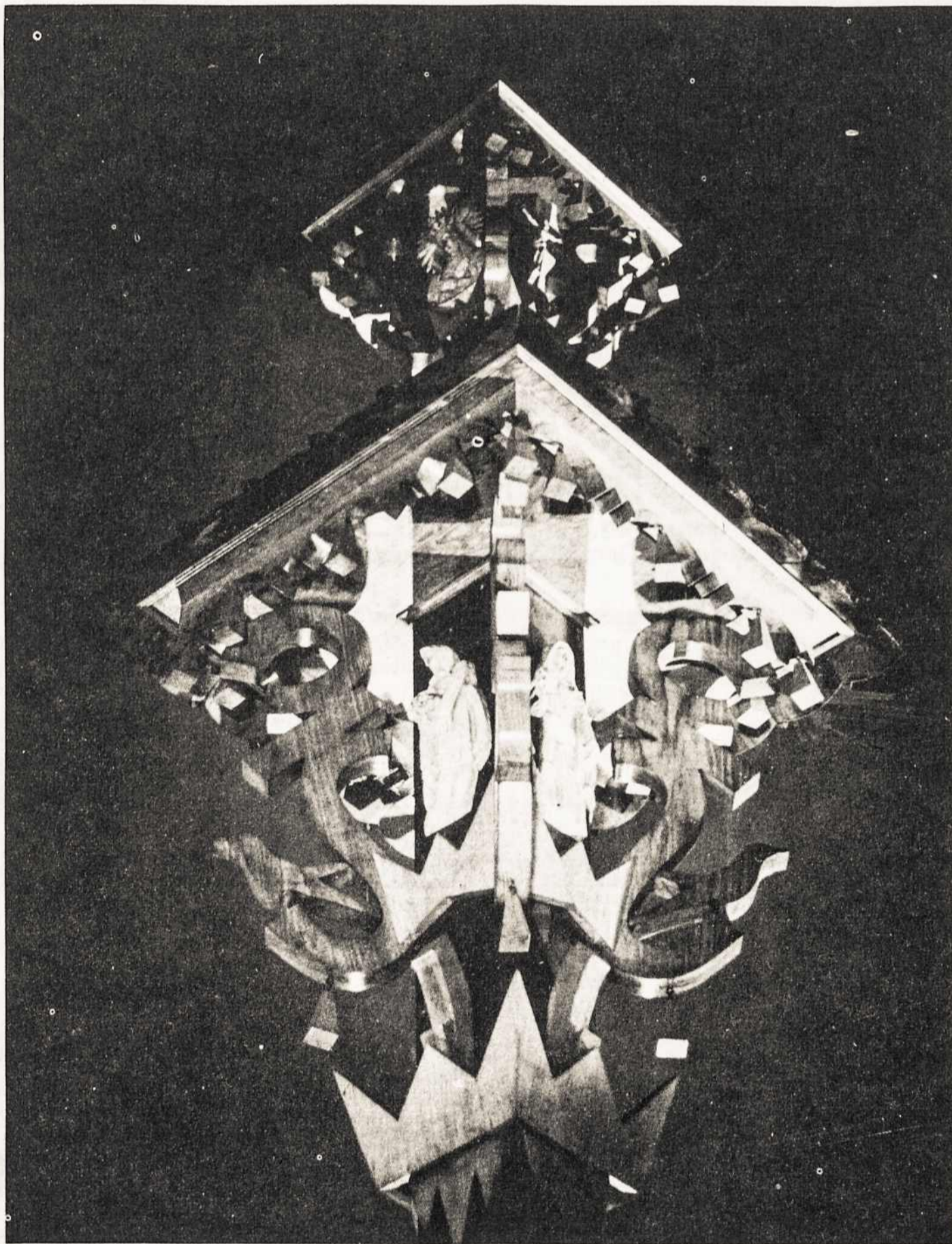


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K of L Cross at New York World's Fair.
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IŠ ŠEKSPYRO SONEŲ

(Vertė Alfonsas Tyruolis)

1

Girdžiu, kaip varpo dūžiai laiką skelbia,
Matau, kaip smagią dieną pasigrobia
Naktis, kaip gėlei grožį laikas stelbia,
Kaip juodas garbanas sidabras gobia.

Matau be lapų medį, kurs klestėjo,
Kurs bandai užvėja nuo saulės buvo,
Ir žolę, kai į kupetas ją dėjo,
Tą žilą barzdą krovė ant neštavų -

Tada prisimenu aš tavo grožį,
Ir kad eini laiku, kur visa griūva,
Kad mielas grožis laikinai tepuošia,
Kaip greitai kitas klesti, taip jis žūva.

Atmušti laiko dalį tegalėjo
Palikęs po savęs kovos tęsėją.

2

Brangioji meile, sustiprėti telkis
Ir vėl parodyk visą save jėgą,
Kaip šiandien tas valgiu malšintas alkis,
Kurs rytdienai toks pat aštrus išlieka.

Tokia būk, meile: Šiandie to pripildai
Regėjimo sotim akis alkiausias,
Bet ryt, žiūrėk, tenenudildo
Apsipratimas tavo meilės dvasios.

Tesie laukimas kaip ta šiurpulinga,
Didžioji jūra, skiriančioji krantą,
Kur sužadėtiniai du susitinka
Ir grįžusią gražesnę meilę randa.

Taip ir po vargo, skirto žiemą kęsti,
Mums vasara triskart mielesnė esti.

3

Nei mano baimė ir nei pranašingas
Zmonių spėliojimas, kas gali būti,
Nekeičia mano meilės ištvermingos,
Nors jai, atrodė, buvo lemta žūti.

Marus mėnulis baigė užtemimą,
Ir priešingumai pranašystes stelbia:
Karūną dėtis netikrumai ima,
Alyvos amžinąją taiką skelbia.

Šio balzaminio meto apšlakstytas,
Žėruoju meile, nugalėjęs mirtį;
Nemirsiu aš, eilių šių išlaikytas,
Patyrus nebylėms minioms jos kirtį.

Ir tu išliksi, kai bus prispaudėjų
Karūnos, vario karstai subyrėję.

(Iš knygos ŠEKSPYRO SONEŲ, 1964)



A complete Lithuanian edition of Shakespeare's sonnets has been published by Morkunas Press in Chicago. Dr. A. Sesplaukis, Professor at Notre Dame University, who writes poetry under the pen name -Alfonsas Tyruolis, is the translator. A commentary of his Lithuanian version of the sonnets accompanies the 176 page book. It can be obtained at a cost of \$3.00 at Darbininkas or any other source that carries Lithuanian literature. April 23, 1965 will end the Shakespeare Year.



ŠVENTOJI

TĖVYNEI

A. P. BAGDONAS

Oi toli paliko mėlynosios upės,
Laukų žiedų kvapas nepadvelks veidan;
Ir nepamatysi, kaip padangėj supas
Plačiais ratais gandrai, leisdamies lizdan.

Argi tau neplyšta ilgesiu krūtinė,
Kada nebeskamba už langų daina
Ir kai nelitliuoja dalgių sutartinė,
Tau nemoja sesė grėbliu nešina.

Gailiai cypia ratai bėgliais geležiniais,
Stūgauja kas naktį garvežiai stotys',
O pro šalį plaukia margaspalvės minios,
Gal menkutį džiaugsmą bėgantį pavis.

Ir dantis sukandęs tu žvelgi pro langą,
Niekur nematyti tėviškės dangaus,
O prisiminimų ilgesingos bangos
Ašarą, kaip šviną, iš akių išspaus.

LITHUANIA, ITS LANGUAGE AND THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

STASYS DEDINAS

What chaos and confusion would arise if it should happen that suddenly all languages would cease to exist on the face of this earth? It would just be impossible to communicate with our friends, to make known our fondest desires and wishes. Therefore if all languages are so important, then each individual language must also be as important, especially if that language happens to be our own mother tongue.

One historian has said that if a race of people consider themselves a nation they must have their own territory, culture, LANGUAGE, and traditions. If one of these fundamentals is missing, then the people can not rightly consider themselves a true

nation. Likewise, if we and all the other Lithuanians will forget our language, we will no longer be able to consider ourselves the true nation that we are now - but will cease to be if something is not done. It is our God given duty to preserve our Lithuanian language - more so it is a twofold duty that Knights of Lithuania members do this because they have taken upon themselves to exist and to work for the sake of God and country. How can we then call ourselves Lithuanians, more so members of the K of L, if we don't have the desire to use and to preserve the Lithuanian tongue?

Our language unites us into one nation - no matter how scattered we may be now. Language joins people

together as a nation more than any other bond could, but if we reject our language, we also reject our nation with its traditions and culture.

Language gives us our individuality. If we don't recognize our own language as such, then we, of our own choosing, descend into the gray mass of non-entity and our individualism as Lithuanians and what's more as the Knights of Lithuania vanishes like the early morning fog.

Don't let our language become a vanishing tongue. Value it, appreciate it - it is OUR Lithuanian language. Let us be grateful sons and daughters of Lithuania, let us be faithful to her and listen to her pleading voice: "Don't forget me or the language I gave you!"

THE STORY OF EASTER



"And in the end of the Sabbath, when it began to dawn towards the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalen and the other Mary to the sepulchre. And behold there was a great quake. For an angel of the Lord, descended from heaven, and coming, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. . . And for fear of him, the guards were struck with terror, and became as dead men. And the angel answering said to the women: Fear not; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen, as He said.'" (Mat. 28, 1-6).

On Easter morn at the tomb . . .

MARY WAS NOT THERE

As Christ began the long walk to Calvary bearing His cross, His spirit was indeed strong and fired with determination to bear up under the burden. Nevertheless, His body weakened by a long night of torture, was afflicted by a deeper wound when He looked up and saw His sorrowing Mother.

What the world would not do to know what Mary's thoughts were in that hour? Truly, she thought of the years in peaceful Nazareth. . . His first steps. . . His attempts to work in the carpenter shop. . . then later His full days of labor in the shop. . . and finally His parting from Nazareth to preach the gospel to all men.

When Mary saw Her Son totter and fall, her maternal concern certainly urged her to prevent His fall, but the Divine Will held her back. She had consented to be the Mother of the Redeemer and at that time He was working out the Redemption of mankind. She knew that she must try to strengthen Him to suffer. She must exhort Him to His martyrdom.

As in early life Jesus looked to His Mother for support and comfort, so, too, in the final hours He still looked for strength from His Mother rather than to give it to her.

And when He gave His last drop of blood for the Redemption of the world, His Spirit was delivered to His Almighty Father, but His Body was delivered into her hands. Truly, in that bitter moment, the sword of sorrow pierced her heart. But, in that same bitter moment, the great work of the Father had been done.

Christ started His work of Redemption upon this earth spending His first waking hours on her lap; now in the final moments of the Redemption He was again on her lap, lifeless.

During those final hours under the Cross, three women stood and watched to see the end, but on Easter morning only two went to anoint His body. Mary was not there.

The gospels do not mention Mary as being present that morning when the Resurrection occurred. The silence on that point speaks louder than words will ever show, that Mary had faith in the promises of Gabriel and the prophecies of Her Son that He would rise again. Everyone appearing in the Easter scene is included in the humiliating confession of St. John that, "they knew not the Scriptures, that He must rise again from the dead."

When and in what manner Jesus appeared to Mary is not told in the gospels. Popular tradition has it that she was the first to whom He appeared. And it is conceivable that from the moment of His Resurrection to her final day on this earth, He consoled His Mother with continual spiritual perception of His living Presence, as she was worthy according to her deep faith. If Christ said to St. Thomas, "Blessed are they that have not seen and have believed," we can truly say that she was the only one who had not seen and had believed.

Mary knew that Christ was to rise from the dead; she too could have said as Job said of God, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." She knew that our Lord came back from the shadows of death to prove to all people that death is not to be feared.

The Resurrection of Christ is the hope of our resurrection after death. And our Easter resolution should be to die to sin and henceforth live for God alone. That is the only way we will win for ourselves the resurrection which was pledged to us, believed in by Mary, and modeled for us by Jesus Christ Himself.

