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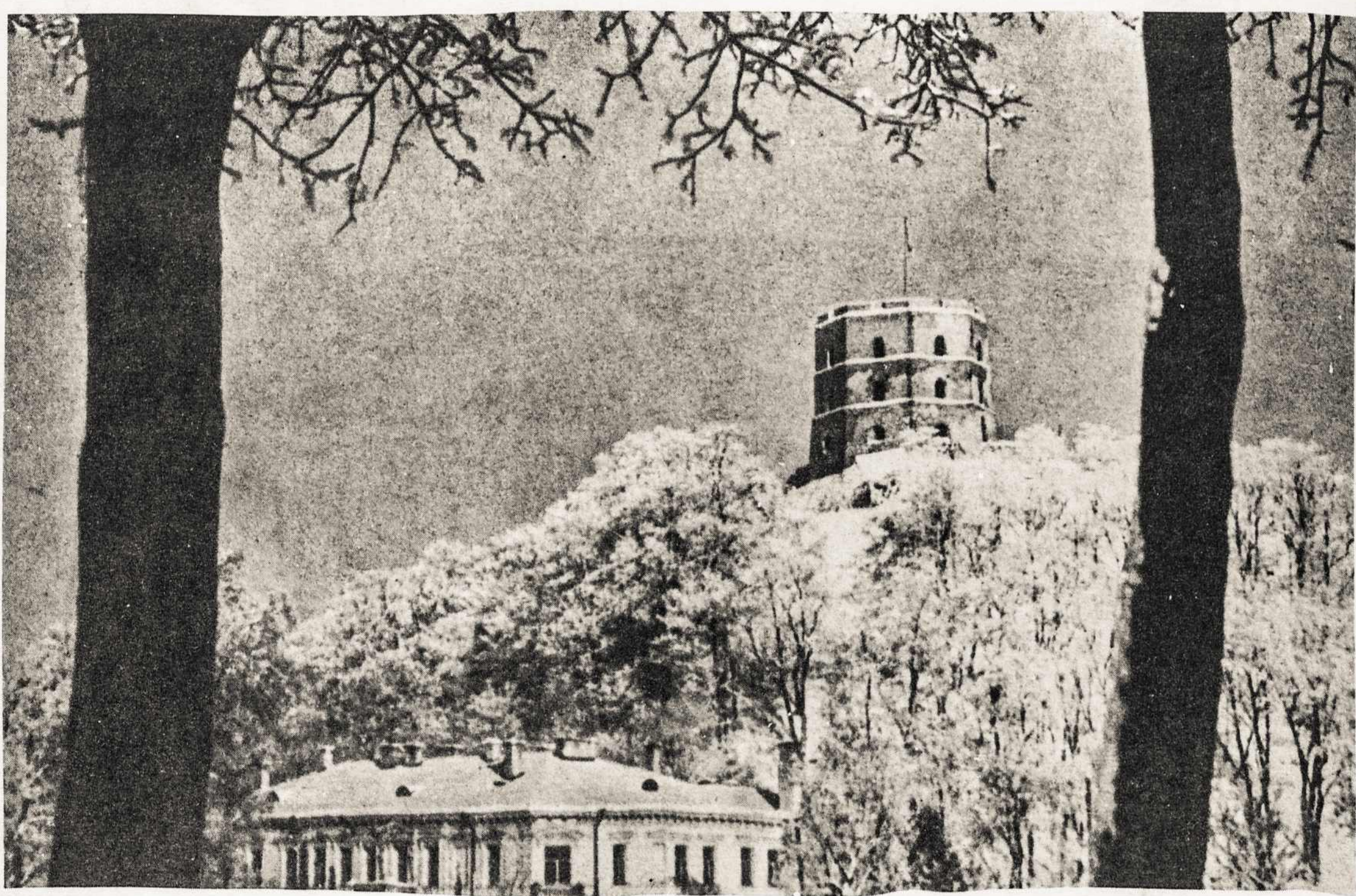
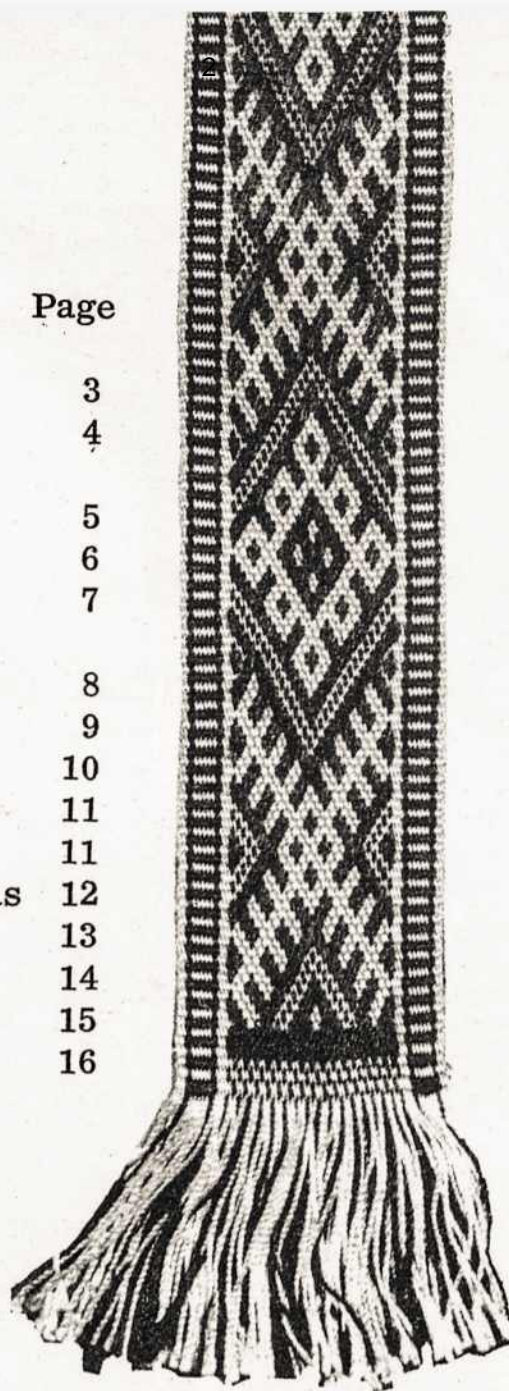


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# LIETUVIŲ NAUJŲ METŲ PAPROČIAI

ALGIRDAS BUDRECKIS

Nauji Metai yra didelė džiaugsmo šventė. Naujaisiais Metais užsibaigia visos bėdos, praeitųjų metų rūpesčiai, sielvartai, vargai. Milionai žmonių sutinka Naujuosius Metus, sveikina juos, laukia ir tikisi iš jų daug gėrybių, laimės, džiaugsmo.

Senovės lietuviui Nauji Metai buvo didžiulės pergalės šventė, pranašavo visą ateitį, buvo neišsemiamo džiaugsmo šaltinis, teikė stiprybės, bet ir reikalavo ne mažai rūpestingumo. Nauji metai lietuviui nešė taiką, ramybę, laimę ar nelaimę, gerumą ar blogumą. Lietuvio mintys jungėsi su dangumi, žeme, gyvuliais, paukščiais ir net visu gyvenimu. Žodžiu, lietuvi džiaugsmas buvo artimai surištas su gamtine aplinka. Žvaigždžių mirgėjimas, vėjo ošimas, varpų skambėjimas, snaigių lakstymas ir dienos šviesumas pranašavo ateitį. Naujieji Metai atskleidė ateities didžias paslaptis, pasakė net mažiausias smulkmenas.

Istorikas Simas Daukantas yra užrašęs sekančius senovės lietuvių papročius: žyniams žiūrėjus į žvaigždes ir lėmus ateinantiems metams laimę ar nelaimę, žmonės vilkdavo trinką (storą pagalį) per kiemus, senuosius metus, ir, tabalus mušdami, dainuodavo panašią dainą:

“Tabalai, tai, tai, tai,  
Judink seni kaulus,  
Up, up, up,  
Sudaušk rankų delnus...”

Paskui žmonės tą trinką sudegindavo, kaip sunkius praėjusius metus, tikėdami, jog ateinantieji metai bus daug lengvesni ir nereikės taip sunkiai dirbti. Sudeginus senuosius metus (trinką) mergelės tuoju parodavo berneliams iš medžio išdrožtą lėlę, kurią berneliai mėgindavo pagrobt, o mergelės paslėpti.

Net prieš penkiasdešimt metų Lietuvoj nemaža buvo užsilikusiu tu

senų tradicinių liaudies apeigų. Naujų Metų išvakarėse visi spiedavosi krūvon, imdavosi darbo, dirbdavo, sekdamo pasakas, žaizdavo... Mat, esą negalima tinginiauti. Kas išvakarėse tinginiauja, tas bus visus metus, anot žemaičių, “Tinginių pantis”, didelis tinginys.

Didieji, mažieji laukdavo dvyliktos valandos nakties, burdavo, šnekėdavosi su paslapčių pasauliu, stengdavosi sužinoti savo likimą.

