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PREWAR LIFE IN THE LITHUANIAN COUNTRYSIDE

by J.J. Stukas, Jr.

A drive through the lake-lands of Zarasai, which can be easily reached from Kaunas, the capital, either by car or motor-bus, is a delightful one; a little epitome of Lithuania. At first the country is flat and open, with broad fields, belts of willow and alder alternating with patches of pine and fir. The fields are full of people, the children minding the cows and sheep; the roads full of the long, low Lithuanian carts, all going to market. In this part of the country the timber homes nestle in cherry orchards or among groves of willows, and are particularly charming with their deep roofs of thatch, sitting like a hat well over the eyes, surrounded by gardens and flowers.

Every laborer has an acre or two of land round his cottage which he can cultivate, and in the newer dwelling-houses you can see the little fences creeping up; the gateways and roofposts simply or elaborately carved. The owner will carve the wayside shrine which you may see between the two house windows. Often the well heads are things of beauty and the gardens are all well cared for by the women. But greatest pride of all is the enclosed glass porch which is the crowning touch of elegance in the eyes of every Lithuanian peasant.

These timber houses, with moss between the crevices in place of mortar, are both cool in summer and warm in winter. They are very attractive in the soft greys and greens of the weathered wood and with their deep, overhanging roofs. Nearly every farmer is his own master-builder.

On the smallest farms, which may be from 6 to 12 acres, it is surprising to note what a large number of farm buildings there always are. No Lithuanian would house the different kinds of ani-

mals together, and the idea of putting human beings and animals under the same roof would be repugnant to him. So every beast must have its own house and thus, on even quite a small holding, the effect is quite impressive.

Usually the farmhouse stands on one side of the inclosure; the barns, stables, and cowsheds on the other and the well in the center. The roof ties are often elaborately carved, the horses of the pagan god Perkunas being frequently seen or else his thunderbolts; perhaps cocks and hens will surmount it. A wooden ladder lies across the roof in case of fire, though as the stove and chimney are nearly always of puddled clay, the thatched roofs are not so dangerous as one might imagine. They clean the chimney by the simple method of dropping a large stone tied to a fir branch down its middle!

Even the poorest Lithuanian house has its "seklyčia" or parlor, usually on the left side of the porch, with a long passage running through the house. This is at the same time the guest room, although in the bigger farmhouses there are always bedrooms as well. Behind it is the room

where the master and the mistress of the farm sleep, and there is a separate room for the children. On the opposite side of the porch are the kitchen, larder and living room, and behind is a large room where the maids sleep. In winter this also serves as the spinning and weaving room. The older boys sleep in the hay or with the horses in the summertime, while in winter they sleep on plank beds in the dining room.

The older girls sleep in the "kletis" which is again a typical feature of Lithuanian life. The granary seems to correspond with the "bower" of Saxon times, and in winter and summer the daughters of the house, with a superior maid as their governess, continue to occupy the "kletis." To the "kletis" no man, save only the father or brothers of the family, may enter. From the balcony below the eaves the girls look down on the youths who come to court them and whose correct place is by the garden fence. Before it is a kind of little porch where on summer evenings the elders of the family sit, perhaps to keep an eye on the suitors who will certainly arrive in the garden. . .



LIETUVA

KRYŽIU ŽEMĖ

Povilas Dirkis

Tas vardas yra žinomas visam kultūringam pasauliui, o tuo labiau jis turėtų būti žinomas ir Lietuvos Vyčiams. Lietuva perdėm yra katalikiška. Kadangi kryžius yra ne tik mirties įrankis, bet vėliau tapo pranašiausiu krikščionių tikėjimo simboliu, bei Kristaus kančios ir žmonių atpirkimo ženklu, tai lietuviai, reikšdami pagarbą tam simboliui, pristatė prie kelių, kryžkelių ir šiaip žymesnių ūkininkų sodybose kryžių, kryželių bei koplytstulpių. Lietuvos kryžiai ir koplytėlės yra vieni iš gražiausių liaudies kūrinų visame pasaulyje. Niekur kitur nerasime tokių puošnių kryžių ir koplytėlių, kokios puošia Lietuvos laukus ir kiemus. Lietuviai kryžiams kančias, o koplytėlėms figūras droždavo iš uosio ar ąžuolo, bet šiuo metu kryžiai tašomi jau iš gyvos lietuvių tautos,

tai tragedija. Kryžiai, kaip ir pati tauta naikinami. Būdavo visokių figūrų su populiariausiais šventaisiais. Dažnai tekdavo matyti rūpintojėlių arba "smūtkelių" figūras. Jos vaizduodavo Kristų, sėdintį, ranka parėmusį erškėčiais vainikuotą galvą, o Kristaus veide - didelis nuliūdimas. Labiausiai mėgiama koplytėlių figūra - Dievo Motina sopulingoji, su mirusiu sūneliu ant kelių. Kryžiai būdavo įvairiai papuošti. I kryžius ir koplytėles lietuvių liaudis yra įdėjusi daug meno ir skonio, ir todėl jie yra didžiai vertinami tiek lietuvių, tiek kitataučių menininkų. Lietuviai, statydami tuos kryžius, prašydavo sau Dievo ir Sventųjų globos bei palimos savo laukams, namams ir visam gyvenimui, minėjo jais įvairius savo gyvenimo įvykius: gimimą, mirtį, derlių ir t.t., o iš da-



Rūpintojėlis



Sopulingoji Dievo Motina

lies reikšdavo savo liūdną vargdienio likimą. Lietuvis "rūpintojėlis" - tai jo sielos išraiška: kenčianti, bet kartu ir kilni, nukreipta į dangų.

Išėivijoje gyveną lietuviai, kaip to pačios tautos vaikai, irgi neužmiršta savo tėvų ir prosenelių papročių, taip pat stato kryžius: savo sodybose, vienuolynuose ir net reikšgose vietose. Tačiau tų kryžių tikslas ar intencija bei paskirtis ne vien religinio, bet ir tautinio pobūdžio, ypač tų kryžių, kurie yra statomi viešose ir žymiose vietose, kuriose lankosi šimtai-tūkstančiai praeivių iš įvairių kontinentų. Jame įrašomi įvairūs tautiniai šūkliai ryšium su tautos tragedija bei nepriklausomybės praradimu. Vienas iš tokių kryžių prieš porą metų bendromis Chicago lietuvių lėšomis buvo pastatytas Portlande, Oregone; o dabar tokios pat paskirties statomas New Yorke. Tačiau nežiūrint jų paskirties ir turinio, vis vien jie byloja, kad lietuvių tauta yra katalikiška kryžių šalis.

The Golden Slipper

ANTANAS VAICIULAITIS

Translation by Kate Pendleton

Once upon a time there were three brothers who went out to sea to cast their fish nets. When they were far from shore a violent storm broke out. The wind roared and blew so hard that the gulls were almost beaten down on the surface of the water. They were so frightened that they sought refuge on the sides of the boat. The waves rose higher and higher. More and more the storm ran riot, carrying the helpless craft along with it. Finally after many weary hours, the fishermen rejoiced to see the shore, a sharp and rocky cliff atop which they saw a maiden seated.

"What is she doing here?" asked the astonished men. "In the midst of the winds and storm, at the edge of a raging sea?"

The youngest said, "I am going to ask her what she is waiting for."

But the others rebuked him and tried to dissuade him.

"Do you not see that the slope is very steep? A falcon could not fly over it, nor could a squirrel climb up. Why attempt the impossible?"

Nevertheless the youth did not heed his brothers' advice and leaped toward the edge of the cliff, which was so high that one almost had to turn one's head upside down to see the top.

The young fisherman clung to the rocks and climbed higher and higher. The wind blew so fiercely that the birds, blown from the sea, struck themselves against the sides of the cliff and fell dead in the foaming whirlpools below. But the young man hung onto the jutting rocks and climbed from one to another. He felt pain in his hands and feet, but the peak was already near at hand and across the tempest he heard the maiden sobbing bitterly. Below in the deep, the boat floated like a little

shaving and his brothers appeared scarcely larger than needles.

The youth made a last leap and found himself at the side of the beautiful stranger.

"Why are you crying?" he asked her.

"I was walking in my garden when a sorcerer appeared. He seized me and carried me to this rock. Then he threw my golden slipper into the sea. How can I return with a bare foot? The entire city would mock me, for my father is the king and my mother the queen. The servants would point their fingers at me and make fun of me." And the princess, in thinking of her golden slipper, abandoned herself to sobs while her shoulders shook convulsively.

The fisherman said to her: "Where did the slipper fall? I will retrieve it from the water."

"Do you see that reef?" she pointed. "The reef near the dashing whirlpools of water? It is there that the sorcerer has thrown my golden slipper. How it glittered in the sun as it fell!"

The young man descended to rejoin his brothers and they rowed toward the little island. There they waited three days and three nights in their boat, but could find nothing. Yet when the fourth morning came

they saw something that shimmered at the bottom of the sea.

The youngest dived into the water. There the fish looked at him with goggly eyes, wiggling their tails and gaping as if waiting to swallow him. But the young man was brave and dived without fear until he felt the floor of the sea underfoot. Little sea animals were pushing the golden slipper around with their noses. The young fisherman seized it and returned to the surface.

The brothers rowed him to the shore and he began again to ascend but this time without feeling the least pain in either his hands or feet.

When the princess saw him, she began to smile and allowed him to place the shoe on her foot. While fitting it, he did not stop admiring her beauty. He did not hurry and when he was finished he was not anxious to return to his brothers.

"Come down, come down! The storm is over; we have cast our nets and, when we have fish enough, we can go home untroubled," they cried to him.

But the princess arose moaning: "Something has happened to my leg. How unfortunate! Could you help me as far as the city?"

"I will carry you," he answered. She rewarded him with a happy smile.

Turning toward his brothers he called to them: "Row home to our parents and tell them their youngest son is carrying a princess to the city. If he is delayed in coming home, a little bird will fly there and perch near the window. If the messenger has a little branch of linden in his beak, that will tell them that their son is happy. If he is not happy, the bird will carry a branch of nettles, and if he is no more of this world,





the bird will bear a needle of spruce."

He picked the princess up in his arms and carried her away across the dunes. The maiden rested her head on his shoulder, her lovely hair caressing his face.

