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A. G i n t n e r i s

- Protestuoti prieš sovietų okupaciją Pabaltijo kraštuose ir Lietuvoje, - taip sakė kalbėtojai birželio 12 d. Čikagoje. - Ir reikalaujame pasitraukti sovietų okupantus iš Pabaltijo kraštų ir Lietuvos! Tūkstančiai lietuvių tą dieną dalyvavo iškilmingose pamaldose Marquette Parko parapijos bažnyčioje ir prie Dariaus ir Girėno paminklo, kartu dalyvaujant estų ir latvių atstovams, su daugybe vėliavų ir įvairių organizacijų atstovų. Vėliavos netilpo bažnyčioje. Ypač labai daug pasirodė studentų korporacijų ir moksleivių, kaip skautų, ateitininkų. Žmonių buvo dvigubai pilna bažnyčia, o kita tiek buvo gatvėje, kurie po pamaldų įsijungė į bendrą eiseną, vadinamą paradu.

Šv. mišias už žuvusius partizanus ir Sibiro kankinius atnašavo vysk. V. Brizgys, asistuojant kun. J. Sakevičiui kun. J. Vyšniauskui. Pamaldų metu giedojo jungtinis choras iš 150 asmenų. Vargonais grojo Giedraitis ir solo giedojo R. Mastienė. Pamokslą pasakė kan. V. Zakaruskas, kuris jaudino klausytojus. Jisai pažymėjo, kad lietuvių skausmas niekad neišdils iš jų širdžių, prisiminus, kiek skriaudų ir ašarų išspaudė Lietuvos okupantai. Ragino veikti ir dirbti, nenuleidžiant rankų, kad

pajustų svetimieji ir padėtų mums gelbėti lietuvių tautą nuo išnaikinimo. Bažnyčioje rinkliava buvo pravesta Alto reikalams, kuri davė gerokai pajamų laisvinimo reikalams.

Po pamaldų ilga eiseną pasipylė gatvėmis. Policija tvarkė judėjimą ir visą Californijos gatvę pavertė mirusia. Čia ėjo tūkstančiai žmonių, kartu su vėliavomis, uniformotu jaunimu, studentais, visi po 4 ar daugiau eilėmis. O žmonių tikrai buvo bendrai apie 4-5 tūkstančius. Daug moterų buvo apsirengusios tautiniais rūbais. Jaunimas savo dalyvavimu liudijo, kad Lietuvos laisvės kovotojų prisiminimas ir tolimesnioji laisvės kova yra ne vien tik Alto ir vyresniųjų pareiga, bet kad tais darbais ir idealais gyvena ir jaunosios kartos atstovai, kaip studentija, moksleiviai.

Prie Dariaus ir Girėno paminklo iškilmes pradėjo ALT Čikagos skyriaus pirmin. inž. J. Jurkūnas trumpa kalba, o jungtinis choras, vadov. muz. P. Armono sugiedojo JAV ir Lietuvos himnus. Paskui R. Jurkūnaitė perskaitė Illinois gub. Kerner proklamaciją ir Čikagos miesto burmistro-mero R. Daley telegramą. Vėliau, giedant "Marija, Marija", Lietuvos laisvės kovotojams ir Sibire žuvusiems kankinių atminimui, buvo padėti vainikai prie paminklo.



Verdi's "Requiem". Chicago Symphony Orchestra members with combined chorus of the Alice Stephens Singers, Knights of Lithuania Chorus, Lithuanian Opera of Chicago Chorus and the Lithuanian Evangelical Chorus.

(Photo: V. Noreikos)



Organizational flags at Saturday's evening Mass.



Thousands of people attend Memorial Mass at Nativity B.V.M. Church, Chicago . (Photo: V. Noreikos)



Combined choruses in Lithuanian costumes singing Bruno Markaitis, S.J. "The Bells of Vilnius". (Photo: V. Noreikos)

Kalbėjo trumpai estų atst. Udo Juerima ir latvių - Leonida Neimanis - latviškai ir angliškai. Lietuvos gen. konsulas dr. P. Daužvardis trumpai priminė šios dienos pagerbimo kankinių prasmę ir reikšmę, pakviesdamas tarti žodį Lietuvos atstovą Washingtonė Jz. Kajecką. Jo kalba buvo svarbi. Jisai pažymėjo, kad pradėjome šį protesto žygį su malda ir baigiame prie lakūnų paminklo. Mūsų žuvusieji yra sėkla atgimstančiai Lietuvai. Mes čia susirinkę protestuojame prieš sovietų genocidą Nemuno krašte. Mes tikime Lietuvos laisvės prisikėlimu. Ji ateina pamažu, bet ateina, nes jos visi lietuviai reikalauja ir laukia tremtyje. Lietuva bus laisva ir Nepriklausoma!

Rezoliucijas perskaitė Alg. Žemaitis. Ji buvo pasiūsta prezid. Jonsonui.

Iškilmės buvo baigtos giesme: "Apsaugok, Aukščiausias" ir Lietuvos himnu. Tokios buvo išpūdingos ir tvarkingos Lietuvos laisvės kovų 25 metų sukakties liūdnas minėjimo iškilmės. Kita pagerbimo kankinių diena buvo sekančią dieną McCormick salėje, kur žuvusiųjų atminimui buvo išpildyta Verdi "Requiem" ir Br. Markaičio "Vilniaus Varpai", dalyvaujant 5000 lietuvių ir daugelio valstybių diplomatams, įskaitant ir didelį skaičių vietos amerikiečių, jų tarpe spaudos ir radijo korespondentų ir kitų pareigūnų.

Sakoma, kad visa Lietuva yra nusiklojusi partizanų ir kankinių kapais. Jų ten žuvo trisdešimt tūkstančių ar daugiau. Lietuvos laisvės kovotojai - partizanai kovojo prieš bolševikų okupaciją ištisą dešimtmetį. Jie kovojo su neregėta narsybe ir pasiaukojimu, bet jų jėgos buvo nelygios. Vieno pasiryžimo neužteko ir nesulaukdami paramos iš vakarų mirė didvyrių mirtimis arba atsidūrė Sibire. Juos tykiai priglaudė Lietuvos žalieji miškai, gojeliai, pakelės, pelkynai. Dabar jų vietos nežymi joki kryžiai ar ženklai ir auga ant jų kapų tik laukinės gėlės. Bet iš tų kapų vėl atgims laisva Lietuva!

Šitie žuvusieji didvyriai - Lietuvos partizanai buvo tinkamai pagerbti. Penki tūkstančiai pripildė salę ir išklaušė rinktinių solistų, jungtinio choro ir Chicagos simfoninio orkestro muzikantų gedulingų giesmių, kaip Requiem, Dies Irae, Offertorium, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, Lux Aeterna, Libera me, kurios skambėjo labai melodingai, prisiminimui savo žuvusių artimųjų ir bendrai lietuvių.

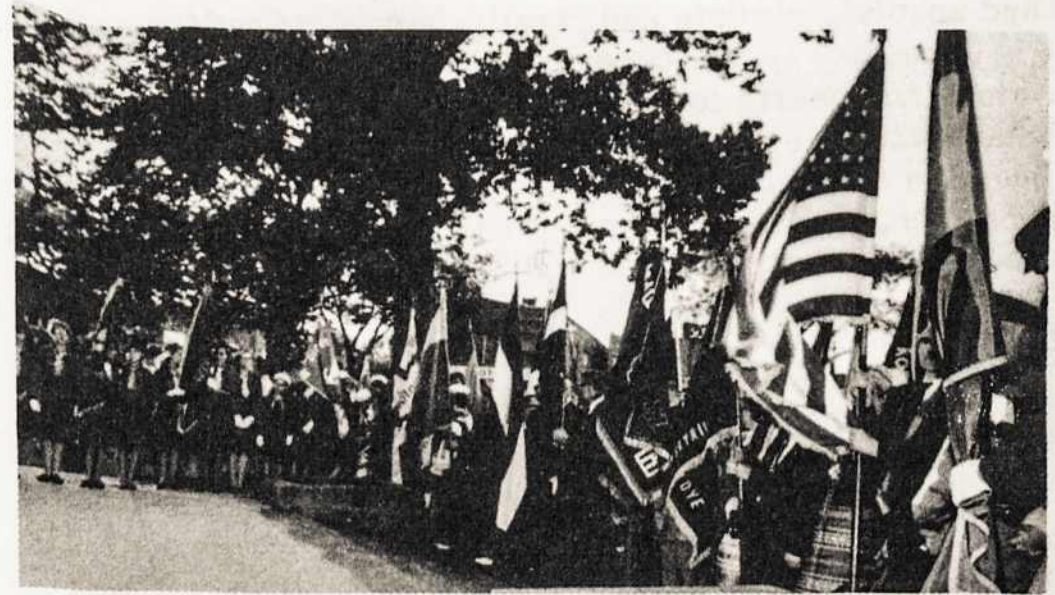
Giedojo solistai: D. Stankaitytė, Ald. Stempužienė, St. Baras, J. Vaznelis. Atrodo, kad visiems dalyviams tai giliai įsmigo į širdis. Retai galima girdėti tokių lietuviškai skambančių giesmių, kurios supurtė iki sielos gelmių jaunus ir senus. Ir tikrai, nebuvo girdėti jokio nusiskundimo, kad Operos choras negerai padaręs, kad šių metų savo didžiausią pastatymą paaukojo Lietuvos partizanų atminimui. Švenčiant ir paminint 25 metų sukaktį nuo Lietuvos okupavimo. Mes tai švenčiame minėdami žuvusius ir protestuojame prieš neteisėtą sovietų vyriausybės veiksmą, okupuojant laisvą ir nepriklausomą Lietuvą!

Muz. A. Kučiūnas, kaip dirigentas, vertas didelio pagyrimo ir pagarbos. Jisai abiejuose dalykuose išspaudė iš solistų choristų ir muzikantų viską, ką tik-tai galėjo padaryti.

"Vilniaus Varpai" kiek atgaivino žmonių dvasią. Jie sukėlė naują viltį ir dvasią gyventi ir toliau kovoti už savo teises. Varpai skambėjo ausyse ir širdyje.

Jie ir dabar man tebeskamba padrašinančiu tonu gyventi ir dirbti. Skamba ir sol. Pr. Bičkienės, Alv. Giedraitienės ir Alg. Brazio balsai, kurie buvo tikrai melodingi, savotiški ir viltį teikiantieji, pagal poeto K. Bradūno žodžius.

Koncertas buvo žavus ir didingas. Jisai vertas partizanų atminimo. Apie jo pasisekimą rašo ir ilgai dar rašys lietuvių ir kitataučių spauda. Kas jį girdėjo, tas ilgai atsimins jo garsus, o kas nebuvo, sako, galės kada nors pasiklausyti įgrotoje plokštelėje.



Upper: Lith. Charge d'affaire Juozas Kajeckas speaks to thousands at Marquette Park. Lower: Organizational Flags . (Photos: V. Noreikos)

Lithuanians Live in Hope

June 16, 1965

Twenty-five years ago yesterday, the Russian Army moved into the independent nation of Lithuania on the Baltic Sea and took over its government. The next day the Communists took over the neighboring state of Latvia and on June 17, 1940, Estonia was seized.

The Communists faked elections and forced the three Baltic nations into the Soviet Union. The following year the Reds were replaced by Nazi occupiers. In 1944, back came the Russians to impose Communist rule to suppress religion and individual freedoms.

Although many countries, including the United States did not - and still do not - recognize the annexation, no outside help came to the people forced under Red rule.

In Lithuania, guerrilla war continued against the Russians until 1952 when the Lithuanians gave up the battle but not their hopes of eventual freedom.

Such hope still lives on among the peoples of the three prisoner nations and among their countrymen who fled the country and who now live abroad. In Chicago, some 5,000 persons of Lithuanian extraction met in Arie Crown Theater in McCormick Place last Sunday in a demonstration dedicated to those who died resisting the Soviets and to express a hope of eventual freedom.

The demonstration took the form of a solemn performance of Verdi's "Requiem" and Markaitis' "The Bells of St. Vilnius." Except for the orchestra, composed of members of the Chicago Symphony, all performers and conductor Alexander Kuciunas were of Lithuanian extraction. They are members of the Lithuanian Opera of Chicago and of various chorus groups who meet regularly to carry on the arts and culture of their occupied homeland.

This was a moving and truly peaceful form of protest but nevertheless militant. Many of the Chicago consular corps were present, including those from Great Britain, China, Germany, Brazil, Peru, Panama, Iceland, Venezuela and Finland. They expressed their admiration and support to Petras P. Dauzvardis, consul general of Lithuania in Chicago, who is recognized in the name of his former free government. Lithuania has gone through periods of captivity before but has maintained its national identity, and the language is the oldest living tongue in Europe. Her people may take some comfort from the fact that other nations 25 years later do not recognize the unlawful Russian occupation.

Editorial reprinted from the Chicago Sun-Times.

THE GREAT JUNE TRAGEDY

MARCELLA ANDRIKIS

No one will dispute the idyllic beauty and lyrical loveliness of the month of June. June is undeniably synonymous with romance and roses, moonlight and fanciful musings, summer and sweet enchantment. Indeed, "what is so rare as a day in June"?

However, like a coin or a question, June, too, has a reverse side. There is joy and there is sadness, delight and anguish, reverie and reality, happiness and tragedy.

June this year especially directed our thoughts, minds and hearts to Lithuania. It marked the twenty-fifth year of the illegal, aggressive Soviet occupation and subjugation of the land of our forebears, and the harsh oppression, ruthless killing and deportation, religious persecution and exploitation of Lithuanians in their homeland.

As Knights of Lithuania we are honor and duty bound to denounce and expose Soviet Russia's infamous, perfidious and heinous acts of June 1940 and 1941, and never allow ourselves or the world to forget Lithuania's great tragedy. The Atlantic ocean unites not divides us. We are joined in a common cause of resolve and dedication to free captive Lithuania. A leading contemporary liberal acknowledges that nationalism is the strongest force against global revolutionary communism.