Dažnai senesnieji pripasakodavo įvairiausių pasakų apie raganas, kerėjimus, karalaičius iš augstųjų pilių, vaikščiojančias giltines, šmėklas, piktašias dvasias, atėjusias iš gelmių, kurios pridarančios baisiausių nuostolių, ne vieną nuvarančios į kapus, velnius, baidykles, šmėklas, baisiausių atsitikimus. Daugeliui iš tikrųjų akyse pasirodydavo panašios šmėklos, patys išsigąsdavo, kitus išgąsdindavo, net susirgdavo...

Suaugusios mergaitės, galinčios tekėti, eidavo iš žabų krūvos traukti po žabą. Jei ištraukdavo labai šakotą žabą, sakoma, kad būsiąs vyras turtingas, o jei be šakų — atvirkščiai. Vienos mergaitės dvyliką valandą nakties tamsiame kambary uždegdavo 12 žvakių ir vidury passtatydavo veidrodį. Veidrody pama-

to bernelio veidą. Jei niekó nepamato, tai pasiliks “rugienos grėbsyti” — dar vienus metus turės mergauti. Kaikur Lietuvoje mergaitės spėdavo ateitį su veidrodžiu Kūčių vakarą. Susigavusios vištą statydavo prie grūdų krūvelės, vandens ir veidrodžio. Jei visų pirma lesa — būsimasis bernelis turtingas, jei geria — latras, jei į veidrodį pasižiūri — tuštpuikis. Mergaitės spėdavo ateitį ir iš daugelio kitų reiškinių, pvz.: įmesto žiedo į vandens stiklinę, rasto akmenėlio po kojų, pasirodžius pirmą kartą mėnuliui.

Suvoždavo ant stalo įvairius mažus daiktelius po lėkštėmis. Kiekvienam teikiama atitinkama reikšmė, pvz., žiedas reiškia artimas vedybas, peilis — nelaimę, rašomoji plunksna — mokslą, grabelis — mirtį, vainikas — garbę, veidrodis — tuštybę, duona — sotumą, rožančius — pamaldumą, kryžius — vargą, paukščiai — taiką, meilę, žaislelis — vaiką ir t. t. Kiekvienas šeimos narys versdavo tris kartus po lėkštę. Rastieji daiktai pasakydavo visą ateitį.

Naujų Metų rytą mergaitės žiūrėdavo, kuris bernelis nusišluostys burną jų rankšluosčiu, tas bus jos bernelis.

Seni žmonės žiūrėdavo, kokia bus Naujųjų Metų diena: jei diena giedri — bus geri metai, jei tamsi ir apsiniaukusi — daug mirs, blogi metai. Jei naujų metų vakarą daugiau sninga negu diena, tai daugiau mirs senųjų.

Lietuviai per Naujus Metus mėgdavo ir tebemėgsta pasivažinėti, pasisvečiuoti. Dažnai išvirsdavo iš rogių, net užsigaudavo. Bet išvirtimas reiškia, kad gerai linai užderės. Todėl niekas nebijodavo išvirti. Per Užgavėnes tai tęsiama. Juo toliau per Užgavėnes važinėsi, tuo ilgesni užaugs linai.

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Alice Stephens

# Alice Stephens Singers

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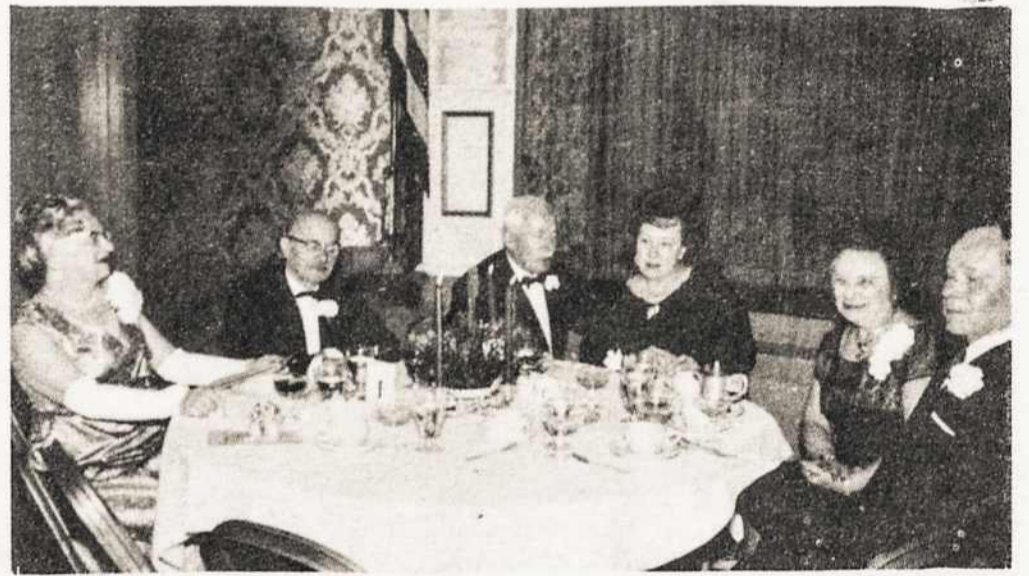
Alice Stephens and her singers receiving the applause of the audience.



(L. to R.) Christine Bartulis, Eleanor Zapolis, Aldona Daukus, Josephine Miller, Genevieve Maczys, and Joné Bobinas. Mrs. Daukus was the Banquet Chairman. The other ladies are the current officers of the group.



Seated at the composer's table were: Prof. Zilevičius, Faustas Strolia and wife, Leonard Simutis and wife, Prof. Jakubėnas and wife and Muzikas J. Zdanius.



Honored Guests (L. to R.) Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, Consul General Petras Dauzvardis, Juozas Bachunas, Mrs. Anthony Rudis, Mrs. Bachunas and Justin Kudirka. Photos by V. Noreika

# "GOD'S IN HIS HEAVEN!"

## WHY NOT ON EARTH?

### FATHER VAL

To be a follower of Christ is to love. He did, - even to the giving of His life for those He loved. Frequently during His stay among men He repeated, that love is the trade-mark of His followers - or as He said of those who love Him. To the young lawyer He affirms that fulfillment of the Law and attainment of man's destiny - salvation - consists in loving God above everyone and everything with all ones energies and faculties, and in loving ones fellowman as one self. Before entering upon His supreme act of love He delivered one of the most eloquent and most tender discourses ever uttered, faithfully recorded by the apostle of love, St. John in chapters 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of his gospel. Its basic thought, - "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another." Its basis, - the Father's love for His Son, the Son's love for the Father and His love for those whom the Father has entrusted to Him, whom He now calls friends. Just how deeply these words were impressed in the souls of 12 humble men is evidenced, not only by their own discourses and writings, but especially by the testimony of the unfriendly world in which they lived. It said, "See, how these Christians love one another!" And subsequent history tells us that not only these twelve men went to their death for the one of their Master, but that thousands upon thousands of their followers followed them to the hall of fame of martyrs for Christ.

For all practical purposes, those who claim to be followers of Christ today have blanketed our entire globe and are already speculating about missionary approaches should our ambitious space scientists manage to make landings upon other planets and subsequently discover a race of humans hitherto unknown. With so many Christians populating the world's continents, there naturally is a great deal of talk about God, brotherhood, morality, charity, rights and especially peace. Yet, hardly ever, are heard loud proclamations like - "See, how these Christians love one another." More than not, the contrary is pointed at. As a matter of fact, within the very ranks of those who claim relationship to the original institution of Christ there exists a constant tug-of-war concerning which of them are Christ's true apostles, something like the contests among constituents of our respective political parties, as though there were liberal and conservative ways about accepting God for subsequent generations to choose according to their liking. Though this controversy is veiled in a spirit of vocal fraternalism, it is real! And since God is one and immutable, the natural consequences of a variety of Christianity, like modern abstract art, must of necessity create a distorted image God Himself, false notions about religion and confusion among those who are sincerely in

search of the truth.

Somewhere in the gospels there is this warning of our Lord, "Not every one who says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of my Father in heaven shall enter the kingdom of heaven. To dream of entering the kingdom of heaven without trying to establish it in ones own soul on earth, would be somewhat like an attempt of our astronauts to power themselves into space without conditioning themselves physically and mentally for it and without equipment suitable for the foreign atmosphere of space. The air of the kingdom of Heaven is far stranger from that of the spirit of the world, than the environment of space is to the atmosphere of earth. Hence, here too, conditioning for the kingdom of heaven is of extreme importance, - does not rest with merely knowing or talking about it. That it can be done, at least for us Catholics, we have the word of Christ and a many paged list of names in the book of saints. The capsule will be provided in the form of what unfashionably is referred to as the Last Sacraments, just before that man comes in with the long box.

How unconditioned Christ-wise we are does not require the services of the F.B.I. Ours, at least according to the constitution, is a nation conceived under God. Among the approximately 200,000,000 - some 40,000,000 of us call ourselves the followers of the one true God, yet without too much objection, and, in a day popular with demonstrations for human rights, nary a march of God, when it was decided by our supreme judicial body that future Americans should not be made acquainted with Him under Whom this nation was conceived.

This decision was come to as a result of a mixed-up notion of freedom - freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of belief, or is it unbelief. As a result, a tiny minority of unbelievers has imposed its thinking upon a preponderant majority of Christians, or have we Christians succumbed to the lure of the Golden Calf as did the followers of Moses. And then, just as circumspectly as we respect the rights of one minority, we try to impose the will of the majority upon other minorities. Like for instance, even with police, force medical aid, upon a small, though mayhap illogical, yet law-abiding, moral religious group, that does not want it and in conscience believes that faith in God alone will bring about a cure. And in another instance, we use pressure on a God-fearing, though possible not-hep in the modern way of thinking, religious group that felt it to be against their conscience to bring up their off-spring in an educational air where prayer to the Creator is excluded.

