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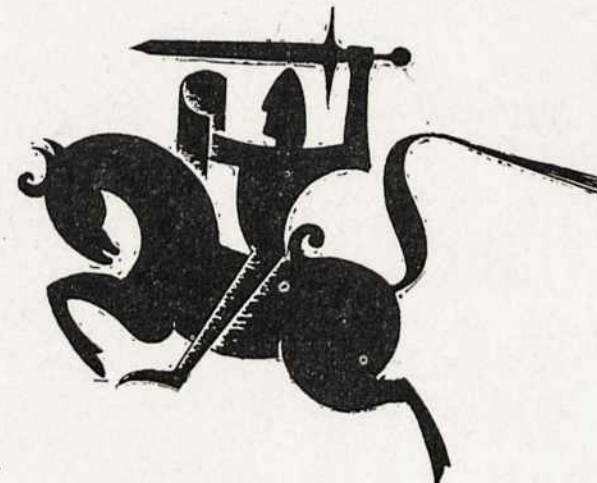
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Šv. Kazimiero pavyzdys ypač yra svarbus mūsų laikams. Jis patvirtina tą didžią tiesą, kad netik kunigai ir vienuoliai, bet ir visi pasauliečiai lygiai yra pašaukti į krikščioniškojo gyvenimo pilnatvę, į vieną ir tą patį šventumo idealą, "nes ta yra Dievo valia, kad būtumėte šventi" (1 Tes. 4,3). Kiekvienas pasaulietis nėra pašauktas gyventi šventumo nuotrupomis, bet tobula jo pilnatve, nes kunigams ir pasauliečiams lygiai įsakė Kristus: "Būkite tat tobuli, kaip jūs dangiškasis Tėvas yra tobulas" (Mat. 5,48).

Šv. Kazimieras yra tobulo pasauliečio pavyzdys. Jaunas ir turtingas, jis taip išsimyli Dievą, kad viečiau sutiktų mirti, negu Jį išzeisti. Naktį jis klaupiasi sniege prie užrakintų Vilniaus katedros durų, nes nori būti arti To, kurį taip adoruoja ir myli, su kuriuo norėtų kalbėtis dieną ir naktį.

Ir arimą jis myli, kaip brolių. Pirmiausia tuos, kurie suvargę ir kenčia, nes jie yra panašiausias į Kristų, kuris dėl mūsų tapo neturtėliu, kentėju ir mirė. Paskui jis myli tėvus ir visą tautą, nes jiems daugiausia esame skolingi. Tėvynės žemė maitino ir globė mūsų tėvus ir joje ilsisi kaulai ištisų kartų, kurios per ilgus amžius krovė mums savo širdies ir dvasios lobį, kuriuo gyvenam. Jis myli savo tautą išskirtine meile ne todėl, kad ji už kitas garsesnė ir stipresnė, ir savo Tėvynę ne todėl, kad ji už kitas šalis turtingesnė ir gražesnė. Kaip kiekvienas doras žmogus labiau myli savo motiną, vyras savo žmoną, jūreivis savo laivą, taip šv. Kazimieras už visas didžias tautas labiau mylėjo savo tautą, ir už visus puikius kraštus - savo protėvių šalelę. Į ją jis grįžo mirti, ir jo jauną gyvybę priėmė Dievas už tautą, iš kurios jis buvo kilęs ir kuriai ruošėsi tarnauti visomis jėgomis. Kaip Kristus mirtimi išgelbėjo pasaulį, taip ir Kazimieras, laisvai sutikdamas ir su meile priimdamas savo ankstyvą mirtį iš Dievo rankų, kaip savo tautos gelbėtojas ir globėjas.

Vysk. Pranas Brazys, M.I.C.
("Šaltinis", Baland., 1965)

ŠV. KAZIMIERO KULTAS

Prieš 482 metus Gardino pilyje mirė 25 metų ir 5 mėnesių sulaukęs šv. Kazimieras, Kazimiero Jogailaičio ir Elžbietos Habsburgietės sūnus.