The day waned, nevertheless they saw no travellers, passed no hamlets, so far had the evil sorcerer carried her. Night fell. They stopped in the middle of a forest before a small abandoned hut. The young fisherman made a bed of leaves and put moss in place of down. He went into the thicket, picked fruit and gave it to the princess. When the light of day was completely extinguished, when the stars came out, the princess retired on the moss and her dreams were full of golden slippers.

But the young man could not sleep. He sat outside near the door and told himself that the princess was truly beautiful.

Then the beasts of the forest, awakening from their sleep, one after the other assembled around the little cottage. The squirrel came first hopping from branch to branch. Then came the marten running beside a wolf. Ending the procession was a bear advancing waveringly. There was also a ferret and a deer, in short, a marvelous multitude of inhabitants of the forest.

All of them surrounded the hut and greeted the fisherman: "We were sound asleep and we have dreamed that a princess has come through forest and thicket. We wish to see her."

"No, she is sleeping now and you should not wake her," he answered.

The animals beseeched him: "At least tell us if she is as beautiful as they say."

"Ah, big and little animals, she is so beautiful that the fish of the sea frisk to the shore when they see her; the eagle, high in the sky, pauses and listens to her voice when she speaks; and when she touches you, the most serious wound cease to cause you pain."

The squirrel spoke up: "While leaping in the fir trees, I pricked my nose and I'm suffering terribly."

The bear growled: "Your little nose will heal up. Such a hurt has no need of being touched, but I, oh how happy I would be just to look at her."

The fisherman pitied these poor animals. He opened the door a little and permitted them all, one after the other, to look at the princess.

The animals approached the hut on tiptoe. They shook their heads and clucked their tongues in wonder at seeing her hair as bright and shining as the rays of the sun. After that, all, the bear as well as the deer, lay down around the little cottage to watch over the princess. When the sun came up, they went into the forest. One came back with nuts, another with combs of honey, another with roots, and since they believed she might be afraid, they hid behind the bushes and trees and watched through the branches for the time when she arose from sleep.

On awakening the princess spoke: "I have been dreaming that I slept in the castle of my father and that a hundred soldiers stood guard over me."

The fisherman replied: "They were not soldiers, but all the animals of the forest that guarded you last

night."

As he spoke, the wolf and the marten, the squirrel and the deer, the big as well as the little, all the children of the forest, came out of their hiding places. Very discretely they appeared; too shy to approach closer they marvelled from afar and nudged each other saying: "Look, she eats the nut I gathered, the honey I found, the berries that I picked."

The bear said to her: "Mount my back, princess, I wish to carry you to the city."

She got on his back and clung to his fur and put her feet in the golden slippers against his ears.

So they began their journey through thicket and heather. The fisherman came on beside the princess. The squirrel leaped ahead and the wolf and marten formed the rear guard. Only the deer disturbed the order of procession. Overcome with joy, it could not contain itself and leaped unceasingly over raspberry bush and under hazelnut trees, while the grouse, balanced on branches, turned their necks, as if asking: "What passes here?"

Toward evening, they entered open country and saw a tower in the distance.

The bear let the princess down from his shoulders, saying: "We are afraid of the soldiers and their guns; we will go no further."

All the animals returned to the forest to hide in their dens.

The princess and the fisherman went on to the city and, thanks to her golden slippers, the people recognized her. They threw their hats into the air and acclaimed her so loudly that the roofs shook.

And when the king heard the news, he mounted his white steed and had a coach follow him to bring his daughter home. Everybody sang from dusk to dawn without forgetting to eat and drink, bringing out casks of mead from the wine-cellars of the monarch.

The fisherman was seated in a place of honor and when the feast was at an end, the king called him and said: "I will give you a bag of gold, so that you will return home a rich man with shining boots and ermine coat. You will not have to work any more and you will be able to lie in bed late and drink good wine."

"Your gold and treasures are of little importance to me if I must

leave. Give me work to do and I will be happy at your court."

The king employed him as gardener. He pruned the trees, dug the ground and that year the apple blossoms were so fragrant that they put to shame all those of former springs. The princess liked nothing better than to walk among the trees.

One day the fisherman said to her: "When you come here among the jasmine and the cherry trees, all the bees hum more sweetly."

And he spoke of the sea, the golden slipper and the animals of the forest.

But the king stopped their meetings under the blossoming fruit trees. He sent the young man to the stables to care for the many royal chargers. Then the coats of the chargers became bright. The young man carried the prancing horses until they shone. The princess took great pleasure in her carriage.

The young fisherman, while hitching up her chestnut horses, said gallantly: "I hope you are more comfortable in the carriage than on the back of the bear."

Then the king gave him orders to mount the top of the tower to see if the enemy was coming. Seven days and seven nights he watched there. At the dawn of the eighth day, he saw a troop of knights approaching the city. At their head rode a man with a red cloak and golden crown. His armour shone so in the sun as to dazzle the eyes of all.

The fisherman told the king: "I have seen a troop of knights. Is this the enemy?"

"No," said the king. "It is my neighbor who comes to ask the hand of my daughter."

The poor fisherman went to the garden and walked among the blooming pear trees. He saw the princess coming to him.

He spoke to her: "I have found you beautiful and neither the waves of the sea, nor its black depths have frightened me. I mounted the sharp edges of the cliff and left my parents and brothers and carried you in my arms through the forest and protected you against the wild animals and permitted them to serve you."

She was silent.
He spoke again: "What must I do to have you speak? Must I bring you a bird that sings differently? Must I go to the isle of the far seas to shear the sheep with the goldenfleece?"

She did not answer. She listened to the trumpets which sounded at the city gate. Then she returned to the castle. The sad, young fisherman sat down by the fountain. Later he walked into the orchard and bade goodby to the blossoming trees. Then he made his way to the stables to bid farewell to the chestnut horses.

He began his journey across fields and through swamps. The brambles tore his coat. The pebbles wounded his feet. The birds fluttered around and asked him why he looked so unhappy. In the forest, the bear looked at him with surprise and the squirrel was at a loss as to what to think, finally deciding to stand on his hind legs with his tail raised in a question mark.

The youth travelled on until he came to the seashore, where he remained all day and all night. When the morn came, it was stormy. The waves were high, leaping like wild steeds, casting their white foam against the rocky shore.

The gaze of the young fisherman followed the swirling sea until, suddenly, he caught a fleeting glimpse of a golden slipper gleaming at the bottom.

He leaped over the boulders into the waves and dived down and down, farther and farther. A little bird, a swallow, darted out. It circled bravely above the waves, breasting the gale over the spot where he had gone down.

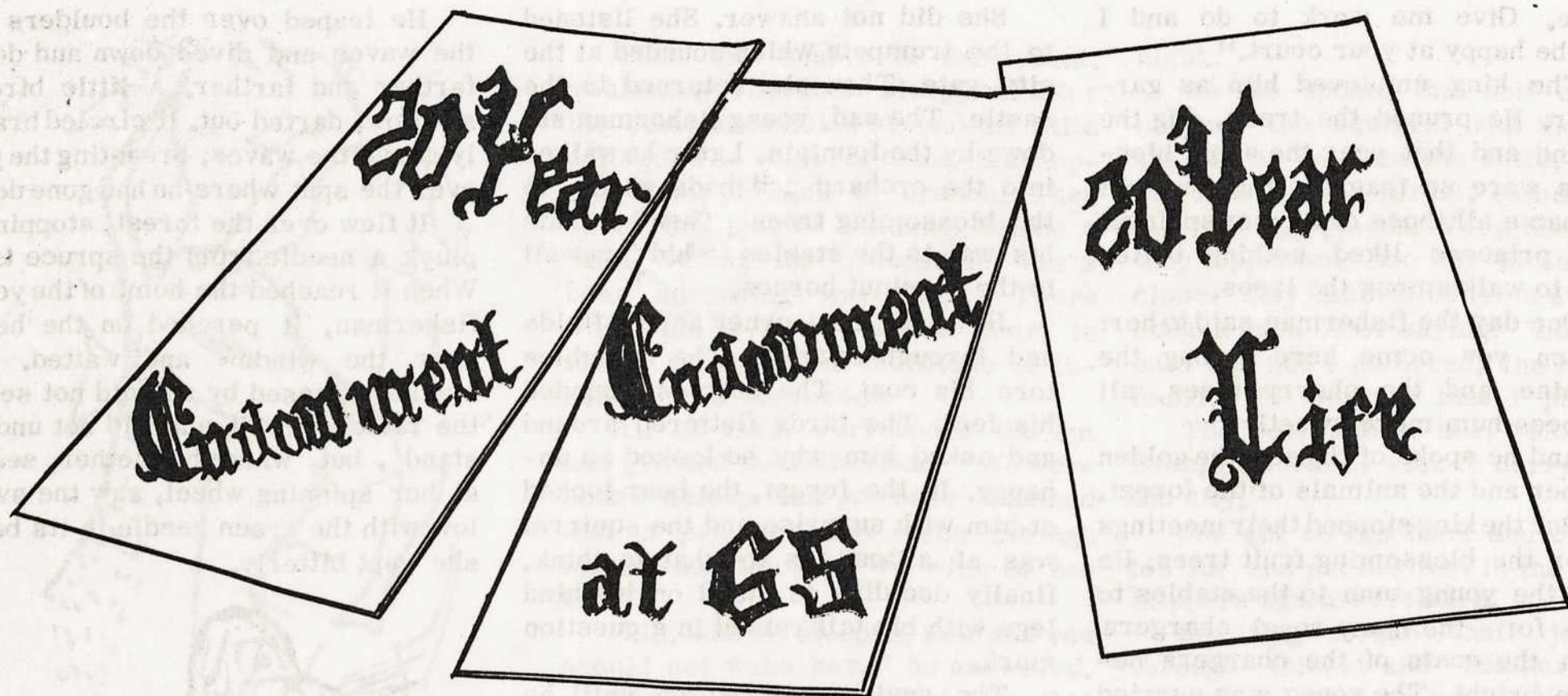
It flew over the forest, stopping to pluck a needle from the spruce tree. When it reached the home of the young fisherman, it perched on the hedge near the window and waited. The brothers passed by and did not see it, the father saw it and did not understand, but when the mother, seated at her spinning wheel, saw the swallow with the green needle in its beak, she wept bitterly.