If we are a nation conceived under God, then we should be as keenly incensed about the exclusion of God from the halls where our youth is prepared for life, - and for the kingdom of heaven, as we are shocked about

a man with a broken leg refusing medical attention or alarmed that a citizen consider our public school system insufficient for the education of his child. Though our understanding and human experience warrants the importance of a full education and the need of doctors and hospitals when ill, it should be equally evident that if we are to live with God in Heaven we should try live with and by Him on earth.

Communism is avowedly, determinedly, even violently, dedicated to the annihilation of belief in God and of all those who preach or accept belief in Him. And logically is ever at war with all legally established governments, - at least no one has heard a retraction of "we shall bury you," - and thus far they have done a fair to middlin' job of burying others. As detestable as injudicious name-calling is to our way of life, yet more legalistic effort is extended in defense of people with propensities to openness with communist related movements; while at the same instant, because of some rash statements of individuals, bitterly castigate groups honestly concerned with the moral decline in our national life both public and private and with the alarming advances made by our enemies in the family of nations and at least beclouding the thinking within our own ranks. We, shudder and detest the crimes of nazism and fascism and we do so justly, yet little mention is made of the many more executions perpetrated in many parts of the world by a conspiracy that has never ceased opposing every movement for freedom, independence and belief in a Supreme Duty.

Wasn't it Christ that said He would rather have us hot or cold? The lukewarm He would spit out of His mouth. Would He be referring to what is labeled as middle-of-the-roaders? Doesn't it look like with our lips we are shouting "Lord, Lord" and at the same time

extending a friendly hand to our enemies? True, we pray for their conversation through His grace, but we give no way when His rights are stepped on and whether white, red, yellow or black, jew, arab, lithuanian, pole, hungarian, chinese cuban. No matter his race or origin, when the rights of man are violated.

Are we singing hymns, saying prayers participating in the liturgy at assigned times, and resent God meddling in our politics, suggesting regulations in our social manners, and mayhap entered into a silent campaign that fails to accept the truth that His decision is the only cause of life. We are on the verge of usurping this last area, one which is His alone. We could be saying that we want to be left to work out our own destiny.

In the past, it has been His custom to allow us to do so up to a point. When deluged in the resultant mess from working out their destiny began to shout "help!", either because of the humble prayers of a certain few, usually watered with the blood of martyrs, or because of His immeasurable love for His foolishly proud offspring. He has made His entrance and once more the world tasted a bit of beauty, peace and happiness. Most always things were rather rough before order was established, but it finally came.

Though man has been a gambler since the days of paradise, ought not our intelligent generation heed the warnings of the past rather than take a chance on the empty promises of the touts of anti-christ. Within our Church the day of ecumenism is at hand. Ecumenism means bringing Christ to all men. We cannot do so unless we carry Him in our own souls. All the reforms in our liturgy, in all other spheres of spiritual thought and action have but this one purpose in mind. It can be accomplished by working and praying, privately and officially with Christ. Let's do so!

## "ŠIAURĖS PAŠVAISTĖ"

BERNARDAS BRAŽDŽIONIS

Lietuva, mano šiaurės pašvaistė  
Ir gėlė sidabrinių rytų,  
Kas krauju tavo veidą nulaistė  
Ir ko raudi prie kryžkelės tu?

Ak, raudočiau ir aš apkabinęs  
Tavo kojas gimtoj pakelėj,  
Kad iš tavo padangės lininės  
Kristų džiaugsmo dienos spinduliai,

Kad sugrižęs ant Nemuno kranto  
Iš tremtinio kelionės liūdnos  
Glausčiau, tartum relikviją šventą  
Radęs slenkstį namų pelenuos.

Ak, norėčiau raudoti iš džiaugsmo  
Ir pajust, kad po kojom esi,  
Lietuva, žemės žodi švenčiausias,  
Lietuva, žemės laime šviesi!

## "NORTHERN LIGHTS"

Lithuania, my land of Northern Lights  
And flower of silvery morns.  
Who has splattered thy face with blood  
And why at the crossroad do thou mourn?

Oh, sorrow also would I, enfolding  
Thy feet, at my native way.  
So that from thy flaxen skies  
Would fall shafts of a happy day.

On returning to the banks of the Nemunas  
From the journey of an exile, sad.  
I would press, as a relic most holy,  
Ashen remnants of a home, once had.

Oh, do I want to lament with joy  
To feel you again under my feet.  
Lithuania - most holiest word on earth  
Lithuania - earth's bright fortune's seat.

(Translated by Jack J. Stukas)

# Elgetos-Ubagai

POV. DIRKIS

Mes dažnai girdime mūsų tėvus ir senelius kalbant apie ubagus, kurių Lietuvoje apščiai būdavo.

Kas gi iš tikrųjų tie elgetos-ubagai buvo? Daugumoje buvo žmonės, kurie neturėjo jokio turto ir jokios globos bei invalidai. Mat, kada Lietuva buvo rusų carų valdoma, tai tuomet jokios socialinės globos iš valdžios pusės nebuvo, tai beturčiai ir invalidai, ypač senyvo amžiaus, kad pelnyti duoną, eidavo ubagauti arba išmaldos prašyti pas kaimynus. Be to, jie jautėsi laisvi, nieko nevaržomi ir jiems tas amatas patiko. Jie keliaudavo per žmones, per atlaidus, giedodami, dainuodami, pasakodami įvairius nuotykius bei poteriaudami.

Apsirengę jie buvo prastais drabužiais, kaip ir dera elgetų - ubagų luomui. Žiemos metu ant pilko arba šviesaus, sulopyto tamsiais lopais, švarko užtempdavo milinę. Kepurė dažnai buvo kiškio kailio, šilta su didelėmis ausinėmis. Kelnės - naminio milo. Kojos apautos arba naginėmis, vižomis, arba klumpėmis. Vasaros metu apdarą dėvėdavo lengvesni, o ant galvos uždėdavo šiaudinę skrybėlę su plačiais bryliais.

Elgetų - ubagų pagrindinis papuošalas buvo jų didelės terbos. Pervieną petį kabėjo drobinė terba - tai tikras sandėlis, kuriame buvo laikoma duona. Per kitą petį karojo šiaudinis krepšis, kurio sienos buvo stangresnės, nes į jį dėdavo gautus kiaušinius, lašinius ir vertingesnius maisto produktus.

Rankose buvo tvirta lazda, dažnai

apvyniota botagu. Tai buvo ubagų ginklas nuo šunų ir kitokių užpuolimų. Šunės iš tolo pažindavo ateinantį ubagą. Pasukus į kuri nors klemą, šunės tuoj imdavo loti ir draskytis, puldami vargšą ubagą.

Elgetų - ubagų tarpe rasdavosi gerų dainininkų ir net poetų. Bet kadangi jie buvo beraščiai, tai savo kurybos neužrašė, o paleido savo sukurtas daineles skristi iš lūpų į lūpas.

Buvęs prieš keliasdešimt metų Marijampolėje mokytojas, Kriaučiūnas pasakoja, kad teko pažinti vieną senelį (nei vardas, nei pavardė nežinomi), kuris keliaudamas dainuodavo apie ūpelius, miško grožį, paukštelius ir bendrai apie gamtą.

Prie tokių dainų prisidėdavo ir kiti su savo posmais ir taip susidarė naujos, gražios mūsų liaudies dainos.

Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos metinis suvažiavimas Sherman House Hotel, Chicago, Ill., 23-24 Spalio, 1965 m.



Tarybos nariai arba jų pavaduotojai posėdyje. Tarybos Pirm. Leonardas Simutis kalba.

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# THE NEW VITALITY OF THE CHURCH

## H E L A S T S E S S I O N O F T H E V A T I C A N C O U N C I L

"The Church is alive. It is not a depository of dead truths, nor is it a museum of obsolete culture: it is full of life. To live, however, in spite of the unchangeableness of the essential structures, also means to change and to progress..." - stated Cardinal Franziskus Koenig (Austria) on November 7, 1965 while speaking to journalists.

The Vatican Council is an evident sign of the great vitality of the Church. It confirmed and extended a new era of Church life and enriched it with new, very impressive decisions. Therefore the editorial of the "Rome Daily American" of October 29 wrote: "The Council has accomplished much more than most optimists dared hope for. The Roman Catholic Church of today is vastly different from the Roman Catholic Church of four years ago... Since the Council started, it has profoundly changed the 'image' of the Catholic Church. Its general popularity throughout the world is probably greater than it has ever been... The Vatican Council has genuinely tried to narrow the divisions between men of various faiths. Now it is up to the leaders of other religions to demonstrate the same willingness to forget the past and strive for a greater understanding with the Roman Catholic Church... The Catholic Church has opened itself up to the modern world. And in doing so it has rediscovered itself and its vitality."

The highest point of this - the last - session was October 28 when it promulgated five new Decrees. The Decree on Relations of the Church to Non-Christian Religion brings more understanding and cordiality among the people of various denominations. The Catholic Church accepts what is true and holy in other religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Moslem, and Hebrew. The Council "urges all to forget the past and to work sincerely for mutual understanding and to preserve as well as to promote together for the benefit of all mankind social justice and moral welfare, as well as peace and freedom."

