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The First Month of the Year

RICHARD MOODEY, S.J.

The old Anglo-Saxons used to call it "wulfmonath" (Wolfmouth) because the wolves got so hungry at this time of year that they would come right into the villages looking for food. We call it "January", but perhaps few of us actually know why.

We have to look back to ancient Rome, to pre-Christian, pagan Rome in order to find the source of the name we give to the first month of the year. The Romans were very religious people, and sought the help of God in all things. But they did not have the revelation that the Jews had that there is but one God. So it happened that instead of seeking the help of one all-powerful Creator and Ruler of all things, the Romans made up different gods for each aspect of their lives for which they wanted to ask help. Thus Mercury was the god for business men and merchants, as well as for speakers. Mars was the god of war, Venus the goddess of love, Diana the goddess of the hunt, and Ceres the goddess of the harvest. It was a sort of beurocracy, which got pretty complicated in time, because the Romans would add the gods of the peoples they conquered to their own gods. A man would have a hard time just remembering who was in charge of what.

A GOD WITH TWO FACES

But one of the oldest of the Roman gods was Janus. Janus was the god of gates, doorways, of the entrance to the heavens, and of the beginning of things. Thus it was that in time "mensis Januaruys" (the month of Janus) came to be regarded as the first month of the year. Because you can go through a gate or a door from two directions, the Romans felt that the guardians of the doorway should be able to look in both directions. So Janus was always pictured with two faces, one looking forward, the other backward. At the northeastern end of the Roman "Forum" or marketplace, there stood a great double gate dedicated to Janus. In wartime, the gates stood open, in peacetime, they were shut. Before the Christian era, the gates were shut only four times, but they were shut at the time of Christ's birth, "when all the world was at peace."

JANUARY'S CITY

Nobody worships Janus any more. Jesus Christ is the Christian's assistance in setting out on something new, and He is the One who has opened the gates of heaven for man. And we find this symbolized in a great statue in a great city.

One January 1, 1502, the Portugese sea captain Andrew Goncalves sailed into the beautiful Bay of Guanabara on the coast of presentday Brazil. Thinking that this long bay was a river, he named it "Rio de Janeiro" - "River of January". The name stayed even when the error was discovered, and became the name of the city that is now the capital of Brazil.

A GUARD FOR THE ENTRANCE

Guarding the entrance to the harbor, on top of "Corcovado" (The Hunchback), a 2 440 foot pinnacle, stands a 130 foot statue of Christ the Redeemer, with arms stretched wide over the city and its bay. The statue can be seen from all parts of the harbor and the city, gleaming white against the green and brown of the hills, and the deep blue of the water and sky. The statue is the work of sculptor Paul Landowski, and was dedicated on Columbus day, 1931 after Brazil had celebrated a century of independence. Ever since then, the statue has shone in the sun by day, and by night has glistened in the beams of powerful floodlights.

We are always entering upon something, if not a new year, then a new activity, a new place, a new friendship. Our most important entry, the one to which every moment of our life on earth is pointed, is our entry into heaven. But we need not look to two-faced Janus for help in beginning well. Our guardian stands with arms outstretched, welcoming us with a peace that never fails. And He will stand at the gate of heaven and say, "Come blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

(Reprinted from "The Marian")

LOS ANGELES KVIEČIA VISUS VYČIUS Į 52-ą
SEIMĄ, KURIS ĮVYKS 1965 m. RUGPIŪČIO 5-tą, 6-tą,
7-tą ir 8-tą d.d. 133-čios KUOPOS NARIAI JAU RUO-
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ANKSTI PRADĖTI RUOŠTIS ŠIAM IŠKILMINGAM
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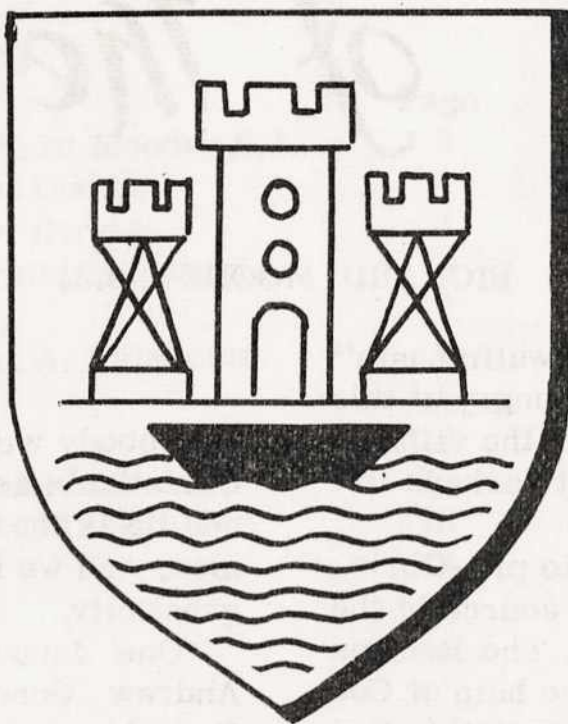
1923 metų sausio 15 diena

POV. DIRKIS

Kiekviena tauta didžiuojasi ir džiaugiasi savo istoriniais žygiais ir laimėjimais ir juos kiekviena proga stengiasi prisiminti bei pagerbti, bent spaudos puslapiuose. Data sausio 15 d. 1923 m. yra mummyse gyva ir amžiais bus gyva, nes tai yra liudijimas Klaipėdos krašto prijungimo prie Lietuvos.

Tas kraštas dabar įvairiai vadinamas: Vakarų Lietuva, Mažoji Lietuva, Pajūrio Lietuva, Gintaro Lietuva ir Klaipėdos Kraštas. Nesvarbu, kaip mes tą kraštą bevadintume, svarbu tas, kad tas kraštas yra Lietuvos dalis, kad to krašto gyventojai yra lietuviai ir pagaliau, kad tas kraštas yra lietuvių tautos nedalomą kūną.

Lietuvos nepriklausomybės Vasario 16 d. Akte yra paskelbta, kad atstatoma ne senoji istorinė Lietuva, bet valstybė etnografinėse sienose. Atseit, lietuvių tautos gyvenamose



žemėse. Tačiau dalis lietuviškų rytinių žemių buvo pagrobta lenkų, net su sostine Vilniū. Taip pat nepavyko etnografinių sienų pasiekti ir vakaruose, t.y. atgauti Klaipėdos Krašto. Kadangi į tą kraštą apart Lietuvos dar kiti turėjo pretenzijų, tai Versalio Taikos Konferencija, nen-

rėdama gilintis į ginčus bei pretenzijas, Klaipėdos Kraštą pavedė vienai iš Aliantų, laimėjusių karą, būtent: Prancūzijai. Tokiam nutarimui buvo pareikšti stiprūs ir aštrūs protestai iš Lietuvos vyriausybės ir Klaipėdos Krašto tuometinės Tarybos, bet viskas liko be pasekmių.

Lietuviai, nepamiršdami to krašto brolių, kurie 700 m. būdami prispausti, ujami ir niekinami, išlaikė savo kalbą, papročius, tradicijas, neišleido iš minties laisvės ir ta kryptimi dirbo. Ir štai, 1923 m. sausio 15 d. susiklosčius palankioms aplinkybėms, buvo suruoštas vietos gyventojų sukilimas ir kraštas tapo prijungtas prie Lietuvos. Tai buvo vienas iš pačių svarbiųjų Nepriklausomos Lietuvos gyvenimo įvykių, kuri lietuviai nuolat prisimena. Tuo pačiu tenka prisiminti ir to krašto vyriausiąjį sukilimo vadą Joną Budrį-Palavinską, kurį 1964 m. rugsėjo mėn. 6 d. palaidojom Chicagoj, Tautiniuose kapuose.

