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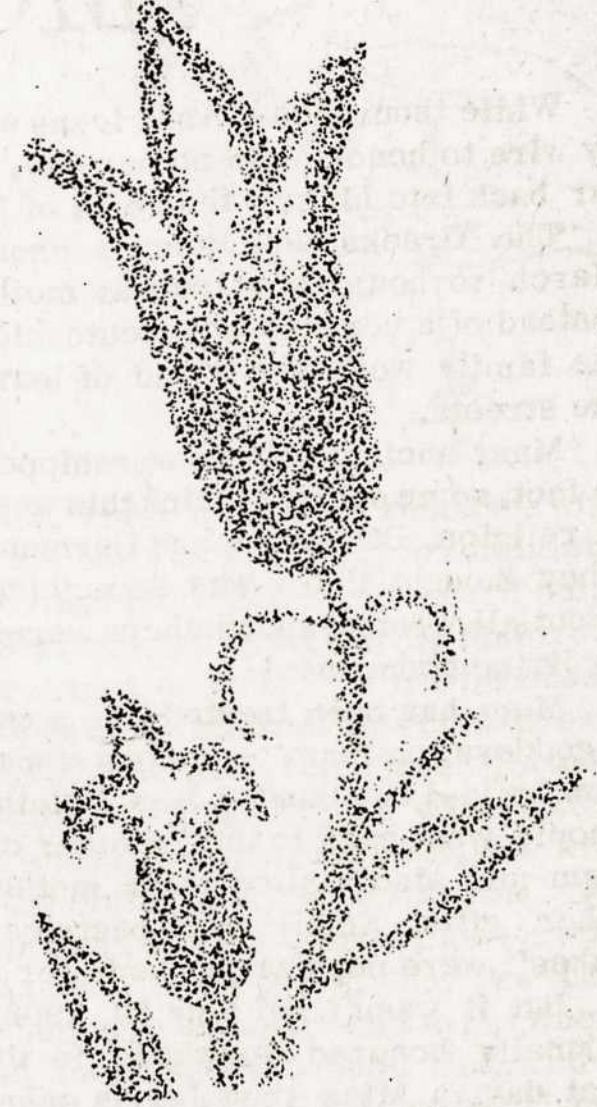
"MANO MOTINA"

BIRUTE PUKELEVIČIŪTĖ

Mano motina liauna kaip jieva.
 Ji apsunkinta manim ir brandina nelaime.
 Platus indai primerkti šilo gėlių.
 Geltonos langinės privertos:
 Ji laukia šventadienio.

Aš ateinu per patį Pakylėjimą, kai visi keliai
 būna tušti, kai vargonai būna pritildyti.
 Naktį mano lopšni prikrinta aštrių rugpiučio
 žvaigždžių ir mano motina gailiai pravirksta.
 Pirmą kartą.
 Nes aš atskilau, lyg uolos luitas, ir riedėsiu
 žemyn. Be jos.

Ir tikrai:
 Ji nenulaiko mano rankų.
 Rudenio sodai dega raudonom pašvaistėm.
 Laukiniai gaigalai skrenda į pietus.
 Jų sparnai žėri žalvariu.
 Tuomet aš atsisveikinu.
 Susiglaudžia takas meldyne.
 Viksvos išgalastos kaip peiliai.
 Išsižioja bedantės drėvės ir
 aš drebu visais sąnariais.
 Bet negrižtu atgal.



"MY MOTHER"

BIRUTE PUKELEVIČIŪTĖ

My mother is pliant - like the bird-cherry.
 She is burdened with me and matures her misfortune.
 Wide vessels are filled with forest flowers.
 The yellow shutters are closed.
 She awaits Sunday.

I come during the Consecration, when all roads are empty,
 when the organ is silenced.
 At night in my cradle there falls sharp August stars
 and my mother begins to mournfully weep.
 The first time.
 For I became detached, like a boulder from a cliff,
 and I will roll down. Without her.

And truly:
 She cannot keep my hands.
 Autumn orchards burn with the red glare of fire.
 Wild drakes fly South. Their wings glisten as bronze.
 Then I take leave.
 The path narrows in the rushes. The sedges are sharpened like knives.
 The toothless tree hollows open wide
 and I tremble in all my joints.
 But I do not return.

(Translated by Jack J. Stukas)



THE STORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

While thousands of Americans will be sending flowers by wire to honor Mom on her day, few may realize how far back into history the roots of Mother's Day extend.

The Greeks and Romans chose the Ides (15th) of March to honor a universal mother - Mother Earth. Instead of a corsage or a boutonniere, every member of the family wore a garland of leaves as they danced in the streets.

Many ancient nations worshipped mother-goddesses; in fact, some scholars think this was man's earliest form of religion. But the ancient Germans went a step further. They thought there was something divine - literally - about all women, and mothers were sometimes regarded as living goddesses!

Mom has been treated like a queen, if not quite like a goddess, on many occasions since. By old English custom, mid-Lent Sunday was "Mothering Sunday" when people went back to the "mother church" of their baptism and also visited their mothers with flowers and other gifts. Small rich pastries called "mothering cakes" were popular presents for mama.

But it wasn't till May 10, 1908, that mothers were formally honored anywhere in the United States. On that day, a Miss Anna Jarvis sponsored a church service in Grafton, West Virginia to honor her late mother and other mothers of the community. After an intensive letter-writing campaign, she saw Mother's Day recognized in every state in the union by 1911, and in 1914 President Wilson proclaimed it a national holiday.

Flowers have been connected with Mother's Day from the very beginning: because Miss Jarvis' mother had loved carnations, they became the official Mother's Day flower. But many people prefer their mother's

favorite flower, whatever it may be.

Though floral tributes are probably the most popular Mother's Day gifts, modern mothers receive everything from dahlias to dishwashers. On May 9, American mothers collected an estimated one-and-a-quarter billion dollars worth of gifts!

Even ancient German mamas, "goddesses" though they may have been, never had it so good. But then, American mothers have earned every penny of this annual tribute. There are 63,616,058 individual mothers in this country - and they are raising, or have raised, 131,810,351 children!

These mothers include women of all ages: young marrieds pushing spoonfuls of pablum, PTA mothers worried about the new mathematics, working women beating the rush hour home, and grandmothers who, going full circle, are back pushing pablum to their grandchildren.

Most mamas of pre-school children find motherhood a full-time job. Those who work outside the home number only 11,182,455 - as compared with 29,930,338 working marrieds who have either older children, or no children at all.

But whether or not she contributes to the family income, Mama was honored in almost every American household for the good job she has done. Whatever presents she gets, she is apt to feel like a famous mother of Roman legend, Cornelia.

One day a boastful lady called on her and displayed a flashy array of jewels - then asked to see Cornelia's jewels. Cornelia promptly sent for her two young sons and told the visitor, "These are my jewels - in which alone I delight."

"The perfume counter"

Antonia M. Wackell



The perfume counter? That's to the rear.
With diffident step we go.
What scent, what fragrance shall we choose?
We find it hard to know.
Shall it be spicy, sweet or rare,
Saucy, daring or flirtatious?
Haunting, woody or romantic
Or something queenly gracious?
Which is our type? there are so many!
We've smelled the essence of many flowers:
That one is elusive, the other is heady,
This one has penetrating powers.
What! Another? Our heads are spinning!
Which scent or fragrance do we pick?
We have no strength. . . to make our choice;
We think we're going to be sick!

MY QUEEN, MY MOTHER!



FR. VAL

Despite the presence of a thesis among so-called modern intellectuals, that the stresses of authority and punishment are more a hampering than a moving influence in man's effort to be good, - that his education, knowledge and innate desires are sufficient elements to make him the shining light of the world, - that he need no longer regard posterity and its heritage, because of the appearance of the usual amount of human error, as an example and guide for his own behavior, all history stands as a staunch rebuff to such philosophy. From the very first recorded evidences of man's appearance on this globe up to our present day, the embodied image of God, man seems to have made the greatest strides in human endeavor when he was either looking up to someone, drawn by someone or, yes, even forced by someone. Though he himself, always possessed worthy ideals of his own, the effort toward their fulfilment was sharpened and intensified by the presence of these ideals in the personalities of individuals living with him or preceding him. As true as this has been in purely material and intellectual fields, even with the presence of God's animating grace, man's spiritual progress must be attributed in great part to the attraction of models of holiness.

God's revelation of Himself to men since creation has been varied. To Adam and Eve He made Himself known directly; later He made known His desires to man through the prophets; finally He came to man by having the Second Person of the Trinity assume human flesh and in it accompanied Him through the whole range of human experience - birth, growth and death -; in our own time He manifests Himself in the Church. Since the Church, and His Sacramental presence in it, is known only to those who have received the gift of faith, to the man of sense we find His image embodied in the lives, words and actions of the saints. Their proximity to us leads us to a slightly clearer knowledge of the love life between God and His creatures and excites within us a desire to share it. The example of their lives is the lift that all of us need to rouse us from our own common lethargy and repel the outside influences that are constantly at war with the establishment of God's Kingdom among men.

There is no period of time in history when saints did not find space within its pages. No field of human endeavor, no profession, no vocation, no occupation has

escaped their imprint. Their eloquence resounds within cathedral walls, in the halls of learning, in administrative chambers. Their hushed whisperings heard only by the ears of their Sacramental King hardly disturb the quiet of secluded convent chapels. Worn benches in make-shift confessionals are testimonials of their ever-presence. Laboratories of science, tome laden libraries, hospitals, mental clinics, orphanages, war-camps, prisons, carpenter shops, the marketplace, the fields of wheat and corn, the blustering metropolis, the country parish, the dense jungle of the tropics, as we would say today - you name it, they were, they are there. Whatever you are, whatever you might want to be, wherever you might be, look, and you shall find, and not necessarily in the official book of saints, but right in your immediate neighborhood.