Though suffering and degraded, Lithuania is a proud, ancient and cultured nation called "timeless and immortal". Her historical past is inciting and inspiring. The dawn of the Christian era saw Lithuanians already established on the amber shores of the Baltic Sea and in the basin of the Nemunas river. Lithuania has had

kings and grand dukes, presidents and statesmen, heroes, saints and martyrs. In the fifteenth century her vast and powerful empire extended from the Baltic to the Black Sea. Reduced to serfdom, Lithuania was subjected to the despotic rule of the Russian czars from 1795 to 1915.

After the brief span of twenty-two years of reconstituted freedom (1918-1940) during which period Lithuania progressed economically, culturally, politically and socially as a sovereign European nation, communist Russia, by force and subversion, occupied and annexed Lithuania to the Soviet Union.

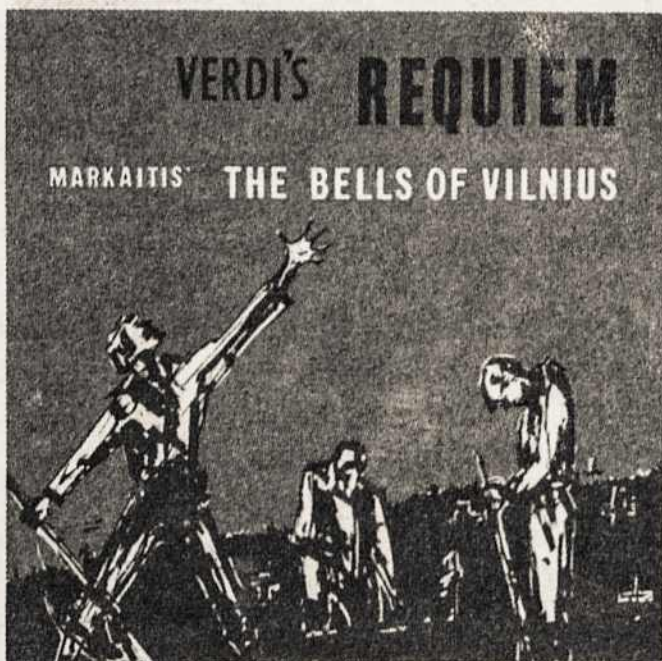
Today Lithuania is a slave state. Her people are frustrated, persecuted, regimented and sovietized against their will by the threat of overwhelming force. And yet, a study of Lithuania's long periods of war, adversity and servitude would seem to prove that, "come what may, Lithuania will always stay" must be prophetically true. Again, she shall withstand and prevail.

Lithuania's tragedy enhances the beauty and dignity of all action to help her regain complete freedom, sovereign independence and the right to define her national destiny. God give us the wisdom, love and courage to bear and honor our noble trust.

In these trying, turbulent times of change and challenge, strife and struggle, world unrest and revolution, may Divine Providence grant the Lithuanian people fortitude and perseverance and mercifully hasten Lithuania's day of liberation and liberty.

Beautiful Lithuania, Queen of Heaven "Mary's Land" of shrines and crosses must not perish from the earth.

DALYVAVOME IR MES VYČIAI



Jau baigėme 1965 metų pusmetį. Tai šiurpulingų ir baisių sukakčių metai mūsų tėvų žemėje golgotos kelyje. Prieš 25 metus birželio 15 d. raudonoji rusų armija smurtu užėmė Lietuvą, sunaikino jos nepriklausomybę ir mūsų tėvų broliai ir sesės ilgus metus bekovodami su okupantu, sudėjo milžiniškas aukas. Šią sukaktį monumentaliai minėjo iškilieji Chicago chorai, tame tarpe ir Vyčių choras, draug su Lietuvių opera priešakyje. Žuvusių ir nukankintų už Lietuvos laisvę per 25 metus amžinam prisiminimui geriausioje Chicago

koncertinėje salėje išpildė pasaulinį G. Verdi kurinį "Requiem" ir tautinę B. Markaičio, S.J. kantatą "Vilniaus Varpai".

Minint šią sukaktį mūsų mintyse atsistoja prikėlę lietuvių tautą aušrininkai, varpininkai, apgynę 1918 metų Vasario 16 dienos nepriklausomybės aktą kariai - savanoriai ir dabartiniai mūsų tėvų žemės sargai - partizanai, sudėjo ant laisvės aukuro brangiausią savo turtą - gyvybę. Mes matėme visą kraujuose ir ašarose paplūdusią Lietuvą, niekšų kankinamą, liūdną ir sudžią.

OUR LADY of SILUVA CHAPEL

American Catholics of Lithuanian descent are erecting a Chapel to Our Lady of Siluva in the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. This magnificent Chapel will be a collective gift from the Lithuanian people of the United States to the Mother of God - a tangible expression of devotion to the Heavenly Protectress of their ancestral homeland. For generations to come, this shrine will be symbol of deep attachment to their Catholic Faith.

Devotion to the Mother of God - and, in particular, to our Lady of Siluva - has always been a distinguishing characteristic of Lithuanian Catholicism. This strong Marian tradition in Lithuania throughout the centuries is attested even in the annals of the Church, in which the country is referred to as "Terra Mariana" - the Land of Mary.

The erection of this great shrine in the capital of our nation will bring renewed hope, spiritual strength and consolation to the Communist-enslaved Lithuanian people struggling to preserve their Faith behind the Iron Curtain.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Siluva is one of four major chapels in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is located in the lateral nave on the gospel side, and, with its unique design, enhances the magnificent basilica.

The central part of the chapel is dominated by a statue of the Virgin of Siluva holding the Christ Child and the unusual Lithuanian Cross is to be found on either side of the altar. A wall of blue mosaic envelops the apse behind the statue of the Madonna. A Rose Window in the cupola will be the center of a cross design. The left and right walls of the chapel are of colored mosaic, twenty-three feet high and twelve feet wide. The left wall mosaic will have as its central theme a contemplative Christ, "Rupintojelis", seated between two angels. Smaller details will include two historic Lithuanian churches, a typical wayside cross, a mother teaching her child from a Lithuanian prayer-book at a time when the written language was prohibited by Russian authorities, and other significant events in the history of Lithuanian Catholicism. The right wall mosaic will have as its central theme, Saint Casimir, a Saint of Lithuanian blood. Named Patron of all Lithuanians in 1636 by Pope Urban VIII, he was proclaimed patron Saint of Lithuanian youth on June 11th, 1948, by Pope Pius XII. Other details in this mosaic portray the Baptism of King Mindaugas in 1251, who first embraced the Catholic Faith in Lithuania; Saint Casimir rallying the Lithuanian army to keep out foreign aggressors from



Girls in Lithuanian costumes pose at the entrance of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

their homeland; scenes of Saint Ann's Cathedral - the most outstanding example of Gothic architecture in Lithuania; pilgrimage site of the Gates of Dawn - "Aušros Vartai" in Lithuania's capital city, Vilnius; and the Vilnius coat of arms. Creator of both mosaics, and Commissioner of Art for this Chapel, is Mr. Vytautas Jonynas, the renowned Lithuanian artist who designed the bas-reliefs and decorated other significant parts of the Vatican Pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

The Committee for the Siluva Chapel is under the leadership of the Most Rev. Charles Salatka, Auxiliary Bishop of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the Most Rev. Vincent Brizgys, Auxiliary Bishop-in-Exile of Kaunas, Lithuania, who is currently residing in Chicago, Illinois. Participating in the work are Lithuanian-American parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the United States.

The solemn dedication of the Siluva Chapel, which is anticipated for the Fall of 1966, will bring to a close a project costing well over \$300,000. The dedication ceremonies are expected to draw many thousands of persons.

Contributions are still needed for the Our Lady of Siluva Shrine.

Send your donation to:

**Committee for the Chapel of Our Lady of Siluva
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"OUR FLAG IS BORN"

Was there ever an American who did not experience a grand sense of national purpose and spirit when he viewed Old Glory furled on high? Being an American, he naturally felt, and rightly so, that there in view for all the world to see, waved the grandest emblem of them all.

He may have carried her into battle when she was but a babe leading our cause for independence ... or stood beneath her at Fort McHenry as she waved defiance and determination, inspiring those words of our national anthem.

He was there to see her proudly stand on the high terrain of Mt. Suribachi, marking the victory in the battle of Iwo Jima.

She has always exemplified for him the proud heritage of a people determined to maintain their freedom. Fostering a desire and hope for liberty, she has offered a haven to the weary, less fortunate souls of other lands. Beckoning, to all those who would have her, to come and seek peace and freedom on our shores.

How, then, did this flag begin its rise to glory?

With the advent of the American War of Independence, the need for a national banner became apparent. General George Washington, Commander of the American revolutionary Forces recognized the urgent need for a flag, which could serve as the inspiring symbol of our struggle. On many occasions, he approached the newly formed Congress with the request to establish a national emblem as rapidly as possible. He wished to be instructed as to the course of action he should follow in the matter.

It was obvious that although each of the States involved in the War possessed a state flag, none of these could be selected for fear of creating rivalry between them. To this day, it has never been completely clari-

fied as to how our first national flag began. The one point that can be stated definitely is that the flag known as the "Grand Union" of 1776 had been raised in Washington's camp on Jan. 1st, 1776. This flag incorporated in its design thirteen stripes, alternately ... red and white in color and representing the original thirteen colonies involved in the conflict. In the corner, the British Union Flag had been retained to visibly illustrate to the King that he still commanded the loyalty of the colonists, that the dissatisfaction registered by the people was directed only to the British Government and its policies.

It soon became evident, however, that the ignited spark of freedom that loomed in every heart, was burning too brightly to demand anything short of complete independence.

With this course of action clearly outlined, the Congress resolved, on June 14th in the year 1777, to adopt a new flag. This flag would retain the thirteen red and white stripes of the "Grand Union" of 1776. The British Union Flag in the corner would be replaced by a blue field with thirteen white stars centered within this field in a circular form. This flag was truly our first "Stars and Stripes".

In 1794, with two more States seeking to enter the union, a decision was reached whereby two more stripes would be added to the flag. This was necessary because each State rightfully expected to be represented.

During the nineteenth century several more States entered the union. It became obvious at this point that it would not be possible to continue to add both stars and stripes to the flag without destroying the beauty of its design.

With this in mind, the Congress moved in 1818 to establish a definite design and the rules that would be followed for representation in the flag. The flag would retain thirteen stripes in red and white alternating colors, representing the original thirteen states. The blue field in the corner would incorporate design representing new members of the union. This design of stars would be approved by Congress anytime it was required to admit new States. The alteration in the number of stars, it was decided, would take place on Independence Day, July 4th, following the admission of a State.

It is interesting to note that in 1861, after eleven southern States seceded from the Union and formed the Confederacy adopting a flag of their own design, no alteration had been made in the "Stars and Stripes", the reason evidently being the refusal of the United States to recognize the secession. It might be fitting at this point to briefly review the historical development of flags.

In all probability flags and the practice of flying them originated at sea. They had been flown primarily as a method of identification, usually incorporating a country's coat of arms if they had one.

Many of our modern day flags are said to have originated with the Crusades. It was important for them to display proper identification as they marked into battle. It was natural enough to expect that the popular symbol of Christianity, the Cross, would find extensive use in those early flags. The Flag of St. George, whose red cross can still be found in today's national flag of Denmark and the

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Write in Style

TONY YUKNIS

An entertaining public speaker varies the tone of his voice, pauses and may use humor to capture the audience. Likewise, a writer has the same objectives, to capture the reader's interest, to instruct, to inform and to entertain. Various methods are employed to make prose as palatable as possible.

The writer varies the lengths of his sentences and paragraphs. Long, monotonous paragraphs make the reader really work. Use a mixture of medium and short paragraphs.

Vary the beginning of your sentences, never use the same word in consecutive sentences. Start one sentence with subject, another with a predicate. Then try one with the subject in the middle. Variety will be the spice of your writing.

A magazine will capitalize Ave., St., Pl., and Rd., while a metropolitan newspaper is very likely to put it all in lower case (small) letters. This is a matter of style. If you merely mix everything up, then you'll have scrambled eggs. Style means that you will write with consistency.

Always write in the third person. When writing a personal experience article the "I" point of view is excusable. The second person "you" can be used as a change of pace lead.

The title Mr. is seldom used. You will find it mostly in the society pages and obituaries. Use full names and titles at the first references to both sexes. First names of well known persons, when preceded by a title, need not be listed (example: Bishop Sheen).

Use Miss or Mrs. before a woman's name. These prefixes are not used before the names of celebrities or otherwise prominent personalities. Sometimes a newspaper will use the Mrs. title only, leaving the single girls untitled.

A married couple is formally known as Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph. But if the woman prefers, she may be referred to as Mrs. Betty Joseph.

In reference to a Catholic priest always use "the" Rev. Anthony Baltas style. Subsequently he can consistently be referred to as Father Baltas.

It is proper to abbreviate the Rev.; Msgr.; the Rt. Rev. Msgr.; but not Father, Sister, Bishop, Cardinal, pastor or priest.

The Roman Catholic Mass is said, read or celebrated. High Mass is sung. The Rosary is said or recited. A celebrant presides at a service. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament closes a service. It is not held nor given.

A bishop can be called: the Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, bishop of the archdiocese. Cardinals usually have their title precede their last name: Richard Cardinal Cushing.

The Pope is referred to as His Holiness; Pope Paul VI; the Pontiff (Bishop of Rome). A Cardinal is His Eminence, while a Bishop is His Excellency.

Keep a carbon copy of the press releases you mail out. After it is published compare it with the printed version. It may have been rewritten by the newspaper's rewrite man in a particular journalistic style. Study this closely as this is your free lesson in journalism.

"OUR FLAG IS BORN" (cont. from page 8)

British Union Jack is perhaps the most famous. It was the original national flag of England. The national flag of many countries can be traced to this period of history. By the end of the sixteenth century, a point of development in their use at sea had been reached that approximated modern day usage. They began flying national flags, generally flown from a special flag mast aft on ship, on both merchant vessels and naval ships. They also began flying special flags indicating the presence on board of an important official.

It was during the middle ages that flags came into important use on land. They were flown on forts and later it was a customary practice to establish them on flag masts directly on the embattlements. It was with the beginning of the colonization movement that they truly acquired a position of national importance. They then became the visible means of establishing a possession on newly acquired territory.