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| May 30-31 | C-96, Dayton, Ohio, MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT |
| May 30 | C-116, So. Worcester, Mass., Spring Dance, Maironis Park |
| May 31 | C-3 Philadelphia, Pa., Picnic
C-17, So. Boston, Mass., Golden Jubilee Dinner Dance, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club. |
| Aug. 6-9 | NATIONAL CONVENTION, Chicago, Ill. |
| Aug. 16-22 | Junior's Camp, Manchester, Mich., Camp Dainava. |



THE LRCAA PLANS OF INSURANCE

BEST KIND OF LIFE INSURANCE

The best kind of life insurance is that which gives financial protection at the time of death of the insured member, and the kind which is not difficult to understand. It is one in which the premiums remain the same during the terms the insurance is in force. It is the kind of insurance that continues to build cash values with each year's premium paid, and one in which a member can borrow or make a loan against the cash value. These kind of insurance plans are offered by the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America to its members, in the form of "Paid-Up Insurance", in which values increase. Another surrender value option is "Extended Term Insurance." When insurance becomes fully paid-up it is monetary reserve or financial protection for the member's family.

TERM INSURANCE

Term Insurance provides protection for a specific period of time and

because of its low cost has no cash value or right to make a loan. It is issued for a specific number of years and must be renewed at the end of each period. At the time of renewal, the age of the insured is higher and, therefore, the premium is also higher. As one gets into the higher age bracket, the premium also goes higher.

TERM INSURANCE vs. PAID-UP INSURANCE

Whereas Term Insurance eventually runs out, "Life Paid-Up at Age 85" and "20 Payment Life" plans insure permanent protection. Endowment plans are also available in the Alliance which give life insurance protection and savings. However, on the maturity date, the insurance ceases when the endowment is paid.

With "Paid-Up life insurance," after paying for a limited payment period, the insurance is fully paid up. No further premiums are payable and the benefits are paid to the beneficiary at the time of death.

MAKING APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

There are two kinds of application forms; non-medical and medical. Application for life and endowment insurance may be made upon a non-medical application for amounts to \$5,000 to age 35 years and \$3,000 between ages 36 and 50 years, and \$2,000 between ages 41-45. All applications for higher amounts of insurance and applicants over age 45 years must be made on a medical application which requires a physical examination.

When an applicant is approved for membership a Membership Certificate is issued for the amount of life insurance benefit applied, and the new member is fully insured for the face value of the certificate from the date of issue, providing the first regular monthly dues have been received and accepted at the Home Office of the Alliance. After making payment of dues for a period of two full years, a member has the choice of one of the three following surrender value options (a) Cash Value, (b) Paid-Up

Insurance, (c) Extended Term Insurance.

TABLES OF VALUES

Tables of values appear in the certificate and are made part of the contract and are based on a life insurance benefit of \$1,000. If a certificate is issued for higher or lesser amounts, then the "Cash" and "Paid Up" values shall be changed proportionately. The Table for Extended Term Insurance is the same for any amount of life insurance.

ADULT AND JUVENILE CLASSES OF LIFE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE

LIFE PAID UP AT AGE 85.

This is life insurance at low cost and the "Life Paid Up at Age 85" has an advantage over Whole Life Insurance, because when a member reaches the anniversary nearest age 85 years it becomes paid up and further payment of dues cease.

20 YEARS PAYMENT LIFE

Dues are paid for 20 full years after which further payment of dues cease. If death occurs during the 20 year period, benefits are paid to the beneficiary named. When the certificate becomes fully paid up, it is retained by the member and the amount of life insurance is paid to the beneficiary at the time of death.

20 YEAR ENDOWMENT

This plan combines life insurance with savings. If the member dies within twenty years of the date of issue of the certificate, the face amount is paid to the beneficiary named. If payment of dues is made on the certificate for twenty full years the face amount is paid to the member on the maturity date, after which the life insurance benefits cease.

ENDOWMENT AT 65

This plan also combines life insurance with savings. If the member lives to the anniversary nearest age 65 years, the full face value of the certificate is paid in cash as an endowment, after which the life in-

surance will cease. If the member dies at any time before reaching the anniversary nearest age 65 years, the full face amount of the certificate is paid to the beneficiary named.

The "Endowment at Age 65" Certificate is offered for the purpose of having available a certificate which terminates at the social security retirement age at which time the full face amount of the certificate is paid in cash as an endowment.

ADDITIONAL ADULT BENEFITS

ADDITIONAL (DOUBLE) PROTECTION BENEFITS.

The Alliance has provided additional "Protection Benefits," in the form of Term Insurance, to applicants who apply for regular life insurance.

A "Supplemental Agreement" will be issued together with the regular membership certificate.

"Additional Protection Benefit" gives to the applicant the advantage of doubling his life insurance at a slight increase in dues over the regular rate. This benefit differs from Double Indemnity (Accidental Death) inasmuch as the additional benefit is payable together with the regular life insurance in the event of death from any cause during the 20 year term from date of issue of the regular membership certificate.

This additional protection is available to applicants from age 16 to 45 years and is to be issued concurrently with any regular life insurance certificate, "Twenty Year Endowment," "Twenty Payment Life," "Endowment at Age 65," or "Life Paid-Up at Age 85," but is limited to twenty years from date of issue, and not beyond age 65.

The rates are graded according to age and the same rate prevails regardless of the plan of life insurance.

Upon written request, the agreement may be converted at any time within ten years from date of issue by the Alliance. Any cash surrender value available under the agreement at the date of conversion shall be applied toward payment of the first contribution on the new certificate.

This additional protection is of particular interest to a family man, until his children become self-supporting or if he has purchased a new home on which there is a mort-

gage and needs additional low cost insurance. A member may continue it in force only as long as he feels his family's need for same of his circumstances require.

ILLUSTRATION OF VALUE OF DOUBLE PROTECTION BENEFITS

To better illustrate the value of "Double Protection Benefits," let us assume that a person age thirty (30) nearest birthday made application for life insurance benefits on the "20 Payment Life Plan" for \$1,000; the annual dues are \$34.94. For \$1,000 of additional benefits under the "Double Protection" plan, the additional payment is \$7.90 annually. If the member made payment of dues for the "Double Protection Benefits" for sixteen years, in that period he has paid a total of \$128.40 for same. If at that time he feels that he no longer needs the additional benefit because his family has grown up, or the mortgage on his property has been reduced to the extent of feeling satisfied that the interest of his family is safe; he may drop the annual payment of \$7.90 for the "Double Protection" and request the "Paid-Up Insurance Value". After Sixteen years it would be \$285.00 and during that time the member paid only \$128.40. In the event of death during the period of sixteen years, the beneficiary would have received the face value of \$1,000 on the "20 Payment Life Plan," plus an additional \$1,000 for the "Double Protection Benefit."

If the member decided to drop the "Double Protection" as per this illustration, he still would have the protection of the face value of \$1,000 for the "20 Payment Life Plan" plus the \$285.00, "Paid-Up Insurance Value." The same conditions prevail for other classes of insurance, excepting in the endowment classes. When endowment insurance reaches maturity date, the full endowment value of the certificate is paid to the member; and the "Paid-Up Insurance Value" is payable to the beneficiary at the member's death.

In the next issue of VYTIS additional supplemental benefits provided by the LRCAA life insurance plans will be discussed.

TYLUS VYČIŲ NAUJŲ NARIŲ VAJUS

Juozas Sadauskas

Kaip jau žinome, kad nūnai eina L. Vyčių org. naujų narių vėjus, bet apie jį mes mažai nežinome ir mažai teskaitome mūsų liet. spaudoje, nors vyčiams yra adari visi mūsų katalikiški laikraščiai, bet juose retai tegalima užtikti žinelių, prisimenant L. Vyčių org. reikalus, ypatingai, kuomet yra paskelbtas savos organizacijos naujų narių vėjus bei senjorų vyčių naujų skyrių organizavimas. Nors žinau, kad šiam darbui yra išrinkti tam tikri vadai, bet matyti, kad jie yra apsiėmę šį darbą, tačiau ne nuoširdžiai. Net centro valdybos nariai savo pareigas palieka kitiems - tegul kiti jomis rūpinasi. L. Vyčių org. visuotinas sėimas jau tik už kalnelio - mes jame suvažiuosime, bet ar mes turėsime vytiško džiaugsmo, tai jau kitas bus klausimas. Ir vėl rinksime organizacijai senus ir naujus vadus, kurių vieni dirbs vyčiams iš širdies, o kiti tik didžiulis, kad jie įėjo į centro valdybą.

Mums reikia daugiau Elenų Saulyčių, B. Kavadaraičių, Genovaičių Giedraitėčių, kurių darbai visiems yra matomi ir žinomi, tik gaila, kad nedaug iš mūsų jas pasekame. Labai apgailėtina, kad mūsų vyriausia vadovė - Elena Saulytė, turi daug nesmagumų su kai kuriais L. Vyčių org. centro valdybos nariais, kurie turi užėmę vietas, bet apie jų veikimą nė pati centro pirm. E. Saulytė nieko nežino, nors ji rašo jiems laškus, klausdama apie jų veiklą, bet atsakymo jokio nesulaukia. Kokį turės pasiaiškinimą vyčių seime toki valdybos nariai? Paimkime, kad ir tą pačią ritualų komisiją, kurią sudaro net trys nariai, kurie nesirūpina savo pareigomis ir tiesiog į prašymus bei reikalavimus jie nereaguoja, o nuo jų yra laukiama po tris ir keturis mėnesius nors kokios žinėlės.

Turime labai džiaugtis, kad mes vyčiai turime "Drauge" savo skyrių, kuri pirmiausiai redagavo Edvardas Sulaitis, Pr. Razminas, kuriedu buvo labai gerų norų ir visuomet buvo pasiruošę vyčiams ateiti į pagalbą, o nūnai ir vėl gavome naują redaktorę - vytės Emilijos Pakalniškienės asmenyje, kurios talentas jau pasireiškė užpereitos savaitės "Draugo" numeryje, kuriame tilpo net iš keturių kolonijų vyčių veiklos žinių. Mums reikėtų dažniau tokiomis žiniomis "Vyčių Veiklos" skyrių papuošti, kas daugiau patrauktų vyčių narius skaityti mūsų dienraštį "Draugą", bet ir senąją kartą, o juo labiau buvusius vyčių narius.

