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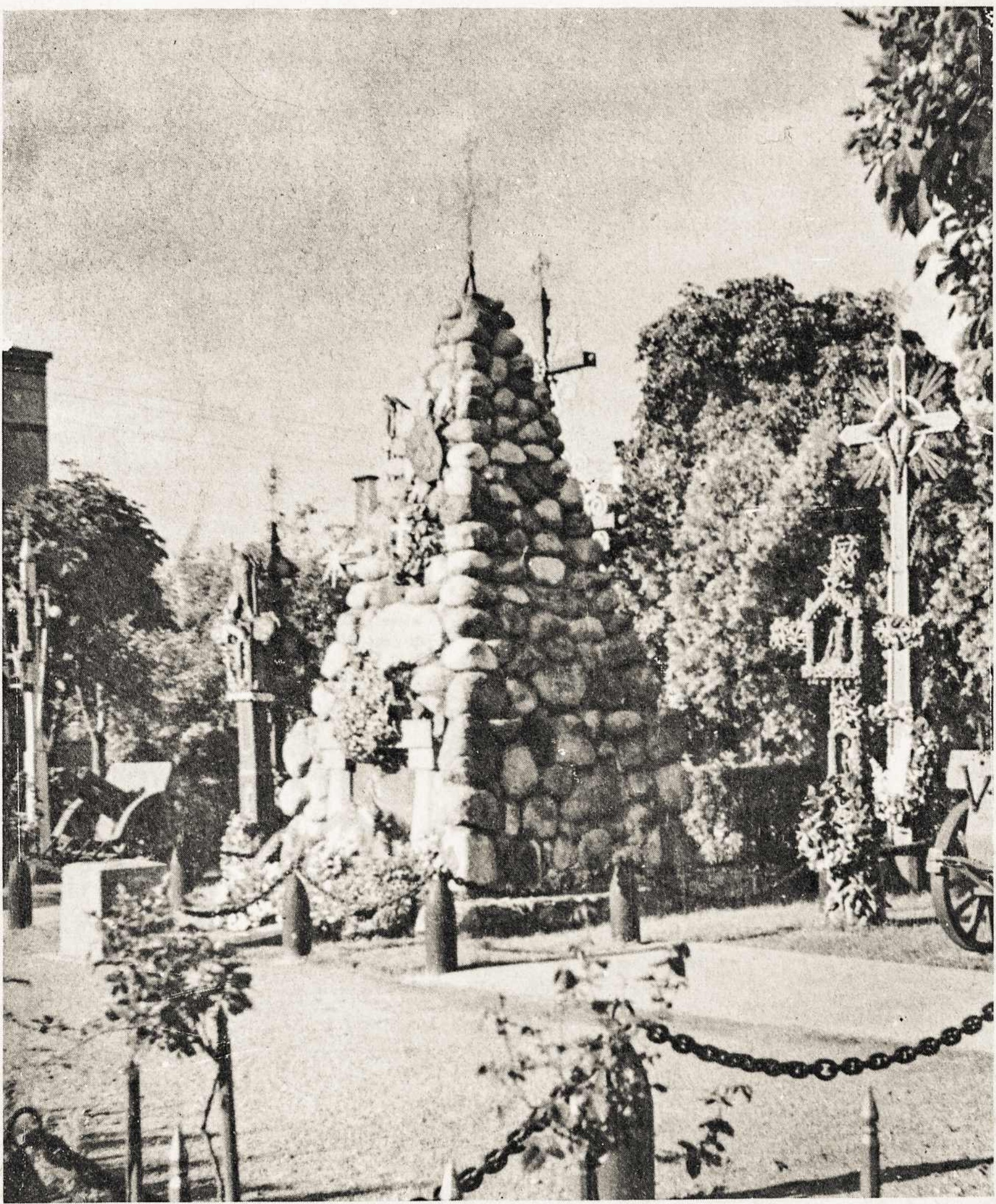
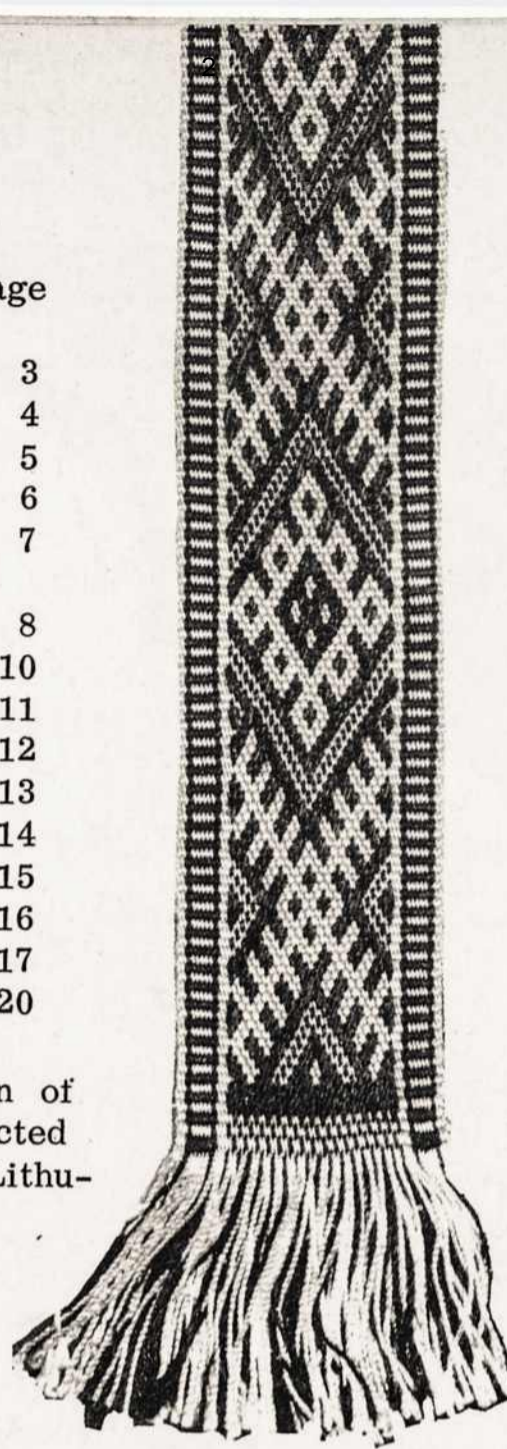


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LAISVĖ ir VASARIO 16d. AKTAS

tragedijos pritrenkti, tačiau dvasioje neprivalome pulti, o su didele viltimi žiūrėti į laimingą ateitį ir iš naujo susipažinti su Nepriklausomybės Akto įgyvendinimo laikotarpiu, ka galėtume pasisemti naujos stiprybės ir kad ta stiprybė ugdytų mumyse vienybę ir lydėtų mūsų žingsnius atkovoti Lietuvai laisvę ir atgauti nepriklausomybę.

Tiesa, šiandieną mes esame tos Didžiosios Dienos - Vasario 16-tos išvakarėse. Gal ne vienam ateis mintis į galvą, ar verta minėti tą, kad ir labai svarbų įvykį kuomet laisvės nebėra, kuomet kruvini bolševikų batai valstybę sutrypė? Taip, verta! Juk Lietuvos valstybė yra, tik ją gaubia klaiki naktis. Ir lietuvių tauta yra gyva. Užtat kiekvienas lietuvis, tos dienos belaukdamas, nepaisant kur jis bebūtų ar begyventų, savo mintis ir savo jausmus turi sieti su savos tėvynės reikalais. Vasario 16-ji, kurios gyvenimo sąlygos bebūtų, buvo ir tebėra lietuviams nepaprastai brangi, nes tą dieną ne tik prasidėjo Lietuvos gyvenimo nauja era, bet ir Lietuvos valstybei tapo atvertas naujas lapas lietuvių tautos istorijoje.

Ir dar kas labai svarbu, kad nežiūrėt jog Lietuva rusų okupuota ir pavergta, tačiau JAV vyriausybė tos okupacijos nepripažįsta ir laiko Lietuvos valstybę egzistuojančia. Valstybės Departamentas beveik kasmet kartoja, kad JAV, kaip pirmiau, taip ir dabar laikosi savo nusistatymo. Kongresas, Krašto gubernatoriai, kad ir nevisi, kasmet išleidžia proklamacijas, skelbdami Lietuvos Dieną. Užtat Vasario 16 dienos šventėje išklaušykime lietuviškos pareigos balso ir pasukime tikroju Lietuvos vėliavą. Dalyvaukime minėjimuose ir auksinio vadavimo darbuose.

Niekas taip nežavėjo ir nežavi žmogus, kaip laisvės idealas. Siekdamas to laisvės idealo ir lietuvių tauta prieš 48 metus stovėjo žūtubūtinė kovon. O kovoje už laisvę visais laikais buvo mokama pačiu brangiausiu turtu - krauju. Ir lietuvių tauta juo visad gausiai mokėjo. Mokėjo, savo valstybę kurdamas, mokėjo nuo puoliančių priešų gindamas, mokėjo savas sienas saugodamas ir priešą persekiodamas. Užtat Lietuvoje savanoriai stodami prie ginklo ir eidami ginti kraštą nuo užpuolikų iš anksto jau žinojo, kad laisvės idealas, kaip labai trapi gėlė, turės būti palaistytas jų krauju. Pralietas savanorių kraujas, paaukotos geriausių ir tauriausių tautos vaikų gyvybės ir davė Vasario 16 dienos Aktui tikrąją prasmę.

