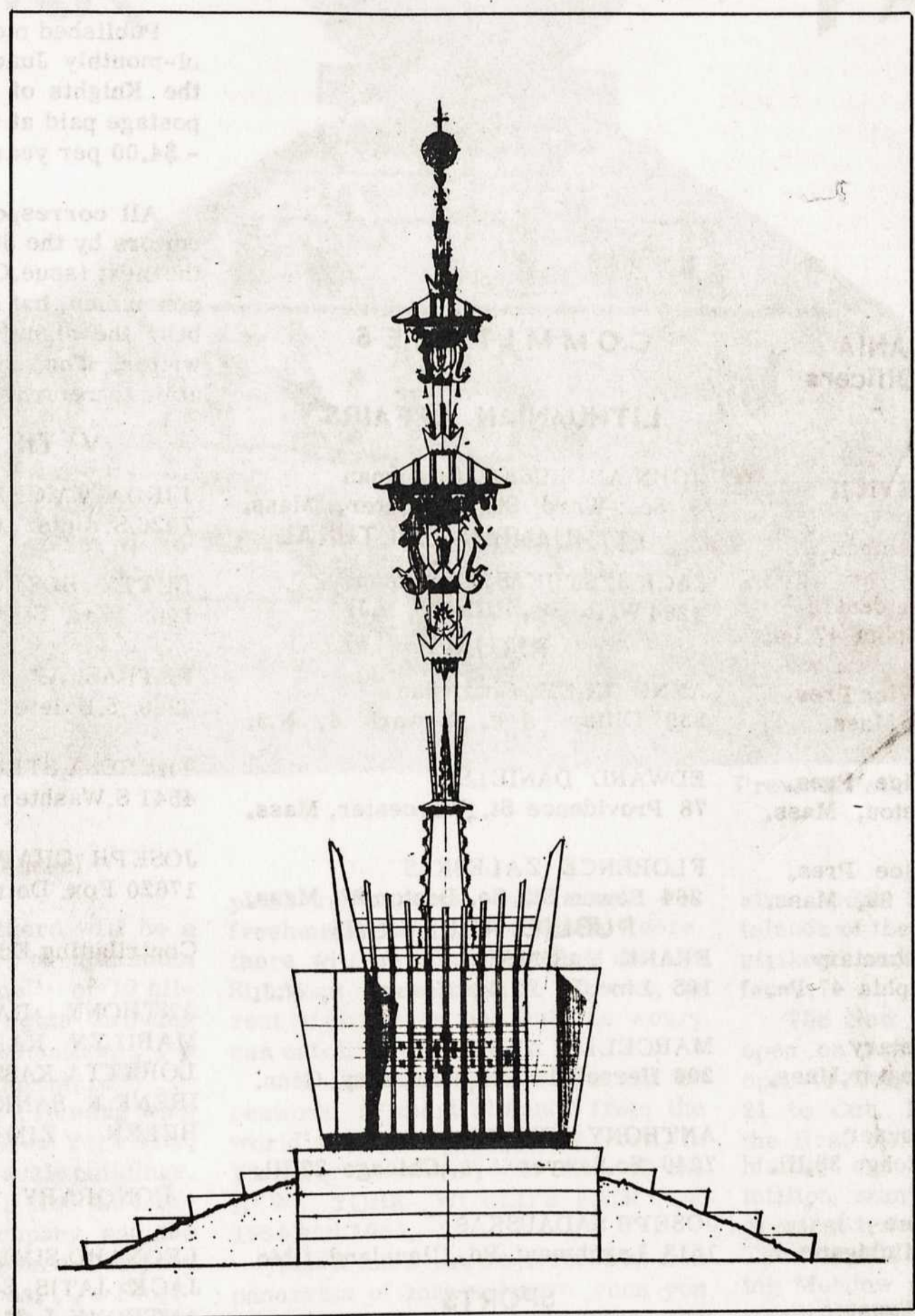


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**The NEW
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**WORLD'S
FAIR**



Preview Folk Dance Festival

by Loretta I. Kassel

To amaze you - there will be a jagged "mountain" of aluminum prisms and a "volcano" of 12 billion candlepower of lights throwing a beam visible for 100 miles. . . a dramatic "home of the future". . . a pavilion resembling a floating wing . . . a scale model of New York City, complete with 800,000 scale buildings. To entertain you, you'll find the Metropolitan Opera Company and the London Royal Shakespeare Company in special performances. . . a Florida porpoise show and a Hawaiian water show. . . ice and auto shows, jazz concerts, circuses. To refresh you, there will be German Beer Gardens and Polynesian night clubs. . .

plush restaurants and simple refreshment stands. For the footsore, there will be 10,000 benches and the Simmons company is planning to rent mattresses so that the weary can catch 40 winks.

All this and much more will be centered a short distance from the world's busiest city, New York, in Flushing Meadows, the site of the NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR OF 1964 and 1965.

You'll know you've arrived at this panorama of man's future when you see before you the Unisphere, the symbol and centerpiece of the New York World's Fair. The structure is a 135-foot high armillary type globe of stainless steel. Affixed to its mas-

sive hoops are the continents and islands of the earth. The brilliant sun strikes sparks from its polished surface.

The New York World's Fair will open on April 22, 1964 and will be open to Oct. 18 this year and April 21 to Oct. 17 in 1965. It will be the first billion-dollar exposition in history and is expected to draw 70 million admissions, making it the greatest travel attraction of all time. The fair will cover 646 acres in Flushing Meadow park in New York's borough of Queens and will consist of some 200 buildings. Represented in the many exhibits on display will be over 30 American industries, 25 of the States of the United States and

over 45 free nations of the world.

Near the Unisphere, rising up to take its place among the Fair's special exhibits will be a beautiful Lithuanian Cross, representing all the Captive Nations of the World and symbolizing their cry for freedom. Through the efforts of the Lithuanian Committee for the World's Fair, permission was granted by the New York Commissioner of Parks to have the cross remain as a permanent part of the newly-planned city park to be constructed on the World's Fair site in Flushing Meadows, Long Island, N.Y.

The cross, an excellent example of Lithuanian folk art, was designed by architect Jonas Mulokas and built by engineer Valerijonas Simkus, both of Chicago. It is a fitting monument to Lithuania, Land of Crosses, symbolizing her intense suffering and her constant faith in God. Standing 30 feet tall (about the height of a three story building) the wooden cross is adorned with 8 beautiful wood carved statuettes, including the Blessed Virgin, the Pensive Christ, and St. Casimir, plus Vytautas the Great and other saints



Left to right: Jonas Mulokas, his son Dainius, Aldona Daukienė, Ramojus Mozoliauskas, Vaike Klevienė, Feliksas Daukus and Valerijonas Simkus.

and heroes dear to the Lithuanian heart.

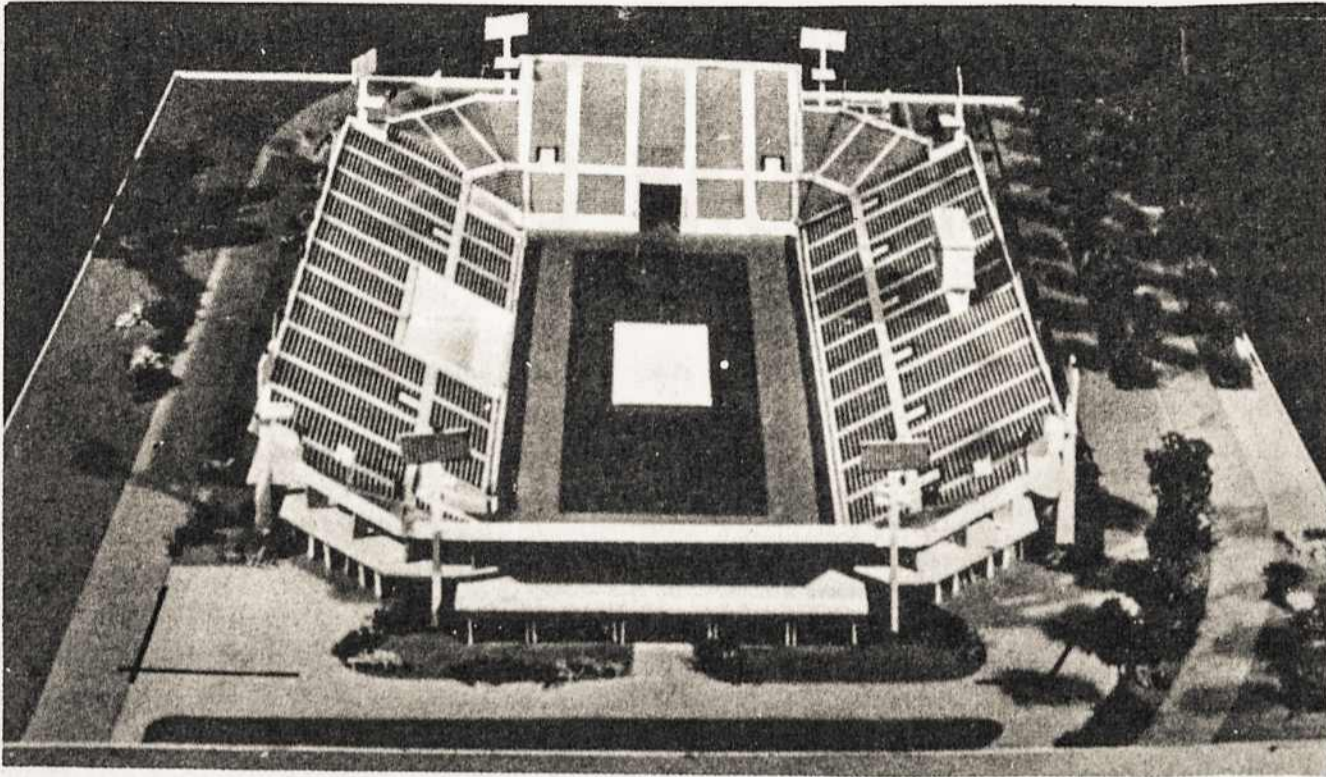
On August 23, 1964, Lithuanian Choristers and Dancers throughout the world will make their way to the Fair's Arena, to participate in Lithuanian Day festivities there. The day will feature a gigantic Lithuanian folk Song and Dance Festival. Over 1300 singers and 400 dancers have already registered as participants, and represent choirs and dance groups from various parts of the U.S. as well as Canada, Argentina, Australia, and elsewhere. The K of L is proud to be represented also, by the Knights of Lithuania Choir of Chicago. In 1965, another Lithuanian Day is also planned, but this time the program will feature outstanding Lithuanian soloists.