Šiame skyriuje teko užtikti žinių, kad kai kurie Chicago liet. dvasios vadai ir veikėjai yra pasiruošę atgaivinti L. Vyčių 8-tą kp., kuri kitados buvo viena iš didžiausių ir veikliausių kuopų visoje mūsų organizaci-

joje. Te Dievas juos lydi ir stiprina pasiekti jų užbrėžtą tikslą.

Atsimenu ir antrą L. Vyčių org. kp. - 14-6ą kp. Cicerioj, Ill., kuri irgi buvo pagarsėjusi visoje mūsų org., o ypatingai, kada L. Vyčių 14-tos kp. dvasios vadu buvo a.a. kun. Vaičiūnas, idealistas ir su kuriuo turėjau artimus vytiškus santykius. Juoba, nūnai toje pačioje parapijoje klebonauja prel. Ig. Albavičius, L. Vyčių org. garbės narys ir kuris kitas organizacijas gausiai paremia savo tėvišku nuoširdumu, bet linkui vyčių kuopos atgaivinimo savoje parapijoje, tai tėvelis dar jokio žodžio nėra išsireiškęs. O kaip būtų gražu ir garbinga, kad mūsų mielas tėvelis - prel. Ig. Albavičius, ateinančiame L. Vyčių org. visuotiname seime, kuris šiais metais įvyksta pačioje Chicagoje, bendrai dalyvautų su L. Vyčių 14-tos kp. delegatais ir svarstyty savos org. reikalus. Tėveli, pajudink vyčių apleistą žemę, o vaisius tikrai bus didelis.

Dar noriu priminti ir mūsų tautos šventąjį Kazimierą, kurio šventę, galima sakyti, tik viena L. Vyčių org. iškilmingai ir garbingai prisimena nors vieną kartą į metus - kovo 4 d. Ar daug mūsų tautiečių parodo pagarbos savo tautos ir visos Lietuvos globėjui - Sv. Kazimierui? Kiti mūsų broliai ir sesės nežino net kada Sv. Kazimiero šventė yra švenčiama, kad net ne visose lietuvių parapijų bažnyčiose yra prisimenama. Nė kiek neabejoju, kad jei airiai būtų prisiuntę tiek rezoliucijų šios šalies kongresui, kiek liet. jų turi prisiuntę, tai jau senai jos būtų užgirtos, nes pas airius yra didesnė vienybė ir jie yra didesni savo tautos patriotai.

Mums reikia daugiau bendrauti, daugiau draugautis, ir kiekvieną traukti prie lietuviybės, nes jei mes ir toliau tik sielosimės su vėliau atvykusiųjų liet. tėvų vaikais, tai lailaukui bėgant mes neteksime ne šimtų čia gimusio jaunimo, bet tūkstančių, nes išrodo, kad mes prie to ir einame. Pavyzdžiui, jeigu šiandien mes netektume L. Vyčių org., koks būtų didelis smūgis mūsų lietuviškai išeivijai? Imkime pavyzdį iš airių - jie turi vieną organizaciją - Kolumbo Vyčiai, kurie bene bus viena iš didžiausių ir turtingiausių org. visoje šalyje. Joje priklauso ir valdininkai, daktarai, profesoriai, advokatai, kunigai ir paprasčiausi darbininkai, bet pas mus to nėra, nes vienas galvoja esąs mokytojas, o kitas - ne ir t.t. Tai kodėl mes lietuviai katalikai negalime padaryti Lietuvos Vyčių org. panašią į Knights of Columbus, kuri mus visus atstovautų ir jungtų į vieną lietuvišką kūną ir sielą. Mes kime organizavę tuos mažus vienetus, o junkimės į esančias mūsų didžiasias organizacijas.



For your ADDED PLEASURE

PRE - CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

The convention starts on Thursday, but there's lots doing before then. How about a "Lithuanian-Luau?" The theme is Hawaiian, the food American, and the people Lithuanian, et al. Council 36 will host this two-day festival (Sat. and Sun.) at Union Pier, Michigan. Last year a song-fest followed the steak fry and voices of every pitch, tone, and range, joined in what turned out to be an amazingly harmonious rendition of Lithuanian songs. For those of us whose lack of knowledge of the lyrics was exceeded only by our ignorance of the melody of some of the songs, the sights and sounds were entertainment enough. The rules of the Luau do not include compulsory "sing-along" but only that the "luau-ers" enjoy themselves. "Humming-along" is not only allowed but encouraged, and when there's a song with a recurrent refrain the addition of halting, lisping, Lithuanian accents makes the song a memorable one if not for clarity then for hilarity; and let us not forget that a Luau, Lithuanian or otherwise, is an occasion for fun and companionship and not for choir practice.

Daytime activities for the Monday following the Luau are your choice. Would you like information about the fashion shows being held in Chicago? Ask us, find out what the "latest" look for the fashionable lady is, and is going to be, during this "latest" fashion season. For the sports-minded there will be baseball games and for those who love the "Sport of Kings" there will be races in the Chicago

area. Choose your sport; pick the pastime that suites you best and tell the convention committee. You'll be supplied with all the necessary information as to when the event is to take place, where it is to take place, and how to get there. Later, there will be a boat tour of the Chicago lake-front, during which you will see Navy Pier, half-university, half sea-port dock. You will see some of the trans-Atlantic marine vessels that have not only crossed an ocean on their way to Chicago, but have traversed the St. Lawrence seaway and the length of two lakes to bring their cargos to a fresh water sea-port 2000 miles inland from the nearest ocean. You will also see Buckingham fountain, an especially lovely sight when seen from a boat off-shore, illuminated by vari-colored lights.

On Tuesday, tour Chicago. See the sights for which it's known: State Street "that great street", a boulevard for buyers of any and every known type of merchandise; The Museum of Science and Industry where one can see man-made lightning, oneself on television, a coal mine, in short a museum in which the layman can see the inner working of science and industry in complete comfort and safety; The Adler Planetarium where the heavens are brought down to earth for inspection by its tenants. If the city's nights are too cloudy and hazy for inspection of the starry skies, the planetarium provides the viewer with a clear and cloudless panorama of suns, planets, and comets; The Museum of Natural History, where the first sight on entering the main room of the museum is two elephants apparently trumping a silent welcome. Here too you will see the room of precious gems, a room no woman should miss unless she is one of the fortunate few who has her own private collection. The Egyptian

rooms are both fascinating and a little frightening for those unaccustomed to the atmosphere of a tomb. A museum is not a place dedicated to the dead but rather to the living of the past.

Tuesday night more liveliness is injected into the program for early arrivals to the convention. There will be a tour of some of the more famous nightclubs in Chicago and later a visit to Chicago's famous "Old Town" - Chicago rejuvenated and not rebuilt, where you will see Chicago "as it was," skillfully blended with the Chicago that "is," with a dash of the Bohemian element, and a sprinkling of the particular influences of the different ethnic groups present in Chicago; and especially in "Old Town."

Wednesday you may tour the city with a view to visiting the Lithuanian colony in Chicago and seeing the contributions it has made. You will see its Churches, Maria High School, the Jesuit Youth Center, and many other such sights. In the evening there will be dinner and cocktails at Lithuanian Restaurants, and later Candlelite Bowling at the Wood-Mac Lanes. For those to whom Candlelite bowling is something as yet unheard of, the name itself should give some indication of the sport as it will be played. There will, however, be no candles but the only lights the bowlers will see will be the lights on the alley floors indicating the location of the pins. The bowlers do not aim for the pins, but for the lights.

On Thursday, before the convention formally begins, there will be a Splash Party at the Royal Hawaiian Swimming Pool, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. All conventioners are welcome to participate in all the pre-convention activities mentioned, so come early if you can, participate if you wish - we'll be expecting you.

A NATION'S FOLK ART IS DEPICTED BY ITS . . .

SCULPTURE

Jurgis Baltrusaitis, Ph.D.

The chapels and crosses shelter small deities, the "dievukai" and "rūpintojėliai". The Madonnas and the Christs, as well as the good popular Saints, take up their quarters under trees, appear in the "cages", hung in trees, conceal themselves in the "cabins". It is perhaps in this imagery in wood that the Lithuanian peasant has done his utmost. A religious art, though not an art of the church, this sculpture spread in spite of the periodical campaigns of the clergy. One iconoclastical crusade follows another, but the work of the "God makers", the "dievdirbis", does not cease. As late as in 1752, Bishop Tiskevicius of Zemaitija preached against this statuary. No doubt he invoked the same reasons as St. Bernard in his fight against the monsters of the Romanesque churches, excessive freedom of expression and rudeness of features. Such figures were denied benediction and their admission to sanctuaries was forbidden with only two exceptions, a crucifixion and a Christ. All the others populated the fields, the woods and the roads.

Such conflicts had a profound repercussion on the formation of this art. Driven out of the church popular sculpture cast off the fetters of convention and developed itself freely.

The subjects most frequently treated were borrowed from the Gospels and the Apocrypha, as well as from the lives of the Saints. The chief subject taken over from the Gospel was the cycle of the Passion: Pieta, the Virgin of the Seven Sorrows, Christ in a sitting posture or bearing the cross, the Crucifixion. The Pieta remained faithful to its canonical image; as in Western sculpture the Holy Virgin was represented



St. Joseph

with the Body of her Son on her knees. The figure of the Saviour is sometimes quite small in comparison with that of His mother, - He always has remained a child. The Virgin of the Seven Sorrows shows an immense heart pierced by seven flaming swords. The sitting Christ is represented as awaiting execution.

The Apocrypha furnished scenes from the education of the Virgin, and St. Joseph rocking the Holy Infant. Among the Saints St. George killing the Dragon takes first place, being the patron Saint of the Lithuanian peasant. Then follows St. Isidore, patron Saint of the agricultural labourer, with the angel at the plough. The iconography is in general correct. St. Catherine holds the wheel, St. Agatha the bread, St. John Nepomucene a crucifix and a branch. St. Rocco the pilgrim, followed by his dog, covers his crushed leg, St. Francis receives the stigmata. Nevertheless, certain details sound a particular note, the image of the Pieta is often blended with that of the Virgin of the Seven Sorrows and an aureole of stars surrounds the Mother of God, while two angels bearing chandeliers stand on each side. Sometimes she is represented with the crown of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania on her head. The sitting Christ, generally represented alone in Western sculpture, is here attended by two hieratic worshipping figures. According to Zėmaitic legend this is not a scene of the Passion, but represents Christ returned to earth after His resurrection. He is resting by the wayside and weeping over the misery of mankind. The Christ of Nazareth has a thick growth of hair, - a reminiscence of a much venerated statue brought from Italy to Vilnius in 1700, - on which the hair was be-



St. Isidore

lieved to have grown by a miracle. St. Rocco and St. Isidore, having arrived from abroad, wear bowler hats. St. Francis sometimes has a large spoon stuck in his belt. The bread of St. Agatha protects against fire. In case of fire, blessed bread is carried around the house. St. George is often represented wearing a helmet. It would be easy to multiply these examples.

