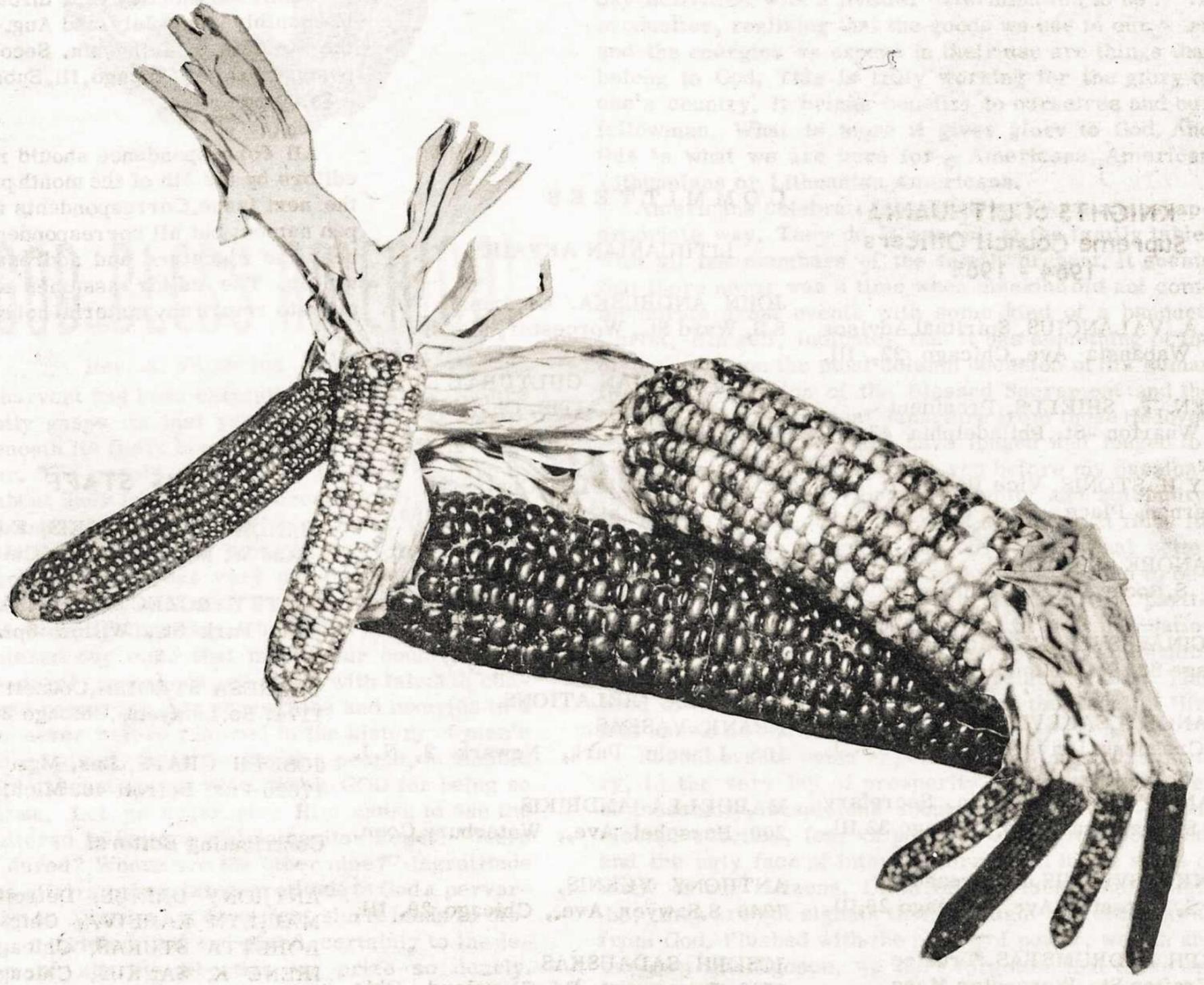


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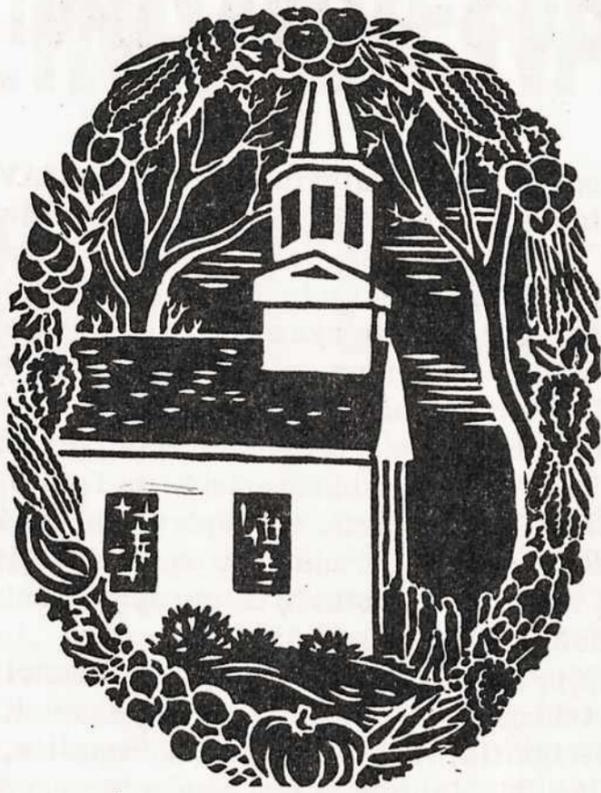
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# GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Rev. A. Valančius

The harvest has been carefully stowed away. Nature reluctantly gasps its last yawn as it readies to cuddle itself beneath its fluffy blanket of snow for the long night of winter. The people of America joyfully prepare to gather about their family tables creaking with pounds of earth's bounties. Many share this bounty by sending bulging baskets of food to those in less fortunate circumstances. Even in our very material minded world there still hovers at least a feather of the original spirit of Thanksgiving Day. Thank God for that! Has it ever entered our mind that maybe our country is so rich in natural resources, so gifted with talent to convert these resources into necessities and luxuries in a measure never before realized in the history of man's experience, simply because we as a people, in humble gratitude, at least once a year, thank GOD for being so good to us. Let us never give Him cause to use the words uttered to the grateful Samaritan Leper: "Were not ten cured? Where are the other nine?" Ingratitude in human affairs is boorish; ingratitude to God a perversion - for an American a downright sin. It leads to dissipation, unbridled lust and greed, certainly to the destruction of all the liberties we prize so dearly.

Our country, inherited or adopted, next to our parents is God's most precious gift. In it, in greater or lesser measure, each one of us finds "What we shall eat; what we shall put on; where we shall live." These the Heavenly Father knows we need and supplies them generously. Even the physical energy necessary to extract the riches of the earth, the know-how and intelligence to adapt them to varied uses, to be productive, need God's con-

tinued creative action. Truly, what is there that we can call our own? What is there that we can say, "This is my very own creation!" All this, - our country, all its wealth, opportunities to develop our talents are given to us to know God better, to serve Him more faithfully, to love Him more intensely and for this receive a reward. A country and all its wealth employed for any other purpose becomes a land of horror - a land to defect from. Witness this fact in lands where God's altars are desecrated, belief in His existence purposefully and dedicatedly smothered in the souls of men. Beware America! Careful American Catholics! Whoa American Catholic Youth!

Waving a flag, high stepping in a parade, feasting on stuffed turkey and cranberries are but mere external manifestations of an internal spirit. They should excite to a renewal of a sagging spirit or intensify an existant tired one. With each holiday we should return to everyday activities with a livelier determination to be more productive, realizing that the goods we use in our work and the energies we expend in their use are things that belong to God. This is truly working for the glory of one's country. It brings benefits to ourselves and our fellowman. What is more it gives glory to God. And this is what we are here for - Americans, American Lithuanians or Lithuanian Americans.

Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day in a most appropriate way. They do it a meal, at the family table, with all the members of the family present. It seems that there never was a time when mankind did not commemorate great events with some kind of a banquet. Christ, Himself, indicates that it has something of the divine, when on the most solemn occasion of His human life, the institution of the Blessed Sacrament and the approach of His physical departure from those He loved said to His disciples: "I have longed and longed to share this paschal meal with you before my passion" and to impress upon them its dignity and solemnity, He continued, "I shall not eat it again, till it finds its fulfilment in the Kingdom of God." Now, what better way for you and me, catholics, K of L'ers, than to begin our Thanksgiving Day celebration than by participating at Mass with our families, in the continuation of this first Paschal Meal, receiving Holy Communion and have Him as our guest at our family table. This Kind of Thanksgiving will open more the Heart of Him that knows no end of love.

Recent events seem to point, that even in our country, in the very lap of prosperity, there are evidences of insecurity, suspicions about the characters of our elected officials, fear of possible attack from outside, and the ugly face of internal corruption in the souls of many of our citizens. Disturbing as these signs might be, they are but signals that we might be getting away from God. Flushed with the plenty of power, wealth and our own intelligence, we have forgotten that these are HIS GIFTS. They are ours today, - tomorrow we can be completely stripped of them. Or haven't you heard about the atom bomb. God forbid even the thought! Let's not wait till it happens and then BLAME HIM.

End of Lesson Two: Love your country dearly. It is the place where you are to prepare yourself for the place Christ has gone on ahead to prepare and reserve for you.

# AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ TARYBOS SUVAŽIAVIMAS

Š. m. spalio mėn. 10 d. Chicagoje, Sherman House, įvyko Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos suvažiavimas, kuriame dalyvavo 42 Tarybos nariai ar jų įgaliotiniai ir nemažai svečių. Ši rudenį sukako jau 24 metai nuo ALT įsikūrimo, tat ir šiuo suvažiavimu pradedami mūsų organizacijos veiklos sukaktuviniai metai.