Šis įvykis yra įrašytas lietuvių tautos istorijoje, kaip vienas iš gražiausių epizodų, parodančių lietuvių buvusį vieningumą, laisvės troškimą ir aukos dvasią. Užtat, šiandieną Vasa-

rio 16-ji ir yra laikoma Lietuvos valstybės naujos eros pradžia; Vasario 16-ji yra vien pačių ryškiausių istorinio apsiminimo dienų; Vasario 16-ji yra lietuvių laisvės troškimo įsikūnijimas, kurio pagrinde glūdi laisvo gyvenimo idėja; Vasario 16-ji yra politinio ir tautinio savistovumo tąsa; Vasario 16-ji yra apjungėja visų lietuvių, kieno tik gyslose tebeteka lietuviškas kraujas ir kieno širdy tebeplaka Lietuvos meilė; Vasario 16-ji yra lietuvių pasiryžimo diena tarnauti savo tautai, savajai tėvynei; Vasario 16-ji yra Lietuvos tautos triumfo, laisvės troškimo ir jos atgavimo diena; Vasario 16-ji yra šimtmečiais puoselėtas laisvės vilties realizavimas, kruvinių kovų išdava, bendrų pastangų vaisius ir nepriklausomos valstybės atstatymo faktas. Tačiau ta epopėja, netekus tautai nepriklausomybės ir laisvės lyg nublunka, dažnai nebesuprantama.

Nors mes lietuviai dabar ir esame liūdnos dabarties prisilęgti ir didelės

WORLD LITHUANIAN YOUTH YEAR

Our motto:

Our strength, our knowledge
Toward a free Lithuania!

In time youth overtakes the duties and responsibilities of the elders. Today, while Lithuania is enslaved by the communists, all Lithuanian youth in the free world, who are direct descendents of Lithuanian parents are needed and urged to unite in the fight to keep Lithuania's culture and ideals alive until the day comes when a free Lithuania is proclaimed.

The Lithuanian World Community's committee is aiming to give the opportunity to the youth to study our situation in the free world and behind the iron curtain.

The committee wants to unite all young Lithuanian descendents into closer unity, to enable all to expose their achievements in art, literature, music, politics, religion, science and other fields of learning; to encourage the Lithuanian youth to work for new ideas and aspirations, and to uplift and direct the spirit of Lithuanian youth toward closer relationship of ideas and partnership.

For this purpose the Lithuanian World Community's committee:

1. Invites all youth of Lithuanian descent from the whole free world to come to the Congress which will be held June 30 to July 3, 1966, in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

2. Asks all Lithuanian communities, organizations, parishes, press, radio programs, and every Lithuanian in the free world to give every necessary opportunity and attention to the youth, by supporting their intentions and aims during that year.

3. Urges everyone to give the necessary attention to the youth and help them fulfill the program planned for that year.

4. Asks 1966 be designated as Lithuanian Youth Year, in all correspondence, periodicals and press in general.

World Lithuanian Youth Year began with Canada's Lithuanian Youth Congress October 9, 1965, Toronto, Canada.

The committee's main reasons for proclaiming the year are:

1. To study the present Lithuanian youth situation.
2. To incorporate the youth into more active Lithuanian community life.
3. To emphasize the achievements of the young people.
4. To inspire the young intellect toward new efforts.
5. To encourage the feeling of friendship and hospitality.

During the Youth Year every month is dedicated to some specific question. The World Lithuanian Youth Congress Committee suggested and The Lithuanian World Community's Committee seconded the program for the following months:

February - Commemoration of Lithuania's independence day February 16, 1918; urge the youth to lead in preparing programs with the help and assistance of the

older people. The main speakers should be from the younger generation.

March - Youth and older people actively join in helping to raise money to support the Youth Congress. March 6 is the day of the campaign to collect as much as possible for the purpose of exhibits, meetings, scholarships, funds to help young people from other countries, press and other expenses.

April - The importance of Lithuanian press to the young generation. Encourage subscribing to and reading of Lithuanian magazines, books & newspapers. The youth is encouraged to read and to write.

May - The importance of a young Lithuanian family, the importance of marriage among Lithuanians and the importance of preparing a young mother to preserve the Lithuanian ideals in her family.

June - Remembrance of Lithuanian fellow-countrymen who fought in the battle for Lithuania's freedom. The continuance of that battle for freedom by the youth today.

All Lithuanians should travel to Chicago, U.S.A. for the Youth Congress, which starts June 30th. Let's show the world our unity, willingness and determination to fight for a free Lithuania.

July - The Youth Congress ends with U.S.A. and Canada's Lithuanian Song festival, July 3rd. After the Congress there will be a one week camp for all who come from different countries. Later these people will live with Lithuanian families for a while all over U.S.A. and Canada.

August - The meaning of youth organization camps.

September - The importance of Lithuanian schools. The importance of studying Lithuanian subjects on the level of higher education. The necessity of Lithuanian Communities and other Lithuanian organizations.

October - The meaning and importance of learning, especially higher education, for the youth.

November - The meaning of Lithuanian youth organizations. The youth is urged to join these organizations.

December - Keep contact among the Lithuanians in the whole world during the Christmas season.

THE LITHUANIAN WORLD COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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Profile...

JOSEPH KAJECKAS

LORETTA STUKAS

You might find him applauding enthusiastically at a Lithuanian concert in Los Angeles ... conferring with Lithuanian American leaders in Chicago... advising a young student group in Boston ... entertaining the United States Secretary of State and other dignitaries in Washington ... or just enjoying a quiet evening at home with his family. But whatever the occasion, the presence of Joseph Kajeckas, Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Lithuanian Legation, is sure to add an aura of genuine dignity and warmth to the event, and make his fellow Lithuanians proud to have him as their official representative in the United States.

As a boy, Joseph Kajeckas little dreamed of the important work awaiting him, but his travels and studies were laying the groundwork for his future nonetheless. Born in Shenandoah, Pa. on June 17, 1897, he attended public school there until 1909 when, at the age of 12, he went to Lithuania with his family. He graduated from high school in Mariampole and studied philosophy and French and German literature at the University of Lithuania in Kaunas until 1925.

A natural interest in law and political science drew him to study law at the University of Montpellier, France from 1925 to 1928. While there, he expanded his horizons by also enrolling in and completing a special Financial and Administrative course. Mr. Kajeckas continued his education in Paris, where he completed diplomatic studies at the School of Political Science (Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques) and was awarded a diploma in 1929. He also attended two semesters of the Doctorate of Law course at the University of Paris (Sorbonne) in 1928 and 1929 and managed to find time to complete the Geneva Summer School of International Studies in Switzerland.

Officially, Joseph Kajeckas began his work representing Lithuania's interest around the world on Dec. 11, 1929, when he joined the Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kaunas, Lithuania. He was assigned as First Secretary of the Lithuanian Legation in London, and served in that post from January, 1930 to May, 1935. From May, 1935 until February, 1939, he served at the Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kaunas, Chief first of the Western Section (including both Americas) and subsequently of the Central European Section of the Political Department.

He was Counselor of the Lithuanian Legation in Berlin in 1939 and 1940.

In Oct., 1940, Joseph Kajeckas joined the Lithuanian Legation in Washington, D.C., and since May, 1957, has been Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Legation. He is still recognized by the United States as the legal representative of the Republic of Lithuania. Just by holding this position, Mr. Kajeckas performs an indispensable service for the Lithuanian people who want their nation free, for the existence and function of the Lithuanian

Diplomatic Service abroad is proof of the existence of the State of Lithuania... and the illegality of Russian rule there.

While busily engaged in his work in Lithuania's Foreign Ministry, Joseph Kajeckas also found time to devote to many other phases of Lithuanian life. He has served as Secretary General of the Lithuanian Red Cross Society in Kaunas, and was a member of the Lithuanian Delegation to the International Red Cross Conference in Paris in 1936 and in London in 1938. In 1937, he was Chief Delegate of the Lithuanian Red Cross Society to the International Junior Red Cross Conference in Paris. In the field of economics, he was Secretary of the



Delegation of the Lithuanian Government to the London World Economic Conference in 1933 and was Delegate of the Lithuanian Government to the International Conference for the Protection of Industrial Property in London in 1934. Also, in the Summer of 1938, Mr. Kajeckas served as Head of the Lithuanian Delegation in the Lithuanian-German boundary negotiations in Gumbinnen, Germany.

Joseph Kajeckas and his wife, Ona, have one son. He has completed his graduated studies at Yale University in 1964 and is currently preparing his doctorate thesis. Since autumn, 1964, he has been teaching at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois.

As we commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day on Feb. 16, praying that our Lithuania may one day soon again see the light of freedom, may we also thank God for giving us men like Joseph Kajeckas. With his gentle and genuine interest in Lithuanians and Lithuania, and his vast intelligence, learning, and experience in Diplomatic affairs, he has done much to keep alive the spirit of Lithuania in the free world, and daily presents to the non-Lithuanian world a most attractive and cultured picture of free Lithuania's people.

Our heartfelt thanks... and sincerest "Ilgiausių Metų" to Mr. Kajeckas, our much loved and revered Diplomatic Representative.

WITH LOVE TO MARY!