From this point, they rapidly developed into the present day form. There are flags in existence today that signify a multitude of things. There are the personal flags of dignitaries. The leaders of countries have flags

indicative of this position. Owners of steamship lines fly special unit flags. Various organization carry banners of their own and the list seems endless.

The national flag is perhaps the highest point of their use. They are an honored symbol and as such, are loved and revered by the people they represent.

Among these people the Americans stand tall. Their love for flag and country has been demonstrated time and time again by their willingness to lay down their lives so that the principles embodied in Old Glory can never die.

It is fitting that a special day should be set aside each year that we can pay homage to our flag. June 14th, Flag Day, is an important day in the light of the dangers we face in the world.

We should all make a special effort to display our flag on this day in particular, to reaffirm our faith in her and in the principles for which she stands. An enemy must surely stop and consider his actions, in the light of millions of banners waving proudly in the breeze ... in the knowledge that for each and every flag that flies, there stands an American ready to do his part to keep Old Glory flying high.

"The Marian"

So You Want to get Married!

FATHER VAL

Lotta people do! More do, than don't. Most people are married to other people. Sometime they find out they don't like it, or don't like who they're married to and break up. Then all of a sudden, try again. And again and again! Even those who are called single are really married. Like to their work, a career they call it, - mostly they're married to themselves. Among them there is only a small number that are married to God.

We don't intend to argue which one of the above marriages is the better. We're just going to take a short look at a few things that may be of interest and, perhaps, a little help to those, who want to marry other people and stay married. Especially, since there seems to be so much advice offered to prospective couples and already married ones, about how to make a marriage work and almost always with so much confusion that the lines to the divorce courts are as long as the ones to the license bureau.

What is going to be said will not necessarily be very learned, certainly not what is called scientific. Yet it is so basic and so evident, that it is difficult to understand why it's so overlooked or shunted into the background. One reason might be, because this kind of thinking is founded on man's belief in God and that everything that happens in this world of nature, animal and man happens because God planned it so. Religion has never been considered too scientific, even though it might seem almost impossible to think of matrimony, without admitting religion sticks its foot in it just a wee bit.

So for those who believe in the presence of a God we begin with a fundamental truth. Marriage is a creature, an institution created by God. As such it can have only one purpose. To give God glory. Since it, like all other creatures, was placed in man's dominion, to be used by man to give Him glory, marriage is intended to help man glorify his Creator. And in plain language of faith, to save man's soul. Never thought it was that holy. It's called Holy Matrimony.

It isn't that bad. Not like becoming a saint, though that would help. I just finished reading a book about a saint who was a duke, was married had eight children and became one of the great saints of our Church - St. Francis Borgia. But we're not going to get involved in that either. You marry or choose a partner with whom you'll be happy ALWAYS, - until death do us part. So you pick a tall, athletic, dark haired Adonis; a blonde fair-complected, Miss America dimensioned Venus; an enchanting lilting voice; a society fashion-plate; oh, and I almost forgot, a fat purse, with a cottage on a lake, a yacht and a sleek convertible. Hold the phone. Did I hear you say ALWAYS. These things don't last that long- they get old, too. They're out of shape even before you get that way. Until death do us part can sometimes be a long time. So no wonder you have problems.

Besides, in marriage, you can't trade things in for a new model, like a washing-machine, a car or a house. And by that time even the marriage broker isn't too in-

terested. Though I've seen a lot of strange deals made in matrimony, normally there is not much call for your kind of model. If you're lucky you might still interest some used-marriage partner dealer, otherwise you end up in the abandoned-marriage partner lot, like the lonely auto junks.

Marriage is based on a choice, the right one! In royalty this choice is made by the ruling prince, duke, marquis, you name 'em, they pick 'em. Sometime a prime minister is allowed a vote in the matter. Though these people are tops in worldly affairs, their nominees for marriage partners have been far from shining examples of wedded bliss. In many places, even in this advanced age, parents find partners for their offspring. Imagine something like that. Who ever heard of such an undemocratic, dictatorial thing. The most sensible way is for respective partners, with assorted help from lovelorn columns, professional marriage counselors, matrimonial bureaus, etc., to choose their own mates. After all (who's going to be married to 'em anyhow?

We won't stop to argue the respective merits of the various ways of picking the right one. But we would like to tell you about another one, to which too little attention has been given today. It isn't an overly romantic one, except for the dignity of the persons involved. It is told in the 2nd chapter of Genesis. Contentedly looking at His work and placing His stamp of approval upon it, God seems to have taken a second glance at His own image, Adam, and said, "It is not good that man is alone; I will make him a helper like himself." And good old Adam wakes up from a sound sleep, minus a rib, and as married as anyone is, was or ever will be.

No. We're not even going to discuss how this marriage turned out. You're part of the family that sprang from it and if you haven't complained about something so far, then get ready for the canonization ceremony. What we would like to bring home, is this. Though God created many men and women afterward, endowed them with many gifts to attract one another, and mysteriously, included such a dangerous thing as freedom of choice, it would appear a trifle un-godlike to have abandoned the right to select partners for people in the future, like as if, He had made a mistake and wasn't going to get mixed up in it again.

Even we, sometimes jokingly, say, "marriages are made in heaven". Even before the sound of these words fades in the air, we turn around, pick out the first one we see, glamorous if possible, and think this is heaven. None of us really know where heaven is, a lot of us don't even know what it is. Heaven is where God is, and He is everywhere, yes, where you are right now. He's never too busy to listen to you. The trouble is when we're with Him, you do all the talking, seldom listen. Do ask Him to help you find the one He has picked for you. When you do, invite me not only to your wedding, but to your home. Don't apologize if it's too small or not what you planned or like it to be. I know I'll like it!

25 METAI VYSKUPO SOSTE

POV. DIRKIS



His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys and honored guests at the reception following his 25th Anniversary Mass at Holy Cross Church, Chicago.



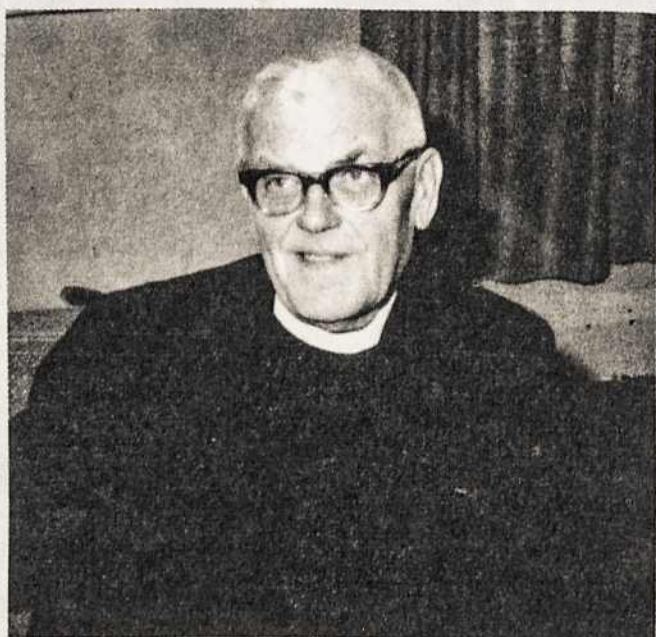
His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys, Rev. A. Valancius and K of L members at the Reception.

(Photos on this page: A. Gulbinskas

Vyčių organizacijos garbės narys Vyskupas Vincentas Brizgys šimet švenčia 25 metų sukaktį nuo jo iššventinimo į vyskopus. Jam speciali vieta Lietuvos vyskupų eilėje tenka. Mat, daugumai Lietuvos vyskupų teko dirbti savame krašte, tačiau vyskupui Brizgiui nelauktai ir netikėtai atiteko visai skirtingi plotai - išblaškyta lietuvių išeivija. Jis yra vienintelis Lietuvos vyskupas, apkeliavęs beveik visą žemės rutulį. Jau tas vienas faktas rodo jo nepaprastą judrumą ir rūpestį savo išblaškytais tautiečiais. Tuo jis daug pasitarnavo tautiečiams ne tik religine, bet ir tautine prasme. Tuo būdu jis yra savotiškas ambasadorius kurį taip vulgariai nuolat puola rusas okupantas savo spaudoje.

Sidabrinio vyskupavimo jubiliejaus proga vyskupas V. Brizgys gavo specialią popiežiaus Pauliaus VI brevę, kurioje yra pažymėta, kad Ekselencija yra didžiųjų nuopelnų žmogus, pasižymėjęs ne tik Kauno arkvyškupijoje, bet taip pat tremties metu Europoje, o dabar Amerikoje. Dėl to popiežius jubilijatą vysk. V. Brizgį apdovanojo popiežiaus sosto asistento privilegijomis ir garbe, priskaitydamas jį tarp popiežiaus rumų degnitorių. Ta proga vysk. V. Brizgiui kunigų vienybės suvažiavimas suruošė gegužės 21, 1965 paminėjimą Šv. Kryžiaus bažnyčioj pamaldomis ir parapijos salėje banketu.

Gegužės 23 d. šimtais lietuvių katalikų dalyvavo šv. Mišiose ir pietuose paruoštuose šv. Kryžiaus parapijos klebono Kun. E. Abromaičio. Vyčių, Federacijos, Tarybos, Ateitinkų Studentų ir kitų organizacijų pirmininkai ir atstovai davė pasveikinimus.



Congratulations to Rev. A. Valancius, National Spiritual Advisor, who recently celebrated his 35th year of Priesthood.

Lithuanians

in The News



Lietuvių Fondo metinis suvažiavimas birželio 12 d. - Jaunimo Jėzuitų Centre. Kalba Dr. Balukas, fondo valdybos narys. (Foto: V. Noreikos)



AMBER BALL

The Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club presented the Ball at the South Shore Country Club on June 19, 1965. The Honorary Chairman was Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis and the Chairman, Mrs. Felix Daukus. The 1965 Debutantes: Misses Donna Brazis, Cheryl Gedutis, Diane Kudirka, Christine Miksis, Jacqueline Miksis, Patricia Murray, Maryellen Waisnoras, Nancee Zabrauskas.



Lucia Satkoff
1965 Scholarship Winner



Genevieve Giedraitis Maluska, Ball's Dance instructor and choreographer and member of C-36, Chicago.

DRESS-UP

MUSKIE

IN COMPLIANCE with Article IX, Section 3, of the Knights of Lithuania By - Laws, I hereby issue an Official Call for the 1965 National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

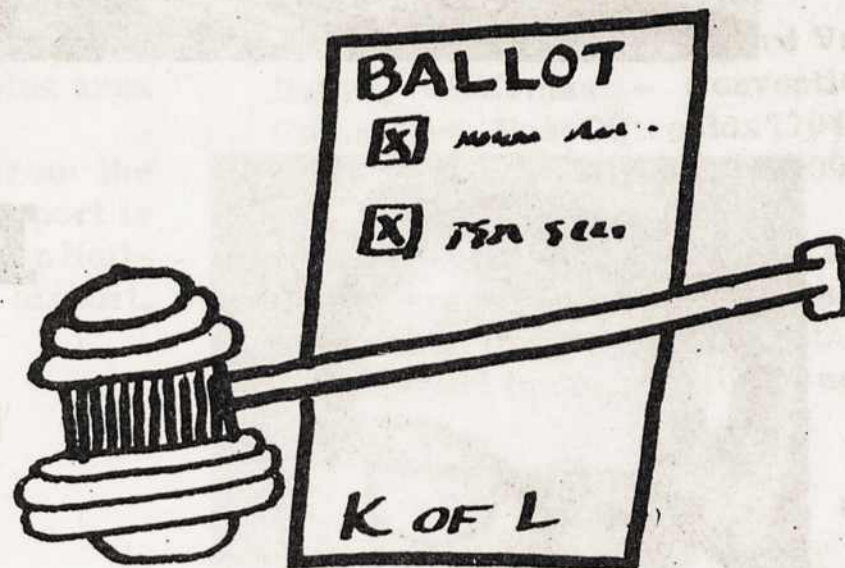
This 52nd Annual Convention will take place in the city of Los Angeles, State of California, U.S.A., on the dates of August 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1965.

I am encouraging members to prepare now to attend this most important event of the K of L year, I urge all Councils and Districts to send their full quota of delegates to our national conclave in Los Angeles, and I urge ALL delegates to actively participate in this convention.

Signed by me at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this 10th day of June, 1965.

(Signed) Helen T. Shields
Supreme Council President
Knights of Lithuania

Your
VOTE!



ALBERT JARITIS

Between August 5th and 8th, a great many delegates will be wending their way to the Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, California, for the 52nd National Convention. In their hands they hold one vote each. Whether or not they shall use these votes judiciously depends upon each delegate. Contained below are a few helpful hints for them to use or not use.

1. Our councils, districts and Supreme Council can never be better than the individuals running it.
2. Self-autonomy is impossible without self-participation. A good organization starts with you. It will be just as good as you and others like you make it.
3. The results of the coming election will be of vital concern to every member.
4. It is human tendency to vote for self-interest rather than for the good of all concerned.
5. Putting the welfare of the K of L above the interest of particular party, group, or individual is one sure way to protect the democratic brotherhood to which we are looking forward.
6. Vote for those who you know want to serve and will serve the Knights of Lithuania for the best interest of all.

"Let no man seek his own, but that which is another's". (1 Corinthians 10:24)

The survival of our organization is in the hands of the delegate. If you are one, make sure that you are there to vote and use that vote wisely.



Leonard Valiukas, Chairman of the Convention Committee.