The Council is against condemnation of Jews in regard to the death of Christ and "decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone."

In the Declaration on Christian Education the Church is stressing the undeniable right of parents to get education of their children according to the parental philosophy of life and religion. The state cannot have a monopoly on education. Teachers are encouraged to work as partners with parents. The Council promotes the system of Catholic schools, giving proper attention to Catholic colleges and universities.

Parents have the primary and inalienable right and duty to educate their children. They must have true liberty in their choice of schools. "Consequently the public power, which has the obligation to protect and defend the rights of citizens, must see to it, in its concern for distributive justice, that public subsidies are paid out in such a way that parents are truly free to choose according to their conscience the schools they want for their children."

The Decree on Priestly Training reminds the duty of fostering vocations. Future priests should learn to live according to the Gospel ideal, in the spirit of self-denial. "They should learn to seek the solutions to human problems under the light of revelation, to apply the eternal truths of revelation to the changeable conditions of human affairs and to communicate them in a way suited to men of our day." The spirit of priestly mortification and the obligation of celibacy are stressed.

REV. JUOZAS PRUNSKIS M.I.C.



The Decree concerning the pastoral office of Bishops in the Church announces the new institution - a Synod of Bishops - as a subsidiary body in the governing of the Church. Bishops have to be mindful also of other - poor - dioceses and especially those suffering persecution. "Let them especially embrace in brotherly affection those bishops who for the sake of Christ are plagued with slander and indigence, detained in prisons, or held back from their ministry."

Bishops should be diligent in fostering holiness among their clergy and laity. Various forms of the apostolate have to be encouraged. Provisions should be made for the faithful of different language groups. The transfer of pastors is to be alleviated by abrogating the right of irremovability. Pastors who are unable to fulfill their obligations on account of advanced age are requested to tender their resignations voluntarily.

The Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of the Religious Life extolls the monastic life where men and women join Christ by gift of themselves; they should be animated by a renewal of Spirit, "their living, praying and working should be suitably adapted everywhere to the modern physical and psychological circumstances..."; the constitutions, directories, custom books, books of prayers and ceremonies have to be re-edited and adapted to the decrees of the Sacred Synod, obsolete laws suppressed.

The Fathers of the Council are for the change of some religious habits, adopting them to the requirements of health, to the circumstances of time, and to the needs of ministry involved. "Religious must be given suitable instruction, depending on their intellectual capacity and personal talent, in currents and attitudes of sentiment and thought prevalent in social life today... Religious should strive during the whole course of their lives to perfect the culture they have received in matters spiritual and art and sciences." The forms of religious life, particularly in the mission areas, should be developed taking in account the genius and way of life of the inhabitants, the customs and the conditions of the region.

The religious communities which according to the judgement of the Holy See do not possess reasonable hope for further development might be combined with other more flourishing communities and monasteries.

The decisions of this Ecumenical Council are far-reaching. They are bringing renewal of the spiritual life within the Church itself, they create a new atmosphere between the Church and other religions, and they strengthen cooperation in promoting Christian culture and a peaceful creative life.

The newly-created international body in the Catholic Church - The Synod of Bishops - the local Episcopal conferences and various commissions will bring to daily life the profound decisions of the Ecumenical Council and will continue to develop Church life in the spirit of the new aggiornamento.

Reprinted from "The Marian".



Bishop Francis Brazys, MIC, at St. Peter's Basilica before the beginning of the session of Ecumenical Council

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Antonia M. Wackell

We may say things  
That come from the mind  
Yet cannot always  
Be remembered again.

Our tongues may be glib  
And what is once spoken  
Is as quickly forgotten.

But that which comes  
Straight from the heart  
Is all sincerity  
And never forgotten.

# PASAULIO LIETUVIŲ JAUNIMO METAI

Laisva, uginga, nežabota  
Kliūčių, jaunyste, nežinai!  
Į ateities žavingus plotus  
Pirmyn veržiesi amžinai.  
JONAS AISTIS

Jaunimas laiko tėkmėje perima vyresniųjų darbus. Išeivijos, lietuvių tautos ir Lietuvos ateičiai reikia jaunimo, kuris savo idealizmu ir entuziazmu brandintų ir vykdytų tautinius mūsų idealus.

Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės Valdyba, siekdama sudaryti sąlygas dabartinei lietuvių jaunimo padėčiai laisvojo pasaulio kraštuose ir pavergtoje Lietuvoje apžvelgti,

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1. Kviečia laisvojo pasaulio lietuvių jaunimą į šio jaunimo Kongresą Chicagoje, JAV, 1966 birželio 30 - liepos 3.

2. Kreipiasi į laisvojo pasaulio lietuvių bendruomenes, organizacijas, parapijas, spaudą, radijo valandėles ir visus lietuvius, prašydama jaunimui dėmesio, jo siekimų supratimo ir visokeriopos paramos.

3. Skatina visus domėtis jaunimo klausimais ir prašo padėti vykdyti Lietuvių Jaunimo Metų programą.

4. Prašo visuose raštuose, leidiniuose, spaudoje ir kitur 1966 metus žymėti Lietuvių Jaunimo Metais.

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## PASAULIO LIETUVIU JAUNIMO METU PROGRAMA

Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės Valdybos paskelbtų Jaunimo Metų pagrindiniai tikslai yra:

apžvelgti dabartinę lietuvių jaunimo padėtį, įtraukti jaunimą į lietuvišką gyvenimą, išryškinti jaunimo pasiektus laimėjimus, uždegti jaunimo dvasią naujiems darbams, kelti tarpusavio bendravimo nuotaikas ir sukviesti jaunimą į Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo Kongresą Chicagoje, JAV, 1966 birželio 30 - liepos 3.

Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo Metų šūkis:  
MŪSU JĖGOS, MŪSU ŽINIOS  
LAISVAI LIETUVAI TĖVYNEI!

Jaunimo Metais norima išryškinti eilę momentų. Kiekvieną mėnesį skirtinas dėmesys vienam jaunimo klausimui. Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo Kongreso Komitetas pasiūlė ir PLB Valdyba patvirtino sekančią programą kiekvienam mėnesiui:

**SAUSIS** - Keliama Jaunimo Metų prasmė, tikslai, svarba. Ruošiamasi Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo Kongresui. Keliamos įvairios jaunimo problemos. Jaunimas traukiamas į aktyvesnį lietuvišką gyvenimą.

**VASARIS** - Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės atgavimo minėjimus Vasario 16 proga rengia jaunoji karta, skatinama ir talkinama vyresniųjų. Minėjimus praveda visuose kraštuose jaunimas. Pagrindiniais kalbėtojais kviečiami jaunosios kartos žmonės.

**KOVAS** - Jaunimas ir vyresnieji aktyviai įsijungia į Jaunimo Kongreso lėšų telkimo vąją. Kovo 6 dieną - vąjaus diena visam pasaulyje sutelkti lėšas Kongresui (parodoms, posėdžiams, stipendijoms kitų kraštų jaunimui atvažiuoti, leidiniams ir t.t.)

**BALANDIS** - Lietuviškos spaudos svarba jaunimui. Skatinama žurnalų prenumerata, knygų skaitymas ir parama spaudai. Jaunimas traukiamas į skaitytojų ir bendradarbių eiles. Keliama jaunimo spauda.

**GEGUŽIS** - Susipratusios lietuviškos jaunos šeimos svarba, lietuviškų šeimų kūrimas, gerai pasiruošusios jaunos lietuvės motinos reikšmė tautiškumui lietuviškoje šeimoje.

**BIRŽELIS** - Prisimenamos lietuvių partizanų kovos už Lietuvos laisvę. Tos laisvės kovos tęsimo pareiga jaunimui. Visi lietuviai renkasi į Chicago, JAV, į Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo Kongresą parodyti pasauliui savo vienybę ir norą siekti Lietuvai laisvės. Kongresas prasideda birželio 30.

**LIEPA** - Jaunimo Kongresas baigiasi III-ja JAV ir Kanados Lietuvių Dainų Švente liepos 3. Po Kongreso vienos savaitės studijų stovykla kitų kraštų jaunimui. Vėliau viešėjimas lietuvių šeimose JAV ir Kanadoje iš kitur atvykusiems.

**RUGPJŪTIS** - Jaunimo organizacijų stovyklų reikšmė. Jaunų šeimų bendras atostogavimas.

**RUGSĖJIS** - Lituanistinių mokyklų svarba. Lituanistinių studijų reikšmė. Lietuvių Bendruomenės ir lietuvių organizacijų reikalingumas.