As myriad, brilliant and varied, as is the glow emanating from the lives of these great men and women of God and as countless the numbers of those attracted to the life of love by it, it is but a nightlight, individually and collectively, in the presence of Her, who is "like the sun", - now blinding, now warming, now life-giving. Always worth another look. Always open to cuddle up to. So tender to embrace. No queen-mother was so near to so powerful a Son, never has there been a kingdom where the subjects in truth, could call their queen, Mother. These are not mere expressions of an emotional spirituality. This is fact. Pick up your history book, turn to the pages where the enumeration of years begins with A.D. You will find Her in that section referred to as Palestine, a young girl mingling with the little known, much less respected, inhabitants of Nazareth. Later you will find Her in Bethlehem, in Egypt, in Jerusalem, at Cana, at Calvary. Again, She makes visits to Lepanto, to Lourdes, to Siluva, to Guadalupe, to Fatima. By the way, She is with you right now, look into your purse, your pocket, maybe under your pillow - feel the Rosary? That's She! She seems to be always where men and women are. Since we are all images of Her Son, why shouldn't She be there? Our Church tells us that in Holy Communion we become one with Christ. Where He is, She is present, also. And where we are, She is not far away. Since we should continue to be that image, from whom can we learn better than from Her who on the occasion of His first miracle at Cana told the servants "Do what He tells you".

When, family life, the home (where a place for Her

MOTINOS DIENOS PROGA



POV. DIRKIS

Su atgimstančio pavasario grožiu, su besipuošiančia švelniu žalumu gamta, su pirmuoju žibutės žiedeliu, pasaulis sutinka motinos dienos šventę, - šventę, kuriai nėra lygios, taip kaip nėra pasauly ir brangesnio asmens už motiną. Tai gražiausias vardas pasauly, gražiausias žodis žmonių kalboje - motina! Atrodo, toks kuklūs žodis - motina, bet kiek daug jame glūdi meilės, supratimo, pasiaukojimo ir gilios reikšmės. Kiek daug jis mums pasako. Tai stebuklingas žodis, kurį pirmutinį ištaria mažutis vaikelis; žodis, kuris lieka mūsų lūpose visą gyvenimą. Taria tą šventą žodį vaikelis, paauglys; suaugęs vyras ir žilas senelis - su didele meile ir pagarba.

Užtat neveltui Dievas yra paski-
ręs motinoms kilniausią ir garbin-

giausią pareigą: atnaujinti pasaulį, gaivinti jį naujaja gyvybe. Motina yra pirmoji ne tik gimdytoja savo vaiko, bet ir pirmoji maitintoja, mokytoja, auklėtoja ir globėja. Nuo jos priklauso augančio kūno ir dvasios sveikata. Nuo jos priklauso visa žmogaus ateitis.

Rašytoja Ožėškienė savo veikale taip rašo apie motiną: "Motina yra aukščiausia vaidilutė šeimoje, iš jos krūtinės plaukia į vaiko krūtinę pirmutinis gerų arba blogų gemalų šaltinis, iš jos minties į kūdikio galvą pereina pirmutinis šviesos ir žinių spindulys, iš jos širdies į nepažįstančią dar savęs širdį trykšta saldybės ir būsimos šaunumo versmės. Motinos žodžiai skamba vaiko ir žmogaus sielos gelmėje per kiaurą, nors ilgiausią ir audringiausią gyvenimą, jos balsas tai niekad neužmirštama

harmonija".

Švęsdami ir minėdami Motinos dieną, mes pastatome dėmesio centrą mūsų motinas ir reiškiamo joms savo didelę pagarbą, meilę ir padėką, mes iškeliamo motinas į tą aukštumą, kuri tikrai joms priklauso mūsų visuomenėje, mes tolygiai prisimeiname ir mūsų tėvų šali - Lietuvą motiną, jos nueitą kryžiaus kelią praeityje, ir dabar nešamą našta raudonųjų vergovėje.

Esame tikri, kad dabartinė Lietuvos motina nepaluš, kaip nepalušotoji motina, kuri anais spaudos uždraudimo laikais pati išliko religinga ir tautiniai gyva ir savo vaikams įkvėpė tas didžiąsias brangenybes išlaikyti ir dėl jų kovoti. Tikime, kad ateis diena, kada skausmas ir liūdesys pasikeis džiaugsmu, ir vėl šeimos meilė ir laimė spindės rasos skaistumu.

(MY QUEEN, MY MOTHER!)

image is hard to come by), mother-love, have been impregnated with selfishness; when the world's atmosphere is full of the poisonous fumes of the \$\$\$\$\$\$, of speed, ease and pleasure and its inhabitants are gasping for life giving air of warmth, tranquility and love, - could it be that She has left us. What a lie! The world! Men! We have left Her. Together with the unbelievers of Her Son's day, we could be saying, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" We hope not. We should know better!

Is there a de-emphasis of devotion to Her in the Church. You used to say your Rosary during mass on Sunday. Now, you're busy with sheets and cards, reading, singing and listening to the commentator. No more time to finger your beads? Well, you see, the Church is Christ in the world. You are a member of that living Christ. At Mass on Sunday, it is Christ who prays and offers Himself. You as a member of His body should pray and offer yourself with Him. And if you are listening attentively you would again hear Mary say, "Do whatever He tells you". You too would be awed, as those

at the miracle of Cana were, at the miracle that takes place on our altars at Mass, the bread becoming Christ's Body and the wine His Precious Blood.

The beautiful month of May, the month of the resurrection of all nature, is dedicated to Her from whom sprang the flesh, whose Resurrection broke the very gates of heaven to open the glorious world of God's eternal Kingdom for all. It is a not an opportunity for a one time dedication of ourselves to Her loving person. It is more a time to come nearer, to re-learn and expand our original knowledge of Her, to stretch a month into a year, a year into a lifetime of filial devotion, so that when we need Her we will know that we are near Her.

You, either because of the Church's precept or your own free choice, set aside a definite time for prayerful participation at Mass with our Brother, Christ. Find a special time in your routine for His Mother's Rosary. It will become one of the most comforting, most relaxing and most productive periods of your day. My day will become Mary's day. Our day, Christ's day. Christ's day is eternity. An eternity of love!

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

This poem was written after Albert Cardinal Meyer's death by the Rev. Emmett Regan, an assistant pastor at Holy Name Cathedral and associate editor of its monthly publication, Cathedral Calendar:

"WHO WAS HE?"

Who was he -
 this quiet cardinal of Chicago?
 He was the bishop
 whose first public act
 was to clothe the poor of the city.
 He was the archbishop
 who spoke out for all his people.
 He was the cardinal
 who went to Rome
 and stomped down Saint Peter's aisle
 to demand freedom of conscience for all.
 He was your father
 and mine.
 A great man -
 A kind priest -
 A gentle shepherd -
 A mighty cardinal -
 with deeper thoughts
 not just for Chicago
 but for the world;
 not only for Catholics
 but for every Jew
 and Protestant -
 yea! every child of God.
 Yet very few knew him -
 his fishing companions,
 the boys he clothed,
 his priest conferees,
 his barber,
 but who else!
 He's gone now -
 And there is a big gaping hole -
 not just in Chicago
 but in the whole world!
 Albert Meyer is dead!



HIS EMINENCE ALBERT CARDINAL MEYER

Born — March 9, 1903
 Ordained — July 11, 1926
 Consecrated 6th Bishop of Superior, Wisc., Feb. 22, 1946
 Archbishop of Milwaukee, July 21, 1953
 Archbishop of Chicago, October 29, 1958
 Created Cardinal Priest, Dec. 17, 1959
 Died April 9, 1965

Albert Cardinal Meyer, archbishop of the Chicago archdiocese, died on Friday, April 9, 1965, and was laid to eternal rest on April 14th after a funeral that symbolized his personal crusade for meaningful change in traditions of the Roman Catholic Church. Tens of thousands of persons paid a final, silent tribute to the archbishop along the route of the fu-

neral procession from Holy Name Cathedral to a cemetery plot at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois. Among the mourners at the requiem mass were James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles; Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York; Joseph Cardinal Ritter of St. Louis; Lawrence Cardinal Sheehan of Baltimore; Paul-Emile Car-

dinal Leger of Montreal; Guiseppe Cardinal Ferretto of Italy, a member of the Vatican Curia; Welfare Secretary Anthony Celebrezze, personal representative of President Johnson; Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois; Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago and dozens of other public officials plus great numbers of the Cardinal's own flock and many members of other denominations.

ALGERD'S MELODY RANCH

The Role of Brigadier Morales in the Opera Carmen was sung by Algerd Brazis at Chicago's Goodman Theatre last year.



TONY YUKNIS

Aldona and Algerd Brazis, our fellow Knights, and their four daughters make up a family of six musicians which displays talents that's hard to beat. The "Melody Ranch" instrumentalists play the accordion, piano, violin and banjo. Besides, there are singers, actors and glamorous models to boot.

Boss Algerd was born in St. Michaels parish on Chicago's north side. He showed talent at an early age. "As a kid I tried to beat out the sopranos", Al jovially recalls. Then he strained to out-do Jack Benny on the violin and everybody on the banjo. Soon the family moved to the west suburban town of Cicero and the old neighbors were happy, apparently. Presently they are living in Justice (Ill.), where more traffic tickets are issued than in Chicago.

Having graduated from Morton High School and Morton Junior College, Algerd decided to become a lawyer. So he "fiddled" his way through Kent and De Paul law schools. But he seemed to get more enjoyment from singing a few bars instead of being admitted before one. It was old stuff for him to serve at the bar in his lounge business.