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MEET YOUR Supreme Council OFFICERS

After serving several terms as treasurer of the I-I District and the I-I Bowling League, Frank was well trained for the National Treasurer's position. But his talents exceed "balancing the books" as he also was the president of the District and the Bowling League. Currently in addition to handling our national funds, Frank is a trustee of the K of L building, president of C-36 (which he joined in 1960) and is the I-I Board of Directors' chairman. He earned his second degree by working on numerous committees. His smiling face is seen checking blue-prints for the building's remodeling program, tending bar, conducting meetings and working in the garden. He doesn't often say no to a request for help. As hobbies he enjoys reading, golfing and bowling. (You should see the intent look in his eye when he's aiming for a strike or spare). Frank resides in Chicago (Marquette Park) with his parents and a married sister, Helen, lives nearby. He earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology and is currently employed as an Industrial Engineer at Unarco Industries. He is a member of such organizations as the Air Force Association, Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce, Darius-Girenas American Legion Post, Lithuanian Citizens Club and numerous



Financial Secretary, Johanna Jakunas



Treasurer Frank Svelnis

From marking childrens' report cards as a teacher at the William H. King Elementary School to the posting of K of L dues keeps our National Financial Secretary extremely busy. However, Johanna still finds times to read mysteries, work jig-saw puzzles, paint, swim, listen to music, play the piano and organ and travel. She resides in Chicago (Brighton Park) with her parents. After completing her high school education at Kelly High, she received her Bachelor's degree in Education at Chicago Teachers College. Recently she received a Masters in Education (Counseling and Guidance) at C. T. C. Johanna, a third degree member, joined C-36 in 1959 and served as her council's president, vice president and secretary for several terms, in addition to working on numerous committees such as the council's Golden Jubilee Banquet. In the I-I District, she worked on many committees. Most recent - the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day. During the 1964 Convention (her first), she was the publicity chairman of the convention committee.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE: THE RECORDING SECRETARY, THE TREASURER AND THE TWO TRUSTEES.

STAND UP,

SIT DOWN,

KNEEL

FR. VAL

Don't like the changes in the Mass? Lot's of people don't! Come to think of it, I'm not exactly overjoyed myself. But don't let this throw you, because any change, especially in a long established routine, is almost always unwelcome. Just the other day, I happened to meet a long time friend of mine and a very devout catholic. She began to tell me how upset she was with the new mass as most catholics refer to it. She said it disturbed her so much that she began to fear about her faith. Yet, at the same time she started to tell me that after several decades of years and three teen-age sons, and no special need for an additional income to bolster the family purse, she had now accepted a position as a part time office worker. Well, as much as the changes in the liturgy jolted her conscience, she did not in the least feel that her action might have perturbed her husband and three sons in the sudden fracture of an accepted family order. We too, while highly critical of the renewal in our liturgy, may have overlooked alterations in other spheres of our personal activity. After some struggle with them, accepted them and for the most part found them beneficial.

We will not argue whether what this well-meaning lady did was good, bad or indifferent. It was a change! And like all changes it was disturbing. Now the changes in our Churches Liturgy will also disturb. If it has done so, it has already achieved something worthwhile. Our people have never been so interested in the mass as they are now. At least, they're asking question. If this inquisitiveness is coupled with a sincere desire to learn what the Mass is about, what is its history and how the Church came to make these changes, then there is no doubt that the individual will be a more informed follower of Christ, the Church itself will enrich the Living Mystical Body of Christ and those outside will find it as the one pasture land where they should be nourishing their souls.

What is necessary for us in order that the workings of the Holy Spirit be fulfilled? Regardless how the individual bishops, priests and people may feel or express themselves about the present movement, it is the work

of the Holy Spirit. We should enter into it with patience, understanding and confident obedience. Expect many mistakes and many differences. The Holy Spirit, though He Himself never errs, does not intend to strip us of that outstanding human quality, when He asks for our cooperation in His work among us. The past has been an astounding proof of how adept He is in using our stumbling efforts to bring about almost miraculous results. In our own generation, as proud as we are of our gigantic advances in every field of human endeavor, the blunders of our day, though now we are able to camouflage them or look at them through specially constructed glasses which perhaps make things not only look rosy but even give off that beautiful flower's aromatic scent, will astound future generations with their frightening immensity. Yet, the same ineffable Wisdom that hovers over our Church, will guide the faltering steps of human activity to earth's final destiny and the full purpose of our seeming stupidity will be finally revealed to us all.

In our present liturgy there is almost an unusual emphasis on the "Great Amen". Amen means assent. If, in the pronounced effort of the Church to make the Mass mean more to us, we cooperate with it in the same old-fashioned humble obedient way of former elect by saying our "Great Amen", we will begin to live the life Christ wants us to live - in accordance with the will of the Father, as manifested in Him and in the Church.

The memory of our personable, camaraderie-like Pope John XXIII is still with us, constantly kept alive by the inspiring words and saintly life of his successor Pope Paul VI. The present changes in our worship were the dream of the former, introduced and continued by the latter. Their purpose, the sanctification of the individual catholic and the adornment of the Mystical Body of Christ. Their hope, that all who will see its glory and sanctity will say "it is good for us to be here," let us set up our tents here. By our humble, child-like acceptance of now seemingly unnecessary and confused maneuvers in our principal prayer we will have contributed what is expected of us from our Church, from Christ Himself - "that all be one."

L I T H U A N I A N S



His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Pranas Brazys, M.I.C.



Joseph J. Kowalski

His Holiness Pope Paul VI appointed the Very Rev. Pranas Brazys, MIC, titular Bishop of Zella, with special responsibility for the Lithuanians in Europe that were displaced from their homeland. The new bishop, first general counsellor of the Marian Fathers, resides in Rome. He was consecrated February 14, 1965 at the Basilica of Maria Maggiore by Carlo Cardinal Confalonieri, the Secretary of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, and co-consecrators, Archbishop Antonio Samore, the Secretary of the Congregation for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs, and Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Auxiliary of Kaunas. Bishop Brazys was born in Lithuania on Feb. 18, 1915. After being ordained on Dec. 19, 1942, he completed his studies in Rome, where he achieved doctorates in Theology in 1946 and in Philosophy in 1948. While a missionary in Argentina, he founded the newspaper "Laikas" (Time) and served as editor for four years.

This was the first appointment of a Lithuanian bishop in exile. Out of the three remaining bishops in Lithuania, two are "impeded", and are unable to perform their duties. Bishop Vincentas Brizgys lives in the United States. There were twelve bishops in Lithuania before the war and the Roman Catholic population was over 2 million.

Joseph J. Kowalski is a son of Lithuanian parents and 53 years ago was born in East Chicago. He is an attorney and a graduate of Valparaiso University. Since 1928 he fought the infiltration of communists in the labor unions. In 1949 running on the Democratic ticket he was elected to the Michigan House and since then has been re-elected every election. This year with the democratic party have the majority, he became the Speaker of the House.

in the NEWS



Joseph Kajeckas, Lithuanian Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. O. Kajeckas speaking with Bishop Hannon of Washington at the Feb. 16th Commemoration.



L to R: Prof. A. J. Aleksas, Rev. Paul Sabulis, Hon. Joseph Kajeckas, Marcella Andrikas and other functionaries at Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration Feb. 21st in Waterbury, Conn.

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Iš Naujai Atgimusio "Vyčių" 111
Skyriaus Ispūdžių

Lapkričio 29-tą d., 1964, per didelį rūpestį ir nenuilstantį darbą, tik nesenai atvykęs iš Chicagos jaunas vytis čionai apsigyventi, kur lietuviai miegojo ir nieko visuomeniško, dėl savo esančių lietuvių ir tautps nedirbo, tai gerb. Vincentas Pavis paaukojo savo jėgas, kad pabudintų šią mažą lietuvių apgyventą koloniją į darbą. Taigi, virš minėtą dieną jo sapnų svajonės tapo realybe, nes seniau gyvuojantis Vyčių #111 skyrius buvo atgaivintas.

Tik praėjo Nauji Metai, kaip pradėjome 1965 gyvenimą tarpe didelių vargų, nes čionai yra mažai lietuvių, o kas blogiausia, tai nėra veiklių, kurie padėtų dirbti tą sunkų visuomenišką organizacinį darbą tokioje neveiklioje kolonijoje. Visas darbas lieka ant to vieno veiklaus žmogaus pečių. Kurie pasižadėjo su juo dirbti ir palengvinti tą visuomenišką dar-

bo našta, tai neturi mažiausio patyrimo tame darbe. Tatai, aišku koks yra sunkus darbas.

Tas reikšmingas įvykis, tarsi saulutės spinduliai apšvietė visų čia gyvenančių lietuvių gyvenimą. Todėl mieli Vyčiai, sutikime naujuosius metus su brolybe ir meile jiems klokim takus! Teeina jisai, kur žydi tikrai meilės ir brolybės tikriausi Vyčių žiedai! Mes nuo naujųjų metų pirmosios dienos sukursim prie darbo, broliai ir sesės, dirbkim karštai, lai skleidžias žiedai, karštos ir malonios brolybės!

Mūsų vyčių skyrius paminėjo 47-nių metų Nepriklausomybę, vasario 21-ą, sekmadienį. Visi vyčiai priėmė šv. Komuniją ir po pamaldų, susirinko į šv. Pranciškaus mažos lietuvių bažnytėlės salę. Čia susitikta su garbingu vyčių nariu Juozu Sadausku ir jo žmona Rože iš Cleveland, Ohio.

Pirmiausia sėsta prie stalų, kur mūsų gabios vyčių moterėlės turėjo pagaminusios skanaus užkandžio. Pa-

šibaigus tam, gerb. Vincas Pavis, būdamas prezidentu senjorų vyčių skyriaus čionai, pirmininkavo, pirmiausia pasakydamas labai jautrią ir gerai pritaikintą tam tikslui (anglų kalba) trumpą prakalbėlę. Visi gėrėjosi ir netikėjo, kad čia gimęs ir augęs galėtų taip gerai suprasti prispaustos Lietuvos vargus ir gyvenimą. Toliau paprašius garbingą svetį, Juozą Sadauską pasakyti ir pasidalinti išpuodžiais iš mūsų tėvynės Lietuvos vargų. Kalbėtojas prašė visų, kad neužmirštų tos šalies. Jo kalba buvo labai dramatiška, kad man apsidairius, buvo matyti daug ašarotų veidų įskaitant ir patį kalbėtoją. Tas žmogus savo trumpais žodžiais išreiškė tokią didelę Lietuvos meilę, kad ištikrųjų aš neturiu tinkamų žodžių išpasakoti jo tokį gilų atsidavimą savo nemirštančia meile dėl tos šalies, kurią jis ašaroty veidu apleido ir iki senų dienų negali užmiršti. Kad geriau suprasti to garbingo žmogaus neužges-
tančią meilę Lietuvai, aš aukoju šias eiles gerb. Juozui Sadauskui:

Kur leidžiau ramybės gyvenimą mielą,
Tarp gamtos grožybių paslapčia sutvertų;
Džiaugsmas tikrai puošiau nuvargusią sielą
Prie tyro šaltinio puikybių atverto,
Sėdamas iš taurės svajonių šventųjų,
Pyniau gražius jausmus su meile saldžiausia,
Ikvėpime minčių galingų tyrųjų,
Bėdamas laukiau ateities gražiausios.

Tenai ramu buvo, grožybės mylavo
Ir jautriosios širdys mokėjo atjausti,
Jos manim tikėjo - taip kaip vaikui savo,
Prie karštos krūtinės norėjo priglausti:
Bučiuoti, myluoti, dalinties liūdnumais...
Paguoda suteikti, amžinai raminti
Ir rūpesčių bangas jos savo meilumais -
Mokėjo užmiršti, giliai paskandinti.