For the casual visitor to the Fair, the Lithuanian efforts will not go unnoticed. In addition to the impressive Lithuanian Cross and the stirring Song and Dance Festival, the committee plans to prepare about 100,000 brochures on Lithuania, for distribution to Fair guests. Also, efforts are being made to obtain permission and space for Lithuanian cultural exhibits in the various state pavilions, and at the site of the Lithuanian Day festivities.

And who is responsible for seeing the many planned projects to a successful completion? Formally, arrangements and plans are under the direction of a very capable and hard-working committee, headed by Jack J. Stukas, and including Antanas Se-



Sculptor Ramojus Mozoliauskas displays clay models of the figures to adorn the cross.



The Fair Arena, site of the Song and Dance festival.

tikas as Vice-chairman and treasurer, and Z. Juris as secretary. Msgr. J. Balkunas is overseeing the Fund Drive and Kazys Vasiliauskas is general coordinator for the Lithuanian Day festivities, with Mrs. Jadvyga Matulaitiene planning the Dance Festival and Algirdas Kacauskas in charge of the Song Festival. A total of 44 people make up the general committee.

You too can be an honorary "committee member" of this gigantic undertaking, by offering your assistance, financial, moral and/or physical.

Funds for the erection of the Cross are being solicited from various corners. Perhaps the most active solicitors are Felix and Aldona Daukus of the Sophie Barcus Family Radio Hour in Chicago, who have donated many hours of their radio time to advertise the Fair and to encourage contributions for the Cross. At this writing, they have collected over \$2100 donations. The Knights of Lithuania has also joined the drive on a national basis, under chairmanship of Anne Mitchell and Dorothy Dutkus of New Jersey.

It should be noted too, that, since the Fair offers its program participants no admission reimbursement, choirs and dance groups participating will come to New York at their own expense. The committee will do its part to receive these performers as graciously as possible, in true "Lithuanian style".

To add your name to the roster

of "World Fair Helpers," why not send your dollar today:

for the Cross - to:

Miss Ann Mitchell
221 Elmwood Terrace
Linden, New Jersey

or

Lithuanian Programs
Radio Station WOPA
Oak Park, Illinois

for other Fair expenses - to:

Ant. Setikas
84-11 101 St.
Richmond Hill 18, N.Y.

or. . . offer your assistance to your local choir or dance group planning to participate, to help them raise the necessary funds for transportation. And, most of all, why not attend the Fair yourself, especially on Lithuanian Day, and lend your moral support to the many efforts being expended to propagate the Lithuanian name. . . and enjoy yourself to the fullest as well.



Jack Stukas, Chairman of the Lithuanian Committee for the World's Fair confers with Algirdas Kacauskas, Song Festival Chairman.

Customs of ST. GEORGE'S DAY Old and New

One of the most popular saints in Lithuania is Saint George, the dragon slayer. One of the legends surrounding St. George relates a story about a pagan town in Libya. The town was victimized by a dragon (representing the Devil) which the inhabitants first attempted to appease by offerings of sheep and later by the sacrifice of various members of their community. The king's daughter Sabra (representing the Church) was chosen by lot and was taken out to await the coming of the monster, but St. George arrived, killed the dragon, and converted the community. St. George's feastday was later designated as April 23 and was celebrated as a national holiday.

St. George is the patron saint of domestic animals, and primarily of horses. On his feastday, in Lithuania, the horses were not used in the fields. The feeling was that if the horses were used, St. George would become angry and cause the animals to become ill. April 23rd was the day on which the domestic animals were taken out for the first time in Spring. It was believed that St. George would watch over the animals, at least until St. Michael's feastday (September 29th) when he would take over the vigil. On St. George's day the horses were fed better fodder and it was forbidden to punish the animals for any reason on this day. The horses were taken before dawn to the river to be washed; their manes were combed and braided and decorated so that they might also be ready to celebrate the feastday of their patron saint. To insure the general health, welfare, and productivity of the animals a picture of St. George was kept in the barn or stable. It was believed that St. George held the key to Spring, and that it was he on his feastday who unlocked the earth to springtime and thus to the rebirth of life.

Besides the general customs practiced throughout Lithuania on St. George's day, there were many purely regional customs. In some regions the people climbed onto fences and sang special songs on that day. It was the most propitious day for maidens to plant their ruta. If planted on St. George's Day the ruta would grow strong and green, and even more so if the ground were dug with a cat's foot. It was believed that should the weather be cold on St. George's day the hay would be very thick. St. George's day was considered a good day for moving.

Many "customs-superstitions" surrounding this day pertain in some way to the protection of domestic animals from wolves. Three prayers offered to St. George were said to insure the domestic animals from wolves. Shepherds would carry flour into the field and make a porridge of it with butter and then eat it with small twigs, not spoons. It was believed that St. George fed wolves in this manner in order to sate their hunger and

thus prevent them from slaughtering sheep. It was also believed that one shouldn't carry an umbrella across the fields on St. George's day, unless, if it were absolutely necessary, it was in a bag and the mouth of the bag were tied with a rope or padlocked. The umbrella was seen as a symbol of the jaws of a wolf, the padlock or rope was obviously necessary to make sure that the jaws of the wolf would remain similarly locked. It was believed, in some regions, that if a closed padlock were carried three times around a barn before dawn, it would keep the wolves away.

To insure the safety of their crops and animals on whom they depended for their livelihood, farmers gave offerings of food, usually eggs and dairy products before either the picture or the altar of St. George. In some regions the food was given directly to the priests so that they might say Mass to keep the animals safe. However, before the food was brought to the church it was carried around the field.

On St. George's day two loaves of bread were baked, in each were five already cooked eggs (i.e. excluding the eggs that were actually ingredients in the formation of the dough). These loaves were carried across the field twelve times, then one was buried and the other eaten. Other such loaves were baked and one was given to any beggar who came to the door. The beggar alone was to eat of this loaf; it was considered in bad form to taste any bread before giving it to the beggar. Bread was also baked on behalf of the animals, then sliced and given to beggars whom they asked to pray for their livestock. Shepherds were given small loaves, or buns, also with a cooked egg inside which was to be eaten last. In some regions of Lithuania it was the custom to color eggs for St. George's day and break them as at Easter time. Popular dishes to be eaten on that day were omelets, or any dish made of eggs.

A child born on St. George's day and named George was believed to bring good luck to his family and to all around him. It was also believed that a girl would dream of her future husband that night if she sprinkled a handful of poppy seeds under her pillow.

Birch trees weren't tapped before St. George's day because it was believed that witches bathed in their sap on St. George's eve and thus it would be bitter or perhaps even poisonous.

There are many customs pertaining to St. George's day, some of which go far back into pagan times. It was a day of rest and festivity, for when the horses were not allowed to work in the fields, neither could the men.

These customs were translated for VYTIS from Lithuanian by Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis.

GOD'S GIFTS TO MAN

Antonia M. Wackell

GOD GAVE MAN EYES TO SEE

The beauty surrounding him;
 The green of the grass and the colors of the flowers.
 The blue of the sky as the clouds roll by
 Towards the distant rim.
 The setting sun in all its splendor
 Reflects itself upon the calm clear water.
 The haze over the wheat fields
 With a back curtain of fir trees
 Hardly visible on the opposite shore.