1965 METUS PRADĖJUS

POV. DIRKIS

Ir vėl vieną mūsų gyvenimo tarpsnių, vieną keliasdešimtąją mūsų amžiaus dalį nusineša į istoriją Naujųjų Metų naktis. Nusineša buvusius džiaugsmus ir liudėjimus, pasisekimus ir neseckmes, juoką ir ašaras, lūkesčius ir viltis. I praeitį nuėjusieji 1964-tieji metai mums, kaip Lietuvos vyčiams, nebuvo visai eiliniai. Jie atnešė į mūsų gyvenimą laiką naujo, daugiau ar mažiau pastebėto, kas iš dalies mus džiugina ir ramina. Praeities metai mūsų organizaciniame darbe davė ne tik šviesesnių prošvaisčių, bet paliko gana gražių pėdsakų, būtent: turėjome Vyčių seimą, kuris praėjo su dideliu pasisekimu, suruošėm keletą koncertų ir kultūrinių subuvimų, mūsų atstovai dalyvavo įvairiuose kongresuose ir seimuose; atkūrėm iš naujo keletą kuopų; aktyviai dalyvavome New Yorko pasaulinėje parodoje, sustiprinom organizacinę veiklą

centre ir kuopose ir t.t.

Naujieji Metai atėjo sunaujais uždaviniais, naujais keliais ir naujomis priemonėmis organizacinių tikslų ir laimėjimų siekti. Mes negalime tik savo žmogiškomis jėgomis sutvarkyti pasaulio ir jo žiaurumų. Mūsų krikščioniška dvasia reikalauja bent mėginti savo tiksluose išvelgti visuotinius Dievo tikslus, kurie nesikeičia ir nelaužo moralinių dėsnių. Sujungti asmeninius ir tautinius tikslus su amžiniais tikslais yra vienas iš pagrindinių mūsų veiklos ramsčių, kad ji neliktų tuščia ir neprasminga.

Tad žengiant jau peržengtą Nau-

jųjų 1965 Metų slenkstį, reikia daugiau to uždegančio ryžto, kuris mus stumte stumtų į darbą, į tikslo siekimą, į laimėjimus. Ką dabar nudirbsime arba laimėsime savo tautai ir sime arba laimėsime savo tautai, laimėsime jos ateičiai, kartu atlikdami savo pareigas, kurias mums uždėjo Dievas, tautos kančios ir mūsų pačių kaipo tautos vaikų, šventi įsitikinimai. O kiekvienas atliktas žygis, kiekvienas atsieltas laimėjimas lietuviškoje dirvoje suteiks mums pasitenkinimo ir džiaugsmo, kuris bus ganėtinu atlyginimu už paaukotą laiką ir išleistą centą.

LOS ANGELES EXTENDS A WELCOME TO ALL KNIGHTS TO ATTEND THE 52nd NATIONAL CONVENTION ON AUGUST 5, 6, 7, and 8, 1965. COUNCIL 133 MEMBERS ARE MAKING PREPARATIONS TO WELCOME ALL GUESTS, AND WE IN TURN, SHOULD BEGIN MAKING OUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.

MEET FR. VAL

Loreta Macekonis C-5

A National Convention, for the Knights of Lithuania, is no insignificant event. It is always a hustle-bustle time filled with many activities, both business and friendly pursuits. The 1964 Convention was no exception. Despite constant interruptions, the Nominating Committee for National Officers met periodically in one of the suites at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel to select a slate of members best qualified for the job ahead. When they were informed that our Spiritual Advisor was going to retire from his post, the committee began to scan the delegation for a replacement. Their search was short, for in the midst of registered conventioners was one clergyman, an Honorary Member, who was not only a man of the collar but a past District and National Spiritual Advisor, a former Editor of the VYTIS, a director of K of L Drama Groups, and a notable public speaker. The Nominating Committee lost no time in approaching Rev. Anastasius Valancius. Traditionally willing to accept responsibility, he accepted the position as "Shepherd" of the K of L flock. Some of the younger delegation, not knowing of his wonderful work for the K of L (since he had for some time been obliged to remain in temporary hibernation), asked: "Who is he?" We in Chicago who know and love him, affectionately call him "Father Val", and this is his story.

At the turn of the century an energetic and zealous Lithuanian immigrant from Zemaitija, Anastasius Valancius, living in Long Island, New York, met and fell in love with Rosalia, also from Zemaitija. They were married in 1901. Both endowed with a deep spiritual reverence toward God, they cemented their marriage with a further vow to dedicate any offspring to His Service.

Life looked gloomy at the birth of the 20th Century. Since prospects in Chicago looked more promising for the young electrician, off they went, migrating to the West. Concerned with locating in an area near a Lithuanian Roman Catholic Parish, they settled on the north-side of Chicago near St. Michael Church, then under construction. It was there that Father Val was born on October 2, 1904, and it was there that he returned as pastor of "Little St. Michael."

Life was cheerful for the Valancius family in its early years. A sister, Mary, was born and became a favorite companion of the first born. She is now known as "Sister Mary Jerome" of the Franciscan Order and is presently teaching the 7th and 8th Grades at St. Peter School in Kenosha, Wisconsin. A second sister, Sophie, came into the world shortly thereafter and was followed by Helen, who is now an accounting chief with General Electric.

In 1912 the family moved to Cicero, Illinois where



Father Val completed his primary education at St. Anthony School, and where a baby brother, Anthony, entered the scene. Cicero, a second home to Father Val, is the place of his fondest childhood memories. They were years of much happiness. He assumed the responsibility of "oldest in the clan," and always took a fatherly interest in the problems of his sisters and brother. When dad was working and mom sometimes, too, to "balance the budget," it was Father Val who supervised the youngsters. He would put on an apron and see that they got their "daily diet requirements," both of food and of discipline. The family never lost its close tie because of these loving years of togetherness. His fatherly interest has carried on to the present time. He may call a member of the family at any hour of the day or night, should a sudden storm break through, concerned in knowing if everything is alright.

Father Val's father was an active participant in all parish affairs, especially in directing theatrical plays, and as a boy Father Val was a constant companion of his father's to meetings, banquets, and church services. Just as his father was dedicated to Lithuanian-Catholic life, so too was he. The Lithuanian language was always spoken at home and Father Val mastered both Lithuanian and English. Part of the Sunday ritual was to translate the "funnies" into Lithuanian so that his mother could enjoy them as much as he did.

Father Val was always the brightest in the class; he displayed this brightness even prior to any formal schooling. He was the only child in the family able to be sent to the store with an order of at least five items, and be expected to come back with each item and the accurate amount of change, all at the age of 3.

A fastidious dresser, Father Val displayed an early affinity for neatness and was known (as a boy) to come home from school as neatly dressed as he was when his mother discharged him each morning. This affinity for neatness ended during his remaining grade school years when he was reprimanded for not indulging in "recess activities" with the other youngsters. Obediently, he indulged, and from that day forward came home a typically boyish "mess" each day. Introduced to sports, through his recess activities, he soon excelled at them. To this day he is 'a hard man to beat' either on the bowling lanes or the golfing greens. It's

safer not to engage in a discussion on the "Sox", "Chicago Bears," "Notre Dame", or "Blackhawks," unless you're at least as expert in your knowledge of sports as is Father Val, or are on his side, otherwise you haven't a "prayer" of a chance of succeeding with your arguments.

Of high scholastic repute, St. Ignatius High School was Father Val's choice for higher education and then St. Bede College in Peru, Illinois. There was no vocational decision to be made, he just knew Mundelein Seminary would be his next step. Aside from being an adept pianist, it was while studying for the priesthood that his beautiful tenor voice was discovered. Each year while in the Seminary, he sang "Christus" in the Good Friday Passion Services.

On April 27, 1930, Rev. Anastasius Valancius, as a newly ordained priest, celebrated his first Mass at St. Anthony Church. The entire family was there to share in the dream that both parents had harbored in their hearts for 26 years. Parents are traditionally the first to receive the blessing of a new priest, but his sister, Sophie, aggressively broke through the family reception and pleaded to be blessed first. It was just a year later that she died after giving birth to her son, Daniel.

A priestly life is an active one and Father Val found much to do at his first appointment in the parish of the Immaculate Conception in the Brighton Park neighborhood of Chicago. He was immediately recognized as an able Public Speaker, and earned a reputation as one that has never diminished. It was during this period that he and his brother Tony instituted a Drama Group that performed on a large scale. The troupe rotated from parish to parish. Everyone enjoyed the Broadway hits that Father Val had patiently translated into the Lithuanian language. Their performances always attracted a capacity audience.