DO NOT *miss* THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION

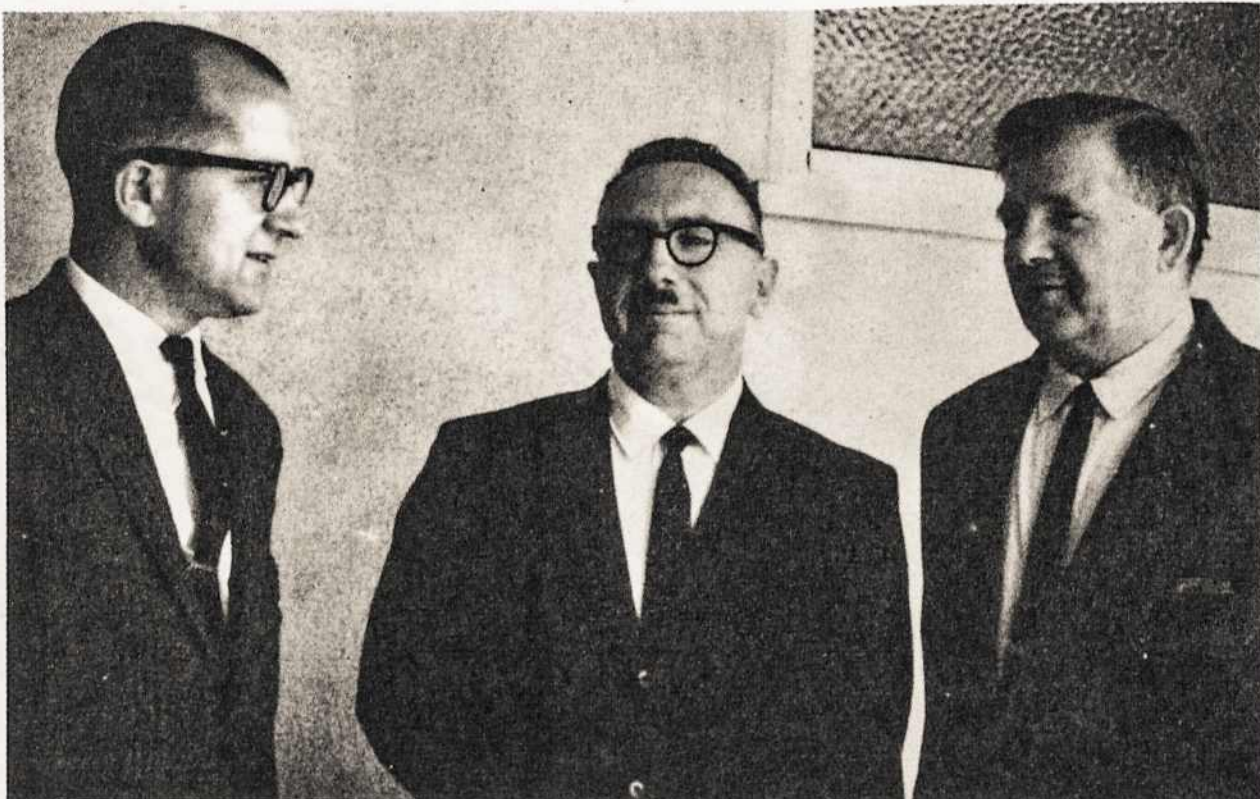
RED CARPET TREATMENT

The 1965 National Convention Committee kindly invites you, your family and your friends to attend this year's national convention. Needless to say, the Committee plans the red carpet treatment for all attending this great gathering of K of Lers from all parts of the country.

***CONVENTION DATES: August 5-8, 1965

***CONVENTION SITE: STATLER HILTON HOTEL, 930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90017

***CONVENTION HOST: Council # 133 and the Seniors



L. to R. L. Valiukas, Pres. C-133; Ignas Medziukas, Pres. Lithuanian-Roman Catholic Federation, L.A. Chapter and Joseph Andrius, Pres. of the Seniors confer about the convention.

YOUR CONVENTION HOTEL

The Los Angeles Statler Hilton Hotel is one of the country's newest, most modern hotels. The Statler Hilton offers you the most complete convention facilities available west of Chicago. Five large acoustically perfect ballrooms, three exhibit rooms and eleven private dining rooms, all on the same floor, are capable of accommodating meetings and banquets of almost any size.

The Los Angeles Statler Hilton is located right in the heart of the city...

at the hub of the great freeway system. It also is convenient to theatres, business, and shopping centers.

Transportation facilities are immediately accessible - the airline bus terminal serving all airlines and airports is located right in the building itself. Railroad and bus terminals are close by, and city transportation lines serving the entire Los Angeles area are just outside the door.

Helicab service to and from the Los Angeles International Airport is available from our own roof-top Helistop - 9 minutes to the airport.



Members of the K of L 52nd National Convention Committee Meeting at the Home of Miss Ruta Lee-Kilmonis.

INFORM COMMITTEE ABOUT YOUR PLANS

The Committee plans for you many pre- and post-convention activities. Write a letter to the Chairman of the Convention Committee, giving him your dates of arriving and departing. He will inform you about all of the aforesaid activities before convention time. Address your letter to: Mr. Leonard Valiukas, Post Office Box 77048, Los Angeles, California, 90007.

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK

The Convention Committee will put out an excellent program book. Would you like to receive it? Would you like to place an ad in this publication? Would you like your name to appear in this souvenir program book? The rates are as follows:

Full Page - \$40.00
Half Page - \$25.00
Quarter Page - \$15.00

Sponsors - \$10.00
Patrons - \$5.00
Well Wishers - \$2.00

***Make your checks or money orders payable to - KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, Council #133.

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

All the Sponsors, Patrons and Well-Wishers will receive copies of the convention program book whether they will attend the convention or not.

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US

If you have any other questions, please feel free to write us. We will be delighted to supply you with all the possible information. Please write to the Convention Committee Chairman:

Mr. Leonard Valiukas
Post Office Box 77048
Los Angeles, California, 90007

We are looking forward to meet you at the convention in August of this year.

COMMITTEE OF THE 52ND
NATIONAL CONVENTION OF
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA



His Eminence James Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles meets some of the delegates to the 1957 Convention.

IT HAPPENED IN LOS ANGELES AND THE YEAR WAS 1957



His Eminence James Cardinal McIntyre, center with Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Kucingis, Pastor St. Casimir Church, L.A. & L. Valiukas 44th Convention Committee.



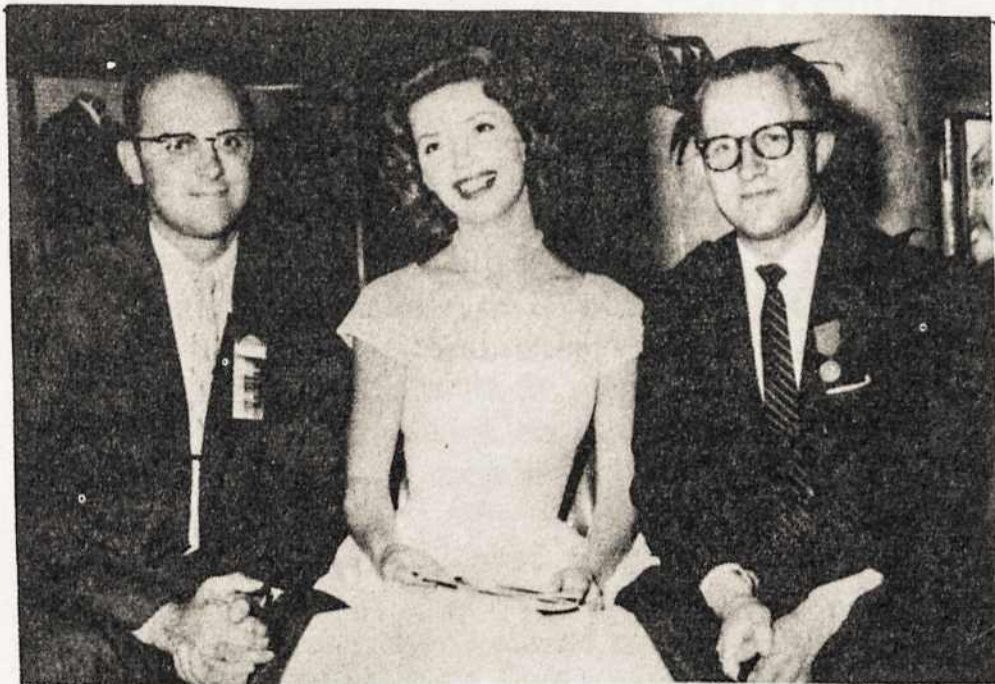
Members of the 1957 National Convention Committee.



Supreme Council Officers elected at the 1957 Convention.



Miss Ruta Lee enjoys an outing with other K of L'ers



Prof. Jack Stukas and Leonard Valiukas meet Miss Ruta Lee - Kilmonis.



Miss Ruta Lee - Kilmonis pins a convention badge on Cardinal McIntyre, Bishop Brizgys and L. Valiukas look on.



East meets West as Joseph Boley (right) of New York meets L. A. Conventioneers.



Delegates gather at St. Casimir's Church in 1957

Program of the **KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA** **52nd NATIONAL CONVENTION**

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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

Host to the 1965 National Convention: -

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, Council # 133 and the Seniors

Leonard Valiukas, Chairman
 Convention Committee
 Post Office Box 77048
 Los Angeles, California, 90007

PRE - AND POST - CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Are you planning to attend the convention? For how many days are you planning to stay in Southern California? Please let us know about it as soon as you can. We will inform you about all of our pre - and post - convention activities before the convention time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to write to us. Please address your letters to the Convention Committee Chairman: Mr. Leonard Valiukas, Post Office Box 77048, Los Angeles, Calif., 90007.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

K OF L SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

On August 8, 1965, during the closing banquet of the 52nd National Knights of Lithuania Convention, in Los Angeles, some worthy student and K of L member will receive a Scholarship Award, to aid in furthering his or her education. This annual award was first made at the 1957 National K of L Convention, also held in Los Angeles. Since then, 16 students have benefited from the award. Each year, the \$600 Scholarship was presented to one worthy candidate, or divided between two or three.

The Scholarship Award, each year, is made possible by the donations of K of L members, councils and districts. Have YOU done YOUR share this year, to keep this most worthwhile cause alive? There's still time. Individual members can help by soliciting donations from patrons, businessmen, and organizations as well as voluntarily subscribing a nominal amount to the K of L Scholarship Fund Booster Club. Also, encourage your council and district to pledge all or part of an activity's proceeds to the Scholarship Fund.

All donations to the K of L Scholarship Fund should be forwarded to the Committee Treasurer, Mr. A. J. Mažeika, Sr., 149-51 120th St., South Ozone Park, New York. He will acknowledge each donation and issue attractive Booster Club membership cards for all donations of \$1.00 or more.

Please don't delay ... send your donation today! And, by the way, why not collect a dollar or more donation from a friend or another council member and send that along also. Your help will reap great benefits.

Loretta Stukas, Secretary

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.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The following resolution was passed at the Knights of Lithuania New England District Spring Convention which was held in Brockton, Massachusetts on April 25, 1965.

This resolution will be proposed by the New England District at the Knights of Lithuania Convention to be held in Los Angeles, California, 1965.

The intent of the resolution is to affect constitutional changes as follows: to accept non-Lithuanian spouses of Knights of Lithuania Members into our Knights of Lithuania organization as full members with all the rights and privileges there of.

Article V Section I to read:

To be eligible to Knights of Lithuania membership one must be a practicing Catholic and of Lithuanian Parentage or be the Catholic spouse of a member who is of Lithuanian parentage.

Article V Section II to read:

note - members renouncing their Catholic faith or Lithuanian heritage must be expelled from the organization.

Article V Section III to read:

paragraph C. - Every Lithuanian Catholic or Catholic spouse there of either sex having reached the age of 30 years may join the Knights of Lithuania Seniors.

This resolution has for many years been brought forth at the conventions but to no avail. NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION. We would like to know your council's reaction to this question. Your prompt reply will be appreciated. Write to Ronald Venis, N. E. D. President, 311 K St., So. Boston, Mass. 02127.

ATTENTION: COUNCIL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

In order to completely check our national records and VYTIS mailing list, our National Financial Secretary requests each Council Financial Secretary send a listing of paid-up members as of June 1, 1965. Send the lists to Johanna Jakunas, 4357 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60632.

"OUR LADY OF SILUVA" BOOKLETS

Rev. John C. Jutt informs us that these informative booklets are still available. These booklets were printed several years ago based on the apparitions of Our Lady of Siluva.

Booklets may be had at the following rates:

1 - 4 - 25 c each

5 - 24 - 20 c each

25 - 49 - 18 c each

50 - 99 - 17 c each

100 and over - 16 c each

Address: Rev. John C. Jutt, 105 Main Street, Athol, Mass.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

At the age of 4 months when his parents moved from Pennsylvania, the President of the Mid-Central District became a native Detroiter. Ray Medonis attended St. George's Grade School and Catholic High in Detroit. Currently he is employed as a Sales Representative for the Dealers Wholesale Co., Detroit. Ray joined the K of L, C - 102 (Detroit) in 1947. He earned his Fourth Degree by serving as his Council's pres., vicepresident, sports chairman and trustee. Both social and spiritual causes are aided by Ray, as he has served on such committees as Holy Thursday Pilgrimage, dances, outdoor socials and most recently, the Mid-West Bowling Tournament committee. However, the K of L does not occupy all of Ray's time. His family consists of his wife, Theresa (Saliagiris), also an active K of L'er and 4th Degree member, his children, Raymond Jr., Kenneth, Kathleen and Michael. His parents, Peter and Petronella Medonis are members of C-79. Brothers, Peter, Bill and Ed round out the family. In addition to his family obligations, Ray is a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, 3rd Vice Commander of Catholic War Veterans, past-president of the American-Lithuanian Veterans Bldg Corp and the Treasurer of the Our Lady of Siluva Drive.



Raymond Medonis

ED. NOTE: No information received from the president of the New York - New Jersey District.