GOD GAVE MAN SPEECH, THAT MAN CAN TELL

Of the wonders wrought by Him,
 For there are those whose eyes cannot see
 To trace the distant lofty mountain peak
 With its cap of fleecy cloud.
 Of the bright colored rainbow with its pot of hidden gold.
 Of the twinkling stars that hang so low
 We almost ache to touch them.
 Of the wonderment and rapture of it all
 In a very small child's face.

GOD GAVE MAN THE SENSE, TO SMELL

The fragrant perfumes of the garden flowers
 Covered with early morning dew. The clean balmy air
 That quickens the senses and purifies the soul.
 The pleasing scent of pine
 Healing and restful to the weary being.
 The invigorating waft of the new mown hay,
 The pungent earth freshened by summer showers.



GOD GAVE MAN THE SENSE, TO HEAR

The chatter of birds, and the chirrup of insects
 Seeking shelter for the night.
 The sudden crash of thunder in a black-angry sky;
 The turbulent rushing river that seems to have no end.
 The sorrowful sigh of the wind
 Mourning the passing of summer's delight.

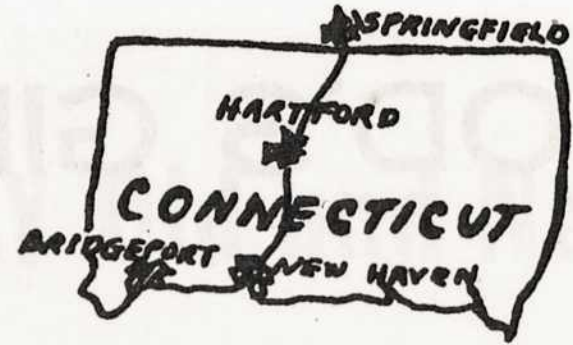
GOD GAVE MAN THE SENSE, TO FEEL

The caressing warmth of the new summer's sun.
 The piercing stab of a thorn from
 A beautiful but deceptive rose.
 The hard-cutting pebbles beneath hesitant naked feet.
 The brilliant butterfly's powdered silken wings.
 A child's sweet, moist kiss meant for the cheek
 Planted instead - upon the nose.

God gave man these gifts and many more.
 Cherish these gifts, man, and thank Him
 With your heart's core.

A Knight of Lithuania Visits

by Bernice Kavadaras



The last week in February was indeed a busy week for yours truly, the First Vice President of the Supreme Council. During this week I toured my neighboring state of Connecticut attempting to serve as good will ambassador for the K of L and to once again attempt to organize councils and junior groups.

My visiting tour began at St. George's Church in Bridgeport where I had hoped to visit the pastor, Rev. J. Kazlauskas. Upon my arrival at the rectory, I met and spoke with Rev. J. Juskevicius. Since my visit was unexpected, Rev. Kazlauskas was not available at the time. Rev. Juskevicius listened to my talk on the advantages of a Knights of Lithuania council in Bridgeport and he promised to relay my messages to the pastor. He was indeed familiar with our organization and remarked favorably on our VYTIS which is sent there monthly. Weather forecasts had mentioned the possibility of snow flurries by nightfall so I left Bridgeport and headed north.



Miss Bernice Kavadaras, 1st V.P.S.C. visits recently enrolled Honorary Member of the K of L at his parish - Rev. B. Gauronskis, New Britain, Conn. to "talk K of L".



Lithuanian Cross outside Lithuanian Church in New Britain

The next stop was New Haven. Here I was graciously welcomed at St. Casimir's Church Rectory by one of the parish helpers. I was welcomed into the lovely house and treated to coffee. During our wait for the return of the good Fathers, we discovered that years ago the most active organization in New Haven was the K of L. We reminisced over the "old times" and compared notes on activities of yester-year and today. The Fathers still had not returned from call so I left for a tour of New Haven - Yale's hometown. Upon my return, I was received by Rev. Albert Zanavich, the recently appointed pastor. We discussed the K of L. Rev. Zanavich was impressed with our work. His stay in Ansonia had introduced him to our organization. He has promised to give us very serious consideration, and plans to seek interested parishoners next month. This was perhaps one of my most encouraging K of L public relation visits in years. It was so encouraging that I decided to continue my visits the next day. Incidentally, the snow flurries developed into a major snow-storm and I drove in prayer all the way to the Springfield area where I stayed for the night quite confident, however, that I'd return safely under St. Casimir's guidance.

The next day I arose early and set out South again. This time I headed for New Britain to visit our new Honorary Member, Rev. B. Gauronskis. Never having been to the Lithuanian church in New Britain I thought I might have difficulty finding it. But the Lithuanian cross outside helped me. Once there, I met Rev. Gauronskis. I was welcomed to the church and even given a tour of the parish by Father. The church, built in the early 1900's around the time the K of L was organized, is shaped in an L for Lithuania. Rev. Gauronskis and I discussed the K of L and even though he has many times tried to organize a K of L there, he did agree to try once again to present the K of L to his church members.

Upon leaving New Britain, I journeyed to nearby Hartford where I met Rev. A. Karlis - curate at Holy Trinity Church. The newly appointed pastor, Rev. J.J. Matutis was on call but Rev. Karalis - transferred just a little under a year ago from Waterbury, where he was spiritual director of regular and junior K of L councils # 7 - did promise to mention the K of L in a planned future discussion on organizations with Rev. Matutis. I left the greetings of the K of L for the new pastor, and left - once again happy - with hopes of a new Junior Council in the future in Hartford.

Tired, but oh so happy and contented, I returned North. A total of 800 miles, four visits, a major snow-storm - all this for possibly 4 Regular Councils and/or 4 Junior Councils - or possibly nothing! Was it worth it? Would I do it again? Yes, certainly - in fact, in April, I hope, God willing. Want to come along?

LITHUANIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC ALLIANCE OF AMERICA

The LRCAA is a fraternal life insurance benefit society. Like other such societies it provides its members with the lowest possible rates for life or endowment insurance, also accident and health benefits. But unlike them the LRCAA also provides a Benevolent Fund from which monetary assistance is granted to its needy members, and a Youth Fund that provides for the promotion of cultural and educational activities. It is a fraternal life insurance society organized for the mutual benefit of its members and their beneficiaries; it is a non-profit organization, and members participate in equitable surplus refunds.

The LRCAA operates on a lodge system with a representative form of government and has a Supreme Legislative Body (Convention). Representatives (delegates) to the Supreme Legislative Body are elected by members at lodge meetings and they in turn make the policy and laws governing the society and its members.

Incorporated in 1906

The Alliance was incorporated in 1906 and since then has paid out over four million dollars in life insurance benefits to the beneficiaries of deceased members, over two million dollars in accident and health benefits, and fifty thousand dollars from the Benevolent Fund. Payments from the Benevolent Fund were made to needy members and Catholic institutions.

Catholic Alliance Aids Lithuanian Institutions

The Catholic Alliance has been very helpful to Lithuanian institu-

tions by the granting of scholarships. It was the first to support the printing of Lithuanian literature in the United States. Since its founding the Alliance has always participated in all activities regarding the Lithuanian Nation by giving financial support in its fight for liberation. During World Wars I and II the Alliance supported the War effort of the United States by purchasing Liberty Loan and War Bonds. In World War II it purchased over \$500,000 worth of War Bonds. The activities of the Alliance can be seen to be cultural, educational, and patriotic, as well as fraternal.

Fast Service to Members

The Home Office is very proud of the fast service given to the lodges and members and believes that good service is most important. Their claim is: "The Alliance Treats Its Members Best."

Why not the Catholic Alliance?

Most people like the idea of belonging to a club or society. Why not to the Catholic Alliance? It was organized from the standpoint of nationality background as well as religious, and controlled by its insured members. Fraternal Life In-

urance societies operate on a legal reserve basis and maintain reserves required by Law. The Catholic Alliance is examined periodically by insurance department examiners. Therefore, the members have excellent protection together with reserve credits on all life insurance certificates which are set up on a sound actuarial basis.

An Estate Builder

Life insurance is actually an estate builder by providing a fund to be payable in the event of death. Life insurance benefits when acquired by a person immediately establishes financial protection for those nearest and dearest to him. No person can have too much life insurance, particularly the head of a family.

Qualifications for Membership

Any person, male or female, may be admitted to membership in the Alliance if he or she is in good health and of good moral character, practicing the Roman Catholic Faith, residing within the borders of the United States or Canada, not less than sixteen (16) years and not more than sixty-five (65) years nearest birthday in the adult section, from date of birth to age sixteen (16) nearest birthday in the juvenile section.



In the next four issues we will tell our readers some of the history and background of the Alliance and, of course, we will outline the plans of insurance offered by the Alliance. These plans include: Life Paid-Up at Age 85, Endowment at Age 65, 20 Year Endowment, and 20 Payment Life.

