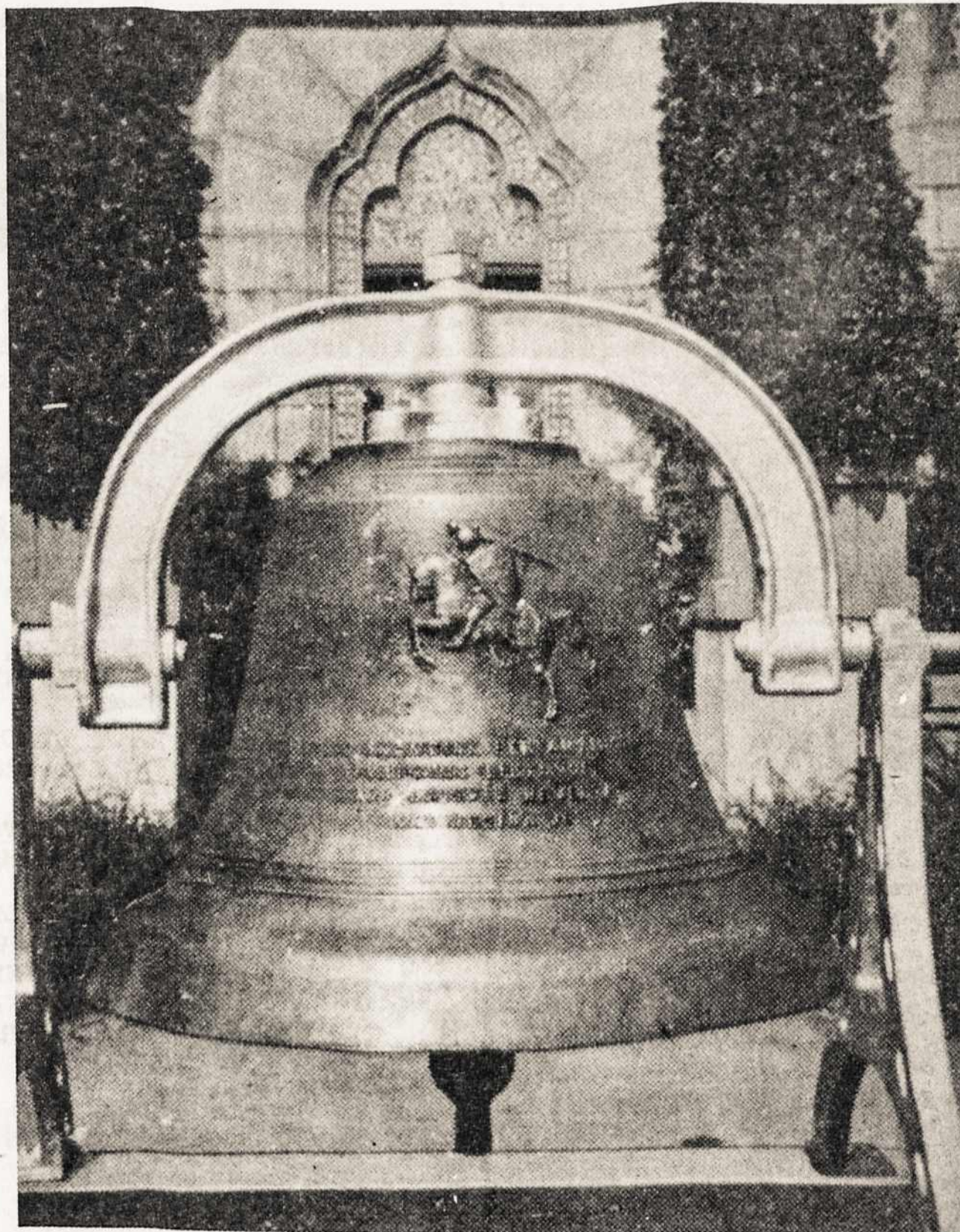


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THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The Council of Lithuania in its meeting on February 16, 1918, voted unanimously to address the governments of Russia, Germany, and other states with the following declaration:

The Council of Lithuania, sole representative of the Lithuanian people, in conformity with the recognized right to national self-determination, and in accordance with the resolution of the Lithuanian Conference held in VILNIUS from September 18 to 23, 1917, hereby proclaims the restitution of the independent State of Lithuania, founded on democratic principles, with Vilnius as its capital, and declares the severance of all ties which formerly bound this State to other nations.

The Council of Lithuania also declares that the foundation of the Lithuanian State and relations with other countries will be finally normalized by a Seimas (parliament), elected in a democratic way by the people of Lithuania.

The Council of Lithuania in informing (the nations addressed) to this effect kindly requests recognition of the independent State of Lithuania.

Vilnius, February 16, 1918

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Won't You be Our Valentine?

FATHER VAL

Whatever happened to the girl that married "dear old dad"? What became of that famous lass that the boys of former years serenaded in song? True, the lads of today remember snatches of the melody, and on occasion burst in harmony to it, the gal herself seems to have taken a powder somewhere along our busy and prosperous highways of modern life.

Among the many spiraling industries in the progressive world of our day, one of the most booming must be that which keeps our family medicine cabinets like Fibber McGee's clothes closet and our lady's boudoir table stacked with jars, bottles, and phials of various shapes and sizes. Along side it, must rank the business that keeps wardrobes draped with finery for all occasions when she has nothing to wear. Both, at least that's what the slinky siren on my TV screen tells me, are intended to make the modern miss or mama more attractive to the male. Even the manufacturers of detergents that make dishwashing more alluring (what?!) wouldn't dare to offer their miracle worker without injecting a formula to preserve the daintiness of madam's lovely hands.

Yet, something has gone wrong. With all the above at hand, from where our view is directed, things are not what we are told, so repeatedly, that they are. The young lass of today with her false eyelashes, bee-hive hairdos, wired figure-shapers, besides the creams, lotions and what-not she lathers her face with and the atrociously smelly stuff she soaks into her tresses, should act as deterrent to archaeologists to stay away from King Tut's tomb. The male population values the heritage of posterity, but fellows, let's leave well enough alone. And girls, forget it!

Don't misunderstand us, ladies. We do want you to look charming. We like to think of our women as being the best dressed in the world. We wouldn't have it

otherwise. Though you might be able to improve the Lord's own creation with a stroke of lipstick, a dab of rouge, a touch of eye-shadow, a dash of cologne and elicit a whistle, yet this does not necessarily make you what a man really looks for in the female of the species and what the world needs most desperately. Grace of movement may come from toting a stack of books precariously balanced on your lovely head, a charm school may teach you how to sit properly and modestly (quite a trick in today's fashions), a calisthenics course may keep your figure in the shape so ecstatically publicized each September at Atlantic City - but girls, with all this, men and the world in general need YOU - the REAL YOU - the YOU the Good Lord intended when He borrowed lonesome Adam's rib - your warmth, your understanding, your companionship.

With all his remarks about scatter-brained (excuse please) blondes, the unpredictable behavior of an automobile with a woman at its helm and your reckless abandon in a dress shop, man does not want to say that you are not his equal when brains were handed out. As a matter of fact, he gushes over your mental acumen when he discovers it cleverly concealed in your bewitching personality. He might resent your competing in his world, as he likes to call it. Trying to combat with him in his field is another thing - the arena is cold, the atmosphere stifling, the rules made to suit his game, the action rough, often mean, sometimes dirty.

Vieing with the male for equality, independence or supremacy (call it what you will) even in an honest effort to improve existing conditions, bad as they might be, you could not have, from mere contact, become infected with some or many of the ills prevalent in this cruel, desperate, sometimes savage competition. With the final result that you, your so-called adversary and the whole of mankind, with all their publicized slogans of brotherhood have become calculating, cold and hard.

The girl who married "dear old dad" was famous, not only because she was what kept the home fires burning - she was the home fire. Isn't it true that since her successors took themselves with that fire into the social whirl, the political scene or a business career, we have very few places that we can truly refer to as home. Few of us, though there may be exceptions, are endowed with enough talent, energy or full of so much love that we can successfully blanket too many fields of human activity.

Now the gal who was attractive to dad and his offspring was mostly concerned, progress notwithstanding, with a single business to which our world has attached an undeserved and slightly irreverent name - "drudgery". She made it her concern to create a home, first and foremost. A warm, attractive, comfortable and restful place - a place where her dear ones would want



to stay and be proud to bring their friends. In it she made herself felt as the heart of the family by her understanding and solicitude about the needs, aspirations and wants of her brood and her tireless efforts to share in their fulfilment. She didn't do it with her purse alone, but mostly with her mental and physical talents. She wouldn't be called exactly a boss or even a manager, just mother! From the tying of a bow-tie to creating an enchanting gown for graduation, she always got things done and made everybody love her for it. As far as humans can be, she was always happy and everyone around her was content. What's more, she didn't seem to have any problems and hardly ever did she create them. As a matter of fact, without benefit of diplomas or degrees in psychology, she was always ready and able to help others solve theirs.

Come to think of it, mom hardly ever drank. A least not so Perry Mason or even Sherlock Holmes would ever know about it. An olive she had seen in jar once. Tasted one, didn't like it and never bought any. And Manhattan, she heard once from a lady friend was a piece of New York (something like Bridgeport in Chicago). She didn't smoke either. Guess she was afraid to drop hot ashes into the mouth of the chubby little rascal nestled cozily in her arms and he'd never be able to sing about a girl like her whom he'd like to have all for himself. Yes, mom might not have known an awful lot of folks, didn't go to many places, nor know as many things that mom's know today, but everyone she ever met liked her and wanted to know more about her. She didn't like to be the life of the party, but it seems everybody knew she was there. There weren't many parties, but when people came they talked about how clean the house was, how she knew to make the kids behave and how good her cooking was. Yes, she was some gal! She was a wife, a mother, a cook, a seamstress, a beautician, a hostess and above all a sympathetic listener and a cautious counsellor. Oh, she wasn't without faults, but who cares about them when you have all these good things to remember.

How and when she developed all this is difficult to pinpoint. It seems that one day she was just a nice girl in the neighborhood. Then a local boy saw her, noticed something that reminded him of his mother, shyly asked her for a date. Before long they were married and she became the girl her sons sang about.

But they say boys aren't interested in that kind of a girl today. Who are you trying to kid? The only reason he doesn't seem to be interested is - he doesn't see many around. But let a nice young fresh lass walk in on a party - you know, a girl with peaches and cream complexion, soft silky tresses, a dress she picked out or made herself to suit her personality - where do you think the boys will be?!

A pipe-dream, you say! (Before you go any further, let's not brush off dreams - where would we and all the so-called modern advances be if someone hadn't dreamed - to some it was a pipe-dream too.) There is no such lass you say. Today she is a rarity. Maybe she got lost somewhere shopping for elegant furnishings and push-button appliances, which can contribute to making a house a home, but do not always do so. Remember, the gal who attracted her son's eye, most always, had to make a home in areas now referred



to as slums, and most always she did. It's true, she didn't have much time for social or what we term charitable work, but it seems that there was much less need for it then. Couldn't it have been because much of the social activity took place in her own home and because in her wise way she managed to prepare her offspring to care for themselves???

There was one thing that the so-called old-fashioned gal did that might be worth noticing, and perhaps there lies the true source of her energy, strength and wisdom. She seemed to have an unusually intimate attachment to a Lady who once lived in a little known town, in an underprivileged home with a small-time carpenter for a husband. As a matter of fact, the town would hardly be a dot on the map if it hadn't been for Her and Her Son. The gal who married "dear old dad" most always could be found in Church on the side where an altar dedicated to this Great Lady was erected. You could find her there on other days besides Sundays. Many a rosary, not of crystal, pearl or silver, but just an ordinary black one did she wear out as it passed through her fingers during her silent, secret conversations with the beautiful Lady of Nazareth.