FATHER VAL

We have scarcely shaken our tresses dry of the suds so graciously referred to as Christmas shopping and are about to gasp a deep breath of appreciative relaxation, when up comes February with its suggestion of another opportunity for love giving - especially wrapped in fancy packages. From what you have thus far encountered of this author's contributions, you might have arrived at some erroneous conclusions about his personality. Namely, that yours truly is some kind of a scrawny character out of Charles Dickens or just a plain ordinary everyday tightwad. You would be far from the truth. For there is no wad, and if there were one it would be too thin to make sitting any more comfortable by parking ones chassis on it. My argument with all this so-called good-will giving is, first, that the amount of my love for those near and dear to me can never be estimated by the \$\$\$ sign. Because when I do indulge in shopping on occasion I always find myself short of funds in order to buy all of and the kind of things I would for my loved ones. Secondly, I object, because the list of people to whom I'm beginning to be obligated is becoming more inflated with each successive holiday. Give, - to my newsboy, him, who on the day following Christmas can't hit the full's-eye, which in this case is my porch, 10 feet x 4 feet x 15 feet, and be exactly on target at a snow puddle no larger than Steve Allen's breadbox about 20 feet away from the porch. Besides, everytime he comes with the collection slip he receives a substantial tip and a reminder about the target. Come to think of it, that collection slip is still addressed to my predecessor, who left Little St. Michael's when my worthy newsboy was barely able to toddle. My mailman!? With the present conditions prevailing in our postal department, I'm not so sure who my mailman is. I know one thing - that if the present system continues - like the owner of a talented English Springer Spaniel found the entire neighborhood newspaper delivery on his front stoop - I may end up with all the mail of our block in the crook between the rain pipe and the church wall, - and the Good Lord knows I get enough of it as is to share with the rest of the people on the block - you know, the kind you consider common property. Besides, everytime I buy a stamp, and at Christmas I buy lots, I contribute to his salary, and if I'm a collector I'm already losing money. Did you ever try to mail a letter with a stamp, that's gone up one cent? Not long ago I tried to get my \$15.00 back for 500 three cent stamps I had purchased when suddenly the price of postage went up to four cents. I was informed, I would have to buy 500 penny ones and by adding one of them to each of the three's, I would be able to use them up that way (a revolting situation.) I like my mailman and my newsboy. I think of them in my prayers

- especially, at Christmas. But I refuse to accept them as my Valentine.

Valentine's Day is for lovers. Lover type lovers. Not screen lovers, not guitar strumming crooners, sex symbols, girl watcher types nor even honest injun cowboys. No, not even kindergarten or teen-age heart throbs. It is for people who dream of owning one person forever. Yes, I said it and mean it. Owning and forever! Lovers, who get all shook up at the thought of sharing their loved one with anyone else! There is no such thing as an unjealous lover - if he or she is not jealous - he or she is not a lover. God is a lover. In truth, the only real lover. And he is jealous. Jealous enough to die for us lest we fall in the hands of another. This kind of a lover does not even dream of buying his loved ones affections with such trinkets as a mink coat, a diamond ring, a fancy convertible, not even a lovely house atop a red hill. For if these are what draw the loved one, there will always be the danger that another will come along who can offer a more expensive fur, a weightier diamond, two convertibles, a ranch house in Palm Springs, a summer home in Miami besides a villa on the little red hill. A true lover just wants to give his whole being whether it be wrapped in a mere \$2 box of sweets or plastered behind a satin heart on a specially selected card. All he asks in return is the understanding smile returning a heart wrapped inside a person whose mere presence makes ones heart jump with joy. I hope these kind of lovers will never let Valentine's Day get away from them. And if they are as justifiably jealous as I know them to be, they never will. Thank God for that. Certainly, the world is in dire need of lovers like them.

As delectable as many facets of human love might be, it hardly ever attains complete fulfilment. Unless it receive a boost from another sort or love in the hope of something more perfect, it would almost always be considered a failure. Then there are some of us who are more or less loners in the world of men. Kind of not exactly in love with anyone, at least not with anyone you can touch and feel. It is possible, too, that there may be people who claim to be in love or should be because of a prior vow - have come to realize, unfortunately too late, that they never were really in love. And then there are those never known for proclaiming their love for anyone in particular, yet in reality are extremely great lovers. To all of the above, I presume, to offer someone to love, someone who loves like nobody, aside from God Himself, loves every one of us. She loves us so much that above all others She should be our first Valentine. Her love is so boundless and though She loves us individually, She has enough love to go around without detracting any of it from any one of us. She, also, has the kind of love that will act as a prop in our love for our dear ones. This has been most clearly manifested in households where Her

image and Her Rosary occupy a central position. There you always seem to find enough love to go around for everybody. For She is always a LADY, a Lady the likes of which there never was or never will be. You as a Catholic and K of L'er should know Her well. Like in human affairs Valentine's Day is but a passing reminder of a permanent quality - it certainly then is completely suitable during this month to remind ourselves of Mary's love for us and act as a refresher in the renewal of our love for Her.

Should there be a desire on your part to manifest this love in a more tangible, more concrete form like a box of candy or a card, allow me to offer this suggestion. I just received a sample of self-denial boxes for Lent - you've probably have had them offered to you in your respective parishes, especially in school. Now the thought came to me, that something like this could be done in the form of a Valentine to our Blessed Lady. This year, some time in the month of September our Lithuanian American Catholic community will be dedicating its own permanent contribution, a shrine of Our Lady of Siluva, in the National Shrine of the Catholic Church in the United States - the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. I am aware that our National Organization has made a substantial donation from its own treasury towards this worthy and holy project. However, I am also conscious that the total sum for the complete project has not yet been reached. By placing containers in prominent places at our gatherings where we could drop in our pennies and small change we would be adding a personal touch to our share in a Catholic, American, Lithuanian, K of L like way to present a Valentine to a Great and Loving Lady.



NAUJU METU SLENKSTYJE

Stukso rūkas virš miesto pakybęs
 Duzgia mašinos vis paskubiais
 Iš Dangaus į žemę krenta snaigės
 Pakvipęs oras gazais ir dūmais.

Bažnyčių varpai, fabriku sirenos
 Šaukia žmoniją prie darbo ir maldos...
 Čia mūsų dienos ir naktys nubėga...
 Didžiam ilgesy be Lietuvos!...

Šventovės ir salės sudreba koncertais
 Muzika, dainos radio bangom...
 Ir Laisvės Paminklo aukurą uždegę
 Nusilenkia minios su vėliavom...

Mūs knyga ir spauda tegaubia mintis
 Amžinos gyvasties verpetuose...
 Kalėdų Užgimimas, Partizanų mirtis
 Uždega kovą Naujuose Metuose!...

Bal. Brazdžionis.

Chicago, 12.24.65

LIBERTY OF RELIGION:

THE CHURCH OF THE MODERN WORLD

THE LAST DECREES OF THE VATICAN COUNCIL

The historical Ecumenical Council in the Vatican ended on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. About 2,300 Bishops from all five continents met during this 21st Ecclesiastical Ecumenical Council over a period of four years (Oct. 11, 1962 - Dec. 8, 1965), held 168 general congregations (meetings), took 544 votes, and promulgated 16 decrees, declarations and constitutions on faith and the line of activity of the Church.

An innovation at this Ecclesiastical Council was the invitation of observers from other denominations; 60 Protestant and Orthodox representatives and about 400 newsmen were present. The Council also had more than 400 experts from various countries, most of the prominent Catholic theologians such as West Germany's Karl Rahner, professor of theology at Munich, and Moral Theologian Bernard Haering; France's Yves Congar of Strasbourg and Henri Lubac of Lyons; Switzerland's Hans Kueng. Also present were the Belgian, Edward Schillebeeckx, American John Vourtney Murray S.J., and many others.

The adaptation of Church life to modern times, the love towards our separated brothers, the decision on religious liberty was very impressive and

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guest observer Dr. Robert Dodds, associate secretary for Christian Unity of the National Council of Churches could declare: "Together with other observers on the scene I was most impressed by the evidence of spiritual vitality in the Roman Catholic Church and by the promise of a new era of brotherhood and working collaboration among all churches."

And John K. Jessup, author of the article, "New Currents Swirling around Peter's Rock," published in "Life", stated: "Never in history had so many prelates and scholars of the Roman Catholic Church gathered in one city. Never had a Church Council been wired for so much worldwide notice; nor in modern times has the Church itself drawn so much sympathetic interest from non-Catholics."

Besides the declarations mentioned in the last issue of our magazine, the following were promulgated during this session:

The desire of the Council fathers is that the lay apostolate would be broadened and intensified. There is universal vocation to the apostolate of laity. One engages in the apostolate through the faith, hope, and charity. The lay apostles must in all things seek the justice of God's kingdom; Christian social action is also a serious endeavour. Those who are afflicted with serious distress of illness or suffer exile or imprisonment mostly have open hearts for the consolation that can bring the lay apostles inculcating the principles of faith. The clergy, the parents are encouraged to do their best in the formation of lay apostles.

The decree on religious freedom was promulgated Dec. 7. It stresses the inviolable rights of every human person to enjoy freedom of religion, and this principle should have the guaranty of the constitutional law of each country. Religious freedom also includes the freedom of external expression of internal acts of religion. Religious communities also have the right not to be hindered. The decree is indirect but a strong condemnation of the coercion practiced behind the iron curtain. The council fathers declare: "The family, since it is a society in its own original right, has the right freely to live its own domestic religious life under the guidance of parents. Parents, moreover, have the right to determine, in accordance with their own religious beliefs, the kind of religious education that their children are to receive. Government, in consequence, must acknowledge the right of the parents to make a genuinely free choice of schools and of other means of education, and the use of this freedom of choice is not to be made a reason for imposing unjust burdens on parents, whether directly or indirectly... The rights of parents

are violated if their children are forced to attend lessons or instructions which are not in agreement with their religious beliefs, or if a single system of educations from which all religious formation is excluded, is imposed upon all."

The decree is against force or fear in the matters of religion and conscience. "It is one of the major tenets of Catholic doctrine that man's response to God in faith must be free." Therefore, neither can the governments of Catholic countries adhibit force against Protestants or other denominations."

The Vatican Council reminds the priests of their obligation to "dedicate themselves to the work of sanctification... Priests are never to put themselves at the service of some human faction or ideology, but, as Heralds of the Gospel and Shepherds of the Church, they are to spend themselves for the spiritual growth of the Body of Christ."

Priests are brothers amont themselves, they are advised to share a common life. "They must willingly listen to the laity, consider their wants in a fraternal spirit, recognize their experience and competence in the areas of human activity, so that together with them, they will be able to recognize the signs of the times."