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KAN. DR. PROF. F. KEMĖŠIO 10 M. MIRTIES SUKAKTĮ

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Mano manymu, ši didijį mūsų išeivijos puoselėtoją, L. Vyčių org. plačiaminti globėją šiais metais įvyks-

tančiame mūsų organizacijos visuotiname seime, Chicago, Ill., reikėtų koku būdu prisiminti ir jojo didžiuosius darbus iškelti daugiau viešumoje, kaip savo tautos aukšto mokslo vyro ir kaip Sibire mirusio kankinuo nuo bolševikiškos rankos. Jei kurios L. Vyčių org. kuop. bei senjorų vyčių skyriai, nepadarė jokio prisiminimo šio kankinio dešimties metų mirties, kuri sukako sausio mėn. 1964 m., tai turėtų pasekti Clevelando vyčius senjorus, kurie už a.a. velionio sielą yra užprašę Šv. mišias.

Kiek šis garsusis žmogus sugrižęs savo tėvynėn Lietuvon yra padaręs gero ir atlikęs garbingų darbu, tai jau tilpo mūsų daugumoje laikraščiu, tai tų dalykų nekartosiu, nes visi žinome, kad kan. dr. prof. F. Kemešis, išėjęs visus aukštuosius mokslus čionai, Amerikoje, kuriuos ir panaudojo laisvos Lietuvos universitetuose ligi nedorasis rusas jį ištrėmė į šaltąjį Sibirą ir ten nukankino, kur šio didžiojo mūsų tautos sūnaus ir kūnas yra palaidotas, o ne savo numylėtosios tėvynės Lietuvos žemelėje. Ir galima jausti, kaip kad rusas gabeno mūsų didijį tėvynainį į Rusijos tolybes, gyvuliniuose vagonuose, tai be abejonės, kad jam prisiminė vyskupo Antano Baranausko žodžiai:

"Sudiev Anykščiams,
Sudiev Utenai,
Sudiev Lietuvos kalnai,
Kasžin ar grįšiu,
Maž ten supūsiu,
Žieminų gudų pusėj."

Toliau mūsų garsusis poetas dar prabyla šiais žodžiais:

"Ne taip skamba akmenėliai
padkavom daužyti,
Kaip vaitoja mūsų broliai
šiaurėn išvaryti.
Netaip stauglia platus plentas
gniaužtas diližonais,
Kaip vaitoja mūsų žemė po svetimais ponais.
Ne taip puola drėgans rūkas,
kai dienele švinta,
Kaip gausiai mūsų brolių ašarėlės krinta."

J. Sadauskas

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMEMORATIONS



Left: Bishop Hannan pictured with Lithuanian Charge-d'Affairs, J. Kajeckas and Mrs. Kajeckas at the Feb. 16 Reception held in the Lithuanian Legation, Washington, D.C. Right: Mrs. Dean Rusk converses with Mrs. Earl (Stefanija Mikučiūtė) Steele and Gabriel Kajeckas at the Reception.

THE VOICE OF AMERICA REACHES OUT TO LITHUANIA

One of our readers, a frequent listener of the Voice of America broadcasts in the Lithuanian language writes that this February 16, the Voice of America started its fourteenth year of broadcasting in the Lithuanian language. On that day, the highlight of the broadcast was the text of the letter of Secretary of State Dean Rusk to Mr. Juozas Kajeckas, Lithuanian Minister in Washington. Also included in the broadcast were excerpts from the Lithuanian Day gathering in Philadelphia, Pa., in particular the American and Lithuanian anthems and speeches by Mr. Kajeckas and Leonard Simutis, president of the American Lithuanian Council and Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania.

Some of the most impressive words were spoken and broadcast to Lithuania from the Cathedral of St. Matthew in Washington. Msgr. John Carthwright, celebrating for the 28th time a Mass on Lithuanian Independence Day, said . . .

" . . . The Liberty and Independence of a nation is social good, it is something that is intended by God, but like other goods that God gives us sometimes it is suspended for a while. But that only makes us the firmer in the spirit with which we wait for these things, and hope for them, and pray for them. It only makes us more patient as our Lord was patient on the Mountain, so that we shall assert to God and to mankind the spiritual value of Patience and of confidence in God. And so you Lithuanian people have held together through the long years in which the independence of your country has been frustrated and suspended. You have waited in patience, you haven't had the material things that come

sometimes with national independence and that sometimes spoil national independence but you have had the spiritual qualities, above all the priceless gift of your faith which is a part of your Lithuanian inheritance, and have been able to exemplify those virtues here as your friends and relatives abroad have exerted them, - exemplified them under the trouble of so many years."

"You and particularly your people abroad might say to themselves that they have nothing and yet they kept their faith and through that they possess all things. And so keep on in your courage, keep on in your patience and perseverance, keep on in your faith in God, and at the end, in God's good time, the devil of communism will leave the world and the angels of peace and freedom, and national dignity will come and minister to you. God Bless You."

It should also be noted that the February 17 Senate and House of Representative sessions were opened by Rev. Matutis from Hartford and Rev. Abromaitis from Chicago, in honor of Lithuanian Independence Day. Twenty-two senators and eighty-five congressmen spoke or inserted in the Congressional Record their remarks concerning Lithuania's plight.

Those K of L'ers who are interested in hearing the Lithuanian language can tune in to Voice of America broadcasts daily in Chicago, at 10:30 A.M. on short wave bands of 13, 16, 19, 25, 31, 41, 49 meters, or listen to program repeats at noon on 31 meter bands or at 9 P.M. on 31, 41, and 49 meters. Eastern state listeners should add one hour to the given times; California listeners should subtract two hours from the Chicago times.

MOSAICS BY VALESKA



by Anne Pieza

An unusual mosaic, typical of those created in the studios of the Vatican, adds a striking note to the east outside wall of Nativity BVM church in Chicago. Placed inside of a niche, the colorful ten by twelve foot mosaic is made up of approximately 86,400 byzantine type ceramic stones. The scene it depicts is the baptism of Mindaugas, king of Lithuania and precursor of Christianity in that country.

The mosaic was created by a world renowned Lithuanian artist, Adolfas Valeska. He is a graduate of the Lithuanian Academy of Arts, founder of the Religious Art museum in his native land, and was also director of Lithuania's State Art museum.

Valeska, whose studios are at 19 E. Pearson street, in Chicago, is now completing a second mosaic which will be placed on the outside west wall of the Nativity BVM church in Chicago sometime this Spring. Its theme will be "The Miracle of Saint Casimir," the patron saint of Lithuania. Mr. Valeska explained that it takes two artists working constantly for three months to finish a mosaic of its size.

Besides his studies in Lithuania, Valeska also studied art in Paris, Berlin, and Rome, where he worked in the Vatican studios. During the 1935 International Catholic Press exhibit in Vatican City, Valeska was awarded a prize for his Lithuanian State exhibit.

While in Paris, he won a prize for a fresco depicting the figure of a young maiden, and in Berlin he arranged a prize-winning exhibit for a Lithuanian State pavilion.

Though Mr. Valeska also paints in oils and is known as an excellent portraitist, he currently specializes in all phases of church art. He has created mosaic works in many churches in the Chicago area, and in other cities of the United States. Among his greatest works are the mosaics in St. Philomena's Roman Catholic church in Chicago. Some of his art work is also in the Holy Cross Lithuanian Roman Catholic church of Chicago.

Mr. Valeska's works were recently displayed at the National Religious Arts Exhibit held at St. Mary's college in South Bend, Indiana. Mr. Valeska came to the United States in 1950 and has made Chicago his home since then.

JUNIOR NEWS

ITS MESSAGE

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Queen Morta With The Ladies in Waiting (Detail of the mosaic Baptism of Mindaugas) By Adolfas Valeska.



The Altar Boy (Detail of the mosaic Baptism of Mindaugas) By Adolfas Valeska.



Baptism of Mindaugas, King of Lithuania, The Precursor of Christianity, By Adolfas Valeska.

MOSAICS BY VALESKA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It won't be long before the main topic of conversation at K of L gatherings will be the upcoming Knights of Lithuania 51st National Convention to be held August 6 to 9th in Chicago at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel. There will be various discussions as to who is going, when, what type of transportation and so forth.

At council and district meetings, delegates will be elected, who will accept the responsibility of attending the business sessions. They will be your representatives, and should be willing not only to attend the sessions, take notes and render a report upon their return, but also to actively participate in the business that will be transacted.

In order that your council or district would be properly represented at the National Convention, it is suggested that the officers set aside a specific part of their very next meeting and discuss organizational matters. Have a brain storming session that will bring out thoughts, ideas, and suggestions which could be presented to the National Convention. Resolutions could and should be formulated and forwarded to the Supreme Council. You are reminded that Resolutions pertaining to amending the Constitution must be published at least once in the VYTIS, and so should be sent in as early as possible. Other type of resolutions can be submitted either to the Supreme Council or to the Resolutions Committee at the Convention. Recommendations or suggestions for the betterment of any of the K of L programs or activities are also welcome.

Delegates should prepare themselves for the business sessions by going over the K of L Constitution and being ready to express the thoughts of their respective councils on matters that are brought up for discussion.

Panels, conferences, discussions planned for the Convention will only be successful if delegates are active participants. The desire of delegates to express their opinion or request more detailed information will serve to make the sessions interesting, beneficial and be of great aid to Supreme Council Officers who could learn from the delegates just where to best direct their efforts.