From 1935 to 1938 he was transferred to St. George Parish in the heart of the Lithuanian Bridgeport community in Chicago. Here, in addition to being spiritual leader for several organizations, he kept the drama group in full swing, and also edited the Parish Bulletin. Until 1941 he was the Vicar at Holy Cross Church. Here again he gave his time and energy freely to more than one enterprise. Aside from the parish organizations, he devoted many hours to the welfare of the community in "The Back-of-the-Yards Neighborhood Council."

From 1940 to 1944 he served as Vicar at Nativity, B.V.M. Parish in Marquette Park and until 1946 at Providence of God congregation. In 1944 he took on an assignment at St. Bartholomew Parish in Waukegan, Illinois, and immediately went to work reorganizing the dormant women's clubs and the Holy Name Society. He has not been forgotten there for he gained much popularity through his weekly radio broadcasts on religion. These were busy years and his family saw little of him.

His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch on May 28, 1953, appointed Father Val the pastor of St. Michael Church, the parish over which he still presides. He is a true father of his fold. Some pastors are seen from the pulpit, only, but not Father Val. After Mass on Sunday mornings, he finds time to greet his parishoners, addressing each of them by name and adding a few comforting words wherever they are necessary.

He puts to practice all of the corporal works of mercy in dealing with members of his flock.

Due to the changing urban area around St. Michael, parishoners have diminished to only a faithful few. It can get very lonely with little activity, meager Sunday collections, structures to maintain, and loss of organizational work. The little church is situated between two large parishes and when the diocese ordered the closing of the school, it took away the one compensating joy left at St. Michael and that was being surrounded daily by the noisy, happy children he loved so much.

With next to no parish activities to occupy his priestly career, he again found more time to be with his family and close friends. His visits to his mother, sisters, and brother's family were a source of joy, but it was short lived. His brother died in 1960, and only two years later his mother followed.

Sharing a part of Father Val's life and heart are the "holy nuns." Father Val knows the history of practically every Order of Nuns that the church has chartered. Every nun he has encountered remembers him. He is one of their most popular retreat masters, from our own Casimirites to the Cenacle Nuns (experts in retreat work). The strongest influence in his life has been, and is, the Blessed Virgin. When he speaks of Her it is with the reverence of a devoted husband. He has read almost every work on Her life and enthusiastically searches for new books. But, he is not selfish in this love. He has translated the Sorrowful Mother Novena into the Lithuanian language so that others may also know that love that he has known through her.

Books have always been a source of satisfaction to his alert mind. For relaxation there is the humorist, P.G. Woodehouse, and mysteries galore. You name it and he's read it. For thoughtful moods, there's his keen interest in philosophy, with St. Thomas Aquinas leading the list.

A man of distinctive taste, money and material possessions apparently mean nothing to him. Generosity is one of his prime virtues. He is, in fact, generous to a fault at times. His family is reluctant to ask a favor of him. Once, returning from his travels (and he loves to travel), he filled the request of a family member for cashew nuts and bananas by coming back with five pounds of nuts and a stalk of bananas. That's Father Val. Give him a job and you get "more than expected" results.

A lover of fine food, Father Val has earned a reputation for knowing the right place to eat. If there's a culinary artist in town, he knows exactly in what kitchen he can be found.

Father Val's greatest "hobby" is people. He can count many people from all walks of life as his friends, because he has always given generously of himself. His true Christian personality makes no distinction in classes of men.

Well, now you've met Father Val, at least superficially, and as he is the Spiritual Advisor of the National Board you will meet him from now on, we are sure, through his messages to you via the VYTIS. He is a colorful personality, witty, interesting, gregarious, and endowed with true empathy earned from sensitive understanding, personal suffering, keen interest in others, and a perpetual unselfish giving of himself.

We like him! We know you'll like him, too!

LRCAA

In addition to those benefits reviewed in the May issue of the VYTIS.

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS

Waiver of dues and accidental death benefits are available for applicants employed at non hazardous occupation at a small additional rate. On acceptance a Rider covering such benefits shall be attached to the life insurance certificate.

Non hazardous occupations include: office workers, the various professions, such as teachers, lawyers, physicians, skilled and unskilled workmen not engaged in occupations considered hazardous. Coal miners, structural steel workers, handlers or users of explosives, electricians handling live wire, automobile racers, aeronautics, are a few of the occupations in the hazardous category and, therefore, not eligible for these benefits.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND WAIVER OF DUES DESCRIBED

If death occurs from accidental causes as defined in the Rider and the accidental death benefit is in force, the beneficiary will receive twice the face value, of the life insurance certificate. The accidental benefit provision will cease upon the anniversary nearest the sixtieth birthday of the insured.

Waiver of Dues. In the event of Total Disability of a member having such additional benefits, and while the life insurance certificate is in force, the regular monthly dues are waived, when such disability has been present and existed for not less than six consecutive months and the member has been accepted as totally disabled by the Supreme Medical Examiner for the Alliance, excepting for total disability caused by war, aeronautics, self inflicted wounds etc.; as defined in the Rider. The rates waived under this pro-

vision will not reduce the amount payable under the life insurance certificate as a death claim or at maturity. The benefit provision will cease upon the anniversary nearest the sixtieth birthday of the insured.

JUVENILES SECTION

Juveniles are accepted as members from date of birth to 16 years nearest birthday upon application made by a parent, guardian or other adult person responsible for support and maintenance. Medical examination is not required if the life insurance benefit is \$5,000 or less.

Full benefit is payable in the event of death after a member reaches the age of seven (7-months).

For the purpose of uniformity the same classes of Life Insurance Benefits issued to adult members have been adopted and are in effect for the Juvenile Section.

Members in the Juvenile Section upon reaching the age of 16 years are transferred to the Adult Section. There are no transfer charges nor increase of rates. Also on transfer at age 16 from the Juvenile Section such members have all the rights and privileges of adult members.

ADDITIONAL JUVENILE BENEFITS

Payor Benefit. Payor Benefits are obtainable for an additional monthly rate at the time of making application for Life or Endowment insurance benefits for a juvenile child, provided the applicant or payor is employed at non hazardous work, and further provided, the age of the payor is not less than 20 nor over 40 years of age.

Payor Benefit provides that in the event of death of the payor, before the insured member has attained the age of 21 years, the regular monthly

dues are waived. The dues waived under this provision shall not reduce the amount of the life insurance benefit at maturity or as a death claim. Payment of dues is resumed when the insured member reaches the age of 21 years provided the life insurance certificate has not matured or has been fully paid-up.

A supplemental Payor Benefit Rider shall be attached to and made part of the Juvenile Certificate. Payor Benefit is available to the original applicant and is not transferable to another payor or beneficiary, and is not available to widowed women.

ADDITIONAL MONTHLY RATES FOR PAYOR BENEFIT

Double Indemnity by Accidental Death. Double Indemnity is now available to juveniles from ages five to fifteen years.

It is also available to all those who were in the Juvenile Section and have been transferred to the Adult Section by making payment of an additional small amount which would have accumulated as reserve from the date of entry, and by making payment of the regular rate for Double Indemnity to the end of the regular premium payment period.

Parents or members interested may get further information from the Home Office.

REMARK

Life and endowment insurance is actually a pecuniary resource payable in the event of death to a beneficiary or to the member. Life insurance benefits when acquired by a person, immediately establishes financial protection for those nearest and dearest to him. No person can have too much life insurance, particularly the head of a family.

What's New!

REV. A. VALANCIUS

For want of something newer, how about 1965? It's only a few weeks old and we may still be feeling the after effects of the merriment in which we greeted its arrival. With its coming we found ourselves dreaming of the plans we had for it. For some it meant the beginning of a new life - approaching matrimony, completion of studies in a chosen profession, the arrival of an addition to the family, a promotion with a boost in salary; for others it spelled a new suburban ranch-type home, a shiny convertible decorating the driveway, or like the Christmas ditty says a couple of new front teeth. New things during the New Year mean different things to different people.