It was not however these picturesque details which filled the representatives of the church with indignation, but much rather the form, the movement and the treatment of the subject.

Certain figures remind us of the images of the Greece of Homer. A rudely shaped trunk has a simple sphere for a head. On other faces a smile of Kozee is frozen. The

canon is often irregular, heads either too big or too small, hands sometimes enormous and sometimes atrophied, postures convulsed. It is here in these deformed bodies that the artist gives the measure of his power of expression. Certain heads, e.d., that of the sitting Christ submerged in the mass of his hair, his cheeks stained by gigantic drops of blood, or that of the crucified Christ displaying His large hands, His mouth like an open wound, His eyes scarcely visible, produce a dramatically violent impression. The features of such heads differ widely. Sometimes the heads are supported by long, thin necks, sometimes they are fixed immediately on the trunk with eyes wide open or closed and the mouths in a distorted grimace; they are supernatural and yet true. Other figures stiffen in inaccessible gravity like that flat and pale Virgin holding her dead son with the gestures of an automaton.

These figures however belong to two races: at the side of a tormented and monstrous mankind, we see a pastoral and peaceful mankind. There the Saints are peasants, round-cheeked with salient cheekbones and big astonished eyes. This is a homely world. The Pieta is no longer an insensible idol, but a peasant woman who is bending over her son. She is surrounded not by angels, but by winged choirboys. Often she looks like a timid shepherdess hidden behind a fan formed by swords. Such statues are full of good nature and joviality and they are perhaps still more pathetic than the supernatural beings with their exaggerated features. The episodes there are not scenes of family life, an atmosphere of misery still persists. The little angel who, with courageous hands, seizes the handle of the plough, resembles a troll in a fairytale. The tale is often told with an epic simplicity, and love of detail does not affect the great lines. Quizical observations assume a new meaning. A miracle performed by a saint dressed like a village curate seems to be all the more marvelous. Provided with symbolic attributes such as bread, tools etc., these peasants with the resigned features of the wise and the humble ones, are given the wings of angels and enter into legend.

Such are the principal aspects of this sculpture. At the same time

deities and toys, real and fabulous, but seldom indifferent, these little statuettes carved in wood affect or terrify us. The reason of the hostility of the clergy in the era of Classicism and afterwards, when countryside churches favored mass production of statues, is easily comprehensible.

The composition and execution of these statues are very varied. We find there all the stages of an evolution which extends from archaism to sophisticated refinement. Forms preserved in the rites of craftsmanship, though wide apart in time, meet again on the same objects and are applied in the same workshop. Rigorous geometry, monumental distribution of the masses and the colorful play of agitated surfaces contradict and complete each other.

(To be continued)

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St. Cecilia

OFFICIAL NEWS

The Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council submits the following resolutions for consideration by the delegates of the 51st National Convention. Inasmuch as they are amendments or changes of the constitution, we hereby publish them in the VYTIS in accordance with Article LX, section 13.

1. Article XIV, section 1, which reads as follows: "The council holds its meeting at least once a month"
Be changed to:
"An active council must have a minimum of ten active members, elect officers annually and hold meetings regularly."
2. Article XIV - Addition of section 10 - to read as follows:
"Election of council officers must be held in September or October."

(This resolution is presented with the hope of conforming with the National and District elections.)

The Illinois- Indiana District of the Knights of Lithuania submits the following resolution for consideration by the delegates of the 51st National Convention:

"Be it resolved, that Roman-Catholic non-Lithuanian spouses be eligible to join the Knights of Lithuania as full members with all privileges, on the council level only."

Conferences scheduled for the 51st National Convention are as follows:

1. CATHOLIC ACTION
 - (a) What comprises Catholic Action
 - (b) The importance of it
 - (c) How to promote it in our councils
2. PROGRAMMING:
 - (a) The ideal council
 - (b) Activities geared to the members interests
 - (c) Importance of planning a program
3. PRESERVATION OF THE LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE, CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS
 - (a) Why it is necessary
 - (b) Ways and means of preservation
 - (c) How to acquaint others with our cultural heritage
4. JUNIORS
 - (a) The Juniors Program
 - (b) Their achievements
 - (c) The Counselor's Experiences

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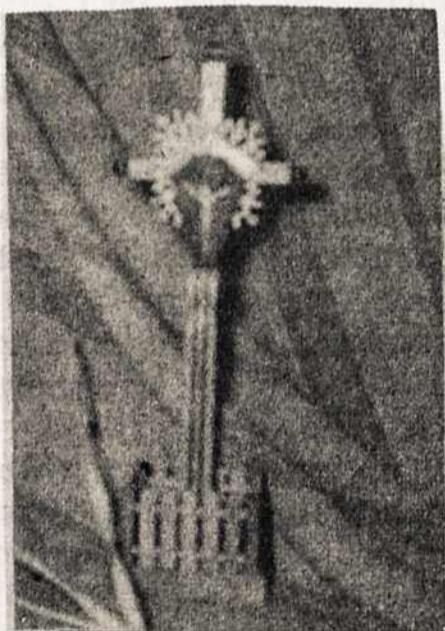
MEMBERSHIP CONTEST WINNERS

The Junior Membership Contest held during February and March was indeed a success! Several councils increased in membership during this period and several other groups - although not entered in the contest itself - added members in April. Junior Council #116 of South Worcester re-organized under the direction of Miss Dorothy Sinkavitch and the Board of Officers. A great big "ačiu" is extended to all who participated; and congratulations are extended to the winners:

Mid-Central District - Junior Council #96, Dayton Ohio;

New England District - Junior Council # 116, South Worcester, Mass.

New York-New Jersey District - Junior Council #90 - Kearny, N.J.



The prize - a lovely hand-carved Lithuanian Way-side Cross - was presented along with a short story of wayside crosses to each of the winning councils. The Dayton Juniors received their prize via the mails as a result of the cancelation of the Mid-Central Rally while the New England and New York-New Jersey winners were presented their awards at their respective rallies. Junior Council #90 of Kearny topped all councils entered with a total of 24 points resulting from enrollment of 11 new members and 2 re-instated members. The group had also signed up 15 members in January previous to the contest dates. An added applause is given to the Kearny Juniors, under the guidance of Counselor Anne Klem and Advisor Rev. A. Zemeikis for this outstanding record.

NEW OFFICERS

Council # 30 Juniors who meet on the Monday following the first Tuesday of every month at St. Casimir's Church in Westfield, Massachusetts recently elected the following officers:

Pres. Raymond Duda; V.Pres. Ann Marie Kucharski; Secr. Carol Bernadicius; Treas. Carolyn Bernadicius; Sp. Adv. Rev. Vincent Puidokas; and Adult Counselors - Joseph Sabonis Sr., Francis Bernadicius.

The Juniors at Council #52 in Elizabeth, New Jersey meet twice a month at St. Peter and Paul School. Officers are:

Pres. Lorraine Kavaliauskas; V. Pres. Mary Ann Degutis; Secr. Judith Savonis; Treas. Jeanette Gwaldis; Rev. V. Karalevicius and Ann Mitchell are advisors.

Dayton Junior Council # 96 meets at the Holy Cross Church Basement Hall in Dayton, Ohio on Sunday afternoons. Recent elections resulted in these officers:

Pres. Donna Cernevicius; V. Pres. Dennis Norreikas; Secr. Laura Mayauskas; Treas. Jerry Scott. Rev. Titas Narbutas and Frances Vangas assist the Juniors in activities.

Council # 100 Juniors at Amsterdam New York meet at St. Casimir's Parish House in that city. Officers for this year are:

Pres. Paul Gavry; V. Pres. Cynthia Jasper; Secr. Christine Piliponis, Treas. Joseph Ukeritis. Spiritual Advisors are Rev. Robert K. Baltch and Sister M. Annunciata.

Recently re-organized Council #116 Juniors of South Worcester meet the second Monday of each month at the K of L Clubrooms at Our Lady of Vilna Church. New officers are:

Pres. John Savage; V. Pres. Irene Kudarauskas; Secr. Patricia Andruski; Treas. Nancy Miller. Spiritual Advisor is Rev. Albin Yankauskas and Counselors are Dorothy Sinkavitch and Al Krasinskas.

JUNIOR RALLIES

A sincere thank you is extended to the Council #102 Juniors of Detroit for their untiring efforts in planning and organizing the Mid-Central Junior Rally which was scheduled for April 5th. The rally was however, canceled because not enough of the area Juniors replied to requests and inquiries for reservations. This was indeed most unfortunate for the #102 Juniors had had a well planned program of activities arranged. It is sincerely hoped that a Rally can be arranged in the future in this area at a date and place convenient to all Junior groups. At the date of this printing, two other rallies are in the final stages of planning. Progress on the Brockton and Maspeth Rallies is reported very good. A full report of both events will appear in the June issue.

NEWS NEEDED

News of Junior activity, photos, announcements etc. is always accepted. Send items to Bernice Kavadaras, P.O. Box 471, West Falmouth, Mass. They will be forwarded to VYTIS and this Junior Column.



Miss Camilla Bereckis instructs Ill.-Ind. Distr. Juniors in art crafts.



Ill. - Ind. Distr. Juniors folk dancing.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR COUNCIL 30

Reported by Carol Bernadicius

All the members wish our new president, Ray Duda, success in his reign during 1964.

The most outstanding event, thus far, was the snow party on Feb. at Congamond Lake. It was actually a snowstorm party, for it took place during a blizzard and many members walked for miles to get to it when transportation was impossible. Tobogganning and sliding were enjoyed by all. Our counselors, Mr. Joseph Sabonis and Mrs. Francis Bernadicius, provided the transportation, and hamburgers and hot-dogs were deliciously served by Mrs. John Kucharski and Mrs. John Tarnauskas.