The Supreme Council will do its best to set up business sessions that will be lively and interesting. However, the councils and districts must do their part in suggesting, advising and/or instructing their delegates to be ACTIVE and not passive participants.

Working together, we can achieve our goal of conducting successful Convention Business sessions that will be productive and fruitful, not only for those who attend, but to every council and member of the Knights of Lithuania organization.

I take this opportunity to remind you that the District Presidents serve at the Nominating Committee for obtaining candidates for the Convention Presidium, convention committees and also candidates for Supreme Council Officers and National Committees. Names of candidates for either or both can and should be submitted to your District President by your council or individual member.

In submitting candidates, please remember to select persons who are dependable, reliable and willing to make an effort to promote the ideals, and work for the goals of the Knights of Lithuania organization.

Helen T. Shields, President



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JUNIOR RALLY PROGRAMS

April 19th - The New England District Junior Rally will be held this year at the Our Lady of Sorrows Convent in Brockton, Mass. South Boston Junior Council # 18 is the host. Registration is at 11 a.m. and Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Dinner is slated for 12:30. The sessions and Rally Program begin at 1:30 p.m. Rosary and Benediction is at 3:30 followed by supper at 4 p.m. Ronald Venis of 311 K Street, South Boston, Massachusetts is general chairman.

April 26th - The New York- New Jersey District has scheduled its Rally at Maspeth, Long Island, New York. Junior Council # 10 will host the all day affair. Helen Yocis of 54 43 64th St., Maspeth, Long Island, New York will gladly accept reservations and provide further information. All New York area youth may attend.

JUNIOR NEWS FLASHES

Junior Week at Camp Dainava in Manchester, Michigan is being planned once again this year. The Detroit Junior Counselors are currently making preliminary plans and arrangements under the chairmanship of: Mr. Joseph Kazlauskas of 19183 Trinity, Detroit, Michigan. Interested campers, helpers and counselors are urged to write to him for further details.

Council #116 Juniors are currently reactivating after several months of inactivity. Miss Dorothy Sinkavitch is directing the reorganization. Miss Bernice Kavadaras recently visited the CCD classes and spoke about the K of L. One meeting has already taken place and elections are scheduled in the near future.

Junior Council # 90 of New Jersey certainly acted in the true spirit of Christmas over the holidays by entertaining the sick and elderly Lithuanians with Lithuanian Christmas Carols. The audience was most appreciative.

The Juniors at Council # 67 in Bayonne New Jersey are also actively aiding Lithuania and the K of L cause by planning a Cake Sale for funds for the Lithuanian Cross at the World's Fair. Nice work, Council 67'ers!

Under the guidance of Genevieve Giedraitis, a Junior Council has been formed in Chicago, as part of the Illinois - Indiana District. The Juniors meet weekly to learn Lithuanian arts, crafts, singing, and dancing. They appeared recently with songs and dances at the District's banquet commemorating Feb. 16, and are already preparing exhibits and a program for the National Convention.

**Junior Council 52, Elizabeth, New Jersey
B. G. F. Reporting!**

Council 52 proudly announces its new officers for the year. The lineup is: Lorraine Kavaliauskas, Mary Ann Degutis, and Judith Savonis.

The end of 1963 found our junior group letter writing. On December 30th we sat and wrote letters from the K of L bulletin, Newspaper editors and the Pope were among the ones to whom we wrote letters of thanks for referring to Lithuania in speeches and articles. Our director, Father Karalevicius, sent district representative, Congresswoman Florence Dwyer (R.) a resolution regarding the question of freedom for Lithuania and the Baltic States to be presented by the President of the United States to the United Nations. We later received a reply that Representative Dwyer had passed this, and

similar resolutions, to the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the House of Representatives. Further action is awaited. All the Juniors gained much satisfaction from this "letter writing night" and from our help to Lithuania's cause.

Plans for the future at our council are bright. Mr. Valatka, a senior Vytis, will show us his slides of present-day Lithuania and Moscow which he took on a recent visit.

Finally, since our own Senior K of L'er Ann Mitchell is the collector-in-chief for the tautini kryžiu at the World's Fair, we can't resist this plug. The cross will cost \$4000 and now that the "all green" signal has been given to us by Robert Moses, head of The World's Fair, it is to remain in Flushing Meadows after the fair ends. (As long as there is a Flushing Meadow). So, let's go Juniors, "show your colors in '64." Make this cross a fitting tribute for "Dievui ir Tėvynei". Iki pasimatymo.

Junior Council - Illinois-Indiana District



Illinois-Indiana District Juniors performing at "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet at the K of L Building, Chicago, February 23, 1964. Top photo: Miss Genevieve Giedraitis directs Juniors in the song "Išėjo Tėvelis". Bottom photo: accordionist Raymond Wylie accompanies Juniors in the song "Supynsiu Dainužę".

Junior Council 26, Worcester, Mass.

reported by Eleanor Anusauskas,
Counselor

Activities of the new year started with a trip to the Ice Capades at the Boston Gardens on January 27th. About 40 Juniors traveled by bus to the spectacular and colorful ice show. Father Yankauskas treated all to ice cream at the show. Our chairman was Richard Deris. Next, our council held a Pre-Lenten Dance at the club-rooms. As usual, music was by the best artists in the world - records. Susan Molis was chairman of this activity. During March, all our Juniors will attend the K of L Council 26 Communion Breakfast in honor of St. Casimir. Once again the "regulars" have invited us and once again we all plan to join them at the 9:45 A.M. Mass. It is with great sadness and appreciation that we say "good-bye" to Father Al Yankauskas who has left us having been transferred back to Our Lady of Vilna Church. We sure will miss him, but we all wish him the best and we know he will visit us sometime.

ANTANAS PETRULIS - VYČIŲ PIRMŪNAS

Paulius Erdvys

Svenčiant šv. Kazimiero, Lietuvos Vyčių globėjo, šventę 1963 m. kovo mėn. 3 d., išryškėjo, kad Chicagoje gyvena dar gyvų, pajėgių ir aktyviai dirbančių vyčių eilėse ir tokių, kurie prieš penkiasdešimt metų, organizuojant Vyčius įstojo pirmieji. Vieną iš tokių tenka prisiminti, kaip pirmūną, Antaną Petrulį, dabar jau pensininką, kuris 1914 m. balandžio 14 dieną įsirašė į pirmą kuopą nariu, kurio ir dabar tebėra.

Antanas Petrulis yra gimęs 1894 metais vasario 24 d. Gakūnų kaime, Stumbriškių (buvusiam) valsčiuje, Biržų apskrityje. Kūdikystę ir jaunystę praleido savo gimtajame kaime. Mažas būdamas bandą ganydavo, o paaukęs, talkininkavo ūkio darbuose. Lietuviško rašto pramoko prie motinos ratelio. Nenorėdamas Rusijos caro armijoje tarnauti, išvažiavo į Ameriką 1913 metais, kur atvykęs tuojau įsijungė į Lietuvos Vyčių pradėtą kur-

ti organizaciją, kurioje iki šiol atsidėjęs dirba. Tuo laiku jam teko eilė įvairių pareigų, būtent: 4 kuopos kasininko, finansų raštininko ir kt. Teko jam Chicagos Vyčius atstovauti 1923 m. Springfieldo seime ir 1961 m. Clevelande. Vyčių kuopų meninės kuopelėse ir choruose dalyvavo. Tris metus išbuvo Vyčių namų prievaizda. Priklauso Dariaus-Girėno postui ir Romos Katalikų susivienijimui.

1928 metais buvo parvykęs į Lietuvą, kur susipažino su jauna energinga mergaite iš Kriklinių miestelio, Kazimiera Zubavičiūte, kuri sutiko važiuoti į Ameriką, kur Petrulis ją vedė, ir abu susilaukė sūnaus Alfonso, kuris yra išėjęs čia mokslus, sukūręs šeimą ir gyvena Chicagoje.

Kazimiera Petrulienė irgi yra didelė patrijotė ir karšta lietuvė. Visą savo gyvenimą Amerikoje priklausė Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai, ku-

riai po šiai dienai visuose darbuose uoliai ir sumaniai talkininkauja bei įvairiose komisijose dirba. Antanas ir Kazimiera priklauso Chicagos Vyčiams Sendraugiams. Antanas yra išdirbęs Crane Co. 42 metus. Dabar yra pensininkas.

Be to, Antanas Petrulis yra dalyvavęs I p. kare JAV kariuomenės gretose. Tarnaudamas kariuomenėje, buvo tuose JAV karo daliniuose, kurie dalyvavo Prancūzijos fronte. Pasirodo, kad tuose daliniuose būta ir daugiau lietuvių, nes Petrulis mūšio lauke, - apkasuose, rado lietuvišką maldaknygę su aprobeta Žemaičių vyskupo Valančiaus, kurią jis saugo kaip didžiausią turtą ir sako, kad "mišauanas" tik iš jos skaitęs.

Vyčių organizacija turėdama tokių pasišventusių žmonių kaip Antanas ir Kazimiera Petruoliai, tikrai laikysis ir klestės. Ant. Petruliui - Vyčių pirmūnui ilgiausių metų!