Š V E N T A S K A Z I M I E R A S



Jis buvo šventuoju paskelbtas popiežiaus Klemenso VIII 1602 m. lapkričio 7 d., o popiežiaus Urbono VIII 1636 m. rugpiūčio 4 d. paskelbtas Lietuvos globėju, įsteigiant jo šventę kovo mėn. 4 dieną.

Pirmoji bažnyčia jo garbei buvo pastatyta 1615 metais. Iki paskutinio pasaulinio karo jų skaičius padidėjo iki dvylikos, o JAV tokių bažnyčių priskaitoma daugiau kaip 20. Šventojo Kazimiero vardu pavadintos įvairios draugijos, vienuolynai, atskiros jų provincijos ir t. t. Kauno arkivyskupui metropolitui J. Skverekui prašant, Popiežius Pijus XII šv. Kazimierą paskelbė 1948 m. ypatinguoju Lietuvos jaunimo globėju. Lietuviai menininkai šv. Kazimiro pagarbai nemažai pasidarbavo - poetai daug eilių prirašė, muzikai melodijų sukūrė, dailininkai paveikslų pripiešė.

Šv. Kazimiero kultas pasidarė žinomas ne tik Lietuvoje, bet ir Italijoje, Vokietijoje, Belgijoje, Austrijoje, Lenkojoje ir kt.

Mūsų dailininkas Mackevičius yra nupiešęs Panevėžio katedros lubose vieną iš labiausiai žinomų stebuklų, kuris įvyko šv. Kazimiero užtarimu 1518 metais ties Dauguvos upe. Rusai, sutraukę didelę kariuomenę, rengėsi užimti Polocko miestą. Lietuvių karių skaičius buvo kur kas mažesnis, ir, būdami baimės apimti, nedrįso užpuolikai priešintis. Pačiu kritiškiausiuoju momentu ant balto žirgo debesyse pasirodė šv. Kazimieras, ragindamas mūsų pradėti. Ir priešas liko nugalėtas. To stebuklo aprašymuose, kurių yra labai daug, galima rasti tiesiog ir legendarinių dalių. Tik viena yra, kad šv. Kazimieras pe amžius lietuviams yra likęs pasipriešinimo prieš rusus gyvuojų simboliu. Tą žinojo ir pirmieji maskoliai ir dabartiniai bolševikai. Užtat Rusijos carai buvo uždraudę statyti šv. Kazimiero vardo

bažnyčias, švęsti jo šventę. Dabartiniai rusai bolševikai be pasigailėjimo uždarinėję ir naikina jo vardo bažnyčias, iš altorių bažnyčiose brutališkai šalina jo paveikslus. Vilniuje šv. Kazimiero vardo bažnyčių pavertė sandėliu, o katedrą, kurioje buvo laikomi šv. Kazimiero palaikai, pavertė viešais namais.

Kai dabar visi mūsų troškimai yra sudėti atgauti Lietuvai laisvę ir nepriklausomybę, ir į šv. Kazimierą dedame daug vilčių.

KAZIMIERAI ŠVENTAS

KUN. F. B. SERAFINAS

A. ALEKSIS

Andante maestoso

1. Šven - tas Ka - zi - mie - rai, mū su Glo - bė - jau, Skai - stus kai
2. Nuo - dė - mės man pa - dėk re - gėt bai - sy - bę: Pa - bėg - ti

an - ge - las, šven - tas jau - ni - xai - ti, Di - dis Šven - čiau - sios
nuo pro - gų ka - me nu - si - dė - jau. Gun - di - nant iš - melsk

Pa - nos pa - se - kė - jau. Vesk prie Ma - ri - jos. Dan - gaus le -
tvir - ty - bės do - ry - bę: Gink nuo ža - ban - gų. Vesk mus i

li - jos, O Ka - ra - lai - til O Ka - ra - lai - til
dan - gų Šven - tas Glo - bė - jau! Šven - tas Glo - bė - jau!

FOR A FREE AND INDEPENDENT LITHUANIA!