The priest must be ready for the sacrifice. It is suggested that the offerings for the upkeep of the priests in diocesan centers be distributed more equally, sharing also with the poor dioceses. Provisions are to be made for priests who suffer from sickness, invalid conditions or old age. The obligation of celibacy remains; the priests by renouncing family life devote all their time and efforts for the salvation of souls.

The Church by its very nature has the obligation to bring the Gospel to all men, to all peoples, to perform missionary work. Besides preaching the Gospel, the missionaries have to devote special care to the education of children, to fight hunger, ignorance and disease, to improve living standards and to establish peace in the world.

Everybody in some way has to be a missionary. "The principal duty of both laymen and laywomen is to witness to Christ by their lives and words, in the family, within their social circle and their working environment... In lands already Christian the laity should cooperate in the work of spreading the Gospel by fostering in themselves and in others knowledge and love of the missions, by encouraging vocations in their own family, in Catholic associations and in schools, by offering material resources of every kind, so that the faith which they have received as a freely conferred gift may be bestowed upon others."



The final session of the Vatican Ecumenical Council.

A very extensive (30,000-words) decree, also promulgated on Dec. 7, is on the Church in the modern world. In it the Church expresses its willingness to serve the urgent needs of the modern world by bringing spiritual help and guidance to the peace of Christ.

The document extols the dignity of man, describes the dangers of atheistic philosophy, extols the value of the doctrine of Christ, reminds of the importance of love in conjugal life, defines the importance of proper development of the cultural, economic and social life, defines the principles of private property, evaluates socialization, condemns dictatorial systems and totalitarian methods, violence and terrorism; reminds advanced nations of the obligation to help nations in need.

These decrees are being published in full and we sincerely urge everyone to read them. The wisdom of ages, adopted to modern times, is concentrated in these norms.

The Ecumenical Council has pronounced very extensive decisions. They will influence the life of the Church and, in some way, the fate of all mankind for centuries. Cardinal Cardijn was right when he expressed his evaluation of the Council: "Vatican II has accomplished a work that history will judge as the most gigantic in the long life of the Church."

We see the fruits of the new Ecumenical spirit all over. For example the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant theologians are planning to establish an ecumenical insitute for advanced theological studies in the Jordanian part of Jerusalem.

LITHUANIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA

DEAR READER:

Many eastern European states are now subjugated by Soviet Russia, among them is Lithuania. Those nations sympathetic to our cause, and notably the United States of America, join us in our efforts to have freedom restored to these oppressed lands, including Lithuania. There is a definite need, therefore, for disseminating in the English language information to non-Lithuanians concerning Lithuania's physical geography, her people, and her history.

Up to the present time there has been a lack of accurate information about Lithuania, and the accounts one hears over and over again from non-Lithuanian sources are mostly distorted. Our sense of honor and truth demands that we make available publications designed to give the true picture of the land of our birth. This would constitute a cultural weapon in the struggle for Lithuania's liberation.

An encyclopedia would prove both useful and essential to our own Lithuanians not merely to learn about their forefathers' land, but to use as a reference for educational and research studies. It would prove invaluable for contemporary readers and for successive generations of readers.

The Lithuanian Encyclopedia Press, Inc. proposes to publish an English-language Lithuanistic encyclopedia containing honest and undistorted facts about Lithuania. We believe such an edition would fill the present dearth of reliable information and at the same time clarify and correct misleading statements already propagated about Lithuania. Such a publication is also important to counteract the misinformation constantly reported by the Russian subjugators, who have misrepresented the history not only of Lithuania but of the other European states.

There is widespread support for this undertaking. In its resolutions, the Cultural Congress in Chicago endorsed it, as did the Knights of Lithuania at the National Convention in Boston, the American Lithuanian National Council Convention in New York, the Lithuanian Engineers and Architects Assembly in Boston, and the Lithuanian Youth Assembly in Toronto, Canada. Others of non-Lithuanian origin wholeheartedly endorse it. For example, this year in June there was received from His Holiness Pope Paul VI a communication, with apostolic sanction, which read in part: "and it is hoped that your determination to publish the same (Lithuanian) encyclopedia in the English language will bear fruition."

Inasmuch as there are no funds available to finance such a work the proposed encyclopedia can be published only with the help of all Lithuanians subscribing to it. This is not the brainstorm of certain interested groups or businesses. Rather, it is an idea born of a sense of duty to serve Lithuanians and Lithuania. There can be none among our people who do not cherish freedom for Lithuania or who would not join in the struggle to achieve it. We feel, therefore, that every Lithuanian should help to make possible the publication of an English-language encyclopedia covering Lithuania's past and present history, as well as her hopes and aspirations for the future. We do not doubt, that you, out of the love for your country and your parents' homeland, will cooperate fully in the successful realization of this project.

We shall begin our work the early part of 1966, with the first volume to be published in 1967. There will be in all six volumes, each one containing from 608 to 640 pages, printed on excellent paper, with hard covers, and attractively bound. The price for the entire set of six volumes will be

\$90.00. We expect to complete this work within five years. We do not ask for money now, but will request payment after the completion of each individual volume. Subscribers will be notified of the completion date.

It is our belief that you have your parents' native land at heart and that you will want to subscribe to an English-language Lithuanistic encyclopedia. We anxiously await your reply signifying that you would like to become a subscriber.

With deep appreciation, we are,
Gratefully yours,

LITHUANIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA
PRESS, INC.

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Lithuanians

in The News



THE SUNDAY BULLETIN
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA ON PARADE

The first day of the year is celebrated in an exciting and colorful way in Philadelphia because it is MUMMER'S DAY. The Philadelphia Mummers parade is one of the oldest pageants in the nation. It stems from old English and Swedish customs brought to this country by early settlers. Mummery with its gay costumes, clown antics, music and good cheer, welcomes the New Year and sighs in weary relief for the one just past. The parade itself last approximately six hours and stretches three miles across the city. The groups participating compete for money prizes which are sponsored by the City. It is a delight to millions, who may either be viewing it in person or on their T.V.

This year one of the twenty-two marching String Bands chose for their theme "A Lithuanian Fantasy". The Aqua String Band, captained by Edward Venckus and about sixty members, were dressed in traditional Lithuanian folk costumes. These costumes were made from red, green, yellow velvet and satin, trimmed with sequins. Each had a headpiece with a Vytis on a red and gold background outlined with huge white plumes. The plumed satined members played a medley of Lithuanian folksongs while dancers twirled in pinwheels of color.

The captain depicted the traditional Knight of Lithuania. He wore gold armor and carried a headpiece of five Vytises, as you can see in the picture. The unit as a whole won third prize for the excellence of their music and presentation of their drill. The captain received the second prize for his outstanding costume.

This presentation of "A Lithuanian Fantasy" was truly a great honor for Lithuania and Lithuanians.

Dianne Beletsky, C-3

WATERBURY CONCERT

Pictured are officers of the St. Joseph's Church Choir and the Waterbury Chapter, American Guild Organists, sponsors of a Concert of Religious Music held December 12, 1965 at St. Joseph's Church, Waterbury, Conn., featuring 102 singers and instrumentalists representing eight faiths and seven nationality groups. This musical, ecumenical event was arranged by Mr. A. J. Aleksis.

K of L Concert principals are seated in the front row. L. to R.: Marcella Andrikis, Choir President and soloist; Prof. A. J. Aleksis and Rev. A. Edward Gradeck, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

Others in photo are standing left to right - Mrs. Donald Brown, Robert Rudesill, Mrs. Casimira Campe and Edgar Edman. Seated in the front row on the far right is Mrs. Ernest Carosella.

The entire Concert was taped for the Lithuanian Musicology Library in Chicago to one day be forwarded to a liberated Lithuania, again free and independent.

Marcella Andrikis, C-7



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OFFICIAL NEWS

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

The month of February is meaningful and symbolic to Lithuanians. Forty eight years ago on February 16, 1918 the Lithuanian National Council, convened in Vilnius, the Capitol city of Lithuania, and proclaimed the restoration of Lithuanian independence.

The new nation was soon recognized by the entire world, the Soviet Union included. The latter however broke its pledges to respect the independence of Lithuania, invaded it in 1940, in violation of all Soviet international commitments and obligations, and occupied the country by force.

The commemoration of the anniversary of the proclamation of freedom and independence of Lithuania, serves as a reminder and a challenge, as well as a profession of faith and rededication. It is an appeal to the conscience of the free world and an urge of action. For the Baltic peoples in Soviet slavery and for their numerous compatriots in the free world, the anniversary is an occasion to reaffirm its belief in the ultimate triumph of justice and to renew its dedication to struggle for the liberation of Lithuania.

Alex Kardokas
Chairman Lithuanian Affairs
New England District

ATTENTION! ALL MEMBERS AND FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Membership dues for most members became due 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.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REQUEST

Josephine Zukas informs us that although many Districts and Councils have elected new officers and appointed committee chairmen, she still had 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.

RULES FOR THE 1965-1966 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Earn TEN points for each new or re-activated member you enrolled 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 as of 9-1-65.

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.

SUPPLIES

Any Supreme Council Officer or National Committee member needing official K of L stationary is asked to please write to Johanna Jakunas, 4357 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60632.

"VYTIS" Thank You

The Editor and VYTIS staff members extend a sincere "thank you" to the Reverends Mykolas J. Vembré of Brockton, Mass. and John J. Kripas of Southbury, Conn. for their generous donations to the "Vytis" Fund.

ATTENTION! All District, Council and other Lithuanian activities will be announced in our K of L Calendar provided the events are called to the attention of the editor well in advance of the date. We suggest that an announcement of the event be sent to the "Vytis" as soon as a date is selected.

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

CLEVELAND, OHIO
IŠ DIDINGO SENJORŲ VYČIŲ SU-MO.