The following week on Feb. 23, our fund raising started with a food sale which consisted of an enthusiastic committee: Ray Duda, Joe Sabonis, Carol Bernadicius, Gloria Woods, and Paul Zinkievich, who was responsible for the production of a beautiful poster announcing this event.

Our membership drive has produced the following: John and Rosemarie Fisher, Kathy Kucharski, Judy Tarnauskas and Paul Zinkievich. Our welcome is extended to them!

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT JUNIORS

Officers of the newly organized Illinois & Indiana District Juniors are: co-presidents - William Janas, Judith Yocius; co-vice-pres. - Vytautas Gusaras, Laura Micka; secretary - Denise Jocius; treasurer - Christine Yocius; Sgt. at Arms - Joseph Guszczko, Robert Yuknis.

The Juniors are sponsoring a "CARD & BUNCO PARTY" May 17th at 2:30 P.M. in the K of L Hall to help raise funds for the year.

Although the Ill. & Ind. District juniors were just recently organized they have already performed twice singing and dancing. Their next performance will be at the Vaikų Dainų Sventė, May 24th in which all the junior groups of the Chicago area participate.

The Ill & Ind Juniors have been very busy not only learning how to sing and dance but also how to make Easter baskets and Easter animals for the Easter season. In the next few months the girls will be learning how to embroider interesting patterns, instructed by Theresa Federovic, and the boys will learn wood crafts, instructed by John Maluska and Al Plenaitis; Painting will be taught by Camilla Bereckis; Arts, Art Crafts and Dancing is instructed by Cecilia Matul and Helen Pius, Lithuanian History and Folk Fables are told and instructed by Johanna Jakunas. Singing, dancing and junior coordinator Genevieve Giedraitis is very grateful to all for their wonderful help and work.



Junior Council 10, Athol, Mass. Spiritual Advisor Rev. John C. Jutt pictured in center.

JUNIOR COUNCIL 116

by Irene Adamaitis

"Hear ye! Hear ye! Go places and do things! Join the Junior K of L." That was the clarion call issued by Dottie Sinkavitch and Al Krasinskas. "We'll take you places and cooperate with you 100 per cent." That's all we needed - a promise to be taken places - and a dozen young "ladies" and two stalwart young "knights" showed up at the roundtable for the first meeting in the club-rooms the second Monday in March. It was at this meeting that we elected officers and officially re-organized.

The first function we were invited to attend was the K of L's annual St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast in the church hall, which was held on Sunday, March 8th, after 9:30 A.M. Mass. Even though I was the only Junior present, I enjoyed it tremendously and felt proud to be part of the K of L. John Kokernak presented a film on the World's Fair which was so interesting that I feel most of us want to go as soon as arrangements can be made.

They told us we'd go places and see things, so the next affair was a theater party at the Capitol Theatre to see "The Cardinal" on Sunday, March 15th. Four or five of us Juniors went with the K of L regulars, which included Father Yankauskas, and I think everybody enjoyed the movie.

On Saturday, March 21st, practically the whole membership of the Juniors showed up at the church around 7:00 P.M. for a bowling party at the Town and Country Bowl in Shrewsbury, arranged by Nancy Miller. Al Krasinskas, Dottie Sinkavich, and Rita Skamrock volunteered to chauffeur us and I wonder if they'll ever want to do so again after that experience!

It was a gay, exuberant young crowd out for a good time and we had fun bowling that Saturday night. I don't think anybody worried too much about the scores, including our two "knights", John Savage and Randy Bar-kus. After bowling, everybody wanted to go for a snack and, of course, the liveliest place in town is the Highland Street Friendly's. That place was certainly "jumping" - it was so crowded that some of us couldn't get waited on, so Pat and Jean Andruski, Carleen Rahonen, Marjorie Savage and I walked a few doors away to a pizza place and shared a delicious pizza, while the others were still waiting to be served in the crowded ice cream parlor. If Al, Dottie, and Rita ever take us anywhere again, we'll know that they have a lot of patience and weren't too discouraged after that first time.

At our next meeting in April, we'll make final plans to attend the Junior Rally at Brockton, on Sunday, April 19th, sponsored by South Boston. We're looking forward to it, as we have fond memories of the wonderful time we had last year when Bernice Kavadaras took three of us to Athol, where Father Jutt and his group treated us to some good, old-fashioned Lithuanian hospitality.

We hope more young "knights" will join our group - perhaps if the young "ladies" serve good refreshments at the meetings, they'll get the message and attend our functions. Pat Andruski and Ruth Raciukaitis are on tap to bring in the "goodies" for our April meeting, so let's advertise and maybe we'll get more to join our group, which has certainly been "on the go" since it was formed a short month ago.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The '64 convention will be held in the beautiful Chicago-Sheraton Hotel right on Michigan Boulevard with a sweeping view of Lake Michigan Some of the conveniences of the hotel include free parking and swimming in the Olympic-sized indoor pool - on the 16th floor The Chicago-Sheraton is the home of the famous Kon-Tiki Ports Restaurants with the exotic foods and colors of Papeete, Macao, Saigon, and Singapore Joe's

. . . Registration fee for the convention will be \$30.00. This year transportation for all convention activities is included in the registration fee. . . .

. . . Have you taken a look at the schedule of pre-convention activities for those who decide to arrive early? A highlight of the preconvention activities for those coming early is the tour of Lithuanian cultural sites in Chicago

. . . We plan a red carpet treatment for all attending the convention and so, if anyone has any problems concerning maps, rides to the hotel on arriving, etc., contact Al Raubiskis, 5556 S. Albany, Chicago or Helen Zimmer, 1840 W. Wabansia, Chicago

. . . Anyone have any old pictures of K of L Activities? If you do, send them to Joan Jakunas, 4357 S. Washenaw, Chicago. They will be used for a special K of L exhibit which will be displayed at the convention. . . .

. . . The Illinois - Indiana District Juniors are inviting other K of L Juniors to attend the convention

. . . A light, very enjoyable, concert is being planned for the convention, further details about this and a list of Junior activities will be in next month's VYTIS

. . . Fashions for the convention will also be featured in an article in the next issue of VYTIS.

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK

The Illinois-Indiana District deems it a great honor and privilege to host the Knights of Lithuania 51st National Convention, August 6-9, during our Golden Jubilee year of 1964.

The tremendous physical task of planning for a successful convention has been in progress for the past several months. To add to the success of the convention, we are in need of your generous financial support of the program book.

Ads, Sponsors, Patrons, and Well-Wishers from local businessmen will be greatly appreciated and are now being accepted along with those from members and friends of the K of L. Rates are as follows:

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

The annual Communion-breakfast of the N.Y.-N.J. District took place on Mar. 8. The event marked the observance of the feast of our patron, St. Casimir.

High Mass was celebrated in Holy Trinity Church, Newark. The celebrant was the Rev. Peter Totoraitis, spiritual director of C-29 Newark, who were hosts for that day. The St. Cecilia Choir under the direction of Clement Bagdonavicius sang during Mass. Rev. Totoraitis delivered an excellent sermon on St. Casimir. He also congratulated the Knights for their fine turnout, which was an edifying demonstration of Faith and Catholic Action. It was truly a moving sight.

At the conclusion of Mass there was a prayer offered to St. Casimir by Rev. Totoraitis and the singing of the Knights of Lithuania Hymn. This was followed by a procession from Church to the Lithuanian Wayside Cross, where flowers were placed and a prayer recited by our spiritual director.

At St. George's Hall, where breakfast was served, toastmaster was Jack J. Stukas. The invocation was offered by Rev. Edward C. Higgins of Seton Hall Prep, South Orange, N.J. Father Higgins was guest speaker at breakfast. Kazys Sipaila, president of C-29 welcomed district members and guests. Awards were given for outstanding work during the year to Walter Svekla of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mary Stonis of Newark. Presentations were made by Jack Stukas and Agnes V. Timmins, who had received previous citations. The morning activity was brought to a close with a prayer by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Ignatius Kelmelis, pastor of Holy Trinity Church.

In the afternoon at the same hall (St. George's) there was a district meeting, which was called to order by president, Dorothy Dutkus, who said the opening prayers. Greetings on behalf of C-29 were given by president Kazys Sipaila and national president Helen Shields, who spoke on behalf of the Supreme Council. A report of the meeting held in December at Philadelphia, Pa., was given by secretary Kazys Strolis. The Mandate Committee reported that 8 councils were represented. Also on hand were members of Junior groups of Newark and Kearny. Reports were given by executive board members. Ann Klem gave a report on Junior Activity and dwelt on the Junior Rally, which was held in Maspeth, N.Y. on Sunday Apr. 26. The District gave a donation of \$25 towards the event.

A report on sports activities was given by Anthony Mankus. He also announced that a chess group was being organized.

Jack Stukas spoke on the Scholarship fund. As to cultural activity, it was shown that the Knights of Lithuania History books had been presented to libraries in Paterson and Bayonne, N.J.

Great Neck, N.Y. C-109 was highly commended for their Lithuanian cultural program, which they presented on February 14th, as part of the Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration, and they received high praise from non-Lithuanians for their having presented that program.

Nominations for posts on the executive board took place. Further nominations will take place at the yearly convention in June, which will be held in Brooklyn, N.Y. The date will be announced shortly.

A very interesting talk pertaining to ancient Lithuanian customs that pertained to religion was given by Rev. Alfred Zemeikis of Kearny, N.J.

Resolutions were adopted asking Congress to add an amendment to the United States Constitution which would restore bible reading and prayer in public schools. Another resolution dealt with a request that the motto "In God we Trust" be kept on all coins issued by U.S. treasury. There is a movement to take the inscription off all money and coins.

A rosary chain prayer was sent to the family of the late Professor Antanas Trimakas. One also was sent to Rev. John Scharnus, pastor of St. Ann's Church, whose mother passed on to her reward on Mar. 7. Our sympathy and condolences are offered also to Jack Remeika and Joseph Zwingil both of Newark C-29, on the passing of their mothers. Jack Remeika is vice president of C-29.

The meeting was brought to a close with a prayer by Rev. Peter Zemeikis.