Dimitri Onofrei, voice teacher, was instrumental in making a polished

singer out of him. "To him belongs the credit for my success or failure", the baritone conceded.

After touring Europe with Pirmyn Chorus in 1939, Algerd returned to land his first leading opera role in Chicago's Goodman theatre. The next year he made an important decision.

Pianist Aldona Sokas played at his rehearsals and performances. So Algerd asked her to make beautiful music together with him. They were married in St. Anthony's church after she agreed to become his accompanist for life.

Then fortune smiled upon Algerd. He won the auditions of the San Carlo and Chicago opera companies. Chicago signed him up to a three-year contract. "Then I was drafted into the service", he lamented. The Army tank corps claimed him, "But all I did was sing", he explained.

Back to civilian life "Baritone Al" won the Mid-West auditions for the New York City Center Opera, getting the lead role in Cavalleria Rusticana.

Algerd's recital in New York's Carnegie Hall was a huge success in 1951. This resulted in Rudolf Bing signing him for three years with the Metropolitan Opera. So Al sang in 275 performances in that time. He sang over radio and television networks.

After leaving the Met, he toured the country. Upon returning home, Algerd won the Lyric Opera auditions.

Orchestra Hall was the site of his Chicago recital. At the following reception, Judge John Gutknect (Later the State's Attorney), was present to dine with his former law pupil.

Eldest daughter, Beverly, gave a piano recital on commencement day at Rosary College. She taught French at Blue Island's Eisenhower High School before she married commercial artist Leonard Block.

Donna, almost 18, is a professional model when she is not playing the piano.

The expert piano players and accordionists are Marilyn, 13, and Susan, 11.

Mother and Daddy Brazis belong to Chicago's Marquette Council 112 of the K of L. Though Algerd still has to take time out from his business to fulfill singing engagements in many places, he still finds time to work for the Knights. He was chairman of the Illinois-Indiana District's Golden Jubilee banquet, golf day, and closing banquet for the Knight's 51st National Convention.

Ona Skever and Algerd concluded the Convention with melodious songs. It makes us happy to know, that for some people, life is but a song.

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

YOUNGSTOWN SENIORS THOUGH SMALL IN NUMBERS SHOW PLENTY OF ACTIVITY AND SPIRIT

A group of twenty fervent members make up the roster as of now of our Youngstown K of L Seniors Council #111. The Council though small in membership numbers, makes up in true loyal K of L spirit and loyalty, although practically all are fresh neophytes in our organization. In the comparative short space of only four months since its organization, the Council has already achieved notable success in its endeavors.

Since our last correspondence from our Council that appeared in the March issue of our "Vytis", your Correspondent from Youngstown has the honor to present the following latest news - in chronological order:

During our Feb. 21st meeting, held at the parish hall, immediately after our sponsored 47th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence Commemoration, two new candidates for membership were presented, voted upon and accepted into our Council, Walter and Loretta Blums from New Wilmington, Pa., (eighteen miles east of Youngstown). Both are former refugees, who had met and married in one of the refugee camps in Germany. Mr. Blums is a Latvian and Mrs. Blums a Lithuanian. Mrs. Blums was accepted as a full member of our organization and Mr. Blums as a "social" member. Both will be great as-

sets to our council, being well versed in Lithuanian cultural aspects.

March 7th in Youngstown was really a memorable day. During impressive St. Casimir Day rites our Council "hosted" 16 hardy Senior members, who braved the blizzard to represent the Cleveland Seniors council, in joint observance of the day. During Holy Mass, Rev. Father John Maceka, pastor of our Lithuanian St. Francis of Assisi church, rendered a wonderful sermon on the life of St. Casimir, crowned with a stirring moral lesson from our Patron's life. All the members of both councils received Holy Communion, and after services they gathered in the parish hall for a wonderful "banquet", that was tastefully prepared by our lady members and graciously served - practically all our lady members deserve a great big "thank you" for their generous and untiring efforts. Special thanks to Mrs. Mary Marks and Mrs. Alice Strines our chief "chefs", and also many thanks to Joseph Strines and Stanley Marks who stayed up practically the whole previous night preparing the hall and setting up the tables and chairs. Walter Andrews is most certainly worthy of thanks for his share as chairman of the committee in charge. The program was conducted ably by our President - Vincent Ed. Pavis, who presented as speakers our pastor Father Maceka, our guest speaker Honorary Member Joseph Sadauskas and Anthony Buknis, President of the Cleveland Seniors. Father

Maceka, in his address showed remarkable knowledge on the life of St. Casimir, citing many historical facts of those days. Many thanks to Father Maceka for his wonderful interest in our Lithuanian culture, history and traditions. Joseph Sadauskas, as always, gave a stirring typical K of L address, and Anthony Buknis thanked our Council in the name of his Cleveland Council for our wonderful hospitality. The speakers table was masterfully decorated by Mrs. Alice Strainis and her daughter Joanne. It was covered with a two tiered silk sheered skirt. The center-piece was yellow daffodils flanked by two beautiful cut-glass candelabras. The other tables were also decorated with yellow daffodils.

After the dinner and program the hall was prepared for Youngstown's first ritual exemplification. During the ceremonies fourteen Youngstown members were inducted into their First Degree. Vincent Ed. Pavis (4th Degree member) served as chairman, his wife, Stella F. Pavis, also a 4th degree member, served as Ritual secretary. From Cleveland Joseph Sadauskas and Anthony Maciokas served as the candidates' examining committee; George Kuzas and Mrs. Rose Sadauskas as candidates' preparatory committee. As inner and outer guards Mrs. Pikturna and Mrs. Milas executed their duties with proper decorum. The fourteen Youngstown members that were inducted honorably into their First Degree were as



L to R: Joseph Sadauskas, Vincent Pavis, Rev. John Maceka and Joseph Strainis, at St. Casimir Day Luncheon.



In the Left Foreground, Mrs. Mary Marks, Chief Chef for The Luncheon. Anthony Mačiokas of Cleveland is next to her.

Marija, Marija

POV. DIRKIS



Ma-ri-ja, Ma-ri-ja, skaisčiausia le-



li-ja! Tu švie-ti aukštai ant dan-gaus!



Pa-lengvink vergi-ją! Pa-gelbėk žmo-



ni-ją! Iš-gel-bėk nuo priešo bai-saus!

Lietuva yra Marijos, Dievo Motinos, žemė. Lietuviai kuomet kreipiasi į Mariją, prašydami jos globos arba užtarimo, visuomet gieda šią giesmę "Marija, Marija..". Mes,

Vyčiai, ir dabar gana dažnai čia Chicagoje, bažnyčiose pasibaigus mišioms girdime giedant tą giesmę. Ir kuomet iš maldininkų krūtinų išsiveržia garsiausiai "Marija, Mari-

ja", tuomet visų bažnyčioje esančių žmonių sudreba širdys. Iš to išeina, kad ši giesmė yra dideliai reikšminga ir populiari lietuvių tautoje. Ji reikšminga ir pas Dievą. Ši giesmė yra dar nesena. Ji sukurta ir harmonizuota dar tik prieš keliasdešimt metų. Jos autorium laikomas a. a. Lietuvos genialus poetas prelatas Mačiulis-Maironis.

O jos harmonizatorium muzikas Juozas Naujalis.

Giesmei "Marija, Marija" išvydus pasaulį, ji buvo tuojaus katalikų bažnyčios ierarchijos pripažinta tinkama bažnyčiai ir leista ją vartoti visose Lietuvos katalikų bažnyčiose. Jokia kita tauta tokios giesmės teksto neturi. Užtat, mes lietuviai, tikrai didžiuojamės ne tik taja giesme, bet ir jos autorium Maironiu, kuris paliko katalikų bažnyčiai tikrą šedevrą, o sau pasistatė amžiną paminklą, kurio ir pragaro galybė nesugriaus.

(IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO)

follows: Walter Andrews (Andrijauskas), Mrs. Ann Andrews (andrijauskas - nee Lukašičtė), Mrs. Helen Andrews (Andrijauskas - nee Paleckičtė), Mrs. Loretta Blums - nee Vilimaitė), William (Bill) Magolis, Mrs. Mary Halyak (nee Pavis), Stephen P. and his wife Rose J. Janis, Stanley and his wife Mary Marks (Markauskas), Joseph P. and his wife Alice Strines (Strainis) and Mrs. Ann Yurchison (nee Saboniūtė). Congratulations to all fourteen celebrants. May they all earn the necessary points and receive their Second Degree in our order next year.

Our next Council meeting was held Sunday, March 28th at the spacious home of our Council treasurer and his wife, Stepen P. and Rose J. Janis, who received all of us most hospitably and after the meeting regaled all with a wonderful and tasty repast. Most heart felt thanks to our wonderful hosts.

Apart from the regular proceed-

ings of the meeting, our Council's much needed completion in the selection of its complete body of officers, and the selection of chairmen or chairladies for the various Council permanent committees was completed. To the Board of Council officers three Trustees were elected, namely - Walter Andrews, William Magolis and Mrs. Helen Andrews. As Sergeant-at-Arms - James Yurchison was the Council's unanimous choice. To the various committee posts the Chair appointed the following members as chairmen or chairladies of their respective committees. It is felt that the following are singularly well qualified to lead their respective committees. To the Council's Lithuanian Affairs committee Mrs. Ann Yurchison was entrusted with its guidance. To the Council's Lithuanian Cultural committee, Mrs. Loretta Blums was appointed. Mrs. Rose J. Janis was appointed to head the Council's Public Relations committee and William (Bill) Magolis to head the Council's

Sports and Hobbies committee. The Council's Ritual committee, Vincent Ed. Pavis, as chairman, and his wife, Stella F. Pavis as secretary. Other members of the Ritual committee are Joseph P. Strainis, Stanley Marks and Mrs. Ann Andrews. The appointed chairmen or chairladies of the above named committees were authorized to select their own assistants to their committees of two or more members as needed.

