rd St. and Kilbourn Ave., which were constructed while he was serving as administrator.

The Rev. Peter Cinikas is now engaged in as equally vital and important work - that of nurturing new vocations for the priesthood and bringing young men to the altar at which he became a priest 25 years ago.

AD MULTOS ANNOS!



# FOR A FREE LITHUANIA

## - VINCAS KUDIRKA



By Janet E. Swedis

Lithuania has had her heroes at every period of her history. During the period of Czarist rule, one of Lithuania's most devoted sons was a doctor of medicine, who was also a musician, composer, poet, and publicist, by the name of Vincas Kudirka. Born at Pažeriai, district of Suvalkai, Lithuania, on December 31, 1858, Kudirka gave his talent and life in behalf of his oppressed homeland.

One of his greatest efforts in Lithuania's interest was the establishment of VARPAS and the organization of its writing staff. Through

VARPAS, the only Lithuanian publication in Europe at the time, Dr. Kudirka sought to form a leadership which would be sufficiently strong and pro-Lithuanian that it could guide the country to restored independence.

These articles attacked the practice of substituting other languages in the church services and the conditions then existing in the world of business. Naturally, such statements found little favor with those in authority in Lithuania at the time and Kudirka had his difficulties with the totalitarian government.

Contraction of tuberculosis sent him to the Crimea for a rest and treatment; but the overwork and privation had taken their toll and Dr. Kudirka died on November 16, 1899, at Naumiestis, district of Suvalkai, Lithuania. At age 41 his career ended with much of his work uncompleted. Nevertheless, Kudirka had finished his most lasting contribution. For when his dream for an independent Lithuania was realized in 1918, Vincas Kudirka's poem and music were adopted as the Lithuanian National Anthem.

Lietuva Tėvyne mūsų,  
 Tu didvyrių žeme.  
 Iš praeities Tavo sūnūs  
 Te stiprybę semia.  
 Tegu Tavo vaikai eina  
 Vien takais dorybės,  
 Tegu dirba Tavo naudai  
 Ir žmonių gėrybei.  
 Tegul saulė Lietuvos  
 Tamsumus pašalina,  
 Ir šviesa, ir tiesa  
 Mūs žingsnius telydi,  
 Tegul meilė Lietuvos  
 Dega mūsų širdyse.  
 Vardan tos Lietuvos  
 Vienybė težydi.

Hail Lithuania triumphahnt  
 Land of heroes hoary  
 From thy past thy sons may ever  
 Draw their strength and glory.  
 May thy children ever follow  
 Their undaunted fathers,  
 In devotion to their country  
 And good will to others.  
 May the sun of our loved shore  
 Shine upon us evermore,  
 May your faith and the truth  
 Keep our pathway lighted.  
 May the love of Fatherland  
 Make us strong of heart and hand.  
 May our Land ever stand  
 Peaceful and united.





Uzgavėnių kaukė.

Uzgavėnės šiais metais bus vasario vienuoliką, tą pačią dieną kaip ir Edisono gimtadienis. Čia Amerikoje Uzgavėnės mažai reikšmės žmonėms beturi, bet Lietuvoje jos tikrai iškilmingai būdavo prisimenamos.

Uzgavėnių išvakarėse jaunimas, ir net vedę jaunesnieji žmonės, vaikščiodavo po kaimą persirengę elgetomis. Apsirengdavo jie kuo senesniais suplyšusiais, sulopytais drabužiais. Veidą apsitepdavo suodžiais nuo keptuvės dugno, kuri kabodavo prastoje troboje šalia židinio ant sienos pakabinta.

Juk Lietuvoje ugnį kūrendavo malkomis, todėl indų dugnai labai aprūkdavo, o valyti juos kas dieną nebuvo įmanoma. Šeiminkės tik per dideles šventes paliemdavo merginoms nušveisti katilus, keptuves, kibirus, nutrint juos su šlapiais šiaudais, įpelenus ir smėlių pamirkytais.

Veidai būdavo nutepami taip, kad atrodytų senas senelis, senelė. Rankon paimdavo ilgą lazda, nuo palaidų šunų apsiginti. Didelė terba kabodavo įkypai pečių pakabinta. Šitaip apsirengę eidavo sutarton vieton, kad iš ten galėtų drauge per kaimą traukti.

Uzgavėnių elgetos lankydavo kiekvieną sodybą. Kartais kokį pokštą ūkininkui iškrėsdavo, kirvi, piuklą paslėpdavo. Kai kurie ūkininkai neatidarydavo tiems "pavargėliams" durų. Elgetos būdavo gudrūs: vienas jų tyliai, prie sienos prisiglausdamas prisėlindavo, staiga prie durų atsirasdavo, o jas atidaręs jau kviesdavo savo draugus skubėti. Tokiu būdu išiverždavo į vidų didelis būrys.

Suėję vidun klaupdavo ant kelių, kalbėdavo išsigalvotas neva maldas. "Pasimeldę" pradėdavo pasakoti savo "vargus". Kaip sunku esą gyventi neturtingam. Argi nepasigailėtų nelaimės prispausto žmogaus? Jie melsis, kad tokio nelaimingo gyvenimo nesulauktų šito ūkininko šeima. Kitas taip mokėdavo vaidinti, kad jam ašaros iš akių riedėdavo, šeiminkams rankas bučiuodavo ir ašaromis drėkindavo. Gal gailėstis būdavo sužadintas, o gal tik norėdavo, kad elgetos greičiau jų namus apleistų, bet šeiminkai pinigais apdailindavo kiekvieną po lygiai. Tada "elgetos" greitai išeidavo pro duris, dėkodami už pinigus.

# UŽGAVĖNĖS

Emilija Pakalniškienė

Mes vaikai stebėdavome pro langą tuos elgetas. Vienas raišas, kitas kreivas, trečias kuprotas, kitas vėl aklas, ir t.t. ir t.t. Kiekvienas turėdavo kokį nors kūno defektą. Krypuodama ilga eilė "nelaimingųjų" traukdavo tolyn, eidavo į kitą kiemą, ten savo vargus išlieti.

O štai Uzgavėnių rytas. Saulė jau aukštokai iškilusi šypsosi. Laukai balti, supustyto sniego kalnai prie tvorų, prie namų. Rodos - balta jūra banguoja per laukus. Kalnais ir slėniais, laukais ir miškais, upėmis ir ežerais gali tiesiausiai sau kelią pasirinkti, nes sniegas yra susistovėjęs, kietas, o vanduo storu ledo sluoksniu apdengtas. Nuo pastogių čerža vandens lašai, kurie saulėlydžiu vėl lediniais latakais pavirsta. Jau ir vištos kutkuduodamos iš papastogės vandens atsigeria.

Didelis dubuo blynų, užraugtų su mielėmis, ant pečiaus apdengtas rūgo. Vidudienį didelis puodas baltų kiaulienos taukų prie pečiaus ant kėdės buvo pastatytas. Keptuvė nuo sienos žvangėdama ant ugnies atsidūrė. Ugnis pyškėdama, taukai keptuvėje virdami - keptė Uzgavėnių blynus, keptė juos ilgai. Keptėjos keitėsi, nes skundėsi, kad joms akys paraudo nuo liepsnos ir dūmų. Visą dieną tik blynus valgėme tą dieną. Vieni dažėme juos bruknėmis, kiti rūgščia grietine.

Tokią dieną argi svečių nesulauksi? O kaip gi. Štai jau armonika ir būgnas mūsų kieme. Štai jau šoka poros. Kas jos? Tokią šaltą žiemos dieną šoka kiemo viduryje!

Jie jau per visą mėnesį Uzgavėnių maskaradui puošėsi, sau kaukes siuvo. Galvas laužė, kaip gražesnę, kaip patrauklesnę, kaip skirtingesnę už kitų pasidaryti. Daug vargo pridėjo, kol jas pasidirbo. Vienas ėmė klevo stuobri, jį išskaptavo, akių ir burnos vietas iškirto, dantis, nosį, ausis, raukšles išrentė ir atitinkamai dažais nudažė. Kitas kaukę siuvo iš avies kailio, barzdos vietoje linų kuodelį prisidėjo, dantis iš plunksnų stagarų susismaigstė, o kreivą nosį atstojo jam avino ragas. Trečias net arklį pasidirbo. Kalė rėmus iš medžio, aprišo juos šiaudais, kad išeitų arklio išvaizda, tuos šiaudus apsiuvo medžiaga. Tą arklį maskaradininkas prisitvirtino sau prie liemens, taip kad jo arklys galėjo ir risčia bėgti, ir zovada lėkti.

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Naujieji Metai mums primena, kad ir vėl trys šimtai šešiasdešimt penkios dienos praslinko pro mūsų gyvenimą. Atseit, nesustabdoma laiko tekė nešamus, ir mes, štai, vėl pradėjome Naujuosius 1964 metus. Pagaliau ne mūsų rūpestis vien spėlioti ar pranašauti, ką jie atneš neramiam pasauliui. Kokių vilčių ar kartaus nusivylimo jie suteiks Lietuvoje ir Azijos sniegynuose žudomai lietuvių tautai ir po visą pasaulį išblaškytiems benamiams jos vaikams.

Naujieji Metai atvyko su mišlės raktais, laikiniais pasaulį neramume ir baimėje. Pasaulio viltys rasti kelią į tikresnę taiką praėjusiais metais nepasitvirtino. Valstybės vyrų sukamas politinis ratas nuolatos artėja prie krizės taško. Lietuvai praėjusieji metai be kruvinių kančių, karčių ašarų ir vergijos pančių pasunkėjimo nieko naujo nedavė. Galingųjų pasaulio valstybių vyrų tuščiom kalbom apie sugyvenimą su komunizmu jau niekas nebetiki, ir jie patys, atrodo, nebetiki tuo, ką kalba. Tačiau tokios kalbos sunkiai pažeidžia lietuvių pavergtą tautą, kuri nyksta raudoname kalėjime uždaryta.