Clevelando vyčių senjorų laukiamas su-mas ir puošnūs bankietas jau praėjo. Jis buvo gruodžio 12 d. Alekso ir Kazimieros Sadauskų namuose. Neatvykus pačiam pirm. A. Bukniui, su-mą atidarė malda, senjorų vice-pirm. M. Trainauskaitė, bet atvykus pačiam pirm., jis ši su-mą pravedė iki pačios valdybos išrinkimo. Šiuo kartu ir mūsų mielas Jonas Milas, met. rašt. turėjo kiek daugiau, nes jam reikėjo net trys padėkos laiškus perskaityti. Anaipol, bet šiame su-me daug naujų nutarimų nebuvo, kadangi visi nariai norėjo jį skubiau užbaigti, nes jie jautė, kad šis sumas ilgiau nusitęs, kadangi jame reikės perrinkti ateinantiems metams valdybą. Dar buvo išklaustas išd. Sof. Milienės visų metų finansinis reportas ir Adelės Grybauskaitės iš Saulėtos Dėžutės buvo padarytas pranešimas, iš kurio visi suprato, kad Saulėtos Dėžutės finansinis stovis la-

bai sumažėjęs, nes paskiausiai buvo padarytos net kelios aukos maldoms dėl narių sveikatos, kurių vieni turėjo dideles operacijas, o kiti kitomis ligomis buvo paguldyti ligoninėse, bet nūnai jau visi baigia pasveikti namie.

Prieš valdybos rinkimą buvo skaičiuoti net trys padėkos laišukai, būtent - nuo mielių Aleksandro ir Emilijos Pakalniškių, kuriuos Clevelando vyčiai senjorai pasveikino juodviejų dvidešimties metų šeimyninio židinio sukakties proga, kurie šią sukaktį paminėjo lapkričio 11 d.; kitas laiškas buvo iš Rožės Sadauskienės, kuri senjoram pareiškė nuoširdžiausią ir giliausią ačiū, kad ją taip artimai ir taip gausiai užjautė sunkios ligos metu, kuriai buvo pareikšta užuojauta ne tik daugybe atviručių, bet nemažai ir skoningų dovanėlių, o trečias padėkos laiškutis buvo gautas iš Immaculate Conception seselių, Putnam, Conn., kurioms irgi buvo padaryta aukelė maldoms. Visi padėkos laišukai buvo priimti su nuoširdumu.

Toliau buvo eita prie naujos valdybos ir komisijų rinkimo. Šią dalį su-mo pravedė Benediktas Karklius, mat visi valdybos nariai kandidatavo. Sekantieji nariai buvo išrinkti ateinantiems metams į valdybą: pirm. - A. Buknis, vice-pirm. - M. Trainauskaitė, met. rašt. - J. Milas, fin. rašt. A. Karklienė, išd. - Sof. Milienė, o kitais valdybos nariais dar buvo išrinkti - A. Mackevičienė, K. Petkūnienė ir J. Salaševičius. Į veikiančiąją komisiją įėjo šios senjorų veikėjos: N. Petkūnienė, Ag. Navickienė ir M. Baliukienė.

Atsisakius Saulėtos Dėžutės prižiūrėtojai iš savo pareigų, kuriose mūsų Adelė išbuvo virš 10 metų, josios vieton buvo išrinkta didi senjorų veikėja - Margarita Tarutienė, o ligonių prižiūrėtoja ir narių gimtadienių proga pasveikinimo komisijon įėjo Kazimiera Sadauskienė, nes daug dirbusi šiose pareigose vyttė J. Pikturienė, atsisakė iš šios komisijos. Atstovais į kitas org. buvo išrinkti šie senjorai - J. Kuzas į A. L. Tarybą, J. Sadauskas ir M. Trainauskaitė į C. L. K. Darželio Sąjungą, o korespondentais buvo išrinkti - J. Sadauskas ir J. Kuzas lietuvių spaudoje, o A. Mačionkas į "Vytį" anglų kalboje. Dar buvo nutarta švč. P-lės N. Pagalbos parap. šv. Kalėdų proga, padaryti kuklią aukelę ir paprašyti šios parap. kleboną - kun. J. Angelaitį, kad jis ir ateinančiais metais pasilikytų senjorų dvasios vadu.

Šiame su-me įstojo ir viena nauja narė - p-lė Petkūnaitė, kuri sykiu priėmė ir L. Vyčių org. priesaiką. Dar buvo paraginimas, kad ateinančiais metais, Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Šventėje - vasario 16 d., visi nariai ir narės dalyvautų nes L. Vyčių org. vyriausia priedermė kovoti už Lietuvą. Ir šiuomi baigėsi šis darbingas senjorų susirinkimas, o po jo visi nariai ir svečiai buvo pakviesti prie stalų, kurie buvo papuošti ir apkrauti pačių narių suneštu maistu, tortais ir gėrimu. Kaip kas metas senjorų prieš kalėdiniuose susiėjimuose, šis laikas buvo praleistas nuoširdžiausiai.

Kaip visuomet, taip ir šį kartą nebuvo apsieita be trumpų kalbėlių, pasveikinimų ir šeiminkėms pareikštos nuoširdžios padėkos žodžių. Visiems užkandus, buvo ir programėlė, kurią pradėjo J. Sadauskas trumpa kalbele, bet pilna vytiškos dvasios ir idėjos ir po jos pristatė naujai perrinktą senjorų pirm. A. Buknį, kuris džiaugėsi tokia didinga ir puoselėjančia puota, narių skaičiumi ir šeiminkė rūpestingumu, savęs pamiršimu ir tiek daug darbo įdedant, o jojo rengėjomis ir rūpintojėlėmis buvo Kazimiera Sadauskienė, Margarita Tarutienė, o jų pagalbininkais buvo - namų savininkas Aleksas Sadauskas, Sof. Milienė, K. Petkūnienė, K. Sadauskienės mamytė ir kitos geros širdies senjorės. Kitas iš eilės buvo pristatytas tarti žodį - Vincas Pavis, iš Youngstown, Ohio, kuris su savo žmona Stase buvo atvykęs aplankyti Rožės Sadauskienės, kuri darnėra visai pasveikusi. Vincas Pavis yra vidurinių valstijų L. Vyčių apskrities pirm., o jojo žmona Stasė yra met. rašt. Svečas nuoširdžiai pasveikino Clevelando vyčius senjorus apskrities vardu ir prašė visų darbuotis dėl savo apskrities ir visos L. Vyčių org. Vincokalba buvo palydėta gausiomis katutėmis. Buvo pristatytas ir J. Kuzas tarti žodį, kitą, bet jis atsiprašė, kad negalys daug sielotis dėlei dar nesustiprėjusios sveikatos. Toliau buvo pristatytas Zigmas Tarutis, senjorų uolios veikėjos M. Tarutienės žmogus, kuris savo trumpuose žodžiuose nesigailėjo vyčiams gražių ir nuoširdžių komplimentų dėl jų didingo draugiškumo ir savitarpinio puoselėjančio sugyvenimo, kas būk ir jį paragina dalyvauti vyčių tarpe.

Vytė K. Sadauskienė, namų savininkė ir senjorų nepailstanti veikėja, pristatė visiems svečiams ir savo du sūnus, kurių vienas tarnauja šios šalies kariuomenėje ir neužilgo bus išsiųstas į Pietų Vietnam, o kitas neseniai apsivedė ir gyvena su žmona Columbus, Ohio. Raimondas visiems vyčiams tarė ačiū už jam suteiktas maldas kada jis buvo sunkiai sužeistas ir

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JUNIOR NEWS



Nerijus Jarmas

ELIZABETH, N.J. JUNIORS

Nerijus Jarmas was the winner of the Newark Archdiocesan CYO senior division instrumental Talent Contest which took place on Dec. 3, 1965 in Jersey City, N.J. He is a pianist and played Schubert's "Impromptu". For the past 5 years he is taking lessons from the famous and talented Lithuanian pianist Mrs. Rajauskaitė-Sušienė. Before he entered the archdiocesan contest he won first place in the Union County contest.

Nerijus Jarmas was born in Greven, Germany July 2, 1948. His parents Alphonse and Vanda were victims of World War II and fled Lithuania in 1944. After the war the Jarmas

family came to the USA and are now living in Elizabeth, N. J. Nerijus graduated Sts. Peter & Paul's grammar school in 1962 and is now a senior in Seton Hall Prep in So. Orange, N.J. He is one of 5 children of the Jarmas family (4 of which are K of L'ers). Nerijus joined the Knights of Lithuania Junior Council 52 in 1960 and is a member and officer of the council at the present time. He entered the contest as a member of the K of L.

We congratulate our young and talented Junior member and wish him God's blessings in the future.

Rev. V. Karalevicius
Spiritual Director
K of L C-52



CHICAGO JUNIORS. Upper photos. Juniors and counsellors on field trip to Museum of Science and Industry. Lower Left, Christmas Tree at K of L Bldg. Decorated by Juniors. Lower Right. Junior Officers.



Photos by Albert Raubiskis



ALT PRANEŠIMAI

1965 m. gruodžio 30 d. įvykusiame Chicagoje Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos Valdybos posėdyje pasiskirstyta pareigomis taip:

Pirmininkas - Antanas Rudis, I-sis Vicepirmininkas - Dr. Pijus Grigaitis, Vicepirmininkai: - Teodoras Blinstrubas, Povilas Dargis, Dr. Vladas Simaitis, Dr. Jonas Valaitis ir teis. Jonas Zuris. I-sis sekretorius - inž. Eugenijus Bartkus, II-sis sekretorius - Dr. Kazys Sidlauskas, išdininkas - Mykolas Vaidyla, Finansų sekretorius - Jonas Talalas.

Antanas J. Rudis - ALT pirmininkas, Eugenijus Bartkus - sekretorius ir Leonardas Simutis - ALT Garbės pirmininkas trejetą dienų - š. m. sausio 10, 11 ir 12 - praleido Washingtone, D.C. Lankėsi Valstybės Departamente ir išsamiai kalbėjosi su Alton L. Jenkins, Baltijos Valstybių skyriaus viršininku ir su Raymond E. Lisle, Rytų Europos skyriaus naujuoju direktoriumi.