For yet others, it means something not exactly new, but an improvement, a remodeling job. It could have to do with a piece of property, but for most, at least this is the original intent, it concerns a redecorating job of oneself. Not a superficial facelifting bit with the outside appearance, but an intense effort to better ourselves interiorly. Like a home is not valued primarily by the surrounding landscaping, outside paint job or even its location, but by the firmness of the foundation, the solidity of the walls that support it and the condition of the roofing, so it is with those who make up the home; though it is important to look good, it is by what we are, that men and God judge us. And so, we sit down to make plans to make man and God like us better. If we're honest, we will more than likely find that the plans we had made at the beginning of 1964 have been thrown 5 or maybe 10 yards behind the line of scrimmage and 4th down. But here is 1965. We've got the ball again and it's 1st down. Like the good football player, no matter what the score, we gather whatever talents at our disposal and make a new attempt at carrying the ball across the enemy goal line.

Most of our failures in achieving a goal in self-improvement occur for the simple reason that we try to bite off too much at one time. Let's say one makes a resolution something like this - "From now on, I'm going to try to be a perfect gentleman." Well now, buddy, Cardinal Newman, a rather learned churchman of the last century, wrote a quite lengthy and profound volume on what a gentleman is or should be. You wouldn't expect to become one during 1965? If you're wild enough to think so, wait until December 31, 1965. You'll probably find that neither you nor your friends will have noticed any special improvement in you. You'll look somewhat like you did on January 1, 1965, chances are you won't look as good. All this happened because you bit off too much, and in desperation you threw the whole idea overboard sometime early in the year and went back to your old self. But hold on! Don't be a quitter! Start again! There's nothing wrong with that! Only this time around try it a bit differently. Find out one thing, preferably a little one, let's say, whenever answering

yes or no you will add 'sir', 'ma'am', 'miss', 'mom', 'dad', 'sis', 'dear', (kooky ain't it, but still in use where there are gentlemen). Tiny words, but they will require thoughtful effort on your part (a quality in all gentlemen), and they will be felt by those for whom they are intended. Or you might notice an elegant quality in the behavior of a friend which you would like to possess in your own personality, focus your sights on IT alone and keep them on it all the time. This way, you cannot help but improve. It may take you a mite longer than you had originally intended to spend on it, perhaps longer than one year, but it will come eventually. When confronted with a star, whether on the stage or in real life, we marvel at the perfection of the finished product. Hardly ever do we even think of the hours upon hours of dull, drab, long, persistent rehearsals before stardom. If you feel this is not so, ask one. And so even if it's a small polishing job you want to do on yourself, the final shine will depend on the amount of care and muscle you have put into the brushing. And even though in your own opinion the final result is somewhat insignificant, it will of necessity improve you, and will attract the notice of others.

Another reason for failure in keeping resolutions comes from giving too much ear to the advice of others, competent or not (and there's plenty of that), or interpreting it the wrong way. Since this has to do with coaching and following instructions, I am reminded of a football story. It seems, in a game in which his team was hopelessly behind and very little time left in the game, he turned to his bruised and weary bench. He pointed to his 4th string quarter-back and told him to grab a helmet and go into the brawl. He sent him off with the following instructions. Hoping to keep the score from ballooning higher, he told the eager sub to try an off-tackle play, an end run, a forward pass and then punt. Play started on their own 10 yard line. Faithful to the instruction of his coach and anxious to make an impression, he called the off-tackle play. The half back broke through for 15 yards. In the next huddle, the now excited quarterback pointed to the right half-back for the end around play, to the amazement of the stands he wasn't downed until he had reached the mid-field stripe. Now came time for the pass. The left end made a spectacular grab on the opponents 20 yard line where he was immediately tackled. Loyal to his coach the quarter-back next dropped back and punted the ball out of the stadium. So it is with many of us. We read instructions wrongly, to them rarely do we add common sense and in a burst of emotional enthusiasm blow our chance for success. But one important thing! Always remember, though you might have made such mistakes DO NOT GIVE UP. Calm down, listen, use judgement and start all over again. Giving up is a worse sin than never to have made a boo-boo. (Cont. on page 9)

SENI IR NAUJI NAUJU METU PAPROČIAI

Žmonės per šimtmečius šventė Naujų Metų šventę pagal papročius įvairiais būdais. O tačiau jokia kita šventė neatspindi taip universaliai žmogaus bendros laimės ir gerbuvio vilties ir jo noro turėti šiltus draugystės ryšius su kitais.

Ši vilties ir brolybės dvasia dažnai buvo išreikšta valgymo, linksmimosi ir draugų lankymo papročiais. Amerikai liko pridėti savo charakterį prie pasaulio Naujų Metų papročių.

Sportą mylintieji amerikiečiai paskyrė savo mėgiamiausią sportą Naujų Metų dienai ir pradėjo ploti savo pasirinktomis sporto grupėms ir naujiems metams tuo pačiu laiku. Rose Bowl kolegijos futbolo žaidynės, kurios seka po garsiojo Pasadena (Kalifornija) Rožių Turnyro, buvo pradėtos 1916 m. ir po to sekė maži ir didesni "rose bowl" turnyrai per visą kraštą.

Didžiulis paradas Filadelfijoje yra dar vienas grynai amerikietiškas paprotys Naujų Metų dieną. Šis maskaradiškas paradas, kuris turbūt turi panašumo į senuosius anglų veikalus, buvo pradėtas kaip miesto šventė 1876 m. sausio mėn. 1 d. Per pereitus Naujuosius Metus apie du milijonai

žiūrovų iš visų Amerikos rytinių vietovių sekė fantastiškai apsirengusius orkestrantus ir kitus, žygiuojančius per Filadelfijos Broad Street.

Didelė Naujų Metų šventimo papročių dalis tačiau yra kilusi iš Europos. Prancūzijoje ir Škotijoje Naujų Metų diena pasidarė ir pasiliko viena iš svarbiausių metų švenčių - laikas pasikeisti dovanomis, sveikinimo kortelėmis ir lankyti draugus bei gimines. Škotų vaikai, šaukdami "Hogmanay", pasipila po gatves Naujų Metų išvakarėse ir prašo pyragų bei vaisių iš savo kaimynų.

Dvylika vynuogių yra ispanų Naujų Metų išvakarių šventės dalimi Puerta del Sol, Madrido "Time Square". Kai laikrodys muša dvyliktą valandą vynuogės yra laikomos virš galvų ir valgomos laimei - viena vynuogė kiekvienam metų mėnesiui.

Vengrai tiki, kad Šv. Silvestro išvakarėse (gruodžio 31 d.) kiaulės palietimas atneš laimę. Svarbiausiuose restoranuose ir kavinėse Budapešte ištaukuota kiaulė yra paleidžiama vidurnaktį ir svečiai per visas linksmybes ir suirutę bėga paskui ją, kad paliestų.

Lietuvoje po vakarienių Naujų Me-

tų išvakarėse du ar trys maskuoti vyrai, nešini uždegtus žibintus, įeina į kaimo namus, valgo, geria, šoka ir dainuoja. Jiems išeinant šeiminkai, taip pat maskuoti, juos lydi į sekančius namus. Prieš baigiantis nakčiai žibintus nešina procesija susidaro iš viso kaimo.

Anglijoje vyno stiklas ir duonos riekė yra duodami lankytojams, kurie atvyksta pirmieji į namus Naujų Metų ryte. Pirmasis atvykėlis su savim atneša tradicinį šiltumo ir turtingumo simbolį: anglies, duonos ir druskos, ir yra mielai sutinkamas, nes su savim įleidžia Naujuosius Metus. Atstovaudamas senuosius metus, jis išeina per užpakalines duris.

Naujų Metų šventimas Amerikoje, kaip ir viskas kita šiame įvairumo pilname krašte, susidaro iš seno ir naujo. Šiame sumaišyme glūdi mūsų stiprumas ir pažadas, kaip tauta. Šis pagrindinis Amerikos gyvenimo aspektas ypač interesuoja mūsų draugus ir gimines užsienyje, kuriems yra rašomi milijonai laiškų per šventes.