Nauji metai atėjo su naujais uždaviniais, naujais

keliais ir naujomis priemonėmis tikslui siekti, būtent: pirmoje eilėje būti vieningais žudomos tautos vaikais. Tačiau pagrindinis mūsų visų tikslas - asmeninis kilimas ir tautai ateities laidavimas - nesikeičia. Atseit, laisvės siekimu mes nesiskiriam vieni nuo kitų, bet skiriamės tik kelio pasirinkimu. Peržengę per Naujų Metų slenkstį, mes turime prisiminti, kad jau dvidešimtuosius metus herojaus atkaklumu besigrumianti Lietuva kraujo antspaudu įpareigojo mus visus, laisvajame pasaulyje gyvenančius, bent išlikti lietuviams ir padaryti visa, kas yra galima, kad atliktume savo pareigas. Užtat, ir šių 1964 metų tradicinę progą, be jokių pranašysčių žinome, kad mums ir mūsų tėvų gimtajai žemei jie bus tikrai laimingesni tik tuo atveju ir tiek, kiek mes patys kiekvienas išliksime lietuviškosios kovos dvasioje, kiek nepalūšime ir nedingsime kovojančiai Tėvynei Lietuvai "be likusio ženklų, jog žmonėmis buvę. . ."

Nors nėra ženklų, tačiau tikėkime, kad šiais 1964 metais mūsų išsivija subręs, suras didesnę darnumą ir vieningumą bent pagrindinių tautų uždavinių siekdama ir pasitikėdama nenykstančiais krikščionybės idealais žengs į šviesesnę ateitį.

rėme sau po mažą skylutę, nutirpdydami ledą su šiltu vandeniu. Žiūrėjome pro tą mažą langelį išokanti maskaradą. Pribėgdavo jie prie mūsų, šypsodavosi, bučiuodavo per langą, kalbėdavo daryta kalba, kaip Lietuvoje žydai kad kalbėdavo. Kiekvienas iš jų buvo kuprotas, šieno po švarku ant nugaros prisikimšęs. Kojos buvo apautos naginėmis, kad nepavargtų visą dieną bėgiodami ir šokdami. Prašėsi įleidžiami vidun, nes nori avižų, linų pirkti. Tėvelis jiems per atdarą langą iškišo karštų blynų, po stiklelį degtinės, kad neperšaltų.

O pusbernių pulkai sekė juos iš paskos. Tų pusbernių pareiga buvo panešti maskaradininkui bizūną arba kokį laimikį, pav. dešrą, sūrį, mėsą, viščiuką, ką tik pasisekdavo iš žmonių išviloti. Tie pusberniai laikė saugarbe, kad galėjo su tos dienos didvyriais kartu keliauti per sodžius.

Vaikams dar ir daugiau pramogų buvo per Užgavėnes. Tą dieną kiekvienas tėvelio žingsnis buvo sekamas. Tėte, kur eini? Tėte, ar turi stiprią virvę? Klausimais varginome jį tol, kol nebeištverdamas paėmė stiprias vadžias, permetė jas per daržinės balkį ir prie galų apa-

čioje pririšo ilgą lentą. Akimirksniu visi susėdome raiti ant lentos, o ant jos galų stati stovėjo supėjai. Tai susilenkdami, tai staiga išsitiesdami mokėjo jie pajudinti vaikais aplipusią lentą. Jau greitai vienas galas lentos ant tvartų iškilo, kitas ant šieno galo. O klyksmas, o rėkimas prasidėjo! Mažesnieji bijojo, verkė. Tas šauksmas pasklido po sodžių, ir štai priešais jau matai kitą pamainą vaikų, panašiai kaip čia Linkolno žvėryne kad laukia eilės važiuoti elektriniu traukinėliu. Daržinė nebuvo kūrenama, o dar nuo supimosi stiprus vėjas gavosi, bet šalčio mes nejautėme, o norėjom tik suptis aukščiau ir aukščiau, kol mama atėjo vestis į trobą.

Armonika vakare grojo mažos pirkelės kampe. Ten šoko tie patys maskaradininkai, tik jau be kaukių, švariai nusiprausę, gražiai apsirengę. Jie šoko su kaimo mergaitėmis, kurios atėjo užgavėti.

Dvyliktą valandą nakties varpai pranešė Gavėnios pradžią. Kiekvienas skubėjo namo. Prasidėjo Gavėnios rintis, susikaupimas.





Chicago's skyline has been changed since the last K of L National Convention was held here in 1956.

# Chicago.....

## CONVENTION CITY

By TONY YUKNIS

The 51st national convention of the Knights of Lithuania will be held in the Sheraton - Chicago motor hotel, 505 North Michigan Avenue, from August sixth to the ninth of this year. Chicago knights will also observe their Golden Jubilee year at this time.

Delegates will convene via land, sea and air to this bustling, ever-changing city. In anticipation of this double-header event the city planners have changed the skyline, constructing more than one thousand new commercial buildings between conventions here.

Mercury vapor lamps have been installed to light the way. Buses have completely replaced the trolley cars to expedite your movements here. Streets have been converted to one-way thoroughfares because most delegates will be going only one way - forward.

Chicago is the crossroads of the nation, being located at the bottom of Lake Michigan. She is near the population center of America which is located at Centennial, downstate Illinois.

Chicago's birthplace is located a stone's throw south of the Sheraton-Chicago, the present site of the Tribune Tower. She is built mostly on flatland, dissected by the Chicago river branches. Chicago is not too flat, being the financial capital of the midwest.

According to various Algonquin Indian dialects "CHECAGOU" is the land of the wild onion smell, great spirit, big or skunkweed. At any rate the early settlers knew their onions when they settled on this site.

A Jesuit priest, Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet, explored SHEE-KA-GO in 1673 for France. They arrived at the present site of south

Harlem Avenue and 49th street - the portage between the Des Plaines and Chicago rivers. Father Marquette befriended Illinois Indians and said the first Mass there.

In 1833 Chicago was incorporated as a town and began to grow when the Indians moved west.

A great fire destroyed about one-third of Chicago in 1871. The Old Water Tower, which still stands on north Michigan Avenue, was one of the few structures to survive the holocaust. The "I WILL" spirit enabled the people to rebuild an even greater city. By 1890 Chicago's population passed the one million mark.

Today Chicago has a population of about 3,500,000 souls. The greater Chicago area embraces about five millions, which is more than half of the state's population.

Chicago is one of the few cities of the world that has a beautiful (Grant) park as its front yard. She has about 20 miles of boulevards and parks adorning its lake front.

The Grant park underground garage parks 2,300 cars. Another one is being built south of the Art Institute. The Mayor has promised its completion before our Convention in August.

Chicago is the greatest railroad center, switching 20,000 freight and 1,100 passenger cars daily.

When the St. Lawrence seaway was opened in 1959, Chicago became an international seaport. The Navy Pier docks and the Lake Calumet harbor combine to handle more imports and exports than any other city on the Great Lakes.

Since the local Midway airport was made obsolete by the jet age, another was built ten times larger. The new O'Hare international airport is the world's largest and busiest air field.



Chicago has 1,300 hotels within the downtown "loop" district, furnishing 17,000 first class rooms. Here are located the world's tallest (Morrison) and the largest (Conrad Hilton) hotels. The Sheraton has 1,000 rooms with free parking and swimming in its pool.

The Windy City is the nation's convention center, welcoming one million delegates annually. Eleven U.S. presidents were nominated here at party conventions. The new McCormick Place hall is as large as six football fields.

Underneath the football stands of the University of Chicago the Atomic Age was born. On December 2, 1942 the world's first controlled nuclear explosion was engineered by scientists. A wrong guess would have sent the university into eternity as dust.

State street's "merchants mile" has 100 stores that serves 500,000 shoppers daily. The street lights here are so bright that at night one can read the Lord's Prayer engraved on the head of a straight pin easily.

The city has 23 theological seminaries and the most divinity students. She produces one out of every four doctors in the nation.

Chicago was the cradle of the mail order business, great books and the correspondence schools. She is the

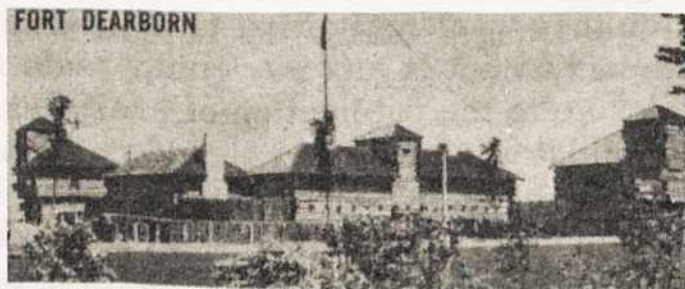
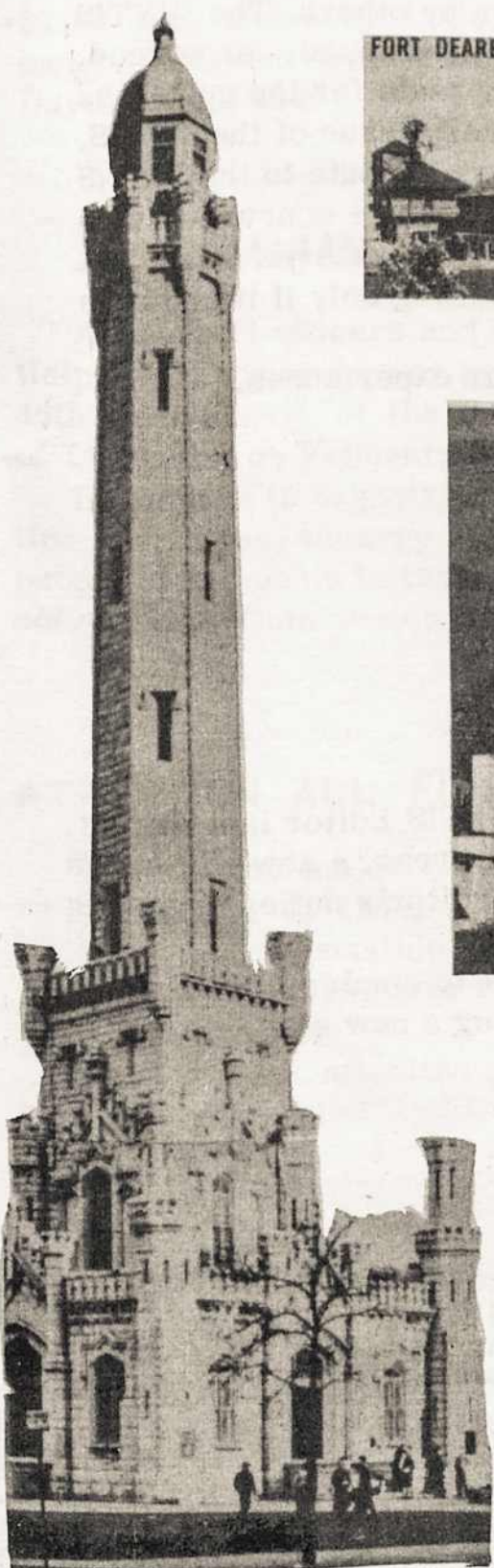
home of Encyclopedia Britannica. Half of the nations telephone books are printed here.