Our modern generation, though it wouldn't want to admit it, lives in a world of imitation. We model our homes, our clothes, our coiffures, our mannerisms and our very personalities after celebrities, which in itself, is not bad or wrong. But could it be we've got our eyes focused on the wrong people? Are our models people who contribute anything really worth while to the well-being of man or merely have a sharp press-agent? How much have we acquainted ourselves with really important people, whose name and memory last? Have we dared to model ourselves after them? Or did we shrink from the effort demanded of us? These individuals were the sources of strength and knowledge of the old timers, who worked hard to create a good world for everybody.

Girls, please bring back at least a little bit of the gal that married "dear old dad". Your Valentine then will not be just an outlandish cartoon ridiculing a sacred emotion but one with a great big red heart on it and the words 'I LOVE YOU' just below it. It is ours to you.

LIETUVOS LAISVĘ STIPRINANT

1965 m. sausio mėn. 8 d ir 9 dienomis Chicagoje įvyko pasitarimai, dalyvaujant: Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos Centro Valdybai, Vyriausiojo Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komiteto Valdybos atstovams, Tautos Fondo Valdybos pirmininkui, JAV LB Centro valdybai ir Lietuvos Generaliniams Konsulams Chicagoje ir Toronte - Kanadoje.

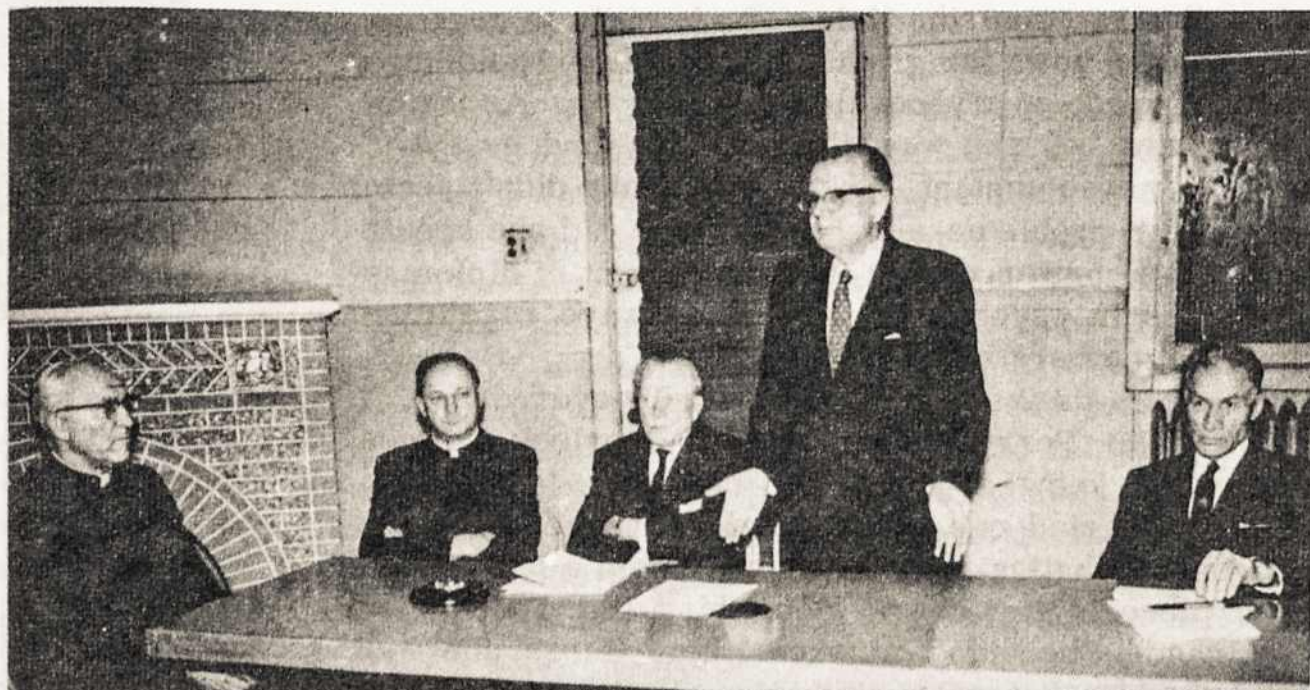
Turėdami galvoje sovietinės agresijos tebetrukdomą Lietuvos suverenumo vykdymą ir pavergtųjų lietuvių asmens teisių ir pagrindinių laisvių paneigimą;

Žinodami Sovietų Sąjungos planingą bei sistematingą politiką absorbuoti Lietuvą - lygiai Estiją ir Latviją - politiškai, ūkiškai ir kultūriškai į monolitinę sovietinę imperiją;

susirūpinę dabartinės tarptautinės padėties koegzistencine raida, bet drąsinami tautų apsisprendimo teisės praktiško vykdymo vis didesnio tautų skaičiaus atžvilgiu, kolonializmo apraiškų visuotinio naikinimo bei antikolonialistinių jėgų stiprinimo, o taip pat Rusijos - Kinijos interesų priešiško bei tarptautinio komunizmo susklimo, sutarėme visomis galimomis priemonėmis dar labiau sustiprinti kovą dėl Lietuvos nepriklausomybės ir laisvės atstatymo ir į tą kovą dar veikliau įjungti visus patriotiškai nusistačiusius lietuvius.

Tam tikslui siekti:

darnaus ir vieningumo dvasia buvo



Informuoja apie Lietuvos laisvinimo darbus. Tautos Fondo pirmininkas prel. J. Balkūnas (iš kairės į deš.), vyskupas V. Brizgys, Vliko pirmininkas V. Sidzikauskas, Alto pirmininkas L. Šimutis, Vliko generalinis sekretorius J. Audėnas.

svarstoma ir derinama atskirų institucijų bei organizacijų Lietuvos laisvinimo veiklos programa; pasiskirstytas atskirų uždavinių vykdymas; ryšium su okupanto 1965 m. suintensyvinama propaganda, aptarti laisvųjų lietuvių uždaviniai ir jų tautinio budrumo stiprinimas; ieškota būdų ir priemonių laisvųjų lietuvių balsui ir pavergtąją Lietuvą pagyvinti bei suintensyvinti ir pavergtųjų lietuvių tikėjimui į Lietuvos nepriklausomybės grįžimą sutvirtinti; sutarti Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymo paskelbimo - Vasario 16 -sios 47-jų me-

tinų sukakties minėjimo šūkliai. Ypač šiais metais tie minėjimai turi būti visų laisvųjų lietuvių vieningumo, kovingumo ir nepalaužiamo ryžto demonstracija.

Akyvaizdoje besikeičiančių tarptautinių santykių ir Sovietų Sąjungos galimų laisvės ir nepriklausomybės nuolaidų satelitams, aptarti būdai ir priemonės Lietuvos laisvės kovos poveikiui padidinti ir laisvojo pasaulio antikolonialistinėms jėgoms prieš sovietinį kolonializmą pakreipti.

Turi būti suaktyvintas lėšų kovai dėl Lietuvos laisvės telkimas. Vasario 16 minėjimo vajeaus pinigai turi būti siunčiami ALTarybai. Susitarta dėl jų paskirstymo ir sunaudojimo.

Šių metų pavasarį sutarta sukviesiti VLIK, ALT, PLB bei Lietuvos Diplomatus konferencija, kuri sutartų ir paskelbtų Lietuvos laisvinimo tikslų ir uždavinių deklaraciją okupacijos 25 metų sukakties propagandai neitralizuoti.

Laisvieji lietuviai kviečiami vieningai telktis apie Lietuvos laisvinimo veiksnis ir Lietuvių Bendruomenės organus, padvigubinti savo veiklumą ir duosumą Lietuvos laisvės ir lietuvių reikalams.

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Kunigas M. Urbonavičius

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Šių metų sausio 24 d. kun. Mykolui Urbonavičiui sueis 50 metų kai yra kunigu. Šis šviesus ir judrus kunigas, priklausęs Tėvų Marijonų vienuolijai, turi daug nuopelnų šiai vienuolijai, visuomenei, bet ir mūsų organizacijai daug metų priklausęs ir daug jai padėjęs. Jubilatas atėjo vyčiams į talką tais laikais, kuomet ji labiausiai buvo reikalinga.

Antrojo Pasaulinio karo metu, kai visos krašto jėgos buvo sukoncentruotos karui laimėti, kai jauni vyrai buvo imami į karines jėgas, kai moterys ir vyrai buvo sutelkti karinių pabūklų gamybai, organizacijų gyvenimas vegetavo, silpnėjo. Jaunimo organizacijoms ypač atsirado daug pavojų sužlugti. Nebuvo išimtimi nė Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija. Ji buvo pasilikusi su senesniais nariais ir vytėmis.

Vienas iš mūsų veikėjų, kuris suprato padėti, buvo kun. Mykolas Urbonavičius, MIC. Jis drauge su keliais organizacijos veteranais padėjo daug pastangų organizacijos gyvybei palaikyti. Jis gaivino ne tik kuopų veiklą, bet centro vadovybėms padėjo savo patarimais, savo dalyvavimu jų susirinkimuose, savo entuziazmu.



Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narys, Kun. Urbonavičius, 50 metų kunigu.

Jubilatas buvo klebonu Kenosha, Wisc., Rockford, Ill. Chicagoje (Aušros Vartų), Niagara Falls, N.Y. Visose jo vadovaujamosse parapijose veikė vyčių kuopos, visur buvo skiepijama vyčių graži idėja. Savo laiku būdamas dienraščio "Draugo" vyriausiu administratorium, pasirūpino, kad dienraštyje būtų propaguojama šios organizacijos idėja, kad jos veikla būtų plačiausiai pavaizduota. Be to, jubilatas dalyvavo daugelyje vyčių seimų, į kuriuos įešdavo gražios iniciatyvos ir gyvumo. Todėl ne be reikalo kun. Urbonavičius buvo pakeltas į šios jaunimo organizacijos garbės narius.

Jubilatas gimė 1890 m. spalio 30 d. Vilniaus krašte. Vadinas, ši rudeni minės ir 75 metų amžiaus sukaktį. Kunigu išventintas 1915 m. sausio 24 d. Tėvų Marijonų vienuolijon įstojo 1926 m. Jubilatas yra giliau studijavęs sociologiją ir istoriją ir išgijęs tose srityse magistro laipsnius. Metų eilę mokytojavo Marianapolio aukštesnėje berniukų mokykloje.

Už jo darbus ir rūpesčius dėkingi vyčiai linki Jubilatui sveikatos dar ilgai pagyventi ir džiaugtis nuveiktais darbais tiek Liet. Vyčių organizacijai, tiek visai mūsų visuomenei!

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POV. DIRKIS

Kilni yra dorybė prisiminti savo mirusius tautiečius, ypač tuos, kurie yra palikę savajai tautai kultūrinio turto. Kaip tik vieną iš tokių šiame Lietuvių Istorijos Draugija Chicagoje paminėjo prieš šimtą metų mirusį didelį kultūrininką, istoriją Simoną Daukantą. Jis buvo kilęs iš Kalvių, Kretingos apskrities ir gimė 1793 metais. Jis jau tais laikais buvo mokytas vyras. Mokėsi Žemaičių Kalvarijoje ir Vilniaus universitete, drauge su Adomu Mickevičium. Ten išgijo filosofijos magistro laipsnį. Išmokęs latvių kalbą, Rygoje archyvuose rinko istorinę medžiagą. Petrapilio

archyve, dirbdamas prie Lietuvos Metrikos, susipažino su Motiejum Valančium, Žemaičių vyskupu. Lietuvon grįžo jau 57 metų, apsigyveno Varniuose, kur mokė vysk. Valančių vokiečių kalbos. Nors judviejų būdai buvo labai skirtingi, bet vieningai dirbo Lietuvos liaudies švietimui. Tuo laiku Lietuva buvo valdoma Rusijos carų. Norint pasiekti aukštesnį mokslą, buvo priverstas taikytis ir laikytis prie įvestų sąlygų.

Simonas Daukantas yra parašęs apie 30 veikalų bei knygų. Svarbiausias veikalas yra "Lietuvių istorija". Jis mirė turėdamas 71 metus. Jo kūnas ilsisi Papilyje. Nepriklausomybės laiku jam buvo pastatytas puošnus paminklas.