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

ČIKAGOS SENDRAUGIŲ VEIKLA

Sendraugiai Vyčiai kas mėnuo turi savo susirinkimus, Vyčių namuose, 2451-55 W. 47 St., Chicago, Ill., kuriuose svarsto savo skyriaus organizacinius reikalus ir kas kart išklauso savo nario - paskaitininko Pov. Dirčio, daugumoje religinio turinio, lietuviškos paskaitos.

S.m. sausio mėn. 21 d. visuotiniame metiniame susirinkime buvo aptarti namo remonto reikalai, patvirtintos parengimų apyskaitos, išklaudyta pranešimai iš Vyčių Sąjungos suvažiavimų, subuvimų ir Katalikų federacijos Kongreso. Skyriaus valdyba buvo perinkta ta pati: p-kas Sakalas, Sekretorius Aleliunienė, kasininke Janutienė ir Karpavi-

čius ir kt. Korespondentas - Pov. Dirkis-Erdvys.

Po to, buvo išklaudyta turininga paskaita apie vysk. Valančių, kurią skaitė Pov. Dirkis.

Š.m. vasario mėn. 18 d. visuotiniame susirinkime buvo aptarti skyriaus reikalai, būtent: rinkliavos, Centro Vyčių pobūvis vasario 23 d., ateinančių metų Vyčių suvažiavimas, šv. Kazimiero diena ir kiti bėgamieji reikalai. Ligonijų lankytojai nusiškundė, kad daug sergančių, o pirmininkas kvietė narius būti uolesniais lankytojais susirinkimų. Svetys savanorių-kūrėjų p-kas kvietė Vyčius š.m. kovo 1 d. Vyčių namuose atsilankyti į jų ruošiamas iškilmes pagerbti ark. Karevičių. Po to viso Pov. Dirkis paskaitė įdomią paskaitą: "Sa-

vanorių vaidmuo realizuojant Vasario 16 d. aktą".

Paulius Erdvys

NAUJAS DVASIOS VADAS

Čikagos Sendraugių Vyčių ilgamečiam dvasios Vadui prel. Ig. Albavičiui atsisakius, nauju dvasios vadu buvo pakviestas kun. P. Činikas, kuris š.m. sausio mėn. 21 d. visuotinio susirinkimo metu buvo supažindingas.

Braitonparko sendraugiai Vyčiai džiaugiasi susilaukę išsilavinusio, išsimokslinusio naujo dvasios vado kun. Petro Činiko, MIC ir sveikina linkėdami sėkmingo vadovavimo.

COUNCIL NEWS

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich., C-79

During the Lenten season C-79 had the privilege of participating in many spiritual and inspirational activities. Among these were the Tuesday night devotions with Lithuanian sermons. On Holy Thursday we had an hour of prayer. And, at the Sunrise Mass on Easter the C-79 choir sang the Mass.

First and second degrees were presented on Mar. 7 at the Church of the Divine Providence, with councils 102 and 139 participating. Our former national president, Robert Boris, was the presiding officer. This beautiful and inspirational ceremony will always remain in the hearts of the recipients.

On Mar. 8 C-79'ers journeyed across town to St. Peter's, where, with the church filled to capacity, the Mass commemorating St. Casimir's feast day was celebrated. We wish to thank C-139 for the beautiful spiritual devotions and the wonderful feast that followed.

Bowling continues to be our predominant sport. Our 14 team K of L bowling league is fast drawing to a close. At present the American Lithuanian Vets are leading by a slim margin. The high scores are as follows: men's high single, Ray Lucas, 289; high three, Ralph Stankus, 651; women's high single, M. Guerriero and E. Galinas, 214; high three, E. Galinas 576. Our bowling banquet will be held on May 2. A large group of bowlers are making plans to attend the Mid-Central bowling tournament at Dayton. We hope to see all our K of L friends there and renew our acquaintances.



Dayton, Ohio, C-96

EL

With the destruction of wayside crosses in Lithuania, the land of our forefathers, a new trend is widely spreading among the Lithuanian people here in America.

As though to recompense to our Lord for the many injustices and insults to our Catholic faith by the Communistic hordes in Europe, a good number of K of L members are erecting shrines and wayside crosses in their own communities and private gardens. Not to be outdone, are our own C-96 members, George and Frances Mikalauskas, who have erected a beautiful wayside cross in their garden. Two months of planning and designing five months of spare time work went into this lovely structure.

George spent many hours studying books on Lithuania art, one book in particular "LITHUANIAN ART AND CULTURE THROUGH THE YEARS". All of his designs are original.

A machine tool builder, without any previous experience in carpentry or

in artistic design, Goerge worked for months to produce this memorable shrine, without a flaw. The work called for carefully cutting from weather proof material scores of identical crosses. The ornate section with its many crosses was cut from a single sheet of wood. Total height of the cross is approximately ten feet. The picket fence has both a practical and decorative purpose. First, it carries out the theme of Old World crosses. Secondly, it is intended to provide protection for special plants. In the Spring there will be, among the roses, a ruta plant, originally brought from its native land, Lithuania. Other flowers native to Lithuania also accent this masterpiece. At the foot of the cross he placed a plaque dedicating the shrine to the memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mikalauskas and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Machutas of Cleveland. George and Frances keep a spotlight turned on the shrine until 10 P.M. faithfully for the many admirers who pass their home on East Bruce Avenue.

The accompanying picture was taken as Rev. Titus Narbutas of Holy Cross Parish blessed the shrine in the presence of Mr and Mrs. Mikalauskas and their daughter Mary Agnes. The Mikalauskas also have a younger son, George Junior. If anyone is contemplating building their own shrine George will be more than happy to assist or answer any questions. His residence is at 104 E. Bruce. Our council 96 here in Dayton is quite proud indeed to have two members with such devotion and pride in their heritage and nationality. Incidentally, George met Fritzie through a K of L district convention in Cleveland Ohio. Thank you, George and Fritzie, for giving Dayton its first Lithuanian wayside shrine. We hope this gives others an incentive.



Jubilee Year St. George Reunion.

Left photo: Nelda Machutas, Mr. & Mrs. P. Luiza, Agnes Bartkus.

Right photo: l.to r. Nellie Arunski, Nelda Machutas, Ursula Yankauskas, John Andrulis, Andy Palzes, Peter Luiza, Fr. B.Ivanauskas.



Cleveland, Ohio, C-25

Believe it or not, we're still in existence. Our officers for '64 are: Rev. B. Ivanauskas - Spiritual Advisor; Peter Luiza - President (2nd term); Al Shigo - Vice President; Bruno Bartkus - Recording Secretary; Nellie Arunski - Financial Secretary and Evelyn Andrulis - Treasurer. Trustees: Ursula Yankauskas and Gene Kunsitis.

OCTOBER 19, 1963 - JUBILEE YEAR ACTIVITY. We held a grand School and Church Reunion at St. George, featuring a concert by the Ciurlionis Ensemble, Dance and Buffet. Thank you Mrs. Isabel Reedick for the lovely cake. All proceeds went to St. George. Thanks again to everyone for their untiring efforts - 600 letters were sent to former students and parishioners.

Even with our Spring-like weather in January we still managed to have our Annual Snow Party at the Apanavitch's country home. Some of us

came off our inner-tube ride a little muddy. But wasn't it fun? Sorry to disappoint so many of our professional skaters (you too, Kristy Samas) with a slushy pond - but blame Mr. Sunshine! Thanks again Lois and John for a marvelous time.

We won't forget Febr. 23 for a long time. We held a Card Party for the benefit of OUR LADY OF SILUVA CHAPEL in Washington, D. C. How we squeezed approximately 90 people into Mrs. Ursula Yankauskas' recreation room will never be understood. Thank you Mrs. Y. for your hospitality and patience! We had a wonderful, receptive crowd and between the "special table" run by Gene, the raffle, etc. we were able to send \$150 to the building fund. John Andrulis was Chairman, with Al Paskevice, Pete Luiza, Nellie Arunski, Gene Kunsitis and Ursula Yankauskas making up the rest of this aggressive committee. Not only the committee, but just about every member did their share in one way or another. A job well done, Council 25!

The Bowling Party held on Feb. 29

showed that our members mean business in winning the trophy at Dayton this year. You should have seen the scores rolled by Bruno Bartkus; Gary Lewis, Bill Mason (guest), Joanna Shigo and Carol Paskevice - Whowee!! Al and Ray Shigo and Nelda and Charlie Machutas did a wonderful job and made a good profit to boot. We sure enjoyed those hot dogs and Chile, Nelda!

A great big welcome to Ray Shigo (son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Shigo), Ruth Guzauskas and Jau and Pauline Kotecki! Welcome aboard. . . You can tell Spring is in the air. Soon all we'll be hearing is boating talk from Jakubs', Andrulis' and EPK.

A winter vacation is being enjoyed by our up-and-coming Designer, Andy Palzes at Aspen, Colorado. Happy skiing Andy!