She built the first skyscraper, all-glass building and the ultra modern, round tower apartments - Marina city.

Even the Lithuanian communities have moved forward. The Sisters of St. Casimir built a new four million dollar addition to the Holy Cross hospital. Nativity parish built a new church and the Immaculate Conception parish is following suit. All of the Lithuanian owned savings and loan association have that new look.

Motorists may want to stop at the Lithuanian resort village in Beverly Shores, Indiana, for a swim in the inviting waters of Lake Michigan, the largest fresh water lake in the world. Here you will find Villa Albra (Algird Brazis), Nida and Lakeside Villa. At this second Palanga you will be doing "bottoms up" in no time.

After you have refreshed yourselves continue west on the Indiana Toll Road which leads you into the Chicago Skyway - to the downtown Loop. Yes, you will really be doing the loop by this time in a big way. An early Chicago planner and civic leader, Daniel H. Burnham, said "never plan little things." Think big in all of your endeavors forevermore.



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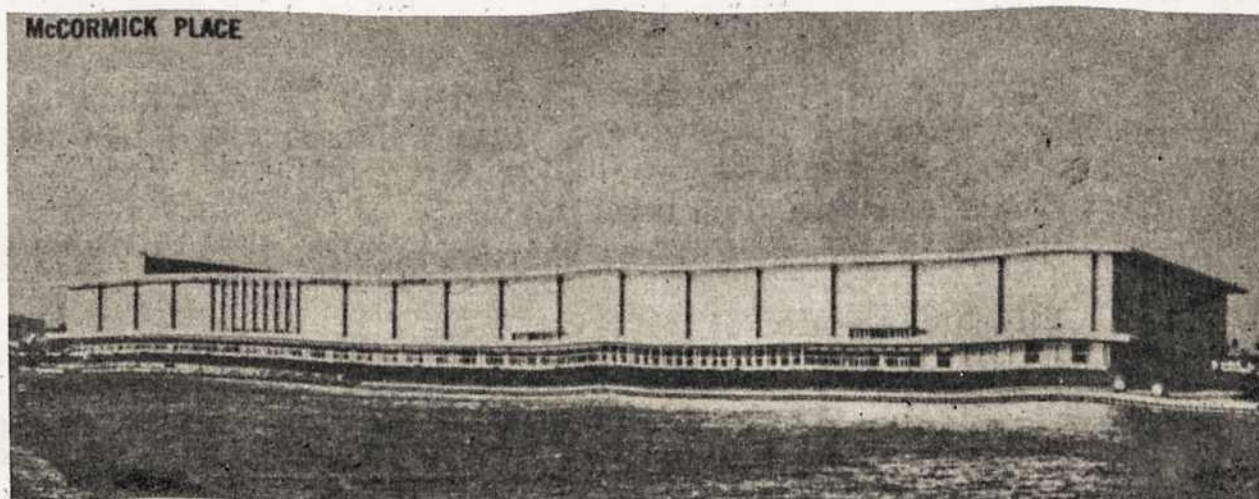
MARINA CITY



STATE STREET



MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY



MCCORMICK PLACE



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Some 48 years ago, the delegates of the 3rd Knights of Lithuania National Convention decided that an official house organ was necessary. Its purpose was to help councils to maintain contact with other councils, and to provide an opportunity for members to submit articles, poetry, artwork, pictures and all such material which would reflect the heart and spirit of the Knights of Lithuania organization.

In a survey taken several years ago by former President Robert Boris, there was asked the question as to whether the VYTIS would be missed if its publication were to be discontinued. Replies received indicated that it would indeed be missed! This was most reassuring to the Supreme Council and especially to the VYTIS Staff who must sacrifice so much time in order to publish the VYTIS each month.

However, it seems that with the passing of time, the burden of the VYTIS Staff keeps growing. They are not only expected to edit and prepare the VYTIS for publication, but must spend considerable time searching for material. This is very time consuming and in numerous cases, the editors and/or staff, wind up writing a considerable number of articles themselves.

I wish to take this opportunity to bring to the attention of our K of L members that the VYTIS is the organization's magazine, and therefore, the members should feel a deep sense of responsibility in contributing either their own articles or submitting articles of interest written by others. The VYTIS Staff should be supplied with sufficient material, which they would only have to edit, arrange, proofread, etc. We must remember that the TOKEN SALARIES paid do not in any way compensate for the countless hours that those working on the VYTIS MUST devote to the publication of every issue of the VYTIS.

There are many talented members amongst our midst who could and should contribute to the VYTIS - both English and Lithuanian articles. Therefore, I sincerely ask every council to become concerned with seeking out persons in their respective council, who would supply the VYTIS Staff with material - not just council activities reports. The VYTIS will be alive, interesting, enjoyable and exciting only if it contains material that is written and/or submitted by our own members.

Our official organ should reflect our thoughts, our ideas, our suggestions, our experiences.  
Let's make the VYTIS - truly "OUR VYTIS"!

Helen T. Shields, President

Due to prevailing personal circumstances, Mrs. Stanley Pieza, appointed VYTIS Editor last August, has found it necessary to resign from the VYTIS Editorship. As this issue goes to press, a new editor has been selected and subject to approval by the Supreme Council, will assume the editor's duties beginning with the March issue. Announcement of the appointment will be made at that time.

The emergency created by Mrs. Pieza's need to resign forced the acting staff to combine the January and February issues into one, this time only, to allow time for selecting and training a new staff.

We ask your patience and help in coping with this brief crisis.

Articles and pictures should be sent as follows:

General articles, features, pictures to:

VYTIS, 1625 W. Marquette Rd., Chicago 36, Ill.

Council news and pictures to:

Mrs. Theresa Strolia, 4541 S. Washtenaw, Chicago 32, Ill.

Lithuanian material to:

Petras A. Bagdonas, 3246 S. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.

Mailing list problems and inquiries to:

Rita Pinkus, 76 Providence St., Worcester, Mass.



# OFFICIAL NEWS

## LITHUANIAN CULTURE COMMITTEE

In Dayton, Father Titas Narbutas and Aušra Raštikis are conducting Lithuanian language classes for children and are using the K of L records "Children's Playway to Lithuanian". Results are good and the children like this method of learning Lithuanian. The cultural chairmen of K of L councils are asked to give this matter greater attention and organize similar classes. The record set "Children's Playway to Lithuanian" consists of two records that can be played at either 33 or 45 RPM together with booklets giving the Lithuanian and English text of the recording. Price is \$3.00 per set postpaid. Send orders to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita St., Dayton, Ohio 45404

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K of L Pins in pin back and screw back styles at \$1.00 each and K of L Constitutions at 25 cents each can be obtained from Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita Street, Dayton, Ohio 45404

## LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

All council officers and members are urged to participate in whatever way possible to commemorate the 46th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Lithuania, on February 16th.

In addition to organizing or attending Commemoration Exercises, we urge all members to remember the people of Lithuania in their prayers and if possible receiving Holy Communion for their intention.

## ATTENTION ALL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES!

The greater majority of members dues became due as of January 1, 1964. Please be so kind as to collect dues as soon as possible and forward to National Financial Secretary, Mrs. Rita Pinkus, 76 Providence Street, Worcester, Mass.

Your prompt attention and sincere cooperation will be most appreciated.

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The VYTIS Staff extends sincerest thanks to

The REV. MYKOLAS VEMBRĖ.  
St. Casimir Church  
Brockton, Mass.

for his very generous donation of \$10.00 to the VYTIS Fund.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Article V, section one of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution states "To be eligible to Knights of Lithuania membership, one must be a practicing Catholic and of Lithuanian parentage." Further on in section 3, paragraph (B) it states "Regular or Active members may be individuals 16 years of age and upwards".

Very shortly, the K of L Membership Drive will commence. The goal has been set at 1000 new members! The question is not can we - but will we reach our goal?

We know that we cannot only reach, but far surpass this goal. There are thousands and thousands of American Lithuanian Catholics who meet the above requirements. They should be, could be and WOULD BE members of our organization, if we would only make a concentrated effort to bring them in to join the ranks.

In the past, we have been inclined to limit our invitation to only those American Lithuanian Catholics whom we feel would be an asset to our individual council. Persons residing some distance away, or unable to attend meetings have not as a rule been encouraged to join. As we begin our 51st year, let us open our doors wide and determine to conduct a Membership Drive which will bring into our organization ALL American Lithuanian Catholics, regardless of where they reside or whether they are able to attend meetings at the present time. Our primary concern should be to swell the ranks. We can be certain that a good many of them, once they become acquainted with our aims and goals will begin contributing and become active in at least one of our K of L programs.

In order that an effective membership drive may be conducted, K of L's signing up new members are asked to turn in applications and dues immediately to their council's financial secretary, who in turn should forward them at once to our National Financial Secretary, Mrs. Rita Pinkus, 76 Providence Street, Worcester, Mass.

It is most important that council financial secretaries do not let dues of our present members lapse. A membership drive is conducted for the purpose of increasing our number, and not to replace those lost to the organization, because of delinquent dues.

I am sure that EVERY COUNCIL will want to contribute towards reaching our goal of 1000 new members. The potential is there - all that is needed is your sincere effort.

Your concentrated drive will bring us many new members. Your lack of interest and cooperation can make it a failure. Belief in ourselves and our organization's principles will guide us towards success - so let's start working right now to reach that goal!

Helen T. Shields, President

More detailed information and application cards may be obtained from your National Membership Drive Chairman, Mr. Jerome Venis, 684 E. 6th Street, So. Boston, Mass.