Suvažiavimą atidarė Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos Pirmininkas L. Šimutis, nuoširdžiai pasveikindamas suvažiavimo dalyvius ir tardamas žodį apie ALT veiklos iki šiol nueitą kelią bei artimos ateities svarbius uždavinius, kurie turės būti atlikti.

Kaip žinia, ateinančiais metais Lietuvos žiaurusis bolševikinis pavergėjas rengiasi "iškilmingai" atšvęsti Lietuvos pagrobimo 25 metų "jubiliejų". Mūsų visų šventa pareiga bus dar kartą parodyti laisvajam pasauliui bolševikinio okupanto visas niekšybes, klastas, žiaurumus ir iki šiol tebevykdomą terorą jų pavergtoje Lietuvoje.

Pirmininkas pasveikino naujai persitvarkiusi ir apsijungusi Vliką, išreikšdamas viltį, kad ateityje tarp šių dviejų organizacijų bus dar šiltesni santykiai. Taipgi pasidžiaugė dabartiniu nuoširdžiu bendradarbiavimu su JAV Lietuvių Bendruomene, kas yra labai naudinga visiems mums bendrame darbe dėl Lietuvos išlaisvinimo.

Suvažiavimui pirmininkavo ALT pirmininkas L. Šimutis ir valdybos vicepirmininkai.

Sudarytos dvi komisijos - rezoliucijų ir sveikinių ir statuto papildymo komisijos. Pirmojon įėjo: K. Kleiva, J. Skorubskas, J. Jurkūnas, R. Mieželis ir J. Zuris. Antrojon: T. Blinstrubas, dr. T. Remeikis, M. Gudelis, dr. Vl. Šimaitis ir dr. J. Valaitis.

Suvažiavimą nuoširdžiomis telegramomis pasveikino JAV prezidentas Lyndon B. Johnson ir respublikonų prezidentinis kandidatas sen. Barry Goldwater.

Raštu dar sveikino: JAV LB Tarybos pirmininkas Vyt. Volertas, Lietuvos Laisvės Komiteto pirm. Vacl. Sidzikauskas ir BALFo pirm. kan. Končius. Taip pat per prof. B. Vitkų buvo gautas VLIKo sveikinimas. Rytų ir Centro Europos kilmės Amerikiečių Konferencijos pirmininkas, prelatas J. Balkūnas drauge su sveikinimu prisiuntė ir smulkų tos organizacijos veiklos pranešimą.

Žodžiu suvažiavimą sveikino - gen. kons. dr. P. Daužvardis savo ir Lietuvos atstovo J. Kajecko vardu, palinkėdamas suvažiavimui daug sėkmės jo darbuose ir primindamas dabartinę politinę padėtį, kuri reikalauja rimto susirūpinimo bei susikaupimo Lietuvos laisvės reikalu. Konsulas priminė būtiną reikalą paruošti anglų kalba rimtą politinės dokumentacijos veikalą apie Lietuvą. Mes turime būti visada pasiruošę parodyti tėsą tiems, kurie mažai dar nežino apie nepriklausomos Lietuvos padėtį prieš išiveržiant į ją bolševikų okupacinei raudonajai armijai ir demaskuoti akiplėšiškai melagingas sovietinių imperialistų propagandines paskalas, dar iki šiol skleidžiamas laisvojo pasaulio akims dumti.

Taipgi sveikino dalyvius sekantieji: JAV LB Centro pirmininkas, J. Jasaitis; Ant. Santaras, Lietuvių Fondo vardu; JAV LB Chicagos Apygardos pirmininkas Br. Nainys; Chicagos Lietuvių Tarybos pirmininkas J. Skorubskas; PLB pirmininkas Juozas Bačiūnas; ALT Racine, Wisc., skyriaus pirmininkas M. Kasparaitis.

ALT pirmininkas L. Šimutis padarė platų pranešimą apie veiklą praeitais metais. Tiek pirmininko L. Šimučio, tiek Finansų sekretoriaus J. Talalo pranešimai buvo vienbalsiai užgirti. Vice-pirmininkas inž. Ant. Rudis padarė išsamų pranešimą apie birželio 26-28 d. d. įvykusį Amerikos Lietuvių Kongresą Washingtone, D.C. ir jo pasėkas mūsų naudai.

Naująją ALT Valdybą ateinančiai kadencijai sudarys: T. Blinstrubas, E. Bartkus, P. Dargis, dr. K. Drangelis, dr. P. Grigaitis, A. Rudis, dr. Vl. Šimaitis, L. Šimutis, J. Talalas, M. Vaidyla, Liet. Studentų s-gos atstovo dr. T. Remeikio vieton, valdybon įėjo Šviesos-Santaros atstovas dr. J. Valaitis.

ALT pirmininkas L. Šimutis baigė suvažiavimą pasakydamas kalbą ir padėkodamas visiems už darbą, reikšdamas viltį ir visų pasiryžimą dirbti Lietuvos išlaisvinimui iki mūsų tikslas bus atsiiektas.

Suvažiavimas praėjo darbingoje nuotaikoje ir baigtas tą pačią dieną vakare Tautos Himnu.

Suvažiavimo dalyviai skirstėsi rimtyje, giliai susimąstę ir su dideliu ryžtu sėdyse kovoti visomis jėgomis už tai, jog jau dvidešimts keturis metus užtrukusi tamsi ir klaiki bolševikinės vergijos naktis pavergtoje Lietuvoje sulauktų laisvės aušros patekėjimo.

Suvažiavimas pasiuntė broliams ir sesėms pavergtoje Lietuvoje širdingiausias ir vilties pilnus sveikinius.

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**ALT** *Žinios*

ALT Pirmininkas L. Šimutis, besilankydamas Baltuose Rūmuose Washingtone drauge su visų Amerikos fraternalių organizacijų vadais, rugsėjo 21 d. turėjo progos keliais sakiniais pasikalbėti su prezidentu Lyndon Johnsonu apie lietuvius ir Lietuvą. Taip pat susitiko su dauguma JAV Vyriausybės kabineto narių, o ilgesni pasikalbėjimą turėjo su Valstybės pasekretorium W. Everrel Harrimanu, Valstybės sekretoriaus padėjėju buv. gub. M. Williams, Michel Cieplinskiu ir kai kuriais kitais pareigūnais iš Valstybės departamento.

Rugsėjo 22 d. ALT'o pirmininkas lankėsi JAV kongreso rūmuose ir ilgesni pasitarimą Lietuvos išlaisvinimo reikalais turėjo su Lietuvos atstovu p. Juozu Kajecku.

# VĒLINIŲ DIENA - MIRUSIŲ DIENA



Pov. Dirkis

Šią dieną viso krikščioniško pasaulio žmonės telkiasi prie savo mirusiųjų artimųjų kapų. Atseit, ši diena yra skirta mirusiųjų prisiminimui ir pagerbimui. Lietuvis dar ir pagonijos laikais tvirtai tikėjo, kad su mirtimi viskas nesibaigia, kad mirusieji kažkur dausose gyvena. Ir tas vėlių kultas lietuvių tautoje jau nuo senovės laikų buvo prigijęs. Lietuvis, tapęs krikščioniu, šias mintis labai gerai suprato ir užtat kiekvienais metais, Vėlinių Dienos vakare minios žmonių Lietuvoje eidavo į kapus ir sudėdavo maldą, vainiką ar puokštę gėlių ant artimųjų kapo. Ypatingos išskilmės būdavo Vilniaus ir Kauno

kapuose, kur skambėdavo giesmės ir gedulo maršai už mirusius ir žuvusius ginant Lietuvos laisvę. Arba telkdavosi kauniečiai Karo Muziejaus sodelyje prie Nežinomojo Kario kapo, prie kurio liepsnodavo aukure ugnis, o ant aukuro bylojo užrašas: "Atiduok ką privalai!"

Šiandieną, kai Lietuvos žemę, geriausiųjų jos sūnų krauju aplaistytą, mindžioja žiaurus okupantas arba parsidavėlis lietuvis, kuriam nieko nėra šventa ir kuris ciniškai tyčiojasi iš kilniausių žmogaus jausmų, net ir amžino poilsio vietos - kapai išniekinti, su žeme sulyginti. Nežinomojo Kario kapas nugriautas, jo kaulai išniekinti. Vietoje Laisvės

Varpu aidų, šiaurės rytų vėjas, pavergtųjų brolių ir sesių dejonės, ašaros, aimanos. Vietoje karo invalidų vakarinių maldų žvanga vergijos pančių garsai. Mat, Vėlinių Diena raudonam okupantui yra didelė pabaisa, nes tą dieną labiau negu betkada suliepsnoja lietuvių širdyje meilė mirusiems kovotojams didvyriams ir jų idealui.

Tad ir mums, vyčiams, kurie palaikome savo krikščioniškas tradicijas, ta diena tebūna susikaupimo ir rimties diena. Jei viešai negalime atšvęsti Vėlinių, tai nors šeimos rate prisiminkime mirusiuose ir tą nežinomą partizaną, kurio kaulus priglaudė šventoji Lietuvos žemelė.

## TAURIAJĄ VYČIŲ CHORO CHORISTĘ PALAIDOJUS

Pov. Dirkis

Mirtis yra gyvenimo aksioma, kasdieną sutinkama ir įprasta viešnia, skinanti kiekvieną: seną ir jauną. Štai birželio 21 d., vėlyvo vakaro metu ji nuskynė tauriosios choristės, Kotrynos Račkienės, gyvybę.