We look forward to seeing our Supreme Council again who will be meeting on Saturday, Apr. 11 in our fair city. Meeting to be held at the Pick-Carter Hotel, Dayton, are you coming too?



C-25 Benefit Card Party. Left: Committee - (standing) Evelyn Andrulis, Mr. & Mrs. A. Paskevice, Gene Kunsitis, Joanna Shig. (front row) Nellie Arunski, Ursula Yankauskas, Peter Luiza - Chairman John Andrulis missing. Center and right: Guests at party.

Detroit, Mich., C-139

Mary

Our monthly meeting and a pre-lenten social were held at the home of our president, Stanley Wesley, on Feb. 9. The Rev. J. Walter Stanievich and Robert Boris, Supreme Council members, were guests. The ladies of the council prepared the food, and everyone had a good time.

The Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, our spiritual advisor, participated in a Stamp Exhibition held at the Henrose Hotel, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Michigan Stamp Club. Father exhibited combinations of the Third Kaunas Issue for which he received first prize - a gold medal. We would like to congratulate Father Kris for his wonderful work with stamps and for spreading Lithuanian culture among Americans.

The council and the St. Peter's Ladies' Alliance commemorated Lithuanian Independence Day on Feb. 16, with corporate communion at the 10:30 mass. Leading the group into church were flag bearers, Kestutis Barcas and Raymond Kilmanas. They were followed by Titta Ziurinskas, Lima and Irene Andrusaitis, Dorothy Lescinskas, and Regina Marciukaitis, who were dressed in Lithuanian costumes. They placed flowers on the altar of the Blessed Virgin. The girls were followed by members of the Ladies' Alliance and the council.

We celebrated St. Casimir's Day on Mar. 8 with corporate communion at the 12:00 Mass. Members of councils 79 and 102 also participated. The Mass was followed by a brunch in the parish hall.



Left: 120 members, relatives and friends of C-3 celebrate St. Casimir's Day at a Communion Breakfast March 1. Right: Rev. Kavanaugh, Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, served as Guest Speaker for C-3's St. Casimir's Day Celebration. Seated at the main table, l. to r. Joe Yanulaitis, Lillian Sasnauskas, Rev. Batutis (Administrator of St. Casimir's Parish), Rev. Kavanaugh, Pete Puodziunas (M.C.) and Helen Shields.

N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3

Sunshine

C-3 opened their membership drive with the enrollment of four new members. A hearty welcome to: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ozalis and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Paul . . . Honored with Degrees at the St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast were - Ann Alsankas, Leonora Kaulinis, and Charles Zemaitaitis - First Degree. Margie Gestite, Dianne Beletsky, and Pete Puodziunas - Second Degree. Congratulations! C-3 presented a 15 minute-tape depicting the life of St. Casimir on the Lithuanian Radio Program March 7. . . Congratulations to Lorraine and Bob Stepnowski, the proud parents of bouncing new baby boy born Feb. 28. . . Joining C-3's line-up of



The Catholic War Veterans of St. Casimir's Parish, Philadelphia, serve as Honor Guards at C-3's St. Casimir Day Mass.

new cars is Hedy Sarcewicz with her 1964 cream Volkswagon. - Happy motoring ahead. . . Wearing a tan in snowy Philly was Joe Yanulaitis, who recently returned from vacationing in Puerto Rico. . . March 26, Holy Thursday, a group of us visited Churches, including St. Casimir's, St. George's and St. Andrew's, the three Lithuanian Churches in the city. . . Best Wishes and Happiness to Ray Pukis and Erika Groger who exchanged marriage vows on April 4. . . Birthday Greetings to: Irene Ozalis, Agnes Timmins and Tony Burch (April). . . ANNOUNCEMENT: Preparations are under way for C-3's annual picnic - May 31 at Bell Gardens, Bellmawr, New Jersey.

Kearny, N.J., C-90,

Dimples

A truly enjoyable evening was had by all at the gala "Mardi Gras Pancake Dance" which was held on Friday evening Feb. 7. It was a shame, though, that not everyone came dressed in costumes. The winners for the best dressed were Ann Klem, as an "I don't know what", wearing a very unusual hat, for the ladies, and Joe Sable as the "one-eyed pirate" for the gentlemen.

Our juniors are now thirty strong and under the guidance of Ellie Nakrosis and Ann Klem. They sang at the Bayonne Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration.

Welcome to new members John Salvest, Helen, Peter, and Peter Churins, Jr.





Illinois-Indiana District "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet. Left Frank Svelnis, District President, presents Outstanding Lithuanian Award to Consul and Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis, Right: Jack Stukas addresses banquet guests. Others pictured l. to r. Rev. P. Cinikas, Leonard Simutis, Msgr. I. Albavicius, Dr. J. Jerome, Rev. V. Rimšelis, Mr. & Mrs. Felix Daukus, Loretta Kassel.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

"Memories of Lithuania", which is the Ill-Ind. District's Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day, was held on Feb. 23, at the K of L Building. After a delicious dinner, a short program followed. Dr. Jerome, who was M.C., introduced Prudenciya Bičkienė, who entertained the gathering with her beautiful voice. After Mrs. Bičkienė the K of L Juniors, directed by Genevieve Giedraitis, sang Lithuanian folk-songs and danced several folk-dances. Jack Stukas, who was visiting from the N.Y.-N.J. District, was guest speaker and invited the guests to the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis, the Lithuanian Consul and his wife, were given the Special K of L Award of the Year because of their active participation in so many of our affairs.

Thanks to the committee: Joan Jakunas, Monica Kasper, Irene Rakaitis, Zena Savokaitis and Vladas Paliulionis, under the chairmanship of Loretta Kassel, for an enjoyable evening.

A day of recollection was held on Mar. 1 at Our Lady of Vilna Church. Father Zakarauskas, our District Spiritual Advisor, introduced Father Calek, who was well-received by the participants. The "Day" was well-attended, and we wish to thank Father Savukynas, pastor of Our Lady of Vilna, for the use of his church and for the excellent brunch which was served.



"Memories of Lithuania" soloist Prudenciya Bičkienė and accompanist John Byanskas. In the foreground, Frank Svelnis.

On Mar. '8, St. Casimir's Day was held at Holy Cross Church. Co-chairmen of the affair were Eleanore Laurin and Frank Svelnis. After Mass, brunch and a short program took place at Darius-Girenas Hall. Mr. Simulis and Loretta Kassel received the K of L'er of the year awards.

Host for the District bowling party held on Mar. 15 was C-36. Bowling was held at Wood-Mac Lanes, and after bowling everyone returned to the K of L Hall, where prizes were given out and dinner was served.

The quarterly district meeting was held on Mar. 22 at the K of L Hall. Before the meeting, first and second degrees were given out.

A bulletin was received from the Chicago Police Department at our last '64 convention meeting. Road

blocks will be set up at city limits during the first week of August to prevent Joe Sable from entering. We hope to see everyone else!

Chicago, Ill- C-112 Inquirer

Celebrating April Birthdays - Judge Al Wells, Dolores and Andy Yuknis, Adam Oskeliunas, Zena Savokaitis, Dolores Wainauskas, Bernice Laurantan, Al Cekanor and Louie Rogers.

Random Notes: The Chevie "Impala" is really a popular auto with 112ers - current new owners are Vladas Paliulionis and Lorraine Wainauskas. . . John Evans, Council member and perennial bowling sponsor, recently acquired additional parking facilities adjacent to his modern mortuary. . . The Wainauskas girls have a new companion for their old faithful dachshund "Zipper" - an English "Bedlington" terrier aptly named "Crumpet". . . Elaine Phillips presented her father, John Pakal (K of L friend and bowling sponsor) with a new grandchild. . . Many 112'ers attended and helped make the District's "Memories of Lithuania" successful . . . Our hard-working Estelle Rogers assisted the Revs. Savukynas and Zakarauskas and others with the arrangements for the District's Day Recollection. . . Al Dagis and Al Rubiskis recently were formally installed in the American Legion, Darius-Girenas Post. But why did it take Al D. 15 years?? . . . Even as a last minute replacement, Eleanore

Laurin did her usual fine job with the St. Casimir's Day Commemoration plans. The smiling faces of the Don Varnas A. L. boys (including members Tony Yuknis and Adam Anderson) were again present as the Color Guard. Our thanks to the D-G Post for the use of their facilities for the brunch and program. . .

Remember: "to the shores of Lake Michigan in '64". Chicago Convention in August!