Bet širdis vis troško ko tai prakilnesnio
Skrisdama ten toli, prie šventos žinyčios;
Troško ji surasti daiktelio mielesnio:
Išvysti kampelį mokslo šventinyčios,
Vest į šviesų kelią minties prakilnumą,
Kur teikia galybę amžiniems sapnams,
Skrajoti, lakioti, po ramybės rūmą -
Ir semti stiprybę svajonių žiedams.

Ak, gaila man buvo tos ramios vietelės,
Nes širdis liūdesyje verkia pasinėrus...
Labiausia gailėjo tos puikios gėlelės,
Nes širdyje džiaugsmą ji buvo sukėlus,
Saldesni, mielesni už girios ošimą,
Už paukščių skaitlingą ir gražų čiulbesį,
Už švelnaus vėjelio malonų dvelkimą,
Mielesni už lapų slaptingą šlamesį,

Bet skridau ten toli jieškoti stiprybės,
Kur laimę geresnę širdis pranašavo,
Kur nyksta miglynai vargų tamsybės,
Kur šviesos galingi spinduliai baltavo;
Kur siekti galėčiau padanges augščiausias
Ir nešdams ramybę paskleisti po svieta;
Uždegti tas širdis ledines šalčiausias,
Užkurt meilės liepsną vietoj ledo kieta.

Bet likau apviltas išmainęs tą vietą
Ant didmiesčio dūmų, triukšmo begalinio,
Kur skaisti saulutė taip retai tešviečia,
Ten leidžiu valandas it kokio kankinio,
Vien tik mintis gimdo liūdniausias svajones,
Kurios mano širdį ilgesiais apkrauna:
Liūdni atminimai... ašarų karionės
Man širdį spaudžia; kankinti neliauna... Saulės Brolis.

CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIŲ SUSIRINKIMAS

Vasario 16 d. - Lietuvos nepriklausomybės dieną Vyčių salėje sendraugių kuopa turėjo eilinį susirinkimą, kuriame buvo aptarti kuopos reikalai, išklaustas valdybos pranešimas apie 1964 m. nuveiktus darbus, revizijos komisijos pranešimas apie kuopos piniginių stovį ir paminėta 47 metų Lietuvos nepriklausomybės sutartis. Iš valdybos pirm. Ig. Sakalo pranešimo paaiškėjo, kad 1964 m. nebuvo eiliniai metai, kurie atnešė daug naujo organizaciniame gyvenime ir davė šviesesnių momentų veikloje. Buvo Vyčių seimas, kuriame sendraugiai ne tik aktyviai dalyvavo, bet ir prisidėjo prie jo paruošimo. Apskrities kultūrinuose pobūviuose aktyviai dalyvavo. Sendraugių atstovai dalyvavo Lietuvių Kongrese Washingtone ir Balfo suvažiavime New Yorke. Priėjo vieningos nuomonės Vyčių namų remonto reikalui. Ir dar kas buvo labai svarbu, kad pats kuopos pirm. Ig. Sakalas didesnę dalį ant savo pečių darbo išnešė redaguojant ir leidžiant Vyčių istoriją. Tuo sendraugių kuopa gali pasididžiuoti. Revizijos komisijos vardu pranešimą darė Pov. Dirkis, pažymėdamas, kad vedamos kuopoje pinigines knygos ir bylos yra vedamos patenkinamai. Už tvarkingą atskaitomybės vedimą buhalterei St. Jonytienei ir išdininkui Karlavičiui kšreikšta padėka.

Susirinkimas iškėlė pageidavimą šiais metais paminėti 20 metų sukaktį nuo įsteigimo sendraugių kuopos. Ta pačia proga Dirkis pasiūlė pagerbti ir visus vyčių kuopos pirmūnus, kuriems sukanka arba sukako 50 metų nuo įstojimo į Vyčių organizaciją. Susirinkimas tam pritarė ir numatė tą sukaktį paminėti š. m. gegužės mėn. 23 d. Vyčių namuose. Tam reikalui išrinko komisiją iš K. Petrulienės, P. Dirčio ir A. Budrio. Beto, susirinkimas įpareigojo lankyti vyčių kuopos ligonius ir sergančius - Alieliūnienei ir Samienei. Vyčių sendraugių kuopai nusipelnusį narį J. Kerulį pagerbti jo namuose Joninių proga.

Pasibaigus oficialiai daliai valdybos paprašytas Pov. Dirkis paskaitė įdomaus ir retai kur girdėto turinio paskaitą apie Vasario 16 d. atsiradimą, kovas dėl jos ir bendrai apie dabartinę Lietuvos tragišką padėtį. Prelegentas kvietė visus ir visuomet nepamiršti tos reikšmingos ir labai svarbios dienos - Didžiosios dienos.

Susirinkimas buvo baigtas minutės susikaupimu pagerbiant žuvusius kovose už Lietuvos laisvę ir nepriklausomybę.

P. ERDVYS.

CLEVELAND, OHIO DIDINGAI IR IŠKILMINGAI PAGERBE ŠV. KAZIMIERĄ

Kovo 7 d., Youngstown, Ohio. Youngstowniečiai vyčiai senjorai ir Clevelando vyčiai senjorai bendrai pagerbė savos organizacijos globėją šv. Kazimierą. Tokis įvykis - tarpe Clevelando vyčių ir naujai atgaivintų Youngstowno vyčių, bendras minėjimas šv. Kazimiero šventės, įvyko pirmą kartą L. Vyčių org. istorijoje. Čia didžiausia garbė ir padėka priklauso ir vieno ir kito vyčių skyrių vadams, kurie pajėgė sujungti vienus kitiems nepažįstamus vieningai atsiklaupiti prie Dievo stalo ir priimti į savo širdis šv. Komuniją. Nors žinau, kad Youngstowno vyčių skyrius daugiausiai susideda iš čia gimusių ir augusių lietuvių, bet manyti, kad jų širdyse neužgėso jų tėvelių palikta meilė tėvynei Lietuvai ir josios karalaičiui šv. Kazimierui. Šios bažnytinės išskilmės įvyko šv. Pranciškaus parap. bažnyčioje, į kurią visi sutartinai išvygiavo, su choru ir visais šių pamaldų dalyviais giedojo šv. mišių giesmes, kurios visus artimiau sujungė su Visagaliu Dievu.

Šv. mišias atnašavo šios parap. klebonas kun. J. Maceka, kuris pasakė ir gražų pamokslą apie šv. Kazimierą, jojo gyvenimą ir jaunose dienose bei metuose šio šventojo mirtį. Kaip svečiai clevelandiečiai, taip vietiniai vyčiai, yra labai dėkingi kun. J. Macekai, kad jis taip artimai yra susipažinęs su lietuviais, Lietuvos istorija ir dabartinais josios vargais, nors tiesa, kad jis yra kitatautis - slavų kilmės, bet lietuvius myli ir juos gerbia.

Po bažnytinės pamaldų, parap. salėje, įvyko visų bendri priešpiečiai, kuriuos šaunčiausiai buvo paruošusios šios vytės: M. Markauskienė, M. Strainienė, josios dukrelė Joana, Vladas Andrijauskas, vytė Andrijauskienė ir, berods, jų jaunutė dukrelė patarnavo prie stalo. Pietūs buvo pradėti malda, kurią sukalbėjo kun. J. Maceka. Po maldos, ne tik visi gėrėjosi skaniausiai paruoštais lietuviškais valgiais, bet įdomiai pasiklausė Vinco PAVIO, vyčių senjorų pirm., pra-

vestos programėlės, kurią jis pradėdamas pasveikino clevelandiečius vyčius, kad jie nepatingėjo padaryti tokią kelionę atvykdami į Youngstowną ir kartu visiems pristatė savo kabinetą, kuris bendrai sėdėjo prie garbės stalo - Juozą Strainį, vice-pirm., met. rašt. Stasį Markauską, fin. rašt. M. Andrijauskienę ir St. Janį, išd. Prie progos, pristatė kun. J. Maceką tarti žodį, kitą. Tai šis kunigėlis, ko neužbaigė bažnyčioje plačiau prisiminti apie šv. Kazimierą, baigė pietų metu, kuo visi šių pietų dalyviai buvo didžiai suįdominti. Toliau buvo pristatytas Clevelando senjorų vyčių pirm. ir jų jų išmūšis fotografas - Antanas Buknis, kuris irgi labai džiaugėsi, kad clevelandiečiai vyčiai pajėgė susijuosti viena lietuviška juosta, nors mūsų tautos šv. Karalaičio didžioje šventėje ir L. Vyčių org. globėjo dienoje. Antano kalbą, kuri buvo pilna vytiškos dvasios ir meilės, visi klausytojai palydėjo gausiomis katutėmis. Galutiniu ir paskutiniu kalbėtoju buvo pristatytas J. Sadauskas, kuris pasveikinęs kun. J. Maceką, programėlės vedėją Vincą Pavį, pristatė visiems susipažinti su Clevelando senjorų vyčių valdybos nariais - Jonu Milu, met. rašt., Sof. Miliene, išd. ir išdo globėjais J. Pikturienė ir A. Mačioka, nes vice-pirm. M. Trainauskaitė ir A. Karklienė, fin. rašt. dėl susidėjusių aplinkybių negalėjo šią dieną atvykti.

Juozo kalba nebuvo ilga, bet puoselėjanti ir pilna džiaugsmo, kad dvi dienas prieš sedmadienį buvo blogas oras, kuris clevelandiečius vyčius buvo nugąsdinęs, kad jie negalėsių vykti į Youngstowną bendrai paminėti šv. Kazimiero šventės. Juoba, šeštadienio popietis ir vakaras žymiai pasikeitė ir net sedmadienio rytą užtekėjo skaisti saulutė, kuri mus visus pažadino pamiršti kelionės blogumus, ir vykti ten, kur šv. Kazimiero vardas bus pagerbtas bendra šv. Komunija, kur šių kolonijų bendraminčiai vyčiai susitiks pabendrauti savos org. Globėjo didžioje šventėje. Jis pastebėjo, kad ši gražų pavyzdį pažadino ne kas kitas, kaip gerojo lietuvių idealai ir šv. Kazimiero meilė. Šiuo baigė savo kalbą su didžiausia padėka Youngstowniečiams vyčiams, kad jie taip nuoširdžiai priėmė clevelandiečius vyčius. Programėlės vedėjas, Vincas Pavis, visų paprašė atsistoti ir sugiedoti L. Vyčių org. himną. Po šių iškilmingųjų pietų, visiems youngstowniečiams vyčiams buvo su-

JOHN JAKUBS MAKES HISTORY

TONY YUKNIS

The sports History of Lithuanians in America is being compiled in book form by John Jakubs (Jakubauskas) of the Chicago Seniors Council of the Knights of Lithuania. It will list competitors in all types of sports for more than a half of this century.

Many Knights, who know the mild-mannered Jakubs, are unaware that he was once a strapping 180 lb. wrestler and boxer. And for over 30 years he was a sporting events promoter in a dozen different states.

Jakubs was born in Lithuania and emigrated to the United States in 1911. Four years later he helped to organize K of L G-17 in South Boston, being elected its first president.

While in the service during World War I, Jakubs participated in boxing, wrestling and football contests. This was part of the physical conditioning program for the soldiers.

He learned the "ropes" well, be-



John Jakubs (left) was presented with the original sketch of his younger self by Leonard Shenoha, staff artist of Chicago's American, at a Darius-Girrenas Legion Post meeting.

coming the Boston Y. M. C. A. heavy-weight wrestling champion on 1916.

After the war Jakubs attended the College of Physical education in Chicago. Later, he served as a physical director at several gymnasiums. After 1924 he promoted wrestling and

boxing matches locally and on the road.

Jack Sharkey, the one-time heavy-weight boxing champion, and Jakubs became friends. Thrice Sharkey was on Jakub's sports show programs. Their friendship is renewed whenever Jakubs finds an excuse to travel to New England.

Karl Pojello (Pozela) arrived in the U. S. A. with 48 gold medals won in wrestling competition in Europe. His first American manager was a gentleman named Jakubs.