(Ištrauka iš "American Council for Nationalities Service" Žinių)

What's New! (Cont. from page 8)

You may not know where to start or what to work on. Allow me to presume to make a suggestion. If you are like the rest of us mortals, and I hope you are, then I'm sure that you will agree that the following proposal will assuredly improve you, yes, and even help you to contribute towards better human relations. Most of us, if not all, excluding a few people whose statues or pictures decorate our churches and homes, seem to take a special delight in knocking others. A faculty that belongs solely to God, we are wont to usurp for ourselves so readily. Did you ever wonder why this is so? More than likely you will notice that the fault you see in another, you are harnessed with yourself. You point your accusing finger at your neighbor to distract attention from yourself or to justify your own failure. It is one of the truly shameful weaknesses in mankind. It's a downright lie! And is vividly portrayed in an old Lithuanian saying supposedly uttered by a wandering gypsy, who to pass the

time of day sauntered into a church and immediately proceeded to steal an unsuspecting lady's purse in the back pew. Caught in the act, he sternly came back at the victim with, "Nežiūrėk į čigoną, žiūrėk į Sv. Oną!"

Charity is the one virtue by which a christian is identified, as the very words of Christ indicate. Nothing destroys charity more brutally, often irreparably, than petty back-biting. Before you open your mouth in speech in 1965 stop and check on what you are about to say - especially about somebody else - most of the time it is. You know, more than any other virtue this one will show through whether you intend it to or not. What a compliment to hear - "He or she never says anything unkind about others." I hope, I can live so that people and God can say it about me. I'm sure you wouldn't mind to have it said about you. Let's work at it!

Happy Resolutions! Happy New Year! Hope the Good Lord will have us still around for the inventory come December 31, 1965!

Vyčių Himnas

A. ALEKSIS

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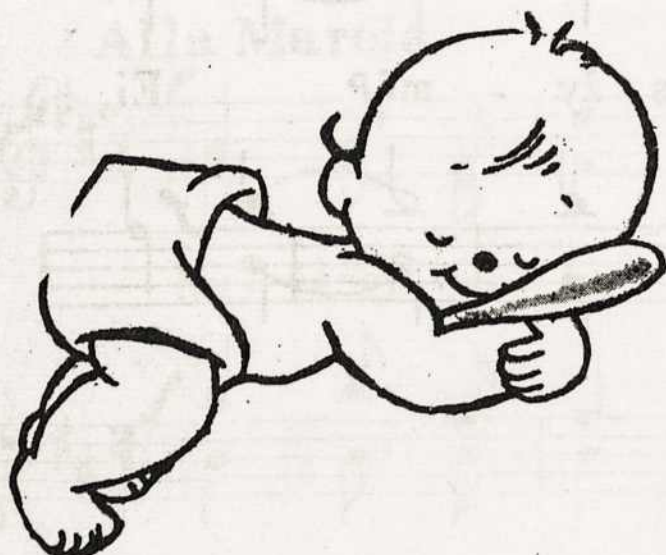
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PSSST.....



SAY THERE... WAKE UP!

Don't miss the big chance to increase membership in the K of L with ANOTHER COUNCIL - new or reorganized.

If you have any parishes or areas in your city or in neighboring towns which have about 10 Lithuanian families or more and - NO K of L Council - GIVE THEM ONE!

If a council had existed there before - WAKE IT UP!

The procedure is simple:

FIRST: Contact the local parish pastor or assistant (Lithuanian or not) and discuss the situation with him. Get permission to organize the group. (Remember our aims and ideals are CATHOLIC and DEMOCRATIC as our motto states - FOR GOD AND COUNTRY). The parish can probably lend assistance with names and advice about the prospects in the area.

SECOND: Contact these prospects and ask their opinion about organizing the group in the area. They are the ones who will keep this K of L Council alive.

THIRD: Correspond with your National Officers: President Helen Shields, 217 Wharton St., Philadelphia 47, Pa. or Membership Vice President Eleanore Laurin, 6800 S. Rockwell St., Chicago 29, Ill. They can provide you with the material essential in orientating prospects and new members, as well as any needed advice or information.

FOURTH: Plan a get-together or get-acquainted meeting with the leaders in the area. Advertise the occasion in the local newspapers, the Lithuanian publications and the Parish bulletin. Plan the social reception well. Get a theme to fit the majority of prospective members; e.g. a family "vakaruškas", a teen-record hop, a square dance, a polka party or just an old-fashioned social.

FIFTH: With plenty of material on hand - brochures, constitutions, applications, etc. — BE READY TO SIGN UP THE NEW MEMBERS!

SIXTH: Set a date for a formal meeting, having checked out the other activities in the area which may detract. Publicize the date and hold the first formal meeting.

SEVENTH: At the meeting, with a minimum of ten members, conduct an election of officers, have a Spiritual Advisor appointed and have the financial secretary mail the applications and dues (\$4.00 per person - \$5.00 per couple for first year) to the National Financial Secretary. Set up the date for regular monthly meetings.

EIGHT: Of course, AN ACTIVE COUNCIL is a LIVE COUNCIL. Plan a bigger social activity for the VERY NEAR FUTURE.

And remember - the early bird gets the worm. All early birds - sign up the prospects NOW!

More information, as stated before, can be obtained from your National Officers and by reading the next issue of your VYTIS.

Eleanore Laurin
Membership Vice President

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Once again we have welcomed in a New Year. This is the time of year when people usually pause to briefly reflect and make an effort to chart their course for the future.

It would be well, if we the members of the Knights of Lithuania, would take the time and effort to review our own individual activity of the past and chart the course that we will take during the coming year.

We are members of an organization that has contributed a great deal to the American Lithuanian Community of the United States during the past 51 years. We continue to do so today.

In our ranks, we have a number of dedicated K of L members in each council who keep carrying the torch of the K of L ideals in their respective councils. To these members we express our gratitude for their undying efforts, self-sacrifices and determination to keep striving for the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania. You are the faithful members who never tire, never stray, never give up, no matter how exhausted you may be, or how many times you have offered your services for various committees. You are the members who have enabled the Knights of Lithuania organization to achieve numerous successes throughout the years.

We take this opportunity to congratulate and commend you - each and every K of L'er who has made a sincere effort to give of himself or herself for the betterment of the organization.

As in other organizations, so too, in ours, we have members who stay away from meetings, shy away from any work, and even though they are prompt to pay their dues, make no effort to become closer involved with any project of the organization.

To these members I make a special plea - Won't you please accept just a little responsibility and work to ease the burden of those who work so hard - at least for this year? Could you not spare a few hours each month, which you will set aside to devote to Lithuanian Affairs, Culture, Juniors, Fund Raising, writing an article for the VYTIS, or any other project that is part of the K of L?

For an organization to grow, flourish, expand, the interest and cooperation of all, and not just a few is needed. Surely, if these members joined in ACTIVE participation, we could enjoy a most successful year. Your council would receive new impetus which would resound to the District and the National level.

Let us all, whether we are old or young, new or old members, resolve to partake in some phase of K of L activity during this coming year. Only by working together, will we be able to achieve the aims and reach the goals of the Knights of Lithuania.

I take this opportunity to extend a most hearty and sincere welcome to the officers and members of the newly re-activated K of L Councils:

Council 13, Chicago, Illinois
 Council 14, Cicero, Illinois
 Senior Council 111, Youngstown, Ohio
 Council 113, Linden, New Jersey.

We are most happy to welcome all of you to the Knights of Lithuania organization and are most hopeful that you will grow to love and respect the aims and goals of our organization which strives to unite all American Lithuanian Catholics for the purpose of making us become better Catholics, better Lithuanians and better citizens of our land. May all of you enjoy many happy and fruitful years as members of the Knights of Lithuania!

Lai gyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčiai!

Helen T. Shields, President

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OFFICIAL NEWS

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

February 16, 1965 will be the 47th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Lithuania. All council officers and members are urged to participate in the commemoration of this event.

We suggest that all members make a sincere attempt to receive Holy Communion for the intention of the people of Lithuania and that we remember them in our prayers, in addition to organizing and/or attending Commemorative Programs.

Each Lithuanian Affairs Chairman or Council President should write to the Governor of their State and the Mayor of their City urging that February 16th be proclaimed Lithuanian Independence Day in their area.