**SPALIS** - Mokslo, ypatingai aukštojo, reikšmė jaunimui. Jo siekimas.

**LAPKRITIS** - Jaunimo organizacijų reikšmė. Jaunimas skatinamas į jas stoti.

**GRUODIS** - Tarpusavio ryšių palaikymas tarp pasaulio lietuvių Kalėdų proga.

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## K of L Calendar

Jan. 16 - C-10, Athol, Winter Carnival,  
Frank's Camp on White's Pond., Athol, Mass.  
Jan. 16 - C-36, Chicago, District Bowling Social,  
Woodmac Lanes, Chicago, Ill.  
Jan. 22 - Illinois-Indiana District Choir, Annual Choir  
Dance, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Ill.  
Feb. 5 - C-1, Brockton, Annual Snowflake Ball, K of  
C Hall, brocton, Mass.  
Feb. 12 - Supreme Council Meeting, Midway House,  
Chicago, Ill.  
Feb. 12 - C-36, Chicago, Annual Hearts Dance, K of L  
Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

Feb. 20 - Illinois-Indiana District, "Memories of Li-  
thuania" Banquet K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.  
Feb. 27 - C-112, Chicago, District Bowling Social,  
Woodmac Lanes, Chicago, Ill.  
Mar. 16 - New York-New Jersey District, Annual Com-  
munion-Breakfast and District Meeting.  
Aug. 25-28-53rd National Convention, C-26, Worcester,  
Mass.  
Sept. 4 - Our Lady of Siluva Chapel Blessing and De-  
dication Ceremonies, Washington, D.C.

# Ko pas mumis daugiausiai trūksta?

JUOZAS SADAUSKAS

Į antgalvio klausimą atsakyti: "Ko pas mumis daugiausiai trūksta? Tai nėra lengvas atsakymas, nes jis savyje apima daug dalykų, kuriuos čionais bandysiu kiek galint pagvildinti, ypačingai apie naujų narių vajų, kuris nūnai yra pravedamas visoje mūsų organizacijoje, bet kokios jojo bus pasekmės, tai jau bus kitas klausimas, kadangi tie laikai jau prabėgo ir baigiami pamiršti, kaip kitados mes pavieniai nariai prirašydavome po 50, po 100 ir net daugiau, o kuopose nariai eidavo lenktynių, kurie galės daugiau prirašyti savose kopose naujų narių. Juoba, nūnai jau to nėra - mažai kas naujų narių vajumi tebesirūpina, nes mūsų jaunimas vis daugiau ir daugiau sutirpsta amerikizacijos katile, kad net ir mūsų pačių lietuviškose bažnyčiose mažai tesimato, o juo labiau choruose jis nedalyvauja, kitados jis mušdavosi už dalyvavimą chore, bet nūnai lietuviškas jaunimas skęsta amerikizacijos okeane.

Gerai, kad mes dar turime lietuviškas ir vytiškas šeimas, kurie jau ni būdami, vytiškoje dvasioje jas sukūrė, išaugino savo sūnelius ir dukreles toje pačioje vyčių dvasioje, kurie nūnai, L. Vyčių organizacijoje užima vadovaujančias vietas ir palaiko mūsų organizacijos gyvumą ir organą "Vyti"; nes mūsų didžiūma senjorų vyčių, jau yra pasiekę gilesnio amžiaus, kuris didžiūmoje juos trukdo, savos organizacijos veikime. Bet mes turime dėkoti ir dėkoti tiems mūsų organizacijos pionieriams, kurie vyčių idealizme gyvena ligi paskutinių savo gyvenimo dienelių, o tas daug pagelbsti palaikyti tokiam gyvume ir puoselėjime savo organizaciją, kitaip josios egzistavimas daugiau susilpnėtų.

Dabar norisi tarti žodis kitas ir apie dabartinę vyčių kartą, kurios dėka dar mūsų organizacija ir pasilaiko, bet juoba, metas po meto ji irgi retėja, o tam didžiausia priežastis yra, kad visai sumažėjo tarpe L. Vyčių or-

ganizacijos narių - vaikinų ir merginų šeimyninių židinių sukūrimai. Mūsų jaunesnieji neįšako doros lietuviškos vyties sau už amžiną draugę, bet vėda kitatautes, kas ir sumažina mūsų organizacijos eiles, nes iš tokių šeimų negalima sulaukti - Mažeikų, Sakevičių, Vasiliauskų ir dar kitų, kurie netik tankiai dalyvauja L. Vyčių organizacijos visuotiniuose seimuose, bet ir savo šeimas atsiveža. Šis faktas aiškiai pasako, kad garbingų ir uolių vyčių tėvų vaikai paseka savo tėvelius ir jų vytiškais pėdomis žengia tolyn. Štai didžiausias pavyzdys tą konstatuoja apie L. Vyčių organizacijos buvusį centro pirm. ir jos garbės narį inž. Antaną ir jojo žmoną Mažeikus, kurie išaugino sūnų Antaną, kuris abejoju, kad yra matęs Lietuvą, bet jojo širdyje jos dvasia ir meilė gyvena, nes kitaip jis nebūtų buvęs vyriausiu vadu, o gal ir sumanytoju suruošti lapkričio 13 d., 1965 m., didžiausią protestą visos Amerikos lietuvių, kuris New Yorke sutraukė tūkstančius mūsų tautiečių, prieš rusų komunistų užgrobimą jojo protėvių tėvynės Lietuvos. Tik gaila, kad jaunojo Antano Mažeikos, kaip čia gimusio ir vyties vardas mažai tebuvo paminėtas mūsų lietuviškoje spaudoje. Tai yra didelė garbė vyčiams turėti tokį didingą ir garbingą lietuvių jaunuolį - Antano Mažeikos asmenyje.

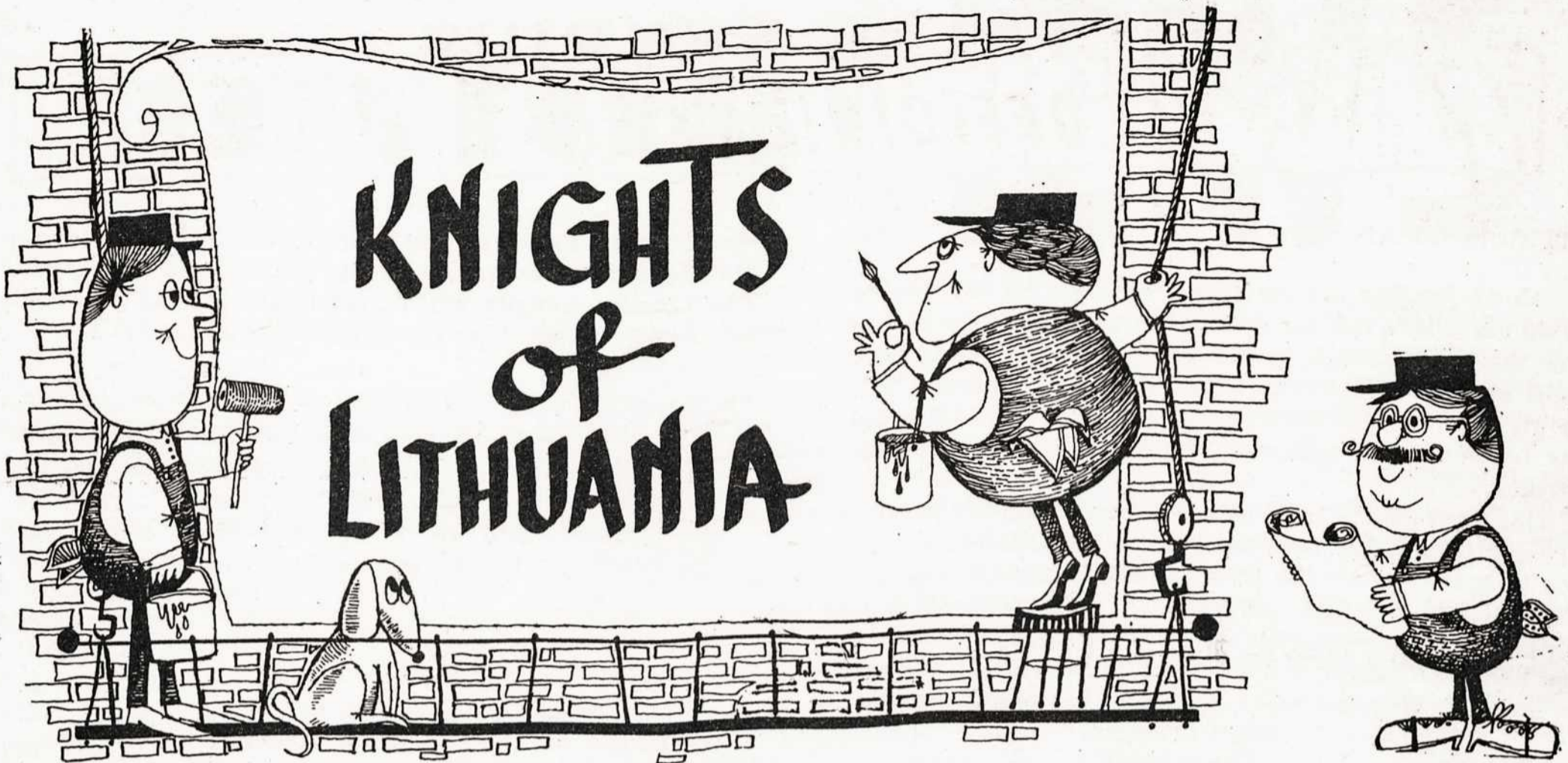
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link "Vyties" punktualumo išleidime ir jojo prenumeratos kainos, kuri, pagal kitus lietuviškus laikraščius, yra ir jojo prenumeratos kainos, kuris, pagal kitus lietuviškus laikraščius, yra pigiau išleidžiamas. Kiek mes jau visi žinome, kad viskas pakilo ir kyla, tai turėtų būt pakelta ir organo "Vyties" prenumerata. Šį klausimą, centro valdyba, savo posėdžiuose turėtų pilniau pasvarstyti. Deja, "Vyties" redakcija, turėtų pajieškoti tarpe buvusių L. Vyčių organizacijos centro pirmininkų, garbės narių, dvasios vadų, redaktorių ir tarp vyčių plunksnos mylėtojų, kad jie daugiau išskeltų mūsų organe vyčių idėjas, jų nuveiktus didžiuosius darbus savo tautai ir bažnyčiai ir galėtų plačiau apibudinti kas vyčiuose yra veikama nūnai. Ir dar mano manymu, kad "Vytyje", būtinai reikia daugiau lietuvių kalboje raštų, nes kitaip mes galime netekti daug senjorų narių duoklių, nes senesnioji karta daugiausiai nori pasiskaityti lietuviškų raštų. Pagalvokime visi, kaip savo organizaciją padidinti, organą "Vyti" pagerinti ir kaip daugiau ir tankiau parašynėti apie mūsų veikliuosius narius ir jų darbus ne tik savoje organizacijoje, bet ir lietuviškoje visuomenėje, ypačingai "Vyties" lapus turėtų puošti narių ir kitokių įžymybių paveikslai, o tas labai paveikia narius į "Vyti" pasižiūrėti ir kartu jį pasiskaityti