At the 51st National Convention of the K of L in Chicago, Jakubs was presented with the coveted 4th degree. He is proud of his new medal and the Knights are proud of him.

All past and present day athletes, or the people who know of them, are requested to contact John Jakubs for possible listing in the forthcoming book. Write to: 2735 W. 43rd St., Chicago, Illinois 60632.

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

teiktas pirmasis L. Vyčių org. laipsnis, išskyrus Vincą ir Stasę Pavius, kurie jau nuo senai yra pagerbti L. Vyčių org. ketvirtuoju laipsniu, už jų nepailstančius vytiškus darbus. Pirmo laipsnio ceremoniją pravedė jų pirm. V. Pavis, o jam asistavo jojo žmona Stasė ir didokas skaičius laipsniuotų clevelandiečių vyčių būtent: A. Buknis, A. Mačiokas, J. Kuzas, R. Sadauskienė, J. Pikturnienė, A. Grybauskaitė ir J. Sadauskas. Clevelandiečiai džiaugėsi ir sveikino savo mielus bendraminčius, kurie savo didoku skaičiumi padidino mūsų mielą L. Vyčių org., ypačingai jie gėrisi youngstowniečių vyčių senjorų korespondentų gražiuoju plunksnišku darbu, kurių vienas kelia vyčių vardą "Vytyje", o kitas dienraštyje "Drauge". Tose korespondencijose pasireiškia St. Markausko ir Stasės Pavienės ideališkos ir puoselėjančios mintys. Stasy ir Stase, žadinkite su savo plunksnomis Youngstowno lietuvius vėl sugrįžti prie lietuviškos žagrės ir ją išplėsti tenykščią apleistą - lietuvišką dirvą.

Granitas

POPIEŽIAUS PAULIAUS KALBA LIETUVIAMS

Popležiaus Pauliaus 6-jo žodis lietuviams, audienijoje vasario 13 dieną, vyskupo Pranciškaus Brazio konsekracijos išvakarėse (girdėtas per Amerikos Balsą" vasario 15 dieną).

"Su tėvišku džiaugsmu sutinkame jus, mylimieji katalikiškosios Lietuvos sūnus, atvykusius į Romą iš įvairių Europos kraštų ir Amerikos į jo Ekscelencijos vyskupo Pranciškaus konsekracijos iškilmes. Jūsų kilni tauta labai artima mūsų tėviškai širdžiai. Mes prisimename visų pirma tuos mylimiausius sūnus, kurie Tėvynėje su didele meile pasilieka ištikimi mūsų Viešpačiui Jėzui Kristui, nepaisydami didžiausių kliūčių ir neblijodami didžiausių aukų. Mus guodžia mintis, kad anie mūsų sūnūs, ištikimi tokių skausmų ir bandymų valandą, vis dėlto gina tąsias dideles dvasines vertybes, kurių iš jų širdies nepajėgs išplėsti jokia žemiška jėga. Tie vandymai tik dar labiau sustiprins jų nepalaužiamą tikėjimą ir jų sūnišką, šventą ir besąlyginį prisirišimą prie Apaštaly Sosto ir Kristaus vietininko. Tos nepalyginamos dvasinės vertybės, uoliai ginamos, jiems sutelkia jėgos nugalėti visas kliūtis ir pakelti visoki skausmą. Mes darome viską ką tik galime, kad brangioji lietuvių tauta išlaikytų tikėjimą ir kad jos ryšys su Šventojo Petro Sostu būtų vis glaudesnis."

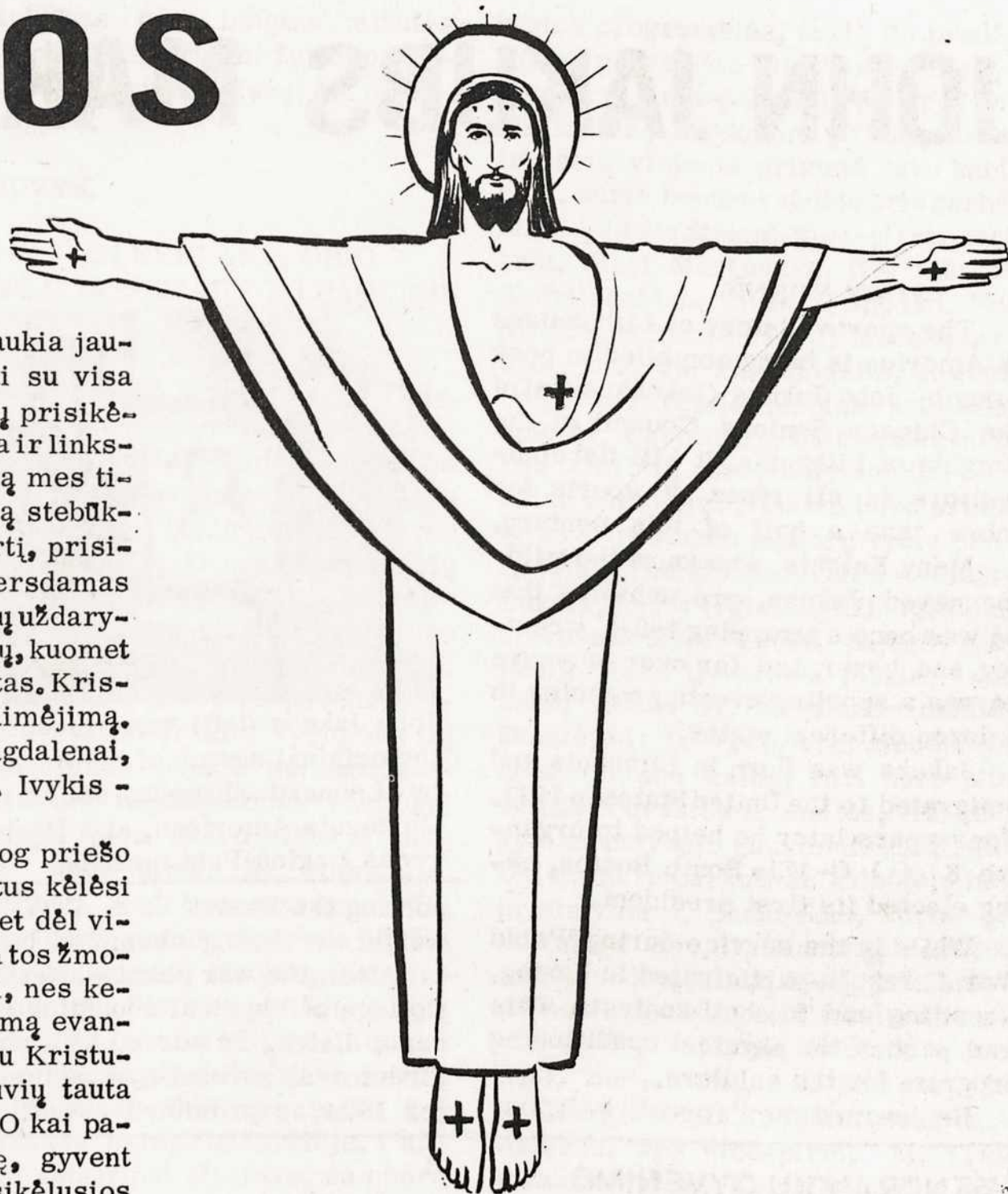
VELYKOS

POVILAS DIRKIS

Velykos, Velykos - ir kas jų nelaukia! Laukia jaunas, laukia senas, laukiame ir mes lietuviai su visa mūsų tauta. Velykos - Kristaus iš numirusių prisikėlimo diena. Tuo atveju, Velykos yra didžiausia ir linkmiausia krikščioniškojo pasaulio šventė, kurią mes tikintieji švenčiame, kaip padarytą neišpasakytą stebuklą ir kaip gėrio pergalę. Kristus įveikė mirtį, prisikeldamas iš prislėgto admenimi kapo, paversdamas niekais nelabųjų džiūgavimą, kad pavyko Kristų uždaryti į kapą. Tačiau, koks buvo nusivilimas budelių, kuomet Velykų ankstyvą rytą buvo rastas tuščias karstas. Kristus savo prisikėlimu įrodė priešams jų pralaimėjimą. Ir tuč tuojais pasirodė prisikėlęs Kristus Magdalenai, kitoms moterims, apaštalams ir mokiniams. Ivykis - aiškus dievybės įrodymas.

Kristaus iš mirties prisikėlimas byloja, jog prieš netiesa tampa nugalėta ir pergalė laimi. Kristus kėlėsi iš numirusių ne vien tik dėl vieno žmogaus, bet dėl visos žmonijos išganimo. Lietuvių tauta irgi yra tos žmonijos dalis. Tad Kristus ir jai padės prisikelti, nes kelias į prisikėlimą yra per Kristų ir jo skelbiamą evangeliją, kurioje glūdi jo dvasinis palikimas. Su Kristumi išgyvenus nežmoniškus kentėjimus, lietuvių tauta pagrįstai gali laukti iš vergijos prisikėlimo. O kai pasaulis pilnai supras tikrąją Velykų prasmę, gyvent taikoje, tada ir visos pavergtos tautos prisikėlusios vieningai giedos pergalės giesmę:

ALELIUJA, ALELIUJA!



ŠV. JURGIS LIETUVOS PATRONAS

POV. DIRKIS



Šv. Jurgis yra laikomas Lietuvos patronu ir yra giliai įleidęs šaknis į tikinčiųjų lietuvių širdis. Apie jį ne daug turima žinių, nors jis ir yra istorinis asmuo. Jis yra gimęs trečiame šimtmetyje ir yra buvęs Romos riteris ir, už viešą krikščionybės išpažinimą, Romos imperatoriaus Dioklecijono įsakymu buvo nukankintas. Užtai šv. Jurgis pasidarė labai populiarius krikščioniškame pasaulyje. Daugelis šalių ir miestų jį paskelbė savo patronu, iš kurių ir Lietuva. Šv. Jurgį išpopuliarino ne legendos, ne

pasakos, bet jo šventumas ir garbinga mirtis už Kristaus tikėjimą ir to tikėjimo sklaidimas liaudyje. Šv. Jurgis buvo mėgiamas visame krikščioniškame pasaulyje, bet gal daugiausiai Lietuvoje, nes jo vardu atžymėtos bažnyčios, draugijos. Prieš šimtą metų čia Chicagoje pirmieji lietuviai sutvėrė pirmąją lietuvišką organizaciją, pavadino šv. Jurgio vardu ir jo vardu pastatė bažnyčią, kuri ir šandieną tebetarnauja lietuviams dvasios reikaluose. Mums Vyčiams šv. Jurgis irgi nėra svetimas.

No heavenly body has evoked more fascination - or mystification - than the moon.

You've undoubtedly seen it, you may have wondered about the Man in the Moon, and perhaps you've seen pictures of United States and Russian lunar probes. If you visited the New England States' Exhibition at the New York World's Fair, you were able to take a walk on the dark side of the moon.

The surface of the moon has been a subject of careful and continuous telescopic study from the time of Galileo. The features viewed as the Man in the Moon by the naked eye were found to be a combination of craters, mountain peaks, deep narrow valleys, and level plains. But the Elephant in the Moon is another story.

In the 17th century amateur scientist by the name of Sir Paul Neal made the startling announcement that he had discovered "an elephant in the moon." As it turned out, the object he saw was not an elephant - but rather a mouse which had crept into his telescope!

The moon's diameter is some 2,160 miles, as compared with earth's 8,000 -mile diameter. Its mean distance from our planet is almost a quarter of a million miles - but that's not so very far away when you stop to consider that the sun is about 93 million miles from earth.

The moon always shows the same side to the earth, since it rotates once on its axis every time it travels around our planet. But we see considerably more than half the moon - about 59 percent - due to "librations", or slight tipplings back and forth, of the face.

The first photograph of the moon's far side was taken in October of 1959, during a Russian lunar probe. Craters, mountains and "seas" on this unseen side were given typically Russian names like "Kurchatov", "Popov", and "Tsiolkovsky".