L R C A A

A BRIEF RESUME OF THE HISTORY OF THE LITHUANIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC ALLIANCE OF AMERICA

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any person, male or female, may be admitted to membership in the Alliance if he or she is in good health and of good moral character, practicing the Roman Catholic Faith, residing within the borders of the United States or Canada nor less than sixteen (16) years and not more than sixty-five (65) years nearest birthday in the adult section from date of birth to age sixteen (16) nearest birthday in the juvenile section.

For detailed information, applications or inquiries contact the local lodge officers or write to the Home Office, 71-78 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

THE LITHUANIAN R.C. ALLIANCE NEEDS YOU - THE YOUTH

So strongly was this appeal felt at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance that a Membership Campaign, with emphasis on Youth was endorsed commencing November 1st. It is more than an appeal to you, it is almost an obligation handed down to our Lithuanian Youth to continue the work, the ideals, that were begun by our fathers and grandfathers.

We may ask what work, and what ideals? The aims of our fathers were simple but Christian and patriotic. They almost formed their basis on the three principal virtues- Faith, Hope and Charity.

F a i t h - inasmuch as membership was and is limited to members of the Roman Catholic Faith.

H o p e - that the Lithuanian fraternal spirit, upon which the Alliance was founded would continue to flourish.

C h a r i t y - the greatest of all virtues, would be the pillar upon which the Alliance would always lean.

Throughout the history of the Alliance, the practice of these three virtues has been prevalent.

Let us go a little further and see what the Alliance has and is offering:

Primarily, Protection in the form of Insurance.

Secondly, Sick Benefits in time of illness.

Thirdly, Assistance to the Aged.

In addition to the above, contributions to worthy Catholic Institutions, worthy Lithuanian causes, Youth awards in the form of scholarships, essays and talents are very much a part of the Alliance.

For those who are not familiar with our plans of insurances, the Alliance equals in rates and in some cases, has lower rates as compared with other insurances. We have 20 Year Endowment, 20 Year Payment Life, Endowment at Age 65, Life-Paid-up at 85, with 3 surrender value options including cash value, paid-up insurance and extended term insurance. There are also other benefits available, such as accidental death and waiver of dues.

Doesn't anyone of these plans justify your belonging to the Lithuanian Alliance? For in becoming a member you not only protect yourself, your family, but also participate in the work begun by our fathers in keeping Catholicity and Lithuanian ideals foremost in our lives.

It is especially important now, during these uncertain times, to uphold organizations such as the Al-

liance, inasmuch as these organizations signify our faith and Lithuania itself. They must survive, they must flourish in membership.

Let us therefore respond to the appeal of our forefathers, to the appeal of the present Board of Directors and join the ranks as members of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America.

For the further information, kindly contact any lodge secretary in your area or write directly to the Home Office in Wilkes Barre, Penna.

BIRTH OF CATHOLIC ALLIANCE

The first promoters to organize a purely Lithuanian Alliance of existing catholic societies were Dr. Kasakauskis from Chicago, and Rev. Valentine Cizauskas, South Bend Indiana. Others who became interested in organizing Alliance of Societies were Rev. A. Varnagiris, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Andrew Tepliusis, Pittston, Pa., Joseph Paukstis and Anthony Pajaujis, Plymouth, Pa., Joseph Danisevicius from Waterbury, Connecticut and Spakevicius from Chicago, Illinois.

The Alliance thereafter took an active part in Lithuanian life improving the financial assistance granted to its members and their families, and activated a greater Lithuanian movement protecting the interest of its members and represented Lithuanians in American social life. The strengthening of Lithuanian cultural activities was by encouragement of education. Also the preservation of Lithuanian traditions were just as essential in the Alliance's constitution as economic aid to its members.

SUMMARY OF ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES

Throughout the 79 years of existence from 1886 to 1965, it appears important to state that all during this

time the Alliance has been a Fraternal Benefit Society on a legal reserve basis and nonprofit, conducted solely for the mutual benefit of its members and their beneficiaries. It is operated on a lodge system with a representative form of government having a Supreme Legislative Body (Convention). Representatives (delegates) to the Supreme Legislative Body are elected by members at lodge meetings and they in turn make the policy and laws governing the society and its members. The main objectives of Fraternal Benefit Societies is to provide its members with the lowest possible rates for life or endowment insurance; also accident and health benefits. The Alliance has also provided a Benevolent Fund from which it grants monetary assistance to its needy members and a Youth Fund that provides for the promotion of cultural and educational activities. The latter are important beneficial activities for its members which are not provided by many other insuring bodies.

Since the period of incorporation in 1906 the Alliance has paid out over four million dollars in life insurance benefits to the beneficiaries of deceased members and over two million dollars in accident and health benefits, and fifty thousand dollars from the Benevolent Fund. The payments from the latter fund were made to needy members and Catholic institutions. In addition to this fine work, the Alliance was the first to support the printing of Lithuanian literature in the United States. Besides the main activities as a Fraternal Benefit Society, the Alliance since its founding has always participated in all activities as regards the Lithuanian Nation by giving financial support in its fight for liberation. During World Wars I and II, the Alliance supported the War effort of the United States by purchasing Liberty Loan and War Bonds. In World War II, it purchased over \$500,000 of War Bonds. The activities of the Alliance, therefore, can be classified as fraternal, cultural, educational and patriotic.

The leaders in the modernization of the Alliance were Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Boll, Mr. Leonard Simutis and particularly Mr. William T. Kvetkas. The later has been Supreme Secretary for a number of years. During this period, solvency has increased, investments are sound and the surplus and assets have greatly increased.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND EDUCATION

After its founding, the leaders of the Alliance believed that one of their most important objectives was to publish patriotic books to reawaken national pride and spirit. Such patriotic and other books were given to the members of Alliance free of charge, and to non-members the books were sold at a very low price. To be better informed about Alliance affairs, accomplishments and other matters of national activities, it was decided to have its own publication available to the members without charge named the Garsas. Knowing the lack of educational institutions and books, the Alliance urged and supported the organization of the first Lithuanian schools in Lithuanian communities and published many books for such schools. At the same time financial support was given to various schools and cultural institutions in pre World War I and Post War Independent Lithuania. Seeking to educate and prepare future leaders, scholarships were given to Lithuanian students. From the days of the beginning of Lithuanian parishes and churches, there was a lack of Catholic church songs books in the Lithuanian language. The Alliance made contributions to the Lithuanian Organist Society for the purpose of publishing such long needed song books. It awarded scholarships to high school and college students for the purpose of helping to educate the Lithuanian youth providing leaders for National activities. Another reason was to further create interest in their heritage. The Alliance has held essay contests for elementary and high school students.

In other Catholic activities the Alliance was a strong supporter of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation, and made substantial loans to several Catholic institutions at low interest rates.

FIGHT FOR LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE AND SUPPORT OF INDEPENDENT LITHUANIA

Those who escaped from oppression in Lithuania and who were the organizers of the Alliance, fully realized the struggle and suffering of their kinsmen left behind. At every opportunity at conventions they adop-

ted resolutions petitioning the Russian Czar demanding improved conditions in Lithuania and freedom of the press. Similar petitions were sent to other influential countries and to the Holy Father for their help in this effort. At the 1920 convention held in Chicago, Illinois, a petition was sent to the United States Government pleading recognition of Lithuania as an Independent Republic. The Alliance, during the early days of the short-lived period of independence, contributed considerably to Lithuania and other essential and needed projects.

When Lithuania lost its independence during World War II, the Alliance was one of the Lithuanian organizations to join and financially support the American Lithuanian Council, organized to fight for Lithuania's freedom. Even to the present day, the Alliance gives financial aid to the Council. Several members of Alliance's Board of Directors are leaders in the Council's activities.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

With the organization of the Alliance, Lithuanians more and more became known as an independent national group. To make this fact known in American life, the Alliance during its 1909 convention in Cleveland, Ohio, decided to petition the U.S. Government requesting during the next census to have an extra rubric (to be counted separately) for the Lithuanian nationality. As the Alliance increased its membership, it became an important factor in American political life. It also played an important part in the passage of Legislation permitting entry into the United States of America of displaced persons, and in the passage of the Kersten Resolution.

To be of help in the preservation of the Lithuanian nation, it is vitally necessary to be united in a strong Fraternal Organization such as the Alliance. Only by such unity of the Lithuanians in America can they be of help to themselves and to their kin behind the Iron Curtain. It's up to all of us to become members of the Alliance, and to promote and participate in Alliance activities as outlined in this review. It's your duty to influence your children to be proud of their Lithuanian heritage and its great historical past, to love their nationality and the land of their fathers.



"Please come to the Los Angeles Convention" says Miss Rūta Lee-Kilmonis, movie-TV actress and C-133 member. Recently she met and discussed the Convention with Leonard Valiukas, Conv. Chrmn. and Prof. Jack J. Stukas, one of the leading functionaries of the K of L.



For Convention Information
write to:
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P.O. Box 77048
Los Angeles, California
90007

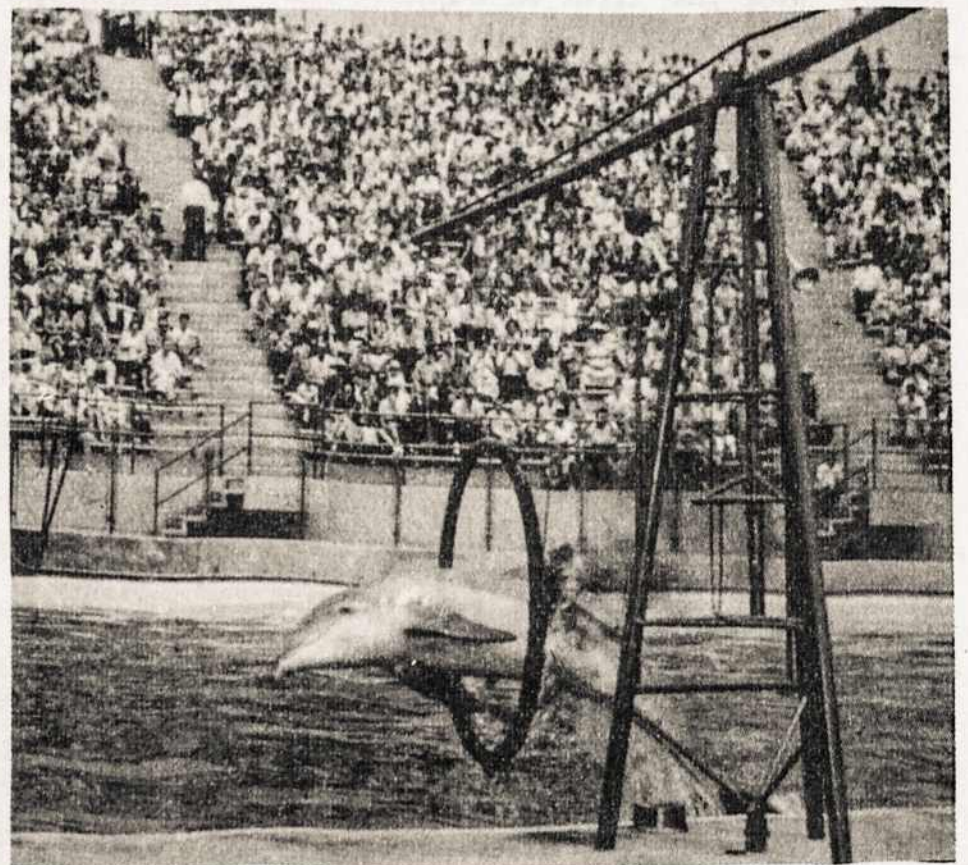
(L. to r.) Leonard Valiukas, C-133 Pres., James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles and Rev. John Kucingis, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church in L.A. His Eminence Cardinal McIntyre attended the 1957 Convention in L.A. and is planning to attend the 1965 Convention

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Places to visit in Los Angeles. Left: One of the beaches in L.A. County. All are within a radius of 35 miles of the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Right: Marineland of the Pacific. The world's largest oceanarium just 30 miles south of the center of L.A.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

VYTIS DEADLINES

March issue - deadline was Feb. 5th.
 April issue - deadline, March 5th.
 May issue - deadline, April 5th.
 June-July issue - deadline, May 25th (Pre-Con-
 vention issue)

ATTN! FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Johanna Jakunas, Nat'l. Financial Secretary, 4357 So. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60632 requests that dues be forwarded to her as soon as possible.