Ronald Venis

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Ronald Venis (better known as "Butch") the current President of the New England District, is a product of our "Juniors". He joined C - 17 Juniors in 1949 and became a member of the regular C-17 (So. Boston) in 1951. By working on numerous committees in his Council, he earned his Second Degree. Before becoming the President of the NED Ron was the District Sports Chairman from 1962 to 1964. Ron lives in So. Boston with his parents. However in the summer of 1966, he will leave the ranks of the "Bachelors" and become a "Benedict" when he marries Madeline Druzdis. His brother, Jerome (also an active K of L member) lives in So. Boston and his sister lives in Groveland, Mass. After graduating from Boston Trade School, taking a four year plumbing course and an Engineering Hydronic Heating course, Ron became a Master Gas Fitter and a Journeyman Plumber. Currently he is employed at the George J. Jones Plumbing and Heating Co. Inc. as a Journeyman Plumber. As witnessed by his numerous terms of office on various sports committees, Ron is an avid sportsman and greatly enjoys bowling in addition to other sports.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

His pleasant smile and his dancing feet identify the president of the Illinois-Indiana District, Vincent Samaska. Currently, in addition to the K of L, Vince is the commander of the "Juru-Sauliai" (Lithuanian Boat Club), Board of Directors member of the "Ateitis Dancers, a member of the Darius Girenas American Legion Post and the Immaculate Conception Mens Club. Dancing boating, water-skiing and, of course, bowling and billiards occupy his spare moments. He lives on Chicago's West Side, but his family (mother, sister, step-father and step-sister) still reside in Lithuania. After graduating from Harper High School, Vince studied at the Cooks-Bakers School and the Cake Decorating Institute and currently is employed as a Chef-Manager of Harding - Williams Restaurant, Inc. in Chicago. His activities in the K of L began in 1951 when he joined C-99. In 1955, he transferred to his current Council - Chicago's C-36. He earned his Third Degree by serving as the president and trustee of his council, president of the I - I Bowling League, chairman of the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet, and numerous other chairmanships. With all of his other activities, Vince finds time to serve as a District Representative on the Board of Directors of the K of L Bldg.



Vincent Samaska

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

CHICAGO SENDRAUGIŲ VYČIŲ KUOPOS BANKETAS

Gegužės mėnesio 23 dieną Sendraugių Vyčių Kuopos vadovybė Vyčių namuose, 2455 W. 47th St., Chicagoje, suruošė banketą pagerbimui pirmūnų Vyčių ir kuopos steigėjų. Banketą 6 val. vakaro pradėjo Rengimo Komisijos pirmin. P. Dirkis pasveikindamas pirmūnus, steigėjus, svečius ir viešnius, kurių buvo susirinkę virš 150 asmenų, ir paprašė sukalbėti maldą Sendraugių kuopos dvasios Vadą kun. Činiką. Banketo programos vedėju pakvietė kuopos pirmininką ir Vyčių istorijos autorių pirmūną Igną Sakalą.

Programos vedėjas pirmoje eilėje banketo dalyvius supažindino su vakarieniškas valgiais, kurie turėjo ypatingus pavadinimus, būtent: vynas - 20 metų senumo, kuopos steigėjų bifšteksas, Sendraugių bulvių košė, Vyčių daržo daržovės, senbernių padažas ir Illinois bulkutės bei Indianos sviestas. Pabaigai Vyčių Namų Kava su Braiton parko bulkutėmis. Įpusėjus valgyti prasidėjo sveikinimai ir pristatymas Vyčių veikėjų ir žymesnių svečių.

Sveikinimo kalbas pasakė Vyr. Vyčių Dvasios Vadas kun. A. Valančius, gen. konsulas dr. Daužvardis, Tarybos p-kas L. Šimutis, apskr. p-kas Samaška ir kt. Pagrindinę kalbą pasakė Sendraugių kuopos narys P. Dirkis.

Meninę dalį išpildė Vyčių mišrus choras, vadovaujamas muz. F. Strolios, akompanuojant senam Vyčių bičiuliui muz. Byjanskui ir jaunam mu-

zikui M. Drungai.

Vyčių choras išpildė šias daineles: Oi žinau, žinau - Štarkos, Įsodinčiau - Bendoriaus, Pavasario saulė - F. Strolios, Ko liūdi, sesele - Šimkaus, Vežė mane iš namų - F. Strolios, Gegutė - F. Strolios, Malda - Vanagaičio, Laisvės daina - Žilevičiaus ir Pasilik, sveika - Br. Jonušo. Vakarieniškas ir vakaro programa buvo užbaigta Rengimo Komisijos pirmininko Pov. Dirčio padėkos žodžiu.

Bankete apart sendraugių kuopos steigėjų ir Vyčių pirmūnų atsilankė: Lietuvos konsulas dr. Daužvardis su Ponia, prel. Albavičius, kun. Činikas, Tarybos p-kas L. Šimutis, dr. Atkočiūnas su ponia, vaistininkai: K. Jonaitis - buvęs žurnalo "Vytis" redaktorius, vaistin. V. Petrauskas - buvęs vadas "Žaibas Žaibuoja" su ponia, katalikių moterų pirmin. Samienė, inžin. A. Rudis, Vyčių Centro atstovės: Eleonora Laurin ir Joana Jakūnas, žurnalo "Vytis" redaktorė p-lė Irena Sankus, Draugo Vyčių skyriaus redaktorė E. Pakalniškienė, Marquette parko Vyčių kuopos p-kas Raubiškis, apskrities Vyčių p-kas Samoška, krikščionių demokratų atstovai: Prof. Vitkus ir Rauckinas su ponia ir Monstavičius. Banketas užsitęsė iki 12 v. nakties.

P. ERDVYS

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Balandžio 25 d. įvyko L. Vyčių Sendraugių Susirinkimas, Vytės O. Balukienės namuose.

Susirinkimą atidarė malda ir pravedė pirm. A. Buknis. Protokolą skaitė ir užrašinėjo nut. rašt. J. Milas.

Valdybos nariai darė pranešimus: Izd. Z. Milienė pažymėjo, kad išdas yra sumažėjęs, tai reikia rasti priemonę jį papildyti. Mok. rašt. A. Kaudienė pasidžiaugė, kad visi nariai yra sumokėję duokles ir gauti keli nauji nariai. Pranešimai užgirti.

Parengimų Komisijos vardu pranešimą padarė K. Sadauskienė iš įvykusio žaislų pobūvio bal. 4 d. p. Visvekių namuose. Pelno padaryta per \$100. Didžiama pelno bus aukota Siluvos Koplyčios įrengimui Washingtone. Vytė K. Sadauskienė tarė ačiū Tamtinei, Milienei už pagalbą darbe ir Vyčiams bei jų bičiuliams už dovanas ir aukas, nes tas davė progą sukelti pelną.

Širdingas ačiū p. Visvekams už davimą vietos ir šiltą priėmimą.

Skaityti ir priimti laiškai iš L.V. Centro raštinės, L. V. Vid. Valstijų Apsk. ir Dainavos Stovyklos. Buvo iškelta klausimas, kad būtų atgaivinta L. Vyčių jaunučių kuopa. Po keletos pasisakymų, palikta tas ateičiai. Kad jaunučių kuopa būtų pastovi, tai reikia rasti globėjai ir nužiūrėti jaunučių vadai ...

Nutarta turėti išvyką birželio 6 d. p. Visvekių Sode. Šioje išvykoje, laukiami Vyčiai iš Youngstown, Ohio. Sekantis Vyčių Susirinkimas įvyks J. ir R. Sadauskų name, geg. 23 d. Susirinkime, nariai, kviečiame dalyvauti. Po susirinkimo šeimininkė Balukienė vaišino susirinkimo dalyvius.

Gimtadionio proga pagerbti: J. Sadauskas, Balukienė, Gribauskaitė, Trainauskaitė, Salasevičienė ir Kuzas. Sugiedota jiems - joms: Ilgiausių Metų!

Jaunuolis

Slenkant dienelei prie vakarėlio

Dienos šviesumas dingo už debesėlio,
Sunkūs darbeliai rengias prie pasilsėlio,
Malonūs balseliai paukštelių nutilo,
Tarsi visa gamta tylą pamylo...

Taip tyliai pro sodną teka upelis,
Rodos nešlama nei vienas medžio lapelis...
Bet greit išgirstam balsą lakštutės,
Čiulbant ant medžio žalios šakutės.

Tada gėrėjantis nakties ramybe,
Tuomet įgauni naują stiprybę,
Jautri krūtinė, lengvai kvėpuoja,
Siela šventoji, giesmes kartoja.

Saulės Brolis
Youngstown, Ohio.

Kad yra miela nakties ramybė,
Bet širdis džiaugias saulutę išvydus,
Net ir paukšteliai sau vikriai skraido,
Malonios giesmelės - skambančią gaidą...

JUNIOR

NEWS

N.Y.-N.J. DISTRICT

JUNIOR K OF L RALLY.

The seventh Junior Rally was held, Sunday April 25th, 1965, at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall, Kearny, N.J. Registration of delegates and guests started at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. with the singing of the American National Anthem and the Lithuanian Hymn.

Rev. Raymond F. Thompson gave the invocation and the President of the host council, Anthony Ambrietis, greeted the delegates and guests.

Rev. John J. Scharnus, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows parish welcomed all the Junior Knights and guests to Kearny.

The guest speaker, Detective Joseph Stanish, spoke to the gathering on the evils of drinking and narcotics. Mary Stonis of East Orange, N. J., 1st Vice President of the Supreme Council, addressed the group. Ann Klem, counselor of the Kearny Junior council, extended a warm greeting to all present.

Tony Mazeika Jr. and Al. Budreckis representing the Lithuanian American students asked everyone present to join in a demonstration at the White House grounds in Washington D.C. The purpose of this orderly demonstration is to show President Johnson of our support on his stand in Vietnam.

Each council then presented its annual report covering activities held during the year.

A variety program with all councils participating followed.

The 1st Annual Lithuanian Olympics was held with the following events: Egg Roll, Lithuanian Relays, Nickel Stand, Shot Put, Big Wind, Eating Race. Elizabeth Council 52 ran away with the prizes but a good time

was had by all, contestants and on-lookers.

The session was closed with a prayer by Rev. Alfred T. Zemeikis and the singing of the Vyčių Hymn.

Rev. Peter Zemeikis of Bayonne, N.J., Rev. Peter Totoraitis of Newark, N. J., and Rev. Vladas Karalevičius of Elizabeth, N. J. were present with their local councils.

Bible Vigil and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

After the church services a short prayer was offered at the Wayside Shrine and a floral piece was blessed and placed at the shrine.

A Supper and dance closed the days activities. Music for the dancing was supplied by Leonard Kiausas and his Orchestra.

Many thanks to one and all who in any way helped to make this 7th Rally a success.

MARY H. STONIS
JUNIORS VICE-PRESIDENT

C-26, WORCESTER, MASS.

On March 21st, 39 eager teenagers gathered in the K of L clubrooms in response to an invitation received from Rev. Michael Tamulevičius and Mrs. Mary R. Jankowski to reorganize the Juniors of C-26.

The explanation of the purpose of the K of L and its functions was received with such enthusiasm that all in attendance were ready to join. A special meeting was held the following week for election of officers. The competition was keen, the results close, and the victors were as follows: James Bender - President, Philip Adamonis - Vice president (1st), Paul

Parulis - Vice president (2nd), Katherine Staney - Secretary, Ruth Tamulevich - Corresponding Secretary, John Parulis - Financial Secretary, Thomas Medlinskas - Treasurer, Francis Kondrotas - Marshall, Carol Delonis - Marshall and Donna Jankowski - Vytis Correspondant. Our counselor Mary Jankowski assisted by Helen Gillius treated us to refreshments after the meeting.

Our first endeavor was a dance held on May 7th which was a tremendous success. Some displayed their talent in dancing while others vied to see who could eat the most goodies provided by the girls. Thanks to Mrs. Bender who helped our counselors.

At our next meeting, May 19th another dance was held for the graduating class of St. Casimir's School along with a "Bingo Party" to help build our treasury.

We were also well represented at the Junior Rally held in Westfield on May 23rd. We extend our sincerest thanks to our counselor, Mrs. Mary Jankowski, Miss Albina Burdulis, and Ronald Venis for our transportation.

Donna Jankowski
Vytis Correspondant

C-17, SO. BOSTON, MASS.

As junior members of the Knights of Lithuania, we had a problem presented to us. That was the Junior Rally to be held in Westfield. Most of the gang wanted to go to this affair and that pie in the fly situation came up, transportation! How do you transport twenty five or so people one hundred miles away, when you are not old enough to have a drivers license or automobile.

Sure we knew the answer, our parents' cars or a bus. If our parents couldn't take us, then the bus. But busses cost money and where in the world will we get enough money for such an operation. At our meeting all of the great minds were set into motion and great ideas were kicked around and we came up with the solution. We would put on a religious movie during Palm Sunday, in keeping with the lenten spirit. Father Albin secured us the movie "The Son of Man" and then we had to secure a 16 mm movie and someone to operate it. We were lucky to find a wonderful Irishman, with the heart of a Lithuanian, Bill Casey, and he consented to operate the projector for us. Next on the agenda was tickets and to go out and sell them. We sold quite a few to the senior K of L'ers and even though some of them didn't attend the movie we appreciate their buying the tickets. The performance was a success financially even though we would have liked to see more people there, because we could have sold more popcorn and tonic (pop to you uninitiated). We made enough money for the bus trip along with what the seniors have given to us from their coffee and donuts returns. This gave us a new look on life and we realize how hard it is to raise funds and from now on we shall watch the spending of our meager treasury. It gave us some self-confidence knowing that we at least raise part of the money and it makes us appreciate the ride to Westfield more. We would like to thank our guidance leaders for their leadership. Yes, just thinking that if everyone who bought a ticket had attended the performance we could have sold a great deal more of tonic and popcorn. Who knows how much money our treasury would have in it now? May we thank one and all who help make this a success from the people who bought the tickets, to the people who worked at this affair.

The only way that we can repay you seniors is to be able to step in your shoes and carry on the work of this great organization when we grow up and are able to join the seniors. In our next report we shall relate what went on at our Junior Rally at Westfield, Mass.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The I-I District Juniors ended the 64-65 season with a morning of bowling at the Wood-mac Lanes followed by a Weinie Roast at the K. of L. Gardens sponsored by the I-I District on Sat., June 5th.

This year our Junior Busy Bees were busy with many interesting projects: pumpkins Jack-O-Lanterns, witches, for their Halloween Party. Their fine efforts set the evening mood of real ghosts and goblins effect. Our talented Al Raubiskis (C112 Prs.) was a photographer. He was there to catch our masked merry makers.