The next meeting of our Council was decided to be held on Sunday, April 25th at the residence of our Council trustee, Mrs. Helen Andrews, whose kind invitation was most warmly accepted. A very unusual fact in our council is that from the inception of the council, every meeting and every function, has been almost 100% attended by our very enthusiastic membership. Also they are all always willing to pitch in and do their best for their Council's benefit. Valio Vyčiai - Youngstowniečiai!

Stella Pavis

CONGRATULATIONS TO A SILVER JUBILARIAN

Rev. John C. Jutt - Born in Westfield, Mass.

Ordained - St. Michaels Cathedral, Springfield, Mass. on May 18, 1940.

1st Mass - St. Casimir Church - Westfield, Mass.

National Spiritual Advisor of the Knights of Lithuania for 5 years.

Originator of the Committee on Lithuanian Affairs and now Honorary Chairman.

Currently Pastor of St. Francis in Athol and Spiritual Advisor of C-10.



Lithuanians in The News



Soloists at the Operetta "The MerryWidow".



Ponia O. Kajeckienė vaišina panelę Peggy Rusk, Valstybės Sekretoriaus dukterį; viduryje jų matyti (su akiniais) panelę Paula McCathran (panelės Rusk draugė), panelės Helen Pavilonytės iš Valst. Departamento galva, p-lė Carol Lippincott (su stiklu ir lėkšte) - stovi kairėje p-lės Rusk.

Chicago, Ill... A Lithuanian version of Franz Lehar's operetta, "The Merry Widow", was presented by the International Theatre of Chicago on April 4th, at the Maria High School Auditorium. More than one thousand patrons saw the gay, musical performance.

Soprano Christine Bartulis of Chicago Lithuanian Opera and Alice Stephens Choir, performed as Sonia. Opposite her was baritone Algerd Brazis, formerly three seasons with New York's Metropolitan Opera and presently with the Lyric Opera, who played the part of Danilo.

Geraldine Mikuzis was Natalia, while Paul Pokorni took the role of Kamile. Both performers are with Lyric Opera.

A former member of the Latvian Drama Theatre, Edward Radvila, acted as Popoff. The comic of the Lithuanian Opera, Vacys Petrauskas, was Njegus.

William Wolski was the producer and director. His co-producer was Mrs. Orsia Pokorni. Via the International Theatre they have produced operettas in six different languages.

The choreographer was Keith Allison. Orchestrations and chorus were by members of the Lyric Opera.

After the performance the entire troupe and other guests were invited to a buffet supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Algerd Brazis. Their daughters and son-in-law pitched in to accommodate the guests.

T.Y.

MEET YOUR

After completing her studies at Drake Business College, our National Financial Secretary, Eleanor Sakevich, worked as a legal secretary until her marriage. Her chief hobbies now are her husband Joseph, daughter Anna Marie and sons Joseph Jr. and Edward. Her other interests are sewing and the collecting of recordings, especially Lawrence Welk - Her favorite. Eleanor joined the K of L (Newark Council 29) in 1948 and earned her Second Degree by serving on numerous committees and as the treasurer of her council. As she currently lives sixty miles from Newark, it is often most difficult to participate in K of L activities, but she and her husband do manage to attend as often as possible. It is their hope that a K of L council will be organized in their home town of Bricktown. Eleanor has attended all national conventions with the exception of two time-outs to have her children. Other than the K of L, she is active in the Girl Scouts as a Troop Organizer, belongs to the PTA, is a class mother for both sons and on Sundays, she is a substitute Catechism teacher at the Sacred Heart Parish in Bay Head. Our National Secretary says that joining the K of L has repaid her in many ways - besides having fun and meeting many different people, she met the most important person in her life - her husband, Joseph.

RECORDING SECRETARY



ELEANOR SAKEVICH

TRUSTEE



JOSEPH DRUMSTAS

Joseph Drumstas, one of our two National Trustees, has attended all nine national conventions since joining the K of L (Worcester Council 26) in 1955. By working on numerous committees, helping to reactivate C-26's Variety Shows, participating in the St. Casimir's Day Commemorations, working on the 1960 national convention committee and serving as his council's president for two years, he earned his Third Degree. However the K of L does not claim all of Joe's time, as he is the current Commander of the Lithuanian War Veterans Organization. He resides with his mother and sister, Eleanora in Worcester. Another sister, Pauline Garnevich and his brothers, Algird and John also live in Worcester. After completing Worcester Boys Trade School, he studied at the Aircraft and Engineer Mechanics School and the Northeast Broadcasting School and is currently employed as a Jet metalsmith at the Pratt and Whitney Corporation in East Hartford, Conn. Joe enjoys sports and actively participates in skiing, bowling (K of L high average for the last three years) and a member of the Catholic Mens' League Champion team, and basketball (coach of the St. Casimir's C.Y.C. Basketball Champs). A multi-talented person, our trustee from Worcester organized the "Joe D's Combo" and plays a "mean" bass with the group that provides delightful entertainment at weddings, dances and socials.

SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICERS

TRUSTEE



WALTER SVEKLA

Our second National Trustee, Walter Svekla, resides with his parents in Philadelphia and earns his living as a Material Engineer at the Frankfort Arsenal in Phillie. To qualify for this position he earned a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree at Villanova University and is currently working for his Master of Science in Engineering Management at Drexel Institute of Technology. He has also studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at the Rock Island Arsenal. In 1957, Walt joined the K of L (Philadelphia Council 3) and earned his Third Degree by serving as the New York-New Jersey District Ritual Chairman, his council's president, vice-president, trustee, financial secretary, spiritual chairman and is currently the council treasurer. Since 1958, he attended all national convention except the one held in Detroit. Council 3 is famous for their Minstrel Shows and Walt has performed in two of the shows. Studying the culture of the eastern European countries, folk dancing and singing, sports, especially basketball, bowling and softball take up much of Walt's spare moments. But as witnessed by Walt's frequent visits to many K of L cities and councils, Walt enjoys the travel involved with his job and visiting with his friends throughout the states.

LEGAL ADVISOR

Konstant Savickus, a resident of Chicago, has served as our National Legal Advisor for many years and has always most willingly advised the Supreme Council officers and others on legal matters. He is well qualified for the position as he has been the Assistant Corporation Council for the City of Chicago for the past six years. Prior to acquiring this position, he was an Assistant State's Attorney for the State of Illinois for 12 years. He received his law education at Northwestern University. Konnie, as he is better known to friends, joined the K of L (Chicago Council 5) in 1930. Among his activities in our organization were terms as the VYTIS Editor and the manager of the K of L Press. In 1935, he went to Kaunas, Lithuania with the U. S. Olympic Basketball Team. After the games, he agreed to remain as an Instructor for 2 years. In 1938, at the request of the Lithuanian government he returned to the Physical Education College in Lithuania and taught swimming and physical education for six months. Konnie maintains an interest in sports, enjoys swimming and is a low-handicap golfer. He is an avid art collector and painter, with his current collection numbering ninety paintings. It is a rare Chicago-area K of L Banquet, St. Casimir's Day or "Memories of Lithuania" Commemoration that Konnie does not attend either as a guest or as the master-of-ceremonies.



KONSTANT SAVICKAS

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OFFICIAL NEWS

VYTIS DEADLINES

June - July issue - May 25th, Pre-Convention issue.
August-September - Convention issue, No Council News.
October - deadline, September 5th, VYTIS 50th Anniversary issue.

November issue - deadline, October 5th.
December issue - deadline, November 5th.

REQUEST FROM RECORDING SECRETARY

A listing of council officers cannot be prepared until every active council submits an officers' roster to the Recording Secretary. If you have not already done so, please send your list to: Eleanor Sakevich, 111 Crescent Drive, Bricktown, N.J.

Persons requiring council officers' names and addresses should send their inquires to Eleanor.

NOTICE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY

In order to insure delivery of VYTIS, please send your name, old address and new address to the Financial Secretary.

Application cards and member record sheets are available without charge from the 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)

Contact Johanna Jakunas, Financial Secretary, 4357 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60632 for additional information.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION!

- ***Convention dates: August 5 - 8, 1965
- ***Convention site: Statler Hilton Hotel,
Los Angeles, California
- ***Convention host: Knights of Lithuania,
Council # 133 and the Seniors

***Convention Committee Chairman: -
Mr. Leonard Valiukas
Post Office Box 77048
Los Angeles, California, 90007

Each and every member of the Knights of Lithuania will receive a letter in May with more information about the convention from the 1965 National Convention Committee.

***If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Leonard, the convention committee Chairman.

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.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RULES

Earn FIVE points can still be earned 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.

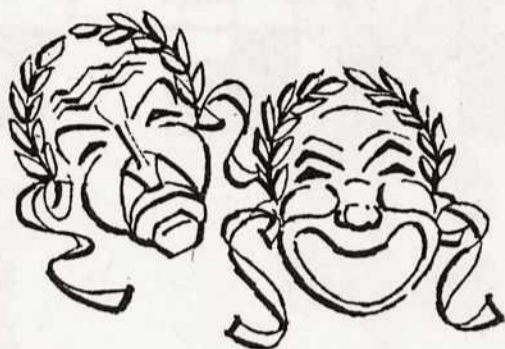
As an individual, you are also eligible to earn an ADDITIONAL 100 points for:

- 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.