Dues for individual members - \$4.00 per year; married couples, \$6.00 for the first year and thereafter \$4.00 per year.

COUNCIL SECRETARIES

Nat'l Recording Secretary Eleanor Sakevich reports that she has not received the names and address of officers and committee chairmen for each Council and District. If you have not already done so, please mail the necessary information immediately to Eleanor at 111 Crescent Drive, Bricktown, N.J.

ST. CASIMIR'S DAY

March 4th is the feast day of our Patron Saint and Protector - St. Casimir. It is a day that all Councils and true K of L members should observe.

Customarily each council commemorates the day by receiving Holy Communion in a body, followed by a breakfast or an evening banquet with an appropriate program. The councils have also taken the opportunity to present Third and Fourth Degree medals and certificates to qualified members at the program.

The Supreme Council sincerely wishes that every council will celebrate the day in a manner befitting the Knights of Lithuania.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RULES

For each new or re-activated member that enrolled by JANUARY 31, 1965 - 10 points were earned. 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 base 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 your DISTRICT to win the award.

— K of L Calendar —

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| Feb. 20 | C-1, Brockton, Mass., Snowflake Ball, Walk-Over Club, Perkins Ave., Brockton |
| Feb. 27 | Chicago, Ill., Ill-Ind. District Choir Dance, Pakstas Hall |
| Feb. 28 | C-5, Chicago, Ill., St. Casimir Day Communion-Breakfast, St. Michael Church, 1644 Wabansia, 10 o'clock Mass. |
| Feb. 28 | C-116, So. Worcester, Mass., "Kilbasai ir Kopūstai" Supper, Parish Hall. |
| Mar. 14 | N.Y. - N.J. District Annual Communion-Breakfast, St. Casimir Church, Patterson, N.J. |

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VASARIO 16

POV. DIRKIS

Karaliaus Mindaugo sujungta Lietuvos valstybė, savo galybę ir klestėjimą pasiekusi Vytauto Didžiojo laikais, užtvenkusi mongolų antplūdį į Vakarus ir germanų veržimąsi į Rytus, 18 a. gale tapo rusų imperializmo auka. Tik po 120 metų nepaliaujamos kovos su okupantu, vieninga lietuvių tautos valia, nepalaužiamu ryžtingumu ir didelėmis aukomis buvo laimėtas 1918 m. Vasario 16 d. aktas.

Nepriklausomybės akto paskelbimas ano meto sąlygose buvo didelio ryžto ir drąsos žodis. Akto signatarai rėmėsi gyvu tikėjimu į mūsų tautos pribrendimą laisvai ir nepriklausomai gyventi ir tvarkytis. Vasario 16 d. akte buvo išreikštas visos tautos šūkis: "Lietuva laisva ir nepriklausoma - gana vergauti, norime būti laisvi!"

Vasario 16 d. aktas, tautos valios pareiškimo žodis, virto gyvu kūnu tik tada, kai jis buvo aplaistytas tautos savanorių krauju ir parmentas visos tautos didelėmis pasišventimo aukomis.

Tačiau po 22 metų kūrybingo ir laisvo gyvenimo, plėšraus kaimyno - raudonojo rusų egoistiniai ir imperialistiniai siekimai ne tik panaikino Lietuvos nepriklausomybę, bet ir žydinčią šalį pavertė neapsakomo skurdo ir baisiausios vergijos kraštu; pagaliau niekšingomis priemonėmis greitu tempu naikina ir pačią lietuvių tautą.

Lietuva niekada dar nebuvo išgyvenusi tokios visai nepelnytų kančios, kaip dabar; rūpintojėlių ir kryžių žemė niekada dar nebuvo taip slegiama ir kryžiuojama, kaip dabar. Kryžiai dabar tašomi ir drožiami ne iš uosio, klevo ar ąžuolo, bet iš

gyvos žudomos tautos.

Negana to, rusas okupantas su palvę, išniekino Vytį, sulaužė Gedimino stulpus, nutildė Tautos himną, užčiaupė lietuvių lūpas pareikšti laisvės troškimą ir deda pastangas, kad įtikinti laisvąjį pasaulį įvestu "rojum" ir kad užkimšti ausis nuo laisvojo pasaulio, iš kur girdimas tiesos žodis.

Okupanto elgesys ir pasaulio įvykių bangos vėl mus stato prieš di-

lemą, kad tik suvienytomis jėgomis, pasišventimu ir nepalaužiamu atkaklumu atgausime sau laisvę ir nepriklausomybę.

Vasario 16 mums šiandien turi būti ne vien tik šviesi istorinė data, bet turi būti tuo didžiuoju kelrodžiu ir neišsemiamos drąsos ir ryžto šaltinis. Tą dieną mes turime ne tik susikaupti, bet ir pasiryžti naujam ir didžiajam žygiui Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės atstatymui.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3339 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 8, D.C.

No 377/46

December 29, 1964

THIS NO. SHOULD BE PREFIXED TO THE ANSWER

Right Reverend Monsignor Francis M. Juras
President
Lithuanian R.C. Priests' League of America
94 Bradford Street
Lawrence, Massachusetts 01840

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor:

At the direction of the Secretariat of State of His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, it is my pleasant duty to acknowledge your letter of November 15th, which, together with other distinguished members of the Lithuanian American Community, you addressed to the Holy Father expressing concern for the grim plight of the Church of Lithuania.

In reply, the Cardinal Secretary of State has requested me to assure you that the Holy See has no intention of lessening its efforts to assist Lithuanian Catholics in their struggle for religious freedom and will continue to do what can be done to relieve the heavy burden of persecution that has been so cruelly placed upon these brave people.

At the same time, however, it should be understood that the possibilities and opportunities, available to the Holy See, are not limitless. Needless to say, if it were possible, the Holy See would be the first to promote and initiate the specifics enumerated in your letter.

With sentiments of esteem and every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Apostolic Delegate

LIETUVOS HIMNAS

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Iškilingai

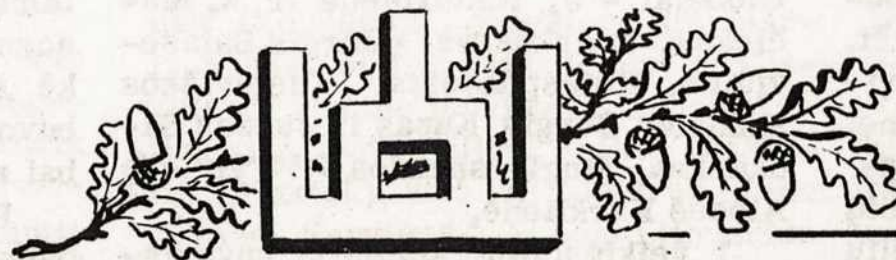
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Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

IŠ GRAŽIAI PRAVESTO VYČIŲ SENJORŲ SUSIRINKIMO

Cleveland, Ohio

Gruodžio 20 d., Alekso ir Kazimieros Sadauskų puošniame name Vyčiai Senjorai laikė savo priešmetinį susirinkimą, kuriame maldą sukalbėjo Antanas Mačiokas - pirmininkas. Susirinkimas buvo gausus nariais ir visi, ypačingai narės, buvo skoningiau pasipuošę negu kituose susirinkimuose.

Dienotvarkė susidėjo iš raportų ir naujų nutarimų. Iš A.L. Tarybos pranešimą padarė Jurgis Kuzas su pažymėjimu, kad šiais metais, vasario mėnesį, bus paminėjimas Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventės. Toliau buvo išskeltas klausymas kas link Šv. Kazimiero paminėjimo, nes tai yra mūsų organizacijos pareiga šią šventę atžymėti su bažnytinėmis pamaldomis, šv. Komunija ir bendrais pusrūčiais. Šis gražus Vyčių pavyzdys daug sustiprina mūsų organizacijos dvasią.

Clevelando Vyčiai, kai senjorai taip ir 25ta kuopa, šiais metais turėtų bendrai paminėti savo 50 metų sukaktį, nuo to laiko kaip buvo oficialiai suorganizuota L. Vyčių 25-ta kuopa. Clevelando Vyčiams reikėtų pagerbti visą savo istoriją ir praeityje nuveiktus darbus dėl savo tėvynės Lietuvos, bažnyčiai ir Clevelando lietuvių visuomenės, kad ir kiti sužinotų, kokias Clevelando Vyčiai yra išarę lietuviškoje dirvoje vagas.

Toliau buvo padarytas pranešimas iš Youngstown, Ohio, senjorų Vyčių pirmo susirinkimo, kuriame dalyvavo ir iš Clevelando senjorai Vyčiai, būtent, Jurgis Kuzas, senjorų nut. rašt. ir Juozas ir Kazė Sadauskai. Jie visi gražiai ir pilniausiai pasitenkinę, supažindino visus susirinkimo dalyvius su Youngstowno senjorų Vyčių pilnu susiorganizavimu ir jų dideliu pasiryžimu darbuotis dėl L. Vyčių labo. Ypačingai Clevelandiečiai Vyčiai



Antanas Buknis, C-25 senjorų pirmininkas.

juose pastebėjo didelį svetingumą, nuoširdumą ir Vyčių dvasią. Jie ragino, kad ir Clevelando Vyčiai senjorai turėtų daugiau veikti. Ypačingai Jurgis, Juozas ir Rožė prašė visus daugiau pritraukti į savo skyrių naujų narių, kad Youngstowno senjorai nepralengtų Clevelandiečius, nes šiuo metu iš jų pasitraukia net penki Youngstowniečiai. Šis susirinkimas vienbalsiai nutarė ir įgaliojo savo valdybą karštai ir vytiškai pasveikinti savo bendraminčius Youngstowniečius senjorus Vyčius.

Raportus ir pranešimus užbaigus, buvo eita prie naujos valdybos rinkimų. Buvo išrinkti sekantys: Pirmininkas Antanas Buknis, Vice Pirmininkas, Marijona Trainauskaitė, Protokolo Raštininkas Jonas Milas, Finansų Raštininke - Alese Karklienė, Išdininkė - Sofija Milienė, Išdo Globėjai - J. Pikturnienė ir A. Mačiokas, Tvarkdarys - Jurgis Salasevičius, Korespondentai (lietuviškos spaudos) Jurgis Kuzas ir Juozas Sadauskas, (anglų spaudos - "Vytyje") Alese Karklienė,

Į veiknačiąją komisiją buvo išrinktos šios veikėjos: Julija Salasevičienė, Kazimiera Sadauskienė ir

Margarita Tarutienė. "Saulėtos" dėžutės prižiūrėjimo komisijai buvo išrinktos sekancijos narės: Adelė Grybauskaitė, Jadvyga Pikturnienė ir A. Mackevičienė. Šios komisijos pareigos - už mirusius narius bei jų artimus gimines užsakyti Šv. Mišias, sergantiems pasiūsti užuojautos atvirutes ir pranešti nariams, kas serga, kas sulaukęs savo gimtadienių, ir prisėjus reikalui - nupirkti gėlių.