Nekalto Prasidėjimo Šv. Panelės Marijos Seselių, Putnam, Conn. rėmėjų banketas Liet. Tėvų Jėzuitų Jaunimo Centre, Chicago, Ill.

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Tell them that active membership is an excellent training ground for development of executive and leadership abilities; for learning how to compromise, yet benefit a common goal. Point out that active membership offers an opportunity to develop and display talents such as painting, writing, acting, athletics and oratory; talents which are possibly not used in our places of employment or at home.

We have the ammunition to fight Communism through the "Lithuanian Affairs" Committee and we get the satisfaction of knowing how much it must bug the Commies every time the word Lithuania appears in newspapers and publicity when we advertise our various cultural and social events on the national or on the local scale.

Also, we derive some, shall we say, indirect benefits, like the satisfaction of contributing to our fellow man - but where it counts more - at home; our parish, our countrymen, our own scholarship recipients.

Most people have a certain pride in their ancestry. Remind them that if they did not have an opportunity to attend schools where the Lithuanian language or customs were taught or if they have "busied" themselves away from the atmosphere, they can still keep in touch as members of the K of L.

Let EVERYBODY know about our aims, goals and accomplishments. Every time you publicize any event, banquet or bazaar, INTERJECT SOME OF THE MEMBERSHIP APPEAL FACTS about the K of L. For the good of the K of L, **A D V E R T I S E** the good in the K of L.

Eleanore H. Laurin  
Membership Vice President

# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

As we Knights are starting a New Year let us resolve to do our share for our fellow Lithuanians who are behind the Iron Curtain. Let us all do what we can to help them start the New Year with the hope of freedom. Let us all roll up our sleeves and get down to work to aid our brothers who suffer so unjustly at the hands of the Soviets.

One may ask, how he or she can help. We all can write letters to the President of the United States urging him to speak before the United Nations on behalf of Lithuania. We also can write to our Congressional leaders and the newspapers to let them all know how we feel about Lithuania. I know with the help of all Knights we can do a great deal for our beloved Lithuania.

Alex Kardokas  
Chairman Lithuanian Affairs  
New England District

February 16, 1966 will be the 48th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Lithuania. All council officers and members are urged to participate in the commemoration of this event.

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

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

### MEMBERSHIP

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

### RULES FOR THE 1965-1966 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Earn TEN points for each new or re-activated member you enroll by JANUARY 31, 1966. However the cards must be post-marked and received by the National Financial Secretary BEFORE February 28, 1966.

Earn SEVEN points for each new or re-activated member you enroll during FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL, 1966.

Earn FIVE points for each new or re-activated member you enroll during MAY & JUNE 1966.

Membership totals will be supplied by the S. C. Financial Secretary according to her records as of 9-1-65. The Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of increase based on these totals

There will be FIVE AWARDS:

- (1) Individual in a large Council with the most points;
- (2) Individual in a small Council with the most points;
- (3) Council with less than 40 paid-up members;
- (4) Council with 40 or more paid-up members;
- (5) District with the greatest number of new members.

### RECORDING SECRETARY'S REQUEST

Josephine Zukas informs us that although many Districts and Councils have elected new officers and appointed committee chairmen, she still has NOT received their names and addresses. In order to compile a complete listing for EVERYONE'S convenience, she MUST have the cooperation of each District and Council. Send the names and addresses of YOUR officers to: Josephine Zukas, 9 Charles St., Port Washington, L.I., N.Y.

### ATTENTION! ALL MEMBERS AND FIN SECRETARIES

Membership dues for most members became due as of January 1, 1966. As members, you should pay your dues at the earliest opportunity. As Financial Secretary, you should collect and forward the dues as soon as possible to the National FINANCIAL Secretary, Johanna Jakunas, 4357 So. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60632. Your prompt and sincere cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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

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

### SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

The next Supreme Council meeting will be held in Chicago on Saturday, February 12, 1966. All officers and committee members are urged to attend. If you cannot attend, please submit a written report to the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Midway House, South Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Ill. For reservations and information, contact Eleanore Laurin, 6800 So. Rockwell St., Chicago, Ill., 60629.

# JUNIOR NEWS

## CHICAGO JUNIORS

The Juniors spent many, many hours in November creating their entries for the Fourth Annual Lithuanian Christmas Ornament Contest sponsored yearly by Frank Zapolis of Council 36.

Stars, triangles, chains, bells and many original designs were carefully constructed out of straw; and again this year, Frank presented the Juniors with awards for their efforts. Vyto Ankus walked off with first place in the Junior Division, while Joyce Janas and

Lorrayne Sadauskas both received honorable mention.

After the contest, the Juniors' ornaments helped to decorate the District Christmas tree in K of Hall.

A trip to the Museum of Science and Industry for the Museum's 24th Annual Yuletide Festival - "Christmas Around the World" - is the Christmas treat for the Juniors this year.

This visit to the Museum will be on Lithuanian Day, but not only will they view the giant Christmas tree beautifully decorated in the traditional Li-

thuanian custom, they will also have the opportunity to see how other nationalities traditionally decorate their trees and observe the Christmas season holiday.

A program will be presented in the Museum Theater depicting, in song and folk dances, Lithuanian Christmas customs.

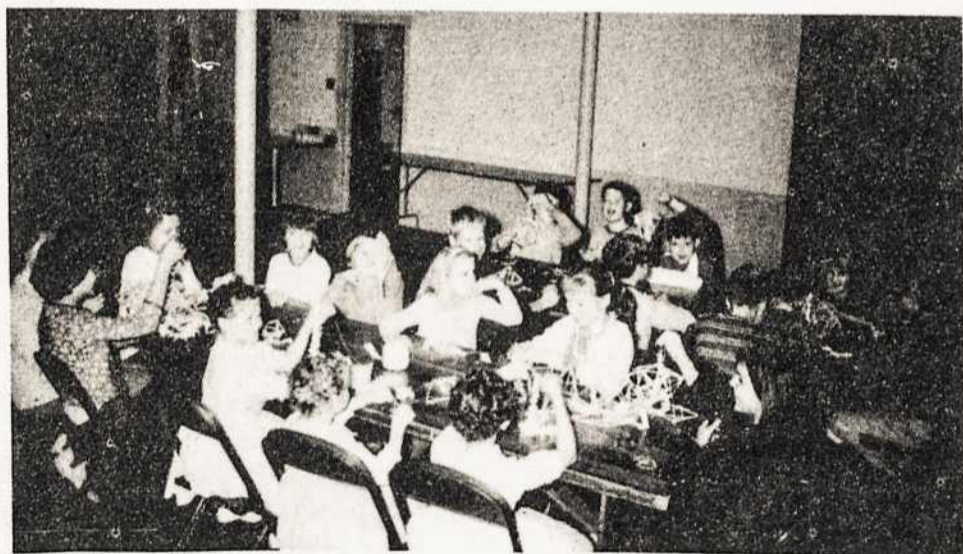
Bus transportation to and from the Museum is being provided through the courtesy of Gage Chrysler-Plymouth, 5711 South Western Avenue. Our thanks to them for making this available to us.



Chicago Juniors posing between the American and Lithuanian Christmas trees at their 1964 Christmas party.



Santa's "helpers", Camilla Bereckis and Genevieve Maluska handing out gifts to the Juniors at their Christmas party.



Juniors, "busy as bees", making Christmas ornaments.



Roseanne Richkus, Micheal Mika, Joyce Janas, Vyto Ankus and Louise Barkauski displaying the results of their hard work. (Photos on this page by Al Raubiskis, C-112)

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# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., C-133

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The Los Angeles Council 133, Regulars and Seniors had a combined meeting this fall at the Lithuanian Community Center in the banquet room. This was the first gathering after the exciting Annual Convention at our lovely, hospitable Statler Hilton Hotel this past summer.

After a typical old country style dinner topped off with delicious gruzdeliai, Mr. Valiukas gave a report on the financial outcome of the convention. The highlights of the convention were expressed by Mr. Puicunas, Miss Pauline Petkus and Mrs. Adele Petras.