Early scientists thought that there were oceans on the moon, and called the ocean-like areas maria, Latin for seas. We now know that there is no water on the moon; each mare is really a vast level plain.

Does the moon have an atmosphere? No, say some scientists; others say just a trace, almost too thin to measure. But it's generally agreed that you couldn't hear echoes if you were on the moon - and this fact is dramatically demonstrated when one takes a "Walk on the Moon" at the 1964-65 New York World's Fair.

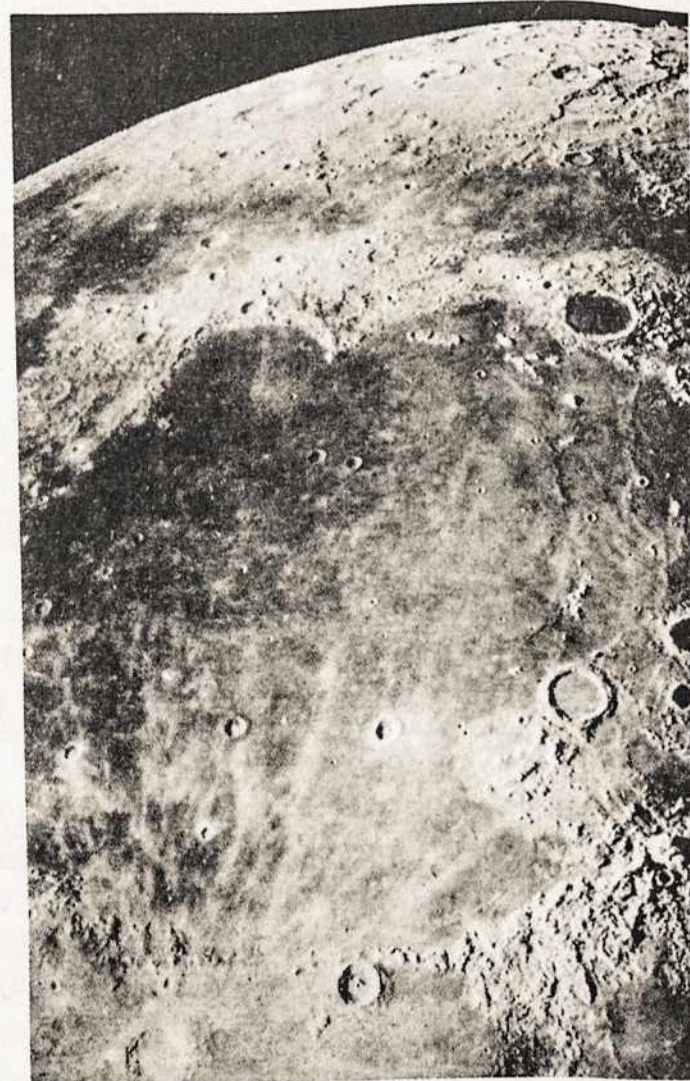
The lunar stroll is a part of the Technology Exhibit at the \$4 million New England States' Exhibition. One reaches the "Moon" after a ride in an elevator designed to resemble a space capsule. The approach to the capsule is through a chamber built like a space ship and adorned with instrumentation provided by New England companies which manufacture the actual components.

The capsule descends about four feet and deposits its passengers on the simulated surface of the dark side of the moon. Special sound and vibration effects provide a feeling of lengthy space travel. Passengers are pre-conditioned for their landing on the moon's surface by hot air within the capsule, and when the door opens out on the moon, they are hit with a blast of cold air - by no means as frigid as the real thing (minus 243 F.).

Stepping down onto the moon's surface - created to duplicate a crusty, regenerative substance - visitors find themselves at the bottom of a moon crater - with

THE MISTERY OF

THE MOON



the weird and eerie light of the sun making every object stand out in sharp contrast. The earth and other planets can be seen suspended in the distance. The three-dimensional setting gives a sense of extreme vastness, and the lack of vibration (no echoes) contributes both to the authenticity and the strangeness of the moon visit.

The unique exhibit, one of the outstanding attractions of the entire New York World's Fair, was designed by a committee of distinguished scientists, headed by Dr. Jonathan Karas of Science House, Manchester, Mass.

A different kind of "Walk on the Moon", in Orlando Furioso by the 16th century Italian poet Ariosto, was based on the old legend that everything which had been lost or wasted on earth could be found on the moon. Bribes were hung on gold and silver hooks, princes' favors were kept in bellows, and wasted talent was kept in vases, each marked with the proper name.

Because of another myth - that moonlight had an unsettling effect on the human mind - we get the word "lunatic"!

Hundreds of other stories about the moon still circulate today, from the bovine account of the astronaut in the "Hi Diddle Diddle" nursery rhyme to Jules Verne's classic novel From the Earth to the Moon. Though Verne soared to lunar heights only in his imagination, a crater on the far side of the moon now bears his name.

But those who profit most from the moon are probably songwriters. For without a silvery moon, it would be mighty hard to croon a tune and spoon in June.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

VYTIS DEADLINES

May issue - deadline, April 5, 1965.
 June - July issue - deadline, May 25th.
 Pre-Convention issue.
 August - September - Convention issue.
 October Vytis 50th Anniversary Issue.
 Deadline, September 5th.
 November issue - deadline, October 5th.
 December issue - deadline, November 5th.

NOTICE FROM SPORTS CO-CHAIRMAN

Attention! All councils: The K of L has always maintained an active sports program. It is very difficult to conduct a sports program on a national basis, so we must continue to keep our sports programs on district and council levels as active as possible.

Programs such as bowling leagues, softball teams, golfing tournaments, swimming parties, ski weekends are very popular. Even attendance at sporting affairs just as spectators can be enjoyable.

In the future, please send me an account of your sports programs and also any newspaper clippings photos, etc. pertaining to sports that may be of interest to all. I would like to hear from you: Charles Petronis, 140 Greenwich St., Phila. 47, Pa.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RULES

You can still earn SEVEN points for each new or re-activated member you enroll during 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 your DISTRICT to win the award.

EDITORIAL CHANGE

Irene Sankus was officially appointed editor of the VYTIS at the last Supreme Council meeting.

NOTICE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Annual membership dues should be paid from January-to-January. Payment of dues for new members is as follows:

\$4.00 if member joins from January - March.
 \$3.00 April - June
 \$2.00 July - September
 \$1.00 October - December
 \$2.00 Non-subscribing
 \$6.00 Couple (first year)

If a Junior council is registered with the Supreme Council, membership cards are available at no cost. Contact Johanna Jakunas for further information.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION!

- * Convention dates: August 5 - 8, 1965
- * Convention site: Statler Hilton Hotel,
Los Angeles, California

Please feel free to write to the 1965 convention committee chairman if you have any questions. His name and address:

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OFFICIAL NOTICE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

The K of L Mid-Central District Convention held November 7, 1964 at Detroit, Michigan approved submitting to the national convention at Los Angeles, California the following additions to the K of L Constitution:

Article V Section 3 (e) Auxiliary
 Article V Section 7 Non-Lithuanian husbands and wives of Knights of Lithuania members may be enrolled as Knights of Lithuania auxiliary members.

This constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of a new class of membership cannot be submitted to the national convention unless 2/3 of the K of L councils give their written approval in advance.

Individual letters have been sent to all councils on this subject. Those councils that have NOT already done so are asked to forward their decisions to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita Street, Dayton, Ohio 45404, who has been delegated by the Mid-Central District to handle this matter.

MINUTES OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania met on Tuesday, March 9, 1965 at the K of L Building, Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was opened at 8:50 P.M., with a prayer by Rev. Valancius, National Spiritual Advisor. In the absence of the President, the Second Vice President Eleanore H. Laurin presided. Attending the meeting were: Rev. A. Valancius, Spiritual Advisor, Eleanore H. Laurin, Second Vice President, Johanna Jakunas, Financial Secretary, Frank Svelnis, Jr., Treasurer, Vincent Samaska, I-I District President, Irene Sankus, Acting Editor of VYTIS.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous Supreme Council meeting held in Newark on October 17, 1964, a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept them as read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was received from the Recording Secretary.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR, Rev. A. Valancius announced that he is regularly submitting articles to the VYTIS and is attending as many K of L functions as possible representing the S.C.

PRESIDENT, Helen Shields reported via letter that due to personal home problems she would be unable to attend the meeting. Her report also urged the endorsement of May 13th as the Day of Prayer and Penance for Lithuania requested the appointment of a representative to serve on the Committee of the Lithuanian Youth Congress; the official approval of Irene Sankus as Editor of the Vytis; suggestions, etc. for the Convention business sessions; and a suggestion that the next meeting be held in May in either Cleveland or Pittsburgh. The report was accepted as read.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, Mary H. Stonis reported via letter that she had written several Open Letters to the Juniors and their counsellors which were published in the Vytis. She also asked for suggestion from the S. C. for the betterment of the Junior program. The report was accepted as read and is on file with the secretary.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, Eleanore H. Laurin. The latest standings of the membership drive were published in the March Vytis. Miss Laurin urged that some of the enthusiasm in enrolling new members be diverted to contacting the current members regarding the payment of their dues. Letters will be sent to each council regarding this matter. She also reported on council reorganization: C-111 Youngstown Seniors have successfully organized; C-13 Chicago is attempting to organize both a teen and a junior group, no further information has been received on the organization of the New Phillie group. The report was accepted as presented.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT, Longinas L. Svelnis reported via letter and extended his congratulations to the Youngstown Seniors, urged endorsement of the Day of

Prayer and reported that at this time, the organization of a New England Senior Council has not transpired. The report was accepted as read and is on file with the secretary.

RECORDING SECRETARY, Eleanor Sakevich sent notices to S.C. members regarding this meeting.

A suggestion was made to the recording secretary that the minutes contain a summary of all reports, written and oral.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, Johanna Jakunas reported that as of the end of 1964, there were 1520 paid members. She also requested a full explanation of the 3-month and 6-month period suspensions in regards to the members' benefits. Every council financial secretary will be urged to collect membership dues on a January-to-January basis.

New membership cards have been printed and are now available; junior cards also available for paid-up councils (\$5.00 per year per council). It was suggested that permanent cards be printed for each Honorary Member. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to have permanent plasticized cards printed. The report was accepted as presented.

It was suggested that each council financial secretary submit a list of paid members to Miss Jakunas on June 1st and that this policy continue for each year. After discussion, the suggestion was made into a motion, was seconded and approved.

TREASURER, Frank V. Svelnis, Jr. The report was accepted as read and is on file with the secretary.

It was suggested that at the next meeting an explanation of the purposes of the special funds be given so that S.C. could have a complete understanding.

TRUSTEES, Joseph B. Drumstas and Walter D. Svekla. As the trustees were not present the treasurer's books were not audited.

NEW ENGLAND, MID-CENTRAL, NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICTS. No reports were received from the respective presidents, Ronald Venis, Raymond Medonis and Alexander Wesley.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT, Vincent Samaska, President reported on the activities of the District, Cs-5, 13, 14, 36, 112, Seniors, Juniors and the K of L Choir. He particularly stressed the performances of the Choir and the Juniors at various civil and Lithuanian activities... bringing Lithuanian songs and dance to the attention of the public. A complete report is on file with the secretary and was accepted as read.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS, Rev. J. Jutt and John Andruska. A letter was received from Fr. Jutt reporting that the committee continues to be active and bulletins are prepared as material becomes available. New members continue to join the committee. He also requested a decision be made as to the disposition of the materials

accumulated throughout the years on Lithuanian Affairs. After discussion, the matter was tabled for the next meeting. The report was accepted as read and is on file with the secretary.

John Andruska, Chairman, submitted a report via letter on the accomplishments of the committee. The report was accepted as read and is on file with the secretary.

Fr. Valancius stated that 81 members of Congress spoke about Lithuania on the occasion of February 16th.

CULTURAL, Joseph Yanulaitis did not submit a report but it was noted that articles were submitted to the Vytis for the March and April issues.