On February 16th, forty eight years ago in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, the Constituent Assembly of Lithuania proclaimed the restoration of Lithuania's independence. This proclamation became a living reality through the dedicated efforts of a solidly united people, even in the face of obdurate opposition from neighboring States and at the cost of many lives.

Lithuanian Americans in the United States were outraged by the cynical travesty of justice perpetrated on hapless Lithuania in 1940, when together with the Baltic Republics, Latvia and Estonia, Lithuania was treacherously and ruthlessly occupied, enslaved and incorporated into the Soviet Union. Their spontaneous reaction to this brazen, forced annexation was the formation of the Lithuanian American Council, representing all Lithuanian Americans and their patriotic and cultural organizations in the United States, dedicated to the restoration of freedom to Lithuania.

In 1965 Lithuanians throughout the free world solemnly observed Lithuania's 25 years of enslavement. By the extreme communist methods of self-defense and vituperative denigration of their opposition in the free world, the genocidal tyrants of Lithuania were compelled to admit the telling effectiveness of the unremitting activity of the Lithuanian American Council.

In order to de-fuse this growing menace of politically and culturally or-Lithuanians in the United States, who are embarrassing the communists by alerting the attention of the free-world forums to the new communist brand of world colonialization, the communist government of Lithuania is seeking to woo Lithuanian Americans into some arrangement of mutual cultural exchange, with the hope of sowing discord and division among them, thus to neutralize the effectiveness of their anti-communist activity.

It is the duty of the Lithuanian American Council to issue this grave warning. Sly reconnoitering has taken place in the communist pattern. Do not be misled by new communist guiles. Their aim is the same - only the tactics have changed! Remain firm and resolute in your struggle for human rights.

Any manner of cultural exchange between Lithuanian Americans and Soviet Lithuania would be exploited by the Soviets and interpreted to their enslaved people, as an intelligent acceptance by Lithuanian Americans of the political annexation of Lithuania by the Soviet Union.

Actually, it is a contradiction in terms to speak of a cultural exchange between a free and an enslaved and regimented people. Properly speaking, culture, without freedom of at least thought and its expression, is a metaphysical impossibility. Human beings differ specifically from brute animals by their capacity of thinking and choosing and doing freely. Deprive them of this specific difference and you de-humanize them and render them incapable of creating freely, if at all. Cultural exchange between anyone but free people is a myth, and for the unwary, a trap.

There is no true cultural freedom in Lithuania today any more than there are truly free Lithuanians there. Any collaboration with communist "cultural puppets" would be at the very least a mark of colossal stupidity on our part, if not a downright act of treason to all that man prizes highest in life.

On the occasion of this observance of February 16th, we urge you to take action with the U. S. government to reject the Soviet Consular treaty. As past history of other nations shows, such consulates would be nerve centers of spy networks and nests of subversion. There is an insignificant Russian population in the U. S. who have need of consular services. Under the present restrictions of trade with Russia, there is no need for validation of commercial documents.

Unjustifiable concessions must not be made to the Soviets. They are the same who murdered thousands of Lithuanians and who are now helping to kill our American soldiers in Vietnam. Express your protests to the President of United States and to the Senate, by demanding that the Senate reject the Consular treaty with the Soviets.

The Lithuanian American Council invites all Lithuanians, and especially our fine youth, to join the sacred and honorable struggle for the restoration of Lithuania's freedom. Let us all, regardless of political affiliations, join in the cause of liberty and justice for Lithuania, without sparing our efforts, funds and devotion for this noble purpose.



LITHUANIAN AMERICAN
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THEY RULE BOTH IN THE LITHUANIA AND UKRAINE

JOSEPH YANULAITIS

... How a Ukrainian feels about the Russians and the Russians about other nationalities.

The American "Jewish Conference For Jewish Interest in the Soviet Union", has admitted the fact that the Soviet policy is to assimilate the Jews living there and turn them into Russians. It is quite evident that this is the fate that awaits the other minority groups in Russia.

The Swiss newspaper "Die Weltwoche" gives us two views of how this policy is regarded by the Russians, and one of the subjugated nationals.