Our president, Mr. Juozas Andrius announced the two recipients of the third (3rd) Degree medals during the Saturday luncheon during the convention, our firsts in the senior group. Mr. Anthony Skirius and Mr. Jonas Puicunas were applauded and cheerfully received.

Then our new spiritual advisor, Rev. Dr. Petras Celiesius handed out, with congratulations to good many members, their long awaited first degree. (Now that we know the technique of awards, many more will follow.)

It was decided to have a Mass celebrated for the anniversary of our past spiritual advisor, late Rev. Father Steponaitis.

Rev. Dr. Celiesius related his trip to Rome and Holy Land, covering Palestine, Israel and Jordan. It is difficult to believe that some of these places are the same as they were at the time of Jesus. Arabs still carry water seven miles to their abode for drinking. The D.P. Arab from Israel lives in extreme poverty in poorly devised tents and the like, in a climate similar to our Palm Springs heat.

In Jerusalem water is stored in basement cisterns from rain water. It

is a very old city with narrow streets and is very crowded. Outside the walls is new, modern Jerusalem which is four times more expensive.

Nazareth country life is clean, with lovely homes, orchards, gardens and cars, and inhabited mostly by Christians with monasteries and nuns teaching in schools. It must be pleasing to our Savior to have the city of his childhood still a lovely spot on earth.



Rev. Dr. Petras Celiesius Spiritual Advisor, C-133.

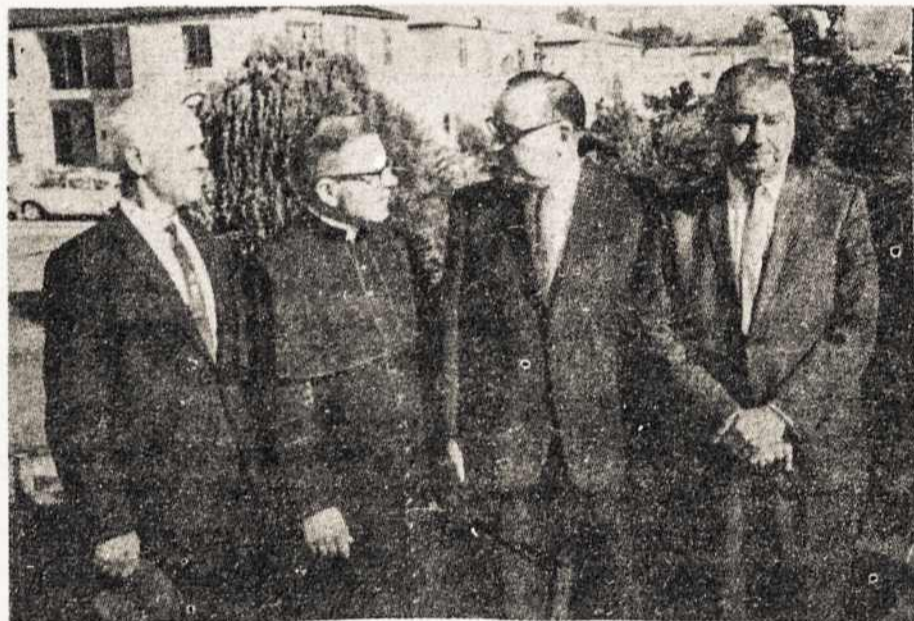
## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 Fillin' In

News from our council has been late, but it's not that the "Seventyniners" have been loafing. Reason: our members get "involved" in the thick of things. Even before the echoes of the national K of L convention in Los Angeles have died away, members have elected new officers and they'll be off and running on the 1966 plans.

Joseph Kazlauskas was elected president; Jos Salinas and Clem Patocki are 1st and 2nd v. presidents; Magdalena Smailis, red. secretary; Mary Kazlauskas, fin. sec'y; Stella Hotra, treas. and Edward Martin, sgt. at-arms.

Our annual Holiday Card Party has come and gone, but the fun will long be remembered. Chairman was Mrs. Mary Kazlauskas, who headed the wonderful committee and spared no effort to make this particular enterprise a success. Proceeds go for the Kiddies Christmas Party, including catechism class, and baskets for the less fortunate during the Christmas season. A word of thanks to all of the members and friends, who contributed and came to this event - without their



Governor Edmund G. Brown of California visits St. Casimir Church, Los Angeles. With the Governor are: J. Rapsys, Msgr. J. Kucingis, Pastor of St. Casimir's and F. P. Speaker.



support and generosity, our efforts would have been in vain. A note of tribute is due to the "long-suffering" husband of the above-mentioned chairlady.

Catching up on the convention news in L. A., c-79 was represented by 4 delegates - Adeline and Bernie Vit-chus, and Sophie and Frank Zager. At Thursday night's get-together, greetings were cheerfully exchanged ... "Kaip tau einas?", "Glad you came out," and "Hello there"! For Sophie Zager it was like home-coming, where she met many friends from her home-town, Amsterdam, N.Y., which included Emma Safran Thompson, Bernice Raila, Rose Husband, Dr. John Isabel, and Gene Gobis, who was one principle delegate from Amsterdam to enable a storage of "Do you remember?" introductions. The Zagers also visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Patrick, formerly of Amsterdam, and the Patricks later joined them for some convention activities. Also, joining the conventioners were Antoinette Zilvitis of our council and her husband, Dr. Bruno, who were able to "bow in" in time from their western trip to attend Mass at St. Casimir's church and the brunch later.

A most rewarding visit was made to Forest Lawn Memorial-Park to see great art of ages. Within an arm's reach (the freeway) there was something from antiquity such as the Farmer's Market where old world customs and gourmet dishes contribute to a "round-the-world atmosphere. Upon a visit to Disneyland there was

so much to absorb, especially their latest and awe-inspiring addition, "Memories with Mr. Lincoln". A tour of Universal Studios was enjoyable. A stop was made to see McHale's Navy on location. We also spotted Doug McClure, and two of the Munsters on location. All the conventioners had the pleasure of meeting Miss Ruta Lee, who is a charming person and proudly boasts of her Lithuanian heritage.

Lest the readers think that our convention was just a fulfilled vacation, let this writer assure you it was not. Although smaller in number, the sessions were orderly and it was a rewarding enterprise obtaining new ideas to bring back to individual councils. Our delegate, Sophie Zager gave a resume of the proceedings at the K of L convention in Los Angeles, added by an enlightening report from Bernie Vit-chus who was one of our other delegates. The Vit-chus' also mixed in some pleasure by meeting some folks from their hometown in Penna.

A special debt of gratitude is due to Leonard Valiukas and all his committee of the "Angels" who were responsible for the monumental task of the convention in L.A.

Congratulations to Vincenta and William Marozas, parents of Eleanor Mickey, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Nov. 13. Many of our 79'ers attended the jubilee Mass at Divine Providence, with an after-church reception at Roma hall.

This'n' That: We're not too happy to hear about Joe and Jerry's grandchild,



Congratulations to VYTIS Staff member Betty Bozec and her husband, Jim, on the birth of their 2nd child, Janet Marie weighed in at 10 lbs. and arrived on December 8th.

whose quite a sick little lad. Our prayers are with them... Missed are Betty and Frank Petroski at our meetings. The John Dargis have also stayed away much too long. And, whatever happened to Estelle and Charlie Gogelis? We all hope you come back soon - everyone... Don't forget our K of L Communion Sundays, first Sunday of the month. Coffee'n'donuts served following Mass in church hall. November's hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kazlauskas, and the December "brunch" was hosted by the Frank Zagers. Let's make it a better spiritual obligation... Another year has gone by. We wish a healthy and happy New Year to our K of L'ers - everywhere.



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICERS. (Left) Vincent Ed. Pavis, Dist. Pres.; Mrs. Mildred Chinik, Pres. of Pittsburgh's C-19; Father Walter Karaveckas, Pastor of St. Casimir's and S.A. C-19; Father Milius, guest speaker at District's Conv. Dinner. (Right) Some of the District leaders: Mrs. Stella Pavis, Sec'y.; Vincent Ed. Pavis, Pres.; Frank Gudelis, Ritual; Standing: Anthony Buknis, Sgt-at-Arms; Peter Luiza, Lith. Afrs.; Joseph Karpowic, Trustee; Joseph Kazlauskas, 1st V-P.

## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

NEW YORK, N.Y., C- 12 Ed

Our first meeting since the summer recess was held Sept. 12, 1965, over one third of the membership attended and views were exchanged with great zeal and enthusiasm. A letter was read by President Yatkaukas relating to K of L members pledging a daily specified prayer asking the "Blessed Mother" to help the oppressed people of Lithuania to keep their religious faith. From a prepared list C-12 was assigned a church to pray for in the City of Rokiskis, Lithuania.

Council 12 held its annual picnic at "Nino's" August 12, 1965 and much to the dismay of the eager hosts few members attended. Although this writer could not attend, I learned that the "Bells" and "Cuperwich's" were there. Evelyn Bell was ill this past July and it's good to know she has fully recovered. We look forward to seeing the Bells at our next meeting. Speaking of illness, the "Cuperwich's" have had their share. Vinny has been convalescing for some time from an illness which befell him suddenly. Speaking for the council, I hope that faith smiles down upon this wonderful couple with good luck and an abundance of good health.