# IŠ SENDRAUGŲ GYVENIMO

Cleveland, Ohio

Senjorai Vyčiai savo nutarimą  
išpildė

Spalių 27 d. Vyčiai iškilmingai paminėjo Kristaus Karaliaus šventę, kurioje bendrai išklausė Šv. mišias, priėmė Šv. komuniją ir turėjo bendrus pietus. Senjorų užsakytas Šv. mišias atnašavo jų dvasios vadas ir Švč. P-lėš N. Pagalbos parap. klebonas kun. J. Angelaitis. Tik gaila, kad dvasios tėvelis nė žodžiu neprisiminė bažnyčioje, kad šios Šv. mišios yra vyčių senjorų intencija ir kad jie bendrai pagerbia Kristaus Karaliaus šventę. Senjorai vyčiai yra labai dėkingi šios parap.

varg. Reginai Brazaitienei, kuri taip gražiai ir didingai pagrojo vargonais, bažnytiniam chorui, už gražų giedojimą laike pamaldų, bet juo daugiau jie yra dėkingi Juliiui Kazėnui, kuris taip jausmingai ir žavinčiai sugiedojo solo "Sanctus, sanctus". Būtų miela ir gražu, kad solistas J. Kazėnas savo gražiuoju balsu dažniau sekmadieniais, 10 val. ryto, pagiedotų per pamaldas. Sveikiname solistą J. Kazėną.

Po bažnytinių pamaldų, Smith's šauniame restorane visi šios dienos iškilnių dalyviai turėjo bendrus pietus, kurių metu buvo praleista virš poros valandų. Čia buvo pasakyta gra-

žių kalbėlių, prisiminta šios dienos reikšmė ir svarba. Po to senjorai-senjorės teikėsi prisiminti savo trumpuose žolžiuose Kristaus Karaliaus šventę. L. Vyčių org. 50 metų jubiliejinę sukaktį ir įteikimą Jurgiui Kuzui L. Vyčių org. ketvirto laipsnio nariui, senjorų ilgamečiui nut. rašt. gražią ir atimintiną dovaną - rašomąją plunksną su įrašu: 1914-1963, dovana nuo vyčių senjorų J. Kuzui. Šių pietų programėlę pravedė J. Sadauskas, kuris pareiškė vytiškų minčių, matant tokį gražų skaičių dalyvių šiame minėjime. Ir šiuo kartu pristatė sekančius senjorų veikėjus: Sof. Milienę, kaipo šių



J. Sadauskas praveda programą. Sėdi: Jurgis Kuzas, Jonas Milas ir Olese Karklienė. Nuotrauka A. Buknio.



Sendraugių vicepirm. Jonas Milas įteikia Jurgiui Kuzui dovaną - rašomąją plunksną, už jojo nuveiktus didelius darbus. Nuotrauka A. Buknio.



pietų globėją, A. Mackevičienę, senjorų išymią veikėją ir veik.kom.narę, Ag. Navickienę, parap. piano nupirkimui fondo didelę rėmėją, Juozą Pikturną, kaip svečią, pasveikinti senjorų ateitininkų vardu, senjorų fin.raš. Olesę Karklienę, senjorų išymų fotografą A. Buknį, kuris netik moka gražius vaizdus nutraukti, bet mūsų Antanas dar šauniau apibūdino Jurgio Kuzo nuveiktus didžiuosius liet. visuomenei darbus, o ypatingai jis visiems priminė apie Jurgio didelį pasiaukojimą L. Vyčių 25-tai kuopai, kurioje jis besidarbuodamas išmoko ne tik vyčių tarpe būti vadu, bet ir kitų kat. draugijų bei liet. katalikiškų laikraščių bendradarbiu. Jis į juos jau rašo virš keturiasdešimt metų. Toliau buvo pristatytas ir senjorų vice-pirm. - Jonas Milas, kuris šiose iškilmėse pavadavo senjorų pirm. A. Mačioką, kuris dėl susidėjusių aplinkybių negalėjo bendrai su visais dalyvauti. Mūsų Jonas šiltais žodžiais apibūdinęs Jurgio didelę meilę ir pasiaukojimą vyčiams, lietuvybei ir tėvynei Lietuvai, kurios nepriklausomybės laikais Jurgis buvo nuvykęs tenai apsilankyti ir pasimatyti su savo giminėmis. Ir šiuo momentu senjorų vice-pirm. įteikė Jurgiui Kuzui dovaną - rašomąją plunksną. Po to buvo pristatytas buvęs L. Vyčių org. veikėjas ir jos ketvirtos laipsnio narys - Vincas Pavis-Pajaujis, kuris per keliolika metų gyveno Chicagoje ir ten daug darbavosi vyčių tarpe, ypatingai jis daug darbavosi Ill. ir Ind. vyčių apskrityje ir net pačioje "Draugo" redakcijoje yra dirbęs. Vincas ir jojo žmona Adelė



Buvęs L.V. didelis veikėjas, Vincas Pavis-Pajaujis, kalba per šventės pietus. Prie jo sėdi veikėjos A. Navickienė ir A. Mackevičienė. Nuotrauka A. Buknio.

nūnai gyvena Youngstown, Ohio, bet prie Clevelando senjorų vyčių abu priklauso ir didesnių iškilnių metu jiedu visada atvyksta į Clevelandą pabendrauti su vietiniais vyčiais. Vytis Pavis šį kartą atvyko netik su žmona, bet kartu atsivežė savo seserį ir josios sūnelį, kurie irgi dalyvavo šiose iškilmėse.

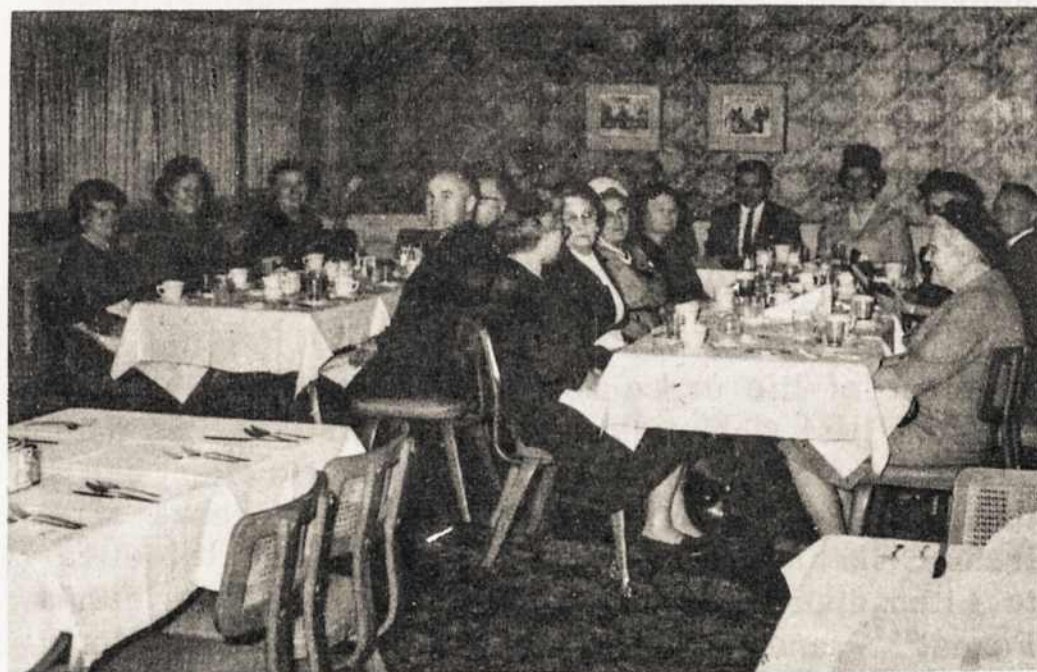
Vincas Pavis jau nuo senai Jurgi Kuzą pažįstas ir pilnai žinąs jojo idealizmą L. Vyčių org. Vincas nesigailėjo vytiškų jausmų Jurgio adresu, bet jis karštai paspaudė Jurgiui dešinę ir jam linkėjo dar 50 metų darbuotis savo numylėtoje organizacijoje. Po svečio kalbos buvo pristatytas ir šio pobūvio pagerbtasis narys - Jurgis Kuzas, kuris suglaustais žodžiais apibėgo savo il-

gą darbuotę Clevelando liet. kat. tarpe, jų draugijų vadovybėje. Jurgis daug darbavosi šiose draugijose bei organizacijose: A.L.R.K. Darbininkų sąjungoje, Balfe, A.L.Taryboje, L. Tautos Fondo skyriuje, Šv. Juozapo dr-joje, Liet. Taupymo ir Paskolos banke yra išbuvęs tris metus direktorių prm. ir 15 metų direktoriumi. L. Vyčių 25-t0je kp. yra išbuvęs 3 m. pirm., teatrališkos kom. nariu, teatrų režisierium ir vaidintoju. Jurgis buvo vedęs čia gimusią ir augusią lietuvaitę ir vyte Eleną Simonaitę. Jiedu išaugino sūnų Jurgį ir dukterį Eleną. Sūnus Jurgis yra baigęs inžinieriaus aukštuosius mokslus, kuris nūnai, Akron, Ohio, turi Firestone dirbtuvėje savo profesijos nuolatinį darbą ir vakarais mokytojauja Clevelande Penn universitete. Jis yra vedęs ir augina du sūneliu. Duktė Elena irgi yra ištekėjusi už Jono Konio ir jiedu augina tris mažučius. Pereitais metais Jurgis Kuzas palaidojo savo mylimą žmoną Eleną. Jiedu gražų šeimyninį židinį sukūrė prieš 37 metus. Jurgis ir a.a. Elena per ilgus metus buvo biznyje. Pardavę biznį, jiedu išėjo į pensiją, bet vietoje gražaus ir pailginančio gyvenimo, vargšė a.a. Elena pradėjo sirgti ir po dviejų ar trijų metų apleido šį pasaulį A.a. Elena Kuzienė buvo veikli vyte, scenos mėgėja ir "Draugo" skaitytoja ligi paskutiniųjų savo amžiaus dienelių. Jurgis Kuzas dar vis prisimena savo mielą žmoną. Linkime jam ir toliau būti tokio savo tautos ptriotu ir L. Vyčių org. idealistu, koku yra išbuvęs per 50 metų.

Senelis



Minėjime pietų metu, dešinėje sėdi: Rožė Sadauskienė, Stasė Pavienė ir jos vyro sesuo p. Halyak, o kairėje sėdi: Vincas Pavis ir B. Karklius. Nuotrauka A. Buknio.