A certain Grigorij Andrejevic Slobodskij, a Ukrainian engineer from Kiev (former capital of the Ukraine), sent a letter to his friend in Switzerland who wrote up the account in the Swiss newspaper.

Being an engineer, who has to visit Moscow on various business calls, he relates that he has very many acquaintances, business associates, but no friends in the capital of Russia. He dislikes the Russians and proceeds to tell us why. "The Russians, he said, "are so stupid and their minds are as dark as their proverbial soil." "Just look at this capital of theirs - Moscow. It's a village of seven million "citified" peasants! They have not had an iota of culture. And look over there - as he indicated with a nod of his head to a corner of the restaurant, where a group of bureaucrats and their wives were cavorting around. - They are our rulers, our advisors, our mentors! - lazy slob! However, they are the ones who have the power to appoint the directors for the large industries and "sovchozes" (collective farms) in the Ukraine and in Lithuania. Wherever you look the Rus-

sians are in the seat of power. However, when something goes wrong, such as the harvest rots in the fields; or the five-year plan goes awry, then we are the scapegoats. Then it's the Ukrainians, the Lithuanians, the Latvians who are to blame."

On the other side of the coin, the Russian populace senses and feels their inferiority among the various subjugated nationals even though as we have seen above the ruling class act in a superior manner. They especially feel inferior in regards to the Armenians and the Georgians, because from both of these subjugated countries come many talented professors to teach in the University of Moscow. Toward the Tatars and Uzbeks the Russians are very discriminating and employ them in the most menial tasks.

To Moscow's man-on-the-street anyone from Asia is a "wildman" but the Armenians and Georgians are respected for their shrewdness in business transactions, and are smooth black-market operators.

He further states that the Ukrainians are also respected but the Balts are regarded with the deepest and utmost awe, "because Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia really belong to the Western European Culture, because the best in Architecture, Radio and T.V. programs come from the Baltic States".

This is the view of the man-in-the-street Russian. But, the official Soviet Government view is that all the various subjugated nationals must be transformed into Russians. Formerly there were various Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Latvian restaurants in the city of Moscow itself, but now they are so in name only since the official Soviet Policy is forced assimilation.

RUSŲ KOVA SU KRYŽIAIS IR KUNIGAIS

POV. DIRKIS

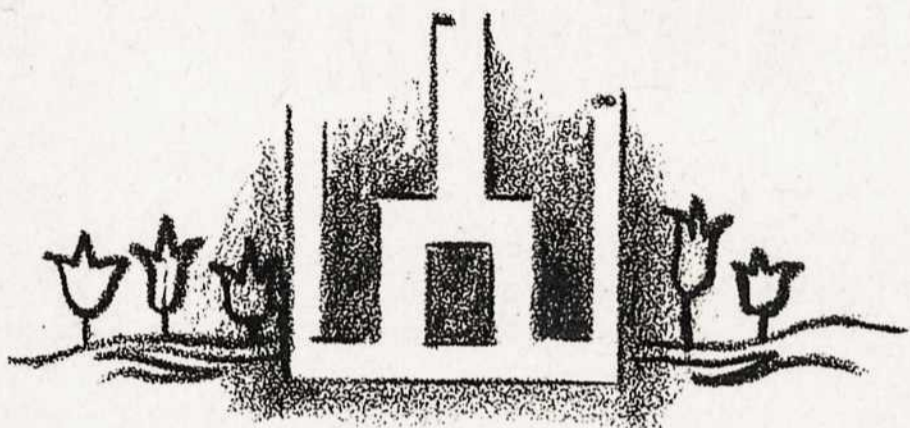
Daugiau šimtas metų kaip rusai veda kovą su kryžiais. Pirmas toje kovoje pasireiškė gubernatorius Muravjovas. Jis ne tik pasižymėjo kryžių naikinimu bet ir lietuvių korimu. Už tai buvo pramintas koriku. Jam labai nepatiko religiniai dalykai. Jis naikino įvairias šventoves, kryžius ir persekiojo dvasininkus. Pastarieji buvo priskaityti, kaip ir dabar prie valdžios priešų. Kunigai negalėjo judėti toliau savo parapijos ribų. Klebonijos buvo apstatytos žandarų ir šnipų tinklu. Pa-

galiau, Muravjovas sugalvojo išnaikyti kryžius Lietuvos pakelėse, kad gyventojai neturėtų progos bendrai susirinkti po kryžiumi ir pasidalinti savo vargais bei rūpesčiais.