Velionė yra verta didelio dėmesio ir prisiminimo tuo, kad ji viena iš pirmųjų, susiorganizavus Vyčių chorui 1915 m., įsirašė, priklausydama Vyčių 14 kuopai. Atseit, šįmet ji būtų šventusi Vyčių organizacijos pirmūnų auksinį jubiliejų. Tačiau ji tos džiaugsmingos valandos nesulaukė, nes jos gyvybės siūlą nutraukė negailingoji mirtis.

Velionė buvo kilus iš Jurbarko valsčiaus, Keturių kaimo, Raseinių apskr. ir gimusi 1898 metais kovo 29 dieną. Atseit, ją tėvai atsivežė iš Lietuvos į Ameriką vos kelių metų kūdikį. Ji čia mokėsi ir iš pat jaunų dienų pradėjo dalyvauti bažny-

tinėse organizacijose, priklausyti chorams ir lavintis kultūrinėje srityje. Ji mėgo skaityti įvairaus turinio knygas, iš kurių igavo tokį išsilavinimą, kad būdavo drąsiai eidavo į diskusijas įvairiais kultūriniais, visuomeniniais ir moksliniais klausimais. Ji buvo apkeliaavus daug Amerikos ir Europos kraštų kultūrinės įstaigos, muziejus, bibliotekas ir tuo buvo susikrovusi didelį bagažą žinių. Tai buvo tų laikų viena iš labiausiai apsiskaičiusių ir prasilavinusių lietuvių moterų.

Besidarbuodama Vyčių organizacijoje Kotryna Račkienė, po tėvais Ambrozaitė, susipažino su Vyčių žymiu veikėju, "Vyties" redaktorium, dar tuo metu medicinos studentu Aleksandru Račkum ir už jo 1916 m. išteikėjo. Sukūrė šeimos židinį, dar su didesne energija pradėjo ruošti gyvenimo ateičiai. Pati dirbdama "šapoje" sudarė sąlygas savo vyrui baigti mokslą. Velionė Kotryna su savo

vyrų turėjo progos net keletą metų pastoviai įsikūrę Lietuvoje pagyventi. Tačiau rusų-bolševikų okupacija tą ramų ir pastovų Račků gyvenimą sunaikino. Viską palikę turėjo grįžti atgal į Ameriką ir vėl iš naujo kurtis. Tą sunkų smūgį, ypač Kotryna, labai sunkiai pergyveno. Tų skaudžių tremties dienų velionė iki mirties neužmiršo. Tie pergyvenimai taip paveikė jos sveikatą ir sutrumpino jos gyvenimo dienas.

Velionė Kotryna Račkienė mirė savo vyro dr. A. Račkaus rezidencijoje, Willow Springs, Illinois. Palaidota birželio 24 d. su katalikiškomis apeigomis šv. Kazimiero kapuose. Velionės palaikai buvo pašarvuoti A. Petkaus koplyčioje, Ciceroj, o gedulingos pamaldos buvo atlaikytos šv. Antano bažnyčioje. Velionė paliko liūdintį vyrą dr. Aleksandrą Račků, dienraščio "Draugo" sveikatos skyriaus redaktorių.

Ilsėkis ramybėje taurioji lietuve!

# Lithuanians at the FAIR

BLESSING OF THE CROSS  
June 13, 1964



LITHUANIAN DAY  
August 23, 1964



# 12 *Ways* TO IMPROVE ANY ORGANIZATION

"Christopher News Notes"

There are millions of organizations of all types in the United States. Never before have there been so many associations and clubs.

Whether civic, fraternal, labor, political, social or any other kind, each group is capable of great good, if members strive wholeheartedly to see that it serves a high and noble purpose.

But all organizations are made up of human beings, and accordingly there is a constant tendency:

- a) to lose sight of lofty objectives;
- b) to get bogged down in trivialities;
- c) to let the running of the organization slip by default into the hands of those who are either incapable, disinterested, corrupt or not representative of the membership.

To help you play a more effective role in applying moral principles to any organization to which you belong, we respectfully submit the following suggestions. You must decide for yourself when, where and how to use them if you find them practical in your particular circumstances.

## # 1 - BE SELECTIVE

Before joining any organization, decide for yourself whether or not its purpose merits your interest. It is important that you:

- a) Make the most of the time and effort you can spare for group work.
- b) Don't spread yourself "too thin" by joining too many groups and end up by giving none of them the attention they deserve.
- c) Spend more of your time working for organizations, both local and international which can make a real impact for good on our critical times.
- d) Once you join a worthwhile organization, be sure to take a conscientious, intelligent and active interest in furthering its objectives.

## # 2 - LIVE UP TO YOUR OBLIGATIONS

Whatever your organization may be, it adds up to nothing more or less than one individual like you, over and over again. In short, you are the organization. What you do, or fail to do, can therefore help or hurt its worthy objectives.

Because you, personally and individually, are so important, make it your business to:

- a) Be more than a "joiner". Membership confers rights, but it also imposes responsibilities.
- b) Stir up rank and file members to recognize the importance of their personal participation.
- c) Attend meetings faithfully and take an active interest in proceedings.
- d) Work to eliminate unnecessary "red tape" and tedious procedures, which bore the average member and

discourage attendance at meetings.

- e) Think for yourself. Don't be a rubber stamp.
- f) Work for the best interest of the entire membership, not a select few.
- g) If you are in a minority trying to push good ideas, remember God blesses perseverance! As a member of a loyal opposition, you can serve a most useful purpose.
- h) Improve your own ability and effectiveness. Learn the elementary principles of Parliamentary Law.
- i) Develop the habit of getting all the facts, thinking things through, speaking on your feet and discussing issues in a logical way.

## # 3- STICK TO YOUR CONSTITUTION

- a) Familiarize yourself with the specific aims and objectives of your organization. Read over its Constitution and by-laws from time to time.
- b) If your group sags or drifts away from its original purpose, urge members to return to the spirit and letter of their Constitution.
- c) If the Constitution itself is defective or in need of adjustment or improvement, follow orderly procedures to have it amended.

## # 4 - SPIRITUALIZE YOUR ORGANIZATION

Participation in any good organization offer you many missionary opportunities to play the important role of God's instrument in applying His divine truth, justice and order to human affairs. Here are a few ways to add a lofty purpose and meaning to your organization:

- a) Work for high standards despite apathy, misunderstanding or ingratitude. Such determination can do much to sanctify you as well as your group.
- b) Take the unpopular, thankless jobs - the ones usually avoided, but which must be filled by those with competence and ideals if worthwhile objectives are to be achieved. You will be imitating Christ in a very real way if you do. Remember He said: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23)
- c) Promote the harmony so necessary for the proper conduct of organizational affairs. Jealousy, wrangling and bickering weaken that strength which comes only from unity. Recall frequently the words of the Hebrew Psalmist: "How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Ps.132:1)
- d) Encourage opening each gathering with a prayer. Many Christopher-minded persons have met with hearty cooperation from fellow members when they suggested starting union meetings, jury trials and discussion groups with a prayer. "Where there are two or three gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:20)
- e) Recall frequently that every effort that you

make through an organization to put moral principles into circulation is a step forward in fulfilling a worthwhile mission in life.

f) Think up ways of your own to spiritualize and sanctify every effort you make to inject new life into your organizations. St. Paul emphasized this high sense of motivation when he said "All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." (Col. 3:17)

#### # 5 - PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL

It is up to the membership to elect leaders who are truly representative and to see that the fair procedures are observed at all times. No one can do this for you. To ensure effective results, you must constantly protect your freedom of choice.

Neglecting to give moral support to worthy candidates for office or failing to vote at elections opens the way to many abuses, e.g. apathy, stagnation, perpetuation in power, fraud or corruption. Make it your business, therefore, to:

a) Encourage capable leaders to run for office. Back them when are elected.

b) See that their responsibilities are properly shared.

c) Keep first things first. Distinguish between essentials and non-essentials.

d) Insist on the secret ballot for all elections and important issues.

e) See that delegates are chosen according to fair and honest processes.

f) Make sure that vital records are properly protected, not tampered with.

g) When abuses occur, use the power of initiative and referendum to correct them.

h) Keep infusing new life into the organization by making meetings more meaningful, giving listless members a renewed sense of motivation as well as gently removing deadwood, selfperpetuating cliques and those who seek personal privileges at the expense of everyone.

#### #6 - EVERYONE CAN PLAY A PART

No matter what your circumstances or background may be, you can make a needed contribution to your organization. Here are a few typical instances:

a) A lawyer attends a PTA meeting and does his best to see that all issues involving principles are presented clearly and fairly.

b) A junior in college finds that by participating in student organizations on his campus he has many opportunities to speak up for fundamental truths.

c) A teacher discovered that she can accomplish considerable good by attending educational association meetings. She found out for herself that she could light more than a few candles!

d) A union member whose only activity has been paying dues decided to live up to his obligations more fully. He found that his one voice encouraged many others who thought as he did, to take a stand for integrity at meetings. His courage and initiative brought

his local out of a rut.

#### # 7 - STIMULATE OTHERS TO IMPROVE THEIR ORGANIZATIONS

A wife and mother can strengthen any organization from her own doorstep. By encouraging her husband, children, friends and tradesmen to be vital participants in the many different types of groups to which they belong, she can be an effective participant in far-reaching good-will.

Milk wagon drivers, for instance, as well as fellow teamster union members who make the rounds in laundry and bakery trucks, have been frank to admit that they have been induced by the friendly persuasive demands of housewives to show interest in improving their parent union.

Those who tried to assure their customers that their own locals were in a healthy condition found that they didn't get far. The determined housewives, each on her own, let it be known that the responsibility of an individual union member should go much farther than that. Each man should prove his sincerity by also helping to keep his international union in a healthy condition.