Kristaus Karaliaus šventėje, po pamaldų, Clevelando vyčiai senjorai Smith's valgykloje bendrai pietauja ir kartu prisimindami savos organizacijos 50 metų sukaktį bei josios jubiliejų. Nuotrauka A. Buknio.



# Lithuanians in The News



Concert Organizers shown in the photo left to right are: Ellsworth Hinze and Mrs. Ernest Carosella, American Guild of Organists officers; Rev. A. Edward Gradeck, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church; Prof. A.J. Aleksis, concert Director; Miss Marcella Andrikis, president of St. Joseph's Choir and Joseph Samoska, hospitality chairman.

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## LITHUANIAN CULTURE IN BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

The Roberson Center in Binghamton, N.Y. is a culture mecca dedicated to arts, folk dances, music appreciation, educational displays of many cultures, and various other exhibits. Folk art in its varied expressions is taught. Art treasures from all over the world find their way to the Center for display.

For the past ten years, during the Christmas season, the entire upper floor at the Center has been devoted to the display of Christmas trees of many nations (22 at present). Most of the trees usually have an accompanying display typifying some segment of life or culture of a represented country.

This past Christmas, Lithuanian culture also made an appearance in this display, and an excellent one at that. Through the efforts of Mrs. Phyllis Waska, Mrs. Irene Grikenis and others, a tree decorated with delicate Lithuanian straw ornaments joined the "Christmas Forest" - and won honorable mention in several local papers and on local radio and TV broadcasts. Accompanying the tree was a replica of a typical Lithuanian farmstead and a collection of Lithuanian crosses. A program folder described the Lithuanian Kučios, customs and various superstitions of the season.

## WATERBURY CONCERT

An historic Concert of Religious Music was held Sunday, December 1, 1963 in St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church, Waterbury, Conn., arranged by St. Joseph's Church Choir and the American Guild of Organists Waterbury Chapter and directed by Mr. A.J. Aleksis, K of L Honorary Member and K of L Anthem author.

This unique inter-faith and international musical event was the first of its kind in Waterbury and maybe the nation, "demonstrating the true spirit of brotherhood so courageously championed by President Kennedy and so ardently advocated by the Ecumenical Council."

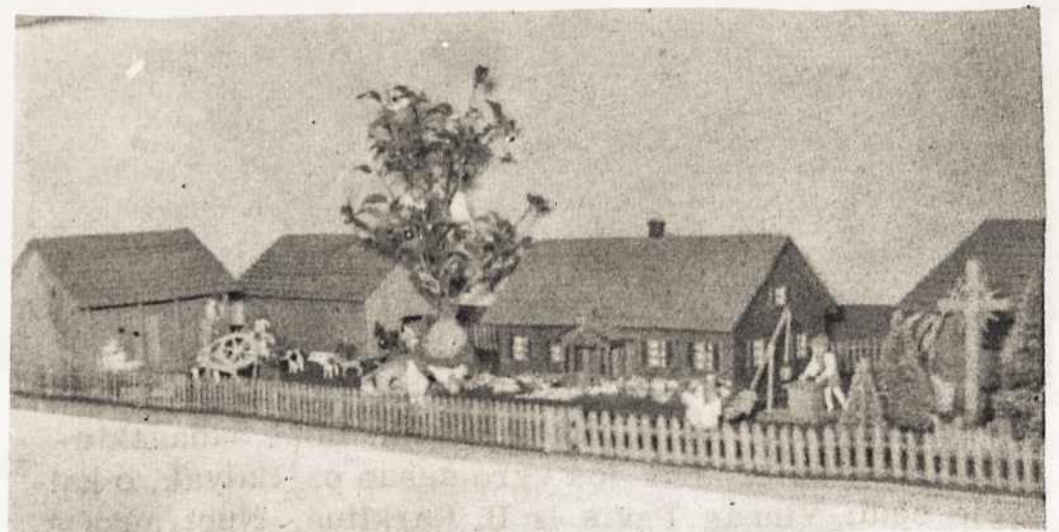
The program was rendered in Latin, English, Lithuanian, Italian, Greek and Russian languages by church members of six various Christian faiths. Highlighting the program were the instrumental selections featuring organ, trumpet, flute, basson, viola and violin, and a choir of hand bell ringers. About 700 people attended.

Following the Concert a very hearty "Lithuanian Reception" was given for the 100 performers, by a K of L committee headed by Miss Lillian Paulauskas, chairlady.

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Irene Grikenas (left) and Phyllis Waska decorated Lithuanian tree in Roberson exhibit.



Lithuanian farmstead in miniature.



# JUNIOR NEWS

## WESTFIELD REORGANIZES

by Carol Bernadicius

The first meeting of the newly reorganized Junior Knights of Lithuania, Council 30, of Westfield, Massachusetts was held last May. Since then, meetings have been held every second Monday of the month. Through the efforts of our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. V. Puidokas and our counselors Mr. Benedict Coach and Mr. Joseph Sabonis, Council 30 now has 26 active Junior Knights.

Our officers for the year are: President, Patricia Waiwat; Vice-President, Donna Fedora; Secretary, Carol Bernadicius; and Treasurer, Joseph Sabonis. Under the leadership of the officers we had an outing in August at Congamond Lake. Here we spent the day swimming, water skiing, and boating. Dorothy Minkus, Joseph Sabonis, and Ray Duda were the committee members and our chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Coach, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Minkus, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bernadicius.

Council 30 next held a Halloween Party. Even though this took place after Halloween, on Saturday, November 2nd, this was one of our liveliest parties! In charge of the decorations were: Christine Jutkus, Ann Kucharski, Carol Bernadicius, Ray Duda, Joseph Sabonis and Jack Tarnauskas. Refreshments were prepared by Dorothy Minkus, Charlotte Nenorta, and Peggy Miller.

One of our most active activities since September has been a new Lithuanian Folk Dance Group. Mr. Charles Duda is director. We meet several times during each month and learn the native dances of Lithuania. Fr. Puidokas has even provided authentic Lithuanian costumes imported from Europe.

Council 30 sure is glad to be part of the active Junior K of L once again!

All Junior Councils are requested to send the names and addresses of officers recently elected to: Miss Bernice Kavadaras, address below.

News and pictures of K of L Junior Activity and coming events is welcomed for the VYTIS.

## LAWRENCE REPORTS

by Joan Lisauskas, Counselor

Council 78 Juniors have had a busy and active year. Early last year we had a rummage sale and a mystery ride and weenie roast. Then, we assisted our parish by working at a booth at our annual parish picnic. Our summer beach party was also fun. Our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Albin Janiunas led us in a Lenten Holy Hour. And, as usual we held our monthly meeting, preceded by devotions in church and followed by a record hop.

We rested in the summer and had no formal activity although many Junior Knights did meet at the shore on weekends. In the Fall, we had our Halloween Party and Thanksgiving Party. The Juniors joined the regular Council 78'ers for a trip to Boston to see the Boston College Football team play.

Our most recent activity was our Christmas Party. Serena Morrell was in charge of the hall decorations. There was a creche and a lovely Christmas tree and the hall certainly helped make our party a merry one! Everyone joined in the singing of Christmas carols around the crib and Rev. Simeon Sardenas had a special blessing for the crib. We exchanged gifts, too, and everyone danced and had a wonderful time! Many thanks to the committee: Patricia Vernis, Sonja Zytkevicz, Joan Napoli, Ruth Wesolowski, Walter Cikacz and Ron Bush.

A Happy New Year to all from Council 78 Juniors!

## JUNIORS, MAY I SUGGEST . . .

- Attendance at your council's celebration of St. Casimir's Day. . . Holy Communion "en Corpore", Communion Breakfast etc.;
- A Lenten get-together during which you decorate some Easter eggs "the Lithuanian style" with wax;
- An Ice Skating Party followed by a marshmallow roast;
- Collecting canned goods for an Easter Basket to be given to a needy family;
- Religious discussions several evenings during Lent about Religion in Today's Teenager's Life. . . Your Spiritual Advisor would be more than willing to assist you. Ask him.

Send all Junior News to: BERNICE KAVADARAS, P.O. Box 471, West Falmouth, Mass.



# JUBILEE Year Activities



W. Tenclinger, C-36 president greets guests. Right: C-36 members, past and present, enjoy program.

## C-36, CHICAGO REUNION DINNER

Chicago's C-36 chose to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Knights of Lithuania with a Council Reunion Banquet Oct. 13, 1963. The banquet, featuring a Lithuanian family style meal, a program, and a dance, was held at Chicago's Log Cabin Restaurant. Lithuanian dances by the new C-36 Junior Folk Dancers, organized and taught by Genevieve Giedraitis, and solo selections by the council's "songbird" Eleanore Zapolis were featured on the program, together with welcoming addresses by Rev. Paul Juknevičius, C-36 Spiritual Ad-

viser, and Walter Tenclinger, C-36 President. Special awards were presented to Rev. Juknevičius, Ignas Sakalas, and Faustas Strolia for their contributions to Lithuanianism and to K of L life, to Mrs. Tekle Norbut and Mr. and Mrs. Antanas Petrulis for the longest continuous membership in the council, and to Mrs. V. Paukstis for being head of the largest K of L family in the council. A Lithuanian sing-along, led by Faustas Strolia, closed the program gayly and left past and present members attending in a happy reunion mood.



C-36 Junior Folk Dancers perform during Reunion Banquet.

## C-19, PITTSBURGH, JUBILEE BANQUET

Congratulations are in order for Council 19, Pittsburgh, on their impressive Jubilee Year Banquet, and on their subsequent generous donation to the Scholarship Fund. The following "letter to the editor" from Mildred Chinik, C-19 President, beautifully describes the Jubilee Year event.

Dear Editor,

C-19 chose to commemorate the Golden Jubilee Year of the Knights of Lithuania at the close of that important year, with a Jubilee Banquet, on Nov. 10.

It was held as a benefit for the National Scholarship Fund although the price was kept at a minimum, to encourage as many to attend as possible, we still made a profit and we will be sending our contribution

to the Scholarship Fund Committee after our regular monthly meeting. An early estimate is \$100.00.