Siandieną tie patys metodai vartojami ir Sovietų valdžios. Kai komunizmas išsiplėtė ir įsigalėjo Sovietuose, tuojau prasidėjo kova su Dievu, bažnyčiomis, kunigais, šv. paveikslais ir kryžiais. Rusams komunistams okupavus Lietuvą, naikinimas tų visų dalykų prasidėjo ir Lietuvoje. Prasidėjo, uždarinėjimas bažnyčių,

kunigų areštai ir trėmimai, nutildyti varpų gaudimai bei giesmių balsai ir anikininimas kryžių. Jau 25 metai kaip tas teroras vykdomas. Pakelėj kryžiai bei koplytstulpiai nugriauti, daugely miestų reikšmingesnės bažnyčios uždarytos ir paverstos viešaisiais namais, šv. paminklai pašalinėti. Kryžių kalnai ir Kalvarijos išniekinti. Simbolingi trys kryžiai Vilniuje draug su bazilikos-katedros kryžiumi bei statulomis sunkvežimių jėga nugriauti ir t.t. Ir ta kova intensyviai vedama iki šiolei.

A SUMMARY -



"AWAKENING LITHUANIA"

JACK J. STUKAS

The Lithuanian national revival sprang up at the beginning of the 19th century, when the young intellectuals at the University of Vilnius, influenced by the German Romantic Movement, writing in a language other than their own, began to study and to appreciate the Lithuanian language and its history, folktales, and folksong.

Of pivotal importance was the ZEMAICIAI (Samogitian) Intellectual Movement, comprised of clergymen and scholars trained at the University of Vilnius. These writers, united in their love of their native language, customs, and in their glorification of the past, sought to create a native literature. They wrote in Lithuanian because the landed gentry in this region did not neglect the native tongue as their counterparts had done in other parts of Lithuania.

Among these, the foremost were: Dionizas Poska, who sought to awaken Lithuania as an entity independent of the Polish nation; Simonas Stanevičius, who first proclaimed the idea of national unity, and who was among the first to address himself to the peasantry; the historian Simanas Daukantas, who desired to elevate the Lithuanian people and separate them from Poland; and Bishop Motiejus Valančius, who organized an extensive system of Lithuanian schools and temperance societies in his episcopacy.

Following the unsuccessful Insurrection of 1863 and the banning of a Lithuanian Press in 1864, by which means the Russians sought to impose the use of the Cyrillic alphabet in Lithuanian literature, Bishop Valančius was among the first to organize, aid, and participate in the forty-year-long "Book-Smuggling Epoch," during which Lithuanian books and periodicals, printed in East Prussia, were smuggled into Lithuania. The determined resistance of Valančius also blocked the road to Russification through the Church. Another bishop, Antanas Baranauskas, whose songs and poems transmuted the past and the Lithuanian landscape into a classic symbol, urged his countrymen never to yield to Russian oppression and always to have faith in Providence.

The Lithuanian national movement has been one of many in modern history. Writers and leaders connected with the Lithuanian determination to survive were

aware of the ideas of Romanticism, as well as of liberty, as it was expressed in the French Revolution. They were also profoundly influenced by news of other European national movements and democratic trends.

Of tremendous significance in the Lithuanian struggle against Russian suppression were two political periodicals: AUŠRA (The Dawn) 1883-1886, and VARPAS (The Bell), 1889-1905. They mark the period of Lithuanian nationalism at its greatest intensity, in which the new peasant intellectuals came to the fore.

AUŠRA, steeped in Romanticism and edited by Dr. Jonas Basanavičius, "Patriarch of the Lithuanian Nation," sought to awaken the people to a new, free and creative national life. It encouraged the Lithuanians to love their language and to know and idealize their past.