#### # 8 - SHOW CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS

Many a good cause suffers because of needless bickering among members. The affairs of every organization offer numerous opportunities to put into practice the divine standard of Jesus Christ: "As you would that men should do to you, do you also them in like manner." (Luke 6:31) Here are a few ways in which to do this:

a) Submit suggestions instead of trying to impose them.

b) Give credit where credit is due.

c) Be attentive when others have the floor.

d) Be considerate of the feelings of others. Refrain from making critical comments that are personal rather than objective.

e) Develop your sense of humor. Be able to laugh at your own mistakes rather than at those of others.

f) Be careful not to minimize or underestimate good proposals of fellow members. Support whatever has merit in their suggestions.

g) Encourage the timid to speak up. Give them a sense of belonging. Don't let them think that their proposals are not needed or wanted. Protect them from being squelched by others.

#### # 9 - DO MORE THAN TALK

Have you ever seen the cartoon of a chairlady making this sweeping statement to her small group: "Now that we've taken care of the Far East, let's take up the Near East!"

It is a common failing to think that the complex problems of modern life can be solved merely by talking about them. If words alone could do it, we would have had global peace long ago.

To avoid the danger of being long on words and short on "doing", encourage the fellow members of your organization to spend 30 minutes of performance for every 5 minutes of talk. As St. John said: "Let us

not love in word nor in tongue, but in deed and in truth'.  
(John 3:18)

See that your meetings get beyond the talking stage. Help to put into concrete application the principles for which your organization stands, and you will be surprised at the results.

#### # 10 - WATCH THE FINANCES

See that complete financial statements are regularly given to the entire membership.

Whether your organization is small or large, the money spent by officers comes from the members. It is up to the rank and file to see that all financial transactions are handled judiciously and honorably. Those entrusted with the purse strings should rightfully expect the interest and cooperation of fellow members.

#### # 11 - KEEP ENTERTAINMENT IN ITS PLACE

Entertainment has a definite value. But care must be taken to see that dinners, dances, etc., do not become the major preoccupation of organizations with purposes above and beyond providing amusement for their members.

## TEN SURE WAYS TO SMASH ANY ORGANIZATION

1. Don't come to meetings.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.
5. Never accept office - it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. In any event, get rebellious if you are an officer and don't attend committee meetings.
7. Do nothing that is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help matters along tell the world that the organization is being run by a clique.
8. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter, state that you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how it ought to be done.
9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all.
10. Don't bother about getting new members. Let someone else do it!

Important as entertainment is for certain occasions, it should remain incidental to the chief objectives of a group. Many an organization has learned to its sorrow it must pay a heavy price when entertainment becomes the chief pursuit. It becomes next to impossible to revive interest of the membership in the very purposes for which the group was really formed.

#### # 12 - BE VIGILANT AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE INFLUENCES

Keep a sharp eye out for those who might use your group for unworthy ends. Good organizations are the natural targets for the many corrupt, subversive and other evil forces on the march today. Those bent on evil love to find groups already organized into which they can silently and subtly infiltrate.

Show reasonable caution and concern about such dangers. While avoiding extremes, don't make the mistake of closing your eyes to those who would use freedom to destroy freedom.

Even a slight delay of indifference on your part may allow those evil-doers to entrench themselves.

If you and others like you make positive efforts to keep your organization in a healthy condition, there will be little danger of disease crippling it.

#### K of L CALENDAR

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| Nov. 7  | C-109, Great Neck, N.Y., Kielbasa Party and Dance, Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.                                 |
| Nov. 28 | C-17, So. Boston, Mass. Annual Fall Dance, South Boston Lithuanian Citizens Auditorium, 366 West Broadway, So. Boston. |
| Nov. 28 | C-112, Chicago, Ill., Autumn Dance, K of L Building.   |
| Nov. 29 | C-14, Cicero, Ill., Bowling Social, Ferro-Lanes, Cicero, Ill.  |
| Dec. 12 | C-30, Westfield, Mass. Christmas Party, Shaker Farms Country Club.   |

# THANKSGIVING

Greetings  
from the  
SUPREME COUNCIL  
and the  
VYTIS STAFF



# Preservation of LITHUANIAN CUSTOMS and TRADITIONS

By Josephine J. Dauzvardis

(For Panel Discussion at Kof L 51st Convention, Chicago, Illinois)

(Aug. 8, 1964-Sheraton-Chicago Hotel)

In olden times a Lithuanian girl could not be properly married until she had filled a dower chest with fine handiwork. She started weaving and sewing in early youth and, with the help of the female members of her family, she would fill a dower chest with enough linens to last her lifetime and several life times to come.

We have a fabulous dower chest filled for us, with untold wealth, by many generations of Lithuanian ancestors. It is ours for the taking, for our pleasure, and for the admiration of others. All we need do is lift the lid, air out the treasures, and use them as is, or, with a bit of imagination and foresight, alter them to present-day life.

Our oldest and rarest treasure is our LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE. It is rich, flexible, original, preserving its beauty from antiquity. In what other language can one say so briefly yet so eloquently and endearingly: "Mieliausioji motinėle", or "bran-

giausioji dukružėlė"?

This particular treasure is not just for the admiring. To keep it alive, it must be used else it will die and lose its effectiveness. Use it! Speak it - even tho "zydiškai". Build up a vocabulary, learning a new word or two daily - and, sing it!

The Lithuanian nation has long been known as a singing nation. The countless folk songs, handed down from generation to generation, were instrumental in preserving the pristine beauty of the language. In Independent Lithuania, in a vast field project, folk-lorists had recorded and annotated some 65,000 folk songs. A similar project would be a most interesting one for the Knights of Lithuania. There are untapped resources among our parents and grandparents, the "old timers" who brought these songs from Lithuania. With a little prodding and probing, one may occasionally strike a gold mine of old songs, legends, and colorful reminiscences. Write them down, record them, revive them!

One phase of our American Lithuanian cultural life seems to have gone out of style, and that is the organization of choral groups which give so much pleasure and satisfaction to singers and listeners. Here in Chicago we have our excellent K of L Chorus directed by Mr. Faustas Strolia. Would that there be many more such choruses in all Councils.

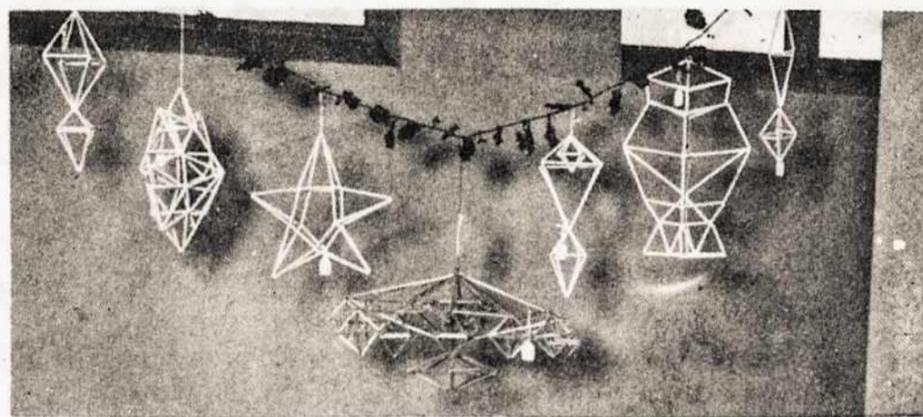
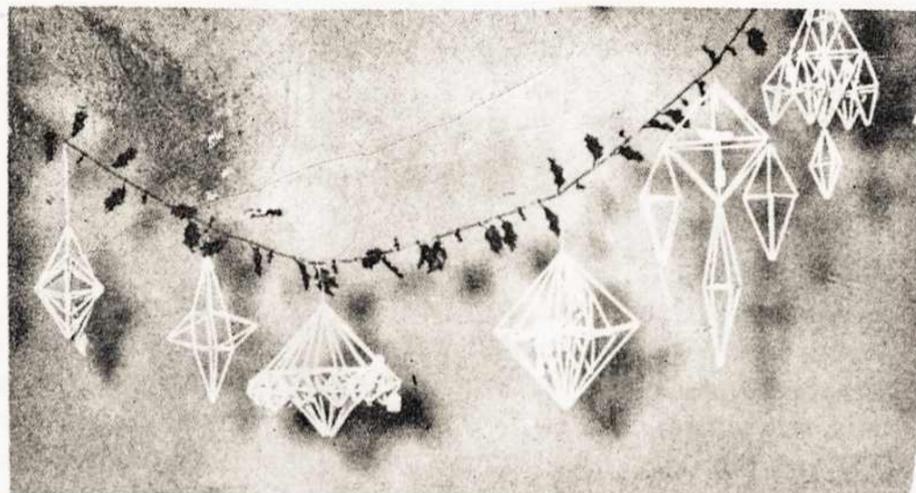
Incidental to folk singing are our lively, expressive folk dances which also date back to antiquity (15th and 16th century). Our dances offer as much of an outlet to exuberant youth as do square dances and some of the modern gyrations.

Singing and dancing groups bind the participants in a community of cultural spirit and enrichment of mind and soul. They are the perfect medium for reaching out into the non-Lithuanian world, offering opportunities to participate in civic functions, television, etc.

Noteworthy is our local youngest group, the Juniors, or "mieli vyčiu-



Malūnas



kai", as we lovingly call them. Not only do they sing and dance Lithuanian, but they have branched out into Lithuanian handicraft and the flowering of other talents.