My brother, John Katella, made a large white banner (the complete length of the stage) with the Vytautas Shield and crown in the center in red and gold and Lithuanian and English letters of red on either side (Knights of Lithuania and Lietuvos Vyčiai) with 50th Jubilee Year superimposed across the shield, and under it the years 1913-1963.

There were close to 200 in attendance and we feel it was a great success for our very small working group.

The chairman was Vyto Yucius and he did a wonderful job.

A note of Thanks.

I wish to congratulate Vyto and

all the other members who in any way contributed to the success of this banquet. A special vote of thanks to the St. Casimir's Group which performed on the program, to Eleanor Aleliunas who mimeographed letters for soliciting ads and also mimeographed the song sheets, to John Katella for the posters and banner, to Peter York and John Katella who joined Vyto and me in our Vycių Grupe as part of the program, to Vyto's two little daughters, Dalia and Daiva, who stole the show and warmed everyone's hearts, and to everyone else who in any way contributed to the banquet's success.

Thanks to all - we couldn't have done it without any of you.

Vytiškai  
Mildred Chinik  
President, C-19.



# Council Correspondents

## *For your information*



The following are a few suggestions that might help to make the Council Activities in the VYTIS more interesting:

1. Use short words which will be clearly understood by everyone. Remember, easy writing makes for easy reading.

2. Don't use the same phrase or descriptive word more than once in a paragraph, and the less you repeat through the entire item, the better.

3. To relieve monotony, employ a bit of originality in your writing. It is not very unique when 15 correspondents begin their reports with - "Our council held its meeting on month, day, year."

4. Don't hurt or degrade anyone. (Example: Joe Blow had a weaving good time at the last picnic). Even though YOU may think the entry is exceptionally clever, it is not. Ask yourself, would you like to be Joe Blow?

5. Write your column as soon as possible after the affair while the details are still fresh in your mind. That way you will be able to inject much more color into your writing. Keep intelligent and understandable notes on all subjects you might want to write about.

6. Do not write about an event that is scheduled to take place in the next few days or weeks. By the time the VYTIS is published, this event will have taken place. So report on that particular function in the past tense.

7. Read your piece over to see if it's smooth. Cross out all extra and meaningless words; you'll be surprised how many there are. Don't be afraid to throw the paper away and start over again if something doesn't sound the way you want it to. Through practice the words will come naturally.

8. Don't forget that we are Lithuanians and our language is something to be proud of. Try to insert a few words or phrases LIETUVISKAI.

9. Write only when you have something to say. Don't just fill up space. (Example: Ho Hum! Another month has rolled around and once again it is time to pick up the pen. . . Bill B. as usual made the motion to adjourn. So shall I - until next month.) Now that takes six lines in the VYTIS and what does it tell? Absolutely nothing except that the writer had nothing to write about.

10. Use items about unusual happenings. Something your council has done with success. Especially personal or council activity that brings out the purposes and ideals of our organization - TAUTAI IR BAZNYCIAI. Also, if an unusual promotion your council sponsored brought in new members, write it up. Other councils might like to try your ideas.



11. Stop using meaningless initials. Outside of a dozen people who know why D. S. had his eye on S.W., who cares? Our magazine is international travelling to South America and Europe. Let's put it on a high scale for adult reading. Use complete names and use names frequently; everyone likes to see his or her name in print, but don't go overboard! Don't try to name all the people who were present at a picnic or party. Use good judgment. Listing Special Guests is a good idea. Be sure all names are spelled correctly. And above all, avoid listing foods served at meetings, socials or private parties.

12. Send black & white pictures of unusual activities - Communion breakfast, a degree installation, a chorus in rehearsal, special groups at dances, outings, etc., or anything that might be interesting or even inspiring. Try to avoid routine poses in which individuals stand or sit tensely before the camera. Action snapshots that tell the story of K of L activity at a glance will add much greater appeal to your article. The VYTIS editors will select the most attractive photographs submitted each month and print them. There is ABSOLUTELY NO EXTRA COST FOR PRINTING PICTURES. Photos, whether printed or not, will be retained for a scrapbook, unless the sender requests return.

13. Type your articles if at all possible - double space. If you do not use a typewriter, write as legibly as you can. Leave a margin of an inch or more on each side of the paper, and at least 3 1/2 inches from the top of the page.

14. Lack of space presents a problem in some issues of the VYTIS and Council News have to be cut down in order to accomodate each council's news. If you find your article to be quite long, to insure that your most important news is not deleted, jot down the initials V.I.P. (Very Important Paragraph) in the margin along the news item so the editors would be sure to retain these specific items. Try to keep the Council News down to two typewritten double-spaced pages.

15. The editors NEVER omit a Council's News. The news may be condensed because of length, but it will always be published. If you do not see your Council News in the VYTIS some months, either the item was not received or came in past the deadline.

16. ALL COUNCIL NEWS should reach the editor by the fifth of the month preceding the issue for which it is intended. For example, council news received by Jan. 5 will be included in the Feb. issue. ALL ARTICLES should reach the editor by the first of the month preceding the issue for which it is intended. Authors may use pen names, but all council news and articles submitted to the editors must bear the signature and address of the writer. The editors assume no obligation to return any unsolicited material. Send your material in well before the deadline, allowing the editor and the printers more time to do a better job. Your punctuality will give your article a better break and it will be appreciated by all concerned.

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Cooperate with the editors in making the VYTIS an attractive, appealing and interesting K of L organ. Encourage members of your council to write articles. Don't hesitate to write to the editors expressing your reaction to articles and features in the VYTIS. Members who do not agree with some of the things in the publication, should express their opinion in a reasonable manner, - then abide with the editor's final decision. Good suggestions will not go unheeded. Be the LIAISON OFFICER between the VYTIS and your council.

Here's to better Council Correspondence !



# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Edited by Mrs. Theresa Strolia, 4541 So. Washtenaw, Chicago, Ill. 60632

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. C-102 Jaye-Jaye

We dispensed with formalities during the summer months, and held informal meetings combined with social get-togethers. In June, Mary Anne and Joe Guerriero hosted a wiener roast in their back yard, boasting a new patio. In July, kiddies and adults alike turned up enmasse for a splash party at Vic Yokim's. It was a fun-filled summer, but now we're back to a normal pace, and our meetings are held again after 9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Anthony's Church, the third Sunday of the month, in the rectory basement. The change to an earlier Mass has been favorably received by most of our members, but we could improve a lot in attendance.

Our K of L bowling league, comprised of councils 79, 139 and 102 got off to a fine start, with 14 teams participating. The girls of our Council have made the "front page" already. Mary Anne Guerriero has high single with 214, and Evelyn Galinas, Mary Anne Guerriero and Anne Aleks are still top three with series of 576, 545 and 533, resp.

Representatives of C-102 attended a High Mass at St. Peter's Church in November, commemorating their 50th anniversary. Thanks to C-139 for the delicious breakfast they served afterwards.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ruth Wagster, whose mother passed away recently, and to Alex Gadwell, C-139 President, on the loss of his mother.

A big welcome to our new members - Lillian and Frank Petravicius and Aldona and Vytas Biliunas. Lillian promised to give us a solo rendition

of the Vyčių Himnas as soon as she's had a little more practice. We're still waiting, Lil.

Our Council sponsored the doll booth again this year at St. Anthony's Festival, which was held on Nov. 16 and 17. Volunteer workers were Terry Medonis and Jo Jonulate. Anna Mae Uznis and Bob Boris were diligent in their long hours at the ticket desk. Everyone worked hard, but it was a lot of fun, too.

Seems we have a celebrity in our midst. Marie Zyren won a Mink Stole, and we were so proud to view her on the Connie Page TV program, while she modeled it like a Pro.

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. C-133

New Officers. - The annual meeting was held on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 1:00 P.M. at the Lithuanian Community Center, Inc., 4415 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. The following were elected as new officers for 1964:

Leonard Valiukas, President, Vice President - Mr. Ed. Bartkus and Mr. Bruno Katauskas; Miss Loretta Papsys, Secretary (21731 Saticoy, Apt. 29, Canoga Park, Calif.; Phone: 340-0697); Miss Ann Laurinaitis, Treasurer; and Joe Barkauskas, Sgt. at-Arms.

Installation of new officers party. - New officers were installed at a dinner-dance held on Jan. 11 (Saturday), 1964, at 7:30 P.M. at the Biltmore Hotel, Rendezvous Room, Los Angeles.

The February meeting. - The February meeting will be held at the residence of Miss Loretta Papsys, 21731 Saticoy, Canoga Park, Calif. All activities' plans for 1964 will be discussed and approved.

National convention in 1965. - C-133 was host to the 1957 national convention that was held at the Statler Hilton in Los Angeles. Unquestionably, it was one of the finest conventions that our organization has ever had. The council hopes to host the 1965 national convention. Without any doubt, many K of L'ers want to come to California again. Let's plan NOW to have this big event of 1965 in Los Angeles, California.



Three members of C-133 (Los Angeles) get the third degree. Pictured from left to right: Mrs. Helen Bartkus, Mr. Ed Bartkus and Miss Ann Laurinaitis. Leonard Valiukas (right), president of the C-133, pins on the medals



a group of "Worcester-ites" went to the hockey game. After the game they made their way to Boston's Chinatown for a Chinese meal.

Knowledge is power. So remember, members of C-17, that the K of L is offering a scholarship to an active, deserving member. If you are planning to go to school, why not submit your application. Maybe C-17 will have a scholarship winner. Also, let's all help out the Lithuanian Affairs Committee by writing letters and becoming members of the "100-a-Year" Club. Remember to keep Lithuania's name before the public so that they will not forget her plight.

Here is Ed Rudis' address for those of you who would like to send him a card. Send it in care of Raytheon, 83rd Ord. Bn., A.P.O. 301. San Francisco, Calif. Wanda Yelmo- kas, who is in Japan can be reached at D.A.F.C., Yokota Dependence School, 6102 Air Wing, A.P.O. 320, San Francisco, Calif.

The virus season is upon us, and many of our members have been hit by the bug. Rather than name them all, we'll just say get well and come to the next meeting.

Joe Casper and Lubin and Adam Druzdis were elected to office in the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club. Tony Young was also elected. . . We have a Chicagoan, Alby Zemaitis, in our midst. She says she is enjoying the wonderful New England weather. Welcome to Boston, Alby. . . Al Jurgela's position takes him traveling throughout New England, which is why we don't see much of him. . . Millie Druzdis' blue convertible matches the color of her eyes. . . Tommy Druzdis, USMC is now serving in Okinawa. Our members really get around! . . . Bea and Al Stakutis welcomed a third member to their family, another son. Congratulations.