At the same time, VARPAS, with its positivistic ideas, gave more forceful expression to the practical

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Professor Jack J. Stukas, author of "AWAKENING LITHUANIA" which will be published in book form this year, originally wrote it as "The Rise of Modern Lithuanian Nationalism", as his doctoral thesis at N.Y.C. Prof. Stukas is the director of the new Seton Hall University's Institute of International Business.

THE VANISHING LITHUANIAN - AMERICAN

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Face up to it! We Lithuanian-Americans are a vanishing breed! Satisfying or shocking?!

Slowly but surely and SUBTLY we are losing our identity as Lithuanians and our language is dying out along with us. Even though we are not completely singly responsible for this, doesn't this make us feel guilty, in a way? Why, because we are not doing anything to stop this onrushing avalanche - INDIFFERENCE!

Indifference...? Indifference in our case means our failure as Lithuanians to comprehend our position and contribute CULTURALLY to the complex that is the American society. This indifference is not meant to degrade or lessen the importance of our American heritage and way of life in our own lives, but only to point up to our own failure to contribute freely of ourselves - our language - our heritage.

Gradual change of generations, indifference and laxness on the part of Lithuanians are the prime ingredients causing the inevitable disappearance and extinction of

the Lithuanian language in America.

In this changing society, why even bother speaking Lithuanian or preserving it? Isn't it inherent in us - in spirit? Isn't that enough? Why bother speaking Lithuanian if everyone doesn't speak it fluently? And aside from a few aesthetic values and sentimental attachments, of what worth is it?

Can we really fool ourselves into thinking this way? Of course not? Anybody with any sense must come to the conclusion that our language does not need any excuse for its existence!

What is necessary for the existence of a language? That it be spoken! And we as Knights of Lithuania have an even greater obligation to use it, to propagate it, to cherish it, to preserve it. Even as Christ has said, 'Not by faith alone (or 'spirit'), but by works...', in like manner we must also work to fulfill one of our primary goals for existence in the Knights of Lithuania - the preservation of the Lithuanian language and culture.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1966

Dear Mr. Charge d'Affaires:

On the occasion of the forty-eighth anniversary of Lithuania's independence, it is my pleasure to extend to you the good wishes of the Government and people of the United States.

Our country has consistently espoused the principle that all peoples have the right to determine the form of their national existence. In Lithuania's case, we have applied this principle by refusing to recognize the forcible incorporation of that country into the Soviet Union. We fully support your continuing efforts to marshal world public opinion and to bring it to bear on the issue of self-determination for the people of Lithuania.

In view of the courage and fortitude shown by the Lithuanian people during these years of foreign domination, I am confident that their just aspirations for freedom and national independence will ultimately be realized.

Sincerely yours,



Dean Rusk

Mr. Joseph Kajeckas,
Charge d'Affaires ad interim
of Lithuania.

PENKIOLIKA METU BE M. NORKŪNO

POV. DIRKIS



Vyčių istorija pilna istorinių įvykių ir sukakčių, pro kuriuos užsimerkus praeiti nederėtų. Prie tokių įvykių priklauso ir Vyčių pirmūnai, iškelia- vę į amžinastį. Juos prisiminti būtų vytiška pareiga, ar tai spaudoje, ar tai suruoštuose jų garbei minėjimuose. Vianą iš pirmųjų, mano supratimu, tektų prisiminti Mykolą Norkūną, jo 15 metų mirties sukakties proga. Jį kaip Vyčių organizacijos įkūrėją arba tėvą kaip tik reikia prisiminti, turint galvoje jojo nuopelnus Vyčių organizacijai padarytus. Norkūnas buvo vienas iš tų drąsių pirmūnų ir atkaklių kovotojų už įsteigimą Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos. Jis nepaisė jokių pavojų bei grasinimų ir sekė užsimoto tikslo. Velioniui besidomint draugijų gyvenimu, kilo mintis įsteigti jaunimo organizaciją, kuri apimtų visą Amerikos lietuvių katalikų jaunimą. Jis pradėjo