We made Lithuanian straw ornaments and decorations to put on our Christmas Tree and entered a tree decorated with straw ornaments in the Nat'l. Lith. Christmas Ornament Contest sponsored by C 36 member Frank Zapolis held at Lith. Jesuit Center. This contest was open to all ages, to all parts of the USA. Our own Juniors' Christine Giedraitis won 1st Prize in the Jr. Div. and our tree received Honorable Mention.

Artistic paintings of Lith. scenes, pictures etched in yarn, ceramic hot plates are some of the Juniors projects.

They displayed their dancing and singing talents at the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet and at the St. Casimir Day Brunch at Father Val's St. Michael's Parish.

Their final participation of the season was in the May 23rd Mid-West Junior "Šokių and Dainų Šventė". As it was held outdoors, many different childrens' groups attended. The program was sponsored by the Lith. Bendruomenė under supervision of Bruno Nainys. The program was co-ordinated by Frances Gramont.

Among the accordionists - Ray Wylie and Walter Tenclinger (C36 member).

Many thanks to Father Val, Father Ed, Eleanore Laurin, Adeline Jaisaitis, Al Manst, for their efforts organizing the C 13 Juniors.

The Chicago Juniors will again meet on Saturdays, for the 65-66 season and we will be concentrating on our 10-16 age group.

Don't forget! Come down in September and join the fun - both Junior members - and adults counsellors are wanted and needed.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all our hard workers this past season: our accordionist, Ray Wylie; instructors and counsellors Camilla Bereckis Letitia Giedraitis, Johanna Jakunas, Cecilia Matual and Helen Pius; and of course, our Juniors and their parents. A real big hand to you all. God Bless You!

Genevieve Giedraitis Maluska
Junior Coordinator



Juniors performing at the Mid-west Junior "Šokių and Dainų Šventė".



H. Armstrong Roberts

Now Now.....
THIS IS NO TIME TO GO TO SLEEP!
WE STILL HAVE
K of L ELIGIBLE
MEMBERS
TO ENROLL!

The summer offers a variety of activities for meeting new people ... golfing, fishing, summer school or just plain "park benching". It is also an ideal time of the year to plan activities. For the young prospects - pool parties, wiener roasts or baseball. For families - picnics, nature and historical excursions or back yard cook-outs.

Whether sponsoring or attending these events, you will meet new K of L material. But - it can bring negative results, if - you are not armed with INFORMATION. Re-read your constitution for dates and places of organization. Keep a copy of your Council or District publications in your pocket or purse to show what local activities we have. Show off the "Vytis". It has a wealth of material to indicate what our cultural, Lithuanian and national activities are.

Along with information, we need ACTION. Our Scholarship Fund is an activity to be proud of - TALK IT UP. Our Lithuanian language and choral records are a unique accomplishment - SELL THEM. Our interstate sports tournaments and national conventions have a definite appeal to people of all ages who enjoy meeting other people, with like interests, from the various cities all over this country - PROMOTE THEM.

When we consider the tens of thousands of Lithuanians in the U. S. A., our total K of L membership is just a negligible fraction. And it will stay so - if we don't ACT. We CAN'T give up, we CAN'T let up. Constantly, relentlessly, we must change these fractions to whole numbers. 10%, 25%, 40%, or more, of all Lithuanians here should be K of L members.

For those who were outstanding throughout the past K of L year in increasing our membership - awards will be presented at the National Convention, hosted this year by Los Angeles. Plaques will be given to an individual of action, to two councils of action and a district of action. There certainly should be hundreds of delegates, alternates and guests on hand to give the winners an encouraging ovation and to decide our future courses of activity in all phases of K of L life.

ELEANORE H. LAURIN
 MEMBERSHIP VICE-PRESIDENT

ANNUAL MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

May 14, 15, 16, 1965

Hosts, Council 102 and 139, Detroit, Michigan

TEAM PRIZES:

1st Place: C-112, Chicago, Ill. 2977
Rev. A. Valancius
Irene Sankus Gerry Mack
Al Raubiskis Lorraine Wainauskas

2nd Place: C-79, Detroit, Mich. 2937

3rd Place: C-79 and C-102,
Detroit, Mich. 2887

4th Place: C-79, Detroit, Mich. 2866

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES:

High Series - Scratch
John Kolinske, C-79, Detroit 617
Maryanne Guerrierri, C-102, Detroit 510

High Series - With Handicap
George Stanules, C-79, Detroit 665
Fran Petkus, C-96, Dayton 645

High Game - Scratch
Tony Wilchesky, C-139, Detroit 226
Irene Petroski, C-79, Detroit 193

High Game - With Handicap
Ed Salas, C-79, Detroit 239
Barb Sackle, C-79, Detroit 231

Low Series
George Sinkus, C-79, Detroit 358
Ann Keldusis, C-79, Detroit 205

PARTICIPATION . . .

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5 States (Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan,
Pennsylvania)
2 Districts (Illinois-Indiana and Mid-Central)
8 Councils (19, 25, 36, 79, 96, 102, 112, 139)

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Council 36 and 112, Chicago, Ill.



The John Kaminkas Traveling Memorial Trophy.



First Place Team



Some Individual trophy winners

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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N.Y.-N.J. DISTRICT

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

As announced earlier C-29 is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its founding this year. The main feature of the celebration will be a dinner-dance on Sat. Oct. 2 in St. George's Hall 180-82 New York Avenue, Newark. A committee has been selected to make plans for this event. Chairman will be Mrs. Christina Yakavonis; Co-Chairman Miss Mary Stonis; Souvenir Journal, Mrs. Loretta Stukas; Entertainment Louis Stukas; and Publicity Frank Vaskas. Other members of the committee are Council president Kazys Sipaila, Frank Eleseika, Charles Strolis, Mrs. Helen Radisch, and Mrs. Anna Pocius. We are hoping to make this affair one of the outstanding ones on our calendar, it is not often that many organizations live to celebrate their golden jubilee. So we are repeating once more, don't forget to put a circle around the 2nd of October, we hope that the good Knights from other sections of country will be joining us on this night of nights.

From the scribe's note book: Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Rev. John C. Jutt, Honorary Chairman of Lithuanian affairs, who is celebrating his silver jubilee in the priesthood this year; also to Bishop Vincent Brizgys his 25th as Bishop. We wish them continued success in their labors in the Lord's Vineyard... Sorry to report that our Council V.P. Jack Remeika was laid up in the Orange, N. J. Memorial Hospital recently... Happy to report that Jack Stukas is back in swing of things after a short confinement. Take it easy, both of you Jacks... Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Anna Goodis in the passing of her father and Mrs. Ann Mitchell and Charles Dasker in the loss of their sister, Mrs. Gert-rude Leliausis. Mrs. Leliausis had received her 2nd degree at our Com-

munion Breakfast on Mar 7, and her sudden passing was a shock to all of the membership.

Hope to see you at L. A. Convention, and if not then at our dinner-dance in October. A most pleasant and enjoyable summer to one and all of the good Knights.

C-113, Linden, N. J. Cerberus

Our newly elected Executive Board Officers are: Pres. Ed Pribush, Vice-Pres. Joe Sable, Recording sec'y. Sally Ashmont, Fin. Sec'y. Aldona Krotulis and Treasurer John Ashmont.

The "door to door" campaign by our Membership Committee, Adele Leraitis and Sally Ashmont has been prolific. With a few "Knocks" they have recruited: -Julia and John Bartus, Helen and Dominic Shevetski, Mary and Andrew Yorke, Mary Levay, Ann and Anthony Kruchas, Bernice Sura and Ann Kundylo. A hearty "welcome" to the new members and a hearty "thank-you" to the Committee for the membership explosion.

A hearty "welcome" also to Al Kassel of C-36 Chicago who was here on special assignment, part of which was to collect the "yard" that was borrowed at the last National Convention ... A personal note to Al Kassel... Our Council accepts your challenge for a "horse-shoe" pitching tournament to be played off at the L. A. National Convention. Any Council interested in competing in the tournament please contact Al Kassel or Joe Sable.

The surprise "Bon Voyage" Party for John and Agnes Dobilas, who are now vacationing in Hawaii, can best be described with the Lithuanian word "Hula-la".

Our summer exodus for fun began with the May 30th sojourn to the seashore for a day of assorted "Mayhem" with a special emphasis on "horse-shoes". Since the challenge by the Chicago Council, most of the

horses here are running about bare-foot singing, "Oh Those Golden Horse-shoes". Chicago, will you please start the dance?

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

C-100 of the Knights of Lithuania held its monthly meeting at Matthew Orante's Art Gallerie with President John Gerutis presiding at the gathering.

Lithuanian art and culture were discussed by the Rev. Robert K. Baltch. Mentioned were the sculpturer Moncys, photographer the Rev. Algimantas Kezys, and artist Ciurlionis. Photographs of some of their works were shown.

Matthew Orante was called on to explain some of his works of art. He also showed the group many items of interest which he has received from Lithuania. These included a Lithuanian Fashion Magazine, photographs of various Lithuanian country-side shrines, ancient wind mills, and ancient sections of Vilnius, the capitol of Lithuania.

The group studied Mr. Orante's paintings and wood carvings, asking the artist various questions.

New members welcome into the K. of L. were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kroup and Mrs. Virginia Miciulis.

Present at the meeting were Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kroup, Assoc. Prof. Irene Wood, Troy, N.Y., Mrs. Sophie Olbie, Mrs. Anna Yunker, Miss Genevieve Gobis, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Bill McCune, Matthew Kazlauskas, John Gerutis, Sam LaBate, and Matthew Orante.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Sadie Karbus and John Gerutis.

Our deepest sympathies to our secretary, Eleanore Stakauskas, who lost her father on April 5th.

Sophie Olbie, Helen Dombroski, and Gene Gobis went to Boston, Mass., on April 3 for a one-day shopping spree.

C-41 New York Denis Mazeika

As the Knights of Lithuania do every year, C-41 took part in the Good Friday Vigil at Annunciation parish in South Brooklyn, N. Y. This seems only natural since the K of L is a Lithuanian organization and this parish is Lithuanian. Approximately, twenty-four hours later on Easter Sunday morning, the K of L attended dawn Mass at this Church. Easter Sunday evening, we attempted something we hadn't attempted before: namely, an Easter dance. It was an enormous success!

The topic that is most on my mind as I write this article is the fact that the demonstrations in Washington, which was made possible almost totally through the work of our fellow K of L member, Tony Mazeika, Jr. The march was a success. We had a representation of some two-thousand people and approximately 100 signs or posters. We must admit that many of the people there were not of Lithuanian extraction; they just wanted to back us up. The amount of work that was put into it was well worth it.

The idea of a march in favor of the President's policy in Vietnam entered Tony Mazeika's mind shortly after the fact that all sorts of college beatniks had marched in front of the White House protesting the President's Vietnam policy. He thought it a good idea to have a march showing the President that these college beatniks were not a majority but rather a minority of the American people. He formed a spontaneous group called Lithuanian - American Students and Organizations For Freedom. He held a meeting to find out if the different

Lithuanian organizations would be interested in something like this. The response he received was more than he expected.

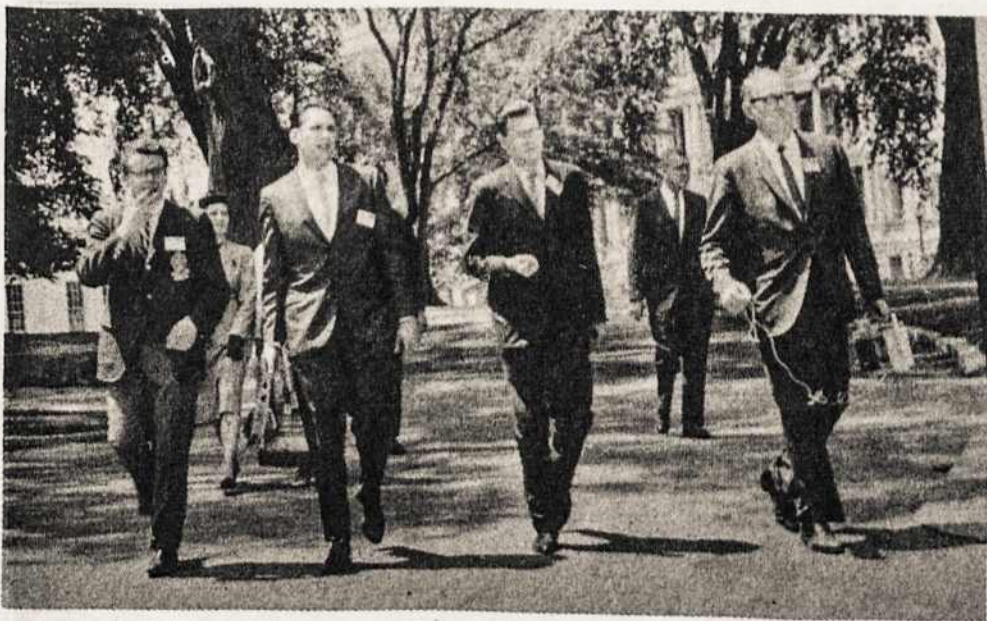
As they say, once the ball gained momentum, there was no stopping it. Peter Wytenus, head of the Lithuanian Committee at the World's Fair, as well as his assistant on the Committee, Tony Snieckas, backed Tony and gave him all the help they could possibly afford. Msgr. John Balkunas from Transfiguration parish in Maspeth was also enthusiastic when he heard about it. Much thanks must also be given to many people in Washington who made the march possible.

For the next three Friday nights, meetings were held in order to help lighten the enormous amount of work involved. All of the organizations sent representatives to these meetings to help. Much was accomplished by these meetings. Tony went so far as to take off from work to drive up to New England and then down to Washington in order to get the backing of everyone possible on the East Coast. Calls went out all across the country. Expenses were high and as far as I know, the committee is still in the red. Donations were received from quite a few people but unfortunately, not enough.