So. Worcester, Mass. C-116

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The new slate of officers for 1964 is as follows: Pres. Algird Krasinskas; Vice-Pres. Dorothy Sinkavitch; Sec. Ann Miller; Fin. Sec. Rita Skamarock; Treas. Trudy Zibinskas; Marshalls: Alex Kardokas & Dorothy March; and Trustees:

Jack Kasper & Bob Paluses. Congratulations and good wishes are extended to the new officers for a very successful and fruitful year.

IN MEMORIAM: - To the late President, John F. Kennedy, many of our K of L'ers will remember with fondness when in 1953, while serving as the junior Senator from Massachusetts, Mr. Kennedy was the featured speaker at C-116's Twenty-fifth Anniversary Banquet.

Condolences are extended to the family of Mildred Buda who passed away on Nov. 5th. Mildred was a very active & enthusiastic K of L'er for many years. Her ready smile and willingness to "Help out" will be missed by all of us.

Our sympathy is extended to John Andruska and his family on the recent death of his beloved Dad.

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Our "Make or Break" events turned to be social, as well as financial successes. The dance held at Maironis Park and the Military Whist at the church hall were both under the General Chairmanship of Al Krasinskas. He and his hard working committees must be commended for all their combined efforts. Our council treasury is a little more solid due to their hard work. . . Vinny from Norwood won the raffle prize at the dance. . . Helen Daltwas is now an experienced hat check girl. . . This was "Ducky" Guillotte's first job at the refreshment stand. He did a good job. . . Milly Lapinskas and her cousin Jerry, from New York, were the best raffle ticket sellers. . . John Kokernak was the best twister. . . Dot Sinkavich made a bundle in tips. . . Julia Krasinskas and her sister Rita Guillotte sold tickets and greeted all our guests. . . Our next dance is scheduled for April 11-see you then. . . Ann Miller & Irene Ostrowski won turkeys at our whist party. How lucky can you get, Ann even won a large food basket. . . Joan Cashman can be seen at the Lakeview ballroom whirling away to those polkas. . . Ditto Richard Swedis. . . Father Mike traveled thru the West on his recent vacation. He toured the Grand Canyon and Many National Parks. . . No wonder we never see Tony Miner. We hear he is attending school in Boston a few nights a week. . . What ever became of Stanley Grigas we never see him any more. . . Bob Paluses is becoming

one of the best bowlers in our league since he started measuring of. . . Charlie Lapinskas has yet to hit under 300. He now owns an average of 105.4. . . Barbara Mazeika leads the women with a 96.6 average. . . Louise Totilas who lives way out in Holden and also works late on Fridays still manages to be present every week. . . The Bass section of our choir has welcomed back John Yurkenas. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Westfield, Mass. C-30 Genovaitė

At the December meeting of C-30, Joseph Sabonis was elected President for the coming year. Frank Bernadicius was elected vice-president, Theresa Atkocaitis, Secretary and Edna Bernadicius treasurer.

Mr. Sabonis and his wife, Ann, are long-time active members of the K of L and C-30 is sure to have a progressive year with such fine people leading the way.

On February 16th Westfield is planning to host the NED Bowling roll off - hope to see you all there!

All K of L members who were fortunate enough to witness the first public appearance of our young people's folk dance group were certainly entertained and impressed. Mr. Charles Duda has done a wonderful job with these young people and they in turn are doing a wonderful job performing for the parish.

Happy Birthday to Bob and Barbara Smyk and to Jim, Marcia and Kenneth Rogers.

Ansonia, Conn. C-135

Nakties Pelėda

Elections were held at our December meeting, and this is our slate for 1964: spiritual advisor, Rev. George Vilciauskas; president, Lillian Norwid; vice-president, Stanley Bujanauskas, Sr.; secretary, Dorothy Milenkevich; treasurer, Mildred Driznus; financial secretary, Violet Brazaitis; sgt.-at-arms, Al Barauskas; and social director, Helen Gumbulevich.

A gala New Years Eve Party was



held at the Brookside Inn in Oxford. Millie Driznus and Sophie Muskavich did a fine job on the arrangements. A good time was had by all who attended. Those of you who missed it have probably heard what a good time you missed.

We're losing another good man to that state called "matrimony." The latest one to take the bait is none other than Leon Barauskas. The young lady is Barbara Henchette of Fair Haven. They make a fine couple, and the wedding is being planned for next November. Congratulations to you both.

Joseph Draugelis tied the knot with a nice young lady named Ruth Barbour on Thanksgiving Day. Lots of luck, Joe and Ruth. We hope we will still see you at our activities. Married life shouldn't take you away forever.

Our meetings are getting better all the time. You folks who don't come along are missing quite a bit. People are striking it "rich" by coming. Ask Sophie Muskavich and Al Barauskas. Refreshments are getting better, too.

Here are some highlights of council activities during 1963 that deserve notice.

The Parish Bazaar was held with Olga Savitskas as chairlady. The turnout by many people made it a great success. All K of L members came down to help. Al Barauskas and Johnny Sabulis (Red suspenders and all) provided much of the activity. Their grocery booth was always in action.

A by-law committee was set up and new by-laws adopted, a great stride forward.

Joe Chermauskas was appointed Circuit Court Judge by the Governor of Connecticut. We were all very happy and think the Governor couldn't have made a better choice. Lots of luck, Joe!

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee was re-activated with Millie Driznus taking over and doing a fine job. Let's keep this going, since it is a very important function.

We journeyed to Marianapolis to help the good Fathers make their Annual Lithuanian Day Picnic a great success. Olga Savitskas, Ann Barauskas, Lillian Chaplik, and Al and Leon Barauskas had booths. Johnny Sabulis ended up in the Hartford at the money wheel.

Many of the gang turned out at the

Oakdale Theater to see South Pacific with Betsy Palmer, and a good time was had by all.

Once again taking to the road, we went to the National Convention in Boston. Fourth Degree medals were awarded to Al and Ann Barauskas and Olga Savitskas. John Sabulis was presented with the Fourth Degree medal at the NED Convention in Worcester, since he was unable to attend the National Convention.

We joined New York council 12 at a cookout at the home of Stella and Mitchell Marcinauskas in October. Stella was originally a member of C-12. We welcomed Helen as a transfer member at our October meeting. New York's loss was our gain. The cookout gave both councils a chance to get to know each other, and a marvelous time was had by all.

In October we also sponsored a successful bus trip to Hartford, Conn. to St. Joseph's Cathedral. This enabled many members of the parish to make a trip they might otherwise have missed. Ann Ramanauskas handled the arrangements.

Halloween found us at a masquerade party in the church hall. A fine job of decorating, games, and refreshments was arranged by our co-chairmen, Dorothy Milenkovitch and Rose DeGennaro.

Our past spiritual advisor, Rev. Ben Gauronskas, now located in New Britain, was presented with the Honorary Membership medal at a special dinner held in his honor at the Colonial Club in Oxford. Our thanks to John Sabulis, whose time, energy, and effort devoted to making this award possible proved fruitful, although John was unable to attend.

An event to look forward to is the forthcoming NED Convention to be held in Ansonia the last weekend in April. More information will appear in future articles.

## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Before Christmas, Chicago was honored by a visit from our National President, Helen Shields, who was in town to attend the convention of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America. The convention



C-36's newest member, Tammi Shlaustas, daughter of Richard and Jean Shlaustas, poses with her godparents, Al & Ann Marie Kassel and Rev. Paul Juknevičius, spiritual advisor of C-36.

was also attended by Rev. J. Walter Stanievich and Robert Boris of Detroit. During their visit, the 1964 Convention Committee had an informal meeting, and told Miss Shields the plans which had been formulated thus far. She gave suggestions and wished Chicago good luck and great success with the convention.

Genevieve Giedraitis, our district's Vice-President in charge of Juniors, has been doing a tremendous job in the past few months. Her first meeting had eighteen children attending and at the second meeting, the attendance had more than doubled. The prospective Juniors learned Lithuanian dancing and also how to make Lithuanian Christmas tree ornaments. Then, of course, there was a little Christmas social. The folk-dancing and Lithuanian folk-songs will continue and basketball and other sports will be taught.

Everyone had a great time at our December bowling party. After an enjoyable meal, a Christmas social followed. Christmas carols were sung, then Santa Claus passed out the grab-bag gifts.

Congratulation to Loretta Kassel, District 2nd Vice-President, and Jack Stukas of C-29, New Jersey, who announced their engagement on New Year's Eve. A Fall wedding is planned (and we hear it's going to be the "K of L Package Wedding").

Coming Events. . . The district is planning a Day of Reflection during



## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Athol-Gardner, Mass. C-10

Vincukas

We were all saddened by the untimely death of President John F. Kennedy. His death is a great loss to the entire world. He taught us to be proud of our great heritage and of our great nation. We should all place our faith in God and ask that strength and light be given to Lyndon Johnson, our new president, so that he will be able to carry on the works and ideals of his predecessor. Above all, remember our late president's words, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

In November headed by the Rev. John Jutt, we traveled to Hartford on a guided tour of the new Cathedral of St. Joseph. The ten million dollar structure and adjoining chancery office are fabulous. After the tour we travelled to Cheshire, Conn. to the Waverly Inn for an excellent dinner.

Some of our members were seen attending the Fall Dance of So. Worcester and Boston. Boston was paying off bets at the dance after the unpredicted loss of Boston College to the underdogs, Holy Cross.

On Dec. 15 our council held the annual Christmas Party at the Paxton Inn. It was a cold, sub zero night, and lo and behold - no heat in the



C-10's Howard Beaudette, recently installed Commander of the Gardner Post #129 of the American Legion.

Inn! We ate our meal about two hours late. Then, when it was time to leave the heat began to come on. Dr. Henry Gailunas acted as Santa. Father Jutt distributed Christmas stockings to all in attendance. Outside of being frozen we all had a nice time.

Howie Beaudette was elected a director of the Lithuanian Outing Association in Gardner, and Bill Wisnauskas was re-elected financial secretary.