Vytas Beliajus, a former vytis, has popularized the Lithuanian dance throughout the length and breadth of this land. I call him the Johnny Appleseed of Lithuanian dance. Under his aegis, mormons, orientals, and mixed groups have made or acquired Lithuanian costumes to fit their repertoire of Lithuanian dances. They have represented Lithuanians in festivals at Disneyland and elsewhere. If total strangers to Lithuania can do this, why can't we? They dance Kalvelis, Jonkelis, Mikita, Lenciūgėlis, whereas we content ourselves with the commonplace polka, klumpakojis, or noriu miego.

A similar situation exists in the field of culinary art. Ask a Lithuanian to name the traditional Lithuanian dish, and invariably he will reply "kugelis". But there are skindžiai, kukuliai, šiupinys, kastinis, and many other dishes which are more typically Lithuanian. Mothers, grandmothers, made all these dishes "from their heads". Nobody bothered to write them down, and when these natural cooks died, nostalgic memories were not enough to reproduce their favorite recipes. "Popular Lithuanian Recipes" helped fill this void. It is by no means complete. Members can discover more old recipes among their elders, and preserve them for posterity.

From the kitchen to the world arena. . . I would venture a guess that no other Lithuanian manifestation in the cultural world has made so great an impact and become so widely known as the Lithuanian Christmas Tree ornaments. Twenty years ago, the Lithuanian Christmas Tree burgeoned into the sensation of the holi-

day season. Prior to that, it had been a forgotten folk art. It was revived, adapted and gained prominence right here.

Actually, in original use, the straw ornaments were made for other purposes. They were the fore-runners of our modern mobiles, used to decorate the plain farm houses of Lithuania. The ornaments were used as part of the decorative scheme for weddings. A birch or evergreen bough, decorated with straw ornaments and known as the "bride's tree", formed the background for the bridal table. At the end of the wedding festivities the bough was auctioned off to the guests, and the proceeds given to the bride.

In a very few regions the ornaments were used on Christmas trees. But the custom was not popular because Lithuanians could not tolerate destroying a living tree to propagate a non-Catholic custom.

It took us a good half year of searching and inquiring to locate a person who could revive this well-nigh forgotten folk art. And we found her here in Chicago. A casual question posed to the late Rožė Mazelauskienė (former member of the K of L) sparked a corner of her memory which had been slumbering many years. That very evening her nimble fingers created the ornaments she had made in her childhood.

The first tree, decked in its simple straw ornaments, without baubles, glitter, or lights, became an overnight sensation at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. It has been viewed by millions of people from all over the world. It is acclaimed as the most-photographed and copied tree. During the Christmas season it is so gratifying to cruise through the Lithuanian sections and view strawdecorated trees proudly displayed in windows of

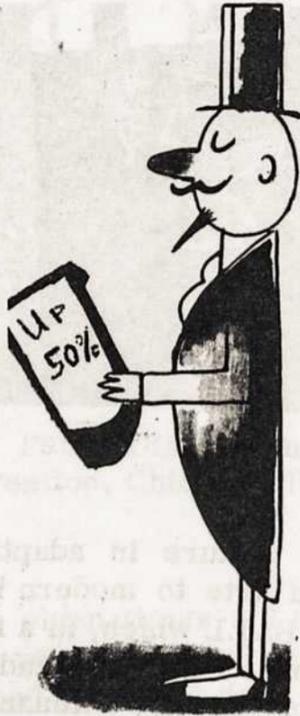
homes.

Our newest venture in adapting folk culture and arts to modern life is the AMBER BALL which, in a few years, has become a tradition and an accepted part of Chicago Lithuanian as well as of Chicago society life. It is a debutante presentation ball in full panoply, but - with Lithuanian music, dances, and customs making the Ball a beautiful, unforgettable experience. Let's admit that we have come a long way from Sinclair's stockyards "Jungle", and that we can strive and that we have attained a position in the upper echelons of American life. Let's continue doing so.

There are many facets of Lithuanian cultural heritage which can be developed and adapted to American Lithuanian life. I would dearly love to foster our exquisitely beautiful wedding customs to replace some of the "corny" and ridiculous customs we have acquired. Such Lithuanian customs as: the miniature wreath of rue in the bride's hair, to be blessed during the nuptial ceremony; the replacing of her bridal veil with a "nuometas", symbol of her proud new status as an equal partner in a new conjugal partnership and queen of a new family organization.

This is but a sketchy outline of what can be done to utilize the treasures of our cultural dowry chest. Gone are the days of the melting pot. We rejoice in the revival of the concept of national heritage which serves to embellish the variegated brocade of American life with richer color and meaning.

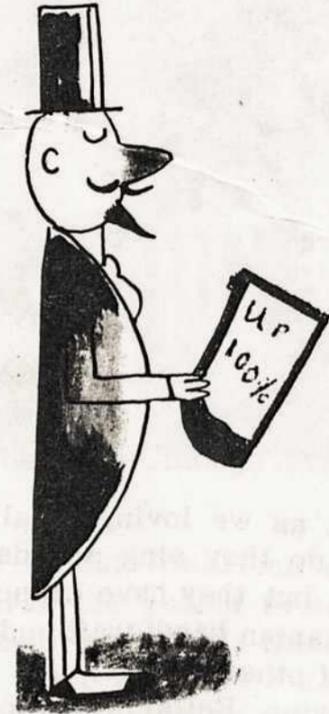
Vyčiai, continue your splendid Lithuanian Affairs work, defending and fighting for the cause and freedom for our beloved Lithuania. Add to your curriculum some segment of Lithuanian culture. Keep it as alive and verdant as our national flower, the rūta - ever green, ever fragrant.



## A CHALLENGE!

CAN YOU HELP  
INCREASE  
MEMBERSHIP

50% ? 100%?



THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS ON NOW!

Earn TEN Points for each NEW OR RE-ACTIVATED  
MEMBER YOU ENROLL  
BY - JANUARY 31, 1965

Earn SEVEN Points for each NEW or RE-ACTIVATED  
MEMBER YOU ENROLL  
DURING - FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL - 1965

Earn FIVE Points for each NEW or RE-ACTIVATED  
MEMBER YOU ENROLL  
DURING - MAY & JUNE - 1965

Membership totals will be supplied by the S.C. Financial Secretary according to her records as of 9-1-64.

These Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of increase based on these totals as of 9-1-64.

There will be FOUR AWARDS;

- (1) to the INDIVIDUAL with the most points;
- (2) to a COUNCIL with less than 40 paid-up members
- (3) to a COUNCIL with 40 or more paid-up members
- (4) to the DISTRICT with the greatest number of additional members.

As an INDIVIDUAL, you are also eligible to earn an ADDITIONAL 100 POINTS for

- (a) Organizing a new Council: Junior, Regular or Senior;
- (b) Re-Organizing a dormant Council: Junior, Regular or Senior;

If more than one person is responsible for the organization or re-activation of a Junior, Regular or Senior Council, 75 Points will be given to each such person (but not more than 3 persons).

Remember - each new council also boosts the chances for your DISTRICT to win the award.



The greatest rewards, you will note, are for enrolling members when they can do the greatest good - for you, your Council, your District, your K of L and for THEMSELVES.

Every new member you bring in NOW can enjoy the K of L all the more, if they get into the swing of things with the rest of US, as we plan our NEW year of activities.

Also, you will note, rewards are made for signing up the prospects all the way through June of 1965. These rules have been established for the current year, because every member joining us is important and EVERY ONE bringing him or her into our midst is important.

So - let's all TRY, try SINCERELY, try NOW!

Eleanore H. Laurin  
Membership Vice President

# Camp DAINAVA

The sound of music, laughter and dancing feet never let up during the K of L District Camp Week, sponsored by the Mid-Central district at Camp Dainava on August 16 through 23. Thirty-five youngsters attended which included the Detroit councils 79, 102 and 139 as well as 5 campers from Dayton, Ohio. Without doubt it was one of the most successful and colorful activities of the district.

With the sound of the bugle each day by Stanievich brothers these youngsters were awakened to a program full of activities. Campers began with before breakfast calisthenics and continued until the 9:30 p.m. curfew sounded by taps - which always came too soon to end their day of fun.

Throughout the day the campers were dancing everything from a bouncy polka to a twist; play acting, composing skits, learning arts and crafts, and getting ready for the big show on Saturday nite. This is always an extra dividend that every parent gains when watching their children perform, especially results derived in Lithuanian.

We cannot begin to mention which of the programs was most appealing. Everyday was something different. On Monday evening the campers held a "laužas", with the weatherman cooperating. Among some of the hilarious skits was "Clarabelle Goes to Camp" with Candy Guerriero, Elaine Smolek, Cathy Medonis, Christine Stanievich and Mary and Margaret Bunikis performing; and "Dust to Dust" by Billy Lambrose and Billy Paul. You would have thought Bob Hope and Jack Benny had pooled their best joke. Also joining the campfire were Sisters M. Olivet and M. Arcadia, while Sr. M. Palmira remained behind to supervise the donut and cookie snack upon the campers' return from laužas. Our youth were truly impressed with the gracious welcome and pleasantness of the Sisters.

Arts and crafts Dept. was equally interesting. One line of items included colored Lithuanian Easter eggs. There was also a "Country Store", one that featured various novelties, goodies and gimmicks that the

children bought with their spending money.

Sports was another important feature, but fishing took it all. Any young angler like little Alex Fetingas knew that Mr. Jos. Kazlauskas was the camp's most dependable fisherman to "awaken" at 4 in the morning. Swimming also took a top priority spot - on days it did not rain. There had been kind of "showers in April" weather the latter few days of the camp, but this did not mar the campers' spirits.

Awards were given for various swimming achievements. There were other honors too. One of them was the point system whereby children earned merits. Learning to get along, to help and work hard was a rewarding goal for the "Leopards" of the boys, and the "Neužmirštuolės" of the girl's group.