Audijencijoje pas Atstovų Rūmų Pirmininką John McCormack ilgokai dėstė Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės

bylą ir gavo pritarimą rengti Atstovų Rūmuose Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventės minėjimas Vasario 16 d. Minėjimo programą pravesti pavedė kongresmanui Daniel J. Flood. Audijencijoje dalyvavo ir chicagietis kongresmanas William T. Murphy. Aplankė ir keletą kitų kongresmanų.

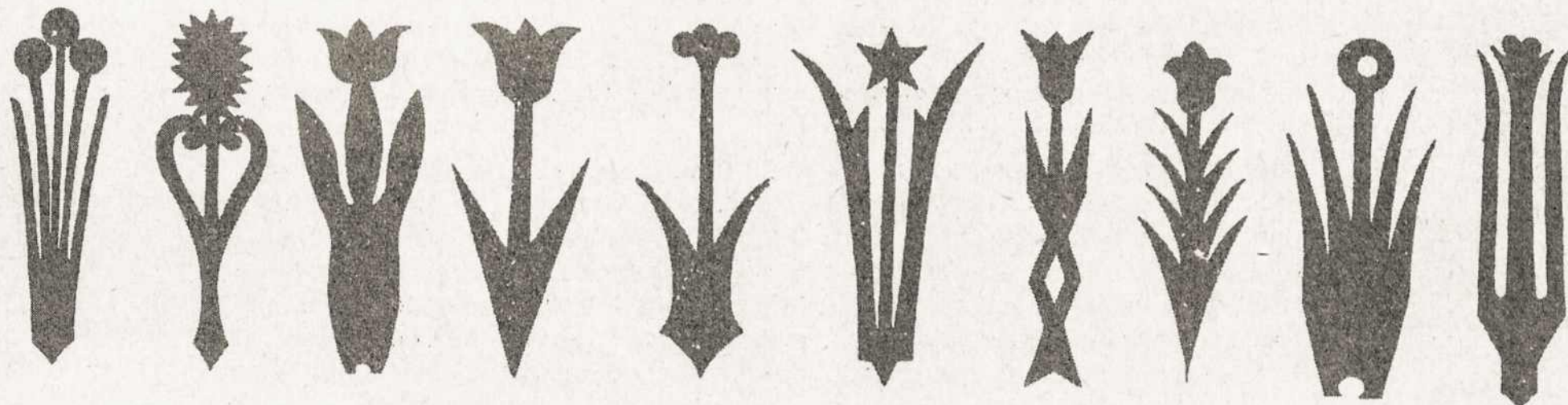
Su senatoriais Paul H. Douglas ir Thomas J. Dood tarėsi Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės minėjimo Senate reikalais. Ir Senate ir Atstovų Rūmuose minėjimas įvyks Vasario 16 d. Tos dienos posėdžiuose abėjuose Rūmuose minėjimą pradėti invokacijomis kviečiami lietuviai kunigai.

Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos atstovai besilankydami JAV sostinėje turėjo ilgesnį pasitarimą Lietuvos laisvinimo reikalais su Lietuvos atstovu p. Juozu Kajecku ir taip pat aplankė Amerikos Balso lietuvių tarnybos viršininkus ir jų bendradarbius.

Kontaktavo Latvių biurą Washingtone.

Be to, susitiko ir pasikalbėjo su visa eile lietuvių veikėjų, gyvenančių ir besidarbuojančių sostinėje.

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už sveikinimus vedybų metu. O paskutinį žodį tarė vyčių senjorų didis draugas ir jų mylėtojas - kun. Al. Goldikoskis, kuris irgi malonėjo dalyvauti šiame pokylyje. Tėvelis pareiškė, kad jis tankiai prisimena vyčius savo mallose, už jų tokį šeimynišką ir draugišką sugyvenimą savo tarpe ir šiuo metu iš visų senjorų vyčių šios dienos sveigą baigė malda.

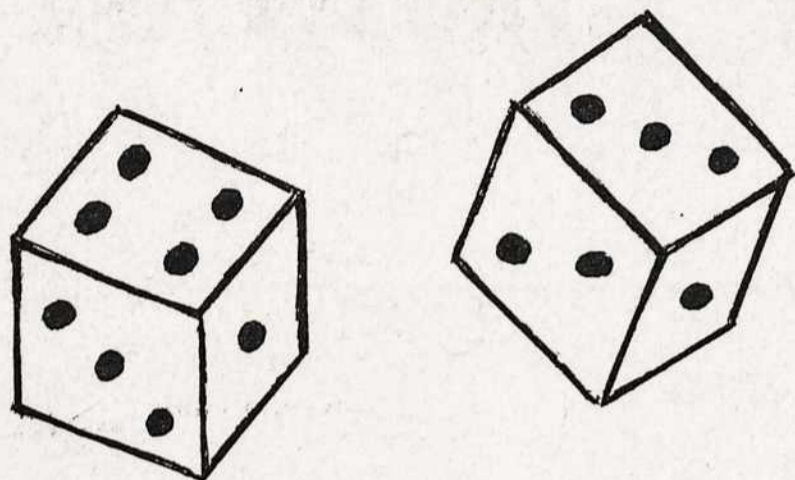
Senelis

Clevelando Vyčiai Sendraugiai.

Clevelando Vyčių Sendraugių metiniame susirinkime įvykusiame Gruodžio 12 d. 1965 m. Alekso ir Kazės Sadauskų bute, buvo išrinkta valdyba 1966 metams. Pirmininkas - Antanas Buknis; sekretorius - Jonas Milas; išdininkė - Zosė Milienė; finansų raštininkė - Alice Karklienė; išdo globėjos - Mrs. Mack ir Kazė Petkūnienė; maršalka - J. Salkis; korespondentais - Juozas Sadauskas, Jurgis

Kuzas ir Antanas Mačiokas; atstovu į A.L.T. - J. Kuzas ir kultūrinius darželius - Mary Trainy; parengimų rengimo komisijon - A. Navickienė, K. Petkūnienė ir M. Baliukienė; labdarybės - M. Tarutienė ir K. Sadauskienė. Nutarta 10 dolerių paaukoti Naujosios Parapijos Bažnyčiai. Po susirinkimo buvo metinis balius iš pačių narių suneštų valgių ir gėrimų, kuopai nieko nekainavo.

Pabuves.



SEVEN EVERY TIME

SEVEN Points will be awarded you EVERY TIME you enroll a new member or re-activate a previous one during the period between February 1 and April 30, 1966.

But - don't forget to mail the dues and cards for the new members you enrolled before January 31st. The S. C. Financial Secretary, Johanna Jakunas, must have them, and postmarked no later than February 28th, to give you credit of the ten points for that first phase of the drive. The standings of the first period will be published in the next article, and we will probably observe that the leaders will be members of the councils which have undertaken one or more special membership drive activities.

If you have not - don't delay another day. This very evening, Mr., Miss or Mrs. Council President, call your Membership V.P. or Chairman and arrange an immediate meeting for mapping out plans. Whether the activity be big or small, it is necessary, if for no other reason than to inspire, excite and awaken and awareness and interest in each member regarding the Membership Drive.

By now, most of the present active members should have paid their 1966 dues. If they have not - dear Council President - call your Financial Secretary to see if statements were sent. Or better yet, have each of these delinquents listed on separate index cards, with addresses and phone numbers of course, and divide them up between the officers and members for personal follow up. Remember, if the new members sum up to 50% of your previous year's total, it means nothing when half of that total is on the delinquent list.

Strange as it may seem, we're not getting any new cards for members of the families of our present younger members. Stranger yet, some of our old-timers have sons and daughters they have not yet enlisted. Most of our councils are affiliated with a Lithuanian parish and elementary school, yet how many Junior Councils are cropping up? Many of us have more recent Lithuanian born relatives. Do we invite them to join, or find out what it would take to have them join our ranks and help us in the work we are dedicated to do? We need and want everyone eligible to become a part of our organization; not just a certain young lady or gentleman whom we saw at church last Sunday and struck our fancy; not someone who only owns a station wagon and would be nice to know for hauling supplies to the picnic. If they are practicing Catholics and of Lithuanian descent - we want them. And if you must have a selfish motive - make it the seven points you will earn for everyone you enroll.

Eleanore Laurin
Membership Vice President

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

DETROIT, MICH., C-79

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Now that the last present has been opened, the holiday dinner a memory and all the kids' toys assembled, there is time to settle back on the davenport (oops - rather the typewriter) and savor 79'ers activities. Beginning with our monthly meeting, Dec. 1, our hostesses Vicki Chepelonis and Ona Walls outdid themselves to make the social a sheer pleasure. We were delighted to see so many members in attendance for a change. Do keep coming.

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12 was our annual Christmas Card Party where many wonderful surprises were found. Those two staunch members, Ona Walls and Joe Chaps walked off with much of the "loot". President, Joseph Kazlauskas, extended a helping hand to his wife, who was the chairman. Let us thank also the wonderful committee and all our members who helped in many ways.

As has been "par" for the last 7 years, the annual Childrens' Party was held Dec. 19 at the Providence Church hall. There the stage was turned into Santaland. The party got off with those durable puppeteers and highlighted when Santa (Leo "Moo-ney" Smilgis) made his appointed round. A group of fathers, whose wives had other apparent commitments for the afternoon, brought their youngsters to the doing. Among them were Jeanine Mickey, daughter of Eleanor and Joe Mickey, papa included. Assisted by a fine committee, Chairman Charlie Step did a remarkable job. To further enhance the party, our Annual Holiday Raffle was conducted. That hard working soul (and believe it or not the chairman of the drawing) won first prize of cheer.