Member of the Month: Dick Genaitis is the newest member of C-10. He was born and raised in Gardner and was graduated from Sacred Heart grammar and Gardner High, where he was active in the school band and other activities.

Dick is a junior midler at Northeastern University in Boston and is majoring in Business Administration. He is class vice-president, plays in the University Band, and is an R.O. T.C. lieutenant. Dick is a kind, genial young Catholic gentleman, and we are proud to have him in our midst.

So. Boston, Mass., C-17

Election of officers for the coming year gave the following results: spiritual director, Rev. Albin Janunas; president, John S. Daniels; vice-president, Frank Stankus; treasurer, William Zaremba; financial secretary, Angela Yelmokas; secretary, Joanne Antanelis; trustees, Ronald Venis and Anthony Zaremba; and marshal, Albert Jaritis. This is a completely new slate with the exception of Billy Zaremba. May we thank the past officers for the unselfish hours they spent to make C-17 one of the top councils in the country.

If you see two bleary-eyed damsels around here it's Ginny Druzdis and Ruthie Neviera, who have been working two jobs and going to school in the same day to earn enough money for a trip to Bermuda this coming spring. Such courageous girls!

The ski weekend sponsored by So. Boston and the two Worcester councils at Purity Springs, N.H. was a great success.

We lost Danute Rudziunas to a life of wedded bliss. Danute became the bride of Rapolas Valodka of Cleveland. Boston's loss is Cleveland's gain. May we wish you both good luck and many wonderful years together.



Richard Genaitis, who is C-10's "Member of the Month."

It was a bad day for the Boston Patriot Football team, who were soundly trounced when trying to win the American Football League title from the San Diego Chargers. Oh well, there's always next year.

C-17 recently reached the 100 mark in membership. The 100th member is Georgene Masaitis, formerly of Pennsylvania, now living and working in Boston. Welcome to the council, Georgene.

Congratulations are in order to John Olevitz and Alice Zaremba. A May wedding is planned.

Plans for the Jubilee Year of C-17 in April of 1964 are under way and the committee is busily making up a list of former members. These people will be contacted so that they can participate in this great event.

The bowling league is well-rested now after their two week vacation during the holidays. We still welcome "part-time" bowlers, who are out for a bit of exercise.

Our sympathy goes out to Rita (Shatas) Lincoln and Diane (Shatas) Sametones on the death of their father.

Congratulations to Bill Gorski on his promotion to Press Secretary to the Governor of Massachusetts.

The Christmas party was a great success. We can thank our new president, John Daniels and his first lady Anita and the other members of the committee, Helen Zaremba, Joanna Grigas, and Mrs. Helen Zemaitis for a job well one.

Many C-17'ers went to the District bowling rolloffs and then, with



Lent, tentatively, Feb. 23rd. . . St. Casimir's Day breakfast will be held on March 8th at St. Michael's Church, Northside . . . A commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day will be held the week-end of Feb. 23rd.

Don't forget Chicago in '64, (everyone but Joe Sable, that is).

## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

F. V.

The District meeting was held in Philadelphia on Sunday, December 3. The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Rev. C. Batutis, pastor of St. Casimir's. A prayer was also offered for the late president, John F. Kennedy. Father Batutis gave a welcoming address, and greetings were also extended by the Rev. E. Wassel, spiritual director of host council 3.

The following received word from Kazys Sipaila for having written one hundred or more letters for the Lithuanian affairs committee: Dorothy Dutkus, Frank Vaskas, Agnes Timmins, Walter Svekla, Lillian Sasnauskas, Albert and Irene Ozalis.

The District voted to send donations to the committee in charge of the Lithuanian Pavilion at the World's Fair and to Jack Stukas' Lithuanian Radio Program on station WEVD in New York.

A message of condolence was sent to Mrs. John Kennedy, widow of the late president, and a message of best wishes to President Johnson.

The District's annual Communion-Breakfast will be held in Newark with C-29 as hosts. Mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. on Sun., Mar. 8 in Holy Trinity Church. The event will also commemorate the feast of our patron St. Casimir.

The District will sponsor a cultural night, date to be announced later.

John A. Stikliorius of the local Lithuanian Community Center gave a very interesting talk on the working of the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania.

Many thanks to C-3 for the hospitality extended to delegates and

guests during the stay in their midsts.

Last, but not least, congratulations and best wishes to Loretta Kassel of C-36, editor of VYTIS and to Prof. Jack J. Stukas of C-29, Newark on their recent engagement. Jack is also national chairman of the Supreme Council cultural committee.

Linden, N.J., C-113 Renaissance

GOOD NEWS FOR '64! Council 113 has been reorganized. The two surviving members, John Tratulis and Joe Sable extend a hearty "welcome back" to - John Ashmont, Sally Ashmont, John Bell, Helen Bell, Dominick Budrecki, Vera Budrecki, Michael Budrecki, John Dobilac, Agnes Dobilac, Ed Krotulis, Aldona Krotulis, Joe Krotulis, Adele Leraitis, Ed Pribush, Mary Pribush, Anthony Vernickas and Ruth Vernickas.

From all of us to all the Knights and Ladies of the organization a blessed, happy and prosperous New Year.

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

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Nov. 17 marked the date of our gala Jubilee Play and Dance. Together with the Seniors, C-41 went "all-out" to make this affair a rollicking success. Our folk dancers put on a fine performance in such dances as Suktinis and Vestuvių Polka. This was followed by some lively polkas played by the "irresistable" Joe Thomas and his orchestra.

Our sincere thanks to all who helped to make this event the best one yet for C-41.

From the Grapevine: We were sorry to lose two of our prominent officers to Uncle Sam, Gene Marcis (vice-president) and Mike Savage (treasurer). Gene is now at Fort Dix and Mike is stationed in Virginia. Good luck to both of you soldiers!

A hearty welcome to our new member, Veronica Latinis. Ronnie has already displayed her talents in our Jubilee Play.

Belated congratulations to Paul Kamage who celebrated his birthday on Dec. 31. Many happy returns, Paul!

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3 Sunshine

We hope everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year.

At C-3's Christmas Party on Dec-28 everyone was surprised by an unexpected visit from Santa who distributed the gifts. Our thanks to Charlie Petronis for the lovely decorations consisting of 11 Christmas trees, and to our cook, Al Ozalis.

Some of our members ushered out the old year and brought in the new year with the traditional "Golden Slippers" at a celebration sponsored by the War Vets of St. Casimir's Parish.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the newly engaged couple of C-3, Agnes Timmins and John Mickunas.

Birthday wishes to Albert Ozalis (January) and to Leonora Kaulinus, Walter Svekla, John Mickunas and Dianne Beletsky (February).

Newark, N.J., C-29

The Wanderer

The most important item of business at the December meeting of C-29 was the election of officers. The following were chosen as members of the council executive board for 1964: President, Kazys Sipaila; vice presidents, Jack Remeika and Mary Stonis; secretaries, Eva Coll and Joan Yankauskas; and treasurer, Peter Podgalsky. Spiritual director will be the Rev. Peter Totoraitis of Holy Trinity parish. The new board was sworn into office at the January meeting.

At this time we wish to express our thanks to the past executive board for a job well done and we wish the new board a most successful year.

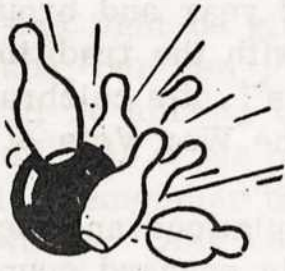
Another important item on the council's agenda for 1964 is the annual Communion - Breakfast of the NY-NJ District which we will host this year. Mass will be held at 10:30 at Holy Trinity Church, 207 Adams Street. The event will be part of the celebration of the feast of our patron, St. Casimir. In the afternoon a District meeting will be held at 3 o'clock. All councils will be notified of details in the near future.



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# Anyone for Sports?

by Ronald Venis

As the winter months are fully upon us, the sporting activities are in full swing. Bowling seems to be the most popular indoor sport in the winter months. It may be Ten Pin, Duck Pin or Candlepin. Each has its physical centre as a sport.

In Ten Pin, two balls to a box or frame are rolled and all downed pins are cleared. The Ten Pin ball varies in weight from 8 lbs. to 16 lbs and stands 15 inches high. A perfect score of 300 has been achieved at one time or another.

The Duck Pin is very similar to the Ten Pin but is shorter and stands only 9 13/32 inches high. The Duck Pin ball varies in weight from 3 lbs. 6 oz. to 3 lbs. 10 oz. Three balls to a box or frame are rolled and all downed pins are cleared. A perfect score of 300 is very rare in Duck Pin Bowling.

The Candlepin is the tallest of pins standing 15 3/4 inches high but has the smallest bowling ball which varies in weight from 2 lbs. 3 oz. to 2 lbs. 7 oz. Three balls to a box or frame are rolled and all downed pins remaining on the set up plate to the dead-

wood line are playable. To this writer's knowledge, a perfect score of 300 has never been achieved. In all three types of bowling, the lanes are 60 feet long from king pin to foul line.

As the weekly bowling matches draw to the half way mark, Old Man Winter offers us many other fine sports such as skiing, tobogganing, bob-sledding, ice sailing, ice skating, ice fishing and hockey. Be it one of these sports or all of them, winter time provides us with numerous types of entertainment for this winter season.

## K of L CALENDAR

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| Feb. 1  | C-109, Great Neck, L.I., N.Y., Dance, Firemen's Alert Hall, 69 Steamboat Road, Great Neck.                   | Baker Hill Rd., Great Neck, Admission Free. |  |
| Feb. 7  | C-36, Chicago, Ill., Annual Hearts Dance Darius-Girenas American Legion Hall, 4416 S. Western Ave., Chicago. | Feb. 23                                     | Ill.- Ind. District "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet and Program. K of L Building, Chicago.                   |
| Feb. 9  | C-10, Athol, Gardner, Mass., Winter Carnival   | Mar. 8                                      | C-29, Newark, N.J., Annual Communion-Breakfast, Holy Trinity Church, 207 Adams St., Newark. 10:30 a.m. Mass. |
| Feb. 14 | C-109, Great Neck, Lithuanian Culture Night, E. M. Baker School Auditorium, 79                               | Apr. 11                                     | C-116, So. Worcester, Mass., Spring Dance  |
|         |  | Apr. 25-26                                  | C-135, Ansonia, Conn., NED Convention  |