ATTENTION!

ALL MEMBERS AND FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Membership dues for most members became due as of January 1, 1965. As members, you should pay your dues at the earliest opportunity. As Financial Secretary, you should collect and forward the dues as soon as possible to the National FINANCIAL Secretary, Johanna Jakunas, 4357 So. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60632. Your prompt and sincere cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

VYTIS DEADLINES

Since there appears to be some confusion as to the VYTIS deadline dates the following is a schedule for the balance of the year:

- February issue - deadline was Jan. 5, 1965
- March issue - deadline, Feb. 5th
- April issue - deadline, March 5th
- May issue - deadline, April 5th
- June-July issue - deadline, May 25th. (Since the Convention will be held in early August, this will be the last issue prior to the Convention.)
- August-September CONVENTION ISSUE - (No Council News will be published for this one issue).
- October VYTIS 50th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE - deadline, Sept. 5th.
- November issue - deadline, Oct. 5th.
- December issue - deadline, Nov. 5th.

The above schedule applies not only to feature articles but also to Council news.

EDITORS' REQUEST

The VYTIS is the National Organ of the Knights of Lithuania. This is YOUR publication and is designed to

serve YOU. Feature articles, in Lithuanian and English, activities of Lithuanians in your city, in addition to articles about your Council's activities, will help YOU enjoy and benefit from YOUR national organ.

We earnestly will welcome your ideas, criticisms, suggestions and your feature articles.

MEMBERSHIP

A sincere effort must be made by all of the members to strengthen our Councils by increasing membership. It is important that we do our best to bring our membership to the highest point possible. Don't wait! Enroll one, two or more members in the Knights of Lithuania NOW.

RULES FOR THE 1964 - 1965 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Earn TEN points for each new or re-activated member you enroll by JANUARY 31, 1965.

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. Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of increase based on these totals.

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:

- (1) Organizing a new council: Junior, Regular or Senior;
- (2) Re-Organizing a dormant Council: Junior, Regular or Senior::
(If more than one person is responsible for the organization or re-activation of a 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 you DISTRICT to win the award.

SUPPLIES

Any Supreme Council Officer or National Committee member needing official K of L stationary is asked to please write to Johanna Jakunas, 4357 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60632.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you move and the VYTIS is mailed to your old address it is impossible for us to send a duplicate copy to you. The Post Office, providing you have filed a change of address notice with them, will notify you to send postage before they will forward the magazine. To avoid additional expense and to assure yourself of receiving the VYTIS promptly, send a notice of your new address to: Johanna Jakunas, Fin. Sec'y., 4357 So. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill., 60632.

COUNCIL SECRETARIES

If you have not already done so, please send Eleanor Sakevich, National Secretary, 111 Crescent Drive, BrickTown, N.J., the names and addresses of your new Council Officers and the Committee Chairmen. It is important that each Council have their officers listed with the Supreme Council.

WEAR YOUR K of L EMBLEM PIN!
KNOW YOUR CONSTITUTION!

The official K of L pins in mens' and ladies' styles are available for \$1.00 each; the constitution, 25¢ each. Orders may be placed with Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita St., Dayton, Ohio. Keep a supply on hand for all of your new members.

ELECTIONS

If for any reason your council was not able to hold election of officers in October or November of 1964, please make necessary arrangements to do so in 1965. This is a constitutional change approved at the 1964 Convention and should be adhered to in the same manner as all other articles of the constitution.

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EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Roman Catholics from many lands opened a festival of worship and thanksgiving in Bombay, India on Saturday, November 28, 1964. About 150,000 Catholics began the 38th International Eucharistic Congress in a palm-fringed park with a display of Western religious pageantry never before seen in that part of the world. Pope Paul's representative, Gregory Cardinal Agagianian, opened the nine-day congress. Preceded by 50 altar boys in red and white surplices and cassocks, Cardinal Agagianian entered the park and on behalf of Pope Paul, blessed the pilgrims - 1,000 from the United States and 8,000 from other nations.

Pope Paul VI, continuing his role as an "Apostle on the move", was welcomed by India's Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, along with a million Indians, on his arrival at Bombay's Santa Cruz Airport.

Pope Paul had spoken to thousands and had been seen by millions. He had stressed the need for social justice, "food, clothing, and decent housing for millions." He had shown that the Roman Catholic Church is universal, bearing its message to Asia as well as the Western world.

A report of the Congress will appear in a future issue of VYTIS.

KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA

Objectives

To unite American Lithuanian youth into a strong organized force in accordance with the following regulations:

To further among its members a deeper understanding and more zealous practice of the Catholic faith.

To organize Juniors and develop in them qualities of leadership and prepare them for eventual membership in the Knights of Lithuania.

To educate their members in good American citizenship, urging them to participate in national public affairs.

To encourage among the youth an attachment to the land of their fathers - Lithuania - and an affection for the Lithuanian language and customs.

To spread education and culture among their members and among Lithuanians in general.

To form and maintain in all councils wholesome sports branches and unite them into districts.

To arrange lectures, plays, concerts; evening courses for the study of the Lithuanian language and history.

To publish newspapers, pamphlets, books and other publications. To establish libraries and clubs.

To encourage the youth to education, trades, professions, business and other useful occupations.

To offer moral and financial support to Catholic press and Lithuanian Catholic institutions.

JUNIOR NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO JUNIORS

Next month, February 16th, we shall commemorate the 47th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence Day. If Lithuania, the land of your parents and grandparents were free, there would be a big celebration, something on the order of our own July 4th celebrations. But because it is under the Communists, this day cannot be commemorated in any way in Lithuania. However, since our country, the United States, does not recognize that Lithuania was lawfully occupied by Soviet Russia, we should observe this day in some special way. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Have all the members attend Mass and receive Holy Communion for the intention of all people of Lithuania who died and those who are being denied their God given right to live and worship in freedom.
2. Hold a Commemoration Exercise at your own meeting. Invite someone to your meeting to tell you how Lithuania won her independence - or get a translation of the Independence Act and have one of your members read it. Make up copies of the Lithuanian National Anthem have all the members sing it, and you can finish by having everyone join in a folk dance. You can do any one or all of things suggested, but **YOU SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING** at your meeting to commemorate this event.
3. Wear a little yellow, green and red ribbon on February 16th on your suit jacket or dress. When people ask you why you are wearing this, tell them it is in remembrance of Lithuania, who cannot celebrate its Independence.

Helen T. Shields
President

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL JUNIOR COUNSELORS:

I know that you are all working hard with all your Juniors and I sincerely hope that you are getting satisfactory results from all of your efforts. Keep up the good work!

I am taking this means of contacting you, and the Junior councils through you, to ask that you all help make the Junior News which appears in the VYTIS bigger and better than ever.

You can do this by supplying VYTIS with news of all your council activities. Pictures of the various activities are always most interesting to everyone.

The deadline for articles is on the 5th of the preceding month for each issue. For example, any article submitted up to the 5th of February will appear in the March issue.

Everyone belonging to the Knights of Lithuania is interested in all of your projects, so we all would appreciate your taking a little time to tell us what your council has done and what is planned for the future.

Submit your articles direct to the VYTIS.

Also I would appreciate your writing to me personally. In this way I will have the names and addresses of all the counselors and, when necessary, I can contact you directly.

If we all strive together, we can make this one of the biggest and most progressive years for the Juniors. With your help I know it will be done!

Mary Stonis
Juniors Vice President

Lets Begin the New Year Rightly

Very Rev. Msgr. M.J. Urbonas, LL.D.

Let's begin the New Year rightly
With rich blessings of good God;
Make good resolutions firmly,
Keep them while on earth we trod.

God will bless us and reward us
More than we really deserve,
If we always remain faithful,
Learn to love Him and to serve.

Then the New Year will be happy,
Blessed with good health and success,
And will end with our thanksgiving,
For all things we shall possess.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Youngstown, Ohio, Senior C-111

V. E. Pavis

(Excerpts from a Nov. 11th letter to the Nat'l. President from Vincent Ed. Pavis).