Waltzes, Fox Trots, Polkas, Bunny Hops, Tangos, plus a delightful smorgasbord and a chance to see 'ole friends and meet some new ones all

went with our New Year's Eve party. Cel Yunck and Bernie Vitichus, co-chairmen of the event, made it a memorable occasion for all who attended.

Each year the cards seem more handsome and '65 was no exception. But the honor of sending the biggest card (more than a dozen inches long) fell to the Casey Ambrose's. The six young Ambroses, Casey Joe, Mark, Chris, Eileen, Laura and Vera, (not counting "Texas" probably the most gentle collie) were handsomely pictured on the card that Irene and Attorney Casey sent. Irene, a busy mother of six sketched a cartoon character of her "brood".

The executive board had their meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Salinas on Dec. 29. Ornaments and Christmas spirit was in full bloom as well as an agenda of many business activities. Included in future plans is a St. Casimir's Day observance and breakfast at Divine Providence, on March 6. A special speaker will be featured for the occasion. This year's council hosts will be C-79. Our two sister councils 102 and 139 are invited to participate in the program.

Our K of L monthly Communion Sundays continue to be favorable. Following Mass there is a coffee'n'donut snack in the parish hall. January's hosts were Mr. and Mrs. C. Nashlon, Antoinette Zilvitis and Adele Vale are in charge of February.

A number of Detroit 79'ers have been sitting tight, waiting for the snow, to go up north to the Michigan slopes. However, Frank and Bertha Janus took for warmer climate like Florida, right after Christmas for a visit with Frank's brother and some "fun in the sun". A Florida trip is also in store for Dr. Bruno and Antoinette Zilvitis who'll be leaving sometime in February.

A not so pleasant holiday greeted the John Dargis family. Millie lost her mother suddenly just a few days

before Christmas. Our sincere sympathy to the family. Also our deepest sympathy to the relatives of Rev. Dautmantas, assistant priest at Divine Providence church.

On the brighter note we received a report that Mr. Peter Medonis won 2nd place in the National Violin Making competition, in Miami, Arizona. Our heartiest congratulations.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

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

The scene of the annual K of L Christmas banquet was the Chanticleer Restaurant, on Sun., Dec. 12. Chairman of the affair was Miss Genevieve Gobis. She was capably assisted by Mrs. Virginia Miciulis, Mrs. Barbara Kroup, Mrs. Aldona Abeling and Miss Eleanore Stakauskas. Associate Professor Mrs. Irene Wood of Russell Sage College acted as Mistress of Ceremonies. The invocation was given by the Rev. Matthew Cyvas of Albany, New York.

A gift was presented to the Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Spiritual Advisor of the local council, in appreciation of his untiring efforts in programing our meetings, etc. He then rendered a number of vocal selections to the accompaniment of Donald Raila. These included an aria from the Lithuanian Opera, "Pilėnai", "Go Tell It to the Mountains", "Virgin Slumber Song", "O Holy Night" and as an encore, "Climb Every Mountain" from "The Sound of Music".

Rev. Joseph Grabys of St. Rose's College. Albany, N. Y., spoke on the rally held at Madison Square Garden in New York City on Nov. 13 for the freedom of the Baltic States. Approximately 12,000 people participated.

The main speaker was Dr. Adam Kindar. His topic concerned his ex-

periences in Viet Nam. He had spent two months there working with the Vietnamese. Dr. Kindar was one of the first five doctors from the U. S. to volunteer his services for the special program. Slides were shown by Mrs. A. Kindar while the Doctor explained the geography of the country, the living habits of the inhabitants. The average height of the natives is five feet and their weight approximately 110 pounds. Women do much of the heavy work.

Prizes were won by Mr. Leonard Olechowski, Mr. Ben Kroup, Jr., Mr. Donald Nikstenas, Miss Barbara Olbie, Miss Lynn Kindar, and Mr. Charles Karbus. Birthday greetings were extended to Mrs. Ben Kroup, Sr., and Christmas carols were sung to conclude the affair.

Those in attendance in addition to the above were Rev. John Ruokis, Canajoharie, N.Y., Rev. Victor Puina, Schenectady, N.Y., Mr. George Gravrogkas, Troy, N.Y., Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mr. Ben Kroup, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kerbelis, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kazlauskas, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Beleckas, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nikstenas, Mrs. Sophie Olbie, Mrs. Anna Yunker, Mrs. Josephine Nikstenas, Mrs. Jean Maldutis, Mrs. Anna Valikonis, Miss Helen Radzevich, Joseph Olsauskas, and Bill McCune, Miss Ann Billis and Mr. Steve Raila.

Irene Wood welcomed our newest members, Tony and Ann Radzevich and Michael and Louise Kerbelis. Thanks to Chuck and Jean Maldutis for their generous donation towards the X-mas banquet.

NEWS BITS. A beautiful diamond ring can now be seen on the left hand of our secretary, Eleanor Stakauskas. The lucky fellow is none other than Lenny Olechowski! Congratulations, Lenny!... Irene Wood and Gene Gobis attended the Ciurlionis Concert in New York City on Nov. 27th. They met many K of L'ers at the affair. Anthony Skirius from Los Angeles was also present... Mat and Isabelle Orante certainly saw many K of L'ers in their establishment - Matthew's Mens Wear - during the holiday rush... WAFS Radio Station, 1 East Main Street, Amsterdam, N.Y. had a special 2-hour Lithuanian Program on Dec. 19. Peter Urba who is a salesman for WAFS worked diligently getting ads for the two hour program. Leonard Hartvigas directed and he had as speakers Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Associate Professor Irene Wood and Gene Gobis. Many interesting facts regarding the Lithuanian Kučios, Kalėdos and the Christmas Prayer written by the Lithuanians who were deported to Siberia were taken from our "Vytis" and read on the air. The public was also told of the Kanklės by Irene Wood.

GREAT NECK, L.I., N.Y., C-109

Snoopy

Congratulations to our re-elected Officers President Alexander Wesey, Vice-President Joseph Zukas, Recording Secy. Marion Kurila, Corresponding Secy. Josephine Zukas, Financial Secy. Mary Picardi, Treasurer Lou Ann Sosaris, and Spiritual Advisor Rev. Frank Bilovas. A very hearty handshake to Al Wesey who is National President, N.Y.-N.J. Dist. President, and C-109's President, - all three at the same time. Is this a "first?"

You'd never believe it, but a vote to have our Christmas Party at the Hawaiian Room in New York City, or the Benevolent Hall in Great Neck, showed our own meeting hall to be the winner. Apparently, "Home's the best!" We were pleased to see Nancy Kober on vacation from Marymount College; Stacia Wain, who is so busy with her Specialty Shoppe, we just don't get to see her; and the friendly, lively variety of guests invited by our members, Lou Ann Sosaris, Anne Martens, and Rickey Marks. We did miss Bertha Saltanis and Bill Bernatovich, though. Let's see you once in a while during the coming year.

Happy Birthday to our January "babies" - Mary Kober on January 4th, Josephine Zukas (14th), Rickey Marks (15th), Al Wesey (17th), Marion Kurila (21st), and to Joseph Zukas who celebrated on February 8th. May you blow out all the candles to make all your wishes come true!

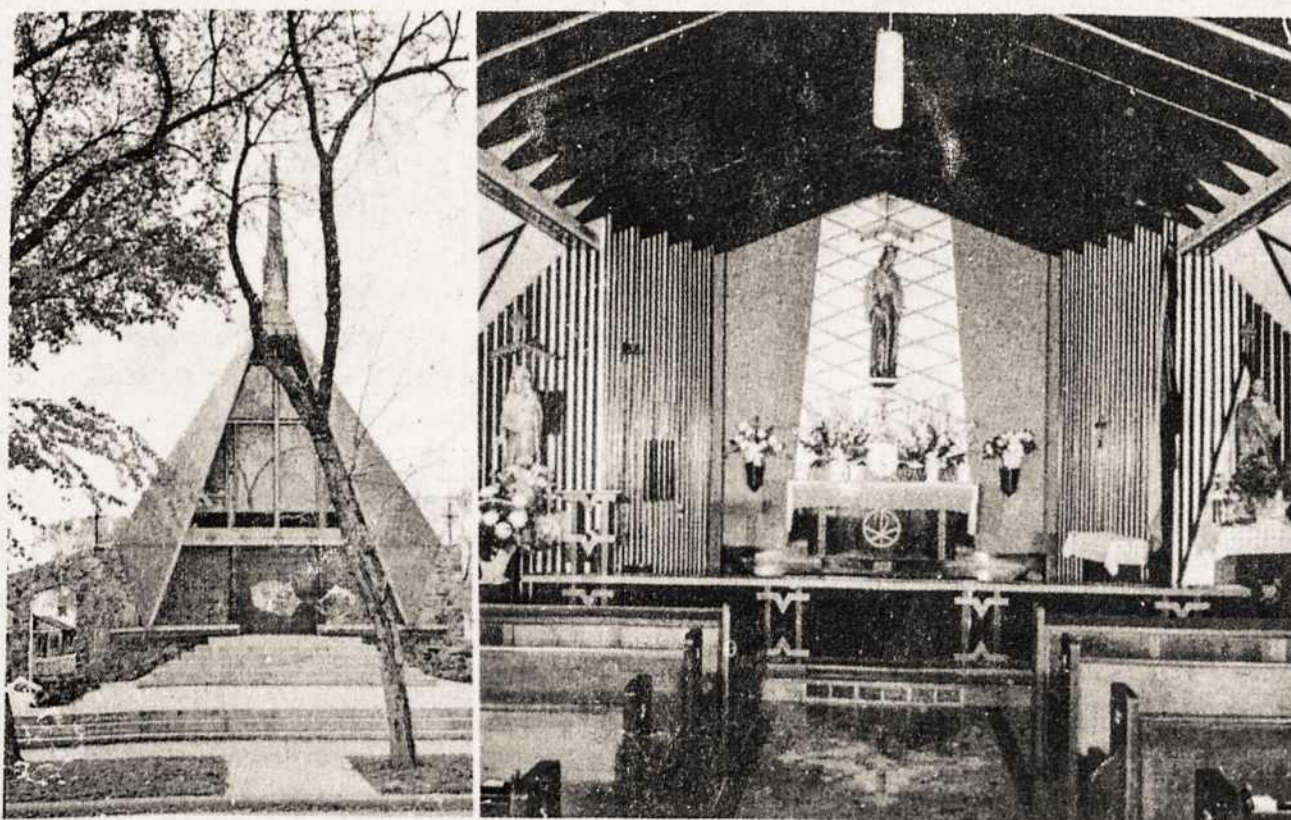
Our Annual Communion Reception at Mass in commemoration of St. Casimir, and Breakfast following, will take place Sunday, March 6th, at the 1 P.M. Mass at St. Aloysius Church, Great Neck. All members are requested to attend.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