Gratitude is a simple little virtue but an important one. When thought is given of all the camp programs, projects and other materials that were professionally organized we owe much to Mrs. A. Damusis, director of the district camp week. Assisting her were Miss Janina Radvila of Chicago, music director; Theresa Idzelis of Cleveland, arts and crafts; Romana Misiunas, girls' leader; Vytautas Petrauskas, atžalynas; Gene Rutkauskas, boys' counselor; Jerry Kazlauskas, sports; and John Stanievich, assistant. District president Frank Zager is very appreciative of the fine job chairman Jos. Kazlauskas did along with his committee consisting of Clem Patocki, Mr. and Mrs. Al Gaddwell, Ann Uznis and Sophie Zager. Clem's truck was handy asset to transport all the produce, food, and whatnot to the camp. Imagine, Ann Uznis husking corn at Patockis, and doing farming "for the first time in my life". Frank Zager came out and made pizza one night, all very well enjoyed according to the hearty appetites of the campers. And round of applause to Charlie Petkus and Frank Gudelis who brought the 5 campers from Ohio as well as to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Petkus who picked them up. To each and everyone "Ačiu labai".

The Mid-Central District invites you all to come back next year and - Many More!



Standing during flag raising services are from left to right: Neužmirštuolės, Alyvos and Rožytės groups.

# JUNIOR NEWS

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Lives there a K of L'er so dead -  
 Who has not at least once said -  
     I just can't keep up the pace -  
     Don't we have someone to take our place?  
 JUNIORS are the answer to your and my problem  
 So let's GO - organize them - support them.

Aside from such selfish motives, the future of the K of L, and every other such organization, is at Stake. We need JUNIOR Counselors, yes! But we also need JUNIORS enthusiasts.

We may not all have the time to devote to Junior Counseling but we ALL have time to TALK - time to say a good word for a good cause. This is one of the best ways to increase Junior membership - by word of mouth.

Promote good will and talk p o s i t i v e. Nothing ever worth while was built on a negative attitude. It may take a little effort to think in the right direction, but that little bit of effort is doubly rewarded by the final result. A little effort by you, plus a little effort from someone else can snowball into a landslide-or avalanche of Junior activity.

Let's not be left in the drift - let's roll on forward.

We must learn to talk the Juniors Way. Keep them in the spotlight of plans and events. Some of us are former Juniors or parents of Juniors now.

We must be progressive and alive with POSITIVE ACTION.

A word to the Counselors:

Give the young people something to do that you also enjoy - sports, crafts, singing, dancing; something to hold your group together with activity. If you enjoy it, they'll enjoy it, and all will have a pleasant time. This always stimulates enthusiasm to do bigger and better things.

Genevieve Gedraitis,  
 Chicago Juniors' Coordinator

## JUNIOR RALLY N. Y. - N. J. DISTRICT



6th Annual Rally Knights of Lithuania Juniors, New York - New Jersey District.

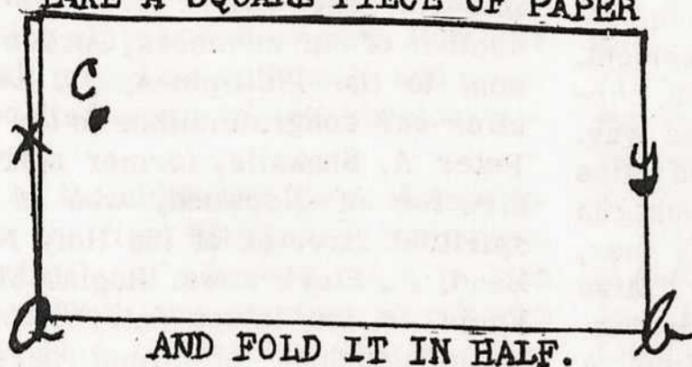


Newark Council 29 Juniors singing Lithuanian folk songs under the direction of Louis Stukas and Mary Stonis.

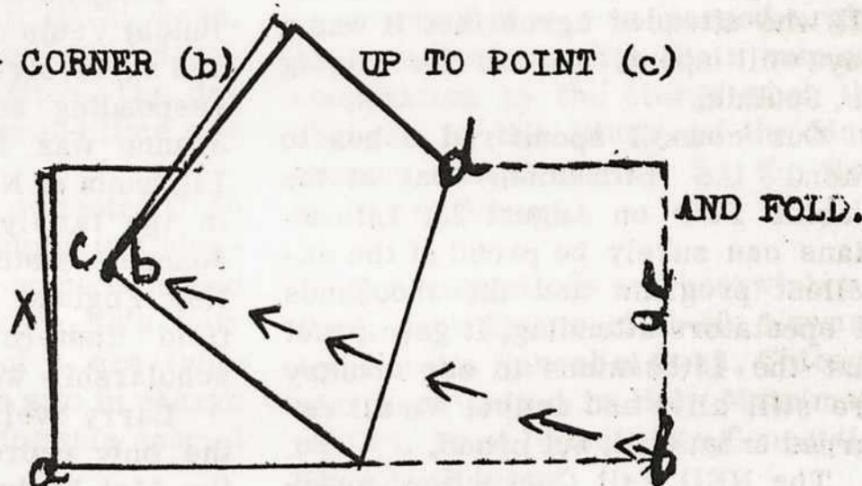
# FOR CHRISTMAS

## HOW TO: MAKE A 5-POINTED STAR

1. TAKE A SQUARE PIECE OF PAPER



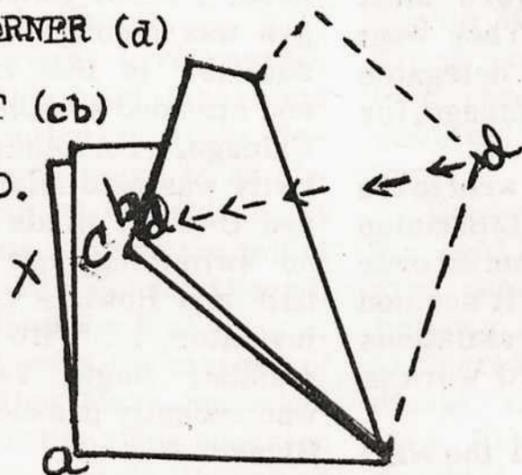
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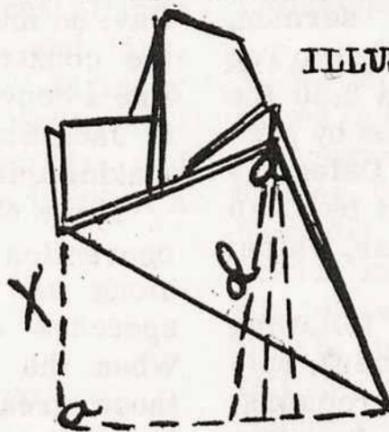
TO POINT (cb)

AND FOLD.



4. BRING CORNER (a) UP AND FOLD TO RESEMBLE

ILLUSTRATED FIGURE.



5. CUT ON LINE (d) — THE MORE SHARP THE ANGLE THE SHARPER THE POINTS OF THE STAR.

In next month's VYTIS:  
Make your own striped  
Christmas Candle.

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Athol-Gardner, Mass. C-10

Vincukas

C-10 and C-116 of Worcester traveled to Ocean Park Beach, New London, Conn. in July for our annual trip. The weather was ideal, and all who attended agree that it was a day well spent. Thanks for joining us, Southie.

Our council sponsored a bus to attend the Lithuanian Day at the Worlds Fair on August 23. Lithuanians can surely be proud of the excellent program and the thousands of spectators attending. It gave proof that the Lithuanians in our country are still alive and active. We all returned exhausted, but proud.

The NED Fall Convention, sponsored by C-10 was held on Sept. 27. A preconvention Square Dance was held in the Lithuanian Club Hall. Ray Pushee was caller. The dancing group was small, but enthusiastic, and all had a good time.

Sunday's activities began with a Mass in St. Francis Church. Our own Rev. John Jutt gave the sermon. After the Mass many travelled to Top Run for a fine dinner. At 2:30 the business session was opened by president, Benedict Coach. Delegates and guests were welcomed by C-10 president, Dr. Henry Galiunas. Father Jutt gave the invocation.

During the session the following were elected District officers: spiritual advisor, Father Zuromskis; president, Ronald Venis; 1st vice pres., Mary Minkus, 2nd vice pres. Benedict Coach; rec. secy., Barbara Mązeika; corres. secy., Joanne Antonelis; trustees, Vinnie Kasauskas and Alvin Rodski; cultural chairman, George Barton; Lithuanian affairs chairman, Alex Kardokas; ritual, Do-

rothy Sinkavich and Helen Gillus; public relations Marcella Andrikis; spiritual chairman, Ronald Venis.

So. Boston, Mass. C-17

Nukritęs Lapas

Congratulations to Ronald (call me Butch) Venis our new NED president, and to lovely Joanne Antanelis, corresponding secretary. By the way, Joanne was recently selected Miss Lithuania of New England. It must run in the family. Another lovely lass, Joanne's sister Paula won the "Miss New England Fair" at West Springfield Eastern States Exposition. A scholarship went along as the prize.

Larry Svelnis and Al Jaritis were the only representatives of C-17 at the 51st National Convention at Chicago, and they both had a good time. The people of Chicago were most hospitable and congenial. They went out of their way to aid the delegates and guests. Many thanks, Chicago, for your warm hospitality.

A great many members went to the New York Worlds Fair for Lithuanian Day. So many K of L'ers from all over the country attended that it seemed like a convention. Our congratulations to Jack Stukas for his hard work in making this day a success.