Sekė nauji nutarimai: 1. nutarta ir vėl pakviesti kun. Juozą Angelaitį būti senjorų Vyčių Dvasios Vadu; 2. Paaukoti \$10.00 Šv. Panelės N. Pagalbos parapijai kaipo Šv. Kalėdų dovaną; 3. Nutarta užsakyti Šv. Mišias ir uždegti bažnyčioje dvi žvakutes už a.a. Kazimiero Obelieno sielą, nes a.a. Kazimieras visada paremdavo finansiškai Clevelando lietuvių reikalus, ypačingai jis niekad neatsisakydavo paremti Clevelando Vyčius. Daugiausiai mūsų senjorų karta netekę savo kolonijos žymiausio ir didžiausio biznieraus, kuris netik gausiai paremdavo finansiškai lietuvių draugijų parengimus, bet juo daugiau paremdavo savo parapijos reikalus. Clevelando lietuviai netik neteko žymiausio savo tautiečio biznieraus, bet ir didelio lietuvių; 3. Nutarimas buvo padarytas savo ilgamečiui korespondentui ir abelnai lietuviškos spaudos bendradarbiui Juozui Sadauskui nupirkti gerą rašymo plunksną ir tam tikslui iš išdo paskyrė \$20.00. Tai jau trečia rašomoji plunksna, kuri, didžiai naudota, buvo dovanota 25-tos kuopos; ir paskutiniai ji apdovanojo senjorai Vyčiai. Tiesa, vyčiai yra jį apdovanoję ir kitomis dovanomis, už didį ir nepailsimą vytišką veikimą ir už didžius sceniškus vaidinimus. Juozas pareiškė senjorams didelį ačių, kad jam buvo suteukta ši dovana, kurią jis labai myli.

Po susirinkimo mielų A. ir K. Sadauskų "recreation" kambaryje mūsų veikiančios komisijos narės Julė Salasevičienė, M. Baliukienė, A.

Mackevičienė ir namų savininkė K. Sadauskienė buvo suruošusios prieškalėdinį didį bankietą - vakarienę, kuria visi gerėjosi. Nariai padėkojo šeiminkėms už taip skaniai paruoštus valgius ir Bernardui Karkliui ir Aleksui Sadauskui už įvairius gėrimus ir draugiškus patarnavimus. Pats susirinkimas buvo baigtas malda ir L. Vyčių himnu; taip pat vakarienė buvo pradėta malda, kurią sukalbėjo Juozas Sadauskas.

Vyčiai senjorai reiškia didelį ačiū mieliems A. ir K. Sadauskams už jų parodytą nuoširdų svetingumą, artimo meilę ir vytišką širdį. Taipgi, tebūna didelis ačiū ir vytės Kazimieros Sadauskienės mamytei, kuri irgi daug pagelbėjo šeiminkėms. O Antanui Bukniui - naujam Vyčių senjorų pirmininkui tebūna vytiškas ačiū už šio pobūvio, naujos valdybos, komisijų ir visas kitas nuotraukas, kurios čia buvo padarytos ir kurių dauguma bus patalpinta VYTYJE.

"Senelis"

IT CAN BE DONE-

IT HAPPENED IN YOUNGSTOWN!

In the annals of K of L history the following event is in all probability - a first! Amidst adverse conditions from practically every angle imaginable, where apparently there was no hope that a K of L Council could ever be organized - a virtual "miracle" did take place.

Deep in the heart of the Iron and Steel industry, in the northeastern part of the State of Ohio, mid-way between the metropolitan centers of Cleveland and Pittsburgh, in the City of Youngstown, Ohio on November 29, 1964, - a K of L Council was RE-BORN, to be known henceforth as the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA SENIORS COUNCIL #111 of YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

As to why this event was so extraordinary, a brief historical resume of the facts is necessary:

From the early 1920's and into the 1930's the metropolis of Youngstown boasted a Lithuanian-descent population of approximately 250 families. This Lithuanian community was well organized not only in local clubs and societies but had affiliated chapters with practically every large

Senior Council #111 Officers



Stella Pavis, English Correspondent and Stanley Marks, Lithuanian Correspondent.



Promotional Planning Committee, L. to r.: Alice Strines; Walter Andrews, Chairman and Mamie Marks.



Senior C-111 Officers include: L. to r.: Stanley Marks, Rec. Secy.; V. Ed. Pavis, President; Mary Andrews, Fin. Secy.; Joseph Strines, V. Pres. and Walter Andrews, Planning Committee.

Lithuanian organization of national scope.

There also was a modest but thriving Lithuanian Roman Catholic parish - whose Church was dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi. While the parish had pastors of Lithuanian descent, the community thrived both spiritually and ethnically, continuing its age-long Lithuanian traditions and customs, through its various organized units. After the creation of the new Diocese of Youngstown (formerly a part of the Archdiocese of Cleveland) and the leaving of its last Lithuanian pastor, Rev. Father Petraitis (Patrick), who left to serve in the Armed Services, a non-Lithuanian pastor was appointed by the Bishop. Upon the retirement of the first, a second non-Lithuanian was appointed,

the Rev. Father John Maceka, who at present is the Shepherd of the souls of the parish. The previous and the present non-Lithuanian pastors were and are deeply dedicated men in their service to God, good Shepherds of their flock, but being non-Lithuanian, could not reach the inner-most hearts of their Lithuanian parishioners. Thus Lithuanian ethnical activity came to practically a stand still.

With the passing of many of the old stalwart active leaders, the inter-marriages of their children to non-Lithuanians, with many of the Lithuanian families moving to other areas and joining parishes nearest their homes, the ties were broken. Gradually, all traditional Lithuanian activity ceased, until practically all organizations disbanded. The future of Lithuanian hopes and aspirations in Youngstown became very bleak, if not utterly hopeless.

That was the situation that my husband and I found when we moved in from Cicero, Ill., almost seven years ago. After settling down and establishing ourselves in Youngstown, we approached Honorary Member Joseph Sadauskas and became members of the Cleveland Senior C-25.

While renewing old friendships and finding new friends, we gradually brought up the idea of reorganizing the old K of L C-111 that flourished between 1924 and 1930. This was the Council that in its short period of existence, I am told, had a small but fine choral and drama group, sponsored a K of L basketball team, was instrumental in sponsoring a fund for the procurement of a church bell, which to this day bears an inscription stating "Donated by the Knights of Lithuania Council #111, Youngstown, Ohio".

During the past several years, we brought along Mr. & Mrs. S. Marks, and Mrs. M. Halyak as our guests to Cleveland for the celebration of the annual St. Casimir's Day rites. Our guests were impressed and during the September meeting, all three became members of the Cleveland Seniors. We then begin making plans for the organization of our own Council. After bringing other guests to the Cleveland October meeting to observe K of L activities, we all returned home full of enthusiasm and preliminary plans were made for the calling of the first re-organizational

meeting of the Youngstown group.

On Sunday, Nov. 29, 1964, at the home of Stanley and Mamie Marks in the suburb of Poland, Ohio, the meeting was called to order at 3:20 P.M., by my husband, Vincent Ed. Pavis. He briefly outlined the principles and aims of our organization, the degree rituals, the Constitution and the structural set-up. Honorary Member Joseph Sadauskas and George Kuzas, Rec. Secy of the Cleveland Seniors, strongly urged the Youngstowners to organize. After discussion, it was voted to officially organize the Youngstown chapter of the Knights of Lithuania.

Joseph Sadauskas was requested by the Chair to preside and conduct the election of officers. The following were elected: Vincent Ed. Pavis, President; Joseph P. Strines (Strainis) - Vice-president; Stanley Marks (Markauskas), Recording secretary; Mrs. Mary Andrews (Andrijauskas), Financial secretary; and Stephen P. Janis, Treasurer. Mr. Stanley Marks and Mrs. Stella F. Pavis were elected as Correspondents, in Lithuanian and English resp. Mrs. Pavis was also selected to be in charge of the "Sunshine" Fund. On the permanent Promotional Planning Committee the following were selected: Mrs. Mamie Marks, Mrs. Alice Strines and Mr. Walter Andrews (Andrijauskas).

The meeting decided that officially this group shall be known as the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA SENIORS COUNCIL #111, of YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

After the meeting, our esteemed guests from Cleveland (including Mrs. Rose Sadauskas) and all of us Youngstowners were royally wined and dined through the gracious courtesy of Stanley and Mamie Marks.

The next meeting of the group was held New Years Eve at the residence of Joseph and Alice Strines. After the meeting the gathered participated in a Gala New Years Eve Celebration - the first Social planned by the new Council.

It is this Correspondent's opinion that this newly re-organized K of L Council, in its modest way, will go far and remain active for many, many years to come. I believe that the Good Lord will continue to smile down and Bless this Council and its members in all its worthy endeavors.

Stella F. Pavis

JURGIS IR JULĖ SALASEVIČIAI - 50 m. VEDYBINIO GYVENIMO SU- KAKTIES JUBILIATAI Cleveland, Ohio

Šiuo aprašymu ir vaizdeliu norime pasveikinti mūsų mielus Senjorus Vyčius - Jurgį ir Julę Salasevičius 50 metų šeimyninio gražaus židinio proga, nors ir gražiosios išskilmės įvyko pereitais metais.

Gal dabar reikia tarti žodį kitą ir apie Jurgio ir Julės veiklą Clevelando lietuvių visuomeniškame judėjime. Jiedu savo tėvynę Lietuvą apleido 1913 m., dar visai jauni bebūdami. Jų pirmas apsigyvenimas Amerikoje prasidėjo New Yorko mieste, kuriam ir sukūrė savo jaunųjų šeimyninį židinį. Bet čia jiedu neilgai tegyveno; persikėlė į Clevelandą, kur tebegyvena šiuo laiku, ir tebedarbuojasi lietuvių katalikų draugijose. Jie yra ypatingai darbštūs Vyčių senjoruose, kur vienas yra valdybos narys, o kitas - veikiančiosios komisijos narys. Julė Salasevičienė ilgus metus darbuojasi A.L.R.K.S. 50-toje kp., S.L.R.K. Moterų Sąjungos kuopose, kurių Clevelande randasi dvi, ir dar kitose draugijose. Bet jie artimiausiai yra susirišę su Vyčių senjorų visu judėjimu.

Jurgis ir Julė yra išauginę dvi dukteris, kurios gražiai kalba, skaito ir rašo savo tėvelių kalba ir abi yra buvusios L. Vyčių 25-tos kuopos narės, o viena dar tebeprisklaido prie Vyčių organizacijos. Abidvi ištekėjo už brolių Luizų, irgi Vyčių. Tik gaila, kad jaunesnioji dukrelė Domicėlė,



Jurgis ir Julė Salasevičiai

jaunuose metuose neteko savo vyro, a.a. Juozo Luizos.

Duktė Albina ir Petras Luizai turi išauginę vieną dukrą, žymią solistę ir muzikę, o Domicėlė ir a.a. Juozas Luizai turi išauginę tris sūnus. Vienas sūnus pereitais metais buvo išventintas į kunigus ir savo tėvukų 50 m. vedybinio gyvenimo minėjime atlaikė Šv. Mišias ir palaimino jų gražų šeimyninį židinį. Po bažnytinių pamaldų, kurių metu giedojo solo anūkė, o vargonais iškilmingai grojo jos vyras, irgi didis muzikas, visi susirinko namuose pagerbti tėvelius. Taipgi dalyvavo daug kitų giminių, Vyčių narių, profesionalų ir draugų. Te Dievulis laimina ir ilgina Julės ir Jurgio Salasevičių šeimyninį židinį.

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JUNIOR NEWS

C-17 JUNIORS SO. BOSTON, MASS.

Žvaigždininkas

We practised and practised our Christmas carols both in Lithuanian and English under the guidance of Sister Incanata, Sister Judith, and Sister Grace along with Johnnie and Alice Olevitz and sometimes with Father Al Janiunas. It was our plan to sing some carols for the elderly people at St. Joseph's Manor Nursing home at Brockton. The girls applied the culinary arts and baked some Christmas cookies and the boys wrapped some gandy and other small presents to be presented to the elderly people. Our day of triumph came, when lo and behold it was snowing, and our advisors wisely cancelled this trip because they didn't want to jeopardize our generous transportation committee vehicles. Although we were slightly disappointed we did realize the dangers of driving in the snow and icy conditions. After making arrangements once more we departed in a caravan of four cars with our reliable drivers Frank Grigas, Leo Rudzinas, Al Jaritis, Donna Grigas. We made the trip without any mishaps. Some of the people made plans to take the old folks down to La Sallette Shrine, Attleboro, Mass., to see the wonderful Christmas light display. Even while waiting for the rest of the people to return we serenaded the bedridden patients and those who didn't want to go along for one reason or another. When the others came back we once more serenaded them. We juniors hope that the seniors will

take part next year so that they can augment our small group and show these people that they are not forgotten once they enter into the nursing home. It was a thrill for all of us. It gave us the feeling that we had done something good and all that it cost us was a little time. Next year we have hopes for a bigger and better concert for these wonderful people.