ruošti prie sumanyto žygio įgyvendinimo, arba kitaip tariant tam tikslui sukūrė Vyčių sąjūdį. Šiai idėjai įgyvendinti M. Norkūnas pašventė visas savo fizines ir dvasines jėgas. Vazinėjo su kalbomis, rašė spaudoje ir steigė skyrius. Tą jo kilnų darbą 1913 m. balandžio 27 d. Lawrence mieste L.R.K. Federacijos suvažiavimas patvirtino ir steigiamasis susirinkimas įsteigė Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją, kuri sėkmingai visjoje Amerikoje veikia jau 53 metus. Nors mes jo gyvųjų tarpe nebeturim jau 15 metų, bet užtat turime jo amžiną palikimą, kuris egzistuos amžiais ir lietuvių jaunimas didžiuosis esąs tos garbingos organizacijos narys. Būtų labai gražu ir pageidautina, kad 15 metų mirimo proga M. Norkūnui kas nors iš kuopos ir kur nors suruoštų akademiją - minėjimą su menine programa.

Nors Mykolas Norkūnas yra miręs, bet jo palikimas yra gyvas ir bus gyvas!

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everyday life of the Lithuanian. The editor, poet, and writer, Dr. Vincas Kudirka, through his biting satire on the Russians and Poles, and through his hard-hitting criticism of his countrymen, profoundly influenced not only the men of his time but also the Lithuanian leaders who were to come later.

Some authors maintain that the abolition of serfdom in Lithuania made possible the development of a new peasant intellectual class; this historic event launched the Lithuanian national revival and ended the harmful schism in Lithuanian national life between the peasantry and the enlightened class. AUSRA and VARPAS integrated the aspirations of the Lithuanians and gave to them a sense of national identity.

Although these two publications transcendent in importance all other developments in the Lithuanian national revival, mention must be made of other leading figures and institutions that reinforced the national awakening: the gymnasium (high school) at Marijampolė, where such instructors as Petras Kriaučiūnas tirelessly kept the native Lithuanian spirit alive; the seminaries at Seinai and Kaunas, within which secret societies of patriotic seminarians systematically carried on patriotic work - and last, not least - the writers and leaders of Lithuania Minor (a region of former East Prussia), who cooperated closely with the renaissance movement in Lithuania proper, but who were not yet ready for the idea that they could join in one nation with the Lithuanians of Lithuania

Proper. Key figures in this effort were: Dr. George Sauerwein, a German philologist, who helped the Lithuanians in Lithuania Minor to arrive at a more adequate estimate of their own worth; Martynas Jankus, "Patriarch of Lithuania Minor," who sought to enlighten the people about the "national idea" and to encourage their participation in political activities; and Vydūnas (Vilius Storasta), prolific writer, choral director, and mystic, who sought the spiritual and humanitarian elevation of his people.

The forty-year ban on the Lithuanian press considerably aided the development of a Lithuanian national consciousness. It not only crystallized and set into motion Lithuanian opposition to the Russian authorities and their Russification policies; it also kaleidoscoped the education of the people and their realization of a "national idea".

The culmination of the Lithuanian national awakening was the spontaneous convening of the Great Vilnius Assembly, Dec. 4-6, 1905, by Dr. Jonas Basanavičius, in which 2000 delegates participated, representing all walks of life and including the many political ideologies which were then becoming discernible in Lithuanian political life. Among its other decisions, the Assembly boldly demanded autonomy for the Lithuanian nation, and it demonstrated to the world, and to the Lithuanians themselves, that they were a nation, nationally-conscious people, ready for sovereignty.

THIS IS THE WORCESTER STORY

ITS PEOPLE,

ITS HERITAGE,

ITS HISTORY,

AND

ITS LOCALE



Worcester Aerial View

When Worcester was first settled in 1676, it was estimated that the area might support 60 farm families. Today, the city proper contains over 187,000 people, and the Worcester Metropolitan Area 325,000. Population of Worcester County is over half a million. Much as the Worcester landscape has changed in the past 285 years, it still is characterized by rolling green hills, streams, and lakes. From the Worcester Airport, 1,000 feet above sea level, one can get a magnificent view of the eastern half of Massachusetts.