Publicity for the march was quite good. Here in New York, one of the local radio stations announced it as part of their news. This was a result of the work of Pete Wytenus who got the Associated Press to carry an all points bulletin on it. This type of bulletin is on a national scale. Shortly thereafter, Tony Mazeika received a letter from Omaha, Nebraska stating that they would have people at the march. The New York Daily News had

a big write-up on it two Sundays before the march and other local newspapers also carried stories. I personally went out of my way to have WFUV - FM, the radio station broadcasting from Fordham University, carry something about it. My expectations were exceeded when I was informed that Tony, myself, and Al Budreckas, who was the co-chairman of the organization, could appear personally on the station in the form of a debate. The three of us managed to get our points across.

The big day, Saturday, May 15, turned out to be a beautiful day. We had buses leaving New York City from three different locations; Brooklyn, Maspeth, and Queens. The buses left at six o'clock in the morning and we got to Washington by eleven. When we got in front of the White House, we took all the posters out and distributed them. It was really quite a good showing. The men were all well dressed in suits and the women wore their Lithuanian costumes if they had them. I was speaking to one of the police captains observing the demonstration and he told me that he didn't believe he had seen a better organized and well meaning group of people in twelve years. He also commented on the beautiful costumes. Other passers-by commented that it was about time someone organized something like this march and that they were with us one-hundred percent. Besides these people there were of course reporters, photographers, etc. From what I heard, the radio stations in Washington mentioned the march every hour along with their other news items. I'm sure that the papers also played it up quite big for even in New York we re-



L to R - A. Vainus, Jr., A. Mazeika, President of the Committee; A. Budreckas and P. Wytemus leaving the White House.



Students participating in the demonstration in front of the White House.

ceived write-ups and pictures. This should just go to show all Lithuanians just how much can be accomplished if we all work together!

During the march, Tony and some other representatives went into the White House and presented to the President's personal secretary, Lee White, a memorandum stating our backing of the President in his policy especially in Vietnam. This memorandum was signed by all of the organizations represented. Tony also talked with the Speaker of the House, McCormick, for about an hour.

After marching in front of the White House for about two hours, we then marched to the Lincoln Memorial. When we got to the memorial, a wreath was laid in front of the "Great Emancipator". Following this, we went to Arlington Cemetery and laid another wreath at Kennedy's grave.

After a short stopoff at the Immaculate Conception Shrine, we were on our way home. We arrived back in New York about midnight, safe and sound.

After all of this excitement, it sort of leaves an empty feeling. Now, we wait for something else ... but can anything else compare to this? I'll repeat this again and I'll probably do it many more times - We Lithuanians can get what we want, if we only work together!

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. C-139 Ann

C-139 joins C-102 in a big "Vytiška Ačiū" to our many friends from Chicago, Gary, Dayton, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and big sister Detroit C-79 for the nice showing at our Mid-Central Bowling Tournament. Hope you had a good time - we really tried. FATHER VAL, we enjoyed your inspiring sermon and many good stories very much - thank you. TONY WILCHESKY, we are proud of you for at least making sure one trophy was kept behind for little C-139. FRANK PETROSKI'S any time you want more "ausukies" just give us a buzz.

Congratulations to Walter Mallen, of Chamberlain Bakery (Home of our famous Detroit Lithuanian Rye), who won the "Fifty-Fifty" at the bowling banquet. Our members decided to present this to him personally, and after

the initial surprise, Wally and wife Helen rolled out the red carpet - beverages, food and good Lithuanian Music. Nobody attempted to dance after three days of living it up, bowling, etc., however the singing was loud and clear. May you always be a winner, Wally, and we are looking forward to the Luau in July.

May 2 - Our members made the annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Consolation at Carey, Ohio. This was an ideal day both spiritually and otherwise. Hope more members will attend next year.

May 13 - C-'s 139 and 102 joined in attending a special evening Mass commemorating the anniversary of the first apparition of our Lady of Fatima in 1917 and 1951 when the Lithuanian people were dedicated under the protective robe of our Mother. This was followed by Benediction and crowning of the Blessed Virgin by the children of St. Anthony's School. It was a beautiful and inspiring ceremony, and Fr. Stan's sermon was most enlightening.

May 23 marks the third anniversary of C-139. Appropriately starting with Mass and Corporate Communion followed by breakfast in St. Peter's Hall, the members celebrated the day with a theatre party and dinner. While our Council has not grown much in numbers, the spirit and activities have increased tremendously.

A few little highlights about the members. The Gadwells have come to the conclusion it's best to have their own doctor in the family - son, Michael, receives his MD from the University of Michigan and will intern at Oakwood Hospital. Congratulations.

Also, congratulations to Pat Sirvydas who has been awarded a grant to the University of Vermont for this summer to further her studies in Speech Therapy. Pat is a Junior at Marygrove College. Nice going, Pat.

It has been very gratifying to see an increasing number of members in attendance at our monthly Corporate Communion. Hope this will continue even during the coming warm summer months.

Detroit, Mich., C-102 Dvynukės

Our many thanks to Father Stan for arranging to have Father Heidelberg conduct our Day of Recollection. The Bible Study Conferences were indeed inspirational! Bob Boris did a mighty fine solo serving coffee and donuts.

Our deepest sympathies to Gus Baibak and his family on the recent loss of their father.

What a wonderful response to our First Pilgrimage on Holy Thursday to the three Detroit Lithuanian Churches. It was especially gratifying to have our sister councils 79 and 139 join us, and we "thank" them.

Congratulations to Joe Guerrero for taking the "Big Jackpot" recently in the K. of L. Bowling League when he hit a 254 game.

Was it a prod from above for the Pluto's to attend K. of L. meetings when their chimney was struck by lightning? So glad to hear no one was hurt.

After hearing so much about the Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Carey, Ohio, a few more of our members de-



Exhibit at Divine Providence Parish Dinner prepared by Anthony Dainus C-79 Detroit. It includes historical mementoes of Detroit's 1st Lithuanian Parish, St. George.

cided to make the trip. To say it was a perfect way to spend a Sunday is putting it lightly. We are grateful to Stan Vaitkus of Dayton for making the arrangements. The religious ceremonies were so inspirational, we are looking forward to going again next year.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Congratulations to the Lackawicz Funeral Home Bowlers who succeeded in taking first place in the Ill-Ind District bowling league. The team consists of: Father Val, Gerry Mack, Irene Sankus, Al Manst, and Ken Kraujelis. The second place team is Zbela's and the third place, Gaiva Restaurant. The teams celebrated their victory and the end of the bowling league at their banquet which was held May 8, at the "Artesian Room".

The K of L Choir held a get-together on May 1 at the K of L Hall to celebrate the success of their pre-lenten dance. A short program consisting of a tribute to mothers was held, and roses were given to all the mothers who were present.

Congratulations to the Chicagoans who brought back the bowling trophy from Detroit. The C-112 teammates were: Gerry Mack, Irene Sankus, Lorraine Wainauskas, Father Val and Al Raubiskis. The C-36 team were: Joan Jakunas, Al and Ann Marie Kassel, Vince Samaska and Frank Svelnis. The other C-36 team included Homer and Gertie Carver, Pete Butkus, and Frank Jurgaitis.

The week-end started with a get-together on Friday night. Council members from Cleveland, Dayton, Chicago, and Pittsburgh participated. On Saturday, there was a brunch before bowling and in the evening, the winners celebrated at the dance. After Mass Sunday, the trophies were given out at the banquet.

The Seniors held a 20 year anniversary banquet on May 23, at the K of L Hall. The K of L Choir sang and a group of dancers also took part in the program.

All of you who haven't seen the newly remodeled K of L Hall are due for a pleasant surprise. Attend the Hawaiian Nite Party which will be held sometime this month in the garden and you will be given the "nickle tour" of the face-lifting the building has just had.

Don't forget - The July 4th picnic will be held again this year at Butchas Grove.

C-112, Chicago, Ill. What again

Our Spring Theater Party was a great success. Twenty members and guests saw Marie Wilson in "Born Yesterday" at the newly remodeled "Drury Lane" Theater. After the performance, the group journeyed to the "Club Alegro" for an evening of dancing and supping.

Due to the K of L building remodeling program, our annual Easter Dance was held on the Saturday after Easter. Chairman Al Shulicke and his committee worked hard as shown by their successful efforts. The members and guests enjoyed the festivities at the remodeled K of L building. The decorating for the dance was expertly handled by the Pakalniskis girls.

Our quarterly Communion Sunday was held on May 23rd at Nativity BVM Church. After Mass, those in attendance enjoyed a luncheon brunch at the new "Sharko's East" Restaurant.

June 25th was the date of our Chicago Seniors 20th Anniversary Banquet. Council President Al Raubiskis, "Vytis" Editor Irene Sankus, along with other Council members enjoyed the festivities and the performance of our K of L Choir. The Banquet not only commemorated the Seniors 20th Anniversary, but also honored their members who have been in the K of L for 50 years.

Congratulations to member Steve Lackawicz, who was the sponsor of the winning bowling team in the K of L League; and to Irene Sankus and Gerry Mack, who were members of the team. Other league bowlers were: Al Raubiskis, Lorraine Wainauskas, Bob Doman, Dave Jokantis, Tony Hajek and Al Kachinskis.

Irene and Gerry were also very fortunate in being on the C-112 team that "captured" the Mid-West Bowling Tournament trophy. The other members of the team were: Rev. A. Valancius, Al Raubiskis and Lorraine Wainauskas. Irene Rakaitis journeyed to Detroit with the bowlers and was a most capable cheerleader. Joan Jakunas, who traveled with Al, Irene and Gerry, was so unhappy on not winning a trophy, that her travel-mates presented her with one at the June I-I District meeting.



Rev. Edward Abromaitis;

C-13, Chicago, Ill.

The Reverend Edward M. Abromaitis celebrated a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at 1:00 PM on Sat., May 15th for Priests, relatives and close friends at Holy Cross Church, where he has been pastor since 1962.

The Reverend Anthony J. Zakarauskas, Illinois - Indiana Spiritual Advisor was the Deacon and the Reverend Andrew Karoblis, Pastor in La Crosse, Wisconsin, was Sub-deacon. Master of Ceremonies was Reverend Carl Lezak. Reverend Vito E. Mikolaitis, Professor at Quigley Preparatory Seminary preached the sermon.

The following day, Sun., May 16th, Reverend Abromaitis held a Solemn High Mass for all his parishioners. Two Marian Fathers also celebrating their Silver Jubilee or Ordination assisted at this Mass. Namely, the Reverend Anthony Miciunas, M.I.C., Special Advisor to the Marian General, Bishop Ceslau Sipovich and Reverend Andrew Naudziunas, M.I.C., Associate Editor of Draugas. Preacher at this Mass was Reverend Anthony J. Zakarauskas.

Reception for the Jubilarian was held immediately after Mass at Holy Cross Auditorium.

Both of Father Abromaitis' parents died in the early spring of 1964. Father Abromaitis was educated at St. George Grammar School, Quigley Preparatory and St. Mary of the Lake Seminaries, where he received B. A. and M. A. degrees.

Following ordination, Father Abromaitis was assigned to St. Anthony Church, Cicero, where he served for eight years.

In 1948, he was transferred to All Saints Church, where he worked for seven years, after which he was as-

signed to Immaculate Conception where he served as Assistant until 1959, when he came to Holy Cross as Assistant. Later named Administrator of the parish, Father Abromaitis was appointed Pastor by the late Albert Cardinal Meyer in 1962.

His special assignments have included: District Director, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, and a two year term as Vice President of Catholic Churches, Back-of-the-Yards Council, and one of the most active Pastors working for the Knights of Lithuania. He took active participation in re-organizing C-13. He himself was an active member during his youth in C-14 of Cicero.

On May 19th of this year Father Abromaitis was elected President of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests' league of United States and Canada during the recent convention held at the Lithuanian Jesuit headquarters and the Marian Fathers Monastery.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

M. A.

Lietuvos Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos apylinkės pusmetinis sąskrydis įvyko sekmadienį, bal. 25 d. Brockton, Mass. Globojo vietinė Vyčių I kuopa. Posėdžiai vyko Šv. Kazimiero parapijos patalpose. Seimas pradėtas 3 val. po pietų. Atidarė apylinkės pirm. R. Venis. Maldą sukalbėjo kun. Jonas Paulauskas. Sudainuota Amerikos, Lietuvos ir Vyčių himnai. Be suminėtu kalbėtojų suvažiavimą šiltai pasveikino kun. Albinas Janiūnas, kun. Mykolas Vembrė ir Brocktono Vyčių pirm. R. Pigion. Dvasios vadai ragino Vyčius nenuilstamai tęsti savo garbingos organizacijos pavyzdinę religinę ir tautinę veiklą.

Praeito sąskrydžio protokolą paskaitė nut. sekretorė B. Mažeikaitė ir raportus išdavė šie valdybos nariai; pirm. R. Venis, vice-pirm. B. Coach ir Mary Minkus, išd. W. Wisnauskas. Ritualo, lietuviškų reikalų, kultūros, spaudos ir sporto komisijų raportus išdavė Dorothy Sinkavitch, A. Kardokas, G. Barton, Marcelė Andrikytė, Eleanor Anusauskas. Dalyvavo 3 kunigai, buvusi VYTIES redaktorė Garbės Narė Felicija Grendelytė, 29 delegatai ir 6 svečiai. Iš viso atstovauta 9 Vyčių kuopos.

Džiugu pabrėžti kad jau virš 50 metų kaip L. Vyčiai Amerikoje pasižymi lietuvių bei išlaikyti darbuotėje.

Taigi ir šiame savo suvažiavime Vyčiai su entuziazmu parodė ištikimybę lietuviškai pareigai. Vienbalsiai priimta rezoliucija liečianti Lietuvos 25 metų tragiškos rusų okupacijos sukaktį. Rezoliucija reikalauja "galo sovietiškam kolonializmui ir pilnos teisėtos laisvės ir nepriklausomybės Lietuvai ir kitom pavergtom tautom". Visos N. A. Vyčių kuopos panašias rezoliucijas pasiūš Amerikos valdžios ir Jungtinių Tautų pareigūnams. Rezoliuciją pasiūlė ir paruošė M. Andrikytė, L. Vyčių atstovė Amerikos Lietuvių Taryboje.