CULTURAL C O R N E R



Retrospectively, 1964 was the long, hot summer to some people, but to the Lithuanians it was quite memorable one. For the successful Lithuanian Day Program at the New York World's Fair and the Lithuanian Cross which gave us uncalculated propaganda. We can be grateful to our former Cultural Committee Chairman Jack Stukas. He not only publicized the name of Lithuania, but also gave our K of L a good bit of prestige among our fellow Lithuanians. Na, žiūrėk, ką Vyčiai padarė! We must always be aware and self-conscious of the fact that our fellow country-men are the first to criticize us as "good-time Charlies" and that we must keep our motto in front of us constantly so that we might say - yes, we might have our good times, but look what we have accomplished propaganda-wise for the cause of Lithuania.

To begin with, 1965 has started out on the right foot and promises to be quite fruitful. The Great Neck Council has taken part in the Folk Festival which is presented in their Junior High School and the K of L Chorus of Chicago is going to participate in the 25 anniversary of Lithuania's occupation in a grandiose rendition of Verdi's Requiem at McCormick Place Theatre on June 13th. This happens to be the great showplace of Chicago, seating 7,000 and will get very wide coverage from the American press. Of course, I am not implying that our chorus is so good that it's putting on this spectacular, but, they are joining in with the Chicago Lithuanian Opera to contribute their bit in the commemoration of Lithuania's tragic event. If you're planning to attend, get in touch with your Chicago friends for tickets now!

Speaking of the World's Fair, the Lithuanian Cross has been uncovered from its long winter's nap in plastic and a group of 50 Liths in costume partook in the opening ceremonies of 1965 on April 21st. We made such an impression upon the New York newspapers and the World's Fair directors that they said we drew the largest crowd at the fair of all events in 1964. They're asking us to repeat it, but due to the fact that there's much much practise etc. involved, we're going to have a combined Baltic Day with the Estonians and Latvians on Labor Day weekend. However, there will be a commemoration around June 15th, to remind the fair-goers that 25 years ago, Lithuania was forcibly annexed by Soviet Russia. Watch your Lithuanian papers for dates and time and make it your duty to attend and represent the K of L

either in Chicago or in New York for this commemoration.

Cleanings from my files show me that the first school teacher in New York City was a Lithuanian, Petras Kurcius, and as usual the Poles tried to claim him by renaming him Kurczewski. Of one thing we are certain, the Polish did establish the first saloon in New York City. Proof? Space doesn't permit it here in this article, but some day I'll devote an article to it as Fr. John did in proving that Kosciusko was also a Lithuanian. If you get into an argument, write me.

The Ateitininkai had a concert at their convention in New York and a trio from Cleveland sang a Lith? folk song that went like this: 'O, ne, - neleiskit lietui lyt... nes aš mažas kreivas žmogeliukas ... ir mano kreivo namelio stogas kiauras ... kas daryt. (Crooked little man?) This is just what our committee member Faustas Strolia suggested we do at the National Convention! Let's get with it! Thru translations if not originals we might make a Lithuanian song a hit.

Of course, during this month of May we will never forget that Pope Pius XI was the only pope to have visited Lithuania and after seeing her countless wayside shrines and churches dedicated to Our Lady, he called it "Terra Marianum". And not in vain! Lithuania boasts four major shrines which are miraculous and recognized by the church: AUŠROS VARTAI, miraculous picture above the Eastern Gate to the City of Vilnius; PAŽAISLIS, miraculous picture at the monastery there; another picture at the famed pilgrimage shrine of ŽEMAIČIŲ KALVARIJA and last, and to us the most familiar, OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA. The devotion of the people to Mary during the months of May and October when the peasants gathered around their wayside shrines and May altars caused him to declare it: "The Land of Mary". No other country has been given this distinction by a Pope!

The British Isles have come out with a version of the Siberian Prayerbook. It has so far been published in Russian, Chinese, Spanish, Dutch, German, Italian and American English. Since our president Helen Shields has called us to participate in the World Day of Prayer for Lithuania on May 13th, could we not popularize the English version among our friends, libraries, Catholic Press on this date? Copies are available from Draugas, Darbininkas and the Sisters of Immaculate Conception, Putnam, Conn.

It is always interesting to follow the trend of the Liturgical renewal going on in the Catholic Church. Especially now that a Msgr. F. Wasner, is adapting the music of the natives of the Fiji Islands to the liturgy. St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia is advocating Jazz music in the Mass. But there are still Lithuanian parishes and pastors who are reluctant to request permission for the vernacular (in this case Lithuanian) in their parishes! Bishop Brizgys, relates that the Spanish in South America have translated our "Pulkim ant Kelių", for their own edification and I'm sorry to report that there are parishes in the U.S. where it is no longer heard. Some choir directors urge the use of Negro Spirituals in the Mass. I'm just waiting for the day when our people wake up to their our cultural heritage of fine old Lithuanian tested and true melodies and hymns.

JOSEPH YANULAITIS
CULTURAL CHAIRMAN

JUNIOR NEWS



CAMP DAINAVA CALLING



Dear Parents:

The bustling hub of the Camp Planning Committee of the Mid-Central District is once again making plans this summer to sponsor a Youth Camp at Camp Dainava, located on beautiful rolling hills near Manchester, Michigan. August 15 to 22, is reserved for the District Youth Camp of the Knights of Lithuania. All children from 8 to 16 years are invited. This camp is NOT limited to K of L'ers alone. Any child of Lithuanian descent is welcome. Whether you live East, West, North or South - Come One, Come All!

We are making an appeal especially to all K of L parents to take an interest and active part in encouraging their child and/or children to attend the K of L Youth Camp. With many Junior Councils being non-existent and of those that do exist some are inactive or even being liquidated, this camp project is the only link with our Lithuanian Youth. Our purpose is not to "high pressure" you that your child MUST go to camp, but ask any youngster who has been there and you will find these campers ready, eager and willing to go back again this summer. In fact some have called it their second home. Yes, it is a home - a Lithuanian home where your children can be with their own kind. Youngsters will have fun learning to sing and to dance the dances our grandparents enjoyed in their fields and beautiful meadows. There will also be arts and crafts which are filled with fun and interest, as well as swimming, fishing, games and other activities.

Wedge into the program as fringe benefits are plans for giving each camper opportunities for self improvement. We call this the "point system" whereby prizes are given for various achievements. The camp program consists of a qualified director at its head as well as a group of well-trained counselors. A trained life guard

and two assistants are on duty.

"Dainava" the picturesque Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation Youth Camp is located approximately 65 miles west of Detroit, Michigan. In attendance at all times during the summer are the Sisters of Immaculate Conception (Lithuanian) of Putnam, Conn. and visiting Catholic Chaplains. Camp Dainava will have a new and beautiful chapel this summer. Awaiting the parents will be a new building for lodging which is near completion. There will be a new section of the lake awaiting our youngsters. There just won't be any time for boredom.

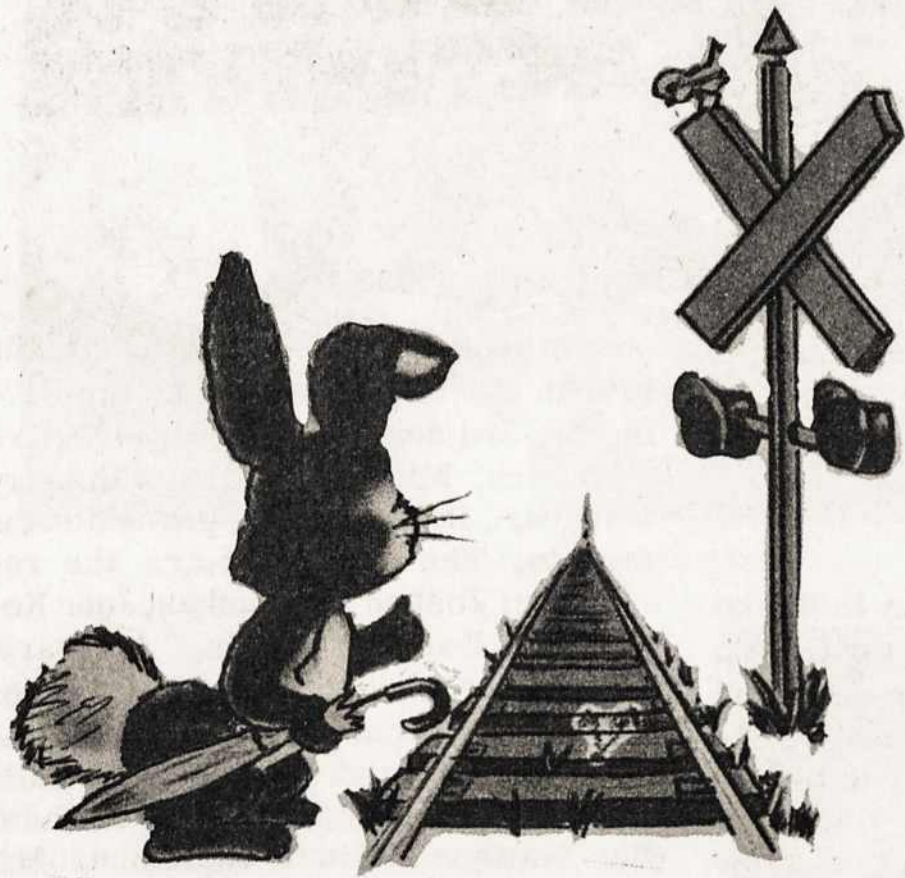
It is expected that out-of-state children will be accompanied by at least one counselor parent from each locality. Children are encouraged to bring musical instruments and sports equipment. Those planning to attend must submit a doctor's certificate attesting to the child's fitness to participate in sports. A deposit of \$5.00 is required for each child registered. The all-inclusive fee for the first child of a K of L'er is \$25.00, \$20.00 for the second child and each additional child in the family.