Notes off the Cuff:

The turnout on Mar. 8th was one of the best in some time, both at breakfast and the afternoon session. C.29 Juniors also made a nice showing. The procession to the Church and hall was led by the color guard of the Lithuanian-American veterans post. Guest speaker, the Rev. Edward C. Higgins, created a very favorable impression on all by a good morning greeting in Lithuanian. He dwelt on the psychological effects of confession and what it means to each and every Catholic. Truly, as he went on with his oration you could have heard a pin drop. It was a discourse from which one and all surely derived great benefit and consolation.

Another talker who left a deep impression was Marine Engineer, Juozas Miklovas, who created world wide attention by escaping from behind the Iron Curtain and traveling on the high seas on a trawler before he was rescued. His talk on Lithuanian youth their trials and tribulations was one

that will be remembered for a long time. Besides those already mentioned, the following were seated at the main table at breakfast: honorary members Frank Vaskas and Ann Mitchell; Al Wesley-Vasiliauskas, former Supreme Council president; Mildred Grinevicius; Joseph Matchinkas (a surprise visitor in our midst. Joe has been living in Texas for the past 8 years) and the Rev. Totoraitis.

Second degree rituals were given to Eva Coll and Mary Stonis; first degrees went to Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Lelashus and Rev. Totoraitis. Serving as the examining board were Frank Vaskas, Kazys Strolis, Peter Podgalsky and Jack Stukas. Third degree rituals were put off to a future date. The commemoration was given fine coverage in the Newark News and The Advocate, official organ of the Newark Archdiocese.

Dorothy Dutkus spoke on the drive for funds for the Lithuanian Wayside Cross being erected at the New York World's Fair. The Newark Juniors donated ten dollars towards the fund. Let's hope that others follow the youngsters' example and contribute.

Don't forget to enter the following dates on the K of L calendar of events: Picnic on Sunday May 31 under the sponsorship of C.3 Philadelphia, and a dinner-dance by the following councils: Newark Oct. 3.; Linden, Oct. 17; and Harrison - Kearny, Nov. 15.

We wish at this time to express our sincere thanks to Newark C-29 for a most enjoyable time while in their midst on Mar. 8.

Newark, N.J., C-29 The Wanderer

The Council Executive Board was sworn in at the March meeting. A report of the district gathering held in our city (Newark) on Mar. 8 was given by Mary Stonis. We have donated \$35 towards the fund being raised for erection of the Lithuanian Wayside Cross at the World's Fair. We hope everyone puts their shoulders to the wheel and makes the drive a rousing success.

It is time for all of us to look around and see who is qualified for candidacy for the Knights of Lithuania scholarship award. All material should be in the hands of the committee by June. The winner or winners will be announced at the 51st

national convention in Chicago Aug. 5-9.

The annual dinner-dance of C-29 will take place on Saturday Oct. 3 at St. George's Hall, 180 New York Ave.

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences are extended to Council vice president, Jack Remeika on the death of his mother . . . Condolences also to Mrs. Mary Putinas on the loss of her husband, Mykolas. C-29 is having Masses said for the deceased.

Our congratulations are extended to council member Christina Korbet, who was united in marriage with Casimir Yakavonis of Brockton, Mass., on April 4th., in Holy Trinity Church, Newark. The reception took place at St. George's Hall . . . Our congratulations are extended to two of our members who were elected to the executive board of St. George's Society: Eva Sharon was elected president and our council president Kazys Sipaila vice president.

Amsterdam, N.Y., C-100

Smile & Sparkle

Three countries were represented at our annual K of L Communion brunch which was held at Adolph's on March 8. Our guest speakers were Rev. Stanley Kulbis, Montreal, Canada and John Gaidimauskas, an engineer from Buenos Aires, Argentina. John is here on a special engineering program at the General Electric Company in Schenectady, N.Y. The guests spoke on their respective countries.

Congressman Samuel S. Stratton's letter and his speech on the floor of the House of Representatives regarding the 46th anniversary of Lithuania's independence was read by the Rev. Robert K. Baltch.

Attorney Anthony C. Stokna acted as Master of ceremonies.

Besides the guest speakers, those present were: Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Atty. A.C. Stokna and wife, Edna, Prof. Irene Wood, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Charles and Sadie Karbus, Margaret Boccio, Gene Gobis, Josephine Nikstinas, Sophie Olbie, Eleanor V. Stakauskas, Anna Yunker, Eleanor and Edward Baranauskas, John Gerutis, Matthew Kazlauskas, and William McCune.

The slate of officers for the coming term is: President - John Gerutis; vice president - Gene Gobis; secretary - Eleanor Stakauskas; treasurer - Sadie Karbus; financial secretary - Aldona Abeling, spiritual adviser - Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Sgt.-at arms - Prof. Joseph Olsauskas; Vytis Correspondent - Gene Gobis; ritual committee chairman - Atty. A.C. Stokna; Lithuanian affairs chairman - Edward Baranauskas; Cultural committee chairman - Prof. Irene Wood.

One more member of Sophie Olbie's family has tied the knot on Apr. 25; son Jim married Patricia Majewski.

We miss Pauline Urban, Matt Orante, and Sophie Olbie at our meetings! Let's all attend the next gathering.

MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich., C-79

A delightful social was prepared for our April meeting by our hostesses: Mrs. P. Medonis, Mrs. A. Salas, and Mrs. M. Salas. The highlight of the meeting was an interesting and enlightening explanation and demonstration on the construction of a violin, by our master craftsman, Mr. Peter Medonis, who has won many prizes at the Detroit Golden Agers craft exhibition.

at Manchester, Mich., we have the privilege to vote on the management of the camp. Members are urged to make visits to this beautiful Lithuanian camp and to remember that Aug. 16 to 22 is Junior K of L summer camp.

Our K of L bowling league held an election of officers for next year, and the following were elected: President, Frank Petroski; vice president, Wm. Juodawlakis; secretary, Lillian Stepan; treasurer, Joseph Guerriero; Our K of L Bowling League is on a co-participation basis with our other Detroit councils. This has made for one of the most formidable mixed team leagues, where 200 games are tossed around like cigarette butts. The new officers are making plans for another big season, of an 18 team league. A bus has been chartered to

take our bowlers to Dayton for the Mid - Central Bowling Tournament, and we hope to see many of our other K of L friends.

A goodly number of Lithuanians are taking advantage of the Detroit Downtown Public Library Lithuanian section, which contains over 800 books, to be enlightened on our parent land, its customs and traditions.

We offer our heartfelt sorrow to Mrs. Mary Rusas and Mrs. Barbara Sockel on the loss of their beloved mothers.

Bertha Janus, we have missed you, we hope that your recovery from major surgery will be speedy. Also, we wish a speedy recovery and best of health to Agatha Joy, Frank Mickey, and Vincento Marozas, who have been hospitalized recently.

Congratulations to our future K of L'er, that sweet little girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown.

We received a pleasant note from Mrs. J. Kennedy, thanking our council for its gift to the Lady of Siluva Chapel, as a living memory of the late President, John F. Kennedy.

Dayton, Ohio, C-96 Elinor

Much has happened in Dayton since last you heard from us. First and the most important, is the complete remodeling of our church. The entire motif is to be reminiscent of Lithuania, from our stained glass windows of Wayside Shrines to the Panorama behind the main altar of "The Hill of Crosses".

In January we had our annual election of officers in an unusual way. First event of the evening took place at the residence of John and Anne Scott who served Hors d'oeuvres and Cocktails to approximately 55 of our members. After this the Council hosted its members to a Dinner at Howard Johnsons after which we had the election of officers. This affair was such a resounding success we feel it might well become an annual occasion. Thanks to all who helped and especially to Anne Scott our outgoing President and her husband John. To our new slate of officers and our President Stan Kavy at the helm, we say "Good Luck" in '64. To the rest of the members we add "Let's help them in '64".



C-112 Easter Dance Committee (l. to r.) Chairman Andy Yuknis, Monica Kasper, Al Raubiskis, Julie Zarkarka and Betty Bozec.

After much social whirl over the holidays. . . and the weddings of Anne Sinkawitz and Jos. Boeke; Eileen Pietrzak and Bill Koneffle, we welcome the quiet relief of Retreats at the Dominican Retreat House for the women and the Trappist Monastery in Ky. for the men. Those who are making these retreats are: Pat Zelinskas, Elinor Sluzas, Rita Ambrose, Elaine Lucas and Judy Petrokas. The men who went over Palm Sunday weekend were - Frank Ambrose, Jim Richey, Ted Sluzas, George Mikalauskas, Mike Petkus and Louie Prasmantas. Let's try to bring a friend along next year so that we can double this amount.

Palm Sunday we held our Annual Bake sale, which of course was a success since it was chairmaned by Mary Lucas. . . incidentally Mary is now a "Grandma", since daughter Marilyn presented her with a Grandson. Congratulations to Mama and Papa Grant and Grandma Mary too.

Since we are handing out bouquets . . . let's give a few to the following members - Kitty Prasmantas and Fran Petkus who are responsible in getting our our Newsletter each month . . . Johnny Goldick and Frank Ambrose who handle our Sunday Bowling League. . . Mary Ann Blum and Pat Zelinskas who teach Sunday School to our children every Sunday. . . Our Telephone squad, Mary Ann Blum, Eleanore Mantz, Ada Sinkwitz, Fran Petkus, Joan Kavalauskas and Ida Kavy. . . those ever faithful gals who have to constantly remind us of special events. This is just the beginning. In the months to come, we'll try to give special recognition to our many members who have contributed so much, not just to the Knights of Li-

thuania but are working members of our parish.

The MID-CENTRAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT . . . May 30 and 31st.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

Chicago, Ill., C-112 112 Inquirer

After a most successful February Council meeting, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a "Fey". In addition to the all-green refreshments plus dancing, our talented duo (Pete Gagle and Al Shulicke) presented a skit with the songs of Ireland sung in Lithuanian.

It was "Men's Day" at the recent District Ritual Presentation as Al Svirmickas, Al Shulicke, Tony Sereika and Vladas Paliulionis received their 1st Degrees and Al Matulis and John Aksys, their Second.

Not heeding the Christmas-like snow storm, many K of L'ers and friends attended our Annual Easter Dance at the K of L Bldg. Chairman Andy Yuknis, his wife, Dolores and the committee did a wonderful job with the arrangements. Prize winners were all of C-36: Joan Jakunas, Loretta Kassel and John Maluska.