Sesijų pertraukos metu buvo pamaldos su palaiminimu Švč. Sakramentu gražioje Atvelykio ženkle, kvapiomis lelijomis išpuoštoje Šv. Kazimiero bažnyčioje. Gilų išpūdį darė Vyčių himno vargonų garsai bei kvietė Vyčius karštai melstis į savo globėją Šv. Kazimierą prašydami Dievo palaimos ir pagelbos visai lietuvių tautai.

L. Vyčių 52-me seime Los Angeles rugp. 5-8 d. d. N. A. apylinkėi atstovaus Rita Pinkus ir Joanna Antanėlis. Būsiantis apylinkės sąskrydis įvyks rugsėjo 25-26 d. d. Cambridge, Mass. Globos Vyčių 18 kp. Paskutinis darbo posėdis baigtas 6 val. vakaro su maldą kurią sukalbėjo kun. A. Janiūnas. Sekė šaunios vaišės bei bendras pasilinksminimas vytiškoje nuotaikoje.

Delegatai išsiskirstė labai pakilioje dvasioje pasiryžę viltingai dirbti su energija ir meile pavergtosios Lietuvos išlaisvinimo žygiuose ypačiai šiais tikrai reikšmingais jos pavergimo žiaurios ir nelemtos sukakties metais. Teisingumas triumfuos ir Lietuva bus laisva. Lietuvos žmonės vėl gyvens Dievui ir Tėvynei.

C-17, So. Boston, Mass. Nežinaš

Our council aided and abetted the parish reunion by either working or attending this gala affair. It was the first time that parishioners were turned away at the door because they hadn't purchased their tickets in advance. So many thanks to those who participated.

School is coming to a close, and there are many who will graduate (Paula Antanellis, Vic Bernotes) or who'll vacation and work for the summer. The meetings have been changed to the second tuesday of the month. This was done so that weekends wouldn't interfere with the meetings

and so we would have a better attendance.

A few council members and juniors went to Washington D.C. to participate in the peaceful picketing approving LBJ's policies in thwarting the commies. This protest march came at such a short notice that many members who would have liked to take part, couldn't because of previous plans. Please in the future kindly let the council know well in advance so that plans can be made to attend. There is a rally planned for Boston in June but so far these plans have been kept a big dark secret, so this writer can't give you any details of the meeting.

Our New England District President Ronald Venis gave Madeline Druzdis a diamond and with this their engagement was announced with the wedding in June '66. Good luck to both of you and congratulations.

The juniors and their adult chaperones made their way to Westfield for the N.E.D. Junior Rally. Everyone had an enjoyable trip and hope to visit Westfield in the near future. The Fall Dance committee is busy making plans for this great event on Nov 27. More on this event in the later issues. A well deserved hand must go to Bill Gorski and Lil Kasauskas of C-27 Norwood. These intrepid two had some fifteen nuns for the convent of Jesus Crucified of Brockton on a hike through the Blue Hills, Milton. Everyone returned home safely and if you really need a guide when you go through the Blue Hills look up Bill and Lil. Mrs. Blanche Kapochy spent a few weeks in Florida for a rest and Ann and Mary Kleponis drove down to Florida with Ann doing most of the driving.

A big welcome to Bruno Kropius, who recently joined the organization. Bruno went to Washington on the protest march, and the next day on John Roman's Lithuanian Radio Hour gave an account of the activities. By the way we hope that John Roman Sr. will recover from his serious illness and return to the mikes and continue his radio program.

The bowling banquet was held, and everyone had an enjoyable dinner and good cheer at the Captain's Room overlooking Dorchester Bay. This is an early call for bowlers for our coming session this Fall.

This is the Congrats paragraph: to Paula Antanellis on her portrayal of Laurie the heroine of "Oklahoma" for Boston State College production; to

Joe Casey for being a member of the world famous drill and band team the "Princemen"; to Vic Bernotis for making the deans list at Chamberlayne Junior College; to Rev. John Jutt and Rev. Albert Abricinckas on their 25th anniversary of Ordination; to Rev. Albert Contons and Bill Gorski and the other members of the fund raising committee of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified Building Fund, (this is in relations to the \$100 a plate dinner). The Sisters and the committee say thanks a jillion times for your charity. Don't let it stop here. If you can afford a dollar or two and don't know what to do with it, mail it to the Motherhouse, Thatcher Street, Brockton, Mass.) to Ronald Venis for his hard work as co-chairman of the bowling league, and to Jerry Venis for their chore of setting up the bowling banquet; to John and Alice (Zaremba) Olevitz on their newest K of L'er Valory, four pounds five ounces; to Billy Zaremba on the new paint job on his "caddie"; to the large group of delegates who went to the district convention sponsored by C-1 and helped them eat that bounteous table of goodies; to the council for voting to buy a K of L flag for the council; to Al Jaritis for making his car symmetrical by bashing in the left side of his "Cah" (thats the artist in AL); to Ray and Paula Slinger on their holiday in Jamaica, some people are really lucky; to Rudy who is due home this year; to the recovery of the operation of Jerry Venis; to Helen Suprin, Ginny Druzdis, and Ruth Neivera who are planning a "Cah" trip to California. Wanda Yelmokas and friend are planning a camping trip across the country but their starting point will be Washington D.C. Where do these girls get the courage to make such a venture?

Dana Valotka spent a few days home visiting her mother, the Rudziunas' Leo and Albina. Stan Yelmokas has been promoted to a salesman, anyone looking for a good fuel, call Stan for good service. Angie and the kid's (Mrs. Stanley Yelmokas) were the loudest cheerers when Peter Rabbit landed for the annual Easter

Parade. As usual many hardy souls make the sunrise Mass of Easter Sunday. This reporter isn't an early riser, but large group of council members attended. Many of our members attended the C-26 dance, and as usual a good time was had by all. Don and Loretta (Kontrim) Martell held their housewarming party and there was plenty to eat etc. Please notify the Missing Persons Bureau of K of L on the whereabouts of the following: Barbara Smudin, Albina Zemaitis, Jean Pasakarnis, Florence Zaleskas, Mary and Buddy Zemremba, and Frank Stankus. A tip of the hat to Frank Grigas and Helen Sabitiski in replacing Johnny O in their work with the C-17 Juniors; to Joe Casper who will not turn down any invitation to help the church or any other organization who asks for help, keep up the good work. Welcome a belated resigned couple who have not received any notice of their reentry into the Knights; stand up and take a bow Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mickavich. Congratulations Rev. Abilin Janiunas on his receiving the third degree. A get well to Mrs. Helen Zaremba. A badly twisted ankle has failed to get her down. MBKL: Diane Plevock, Pat Plansky, Brenda Statsky, Stan Yelmokas, Charlie Marcin, Phylis Gendreau. Congrats are in order to Steffie Marcin and Joe on the twins, two lovely girls, and to Joanne and Pete Gediminsky on their fourth-a son.

In your charity remember Adeline Harvey, sister of our former spiritual advisor Rev. John Zuromskis, who passed away after a long illness.

The hiking season is upon us and soon we shall be hiking over hill and dale. Contact Bill Gorski for this pleasurable time and dates. Save your trading stamps and give them to our house committee improvement chairman Butch Venis, so that he can get some of the materials to make our clubrooms more livable.

Norwood, Mass. C-27 Jooky

1965 will be a memorable year for the members of our council, being the

Golden Jubilee Year.

Elected to the board of officers were the following: Rev. Alphonse Jansonis, Spiritual Advisor; Joan Dabrowney, President; Paul Stonis, 1st Vice-President; George Barton, 2nd Vice-President; Alice Grubenskas, recording secretary; Paul Zukas, treasurer; Arlene Jessick, fin. secretary, and John Stadalnick, trustee.

On Mar 7, St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast was held at the Lord Fox restaurant in Foxboro. Our membership drive for 1965 proved to be a success. The following new members were Welcomed: Vincent Rakauskas, Lorraine Lutkus, Mary Ann Jessick, Frances Melish, Kathy Padduck, and Jean Gudis. Our sincerest and best wishes to all of them for the coming year. The April Meeting brought forth plans to assist in our annual parish dance held at the Elks' Club Ballroom on April 30. Publicity Chairmen for the affair were Paul Stonis and George Barton.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zukas on the birth of their new born son, and to George Barton on receiving his second degree.

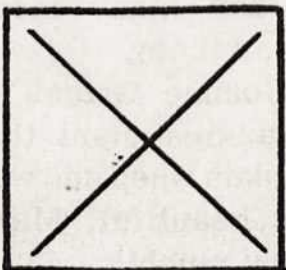
Our best wishes and God's blessings go to our pastor of St. George's, Rev. Albert Abracinkas on the celebration of his 25th anniversary in the priesthood.

On Mar. 28 we attended the 5th annual N. E. D. bowling rolloff in Lawrence, followed by the social in St. Francis parish hall. The affair was enjoyed by all. John Stadalnick and George Barton spent the second week of May in the peaceful wilderness of New Brunswick, Canada enjoying Atlantic Salmon fishing.

So. Worcester, Mass. C-116 Onyte

We extend our Congratulations to Rev. John Jutt on the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination. Some of our members attended the honoring banquet, in Athol, on May 23. Ilgiausiy metų linkėjimai Jums.

The tumult and the shouting had died down, and after the dust has settled, John Yurkenas' team has been



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declared the victors of the bowling season. But, it was a struggle. Charles Lapinskas team almost nosed them out. Our bowling banquet was held on May 16 at the new Dark Brook restaurant. Mildred and Charles Lapinskas were awarded trophies for Hi-average. This makes the upteen hundred trophies these two have received. Dot March and Bob Paluses received their prizes for 2nd Hi-ave. Incidentally, many, many thanks to Bob for the fine job of managing the bowling league, also for arranging the nice banquet. Ačiū širdingai. John Yurkenas and Rita Skamarock took Hi-triple, and Irene Ostrowski and Richard Luikey for Hi-single. Oops, - almost forgot John Andruski; he tied Richy for Hi-single. Congrats to all. But wait till next year. 'Twill be a different story.

Our members traveled to the World's Fair on Memorial Day. This was a social co-sponsored with the newly organized Men's Club of the Parish. Plenty of weary and tired feet got off the bus that evening but, a wonderful trip was had by all. We were all awed by the wonders of the Fair. Marion Lukason has made the trip several times. She said she can't get enough of it.

Our world traveler, Dot Sinkavitch, is at it again, this time to Maryland and Chicago to visit relatives. Marion Lukason and Mildred Lapinskas are planning to attend the convention in L. A.

Athol-Gardner, C-10 Vincukas

On May 2 we met at Bill Wisnauskas' Home in Gardner for an evening of a lecture and color slides taken on Father Jutt's most recent trip. We saw hundreds of most interesting slides on the Holy Land, Egypt, Greece, and Switzerland. A Lithuanian style supper was served the 17 attending. Many thanks to Father for an enjoyable evening.

On May 13 our local council sponsored a day of prayer and penance for the members of St. Francis Parish. The services were for the intentions of Pope Paul VI and for our "adopted"

parish, St. Simon and Jude of Paneunelis in Lithuania. The services began with a procession into church which included our council, the CYC, St. Francis' Women's Guild, and the Men's Club. Preceding them were the honor guard and the flag bearers. Our own Nellie Melaika crowned the statue of the Blessed Virgin. Her attendants were Pat Dargelis, Margaret Stonis, Frances Wedluga, Rose Mary Chastnez, and Judy Rabisauskas. The crowning was followed by a Holy Hour that included the Litany of the BVM, Acts of Consecration to the Sacred Heart and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, recitation of the rosary, prayer to Our Lady of Siluva, and ended with Benediction. Several hundred people were in attendance.

Dr. Gailiunas, Lennie Davidonis, Clara Zetkauskas, Al Rodski, and Bill Wisnauskas attended the NED District convention in Brockton on Apr. 25. We thank them for the hospitality.

Member of the year: Our member of the year needs no introduction because he is and has been throughout the years our most ardent worker. The Rev. John C. Jutt celebrated his silver jubilee on May 23. Father Jutt's brothers, Father Anthony and Father Julius assisted at the Mass. The Rev. Gerald Matejunes of Scranton gave the sermon.

Father Jutt has been pastor of St. Francis since 1961. Under his direction a new rectory has been built, the church repaired, the church grounds beautified and land has been acquired for a parking lot. Father is a director of Catholic Charities and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the Worcester diocese, and he is a judge in the matrimonial court of the diocese. Father is the NED spiritual advisor for the Women's Alliance and he is the founder of the Lithuanian Affairs committee of the K of L.

The testimonial was attended by nearly 300 friends and parishioners. We of C-10 are happy and proud to have Father Jutt as our spiritual advisor. We all wish him many more fruitful years of carrying out God's work.

C-30 Westfield, Mass. Merutė

With Lent and Easter being over, a great many more interesting and exciting events are being planned. First of all, our Parish celebrated its Golden Jubilee on May 16th. Many religious and political dignitaries attended both religious and social celebrations.

At 10:30 the Golden Jubilee Mass was celebrated. In the evening a banquet was held at the Westfield Junior High School. Many of the parishioners attended the event of the year in our parish. After the Banquet, the St. Casimir's Club held an Open House at their Hall on William St.

May 23 saw some more activity in our Parish. The New England District K of L held their Junior rally in Westfield and our Juniors were hosts. Mass was celebrated at 11:30 in our Church for the benefit of the Juniors coming from a great distance. After Mass, there was a dinner served to the youngsters and guests in the Church Parlors. Right after dinner, in the same parlors, the Sessions began at 2:00. Holy Hour was at 5:00 and after Holy Hour, Supper was served in the Parlors. I know that our Juniors had talked and planned for quite some time now and they were anxious to be the perfect Host.

Judging from the remarks made at the New England District Convention it sounded like we had a wonderful group at this rally. Some Councils even ran raffles to make money to hire buses to come to Westfield. That is the spirit to have and I hope it continues to shine.

We had two wedding celebrations this May by two active couples. Sgt. Benedict and Mrs. Kunigunda Coach, together with their buddies, William and Helen Alexik will mean more celebrating. Congratulations to the both very nice couples and many more years of happiness for them.

To Frank and Joanne Grigas of South Boston: The azalea plant that cheered up Mary Minkus when she was in the hospital was beautiful. Mary says "Thank you very much".