Applications are available upon request by writing to the Camp Chairman, Joseph Kazlauskas, 19183 Trinity, Detroit, Michigan - 48219. Detroit area requests for applications are being accepted by calling KE 5-8455 or VE 5-2280. Parents wishing to make reservations for their boys and girls should do so NOW. Please note: Although the one-week camp session is sponsored by the Mid-Central District of Knights of Lithuania, ANY CHILD of Lithuanian descent from ages 8 to 16 is invited to attend.

We shall be awaiting you.

Sophie M. Zager
Camp Planning committee sec'y.

WANTED: NEWS FROM OUR JUNIOR COUNCILS!



MISS THE LAST ONE?
WELL...
THERE IS JUST
ONE MORE
COMING ALONG!

YES, WE HAVE ONE LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP K of L MEMBERS FOR POINTS IN THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

Let's make a fast review of the potential...

- ...Present members, whose dues should be collected,
- ...Former members, whose interest should be revived,
- ...New Lithuanian arrivals, who can contribute so much to our culture and language,
- ...Young people, students, who can add variety and new vigor to our activities,
- ...Juniors, who hold the key to our survival and continued life,
- ...Seniors, who are our continued inspiration from the past.

For our senior members, let us include a paragraph in our dear lietuviška kalba.

Brangūs sendraugiai, visa širdimi prašome, net meldžiame, nenustokite mums duoti ikvėpimą, palaikyti lietuvybę per Vyčių organizaciją; nenustokite duoti mums pavyzdį, kaip palaikyti ir padidinti narystę. Manome, kad ir gana sukurtintų mūsų jaunesnius narius, jei kelios sendraugių kuopos laimėtų medalioną, dėl narystės padidinimo, per ateinantį seimą.

Most of our councils have a much larger market to work with and should take note of the dedicated efforts of that "Mighty Mite" Senior council from Youngstown. They didn't say "it can't be done", they did it.

We have one last chance... May 1st through June 30th, to enroll, re-activate, re-organize and be eligible for the awards. Five points for each individual new member can go toward making you and the K of L a winner.

Eleanore Laurin
2nd Vice President

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Edited by Mrs. Theresa Strolia, 11747 S. Lafayette, Chicago, Ill. 60628

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. C-102 Dvynukės

It was C-102's pleasure to host the annual Detroit K of L Commemoration of St. Casimir's Feast-day. Chairman Biliunas worked hard to make the event successful. In addition to the Committee, assistance was received from the Rev. J. W. Stanievich, who introduced the guest Speaker, Rev. Wm. Sherzer. He gave a most interesting talk on the New Liturgy, which was followed by a lively question and answer period. We are also most grateful to Vicky Dumbrowskas for her lovely floral arrangement and the ribbons she prepared. The turnout from C-79 & C-139 was gratifying.

St. Casimir's Day was the official debut of the beautiful portrait of St. Casimir that Vicky presented to our Council. After scouring the town, to no avail, she finally obtained the picture in Chicago. This is true K of L spirit!

We extend our congratulations to the parents of Bill Klucens, who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in May.

Our members are counting the days til the Mid-West Bowling Tournament on May 15 and 16th - Y'All Come - now!

Detroit, Mich. C-79 John Kolinske

Our members waded thru deep snow and huge snow drifts to attend the March meeting. We were privileged in hearing an address by our Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Michael Kundrat, on the latest Liturgy of Mass and an explanation of all the changes. Following the business session, we rolled up our sleeves and plunged into learning the art of coloring eggs. Mrs. Aldona Milmantas, was the instructor. The lessons covered the entire range from coloring, to mult-coloring, engraving, and wax artistry. Though our efforts could not match Mrs. Aldona Milmantas' artistry, we were all surprised by the progress we achieved. Needless to say, C-79 members will have the best colored Easter eggs in town.

We journeyd to St. Anthony's Parish to commemorate St. Casimir on Sun., Mar. 7. We thank host council 102 for arranging this inspirational

observance of St. Casimir. At the brunch our council was honor in having the 3rd degree bestowed on 10 new members. Mid-Central Ritual chairman, Mr. Robert Boris, presented the medals. The following are the recipients: Joseph Kazlauskas, John Kolinske, Dorothy Martin, Margaret Nashlon, Elizabeth Petroski, Peter Stanulis, Delphine Stepan, Adeline Vitchus, Bernard Vitchus, and Bolis Walls. Our council wishes to thank the National Ritual chairman, Mr. Edward Daniels, for his prompt and efficient manner in the execution of the duties as National Ritual chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chaps are the proud grandparents of a bouncing baby boy.

We wish Joseph Kazlauskas, who was recently hospitalized, a speedy recovery.

Our heartfelt sorrow is extended to Cassie Bay on the death of her mother.



C-79 New 3rd Degree Members: Front Row L to R: M. Nashlon, L. Stepan, Rev. M. Kundrat, A. Vitchus, E. Petroski, and D. Stepan. Back Row L to R: J. Kolinske, B. Walls, P. Stanulis, C-79, Pre. L. Galinskas, B. Vitchus, and J. Bridgevaitis.



Peter Medonis and His Violins of the Lith. Golden Age Group Sponsored by C-79 Detroit.



Detroit St. Casimir Day. Headliners: L to R: Spiritual Adviser C-102, Rev. W. Stanievich; Mid-Central Ritual Chairman, R. Boris; Spiritual Adviser, C-79, Rev. M. Kundrat, C-79 Pres. L. Galinskas.



C-25 New Second Degree Members.



C-25 New Third Degree Members.

Pittsburgh, Pa. C-19

Mitzi

We're in the process of lining up some passengers for the annual trip to Carey - each year it gets a little harder to get a full bus so we may have to arrive in personal cars - in smaller numbers. At any rate we're expecting to attend the one day spiritual conference of the Mid-Central District in Carey, Ohio. See you all on May 2nd, bright and early.

So far none of our members has talked definitely of attending the Mid-Central bowling tournament the weekend of May 15-16 in Detroit but I can almost wager that our regulars - Julia Aleshunas and Andy Rozger will attend. We hope a few others will be recruited, too.

Anne Aleliunas and Eleanor Aleliunas have a box full of straw ornaments ready to hand on a Christmas tree to be displayed (in May!) at the Lithuanian booth at the annual Syria Mosque Festival of all nations. They've been working hard on them with the help of Eleanor's mother who is trying to recall how she strung them years ago in Lithuania.

So far the members who would like to go to California are only in the talking stage but perhaps some of us will be able to make it. Father Walter is talking about driving!

Dayton, Ohio C-96

Mame

C-96 celebrated Saint Casimir's feast day on Sun. Mar. 7 by attending eight o'clock mass in a body. In conjunction with this day Rev. Titus Narbutas celebrated Mass for the first time on our new altar dedicated to Saint Casimir.

Following Mass breakfast was served in the church hall by the com-



Pres. Al Shigo and Fr. Ivan, Spiritual Advisor C-25, Cleveland.

mittee, consisting of Stanley Kavy, Mike and Fran Petkus and John and Anne Scott. The meal was more than ample and was nicely and efficiently served.

The breakfast was concluded with a program given by our Juniors. The young people each gave a short dissertation on the life of Saint Casimir. The program was completed by musical selections presented by two of the Junior K of L members; Jerry Scott on the accordion and Michael Blum on the piano. The advisors for the Juniors; Rita Ambrose, Elaine Lucas and Judy Petrokas are doing a fantastic job and are giving untiringly of themselves and their time which was evident this day.

March 3 saw the formation of a Religious Discussion group. Our Religious chairman, Pat Zelinskas and John Scott, her assistant, were instrumental in the formation of this group. The first meeting was held at the Scott home, but at Father Titus' suggestion the subsequent meetings are held weekly on Fridays after the evening church services in church hall. I would like to encourage everyone to come for an evening of interesting discussions.

C-96 Knights are getting ready for the Bowling Tournament and held a bowling session on Sunday, Mar. 28. Other Councils beware! We plan to take home the trophy from Detroit.

Mary Lucas, our Cultural chairman, is publishing a Lithuanian recipe each month in our local bulletin, and after Easter she will conduct Lithuanian cooking classes for everyone interested in learning to cook "like Mother used to". On April 4 Mary conducted a class in decorating Easter eggs in the traditional Lithuanian manner - now we are all almost experts.

C-96 is starting this new year as an extremely active Council. Our new officers have great plans for the coming months and with the cooperation of everyone this will be the best year yet!

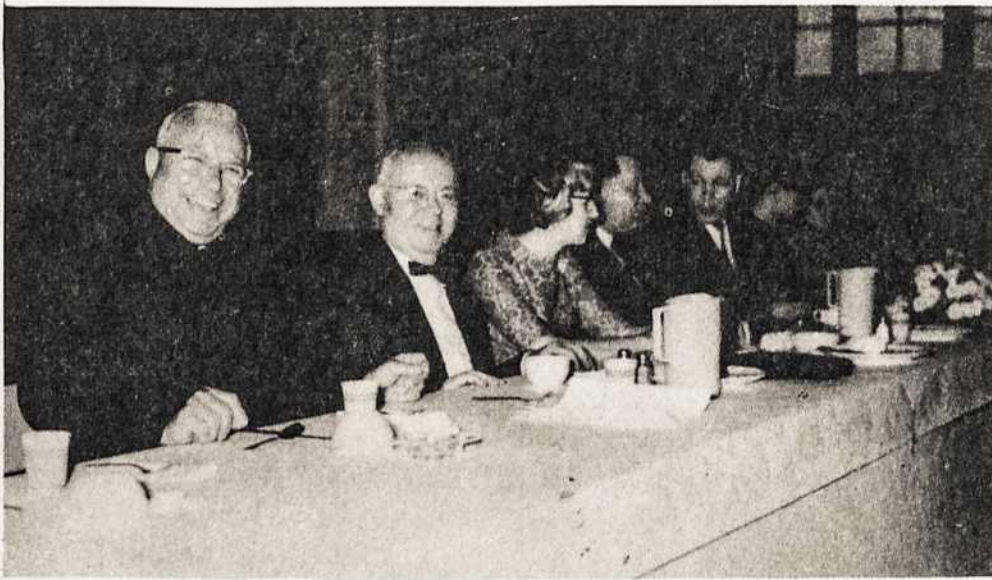
Cleveland, Ohio C-25

Ray

C-25 held their annual St. Casimir Day mass at St. George's Parish. A very good group was on hand for the ceremonies. Following the mass was a meal at one of Cleveland's restaurants. Our monthly meeting was also held that same day at John and Evelyn Andrulis's home.