Welcome to new members -Dr. and Eve Jerome, Alphonse and Julie Ann Petraitis, Bernard Pauksta and Frank Savickas.

Jim and Millie Jagiella have a new addition to their family - a sweet little baby girl!

Congratulations to the Marian.

Fathers who celebrated their Golden Jubilee with a Banquet at the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House. Council members Judge Alfonse Wells, Dr. Joseph Jerome and Eleanore Laurin, served on the committee as Speaker, M.C., and Exec. Secy., respectively.

Also, belated best wishes to Joseph Gribauskas, a most generous K of L friend, who recently celebrated his Silver Anniversary with the St. Anthony & Loan Association.

May Birthday Greetings to Jim Jagiella, Alice Cekanor, Len Shemaitis, Don Petkus and Dominick Yocius.

Random Notes! Why is it that our Council "Als" often do things together. Dagis, Raubiskis and Shulicke (all Als) recently made employment changes. Good luck in your new positions!

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Knights of Lithuania members in Worcester came out in true K of L spirit on Sunday, Mar. 8th for their annual observances in honor of our patron saint, St. Casimir.



William Grigas, C-26 Pres., acts as M.C. at St. Casimir Day brunch



C.26 Breakfast Committee greet Rt. Rev. Msgr. David Harrington, guest speaker. L. to r. Carol Grigas, Msgr. Harrington, Joseph Drumstas (chairman), and Eleanor Anusauskas.

At St. Casimir's Church members of C-26 attended the 10:15 Mass and received Communion in corpore. This was followed by a brunch in the Church Hall highlighted by a most interesting and inspiring talk by Rt. Rev. Msgr. David Harrington - Director of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Worcester. Msgr. Harrington spoke on the work of the Diocese in charity and of its work with exceptional children and problem-adults.

At Our Lady of Vilna Church, members of C-116 also gathered for Mass and Communion in corpore at 9:30. Highlight of the mass was the performance of the K of L C-116 choir. A full-course breakfast followed - chaired by Mrs. Dorothy March. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Constantine A. Vasys, Pastor, and Honorary Member was in attendance at the head table, and was presented a gift by the council. Guest speaker was John Kokernak - husband of the former Ann Matachinskis - and member of C-116. Mr. Kokernak spoke on the World's Fair and showed a color movie previewing the Fair. Mr. Kokernak was recently appointed manager of the new Seren Hills Plaza Branch of the Worcester County National Bank and is active in sports and social activities with Council 116.

So, Worcester, Mass., C-116

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Our "Holiday Hop" is to be held at Maironis Park, in Shrewsbury, on May 30, music by Bob Zinkus. We hope to see all our friends from neighboring Councils. We guarantee the music of Bob Zinkus will keep you hopping to the wee hours and to a memorable evening.

Spring is in the air! Our girls are getting prepared - for golf, of course - Dot Sinkavitch received golf-balls for her birthday. . . Barbara Mazeika is sporting a new set of clubs. . . Ann Miller could be seen every Tuesday evening practicing at an indoor golf-range. . . These gals vow to win the tournament at Chicago - fair warning is now being given.

Congratulations on the marriage of Joyce Miller, who fled immediately after the ceremonies to Germany with the Happy Groom. Many happy returns of the day to the young couple.



C-116 Pres. Al Krasinskas welcomes Rt. Rev. Msgr. Constantine Vasys, Honorary K of L Member and Pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church.



Al Krasinskas greets guest speaker John Kokernak and his wife Ann.

The welcome mat is extended to Beverly Jonis and Bob Platukis, two of our newest members.

Bouquets to Rita Skamarock, Dot Sinkavitch and Al Krasinskas for all their enthusiasm and hard work in reviving the Junior Council - John Savage was elected President; Irene Kudarauskas, Vice-Pres.; Patricia Andruski, Sec.; Nancy Miller, Treas.; and Irene Adamaitis, Correspondent. The group attended the NED Junior Rally, Apr. 19, at Mother of Sorrows Convent in Brockton. With such a noble start, the future of C-116 looks bright and assured. Congratulations to all.

Charles and Mildred Lapinskas continue to do a wonderful job as editors of "Equestrian" the Councils monthly News-bulletin.

It was nice to see Tony Minor and Stanley Grigas at our last meeting.

The monthly social "a theatre party" to see "The Cardinal," a huge success, 37 members and guests attended.

So. Boston, Mass., C-17

Pavasaris Čepronas

Plans for the Golden Jubilee of C-17 are complete, and the committee has distributed the tickets. The date is May 31 at the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Auditorium, West Broadway, So. Boston. There will be good food, dancing, good fellowship, and (the best of all) short speeches. So, come one, come all. This affair can only be a success with your participation.

The delegates to the NED Convention are as follows: John Daniels; Larry Svelnis; Jerome, Rita, and Butch Venis; Al Jaritis; Florence Zaleskas; Billy Zaremba; Donna Grigas; Frank Stankus; Jean Pasakarnis; and Helen Suprin.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Grigalunas' daughter, Elaine, has been accepted at Medical Secretary Institute. . . Congratulations are in order for Butch Venis, who recently passed the examination for a master plumber.

The Hiking Society is planning a weekend camp-out at Mt. Katahdin (5267 elev.) Maine. This will be the most vigorous enterprize we have undertaken. Any hikers and mountain climbers who have the endurance to reach the top are welcome to join us. Those interested should contact Bill Gorski or Al Jaritis. The hike will take place sometime in July.

Our hospital sick list is quite long this month. Larry Svelnis recently underwent minor surgery on his throat. . . Adam Druzdis is recovering from a back ailment. . . Frank and George Stankas were in an auto accident, and they are also on the road to recovery. . . Rose Marchese is recovering from pneumonia.

Ann Kleponis insisted that she wasn't ill as this reporter stated in the last edition. She is also the proud owner of a 1964 Impala. . . Leo and Albina Rudziunas took their first trip on a jet airplane to Cleveland, where they visited Dana Volodka. Leo and Alba said that this was the only way to travel. . . Frank Sabitski won the high-triple trophy at the NED Roll-off. . . Loretta Kontrim was showing off her engagement ring recently. A July wedding is planned. . . Condolences to Joe and Michael Casper on the death of their grandmother.

Remember the Marian Fathers,

who have the difficult task of rebuilding the buildings that were completely destroyed in a fire at their community. Two persons were killed in the fire. You can help both spiritually and financially to rebuild and restore their buildings. Please remember them.

Athol - Gardner, Mass. C-10

Vincukas

St. Francis parish in Athol celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding on Apr. 5. The event began with a Mass of thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop John Flanagan, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Gannon was archpriest, Rev. Alphonse Valungis



C-10's St. Casimir Day Communion Breakfast.

was deacon, Rev. Anthony Jutt was subdeacon and Rev. Julius Jutt, deacon. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Vincent Brizgys. After mass, Bishop Flanagan conferred the sacrament of Confirmation upon the class of candidates.

The Anniversary Banquet, attended by more than 300 was held in Liberty Hall. The principal speakers were Bishop Brizgys and the Rev. A. Valungis. Solos were sung by Casimir Yakutis of San Francisco. An attractive Jubilee booklet was printed, which traced the history of the parish over the 50 years.

Dr. Henry Gailiunas, C-10 president and Nellie Melaika, treasurer, were members of the Golden Jubilee arrangements committee.

Norwood, Mass., C-27

Gabby

Our February Meeting was opened by our New President, George Barton, who gave our former President, Paul Zukas a gift and extended our thanks for a good job as president in the past year.

We'd also like to congratulate one of our members, Joanne Perekslis on receiving a diamond.

This meeting we welcomed two new members: Paul Stonis and Vinnie Raukauskas.

After our meeting we watched some movies of a hiking trip taken with two of our members: George Barton and Vinnie Dasauskas. The movies were shown and taken mostly by George, our President.

We all were sorry to see our Spiritual Director, the Rev. Aloysius Klimas go. We held a going away

party but, it was the day of our great blizzard. There was a good showing for such a bad day.

Feb. 8, was the day of our signing or our K of L Proclamation at the town hall.

The K of L Winter Carnival at Athol was a great day. We had delicious meals at Tully Brook Inn and an enjoyable time at the Ski-Boot Trail. The people at the Trail were just great to us, and we got some good advice from the instructors there. The members that went to Athol, were: George Barton, Paul Stonis, Steve Pazniokas, Vinnie Raukauskas, Arlene Jessick and Millie Tumas. We brought back with us some lasting memories and a few souvenirs: aching arms, tired and worn-out feet and a wet bottom.

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PRE - CONVENTION SCHEDULE

August 1 - 2 Sat. and Sun.	-	Luau at Union Pier, Michigan
August 3 Mon.	-	Individual activities around Chicago Evening Boat Tour of the Lakefront
August 4 Tues.	-	Tour of Chicago Evening nightclub and Old Town Tour
August 5 Wed.	-	Tour of Chicago-Lithuanian sites Dinner at a Lithuanian Restaurant Candlelite Bowling at Woodmac Lanes
August 6 Thurs.	12:00 3:00 P.M.	Registration Splash Party at the Royal Hawaiian Swimming Pool.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

August 6 Thurs		Evening Mass at the new Immaculate Conception Church
	8:00 - 9:30 P.M.	Formal Opening Session
		A "Get-together" at the K of L Hall
August 7 Fri.	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	Session in the Tally-Ho Room
	12:00 Noon	Noon Mass at St. George Church
	1:00 - 3:00 P.M.	Sports Luncheon in the King Arthur Room
	3:00 P.M.	Session in the Tally- Ho Room
	8:15 P.M.	Choir Concert at the Cathedral Auditorium
August 8 Sat.	9:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Session in the Tally-Ho Room
	12:00 Noon	Noon Mass at St. Anthony Church
	1:00 - 3:00 P.M.	Awards Luncheon in the Boulevard Room
	3:00 P.M.	Session in the Tally-Ho Room
	8:00 P.M.	Semi-formal Dance in the East Room
August 9 Sun.	10:45 A.M.	Solemn Closing Mass at Nativity B.V.M. Church Photographs and Brunch
	2:00 P.M.	Closing Session at the Tally-Ho Room
	6:00 P.M.	Banquet in the Grand Ballroom
August 10 Mon.	-	"Left-Over" Party