RITUAL, Edward Daniels. Although a request had been made at the last meeting for each member of the ritual committee to submit a detailed report on their present activities and current plans, no reports were received. It was suggested that letters be sent to each person involved stressing the importance of a complete report for the next S.C. meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS. Joseph Sadauskas reported via letter and recommended that we stress the importance of Lithuanian articles in the Vytis and the Lithuanian press. If every member of the Public Relations and Publicity committee submitted material all the Lithuanian publications would be filled. He extended his congratulations to Vytis editor, Irene Sankus for the improvements in the content and appearance of the Vytis. He also stated that the Youngstown Seniors organization should be an inspiration to all groups. He commended Mr. & Mrs. Pavis and the other officers of C-111 for the fine work done in connection with Lithuanian Independence Day.

Frank Vaskas submitted a report via letter stating that articles had been written for the Vytis and the Lithuanian & English press regarding C-29 and NY-NJ district activities.

Both reports were accepted as read and are on file with the secretary. No reports were received from the other members of the committee.

SPORTS. Richard Shlaustas and Charles Petronis. No written reports were received. Co-chairman Charles Petronis did submit an article for the April Vytis.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. No report received.

SCHOLARSHIP. No report received.

BUILDING FUND. No report received.

VYTIS, Irene Sankus reported that an additional \$100.00 was received from the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America for the article that appeared in the January issue. Articles appeared in the February and March issues thereby completing the commitment made with the Alliance and an additional \$200.00 will be forthcoming. The report was accepted as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. No reports were received from either the Jubilee Year or Constitution Revision committees.

NEW BUSINESS. Vytis - A motion was made and seconded to approve Irene Sankus as the new editor.

K of L Pins - A letter was received from Frank Gudelis regarding the reordering of pins. He submitted a sample copy of the pin that Texas Norkunas claimed was the official K of L pin and requested that a decision be made before the pins were ordered. Miss Shields had suggested the matter be left up to Mr. Gudelis. A poll

of the members present revealed a preference for the shield design.

Day of Prayer and Penance for Lithuania - After discussion, it was agreed to endorse May 13th as a day of Prayer and Penance for Lithuania. Fr. Valancius stated that he would write letters to all parishes where K of L councils are located asking the pastors' cooperation. Letters will also be sent to the respective councils urging their cooperation with the pastors regarding the details.

Lithuanian Youth Conference - As the bulk of the meetings will be held in the Chicago area, Miss Shields had requested someone from the area be appointed to serve on the committee. I-I Pres. Vincent Samaska agreed to submit the names of persons interested in serving on the committee to Miss Shields.

Convention Business Sessions - After discussion, the members present agreed to review previous convention programs and to hold a special meeting in the Chicago area in order to prepare a suggested program for the next S.C. meeting. The S.C. members in other areas are urged to also meet and prepare their ideas for the next meeting.

Next Meeting - It was suggested that the next Supreme Council meeting be held in Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, May 1, 1965.

Before adjournment, the acting president expressed the sympathies of the entire membership to Miss Shields and her family on the death of their brother, Thomas.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer by Rev. Valancius at 11:41 P.M., after a motion was made, seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted:
Irene K. Sankus
Acting Recording Secretary

K of L Calendar

- APRIL 24 - C-112, Chicago, Annual Easter "Spring Up!" Dance. K of L Building, Chicago.
- APRIL 25 - New York-New Jersey District Junior Rally, Kearny, N. J.
- APRIL 27 - Knights of Lithuania Founder's Day.
- MAY 2 - Mid-Central District, 5th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio.
- MAY 14-15-16 - Midwest Bowling Tournament. Oxford Lanes - Dearborn Towne House Motel, Detroit, Mich. C-102 and C-139 Hosts.
- MAY 15 - Mid-Central District Officers' Meeting, Detroit, Mich.
- MAY 15-21 - Camp DAINAVA, Manchester, Mich. Week for K of L members' children (Age 7-14).
- JUNE 6 - New York-New Jersey District K of L Reunion Picnic, St. Michael's Parish Picnic Grounds, Bayonne, N. J.
- JUNE 13 - New York-New Jersey District Meeting. Host C-67, Bayonne, N. J.

IF NEW MEMBERS AREN'T BREAKING IN YOUR DOOR TO GET IN

**GO OUT
AND
CAPTURE
THEM**



ORGANIZE A MEMBERSHIP RALLY!

If the market for the K of L is large enough - plan the membership rally on a somewhat spectacular basis. Maybe a fish fry and folk dance on Friday, a bazaar (including Lithuanian records, books, embroidery, carvings, etc.) for Saturday and perhaps a concert, religious or Lithuanian film lecture or fashion show on Sunday. If your parish is smaller, plan for two days or just one - but plan!

Get a supply of membership leaflets (write to Joe Drumstas, 279 Grafton St., Worcester, Mass.) Don't forget applications (write to Johanna Jakunas, 4357 S. Washenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill.)

After the rally, plan a few commercial meetings and publicize some added attraction... an income tax expert, a golf pro, a Latin or folk dance instructor. Add variety to what might be a "dry" meeting to a newcomer.

Libraries, civic departments, etc., can provide interesting short films on first aid, gardening, hunting and a host of other subjects. The local traveler may have slides on the Eucharist Congress in India. The cultural chairman can add a five-minute talk on amber, the origin of the way-side cross, or some other interesting Lithuanian historical points.

The "good old days" had their merits. For example, drama groups were more plentiful in the K of L. So, why can't you put on a show, and use it to membership advan-

tage? Stage a variety show and ADVERTISE. Advertise not only the sale of tickets but also the need of talents... somebody who can build background scenery... somebody who can sew... somebody who can dance or sing or direct. You may have many new or former member answering the call.

Sports is another invitation for members. If you have enough of the young at muscle, you can organize baseball, basketball, volleyball or bowling teams. If you are not quite so athletic - promote monthly or seasonal bowling or golfing events. If you are, shall we say, "tired of it all", plan to attend hockey, tennis or football professional games.

There are many things you can plan.

Hold a Reunion Dinner and get one or two former members on the committee. They will probably rejoin and may get a few others who remember "the good old days" to come back also.

Reading over some of the suggestions may have brought to your attention another fact, that is - your present members will probably find their K of L just a little more interesting because of these efforts put in for the drive.

So by all means - whether big or small - **DO HAVE A MEMBERSHIP RALLY!**

Eleanore Laurin
2nd Vice President

CULTURAL

ORNER



In memory of his 35th year at St. George's parish in Shenandoah, Pa., which is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee, the Rev. J. Karalius, will finance the publication of a new Lithuanian grammar compiled by Prof. A. Klimas, which is oriented to our English speaking youth. The book took 5 years to organize, but is time well spent. A forward acquaints the scholar with the origin, history and beauty of the language. There are grammatical exercises, a dictionary and many other extras. It will be published by the Franciscan Fathers Press, Brooklyn. A few years ago the K of L was looking for an author to publish such a book. It appears someone beat us to the punch!

Fr. Sernas, pastor of St. Ann's, Hoboken, N. J. has written a book on Lithuania, its customs, traditions, language and religious beliefs. He characterized its great historical leaders, its baptism, union with Poland, struggle for and years of independence. The book is well illustrated with colored maps, heroes and views of the countryside. It is still in the manuscript stage and is awaiting a patron and publisher. Since Fr. Karalius is sponsoring the publication of the grammar, could not our K or L undertake the publication of this book? If every member would pre-subscribe just one or two books plus each council, one for the council, one for the parish school, one for the town library. Why we could easily do it!

I live within walking distance of the University of Pennsylvania and it's interesting to walk thru the campus and notice the latest bandwagon the students are jumping on. You can imagine how many trees and electric poles are on a campus, and I'll bet you there wasn't one last week that didn't wear the following poster: SIGN THE PETITION! ATTEND THE RALLY! PROTEST SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM! Notices in the daily papers announced that veterans and youth groups of the various synagogues were chartering busses to converge on the Soviet Embassy in Washington for a mass week-end around the clock picket. It was still more interesting to note their organizational ingenuity. The following day an article in the newspaper announced that Protestant and

Catholic leaders have joined hands to form a committee to protest Soviet Anti-Semitism. Among the names to appear was that of the Most Rev. John J. Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia! Following up the incident in the New York Times, one learns that a rally in New York was attended by Mayor Wagner and Robert Kennedy, who said that the problem of Jewish freedom was also his. Telegrams were received from Governor Rockefeller and Vice-President H. Humphrey. Protestants and Catholics were urged to sign a petition being circulated for the religious and cultural freedom of the Jews in the Soviet Union. It's interesting to note that there is no mention of the persecution of any other religion in Russia! We all know what is happening in Lithuania. Have we ever organized such support for our cause? How often is the persecution of Lithuanians brought up even in our Catholic Press let alone the secular?

A few years ago when St. Casimir pictures and statues were being removed and destroyed from Lithuanian churches, the Brighton Park Holy Name Society of Chicago raised a protest resolution and informed their neighboring Knights of Columbus and other Catholic organizations of the atrocities who in turn publicized this and the closing of the Klaipeda Church. I recall a similar resolution was introduced that same year to the K of L Resolutions Committee at the National Convention. What happened to it? It died in Committee! Oh yes, we passed a lot of other wordy blah, blah, resolutions that year, much more important I suppose.

The Ateitininkai meeting in Cleveland last Nov. 27-29th passed the following resolution:

1. Noting the great importance of the Liturgical renewal in the Catholic Church's worship program, the Ateitininkai considers it its own special concern to see that the use of the Lithuanian language in our Lithuanian parishes is fully carried out.

How will the K of L respond resolution-wise to such important events during the coming convention? Have we ever thought about the picture we present to the Lithuanian Community by our activities? Do they read the press to see "ką tie vyčiai nuveikė per šį seimą?" (what has the K of L accomplished during this convention?) Does anything serious ever come out of our conventions? Could this be the reason why we do not get more members? Is the Lithuanian Community judging us by our works? The following few months should be the time for our councils to get busy and formulate not just resolutions but projects such as these suggested to have them wake up and notice us.

The publishers of Lituanus magazine are looking for subscribers. The magazine is highly informative of the present Lithuanian political situation, has interesting and scholarly written articles about Lithuanian culture and its heritage. Many American colleges and public libraries are on its mailing list. Very few K of L councils subscribe to it! Subscription is \$3.00 annually c/o Lituanus, P. O. Box 9318, Chicago, Ill.

Two Lithuanian girls from Cleveland at a Folk - song fest in New York sang the following Lith folk song: "O, ne, - neleiskit lietui lyt... nes aš mažas kreivas žmogeliukas... ir mano kreivo namelio stogas kiauras... kas daryt. (There Was a Crooked Man) Lith. folk song!

JOSEPH YANULAITIS
Cultural chairman

JUNIOR NEWS

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL JUNIOR COUNCILS

With the lenten season almost over I am sure all of you are anxiously awaiting Easter.

No doubt most of you abstained from many social and sport activities during Lent and you are all anxious to resume where you left off. May your coming season be a successful one.

I know you will all try to keep up your good deeds and uphold the prestige of the Knights of Lithuania.

One of the most important events for you Juniors' should be your annual spring rally. I sincerely hope each district will be holding one this year and that every Junior council will have a one hundred percent attendance.

All members should look forward to attending their get together and have an active part in the various programs that you and your counselors will be arranging for the rally.

For some of you it will be your first meeting, but the

majority of you have been present at these rallies in the past years and it should be a time to get together and renew your friendships and exchange ideas as this occasion is the one time that many of you get to see each other from one year to another.

Do all you can to cooperate with your spiritual advisors and counselors to make your rally a huge success and they in turn will do all they can to make this day for you spiritually, fraternally and socially one you will remember for many a year.

Let me know when you are planning to hold your rally so that I may publish the information in the next edition of the "Vytis".

May I take this opportunity to wish all of you and yours a very happy Easter.

Mary Stonis
1st Vice President

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

C-96 DAYTON, O.

John Berczelly

Hear ye, Hear ye, The Dayton Junior K of L Council # 96 has been quite

busy for the past year with our many activities. Sorry we had no write-ups in the past, but I will try to do my best now.