At last - the good news! Our K of L Banner, figuratively speaking, once more is aloft over the City of Youngstown, Ohio. This heavy event occurred on Nov. 29th, at the beautiful residence of Stanley and Mamie Marks (Markauskas) in the Village of Poland, Ohio, a near-suburb of Youngstown.

Honorary Member Juozas Sadauskas and his wonderful wife, Rose, and Jurgis Kuzas, recording sec'y of the Cleveland Senior council, graced our gathering, coming from Cleveland to aid us in our re-organizational efforts. It was my honor to open and preside over the meeting. A brief historical and factual resume in regard to our organization - its lofty ideals and purpose, the structural set-up, etc., was presented. Vytis Sadauskas and Vytis Kuzas in their brief addresses enthusiastically and in glowing terms supplemented my organizational resume.

Then the gathering was requested to discuss the question - whether to organize or not. Discussions practically were all pro. The gathering was requested to vote on the question. All voted "Yes" except two that were undecided.

Next in order was the election of the Youngstown K of L Senior Council Officers. Vytis Sadauskas was requested to preside. The following were elected: Vincent Ed. Pavis, Pres.; Joseph Strines (Strainis), Vice-Pres; Stanley Marks (Markauskas), Rec. Secy.; Mrs. Mary Andrews (Andrijauskas), Fin. Secy.; Steve Ja-

nis, Treasurer. Mrs. Stella Pavis was selected as Correspondent in the English language and Stanley Marks, in the Lithuanian language. Mrs. Mamie Marks, Mrs. Alice Strines (Strainis) and Walter Andrews (Andrijauskas) were elected on the important Promotional Planning Committee. Mrs. Stella Pavis was also entrusted with the care of the "Sunshine" Fund.

Vytis Sadauskas installed the newly elected President, who in turn took the oath of office from the other elected officers.

In the meantime, the financial and recording secretaries had been busy in receiving the dues from the new members. A total of eleven new members paid up for a full year. Thus, with the new members and five transferees from the Cleveland Seniors, that makes a total of 15 full members and one social member.

The assembly voted unanimously that our new reorganized Council shall be known as - the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA SENIORS COUNCIL #111 of YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

The assembly decided to hold its next meeting at the residence of Joseph and Alice Strines (Strainis) on Dec. 31, 1964, and after the meeting a NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY will take place.

Cleveland, Ohio, C-25

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Council 25, with the help of the P.T.U. of St. George's, sponsored a Halloween Dance. Highlighting the evening was first prize for the best costume. Witches, draculas, wolfs and indians were just a few of the many original and beautiful costumes which appeared. The purpose of the dance was to raise money for the painting of the church. A very successful turnout came up with a very nice amount of money for Father

Ivan, our spiritual advisor.

Representing Cleveland as delegates at the past District Convention, at Detroit, were Ursula Yankauskas and Al Shigo. Ursula and Al, and also the other members who attended the convention, would like to say many thanks to Detroit for such a wonderful time.

Our council also held a bowling party recently. Sparking off the evening were some high scoring games, Evelyn Andrulis had a 203, Bruno Bartkus with a 221, and Joanna Shigo had a beautiful 233 game. The members ended the evening with a small get-together at John and Evelyn Andrulis' home.



The Lady and the Tramp, or better known as Pete and Alvina Luiza.



Irene Kunsitis grew to 10' to become a tall witch. Ursula Yankauskas attend as Irene's partner in witchcraft.



Council 79 - 3rd Degree recipients at the Mid-Central District Convention Nov. 8, 1964. Top row L to R.: J. Chaps, C. Nashlon, A. Dainus; 2nd Row L to R: E. Martin, B. Janus, F. Petroski, F. Zager. 3rd Row: L to R: G. Chaps, M. Smalis, S. Zager. Bottom Row L to R.: Rev. Kundrat, V. Chepelonis, R. Graska.



Council 79's Christmas Card Party. L to r. Chairman Mrs. Ann Zilvitis and Co-Chairman Mrs. Adele Vale with prizes given away at the party.

Detroit, Mich. C-139

Council 139. extends "Sventų ir Linksmų Kalėdu ir Naujų Metų" višiams Vyčiams.

We feel our new little Council has made good progress in 1964. We made many new K of L friends by hosting Councils 79 and 102 at the St. Casimir's Day dinner; were combined host to the Mid-Central Convention, and enjoyed many interesting meetings and socials. We were particularly honored that our own Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius is now Spiritual Advisor for the Mid-Central.

The Kurpowics entertained in November. After a spirited meeting and election of officers, Joe got busy with refreshments and movies of past Vyčių activities. This was most enjoyable. Katherine topped the meeting with a swell lunch. Best wishes to our new officers:

Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius; President - Joe Kurpowic; Vice-President, Alex Gadwell; Treasurer, Theresa Vaitkunas, and Secretary, Ann Sirvydas;

Congratulations to our outgoing President and Secretary, Stanley Wesley and Mary Zuirinskas, for a job well done.

Detroit, Mich. C-102 Dvynukas

It was C-102's pleasure to work with our sister council 139 in sponsoring the Mid-Central District Convention in November. Highlite of the

week-end was the closing banquet, which featured the renowned Msgr. Kern as Guest Speaker and the presentation of degrees. At the Mass, preceding the banquet 4th degrees were awarded to Terry and Ray Medonis, Mary Ann Guerriero and Donna Bunikis. During the banquet 3rd degrees were presented to Rev. W. Stanievich, Frank Bunikis, Helen Smolek and Bill Juodawlakis.

Bill, our champ Raffle ticket seller, was the lucky winner of a television set at C-79's annual Card party.

November was the big degree month for our members, following the meeting and brunch these members qualified for their 2nd degrees: Mr. and Mrs. V. Biliunas, Carl Gobis; Jo Jonulate; Mr. and Mrs. C. Miahakis; Wm Norkunas; and Frank Petravicius. Congratulations folks and a Sventų Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujų Metų to All!

Detroit, Mich. C-79

As per the resolution passed at the National convention, we held our council election at the October meeting. The following were elected: Pres. Leon Galinskas; 1st V. Pres, Jos Salinis; 2nd V. Pres., Clem Patocki; Rec. Sec., Ruth Grasha; Fin. Sec. Stella Hotra; Treas., Mary Kazlauskas; Trustees - Geraldine Chaps, Chester Nashlon and Margaret Nashlon.

Board of Directors - Jos. Chaps, Jos. Kazlauskas, John Kolinske, Edward Martin, Andrew Milius, Patricia Milius & Magdalena Smalis.

The hostesses for the meeting were Helen Gillis and Helen Patocki. The social consisted of a color sound movie presented by Mr. Randall Switzer and John O'Connell of Christian Bros. Also the delightful products of Christian Bros. were enjoyed by all the members. On Oct. 22, the Detroit Silaine Lithuanian Dance Group was the feature entertainment at the Mich. Bell Telephone Fall Party. It was spooks, ghosts and cave men at our Halloween Party, as arranged by Chairman Leon Galinskas. Hollywood would have been envious at some of the original costumes.

The hostesses for the Nov. meeting were Vicky Chepelonis and Irene Novitski. Plans were formulated for the Mid-Central District Convention. Our council was honored in having 14 members receiving their 3rd degree medals. They are as follows: Mrs. Geraldine Chaps, Mr. Joseph Chaps, Miss Victoria Chepelonis, Mr. Anthony Dainius, Miss Ruth Grasha, Mrs. Bertha Janus, Mr. Edward Martin, Mr. Chester Nashlon, Mr. Frank Petroski, Mr. Leonard Salas, Mrs. Magdalena Smalis, Miss Lillian Stepen, Mr. Frank Zager, and Mrs. Sophie Zager.

The annual card party was a most successful event. The fine efforts of Chairman Mrs. Ann Zilvitis and Co-Chairman Mrs. Adele Vale

made the card party a real social event and also assure that our kiddies will have a delightful Christmas party.

The long road becomes a short journey when love lights the way. We offer our fondest wishes of joy to Miss Betty Ann Petroski of our C-79 and to Mr. James Omlor of Dayton C-96 on their recent engagement.