At the meeting the new degrees were presented. Receiving their first degree were: Ruth Guzauskas and Ray Shigo. Receiving their second were Bill Jakubs, Bruno Barčkus, Adele Svet, Alvina and Pete Luiza, Al and Anna Paskevice, and Andy and Valentina Skarnus. Receiving their third were Gene Kanstitas, John and Evelyn Andrulis, Charles Machutus, and Al Shigo. Congratulations are sent to all.

Council 25 also held a card party recently which turned out very successful. Ursula Yankauskas was the winner of the \$50 dollars raffle prize.



Guests at Waterbury, C-7 St. Casimir Day include: L to R: Rev. A. E. Gradek, Pastor, James Valaitis, Olga Laureckas, Joseph Samoska, Dr. Wm. Shukaitis, Rev. Leonard Kvedas, Nell Diggles, Dorma Gribauskas.



Waterbury C-7's St. Casimir Day. Front Row L to R: Olga Laureckas, Joseph Samoska, Dr. William Shukaitis, and Rev. Leonard Kvedas, Chaplain. Rear L to R: James Valaitis, Dorma Gribauskas, Rev. Raymond Yuskauskas, Nell Diggles.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Lawrence, Mass. C-78 Angel

Our officers for 1965 are: President, John Verbickis; vice president Shirley Gobush; secretary, Joan Lisauskas; treasurer, Charles Unick.

Congratulations to Brockton's C-1 for a terrific dance on Feb. 20 at the Walkover Club. Our council really enjoyed it.

One of our members, Joan Blazevich, has entered the Sisters of Jesus Crucified in Brockton. C-78 is certainly proud of Joan, and wishes her the best of luck in her new life.

On Mar. 7 we held our Annual Communion Breakfast. Mass was at 9:30 followed by breakfast at the Rolling Green Motor Inn.

C-78 held the District Bowling Rolloffs at the Lawrence Recreation Center on March 28. The members worked hard to make it a success, but were rather disappointed at the small turn out. Are we that far away? Those who did come enjoyed a delicious buffet. On hand for our welcoming committee were Shirley Gobush, and John Verbickis. There was only one universal complaint made - that we get a new mapmaker. On the agenda for summer are hiking, and perhaps a beach party. This will be discussed at our next monthly meeting.

Waterbury, Conn. C-7

The Annual St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast was held Mar. 7, 1965.

All the K of L'ers and guests totaling 130 in number attended the 8

o'clock mass at St. Joseph's church which was celebrated by Rev. Raymond Yuskauskas. A very fine sermon was given by our Rev. Pastor A. E. Grajek.

All the societies of the parish were represented, and a color guard from the K of C was in attendance. At the breakfast after mass the Guest Speaker, Joseph Samoska, was given quite a round of applause. Others on the committee were Dr. Wm. Shukaitis M.C., Wm. Gervickas Chmn., James Valaitis, Albert Planskas, Olga Laureckas.

Louie Blinn's team is still firmly anchored in 1st place in the K of L Bowling league with Nell Diggles' team in 2nd closely followed by E. Puzemis' team.

Birthdays celebrated in March and April are Mar. 17 Patricia Richards, Ann M. Kaitis, Joseph Alisauškas, April 1 Mike Stokes, Apr. 9 Helen Kozak, April 4 Mike Tata.

There is a correction in last month's bulletin Leocadia Sulauskas is Ritual Committee Chairman. The correspondent apologizes for this error.

Athol-Gardner, Mass., C-10

Vincukas

Tidbits: Richard Genaitis is an insurance adjuster as part of the Northeastern University co-op plan for the past 10 weeks... Our Al Rodski has been traveling quite steadily to Millburg the past six months... At our annual St. Casimir's celebration Father Jutt distributed to all present special mementos from the Holy Land... We welcome to our ranks Blanche and Charles Genaitis of Gard-

ner.

The Lithuanian Outing Assoc. of Gardner has quite a bowling league organized. It is the first year, and they were able to recruit 32 bowlers, including several K of L members, plus many spectators.

Member of the Month: I would like to introduce our council's newest member to the readers of VYTIS. Charles Genaitis was born and spent all of his days in Gardner. After graduating from the Gardner school system Charles worked a few years to find his true vocation in life. He eventually received his Bachelor of Science and finally his Master of Education degree at Fitchburg State College. At present he teaches in the Gardner school system.

Besides his many duties at school and home Charlie finds time to work and belong to many societies. He holds membership on the Eagles, Teachers' Assoc., Parent Teachers Assoc., St. Peter and Paul Lithuanian Benevolent Society, Holy Name of Sacred Heart Parish and has been a member of the Church Choir for many years. Charles is kind and always willing to give a helping hand whenever it is needed. He is truly proud of his Lithuanian and Catholic heritage. We hope Charles remains to be an active participant in the K of L for many years.

S. Worcester, Mass. C-116 Onyte

Our Members turned-out in full force to commemorate the feast day of our patron, St. Casimir, on March 7, at a Communion Breakfast. Vite Pigaga, state representative, a former member of our council, was guest speaker. Marion Kukason, spiritual

chairman, did all the fretting and worrying. Congratulations for another successful affair that was well planned and executed. It was gratifying to have so many of our juniors taking part in this our most important event in the K of L calendar. Many, many thanks, also to Algy Krasinskas for the fine job of master of ceremonies. His presentation speech overwhelmed us all.

We have two more very important events scheduled for May - our annual military whist card party will be held on the 13th - we sincerely hope all our members will do their utmost to make this a financial success - The second event is The World's Fair Trip on May 30th. This is a joint venture with the newly organized men's club - so get your reservations in early. You surely don't want to miss out on this trip.

The executive board is striving to make this year a successful one, as far as offering diversified entertainment - it only needs your moral support.

The Kielbasy Supper has already been held. Thanks to Mildred and Charles Lapinskas. Who can say that it wasn't a little different than the ordinary social that we usually take part in.

Two of our members are leading the K of L New England District Bowling League. Barbara Mazeika has an average of 102.0 and Bob Paluses with 106.0 - Congratulations - We certainly enjoyed the hospitality at Westfield (delicious meat-ball sandwiches), and also, Lawrence (Franks & Home baked beans - mmm, scrumptious).

We wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Burdulis and Trudy Zibinskas - we are sure that by the time this appears in print, they will be well on their way to complete recoveries from their recent illnesses.

Ann Miller and Richard Swedis are riding around these days in brand new white Impalas... It was nice seeing Dot Glaster at our last meeting - please come to them all - you're being

missed... Gladys Pinkus has returned home, after a sojourn in Spain, where she had been attending a university - Gladys majored in Spanish at college, after graduation she went to Madrid for a year. She has come home with a sparkler on her left hand. Best wishes, Gladys, for much happiness... John Burdulis was home for 30 days leave from the service. The Burdulis family is kept busy with all those hello's and good-bys. Jerry just left for a 2 year tour of duty in Hawaii.

We certainly enjoyed our ski-weekend at King Pine. It was fun from the initial countdown to our successful orbital landing - with all systems "A OK". This yearly trip becomes more popular each year. So get your reservations in early. Don't say we didn't warn you. Frank Ciras is in charge. As group leader he blazed the way for us - he kept saying, "Don't worry, I know the way", (last we saw of him he was still veering off-course). We have many happy memories stored away.

WANTED: Members of C-116 to attend monthly meetings of an excellent organization. No experience necessary. Hours are, the first Monday of the month from 8:15 until approx 9:00 or 9:30 PM. So, "Come on down" to the next meeting. Bring a member. See you all there.

N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

F. V.

Our annual Communion-Breakfast took place on Sun., Mar. 14 in Paterson, N. J. High Mass was celebrated in St. Casimir Church by the Rev. Victor Dabusis. The St. Cecilia Choir, under the direction of Vincent Justas sang during the Mass. The sermon was delivered by Father Dabusis. At the conclusion of the Mass the 4th degree medal was presented to Casimir Strolis of Newark. Breakfast followed in the parish hall, where

Stanley Dutkus was toastmaster. The invocation was given by Rev. Kinta, and talks were given by Father Dabusis, Father Kinta, Al. Wesey, John Kotran, and honorary member Jonas Sprainaitis. The guest speaker was Robert Burrill.

In the afternoon the district meeting was called to order by Al Wesey, president. Greetings were extended by Dorothy Dutkus, on behalf of C-61, hosts for the day. The invocation was offered by the Rev. Eugene Wassel of Philadelphia. Casimir Strolis gave a report on Lithuanian Affairs activity, urging one and all to put more effort into this activity. Frank Vaskas spoke on publicity, stressing that while we are deeply grateful to the Lithuanian press for publishing the doings of the organization, we should turn our eyes to another area, the American press. From time to time we should send in items of our activities to the local American press. The next district meeting will take place in Bayonne, N.J. on a date to be announced.