Renovated Holy Cross Rhurch - Dayton, O. recently celebrated its Golden Jubilee.

At our January meeting we held our election of officers, the following were elected: President, Donna Cernevicius; Vice-President, Christine Sluzas; Secretary, Cathy Lavender; Treasurer, Theresa Miklas; Sgt-of-Arms, Leo Mayauskas; Vytis Correspondent, John Berczelly; Junior advisors, Rita Ambrose, Elaine Lucas, and Judy Petrokas.

The Juniors participated in the Holy Cross Church Golden Jubilee program with songs and dances.

On Feb. 21st we were in the Lithuanian Independence Day program, which was held in the church hall. There were a lot of out of town guests from Cleveland, Cincinnati, Sidney and Lima, Ohio. Many thanks to our advisors, Mrs. Elinor Sluzas and Mrs. Mary Lucas for teaching us our songs and dances.

On March 7th the Juniors and Seniors observed St. Casimir's Day with Mass, and all of us went to Communion. Breakfast was served afterwards, and the Juniors put on a special program. Good bye for now.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Ansonia, Conn. C-135

O.K.S.

1965 will be a memorable year for us not only because we celebrate the 15th anniversary of the council but because it is also the Golden Jubilee Year of our parish, St. Anthony's. We find ourselves so busy that little time is left for putting the activities down on paper. We can only ask ourselves "Where did the years go?" Most of us did not dare predict the future of the council 15 years ago. But here we are going stronger than ever with membership at an all time high.

We are most happy to extend our warmest welcome to our newest members: Barbara Barauskas, Wilbur Brainard, John Barsevich, Ann and Howard Gyba, Louis and Ann Jadach, Helen and Stanley Mroz, Albert Muskavitch, Al Shurkis, Betty Stefon, Charles Stefon, Janet Wailonis, Ann and William Winkis, John Yudas, Anthony Varshelka, and also to the following members who have again rejoined our group: Frances Barsevich, Walter Arbacauskas, Sue and Al Jesulaitis and Eva Yurevic. We are still working diligently in the hopes of further increasing our membership.

We have noticed that since we have been planning little extra attractions at our meetings the attendance has gone up. At the January meeting after installation of officers and swearing in of new members a delicious buffet was served to the delight of all. A potluck supper at the February meeting proved that we could boast of many fine cooks in our midst. Variety to be sure, with kugeli, spaghetti, barbecued spareribs, "pigs in the blanket" fried chicken - we could go on and on. Appetites were excellent and we managed to do justice to the

Miss Helen Shields and her family wish to convey their appreciation and gratitude for the condolences and sympathies expressed to them on the death of their brother.

food. Now after feasting we were ready to "relax", but not so. On the agenda after the meeting was "square dancing", and if you don't think this is strenuous just try it. We were very fortunate to have as our guest professional caller Mr. Chuck Riley to explain the basic calls and put us thru the paces. After two hours we were ready to call it quits.

Speaking of dancing, the council record player is beyond repair, so members voted to redeem yellow stamps for a new portable stereo record player. We find music most welcome not only at socials but also after meetings.

We took the initiative this year and sponsored the observance of the 47th Anniversary of Lithuania's declaration of independence February 28th. Father George Vilciauskas, pastor, offered a mass at 10:30 for the enslaved Lithuanian people. A large number of parishioners gathered in the church hall in the afternoon to commemorate the event. Chairman Stanley Bujanauskas invited a folk dance group from New Haven to perform and speakers for the occasion were Father Vilciauskas and Rev. Zenonas Smilga of St. Sebastian's Church, Middletown, Conn. President of the council, Olga Savitskas, welcomed the gathering and stressed the important work that the Lithuanian Affairs Committees throughout the country were doing in an effort to hasten the day when Lithuania would be able to freely determine her political status and pursue her economic, social and cultural development.

A special collection was taken up by members Al Jesulaitis, Stanley

Bujanauskas, Helen Gumbulevich, Violet Brazitis, Olga Savitskas, Lillian Chaplik, John Sabulis, Ann Gyba and Wilbur Brainard, after all masses. Donations collected as well as proceeds from the affair will be sent to the organizations working to further the cause of freedom. Coffee and cake donated and served by the members.

Sunday, Mar 7 in honor of our patron St. Casimir, the council received communion in a body at the 9 o'clock Mass, which our pastor offered for the deceased members as well as the intentions of all members. Breakfast was served in the church hall with Mildred Driznus and Violet Brazitis in charge.

During the Lenten season, members attend Wednesday evening devotions as a group. Also, donations received at the February, March and April meetings are to be given to the Sisters of the Poor.

Because this is the Golden Jubilee year of the parish, the council decided to sponsor several events and donate the proceeds to the parish. First on the Agenda is a Lasagne supper featuring a teacup auction and dancing to be held Saturday, Apr. 24 at 6:00 P.M. in the church hall with members cooking and serving. Co-chairmen are Olga Savitskas, Lillian Chaplik, Mildred Driznus and Ann Barauskas.

We are in the process of making plans to celebrate our 15th anniversary with a dinner and dance. Hope to keep you posted on the happenings of our group in the future.

Worcester, Mass. C-26

C-26 started the Fall season with a rush of activity. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Carol Grigas and her committee a highly successful Dinner Dance was held at the Indian Meadows Country Club Thanksgiving Eve.

The Fall Dance held at the Lithua-

nian Club, Halloween Night, was another social as well as financial success. The council expresses its appreciation to Edward Daniels, Vytautas Morkunas and all the members who worked to make this affair such a success.

Elections were held in October and a combined Christmas Party and Installation Banquet was held. Mrs. Rita Pinkus was chairman. The following members were elected as officers for 1965: Pres. Edward Daniels; 1st V-P Mrs. Mary Jankowski; 2nd V-P Robert Krusas; Rec. Secretaries Albina Burdulis and Gloria Metrick; Fin. Sec'y. Mrs. Carol Grigas; Treas. Mrs. Helen Gillus; Auditors, Mrs. Elenor Carmody and Christine Delonis; Sargeant-at-Arms, Anne Bucinskas and Richard Karalius.

A monthly Military Wist is held every first Tuesday of the month at the church hall. Mr. Banys, one of the oldest members of this council, has made two generous contributions at this affair.

The Annual Ski Trip, with most of the New England councils participating, gave an opportunity for all to show off their skying skills. Sparky graduated to the head of the class when he so aptly boomed down the "Novice Slope."

In Bowling Bob Krusas and his girls won the first half and are trying desperately to win the second in order to eliminate the possibility of a rolloff.

C-26 welcomes the following new members who have signed up since January 1965: Gloria Sakalauskas and Jane Sakalowsky.

Athol-Gardner, Mass., C-10 Vincukas

Our annual Communion Sunday in honor of our patron, St., Casimir, was held in St. Francis Church, Athol, on Sunday, Mar. 7. The Mass was celebrated by our spiritual advisor, Rev. John Jutt, and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Svedas, MIC, who was giving a mission at the local parish.

After Mass the group attended a dinner at the Cedar Lodge, where Fathers Jutt and Svedas spoke on many topics. It was a day well spent both socially and spiritually.

It was the first year in nearly a decade that our council did not sponsor its annual Winter Carnival. Many regrets.

Alec Kuzmickas of Worcester recently purchased Ray's Pharmacy in Athol. Alec is getting married to a nice K of L lassie from Norwood in June, and they plan on making their home in Athol. We wish success and happiness to both of them. Our council will be enhanced by two new members.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Pittsburgh, Pa. C-19 Mitzi

For our social event this season C-19 sponsored a Pre-Lenten Square Dance. Not too many attended, but those who did had a rip-roaring good time. It was recommended as family entertainment so quite a few youngsters attended. Seen enjoying themselves were 5 year old Reggie Aleliunas and her sister Diane, the Kolicius small fry, Diane, Billy and Johnny, to

say nothing of the adults who entered into the spirit of the evening including Mildred Chinik, Eleanor Aleliunas, Emily Kizik, Anna Navickas, Ann Keldusis and others. Needless to say Tom Unites didn't miss a single square or reel and was truly the life of the party. The callers were most understanding and geared the dances to us "beginners". At one time Mrs. Anne Puzas was seen flying through the air, lifted high by Tom Unites! The kitchen was ably supervised and carried on by Julia Aleshunas and Antoinette Naujellis and Laura Senulis donated a delicious Lithuanian Cheese. Now they're all asking when are we having another?

Our St. Casimir's Day Spiritual Activity took place on Mar. 7, with Holy Communion en corpore at St. Casimir's Church at the 10 o'clock Mass and a luncheon meeting at Johnny Garneau's Smorgasbord in Monroeville. We've been there on a good many occasions and enjoy going there - could it be the excellence of the food or is it the quantity?

Many of our members contribute their services to a yearly event which takes place at the Syria Mosque in May - many nationalities put on a program of dances and songs and also put up booths displaying handiwork and selling nationality food specialties. Eleanor Aleliunas, Anne Aleliunas, Antoinette and Julia have often served. This year Anne wondered if we couldn't get together and make some of those famous Lithuanian Christmas tree and home decorations of straw and model them at this event. Four of us got together one evening at Eleanor's home and her mother showed us how to begin. Our designs right now are very elementary but we did make a practice one and put it together in the form of a mobile. If anyone has samples to send us we'd love to have them. As I say, our designs are strictly elementary and not having the real straw we are experimenting with paper straws. The four who enjoyed the evening and instruction were Eleanor Aleliunas, Anne Aleliunas, Mildred Chinik and Emily Kizik. We used Sister Listaitė's book, "A new look at Christmas decorations" as a guide.

Our own Vito Yucius, as President of the Pittsburgh chapter of ALT, again served this year as Master of Ceremonies at the banquet held as part of the February 16th celebration. Many of our K of L members attended and participated.



C-10 Christmas Party. Front L to R: Mary Gauronsky, Nellie Melaika, Clara Zetkauskas, Frances Milosh, Jan Melaika, and Ann Gatantas. Back L to R: Frank Anoris, Ann Novack, Bill Wisnauskas, Rev. John Jutt, Howie Beaudette and Lennie Davidonis.

Dayton, Ohio C-96 E. Mentz

Most of the members who managed to stay up instead of down, especially Judy Petrokas, had a grand time ice skating Feb. 17, at Hobart Arena. A junior member, Sharon Prasmantas, age 7, skating for her first time, took off the ice as though she has been at it for a long time. Father Titus could hardly believe it, but seeing is believing. Our thanks to Ann and John Scott, who were in charge, for a lot of fun.

Lithuania Independence Day was celebrated with Mass Feb. 21. There was a program in the afternoon with many of our Knights participating. Guest speakers were Dr. Juozas Masilionis and Prof. Dr. Th. Campanelle. A big hand goes to our Jr. Knights for their song and dance and musical selections and a bigger hand to their advisors Rita Ambrose, Judy Petrokas, and Elaine Lucas. I understand that handsome man in disguise was Mary Lucas. The church choir under the direction of Elinor Sluzas was as good as ever. The Ambrose Sisters were as good as Lemon Sisters or King Sisters. We were privileged to hear not only one but two orchestras, Joe Sinkwitz's "Playboys Polka", and the Williamaitis Family, "Noveltones". There was a beautiful display of Lithuania Arts and Crafts arranged by Mary Lucas. She has been asked to display this arrangement at the University of Dayton, John F. Kennedy Memorial Union Hall Mar. 20 thru 27. This is opened to the public and a wonderful opportunity to keep alive our Lithuania culture and heritage. Kitty Prasmantas did an excellent job of serving and preparing the food. After the program we dance the polka to the music of the Playboys.

Our Mardi Gras social was a big success as the big turnout of members showed. Since this was a cover dish the variety of food was scrumptious. Our thanks to our social committee girls Eloise Brezelly, and Fran

Petkus. Their hamburgers were delicious. The Playboy's orchestra played wonderful polkas with a little help from Mary Mikalauskas and her swinging guitar. Movies were shown by George Mikalauskas of different K of L functions throughout the years. Promise you will give us more good times after Lent, Girls!