We offer our heartfelt sorrow to Mr. Joseph Zane on the lost of his beloved father and to Mrs. Adele Valle on the lost of her beloved mother.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

The Ill.-Ind. District Bowling League is bowling at West End Bowl on Friday nites. This year's officers are: President, Vince Samaska; Vice-President, Alice Tomczak; Secretary, Al Manst; Treasurer, Rich Zalis. Lackawicz Funeral Home sponsors the team that's in first place right now, and the team members are: Gerry Mack, Irene Sankus, Rev. A. Valancius, Ken Kraujelis, and Al Manst. Since the league is so close, they'd enjoy having a cheering section. If you're in that part of town on a Friday nite, stop in and see them.

On Nov. 22, the K of L Choir sang for the Sandara Banquet. At the end of the Concert, the choir presented John Byanskas, their accompanist, with a 70th birthday cake. The audience and soloists, Prudenci-

ja Bickus and Algird Brazys, joined the choir in wishing him "Ilgiausiu Metu".

The choir held its 4th year anniversary party on Dec. 7 at the K of L Hall. Their big project right now is learning Verdi's "Requiem Mass" which they will sing with the Lithuanian Opera and several other choirs sometime in the spring.

Dec. 18 was Lithuanian Day at the Museum of Science and Industry this year. A Lithuanian Christmas tree was on display, and the Ateitis Juniors danced and put on a play.

The District Sunday bowling was held on Dec. 27 and sponsored by C-5. It was held in conjunction with the bowling league since they couldn't bowl the preceding Friday. After bowling a Christmas party was held at the K of L Hall.

Our sympathy to Richard Shlaustas, National Sports Co-chairman, and his family on the death of his father.

Announcements: Sunday Bowling will take place on Jan. 24 sponsored by C-36. . . The C-36 Hearts Dance will be held Sat. Feb. 13, at the K of L Hall with music supplied by Walter Tenclinger . . . The K of L Choir will sponsor a dance on Sat., Feb. 27, at the K of L Hall. Please remember that they need your financial support.

Chicago, Ill. C-112 What-again

A big welcome to the following new members who joined in 1964: Bernard Pauksta, Dr. and Mrs. Jerome, Frank Savickas, Mr. and Mrs.

Paragauskas, Edvardas Sulaitis, Sharon Emch, Letita Giedraitis, Bronislavas Beckys, Alexander, Emilija and Milda Pakalniskis, Richard Kelly and Stanley Chapas, Joanna Vilkas, Kazimeris Gecevicius, Albert Tubinas, Paul Davis, Zigmus Duseika, and Mr. and Mrs. Petraitis.

A hearty tho small group of 112'ers and friends journeyed to South Bend, Ind. to witness Notre Dame's game with U.C.L.A.

Congratulations to Sophie Bockus who recently married Carl Beinoris.

A most successful annual Fall Dance was held on Nov. 28 at the K of L Building. Chairman Al Moccus and his committee did a splendid job with the arrangements. Many old acquaintances were renewed and new friends were found at this gala event.

At the bowling social held at Fero Lanes on Nov. 29 and hosted by the newly reorganized Cicero, C-14, Gerry Mack and Louis Rogers were among the prize winners. Gerry and Vince Samaska of C-36 also won trophies for being the top woman and man bowler. The trophies were donated by John Fero.

The K of L League bowls each Friday at West End Lanes. Irene Sankus, Gerry Mack, Al Raubiskis, Red Cibulskis and "sub" Al Kachinski represent our Council in the league. As of this date Irene and Gerry are members of the Lackawicz team currently leading the league. Al, of the Chicago Savings team and Red of the Petkus team refuse to concede and their teams are very close to the leaders. Both Steve Lackawicz and Don Petkus are also C-112 members.



On his 70th birthday, the K of L Choir presented their accompanist, John Byanskas with a cake. L to R. O. Maskoliunienė, Mirga Pakalniskis, sol. P. Bičkienė, Milda Pakalniškis, J. Byanskas, E. Rogers and M. Dičpinigaitienė.

ATTENTION! CORRESPONDENTS!

Everyone will benefit if you will send articles on the activities of your Council each month. Members of neighboring Councils will be informed about coming activities and all will enjoy reading about socials, meeting and affairs you have held. Other Councils can possibly gain new ideas for their own groups. Photos (at no additional cost to you) are most enjoyable to everyone. Even if your activities are limited, everyone will want to know the results of your elections. Remember - although the news doesn't appear interesting enough for you, there are other K of L members throughout the country that would be interested in reading about your Council and its members.

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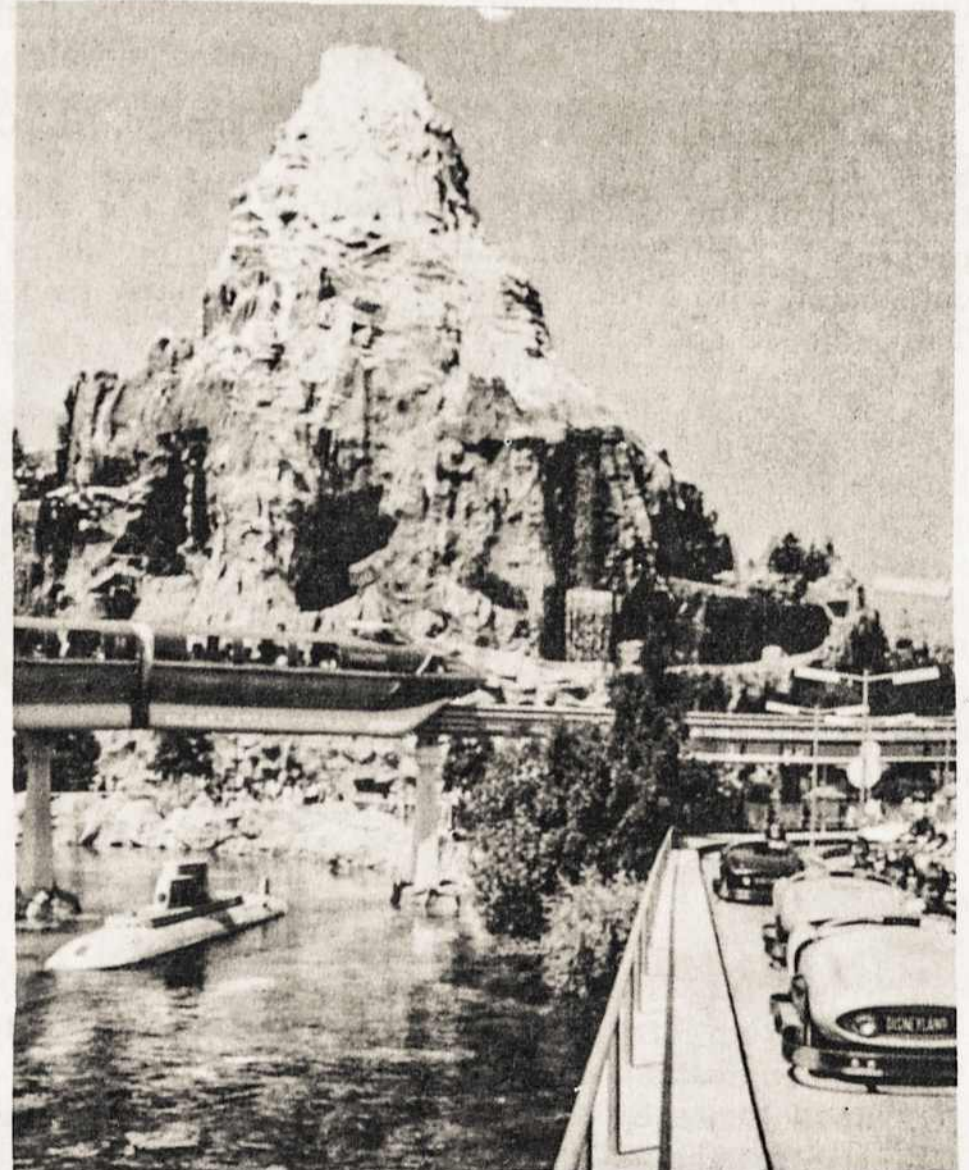
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