We had our Christmas party in the juniors room and we want to thank the seniors for taking time to clean, paint, and fix up the room for our use.

The officers for the coming year are as follows:

President, John Markuns; Vice-President, Francis Bilotas; Secretary, Carol Wisotsky; Treasurer, Michael Zaikis; Marshall, Alfred Morkvenas; Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Albin F. Janiunas; Councillors: John and Alice Olevitz, Madeline Druzdis, Sister Judith and Sister Grace.

During 1965 we shall strive to be active and always try to increase our membership and try to live up to the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

The following group of chorists went to Brockton: Geraldine Martinowsky, Carol Wisotsky, Eleanor Sarda, Jacqueline Burke, Charles Shulis, Edward Mikisenas, Andrew Zaikis, John Markus, Richard Markuns, James Markuns, Alfred Morkvenas, Francis Bilotas, Allan Sabitski, Paul Zuzavich. May we thank Mother Sister Incanata and Sister Judith, Sister Grace, and Johnnie O., and Alice O for their patience and guidance.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE CHICAGO JUNIORS

The Chicago "young set" had their Christmas party at the K of L Building, Tuesday, December 15th. Santa was sick but the youngsters still received their gifts from Santa's Elves - "Gigi", "Cam", "Helen" and "Sis". All had a merry time around the Christmas Trees - one decorated with bulbs, tinsel and angels, the other decorated in the traditional Lithuanian straw ornament motif.

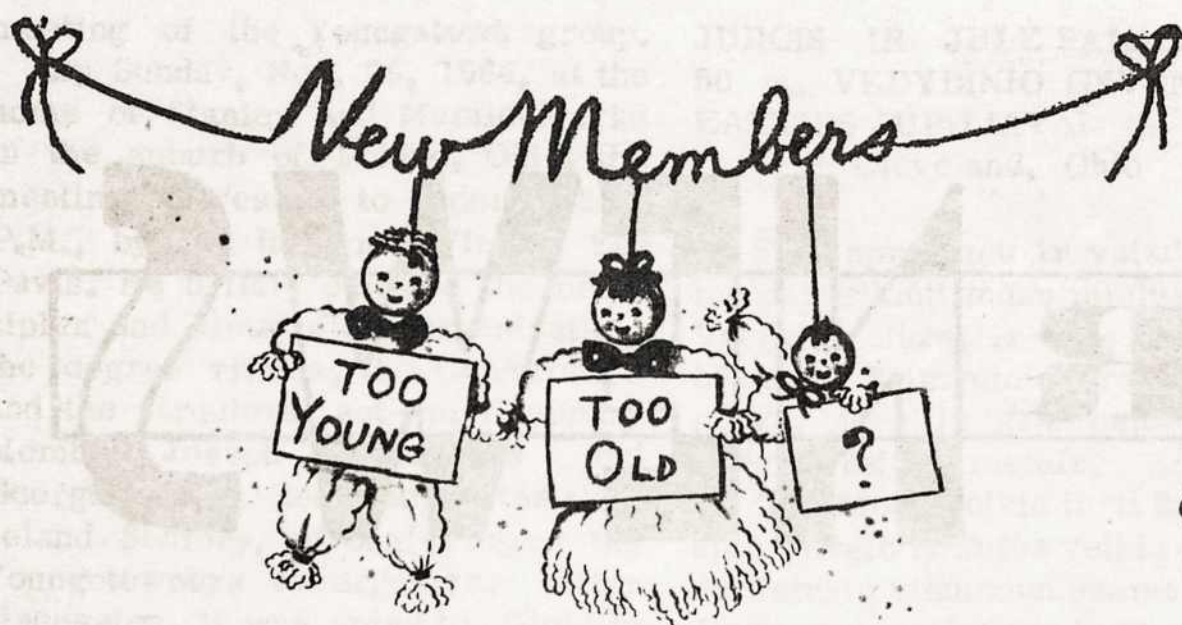
The Junior members spent many weeks making the straw ornaments with complete abandon of artistic expression. No assistance from parents or other adults resulted in a myriad of stars, triangles, bells, and most unique designs.

As a matter of fact, they submitted their own "Lithuanian Tree" in the Chicagoland Lithuanian Christmas Tree Festival, at the Jesuit Youth Center.

The contest, sponsored by Frank Zapolis, K of L member and Ateitis Dance Group leader for many years, gave our Juniors a winner. Christine Giedraitis walked off with the first prize in the young people's division with a most interesting composition of art in straw.

After the first of the year, new songs and folk dances will be the main interest and the young performers already have an engagement scheduled - the District's annual "Memories of Lithuania" banquet, commemorating Lithuania's Independence.

Genevieve Maluska
I-I Distr. 1st V.P. and Junior
Coordinator



DON'T LET THEM DANGLE THERE!

A new member must be made to feel, not only welcome, with a round of applause when introduced, but also part and parcel of the organization. How can this be accomplished? Well, there are many ways and we'll list a few at the present time.

FIRST:

Arm the member with material which will explain the aims and purpose of our group. The national constitution, district and council by-laws and newsletters or publications, brochures, and the like, will not only inform the member but also give him ammunition when he is questioned by others, who may, by the way, be prospects.

SECOND:

Introduce the new K of L'er to the other members, not only by name, but also by occupation or special interests, during and after the meeting. Students are more likely to take a fellow student "under wing" more rapidly, a philatelist will find no trouble in making conversation with another and there are no more kindred souls than the members of the S.F.T.P.O.D.J. (The Society for the Preservation of Dixieland Jazz). With common bonds, an "old" member is more apt to adopt and foster the "new" member and with more warmth and enthusiasm.

THIRD:

Ask him or her to participate actively. If they take a pass at the present time because of other commitments or shyness, ask again another time. Keep the radar working at all times for signals. A member who adds comments about articles he read recently when the Lithuanian Affairs chairman makes his report may be a good prospect for that committee. A letter on a school sweater may give you a sports chairman. A married couple who recently became reactivated, probably has the third or fourth degree and might enjoy "easing" back into activity as a ritual team.

ALL the present officers and members should follow these rules, but the Membership V.P. or Chairman should be the "guiding light" . . . the constant reminder.

Too Young?

If the average age in the council is 25 or 30 and two 16 year olds join, a volley ball or baseball team cannot be immediately organized to give them an interest usually associated with young people. They may also feel a little shy participating in certain activities with adult members. And this may result in the loss of these members, as well as their friends.

Before this transpires, take them into your confidence, outline the predicament. Make them a part of your campaign by asking them to bring in additional young people so certain activities can be planned around them.

In fact, they may have even younger members in the family who could form the nucleus of a "Junior" council.

Too Old?

The same sort of interest and approach can be used for our older members. And, if assisted, they also may get a few more and form a "Senior" council. But - if this does not transpire . . . don't lose them either, plan a family picnic, make them a part of your entertainment or social committee. They are the ones who demand the least in order to feel that they "belong".

Too young, too shy, too old. . . Don't Let Them Dangle. Find a way to accommodate them all. Membership is our insurance for a long life for the K of L.

Eleanore H. Laurin - 2nd Vice President

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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N.J. - N.Y. DISTRICT

F. V.

The N.J.-N.Y. District held a meeting on Dec. 6 at Our Lady of Vilna parish hall in New York. C-12 were hosts. The meeting was called to order by pres. Al Wesey and a prayer was offered by the district spiritual director, Rev. Peter Zemeikis. Greetings on behalf of the host council were extended by pres. Vincent Yatkaukas and the assistant pastor, Rev. Anthony Kardas.

President Wesey gave a report of the executive board meeting held in Bayonne, N.J. on Oct. 12. It was announced that the district will issue a quarterly bulletin. Charles Strolis was chosen as chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs committee. Joseph Boley spoke about rituals. If enough applications are received there will be a third degree ceremony at the next district meeting.

The annual communion-breakfast of the district will take place on Sunday, Mar. 14 at Patterson, N.J. with C-61 as hosts. High Mass will be offered in St. Casimir's Church at 10:30 a.m. For further information and reservations please contact Dorothy Dutkus, 133 Prospect Ave., Maywood, N.J. In the afternoon there will be a meeting in the parish hall.

The councils were urged to attend their respective parishes on Sun., Mar. 7, when the feast of the patron of the Knights, St. Casimir, is observed.

The district will sponsor a picnic at Bayonne, N.J. with the executive board in charge of arrangements. The date of the picnic will be announced in the future.

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolence are offered to the Dutkus and Barkauskas families on the loss of their mothers.

The meeting closed with the singing of the K of L Hymn and a prayer. We wish to express our sincere thanks to C-12 for their kind hospitality.

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

Denis Mazeika

Back in October elections took place and other important business was accomplished. One important thing discussed was the question whether the dance group would remain or dissolve. It was decided to keep it. It was even decided that the dance group would meet a minimum of every two weeks so that dances would not be forgotten and new ones learned. It worked smoothly for a while but like all good things, it didn't last. For one reason or another members were unable to show. The excuses given, it must be admitted, were at times pretty lame. As a result the dance group is now in "suspension". I say suspension because most of the members still want the dance group and are waiting for something to activate it. One thing that will probably re-activate it will be the 1965 World's Fair. But it still seems a pity that a dance group that was so active for the past year must stop its activity so abruptly. We have dancers that really would like to dance, yet, because of a few people, they are unable to. A few other interested members are trying all methods of restarting it but it is very difficult to move the less active members to activity or for that matter to find more dancers. I guess we continue working and hoping until we do...

Not dancing does not mean no activity, just as not thinking of new ideas does not mean no progress. There are other things to resort to when dancing is not available even if they may not be new ideas. Before C-41 gave its annual Christmas dance we had two "closed" parties. These parties were run just like dances; There was an admission and all refreshments were sold by the K of L. In this way we were able to make money for the K of L treasury. The only ones to lose in this arraignment were the K of L members them-

selves for they supplied everything out of their own pockets. All the food and other items were bought and contributed by the members; yet, I wouldn't consider it a loss to the members and I don't think anyone else would either - a party's a Party! The first party was a costume party just for the fun of it. The other party was our Christmas party, supposedly only for members, but admission was charged for outsiders. At each party, the treasury gained close to thirty-five dollars.

Aside from these two parties C-41 gave its annual Christmas dance on Christmas Night, Dec. 25. I think the whole affair can best be summed up in one word: Tremendous!! We put a lot of work into it and we went through a lot of trouble. We got the hall easily enough, the Lithuanian Athletic Club. But then we needed a band. Unfortunately, there was some mix-up but it was straightened out and we finally decided which one to take. Christmas night came, warm and wet, unlike any other Christmas of the past. Everybody was keeping their fingers crossed hoping nothing would go wrong. This time everything went right. Once that band started, we knew we could make a go. I don't think we ever pulled as many people to any other affair as we did then. The room was packed! I'm willing to say it was our most successful dance in, I don't know how many years! This recalls to mind what someone said to me when I attended a K of L dance at Our Lady of Vilnius in New York City a couple of months ago. He mentioned that the trend lately has been toward success at all the K of L dances. Great Neck Council had a spectacular success and the New York Council also had a successful dance. He said it was C-41's turn to have a success. Kidding or not, the dance was very successful. C-41 is thinking of having another dance at Easter time as a result of the Christmas dance's success-

The Christmas dance had very wide coverage. As well as being announced by Jack Stukas on his "Memories of Lithuania" program on Saturdays, it was also announced on a polka program emanating from Fordham University. The program: The Polka Hit Parade on WFUV-FM on Saturdays. They showed such interest in the K of L dance that we notified them of our success and they broadcast that fact also. They mentioned the K of L on three different Saturdays and there was no charge for it. Just as a fact aside from the dance, Fordham has many Lithuanian professors, priests, and students on campus. This may have something to do with it. Slowly but surely it looks like the Knights of Lithuania is gaining recognition. Let's hope that in this New Year, the trend continues. Here's wishing everybody the best of everything in this New Year, 1965, especially all the Knights of Lithuania.