Cleveland, Ohio C-25 Ray

C-25, recently held a bowling party with a get-together at Gene Kunsitis's home afterwards. Al Shigo came out on top for the evening with a 650 series, Ray Shigo had a 638, and Bruno Bartkus with a 631.

We're happy to announce that Al Paskevics is back to work after spending time in a hospital.

Council 25 would also like to express belated congratulations to Ursula Yankauskas on receiving her 4th degree.

Cleveland's bowling team also are proud of taking two games from the C.W.V. who were in first-place in St. George's Mixed League. Ray Shigo highlighted the KofL with a 544 series.

Detroit, Mich. C-79 John Kolinske

Cupid gave the New Year a fast start, as wedding bells rang out for Elaine Patocki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Patocki. The romantic mood continued into our February meeting as our hostesses, Mrs. E. Paurazas and Mrs. M. Kazlauskas had appropriate Valentine delicacies for the members. So that every member will be able to wriggle in the latest fashion, Mrs. Ann Valatka is organizing dancing classes, and will have a professional instructor. On the more laborious side, Mrs. Betty Petroski has accepted the Chairmanship for the Pre-Lenten Dinner, for the Benefit of the Church of Divine Providence. The ladies will handle the culinary chores, while the men will be

the automatic dish washers.

The Lithuanian Independence Day was chaired by our council member, Mr. Ralph Valatka, and Lithuania's needs were well explained by the speakers of the day.

It is winter vacation time, and vacationing in Florida are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yunck, and Dr. and Mrs. Bruno Zilvitis. An auto mishap inflicted minor injury to Dr. and Mrs. Zilvitis, although their car was demolished. Come back to Detroit, it is safer.

Detroit, Mich. C-102 Dvynukes

After being snowbound, we looked forward to Sunday, Mar. 7th, when Cos. 79-139-102 attended Corporate Mass and Communion in St. Anthony's Church to commemorate St. Casimir's Day. We then sojourned to the Congress Inn Motel for a hearty brunch. We heard the words of Rev. Wm. J. Scherzer, Archdiocesan Coordinator of the new Church Liturgy, our guest speaker. We have enjoyed reading many of his enlightening articles in the Michigan Catholic. A special thanks to the husband-wife teams on the committee for a job well done, namely, the Biliunas', Bunikis' and Ruseckas'.

A belated Happy Birthday with many, many good wishes to our Spiritual Advisor Fr. Stan.

The Mid-West Bowling committee tells us a terrific weekend is in store for all the bowlers. Convenience to the out-of-towner was their prime target, and their aim is good. Bowling will take place at the Oxford Lanes, which is directly across from the Dearborn Towne House Motel, where all other events will take place. This includes a Friday night get-together, Saturday brunch, bowling and dance. Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Church with a banquet following back at the Motel. The location is ideal for travelers, so start making your plans now for an exciting week-end in Big "D".



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Third Degree Recipients L to R: Mrs. M. Gestautas, Mrs. U. Zemaitiene, Mrs. K. Jonutis and Mrs. E. Samiene.



Third Degree Recipients L to R: A. Jonutis, Martin Gestautas, Al Raubiskis and Louis Rogers.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The St. Casimir's Day-Communion-Breakfast was held on Mar. 7, at St. Michael's Church, Northside, the parish of our National Spiritual Advisor, Rev. A. Valancius with C-5 as hosts. After Mass, at which the K of L choir sang, the 4th degree was given to Al Dagis, C-112. Father Val was m. c. of the program that followed the breakfast. The guest speaker was Irving Hayden, Chicago's "Telecop in the air" who directs traffic daily from his police helicopter. Third degrees were given and the K of L Juniors performed, led by Genevieve Maluska. Konnie Savickas received the "Knight of the year" award. The event was a great success.

The K of L Choir sang in Gary, Ind. on Feb. 21 for their Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration. They also ran a Pre-Lenten Dance at Pakstas Hall. A Mass was sung on March 14 for the mother of Albinas Rudzevicius, who passed away last month.

Monthly Bowling was held on Mar. 28th at West End Lanes sponsored by the Seniors who served a delicious meal after bowling at the K of L Hall.

In the K of L Bowling League the standings are as follows: 1st place team: Lackawicz Funeral Home (Ken Kraujelis, Irene Sankus, Rev. A. Valancius, Gerry Mack and Al Manst); 2nd place: Zbella's (Al Raubiskis, Rita Tomczak, Jo Zalis, John Kurnyta and Rich Janik); 3rd place: Petkus Funeral Home (Red Cibulskis, Walter Zengulis, Ken Young, Lorraine Wainauskas and Frank Svelnis). The top five men in the league are: Dave Jokantas, Al Manst, Bob Doman, Ray Jakow and Red Cibulskis. The top five women are: Alice Tomczak, Gerry Mack, Rita Tomczak, Barbara West and Laurie Walker.



L to R: Vince Samoska, Dist. President; Al Dagis 4th Degree Recipient; Helen Zimmer, Dist. Ritual Chairman



Vince Samoska presents the "Knight of the Year" award to Konnie Savickas, Supreme Council Legal Advisor.



Rev. A. Valancius greets guest speaker, Irv. Hayden, Chicago Police Dept.

Chicago, Ill. C-112 What Again

Immediately after our council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 16, a special commemorative program of the 47th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence was held. Honorary member Stanley Pieza (Religion Editor of Chicago's American newspaper) narrated his own films on Popes Pius XII, John XXIII and Paul VI and the Vatican. He also gave a most interesting talk on the Lithuanian people and nation.

A big welcome to our newest members: Bernadine Lazisky, Richard Greb and Elizabeth Zibas.

Our council was the host to the District at a bowling social held at Wood-Mac Lanes on Feb. 21st. Dinner, prepared by Ruth Dagis and Anele Pocius, followed at the K of L Building. Council members Red Cibulskis, Louis Rogers, Al Kachinski and Gerry Mack were among the prize winners.

Congratulations to Al Dagis who received his 4th degree and Al Raubiskis and Louis Rogers, their 3rd. The degrees were presented at the St. Casimir's day program held at St. Michael Parish with C-5 as hosts. Approximately 150 guests of C-5 enjoyed the guest speaker, Irwin Haydn, and the performance of the K of L Juniors, under the direction of Genevieve Maluska and the other Junior Counselors. Congratulations also to our National Legal Advisor, Konnie Savickas, who was the recipient of the District's "Knight of the Year" award.

Our council will sponsor a theater party at the new Drury Lane Theater sometime in April.

A speedy recovery to our treasurer, Monica Kasper.

Date to remember: April 24th, Annual Spring Up! Dance - K of L Building.

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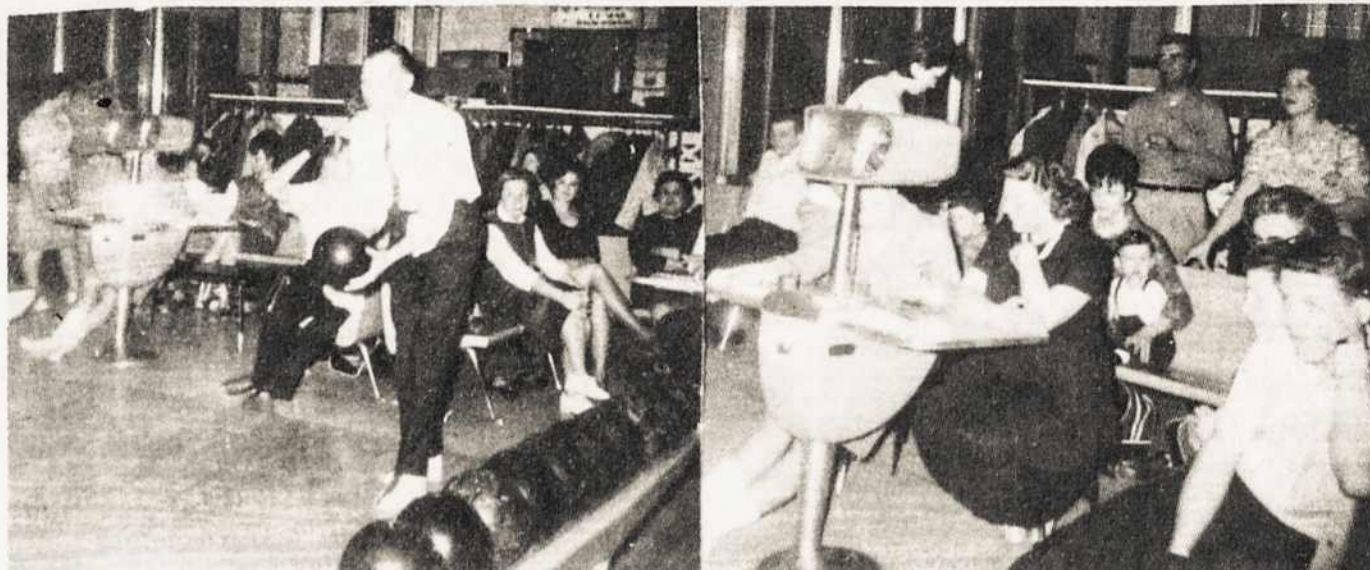
N.Y. - N. J. DISTRICT

Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100 Smile & Sparkle

On Sunday, Mar 7, a luncheon was held by our council immediately after the 11:00 a.m. mass at St. Casimir's Church, at the Sleepy Dutchman. The group received Holy Communion at the mass and then proceeded to the Sleepy Dutchman.

President, John Gerutis, was toastmaster, and he, in turn, introduced the speaker for the affair, the Rev. Robert K. Baltch. His speech dealt with the changes in the Catholic Church and also on St. Casimir, the patron saint of the organization.

In attendance were: Rev. Robert K. Baltch, John Gerutis, Attorney and Mrs. A. C. Stokna, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baranauskas, Schenectary, N. Y., Mrs. Sophie Olbie, Mrs. Aldona Abel-ing, Mrs. Anna Yunker, Miss Margaret Boccio, Miss Eleanore Stakauskas, Miss Genevieve Gobis, Professor Irene Wood, Russell Sage College,



N. Y. - N. J. District open bowling series.

Troy, N.Y., Mrs. Josephine Nikstenas, Donald Nikstenas, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Bill McCune.

The next meeting will take place on April 12th at 7:30 p.m. at Matthew's Art Gallery, located directly above Matthew's Mens Store on East Main Street. Matt Orante is very interested in Lithuanian art and culture.

Newark, N. J. C-29 ANON.

As our regular February meeting

fell on the 16th this year, the meeting was opened with a prayer for all the honored who died fighting for Lithuania.

Ann Pocius read an interesting Article in Lithuanian about the history of Lithuanian independence and the honored dead. Ann does a good job as our Lithuanian Cultural Committee.

A great big welcome to three ex-Junior Members who have joined our ranks, Walter Sharow, Ralph Rodisch and Tom Peldunas, also to Mrs. Helen Radisch.

Our communion breakfast committee headed by Peter Podgalsky is working hard to have a very successful affair and I am sure their efforts will not be in vain.

A card party will be held March 28th. Chairman Eva Sharon and Co-chairman Helen Rodisch are hard workers and I know it will be a success.

Our meeting was closed with the singing of the Lithuanian and Vyčiu Hymns and a prayer.

February birthday greetings to Julia Strolis, Pranas Elseika and Charlie Balcunas.

A social followed and a good time was had by all.

We offer our heartfelt sorrows to Mrs. A. Shades and Gertrude Lelashus on the loss of their beloved husbands. Both were members in good standing, and to Ann Mensler on the loss of her beloved mother.



N. Y. - N. J. District Picnic Committee includes: Seated L to R: Gloria Mack, Virginia Dutkus, Rev. Peter Zemeikis, and Mildred Grinewich. Standing L to R: Kazys Strolis, Larry Janonis, Kazys Sipaila, Jack Remeika, Mrs. Anthony Kober, Al. Wesey, and Mrs. Josephine Zukas.