Dots and dashes: The turnout on Mar. 14 was very good, and we were favored with fine weather. Guest speaker, Robert Burrill's presentation on Social Security vs. Insurance was interesting to one and all. Congratulations to the following C-3 members who received their third degrees: Rev. Eugene Wassel, Lillian Sasnauskas, John Mickunas, Albert Ozalis, and Irene Ozalis.

C-29, Newark, is commemorating its 50th anniversary this year... The District is sponsoring the sale of small stickers with the wording, "Say a prayer for enslaved Lithuania." The stickers can be obtained by writing to Mrs. Josephine Zukas, 9 Charles Street, Port Washington, L. I., N. Y... Great Neck, C-109, took part in an International night in their town on Apr. 2. Also taking part in the program was the Ruta Ensemble. C-109 is certainly deserving of praise for their many efforts at putting the

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Lithuanian name before the public in their area... Don't forget the District picnic on June 6 in Bayonne, N. J.... On Sun., May 30 C-3 of Philadelphia will hold its annual picnic... Congratulations to Alphonse Vaiculevich, former president of C-52, Elizabeth, who was honored at a testimonial dinner-dance at Liberty Hall on Feb. 27. The testimonial was given in tribute for his 34 years of service to the Lithuanian Liberty Hall Assoc. The K of L was well represented at the event. Miss Ann Mitchell, Honorary member, extended best wishes on behalf of C-52.

The district held open bowling on Sun. Mar. 21, at the Kearny Lanes. There was a very fine turnout on this day. After bowling there was a social hour at the Lithuanian Catholic Community Center. In charge of the event was Mildred Greenwich. Rev. Peter Zemeikis gave out trophies to the following: for men's high score, Joseph Zukas of Great Neck; women's high score, Dorothy Dutkus of Paterson; in the low score bracket trophies went to Vincent Bartski of Bayonne and Nancy Kober of Great Neck.

Our thanks to C-61 for a most enjoyable stay. A truly Lithuanian atmosphere prevailed. A special thank you to Dorothy Dutkus, who was in charge of arrangements.

Phila., Pa. C-3 Sunshine

Our Annual St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast was held at St. Casimir's Hall on Mar. 7, with John Mickunas as Master of Ceremonies and our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Albin



The Paterson, N.J. Council recalled the "Good Old Days" at the N.Y. - N.J. Dist. Convention.

Neverauskas, as Main Speaker. First Degrees were presented to Irene Banning, Rosemari Banning, Alberta Bekeris, Veronic Ozalis, Agnes Paul and Bill Paul; the Second Degree to Ann Alsankas - Congratulations!

At the N.Y. - N.J. District Communion Breakfast and Convention in Paterson, N.J. on March 14, C-3 was proud to have five of our members awarded the Third Degree: Rev. Eugene Wassel, Lillian Sasnauskas, Irene Ozalis, Albert Ozalis and John Mickunas. C-3 also wishes to Congratulate Charles Strolis of C-29 Newark, N.J. who was presented with his Fourth Degree.

Fifteen of our members turned out for the Bowling Social at Camden Lanes, N.J. on Mar. 28. The Highest scoring partners were Irene Varevice and Charles Petronis. Afterwards, having worked up their appetites, everyone gathered at the Woodbine Inn for a snack.

NEWS BITS: C-3 played St. Casimir's War Vets a game of Basketball on Apr. 4, prior to our monthly meeting. The outcome - we lost by one point, but we still have hopes for a re-match... Our thanks to Cultural Chairman, Joe Yanulaitis for starting a Lending Library for C-3 members... A hearty welcome back to one of our former members - Tom Meron... Sporting new cars are Lillian Sasnauskas, a 1965 black Ford Fairlane and Pete Puodziunas, a 1965 aqua Chevy Impala - many happy hours of motoring ahead... We were glad to see Felix Kazanauskas and Stanley Ozalis recuperating so well after their recent illnesses... We had such an enjoyable time at the Poconos this winter, we're planning a return visit in July... Belated Birthday Wishes to: Irene Ozalis, Agnes Mickunas, and Tony Burch (April). Birthday Greetings to Trudi Simmons (May)...

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

C-29's annual Communion-Breakfast took place on Mar. 7. Led by the color guard of the Lithuanian American Veterans Post the membership marched from St. George's Hall to Holy Trinity Church. Celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. Peter Totoraitis, spiritual director of C-29. By their large turnout, the membership gave a very edifying demonstration of their Catholic action. Rev. Totoraitis delivered a very fine sermon on St. Casimir. The St. Cecilia Choir, under the direction of Clement Bagdonavicius sang during the Mass.



Recipients of Degrees at N. Y.-N.J. District Convention: L to R: Charles Strolis, (Fourth), Lillian Sasnauskas, John Mickunas, Fr. Eugene Wassel, Albert Ozalis & Irene Ozalis, (Third).



St. Casimir's Day Holy Communion Brunch - C-3 - John Mickunas, M.C.

Breakfast followed at St. George's Hall. Toastmaster was C-29 Vice president, Jack Remeika. The invocation was offered by honorary member Frank Vaska. Speakers at the affair were Msgr. Kelmelis, pastor of Holy Trinity, Rev. Totoraitis, and Kazys Sipaila. The guest speaker was Mr. Charles E. Holland of the faculty of Mt. St. Dominic's Academy, Caldwell, N.J., whose theme was federal aid to education.

Notes: This turnout was one that C-29 can be really proud of. The weather was also the best in some time. The guest speaker was very interesting, and his topic was timely... Fourth degree medals were presented to council president, Kazys Sipaila, and Jack Stukas. Third degrees were presented to Mrs. Eva Ellis, Mrs. Gladys Douches, Mrs. Christina Yakavonis; second degrees to Rev. Totoraitis, Simonas Kontrimas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brazaitis, Mrs. Leliasis and Mrs. Julia Verba; first degrees to Valentinas Melinis, Mrs. Mary Putinas, Walter Sharan Jr., Thomas Pel-dunas, Mrs. Helen Radisch, Casimir Yakavonis and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eleseika.

Our thanks to the committee, who did such a fine job in making the arrangements. A thank you also to the Lithuanian-American Veterans Post for their participation.

The council held a card party on Mar. 28... It may be a bit early, but don't forget to circle Oct. 2nd on your calendar, the date of our annual Dinner-Dance... Belated birthday greetings to Eva Ellis and Christina Yakavonis... Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Jonas Leliasis on the recent passing of her husband... Have you all started making preparations for the 52nd Annual Convention in Los Angeles this August?... The council is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Do you know that you can plant a Mary Garden? If you have a back-yard or a church plot why don't you try it? Our English names for flowers all have Medieval origins: Marigold, is Mary's gold; Lady Slipper, is Our Lady's Slipper; Lily of the Valley is our BVM. Surely you've heard of Madonna Lily, Morning Glory, Rosemary, Bleeding Heart, etc. You had no idea they were all named after the Blessed Virgin? Neither did I. But if you do want to start a Mary Garden, write to: Mary's Gardens, 124 W. Chestnut Hill Ave., Philadelphia 18, Pa. They'll even send you seeds!

J. Y.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT BOWLING TEAMS.



Chicago Svgs. and Loan Team. Seated L to R: Mildred Swanson, Ray Yakow, Barb West. Standing L to R: Alice Tomczak, Steve Drzewiecki.



Lackawicz Team. Seated: Rev. A. Valančius. Standing L to R: Al Manst, Gerry Mack, Irene Sankus, Ken Krauselis.



St. Anthony's Svg. and Loan Team. L to R: Rich Zailis, Vince Samaska, Al Shrupsa.



Petkus Team. Seated: Lorraine Wainauskas. Standing L to R: Frank Svelnis, Red Cibulskis, Wally Zengulis, Tony Valek.

K of L Calendar

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| MAY 13 | - C-116, Worcester, Mass., Military Whist Card Party |
| MAY 14-15-16 | - Midwest Bowling Tournament, Oxford Lanes - Dearborn, Mich. C-102 and C-139 Hosts |
| MAY 15 | - Mid-Central District Officers Meeting, Detroit, Mich. |
| MAY 30 | - C-3, Philadelphia, Pa., Annual Picnic |
| 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. |
| JULY 4 | - Illinois-Indiana Annual District Picnic, Willow West Grove, Willow Springs, Ill. |
| AUGUST 15-21 | - CORRECTED DATES. Camp DAINAVA, Manchester, Mich. K of L Week |

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1965

11:00 A.M. - Registration (all day), Statler Hilton Hotel
 7:00 P.M. - Reception, Garden Room (East & West)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1965

8:00 A.M. - Opening Mass (Our Lady Chapel, 809 S. Flower St.)
 9:00 A.M. - Business session (Sierra Room)
 11:45 A.M. - Luncheon (Garden Room, West)
 2:00 P.M. - Business session (Sierra Room)
 8:30 P.M. - Concert (Pacific Room)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1965

8:00 A.M. - Memorial Mass (Our Lady Chapel)
 9:00 A.M. - Business session (Sierra Room)
 11:45 A.M. - Luncheon (Golden State Room)
 2:00 P.M. - Business session (Sierra Room)
 9:00 P.M. - Convention ball (Pacific Ballroom & Sierra Room)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1965

10:30 A.M. - Solemn High Mass (St. Casimir's Church)
 12:00 Noon - Brunch (St. Casimir's Parish Hall)
 2:00 P.M. - Final business session (Los Angeles Room)
 7:00 P.M. - Dinner-Dance (Golden State Room)

- * REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY: New York Room (Thursday - Sunday)
- * ROOMS FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (Friday & Saturday) : Cleveland, Washington, Detroit, Boston & Buffalo Rooms

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