Newark, N.J. C-29

C.S.

Baigiantis 1964iems metams, mūsų kuopa laikė tų metų paskutinį susirinkimą Gruodžio mėnesio 15-tą dieną Šv. Jurgio Salėje 180-2 New York Ave. Newark, kuriame dalyvavo vietinės parapijos kunigas Pralotas I. Kelmelis ir Kun. Petras Totoraitis, kuopos dvasios vadas, ir buvusioji New York ir New Jersey Apskritis pirmininkė Dorothy Dutkus iš Maywood, N.J. su savo gimnaitė Virginia Dutkus. Jos abi darbuojasi Paterson, N.J. kuopoje. Susirinkimą atidarė kuopos pirm. Kazys Sipaila. Kuopos dvasios vadas kun. Petras Totoraitis sukalbėjo maldą ir prisaikdino kuopos Valdybą 1965 metams. Į Valdybą įėjo tie patys nariai, kurie dirbo praeitais metais: Pirm. Kazys Sipaila, pirmas vicepirm. Jack Remeika, antras vicepirm. Mary Stonis, sekretorė Joan Yankauskas, finansų rašt. Eva Coll ir kasininkas Peter Podgalsky. Kuopos nariai linkime jiems geriausios sėkmės, kad su Šv. Kazimiero pagalba ir mūsų pritarimu jie ir toliau tęstų pradėtus darbus ir vestų 29-tą kuopą pirmyn.

Per lapkričio mėnesio susirinkimą įvairioms komisijoms vadovauti apsiėmė šie nariai, kurie tose pačiose pareigose dirbo 1964-tais metais:

Kultūros - Anna Pocius, Ritualų - Joan Yankauskas, Mary Stonis ir Charles Strolis, Lietuviškų Reikalų -

Charles ir Julia Strolis, Dovanų komisija - Eva Ellis. Trūkumai dėl kitų komisijų bus užpildyti per ateinantį susirinkimą, kuris įvyks sausio mėnesį 1965-ais metais.

Laike susirinkimo buvo pristatyti trys nauji nariai. Mrs. Loretta Stukas, kurios vardas ir jos nuveikti darbai yra plačiai žinomi Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijoje. Mes didžiuojamės, gavę tokią narę ir kartu tikimės iš jos daug pagalbos. Gaila, kad Chicagos kuopa jos neteko. Antras narys - Charles Jakavonis, kilęs iš Naujosios Anglijos apylinkės ir dirbęs lietuvių tarpe, vedęs vieną iš mūsų kuopos nenuilstančių veikėjų Kristiną Korbet, dabar apsigyveno Newark, ir abu sėkmingai veda lietuvišką užėigą 126 Chapel St. Newark. Trečias narys - Helen Radish, kuri dirba finansų sek. darbą Sv. Jurgio draugijoje, ir jos sūdarbą Šv. Jurgio draugijoje, ir jos du sūnūs priklauso prie jaunųjų vyčių.

Tuoj po susirinkimo turėjome Kalėdų Eglutę (Christmas party) su programa, kurią atliko mūsų jaunieji Vyčiai. Jie tikrai puikiai ir grynai lietuviškai sugiedojo keletą Kalėdų giesmių, padeklamavo eilėraščių, paskambino pianinu ir akordeonu. Į šį parengimą buvo pakviesti ir jų tėveliai ir motinos. Tai buvo tikrai gražu ir malonu paklausti, kaip jie, čia Amerikoje gimę ir augeję, mūsų ateities Vyčiai, moka taip gražiai lietuviškai išpildyti programą! Jiems pianinu akompanavo ir programai vadovavo Louis Stukas. Jis tikrai pasišventęs ir praleidęs daug darbo vakarų, kol juos išmokino. Taip pat Mary Stonis, kuri vadovavo šio vakaro surengimui ir kuri labai daug darbuojasi su mūsų jaunaisiais Vyčiais. Teko pastebėti, kad šiame parengime dalyvavo ir kitų lietuviškų organizacijų veikėjai: inžinierius Vladas Dillis, daug metų dirbantis Balfo priešakyje, Albinas S. Trečiokas, inžinierius V. Mėlynis, Mr. Purėnas ir kiti. Buvo parengtas lietuviškas Kūčių stalas ir eglutė su lietuviškais papuošalais. Po valgių visi pasidalino dovanomis (grab bag) ir giedojo Kalėdų giesmes. Pianinu akompanavo Louis Stukas.

Valgius paruošė ir visiems pataravo šie nariai: Mary Stonis, Eva Coll, Joan Yankauskas, Anna Pocius, Peter Podgalsky, Regina Schmidt, Mary Balchunas ir Eva Ellis. Dabar kuopa rengiasi Vasario 16tos ir savo metinės šventės kovo 7tą minėjimams, kuriuos kiekvienais metais

iškilmingai pamini. Visiems linki laimingų Naujų Metų.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Brockton, Mass., C-1,

Kazokė

September came, with Autumn's beauty that crowns the Earth in splendid color, but for this council, it was a time of sadness, for we learned that our Spiritual director, Father Anthony Kneizys was to be transferred to Hudson, Mass. With many wonderful memories and the best of wishes we bade him a fond farewell and only hope that he knows that we appreciate all the work he did on our behalf. Our anxieties were pleasantly calmed by the arrival of Father John Palouskas from Hudson. In the short time that we know him, we have found him a person of great capabilities and prophecy great deeds in the future under his guidance. A hearty welcome Father John!

With merry hearts and long johns, we braved the chill winds of October to venture on a hay-ride in the Country. Everyone had such a marvelous time, we decided to hold another ride in the Winter. Many thanks to Mary Carelton for arranging the affair. Later in the month, we held our annual Halloween party in the garage of John and Marilyn Yuskaitis. The unanimous opinion was that our President Rollie Pigeon, stole the show with his "bunny outfit". He surely proved the old adage that blondes do have more fun. P.S. Tony Skdrius never was in better SHAPE.

We tried to attend all the surrounding councils' dances, and included were Norwood, Cambridge and So. Boston. A fine time was had by all. Edward Armon arranged an evening in town that included the new Cinerama adventure and a side trip to China-town.

At the November meeting, the committees for the annual Snow-Flake Ball were selected. Cochairmen are John and Marilyn Yuskaitis. The dance is to take place on Feb. 20 at the Walkover Club, Brockton with Dick Pillar as the orchestra. EVERYONE WELCOME.

Albert Skirius and Marilyn Yuskaitis were selected to place the newly purchased Christmas creche on the lawn of St. Casimir's rectory. It was voted to purchase the creche last year when it became known that

the church did not have an outside crib.

Hoping that everyone had a joyous holiday and include in their New Year's resolution to work even harder for the K of L in the coming year.

Worcester, Mass. C-116 Onytė

The installation of our new officers for the coming year took place during our January meeting. The following members comprise our new executive board: Pres. Algird Krasinckas; V. pres. Dorothy Sinavitch; Sec. Ann Miller; Treas. Charles Lapinskas; Fin. Sec. Vincent Burdulis; Marshalls: Marion Lukason and Frank Ciras; Trustees: Dorothy March and John Kasper. We extended congratulations and best wishes to our new executive board for a very successful and fruitful season.

Our Christmas party was a real gala affair thanks to Mary Mrozinski, who really worked hard to push this affair. It was worth it, Mary. . . I'm sure the refrain "Deck the halls with boughs of holly" will linger for a quite a while.

Many many thanks extended to Mildred and Charles Lapinskas for the truly wonderful job they did this past year as editors of our council's

monthly newspaper. At the same time we congratulate Vincent Burdulis for taking over this tremendous responsibility for the coming year. Good luck, Billy. Incidentally, Milly and Charley Lapinskas will host the "Kielbasai and Kopūstai" vakariene, which will be held Feb. 28th in the Parish Hall.

The first half of the bowling league ended in December with a dramatic finish. John Yurkenas' team nosed out Charles' team on the final night. It was a tough one to lose as his team lead throughout the season. Vic Mrozinski leads the men in high average with 104.0 and Barbara Mazeika is tops for the women with a 94.8. But as the saying goes wait till next year, oops we mean this year, no mercy will be shown. We promise you that.

Nice to see Jerry Burdulis home for the holidays. He will be stationed in Hawaii for the next two years. How lucky can you get. . . Ann Markvenas has joined the staff at the Chancery, that makes two of our K of L'ers there. . . Trudy Zibinskas also works there. Incidentally, Trudy will be the best equipped golfer on the courses this summer, Santa left a new cart, that has a seat no less. . . Richard Luikey presented his fiancee Carol Gudis with a beautiful sparkler. . . We hear Buzzy Bucinskas did the same thing. . .

Congratulations all around. . . It was nice seeing Paula Bunevitch at our January meeting. . . Ditto. . . Stanley Grigas and Tony Minor. . . That was a real sharp hat Tony was seen wearing. . . Thanks to Jack Kasper our members will be better and safer drivers this year. Hack works for the telephone co. and arranged for a movie to be shown after the meeting. It was some tear Jerker. We thought Irene Ostrowski would never be able to shut them off she cried so hard. . . Mary was afraid to get into her car and drive that night. . . It's a little late, but, to all our friends we say "Laimingų Naujų Metų".

Waterbury, Conn. C-7

The election of officers took place Nov. 20 and the slate of officers for 1965 elected were as follows: Pres. James Valaitis; V. Pres. Nell Diggles; Fin. Sec. Dorma Gribauskas; Rec. Sec. Olga Laureckas; Treasurer John Alanskas; Cultural Committee - Marcella Andrikas, Prof. Aleksis; Ritual Committee - Frank Shaknaitis; Membership - Dr. Wm. Shukaitis; Spiritual Advisor Rev. Leonard Kvedas; Board of Directors: Walter Pitcavage, Dr. William Shukaitis, Edmund Shukaitis, Otto Shatas, and Wm. Gervickas.

With heavy hearts and tear-dimmed eyes, C-26 realized the loss not only of a K of L member but a friend as well when on December 3, 1964, Mr. Joseph Bacys quietly passed away.

To those of you who did not have the good fortune of knowing him, may we say that one would have to search far and wide to find a K of L member of his caliber.

He was a charter member of C-26 and for 48 years his love for the organization never faltered. It was through his untiring efforts that our council was kept alive during the early years of existence. There were many times that Mr. Bacys would pay dues of members who had fallen behind from his own small resources so that the council would remain on the active list. A special achievement of his was the recruiting of new members for the council.

His commitments were heavy and the duties endless. During his mem-

JOSEPH BAČYS R. I. P. . . .



bership he held the position of every office at one time or another including the presidency for six consecutive years. He handled the time-consuming and tedious job of printing of the

tickets and flyers necessary for all council activities.

For many years he and his wife maintained a library of Lithuanian plays which were available to all councils upon request. He was also very active in the dramatic group which not only presented plays for the K of L but for other Lithuanian organizations of the parish.

Mr. Bacys received his Fourth Degree on Sept. 22, 1946 and on May 6, 1956, as a token of appreciation for his untiring work he was made an Honorary Member of C-26.

He remained an active member and was always available for whatever problem arose during his entire life.

C-26 extends its heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and asks all of you to remember him in your prayers.

Edward Daniels, C-26

The Halloween party held at the club rooms was a success under the chairmanship of Joe (Roach) Rutkauskas ably assisted by Chef Walter Pitcavage and the rest of the Committee.

The Christmas Party for adults was held Dec. 12 but the attendance was held down due to inclement weather. Dr. Wm. Shukaitis and his committee: Walter Pitcavage, Wm. Gervickas and Cal Kerwin did a bang up job on the Christmas raffle and congratulations are in order for a job well done.

The childrens Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 13, was a howling success under the direction of Joe (Santa Claus) Roach ably assisted by Olga Laureckas who did all the wrapping of the gifts and helped with decorating club to give it a "Yule look".

The first round of the bowling league is almost over and it finds Ed Blinns team tied with Joe Blinn's team and Connie Wozniak's team trailing but scaring the daylight out of them.