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

So. Boston, Mass., C-17

The St. Casimir's Day Communion-Breakfast, sponsored by C-17 to acquaint the youth of the parish with the K of L was a huge success. The featured speaker was Tony Shalna. Larry Svelnis was the chairman, and Joe Daniels was the toastmaster. Al Jaritis, Butch Venis and Jerry Venis were the three "chefs". The committee included Joanne Antanelis (as hostess), Paula and Koral Antanelis, Helen Suprin, Ann Marie and Ceil Sakevitch, Loretta Kontrim, Rita Venis, Florence Zaleskas, Donna Grigas, Frances Sumski, Albina Rudziunas, and Alice Zaremba. Also on the committee were Leo Vytautas Rudziunas, Joe Casey, Frank Stankas, Felix Zaleskas, Billy Zaremba, and Frank Grigas. Those who were unable to attend missed a grand affair.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marcinavicius on the arrival of their second son. . . Some C-17 vacationers - Joe Nevarones flew to Mexico City and Acapulco. . . Ann and Mary Kleponis went to Bermuda. . . Joanne Antanelis put her school vacation to good use. She went to Washington, D.C. and took a grand tour of the capitol and other sights in the region. . . Babe and Mary Martus and little Adele Nancy went to San Juan, Puerto Rico. . . Our president and "first lady" and family spent a few days in Charlottesville, Va., for both business and pleasure. . . Among the ski-buffs are Bill Gorski, Leo and Albina Rudziunas, and Vyto Jurgala spending their time at Mt. Sunapee, N.H. Oh, yes, Al Jaritis took his annual Mystery vacation, and we shall learn in the next issue where he went.

Paula Antanelis won a scholarship award at Boston State University. . .



Headtable notables of C-17, S.O. Boston, St. Casimir's Communion Day Breakfast. L. to r. - front row: Rev. Albert Contons, Mrs. Mary Ashmansky, Longinas Svelnis, John S. Daniels, Rymantas Pauliukonis. 2nd row l. to r.: Joseph Vembre, Ceslovas Kiliulis, Rev. Albin Januinas, Henrikas Cepas, Anthony S. Shallna, Jr.

Vytautas Bruzgys, who is limping, said he hurt his ankle playing volleyball, but the real reason is that this is Leap Year and Vytautas got his feet tangled while fleeing the damsels.

The Vytis party held at the club-rooms for house improvement funds was a success, and now the gang is pitching in washing and painting the room that the Juniors use to hold their meetings. By the time this issue goes to press the work shall be finished.

Remember in your prayers Angie Yelmokas' mother, who is seriously ill at this writing. Frank Stankus is also experiencing some illness. Get well, Frank. We need you around for quite some time to come.

The date for the Golden Jubilee of C-17 is set for Sunday, May 31. It will be a dinner-dance, and all other councils are welcome to help us celebrate this glorious affair. Keep that date open, and come one, come all. The parish reunion is planned for May 17 at the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Auditorium (the same place where our jubilee celebration will be held).

The hikers are awaiting some better weather so that, after months of winter inactivity, they can get into shape once again. These hikes are not limited to C-17; all other councils are more than welcome to participate. Even non-members are invited to come along.

May we take this opportunity to thank Al Jakutis, C-18, owner of the

Observatory Hills Florist Shoppe, for donating the flowers that decorated the head tables for the St. Casimir Communion Breakfast. . . Congrats to Norma Razvadauskas on her engagement to Vincas Algimantas Snipas of Hartford, Conn., who is in the U.S.A. Military Police and stationed in Fort Sill. Okla. . .

Athol-Gardner, Mass., C-10

Vincukas

Our annual "Winter Carnival" was held on Feb. 9 at the Tully Brook Inn. This year it was a one day affair, eliminating the Saturday night dance. The day started off with a hearty country-style turkey dinner, with all the fixings. After the meal Norwood did some skiing, while the rest converged on the Waslaske farm for an afternoon of sliding and tobogganing. Ice skating was cancelled, because the Tully Brook Inn pond was drained in the Fall. After all the out-door activity the group was happy to fit into warm atmosphere of the Inn where a buffet style supper was served. Slides and movies were then shown by Lennie Davidonis.

Howie Beadette managed to make the tail end of the carnival, but what a disappointment to his cronies - no concoction. . . What would the carnival be like without Eddie, Joe, and Sparkie or Dottie, Annie Miller, Barb and Rita? . . . It was nice to see the younger set from Norwood attending. . . Many thanks to George Barton for his efforts. . . What happened to

Father Al Yank and his crew? Did the car break down? . . . Norman "Wing" Langlois is coming along after his recent illness. He and his family were unable to attend the carnival. . . Dot, Vyt, and son from Providence had a "Ball". . . Barb and Howie Gibbons managed to come in from Lowell again this year. They plan on joining the newly re-activated council there.

"The Gardner News" carried a lengthy communication written by Father Jutt on the meaning of Lithuanian Independence Day and an article on the same subject by Bill Wisnauskas.

Our council did honor to our patron, St. Casimir, on Sunday, Mar. 1. We received Communion in a body at the 10:30 Mass at St. Francis. Spiritual advisor, Father Jutt, celebrated the Mass and preached an inspiring sermon on St. Casimir. Breakfast followed at the Athol House. Father showed slides of several K of L functions and of his latest trip to Mexico. It was nice to have the Juniors join us for this affair - a boost to our morale. Miss Nellie Melaika was general chairman of the successful affair.

Waterbury, Conn., C-7 Johnny

At our January meeting the new slate of officers was sworn in:

Pres. James Valaitis; V.Pres.; Nell Diggles; Sec., Wanda LeVasseur; Fin. Sec., Dorma Gribauskas; Treas., John Alanskas; Steward, Peter Kudzma; and Sgt. at Arms, Robert Azukas.

The board of directors are - Dr. William Shukaitis; A. Alanskas; W. Pitcavage; E. Shukaitis; A. Janusauskas; and J. Rutkauskas.

Committee heads - Publicity, Cal Kerwin; Sports, Ed. White; Ritual Com., F. Shaknaitis, W. Pitcavage; Cultural, A. Aleksis, M. Andrikis; Vytis Corres., J. Alanskas; and Membership, Dr. W. Shukaitis.

M. Andrikis will represent the K of L C-7 in the "Taryba".

We wish the officers a successful year of 1964.

Our St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast was held Mar. 1 at St. Joseph's Hall. Approximately 100 people attended. C-7 discovered a gem in the person of Mrs. Ona Saulaitis, who teaches the Lithuanian language,

as a speaker. A. Aleksis was in charge of entertainment and Marcella Andrikis sang three selections accompanied by Mr. Aleksis. Algimantas Zemantaitis recited a selection from the poem "Metai" by K. Donelaitis and the male quartet of the church choir, E. Stulginskas, A. Paliulis, A. Campe and John Brazauskas, sang both English and Lithuanian selections. Albert Alanskas, chairman, and Frank Shaknaitis, master of ceremonies, and the rest of the committee should be commended for a fine program.

The K of L Bowling League is gradually heading towards the end and the way things stand now, there will be a play off with the teams of Lokis tangling with Fitzherbert, winners of the first round.

Lawrence, Mass., C-78 Dusty

Elections were held and our new officers (well, some are not new) are as follows: president, John Verbickas; vice pres., Mary Neversky; treasurer, Joseph Balcius; secretary, Joan Lisauskas; and spiritual director, Rev. Simeon Saulenas.

C-78 had a very active year. Looking back to our cook-outs, a little beaching, bowling, and our annual Christmas party, a merry time was had by all. Our final event was a terrific gala whist party. Thanks to our committee, it was a huge success: John Verbickas; Charles Unick; John Umpa; Mary Blazeovich; Shirley Gobush;

Joan Blazeovich; Janet Baublis; Mary Neversky; Dot Blazeovich; and Joan Lisauskas.

Big things are planned for the coming months. We'll be writing you.

Westfield, Mass., C-30 Genovaite

C-30 is off to a good start in its 1964 membership drive. Pres. Joseph Sabonis was happy to welcome new members Stella Jutkus and Bertha Marcoullier to the February meeting. Benedict Coach is in charge of this project, and hopes are high that we will see many new faces.

Plans for senior sponsors to accompany Jr. K of L's to Brockton Mass. for a rally on Apr. 19 are also underway.

NED Pres. Benedict Coach, Mary and Bernie Minkus, Theresa Atkocaitis, Robert Smyk, Joseph and Ann Sabonis and Frank and Edna Bernadictus represented C-30 at the Mar. 1 Bowling roll-off at South Boston. The hospitality of C-17 was greatly enjoyed.

C-30's snow party was held Feb. 9 at Lake Congamond and proved a delightful time for all attending. The men were in charge of all arrangements!

Plans for the annual church picnics to be held June 21 and Aug. 19 are also in the minds of everyone, since St. Casimir's K of L contributes much work to the success of these affairs.

Happy Birthday to Edna Bernadictus! Congratulations to Mr & Mrs. Robert Smyk on the occasion of their 6th Wedding Anniversary!

K of L Calendar

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| Apr. 19 | NED Junior Rally, Brockton, Mass. |
| May 3 | Mid-Central District, Annual Pilgrimage, Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio, 10 a.m. Mass. |
| May 31 | C-3, Philadelphia, Annual Picnic, Bell Gardens, Bellmawr, N.J. |
| May 31 | C-17, So. Boston, Golden Jubilee Dinner-Dance, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens' Auditorium, 366 West Broadway, So. Boston, Mass. |
| Aug. 18-22 | Mid-Central District "Camp Dainava" for Juniors aged 8 to 16, Manchester, Mich. |

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