Many C-17'ers attended the NED convention in Athol. Our juniors went along and they were awed by the speeches and the large gathering. When the convention was over and those great hosts, C-10 put out a big buffet, the juniors soon forgot their shyness.

Several councils in this vicinity are having some joint meetings and activities. Recently councils 17, 18 and 27 went on a Foliage Hike to Mt. Gunstock, N.H. The more ambitious members climbed the mountain, while

the others took the ski lift to a most spectacular view. Even our transplanted Chicagoan, Alby Zemaitis, said that the Midwest never had anything like this.

We lost one of our members for the next four years to the 50th State. Janet Gidick left to study Far Eastern History at the University of Hawaii. "Aloha", Janet, you'll really be missed. The Air Force has sent another of our members, Gordon Nelson, to the Phillipines. . . Let us offer our congratulations to the Rev. Peter A. Shakalis, former spiritual director of Norwood, who is now spiritual director of the Holy Name Band. . . Stork news: Regina Marie Venis is the latest entry into the world, daughter of proud parents Jerry and Rita Venis; also proud parents of a lovely daughter, Theresa, are Mr. and Mrs. (Fran Daniels) Mattson. . . John Daniels just returned from California on business. . . The reason Vytautas Bruzgy's was among the missing this past summer is that he toured Europe and attended a chemists convention in Chicago. . . Another inter-council activity was held this summer with C-10 and C-26 at Hinds Pond. There was no swimming, but plenty of volleyball and Howie's famous elixer rejuvenator. . . With your prayers remember Angie Yelmokas' mother, who recently passed away after a long illness.

Our bowling season is once again under way at the same place, but on a new night at a new time. Remember Thursday nights at nine o'clock. And we need new faces. . . Speaking of new faces, welcome to new member, Barbara Smudin, a registered nurse at the Sancta Maria Hospital. Welcome aboard, Barbara. We wish we had a few more members with your enthusiasm. . . Ray and Paula Slinger have a new home along the Strandway in South Boston. Welcome back, folks.

Paula's brother, Vic Bernotas has enrolled at Chamberlayne Junior College. . . Ann Kleponis' work as an X-ray Technician brings her in contact with many celebrities. The latest is Senator Ted Kennedy.

Although we all can't take part in every K of L activity, we can each help our organization by bringing in a new member. Let's all try and help the president make this the most successful membership drive ever.

Brockton, Mass. - C 1 Kazokė

The Council 1 Editorial Staff is about to celebrate an anniversary, one year has passed since our last item reached the Vytis. Our correspondent contracted a rare disease affecting all married couples. Plus, our stork mixed up deliveries and never deposited some of our phantom articles.

As the old saying goes, if you survive the first fifty years, you've won the battle. It's been a 1-o-n-g 50th year! With the election of officers (way back in March), the meetings took on a new air of dignity and a semblance of order. Heading the roost, is President, Roland Pigeon and amongst his nest are V.P. Edward Armon, Secretary, Patricia Miskinis, Treasurer, Albert Skirius, and Marshal, Philip Ventre.

Fifty Golden years have passed, untarnished by the hard labor and sincere determination of truly devoted workers, have come to an abrupt end this year when suddenly, it was upon us, thrust as into the midst of a creeping fog off Nantucket Sound, an Italian has joined the K of L . . . . This came about with the merger of long standing, Miss Mary Boroskas and Mr. Fred Carelton. The occasion took place at St. Casimir's Church on April 11, 1964, with the Spiritual advisor Father Anthony Kneizys officiating at a solemn high Nuptial Mass. A Papal Blessing was bestowed upon the couple.

Speaking of expected arrivals, the editor now is hard at work, having completed nine months of strenuous ordeals which ended in a blessed event on May 27th 1964. The new arrival is Matthew Peter who will make his home with two other children

John and Mark. We only ask of Marilyn, "When are we to expect Luke".

Our annual June dance of the 13th was described in the local papers as "Moonlight Cruise aboard the SS Knights of Lithuania" June 13th, 8p.m. ALL ABOARD! BULLETIN, 10 P.M. S.O.S., SS Knights of Lithuania going under! . . . 12 P.M. GROUNDED IN THE CASH BOX! 1 P.M. We have realized a grand total of 38 €! GLUB GLUB GLUB. . .

Oh well can't win them all, with an optimistic outlook we put our best foot forward and begin again, see you next month.

Westfield, Mass. - 30 Genovaite

Lake Congamond was the scene of our annual summer outing and again this year it was a terrific success. Frank Bernadicius and Joseph Sabonis headed the committee. The day was beautiful, and a grand time was had by all.

Benedict Coach represented C-30 at the National Convention in Chicago. Then he returned home to attend Lithuanian Day at the World's Fair along with many K of L'ers from Westfield. Ann Sabonis was in charge of chartering the bus for this special weekend.

Glad to see new faces at the meetings. Welcome to new members: Connie Martin, Alfred and Florence Cilius and Frank Dziekiewicz. Another recent member, Bertha Marcoullier, is recovering from a broken leg.

Happy seventeenth anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. John Kucharski. Happy 51st anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Atkocaitis. Happy Birthday to Theresa Atkocaitis and Nellie Dardinski. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smyk on the birth of a daughter, Theresa Marie.

## N. Y. - N. J. DISTRICT

The District is getting back into the swing of things after the summer vacation period. The first phase of work took place on Sept. 27 at Elizabeth, N.J., where C-52 was host to the district meeting. The meeting took

place at Sts. Peter and Paul parish. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael G. Kemezis, pastor, gave the opening invocations, and greetings on behalf of the parish. Ed Sharkus, C-52 president welcomed the guests. The Rev. Vladas Karalevičius of Elizabeth and the Rev. Peter Zemeikis of Bayonne were also in attendance.

The executive board for 1964-65 includes the following: Pres., A. Wesley; vice presidents, Ann Klem and Jos. Sable; secretaries, Joan Mazeika and Mrs. Josephine Zukas; and treasurer, Dorothy Dutkus. The report of the 51st national convention was given by Jos. Boley. A donation of \$25 will be sent to the Kazys Paksas Memorial Fund. Frank Vaskas spoke on the value of publicity to the K of L. Anthony Mazeika, Jr. told of C-41's dance group, which has been performing before many non-Lithuanian organizations recently.

A resolution was passed urging all members to offer their help and cooperation to the clergy when the changes in the liturgy of the Mass become effective, Nov. 29, the first Sunday of Advent.

Congratulations and best wishes to Prof. Jack Stukas of C-29, Newark, and Loretta Kassel of C-36, Chicago, who were united in Holy Matrimony on Oct. 10 at Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago.

Sincere thanks on behalf of the District to C-52 for their kind hospitality during the District meeting.

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3 Sunshine

While 14 of our members vacationed in Chicago, Eleanore Chebatoris, Agnes and Bill Paul, Ronnie and Stanley Ozalis sunbathed in Kennebunkport, Maine; Hedy and Irene Sarcewicz motored thru Nova Scotia and Canada, after which Irene Sarcewicz flew to sunny Bermuda. . . Welcome!! to C-3's newest member, Rosemarie Banning - glad to have you with us. . . Recently visited by the Stork were: Pat and Tom Meron, Trudi and Joe Simmons, Terry and Al Dameika - all the proud parents of bouncing baby boys. . . Wedding Bells!! Congratulations to Agnes Timmins and John Mickunas, who were wed on

Sept. 26 at a Nuptial Mass at St. Casimir's Church. . . C-3 also extends Congratulations and Best Wishes to Loretta Kassel and Jack Stukas who tied the knot on Oct. 10. . . Those who have added another candle to their Birthday Cake are: Steve Salnaitis (August), Ann Simmons, Theresa Mazeika (September), Irene Varevice, Ginny Salnaitis, Casimir Zemaitaitis (October), Margie Gestite, Irene Sarcewicz, Lillian Sasnauskas, Helen Shields, Ann Alsankas and Rosemarie Banning (November). Happy Birthday and Many More to you all. School Days are here again: Attending night classes are: Diane Beletsky - History, Ann Simmons - Psychology and Joe Yanulaitis - Art Appreciation. . . Philadelphia Drivers Beware - Diane Beletsky has just applied for her driving permit. . . Good Luck to Ann Simmons who recently purchased a car. . . .

October 4 was Election Day for C-3's Officers. Results are as follows:

President - Charles Petronis, Vice President - Pete Puodziunas, Recording Secretary - Margie Gestite, Financial Secretary - Lillian Sasnauskas, Treasurer - Walter Svekla, Trustees - Ann Alsankas and Irene Ozalis.

The official Inauguration of these officers was held at our Quarterly Communion Breakfast on October 25 at the Calico Kitchen in New Jersey.

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

Although very little has been heard from C-41 of Queens, New York, we still have been quite active. In fact, it would seem that the activity was the reason for the silence. Needless to say, this article has been written to "fill the Gap".

In January of this year C-41 put on a very successful play, "Sekminių Vainikas". In it the K of L dance group participated. The play was so successful, in fact, that the Maspeth, Queens Council invited us to put it on again in May. The invitation was accepted and work was immediately begun on the improvement of it. Rehearsal followed rehearsal until the director and co-director were satisfied. Just in passing thank must be

given to these two for their time, patience, and hard work; they were Mr. Anthony J. Mazeika and Mr. Stanley Dedinas. The play was an absolute success and the dance group impressed almost everyone.