Council 7 was indeed honored at the Dec. 17 meeting by the presence of Rev. Shambaris, a Japanese Missionary who gave an inspiring talk on Japan, its people and its customs.

C-7 would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

So. Boston, Mass., C-17 Sfinksas

Now that the dust has settled, here are the results of our election of officers for 1965; Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Albin Janunis; pres., John Daniels; vice pres., Frank Grigas; second vicepres., Larry Svelnis; treas., Donna Grigas; sec'y, Frances Sumski; finc. sec'y, Joanne Antanelis; trustees, Frank Sabitski and Albina Zemaitis; and marshall, Vytautas Bruzys. Congratulations to all. Please remember that in order to have a successful year each of us must give the officers our full cooperation.

Cambridge council members who attended our Christmas party reportedly enjoyed themselves very much. They inquired about our ski-weekend, but unfortunately, reservations were filled. Apply a little earlier next year and don't miss the fun. We also wish to thank all the other council members who attended our fall dance and helped to make it a huge

success.

Our bowlers are really knocking the pins down Thursday nights. We can still use spares if you are in the vicinity, and you are under no obligation to bowl regularly. Also try to attend the NED bowling rollofs if you are looking for a good time. The next one will be held in Cambridge.

Father Al Contons and Bill Gorski are on the \$100 plate dinner committee for the building fund of St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Brockton. If you can afford it, this is a very worthy charity.

A hearty welcome to new member, Jean Sumski, sister of Frances. Jean is attending Boston State College. . . Congratulations to Bronius Martus, who was given an assistant professorship to teach Mathematics. . . Frank Stankus had some bad luck recently when he cut his hand at work and needed a number of stiches. Get well soon, Frank. . . Madeline Druzdis went to New York for the New Years weekend. She certainly is happy these days with her brother Tom from Viet Nam. . . Ed Rudis has extended his contract for another year in Korea. He meets Lithuanians in the funniest

places. He met Bishop Brizgys at an airline ticket counter, and he met some Lithuanian missionaries while on tour of Korea. . . Barbara Smudin spent the holidays with her folks in West Bridgewater, Mass. . . Rumor has it that Wanda Yelmokas is working in Washington, D.C. . . Diane Plevock led a seminar in nutrition at the University of Massachusetts. The following members of C-17 were elected to be officers of the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club: Larry Svelnis, Joe Caspar, Joe Lubin, Tony Young, Adam Druzdis, and Al Neveira. . . St. Peter's choir, which includes some C-17'ers among its members, sounded tremendous at the Christmas Eve Mass. The honors for this great choir can be taken by Jeronimas Kachinskas and our pastor, Rev. Francis Virmauskas. . . The missing persons' bureau: Pat Plansky, Florence Zaleskas, Buddy Zaremba, Paula Slinger, Helen Suprin, Milly Vallis, Mary Kleponis, Joe Svagdys, Michael Casper, and Aldona Keany. Just let this writer know the whereabouts of the above people.

In your prayers remember the soul of Victor Olevitz, father of John

Illinois-Indiana District League Bowlers



Zbella's Lounge Team. Front: Jo Zallis, Rita Tomczak; Back L. to R.: Al Raubiskis, Tony Valek (sub), Rich Janek.



Lith's Soccer Team. Front: Kate Koos, Frank Koos. Back L. to R.: Ron Trzaskus, Frank Lechocki, Rich Czerwien.



Gaiva Restaurant Team. Front: Maria Jaunegui, Tony Hajek, Back L. to R.: Bob Doman, Rudy Schopf, Dave Jokantis.



Club House Cafe Team. Front: Flo Marco, Laurie Walker. Back L. to R.: Russ Olson, Ken Jankas, Joe Marco.

and step-father of Al Jaritis. May he rest in peace.

New England District president, Ronald Venis, Brenda Statsky, John and Alice Olevitz, Bill Zaremba, Bill Gorski, and Al Jaritis spent a pleasant evening at Father Zuromskis' rectory planning ways to re-activate the once popular Lowell council. Let's hope something can be done.

May you all have a very happy 1965, and remember to go out and get at least one new member.

ILL.-IND. DISTRICT

Chicago, Ill. C-112 "What-again"

Welcome to our newest members: Patricia and Peter Matt, Theresa Sakalauskas, Bob Doman, Dave Jokantes and Tony Hajek.

At the December Ritual Presentation, the following 112'ers received their Degrees: 1st: Bruno Blekys, Zigmus Duseika, Letitia Giedraitis, Emilija Pakalniskis, Alexander Pakalniskis, Milda Pakalniskis, Alphonse Petraitis and Julianne Petraitis.

A gala evening was had by all who attended our Annual Christmas Party at the Red Lantern Supper Club on Dec. 26th. It was a pleasure to have Rev. John Savukynas of our Lady of Vilna Parish join us. Congrats to the committee for another successful affair.

Congratulations to: Julie and Al Zakaraka on the birth of their second daughter, Rita Maria (9#, 15 1/2 oz.), born on Dec. 18th; and to Helene and Rich Butchas on the birth of their new baby, Marie Teresa (8#, 7 1/2 oz), born on Nov. 19th.

Belated best wishes to Council member Raymond Krasauskis, who in September became the Commander of the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post.

It was nice having Albina Zemaitis join us for a Bowling Social on her recent visit home. She is currently a member of the So. Boston C-17 and is residing in Massachusetts.

Jim and Millie Jagiella keep moving further and further away from Chicago. They recently moved from Lansing, Ill. to Hammond, Ind. Perhaps Jim feels that with the I-I District Membership V-P living in the area, it would be one way to reorganize the council in the Hammond-East Chicago area.

After the January Business Meeting, the members enjoyed an added feature - Square Dancing - along with their coffee. It was reported that a good but confusing time was had by all!

We were all shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Lillian Vanagaitis, beloved friend of the K of L. Mrs. Vanagaitis and her Radio Announcer were killed in an automobile accident on the way home from their broadcast. We ask that you remember them in your prayers.

Date to remember: April 24th (Saturday after Easter) - C112 Annual Easter Dance at the K of L Building.

Chicago, Ill. C-13

Cecilija Kincinaitė

After 6 years of dormancy, C-13 re-activated itself on July 15, 1964 through the efforts of Eleanor Laurin and Loretta Kassel (Stukas) just in time for the 51st National Convention held in Chicago. Our first meeting consisted of 13 members calling ourselves the "Mighty Mites" and we had plenty to say at the Convention due to 6 years of deep uninterrupted meditation. So, fresh from the South Side of the Windy City we blew in to air our ideas. Some were welcomed and some were waste-basketed as they should have been. Now after 5 monthly Council Meetings in which quite a bit of seasoning took place... we are still boasting, only this time about what we are accomplishing. We have reversed our membership from 13 to 31. In October our temporary officers were legitimately elected for a year's term. We proudly present our slate:

Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Adolfs Stašys; President - Miss Eleanor Laurin; 1st Vice President - Martin Santoski; 2nd Vice President - Mrs. Adeline Jasaitis; 3rd Vice President - George Paulik; Treasurer - Mrs. Bernice Dambrauskas; Recording Secretary - Miss Cecile Kincinas; Financial Secretary - Mrs. Lucy Schmitt; Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Alvina Montville; and Sergeant-at-Arms - Zenon Jakubauskas.

Naturally, we had to snatch some members back (just a few) from other Councils, but they must be reminded that after all when we co-cooned C-13, our members transferred to other Councils. So really, they were just on loan. All is fair

in love, war, and survival of Council 13. Our Council has always been unique in one respect. We have no followers - all of us are leaders. We never run out of volunteers. Each one knows exactly what his/her specialty is and reigns over that particular activity. . . and we have been quite active in the past 5 months.

We were the first Council this season to volunteer the hosting of the monthly Bowling League. Thirteen days later on Friday, Nov. 13th, Council 13 had a costume "Hard Time Party" at the Holy Cross Parish Hall. We had a howling success financially and funwise. In attendance were all types of Hobo's in burlap bags, dancing girls, greased up mechanics, mountain climbers, Senoritas, witches, even a "hard time" Play Boy Bunny with a square tail selling snuff, chewing tobacco and Bull Durham. With Wally Tenclinger as our Accordionist, it turned into a miniature convention with the "Happy New Year", Bird Dance, etc. The finale was a Mock Wedding with

C-13 "Mock Wedding"



Rabbi (Ralph Terry), Baby Jane (Eleanore Laurin), Bride (Walter Groins), Groom (Marge Serauskas)



Baby Jane (Eleanore Laurin) and Flapper (Adeline Jasaitis)

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funeral candles and groom's former girlfriends as bridesmaids. The more the "davatkies" laughed, the more vigorous we performed. Oh, we should have been on TV so all of you could have been with us. Could never be duplicated as we had no script, no rehearsal - just guts and no brains. Now the entire Parish wants to know when we'll put on the 2nd Act - some of us are on therapeutic vitamins.

Now that we had a couple of \$\$\$'s - we ran to the Bank and opened an account. The V.P. says he has never met a poor Lithuanian yet. He'll never know how close-fisted we were for 4 months.

At our December 30th meeting, we played real big and held an "Open House" with punch, etc. "uždyka" . . . last of the big spenders. We invited only prospective candidates and after we mellowed them due to our hospitality - we presented the little green card for their X.

Ideas, ideas just bubbling at our meetings. We decided to open personal savings accounts to make sure we can meet all of you at the Los Angeles Convention.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

"Forty-Niner"

Los Angeles, Calif, C-133
1965 NATIONAL CONVENTION HOST

Come See Us In August!

As you already know, the 1965 National K of L Convention will be held in Los Angeles. All of you are invited to attend. Plan NOW to see

us August 5-8, 1965, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in L.A.

New Officers Elected:

C-133 held their annual meeting on Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, at the Lithuanian Community Center, Inc., 4415 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. The following were elected to the 1965 Board: Leonard Valiukas, President; Ed Bartkus and Bruno Kautauskas, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Loretta Vycius, Secretary; Miss Ann Laurinaitis, Treasurer - Financial Secretary. The addresses of the President and Secretary are: Mr. Leonard Valiukas, 3015 Severance St., L.A., Calif, 90007 and Mrs. Loretta Vycius, 535 N. Heliotrope, #6, L.A., Calif., 90004, resp.

Installation:

The new officers were installed at a dinner-dance at the Biltmore Hotel, Rendezvous Room on Sat., Jan. 9, 1965.

Convention Committee Chairman:

The new Council President Leonard Valiukas will serve as the Chairman of the 1965 Convention Committee. This was the same position he held on the 1957 Convention Committee when the Knights from all parts of the country held their 44th National Convention in L.A.

Seniors Offer Aid -

Since Anthony Skirius organized the group in 1957, the C-133 have always been active. Presently the group is headed by Julius Kiskis and they have promised all possible help and assistance needed to make the 1965 Convention a great success.

Many Plan to Attend -

The officers of C-133 have received many letters from all parts of our nation. All state that they are planning to attend the Convention.

An excerpt from one of the many letters received by the Board members: ". . . I hope that your convention will be as successful as our convention this year (1964). As a member of Council 36, I am looking forward to attending the 1965 convention with my wife next year (1965). Actually, the convention will be our honeymoon. We purposely did this with intention of going to California and including the convention as part of our honeymoon. . . (signed) Walter G. Tenclinger."

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Cleveland, Ohio C25

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Concluding our 1964 activities was our December's monthly meeting, held at Al and Joanna Shigo's home. Highlighting the meeting was election of officers. The officers for the new year are as follows: Al Shigo, President; Nellie Arunski, Vice-President; Evelyn Andrulis, Treasurer; Bruno Bartkus, Secretary; Ruth Guzauskas, Financial Secretary; and John Andrulis, Sgt-at-Arms.

Presiding over the meeting was Fr. Ivan, Spiritual Advisor. Fr. Ivan also swore in the officers at this meeting.

Concluding the meeting was the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the Shigo's residence, the ceremonies were held by Fr. Ivan.

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Council 26 - Worcester, Mass