On the brighter side of things, we are looking forward to the home coming of Warrant Officer George Yatkaukas and his wife from Germany. It will be nice to see George and Diane again, after an absence of three years.

We are happy to welcome a new member into our council, Connie Siat-sis. Welcome into our fold. The members extend their condolences to the family of Stephen Montvidas at the loss of his mother this past July.

As one reflects back to the termination of World War II, the exodus of K of L members to suburbia has almost led to the demise of Councils in various communities. Unfortunately our Lithuanian Churches which tend to keep the flock together could not move as easily and reestablish themselves due to the impossible circumstances that they are confronted with. In essence C-12 is a prime example of many councils who do manage to survive in spite of these hardships and handicaps. A large percentage of our members are enrolled in Churches that are not Lithuanian because of various circumstances, new communities, schools, etc. However, due to their strong convictions their Lithuanian heritage is kept alive because K of L'ers will travel many miles to attend meetings, and as a result keep their council from going asunder.



Vincent Samaska and Frank Zapolis, both of C-36, at the Annual Lithuanian Christmas Ornament Contest, Sponsored by Mr. Zapolis and held at the Lith. Jesuit Center, Chicago.

## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

CHICAGO, ILL. C-112 Ardee

Nov. 27, the date; K of L Hall, the place; annual Fall Dance, the event. A few words summarize our council's recent activity. Chairman, Al Raubiskis is to be commended and applauded for the wonderful conscientious job he did in making this dance a success. Also to be commended are the other members of his hard working committee consisting of Ray Bartkus, Al and Ruth Dagis, Monica Kasper, Al Moccus, Louis Rogers, Frank Savickus, Irene Sankus, and Milda and Mirga Pakalniskis, who again out-did themselves in their clever and different decoration of the hall. Those balloons-a-go-go were real "gone".

Many thanks to Judge Alfonse F. Wells for his donation of a beautiful table lamp which was won by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Matt, new members of our council. The second prize in our raffle, a Ming tree, was won by Carol Herbert, and the third prize, a record rack was won by Mary Zbella.

At our November monthly meeting, we were honored to have our member Alfonse F. Wells, Criminal Court judge, Circuit Court of Cook County as guest speaker. Judge Wells presented a very interesting and informative talk on "Present Trends in Criminal Justice".

December birthday congratulations to the following: Rev. John Savukynas, Pete Gagle, Letitia Giedraitis, and Mirga Pakalniskis.

Have you ever stopped to wonder which K of L council has the most "Als"? At the last count, our membership roster disclosed 16 - Truly a K of L (Al) council...!



50th ANNIVERSARY OF C-36, Chicago. (Left) Consul Genral Petras Dauzvardis; Father Paul Juknevicus, S.A.C-36; Frank Svelnis, C. Pres; Leonard Simutis, H.M.; Father Anthony Zakarauskas, S.A., I-I Dist. (Right) F. Svelnis, L. Simutis, Father Zak., Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, Father John Savukynas, MIC., Father Petras Urbaitis, SDB.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

BROCKTON, MASS. C-1 Patty

Three cheers for C-1! We have been in the process of re-activating our council. We are hoping '66 will be our biggest and best year yet!

It's that time again - our Annual Snowflake Ball that will be held in February. We have organized a committee and the members serving on it are: chairman - Marilyn Yuskaitis; tickets - Pauline Pigeon; decorations - "Buzzy" Carleton; refreshments - Joe Butler; orchestra - Sylvia Shukis; honorary patrons - Pat Rodericks; and publicity - Mary Carleton and Pat Miskinis. We hope to see you in February!

A committee was also organized to set up a social schedule for this year. We hope to have one social event planned for each month of the year to keep our new, as well as present members interested in the K of L. A few of the ideas given were; a sleigh ride, basketball game, Boston Pops night, a fishing party, hiking trip, and a theatre party (dinner and show). The month of March is set aside for our annual Communion Breakfast which is usually held on the Feast of St. Casimir. Those on the committee are: Helen Butler, Diane Grize, Pat Miskinis, and Tony Skirius (the lucky guy).

At our last meeting we held nominations for '66 officers. The following were nominated: president - Roland Pigeon (the incumbent), John Yuskaitis, and Bob Dillis. Vice - president - Pat Miskinis, unopposed. Secretary - Diane Grize and Dotty Markolonis. Treasurer - Helen Butler, "Buzzy" Carleton and Al Skirius, (the incumbent). Delegate - Sylvia Shukis, unopposed. **MAY THE BEST MAN (or GIRL) WIN!**

Council 1 wishes you and yours the happiest of New Years and may it bring Peace to the World.

SO. BOSTON, MASS., C-17 Kalnietis

The raking of the last of the fallen leaves and the awaiting of the coming snow has not slowed down the activities of C-17. May we extend our congratulations and a long life together to (hope this is right) Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dipierro. She's the former Diane Plevock, and to two council members, Joe Casey and Paula Antanellis... We saw a very tanned girl walking around So. Boston, and she turned out to be Clare Sawiski, who had just returned from a cruise to Nassau... A little bird told us that Joyce Swirbules recently took a short trip to Florida.

Our council supported the demonstration for freedom of the Baltic countries that took place in New York and may we say thanks to those who took part and made a wonderful showing.

Our council dance was a success, and we had four young ladies in attendance who (believe it or not) had never heard of the K of L or the reason for its existence until then. Dorothy and Maryann Nappi, Patricia Brennan, and Carol Ranieri (friends of Jean Pasakarnis) said that they had

a wonderful time and were impressed with all the Lithuanian hospitality. It just goes to show you that we do need a good public relations corps to let the world know that we do exist and are proud of our Lithuanian parentage.

Ray and Paula Slinger have renovated their apartment and it seems that violet, or is it purple is Paula's favorite color... Rambling on, our council attended in good numbers dances of Norwood, C-27 and Worcester C-26... From Ft. Cambell, Ky. we have word that Joe Kascus is hiding out there these days. Joe's ambition is to count the gold in Fort Knox... We want to thank the people from Worcester for paying on their wagers on the Boston College - Holy Cross game... The Sisters in Brockton recently dedicated their new nursing home. They still need financial support, and if you can spare a little something they would really appreciate it... We also attended the St. Peter's parish reunion and Father Virmauskas' 50th anniversary recently... The ski weekend in N. H. is becoming a very popular event each year, so if you don't want to be left out in the cold, get your reservations in early... Our Vytis party was held recently but other parish activities kept the crowd small. Helen Suprin and Tony Zemaitis served on the last jury session, and they were thrilled to participate... Three people joined our council at the last meeting: George Stankus, Gerry Marcinowski and Carol Witosky. Carol volunteered to take over the House Improvements task. That's one way to get your feet wet... Susan Daniels broke her leg recently and is now on the way to recovery.

Here are the latest bowling figures: Women's high single, Marty Swain 107.0; Phyllis Gendreau 106.0; and Women's high triple Betty Grigalunas 298; Men's high average, Al Jaritis 103.9; men's high single, Al Jaritis 150; and men's high triple, Al

## EDITORS' REQUEST

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

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Jaritis 363. Looks like one person is trying for all the trophies. There are times when we can use a spare bowler or two, so if you're interested, come on down.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord"... In your charity remember the souls of Tony Jackmaugh's mother Anita Daniel's father, Vytautas Bruz-gys' father, and our secretary's mother, Frances Sumski.

One rainy Sunday a group of characters decided to go mountain climbing. They hadn't figured on the rain, but they took it in their stride. The cheery group made their way to Mt. Monadnock, N. H. : Bill Gorski, Vin and Lil Kasauskas, George Barton, Shirley of Lawrence, Algy Martin-saskas, Alice Gaudauskas, Rita Wait-kunas, Al Jaritis, Bill Zaremba, Frank and Helen Suprin, Babe and Mary Martus, Adele Martus, and Ann Chaplick, After coming down from the mountain top soaked to the skin, the group made their way to Father John Zuromskis' at St. Joseph's rectory, where Father showed his hospitality. There are more hikes planned for the future, and any readers who would like to come would be most welcome.

PICTURES . . . PICTURES. . .

Council News needs pictures, Please send illustrations of your activities with your council news, to enhance this section of VYTIS.



SANCTUARY OF OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER Portland, Oregon. The Lithuanian Shrine for the fallen heroes of liberty and the martyrs of Communism. Erected by the Lithuanians of America.

"Žuvome, kad būtumėt laisvi."

WESTFIELD, MASS. C-30 Marcejona We here in Westfield look forward to 1966 to be another challenging year full of council activities.

This past year held many fond memories of good times, but only after much hard work. In March we held our annual covered dish supper, and in May were hosts to the Junior K of L Rally. In July our annual summer outing was held at Lake Congamond with many families and friends present, and in August many of our members contributed their times towards making the annual parish picnic a huge success.

Just recently a Thanksgiving Day project was handled most ably by the efforts of Chairman Frank Jutkus and Co-Chairmen Sophie Kucharski and Ann Kylis. Our Chairman of the Fruit Cake Sale, Anne Sabonis, reports that everything is going well.

Our thanks to council members Bernard Minkus and Frank Bernadicius for all the many wonderful colored slides they have taken at various functions, and made available for viewing.

A Happy New Year to all - and a Happy Birthday to Ann Kylis.

A CHINESE GREETING TO THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA.

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