A few months earlier, the dance group of C-41 had been re-activated under the excellent supervision of Jadvyga Matulaitienė. Mrs. Matulaitienė had invited the K of L dance group to dance at the World's Fair, Aug. 23 and it was unanimously accepted. Not a Friday passed from January to August in which a dance rehearsal did not take place. This, of course, inconvenienced a good number of the members, but in the long run this "hardship" paid off. Back in January, after the first play, the K of L dance group was asked to dance for a Lithuanian Day out in Great Neck, Long Island. The acceptance of the invitation was followed by a thrilling success in the sense that many people asked us why we did not dance more.

Weeks turned into months and before we knew it, it was August. The great Day arrived and Lietuvių Diena, 1964 began with the laying of the wreath at the Lithuanian Wayside Cross, followed by a Mass celebrated by Bishop Brizgys in the Singer Bowl. Following this was a parade and then the actual program began. Ruta Lee was Mistress of Ceremonies. There were more than 800 dancers and 1000 choir members. The K of L dance group danced a majority of the dances starting with Sustas, and going through Subatėlė, Oželis, Rugučiai, and ending up with the Malunas. While at the Fair the K of L dance group was approached by a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey and invited to dance for the President's special Birthday Party on Aug. 27. When we got over the shock, we immediately and unanimously accepted. Being in Atlantic City at the time of the Convention was an experience in itself. We danced on the boardwalk and were televised to some areas and video-taped to others. After dancing on the boardwalk we marched to Convention Hall where we took part in the celebration activities. For a moment, as the President came by shaking hands, we were on nationwide TV, but because of the lateness of the hour, few people if any saw us. After a week of recovery, the World's Fair

Committee called us and asked us if we would like to dance at the RCA Pavilion at the Fair on Sept. 12 as a preview to a New York State Lithuanian Day on Sept. 20. We accepted once again, and on Saturday, Sept. 12, we were televised in color throughout the Fair and we were video-taped at the same time. Later on in the day, the K of L dance group met Cardinal Cushing from Boston, at the Fair; to be exact, at the Wayside Cross. Needless to say, for each and every one of our affairs, pictures were taken.

A week later on Sept. 20, at the New York State Pavilion, the K of L dance group danced again. The ceremonies on New York Lithuanian Day started off with a laying of a wreath at the Lithuanian Wayside Cross by the New York-New Jersey District Knights of Lithuania. The rest of the program took place in the Pavilion. While dancing again at the Fair we received another invitation, this time from a committee at the University of New Jersey. They are having an international folk festival and would like us to dance for it. Well, that event is still somewhat in the future.

From what I have written, I hope it is clear that C-41 has not been standing still. We have advertised the name of the K of L more than at any time in our history. Thus because of our activities we have had no time for the communication to the VYTIS. However, after an important meeting at which the new executive board was elected, a stimulus was applied.

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich., C-79

The summer passed at a breathtaking pace, set by our social chairmen, Leon Galinskis and Cecilia Yunck. A Weenie Roast took place on June 27 (consisting mainly of our favorite Lithuanian dishes.) It included a "hootenanny" song-fest led by Mrs. George Stanulis and her accordion. Our tummies were filled and our throats were sore, but a good time was had by all.

Most of us got a sunburn at the July 12 family get-together at Kent

Lake. Many of the men had sore arms from practicing horse-shoe pitching for the forthcoming tournament at our picnic.

That party held at Stroh's Brewery on July 20 did much to relieve the summer heat.

We cheered ourselves hoarse on July 24 at the Tiger-Yankee ballgame, edging our Tigers on as they slaughtered the Yankees.

It was a good neighbor get-together on Aug. 16 at Findlay, Ohio, where our council and C-96, Dayton had a most enjoyable Sunday session.

The summer's climax was at our family picnic on Aug. 29, where games and contests were held for both children and adults. Capturing the horse-shoe pitching title was "Big, Bad" John Eizonas. The food and refreshments were typical Lithuanian style and both young and old agreed that nowhere can people have fun and good fellowship as at a Lithuanian get-together. Chairman, Leon Galinskas had the able assistance of his committee, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chaps, Mr. T. Dainus, Mr. J. Kazlauskas, Mrs. Betty Petroski, Mr. and Mrs. B. Vitkus, and Mrs. Cecilia Yunck.

A full report of the National Convention was presented at our Sept. 2 meeting. C-79 extends best wishes to the National officers, and we offer our support in carrying out the progressive plans they formulated at the convention.

Our hard working card party chairmen, Mrs. Ann Zilvitis and Mrs. Adele Vale have planned a most interesting party for Nov. 15. . . That ever busy Christmas Drawing chairman, Mrs. E. Paurazas, reports a most generous response from our members. . . The children can anticipate a joyous and exciting Christmas Party, since Mrs. Gerry Chaps has planned some interesting entertainment. . . To close the year co-chairmen Leon Galinskas, Frank Zager, and Cecilia Yunck are digging up ideas for a bang-up New Year's Eve party.

In the meantime bowling will be our most prominent activity. Our sixteen team league began the season on Sept. 4, and as a prelude of things to come, Joan Zilvitis bowled a tripliate.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Leon Galinskas on the loss of his father and to James Missel on the loss of his mother.

# C-79 Family Picnic



Family Picnic Committee, left to right: Mrs. B. Petroski, Mrs. C. Yunck, Mr. Leon Galinskas, Mary Campbell and Mrs. B. Vitkus.



Trophy presented for horseshoe pitching title. Left to right: 1964 Champ John Eizonas, Rev. Kundrat, 1963 Champ Pete Stanulis, and 1964 Runner-up Frank Petroski.



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### Cleveland, Ohio, C-25

Opening the winter season, C-25 entered a bowling team into the St. George's Mixed League. Composing the team are Nellie Arunski, captain, Adele Svet, Pete Luiza, and Ray Shigo. As of four weeks of bowling the K of L is in third place. Good luck to our team, and let's see you in first place.

Congratulations are sent to Nellie and John Arunski, for celebrating their twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, August 26th. Also married twenty-five years are Agnes and Bruno Bartkus, October 14th. Congratulations to both, and let's hope the next twenty-five years will be as enjoyable as the first.

Evelyn and John Andrulis would like to say thanks to the Chicago District for such a good time they showed them at the National Convention

Our sincere congratulations are sent to Father Lawrence Lewis, son of Antoinette Lewis, and nephew of Alvina and Pete Luiza, who was ordained into the priesthood on June 14th, with the Maryknoll Fathers.

### Detroit, Michigan C-102

On a beautiful July, Sunday afternoon our members and their families met at the Vic Yokins' home to enjoy their refreshing pool. Each family brought its own food, but the fun was shared by all. This was the best turnout of the entire year. There were about 25 adults present including Anna Mae Uznis, George Kayganich, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Galinas plus the Baibak, Bunikis, Medonis, Guerriero, Juodawlakis, Petravicius, Mishakis, Smolak and Pluto families. The number of children is indefinite since they did not stand still long enough to be counted. If I missed naming anyone it was because people were coming and going all day. Once everyone was rounded-up a meeting was held on the patio. We welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Vic Yokin into our membership ranks.

In August a large group attended a Tiger ballgame (which they won, by the way) followed by a get-together at the Ray Medonis' home. The gathering was really a surprise Anniversary Party for Maryanne and Joe Guerriero. Guests included the Chuck Steps, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pluto, the Bill Deanes, the Vic Yokins and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Juodawlakis, Anna Mae Uznis, George Kayganich, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bunikis whose son, Al, entertained with his accordian. In on the planning, but unable to attend were the Gus Baibaks, Robert Boris and Mr. and Mrs. Clem Galinas. A delicious buffet was served. The Guerrieros were presented with a crystal vase for their 15th year together and a gold Chi Rho decorated with entwined wedding rings, the Christian symbol of marriage.

Now our play has ended and we are all busy getting ready for our November District Convention. Hope to see some of you there.

### ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Chicago, Ill. C-112 112 Inquirer

Belated congratulations to Diane Yurkus and Ray Samoska; to Andy Tatusko; and to Beverly Brazis, daughter of Aldona and Algird, All were married during the summer months.

The Captive Nations Rally was held on July 12 at Grant Park. As usual, the Lithuanians had a large delegation, with the K of L well represented in the group.

The Ill.-Ind. District's annual 4th of July Picnic at the Willow-West Grove was most successful. Among those "who did their share of work" were Monica Kasper, Eleanore Laurin, Irene Rakaitis, Lorraine Wainauskas, Irene Sankus, Vladas Paliulionis, Jim Jagiella, Al Kachinski, Al Zakarka, Al Raubiskis, Vyt Lubert, Ed Pocius, Ed Krivickas, Al Matulis, Al Schulicke, and Pete Gagle. Needless to say, members of the Seniors and many, many C-36 members were also seen working diligently throughout the day.

During the September meeting, election of officers was held with the following results: Al Raubiskis, Pres.; Al Mockus, vice-pres.; Ruth Dagis, rec. secy.; Betty Bozec, corres. secy.; Dolores Wainauskas, fin. secy.; Monica Kasper, treas.; Antanas Balcytis and Al Dagis, trustees; and Ed Krivickas, Louis Rogers, and Al Schulicke, sgts-at-arms.

The new president appointed the following committee heads: ritual, Ed Pocius; Lith. affairs, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jagiella; social, Lorraine Wainauskas; gifts, Monica Kasper; publicity - pulpit, Louis Rogers, Lith. radio, Balys Brazdzionis, Lith. newspapers, Vladas Paliulionis, Engl. newspapers, Irene Sankus.



Ill.-Ind. District July 4th Picnic Committee, left to right: Frank Svelnis, Al Raubiskis, Wally Gregar, Al Manst, Helen Sirvinskas, Jim Jagiella, Vladas Paliulionis. Missing from photo are Monica Kasper, Eleanore Laurin and Irene Sankus.