GARY, IND., C-82

Mikasi

C-82 held a meeting on Sun. Dec. 12th at the St. Casimir Parish Hall. The new officers elected at this meeting were: Rev. John Daniels, Spiritual Advisor; Emily Mihaluk, President; Joseph Kurpalis, Vice President; Michealine Kurpalis, Recording Secretary; Sophie Kaminski, Corresponding Secretary; Stanley Juknevich, Financial Secretary; George Agurkis,



St. Casimir's R. C. Lithuanian Church
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Treasurer; Peter Mazeikas, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Our Council Sponsored a "Card and Bunco Party" on Sun. Feb. 6th, at the St. Casimir Parish Hall as a kick-off for the year.

Congratulations to Al and Charlotte Kukaruga on the arrival of a daughter to their family and to Arlene Mihaluk as Godmother to the little one.

The Council is trying to do its share in preparing for St. Casimir's Parish 50th Anniversary this coming year.

Joe and Mikasi Kurpalis entertained Frank Vaskas over the Christmas Holidays. Frank tells us he really had a "White Christmas" what with the storm we had over the Holiday. Getting on the plane for the journey home from O'Hare Field was a task that took Patience and Fortitude.

Signing off till next Month.



Julia & Al Zakarka, celebrating their 10th Wedding Anniversary, received an original Lithuanian painting from K of L friends. A. Raubiskis Photo.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 ARDEE

A slightly belated Happy New Year! Hope 1966 proves to be a happy and prosperous year for everyone!

One of the nicest council parties of the Christmas season was directed and organized by the "Perle Mesta" of Council 112 - Julie Zakarka. 40 people were present at the Red Lantern Inn, and a good time was had by all. The "Chipmunks" did a brief return number and "Tex" Shulicke's songs stirred many a heart.

Our Council was saddened by the death of our beloved Msgr. George Paskus, who was the pastor of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. He died on December 4th in Miami, Fla., where he had gone with Msgr. Victor Cernauskas, adminis-

trator of the parish. Msgr. Paskus has been in failing health for many years.

Congratulations to our degree recipients.

1st Degree: Monika Balcytis; Leon Pauksta; Frank Savickas and Jonas Zadeikis; 2nd Degree: Antanas Balcytis.

Don't forget Council 112's Bowling Party on February 27 at Woodmac Lanes - 2:30 p.m. with supper following at the K of L Hall.

VYČIŲ VEIKLA CHICAGOJE

Bal. Brazdžionis

Chicagos vyčių veikla rieda gana sistemingai, ir jų darbais galima tik pasidžiaugti. Tarp vyčių atsiranda vis daugiau naujų ateivių. Bendri siekiai ir bendras Lietuvos likimas visų labai gerai suprantamas. Pavyzdžiui, 112 kuops pirmininkas yra čia gimęs ir užaugęs, o sekretorė yra mergaitė tremtinė. Vyčių chore irgi tas pat. Chorvedys yra naujai atkeliavęs, o dauguma choristų čia gimę. Tas viskas rodo, kad Lietuvos vyčių veikla ateityje išgyvens mūsų išėivijoje.

Dabar pažiūrėkime ką veikia Illinois-Indiana apskritis. 1966 metams išrinkta nauja valdyba. Jos pirmininkė yra Eleanore Laurin; vice-pirmininkai, Cecilia Matul, Albert Raubiskis ir Alex Budris; sekretorė, Gerry Mack; tarybos sekretorė, Cecilia Kincinas; kasininkas, Walter Gregar; patikėtiniai, Kazys Ulevičius ir Camilla Bereckis; tvarkos palaikytojai, Edward Pocius, Louis Rogers ir Jerome Jankus; Lietuvos reikalų atstovas ir direktor, pirmininkas, Vincas Samaska; kultūriniam reikalams, Milda Pakalniškis; spaudai informuoti, Helen Zimmer ir Balys Brazdžionis; Sporto reikalams, John Evans; Vyčių laipsnių ritualo vedėjas Albin Manstavičius; "Vytis" korespondentė, Loreta Macekonis; viešų rengimų tvarkytoja, Estelle Rogers; stipendijų reikalams, Irene Sankus ir "Drauge" vyčių skyriaus redaktore, Mrs. E. Pakalniškienė.

Posėdžiuose ir susirinkimuose svarstoma suruošti metinį Vasario 16 d. minėjimą Vyčių salėje, surengti metinį liepos 4 didžiulį išvažiavimą,



Vince Samaska, Frank Zapolis & Johanna Jakunas at 1965 Christmas Ornament & Display Contest.

dalyvauti Jaunimo kongrese liepos 3 d. ir jam duoti paskaitininką apie Amerikos jaunimą. Pirmininkė, E. Laurin kviečia visas kuopas išrinkti į apskrities taryba atstovus kurie atvyktų į šaukiamus susirinkimus ir įsijungtų į veiklą. "Vyčio" redaktorė Irene Sankutė prašo kuopų korespondentus rašyti į žurnalą, nes, negaunant žinių, negalima nieko paduoti apie vyčių veiklą.

Naujų narių verbavimą stengiamasi pastiprinti. Choro pirmininkas Vladas Paliulionis kviečia visus kas tik myli dainą, stoti į chorą. Choras šįmet švenčia 50 metų kada pirmas vyčių choras buvo sutvertas. Sausio 22 d. buvo choro šokiai Pakšto salėje.

Apskrities dvasios vadu sutiko būti kun. Antanas Zakarauskas. Jis daug padeda vyčiams.

Vyčių salė neseniai padidinta ir išpuošta, todėl čia nuolat vyksta įvairūs rengimai, ne tik vyčių, bet ir kitų organizacijų.

Vyčiai raginami rašyti padėkos laiškus laikraščiams, senatoriams ir kitiems politikams bei institucijoms, kurios padeda Lietuvos laisvinimo darbe.

Apskritis leidžia savo biuletinį. Jį redaguoja Loratta Macekonytė, išsiuntinėja Helen Gudauskaitė.

Rev. A. Svedas M.I.C. 24
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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

BROCKTON, MASS. C-1 Patty
Congratulations to our new of-
ficers: Spiritual Advisor - Rev. John
Paulauski; President - Roland Pigeon;
Vice President - Pat Miskinis; Secre-
tary - Sylvia Shukis; Treasurer - Al
Skirius.

We enjoyed our annual Christmas
Party that was held in the new Parish
Center. Many thanks to Pauline Pi-
geon, Marilyn Yuskaitis, and all the
members for their help. We would also
like to thank Tony and Al Skirius for
making the party a BIG success! Just
can't forget to mention the visit from

Jolly Old "Buzzy" Carleton - I mean
Santa!

As of this writing, Council I mem-
bers are THINKING PINK! for John
and Marilyn Yuskaitis. We hope it
works!

WATERBURY, CONN., C-7

M. Andrikis

After more than 50 years K of L
leadership continues ever vigorous
and manifest in religious, cultural,
patriotic and social service to God
and Country.

Sunday, Dec. 12, 1965 was the

scene for just such action. The much
publicized ecumenical event was a
Concert of Religious Music arranged
by Mr. A. J. Aleksis, Honorary Mem-
ber and author of the K of L Hymn.

The program featured 102 singers
and instrumentalists representing the
Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal,
Greek Orthodox, Hebrew, Lutheran,
Methodist and Roman Catholic faiths
and singing in the English, German,
Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Latin and Li-
thuanian languages.

This year our Council will observe
its 50th Anniversary. The Jubilee
"machinery" is being set in motion,
so - watch our "gold dust" fly right
after our January meeting.

K of L Calendar

- Feb. 20 - Illinois-Indiana District, "Memories of
Lithuania" Banquet, K of L Bldg., Chi-
cago, Ill.
- Feb. 27 - C-112, Chicago, District Bowling Social,
Woodmac Lanes, Chicago, Ill.
- Mar. 13 - Illinois-Indiana District Quarterly Meet-
ing, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- Mar. 13 - New York-New Jersey District, Annual
Communion-Breakfast and District Meet-
ing. Place to be announced.
- May 20-22 - Mid-West Bowling tournament, Ford Ci-
ty Lanes, Chicago, Ill.
- Jun. 30 -
- Jul. 3 - Lithuanian Youth Congress and Song Fes-
tival, Chicago, Ill.
- Jul. 4 - Illinois-Indiana District Annual K of L
Day Picnic, Butchas Grove, Willow
Springs, Ill.
- Jul. 31 to
- Aug. 7 - K of L Week at Camp Dainava, Manches-
ter, Mich.
- Aug. 25 to
- Aug. 28 - 53rd National Convention, C-26, Worces-
ter, Mass.
- Sept. 4 - Our Lady of Siluva Chapel Blessing and
Dedication Ceremonies, Washington D.C.