This splendid terrain is made for outdoor recreation, and Worcesterites are enthusiastic golfers, tennis players, rod-and-gunners, boaters, campers, canoeists, and skiers. There are eight golf courses within 12 miles of City Hall, three inside the city limits. One of them is the nationally famous Pleasant Valley Country Club, the site of the 1965 \$200,000 Carling World Open Golf Tournament. The nearby countryside is dotted with lakes, including Lake Quinsigamond on Worcester's eastern boundary. Its seven miles of blue water make it a home for sailboats, sculling races, water ski championships, and Olympic Trial Regattas. Salt water is easily accessible, too. With our new highway systems, both Maine and Cape Cod beaches are less than two hours by car. In the winter, a good part of Worcester gets on skis. The nationally renowned ski country of New Hampshire and Vermont is only a two hour drive, and the new Mount Wachusett State Ski area is only 20 miles away.

Worcester itself is a complex of 800 industries, remarkably diversified. These include the Norton Company, largest manufacturer of abrasives in the world; Wyman-Gordon Company, a world leader in the forging of exotic metals; Crompton and Knowles, Rice Barton, U. S. Steel, Jamesbury Corporation, pioneer in plastic ball valves; and hundreds of smaller companies. Worcester is also the home base for the State Mutual Life Assurance Company and the Paul Revere and Massachusetts Protective Association.

The city takes pride in its schools and has spent many millions of dollars since World War II modernizing its educational system. When the current school building program is finished in 1968, Worcester will have 15 new elementary schools and major additions, four new junior high schools. Two ultra-modern senior high schools, and a greatly improved and expanded Trade School and Industrial Technical Institute. The public schools of Worcester and surrounding towns are sup-

plemented by an excellent group of private schools, - including Worcester Academy, Bancroft School, St. John's Preparatory, and a fine parochial school system. In higher education, Worcester boasts Clark University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester State College, Anna Maria College, Assumption College, - and their expanding facilities - plus two junior colleges and two business schools and a highly regarded school of art, run by the Worcester Art Museum. In a special category is the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, renowned for its research in many fields of medicine.

Worcester's cultural resources are outstanding. Its new Public Library is a gem of beauty and comfort. The Art Museum, with a multi-million dollar endowment, is so distinguished as to attract the most prominent museum directors in the nation. Worcester Craft Center is the place where executives learn to turn out fine furniture and where surgeons and housewives become potters and metalsmiths. It is also the home of the American Antiquarian Society, one of the nation's most priceless repositories of old newspapers and pamphlets, and of the Music Festival, held annually for more than a century in the 4,000-seat Memorial Auditorium, and of the Worcester Science Museums, and the Higgins collection of medieval armor.

Worcester is the site of the University of Massachusetts Medical School to open about 1969 at a cost of approximately \$50 million. The eminent medical staffs and hospitals of the City reflect clearly its regional character. City Hospital opened a new, modern glass and concrete addition in 1961. The rest of Worcester's six general hospitals have added new facilities recently and St. Vincent Hospital built an entirely new \$9 million structure in 1954 and is still expanding.

Worcester has a wealth of churches; and an outstanding group of social service agencies, supported by endowments and an annual Golden Rule campaign drive that supports more than 30 agencies.

The City's fine park system is another asset that brings open space right into the heart of the City. The public schools Art Festival is held annually on the Wor-



Worcester Art Museum Court

cester Common. Elm Park, the oldest municipal park in the United States, is used in all seasons of the year.

A massive urban renewal program is drastically changing the face of the central business district. Many stores are remodeling their facilities and the C. B. D. is still the major shopping area. The first redevelopment project, in what was once the worst slum in the City, now boasts the new library, the new YWCA building, a new Holiday Inn, and the Seven Hills Plaza Development. Hundreds of acres downtown are scheduled for renewal within the next five years. The City's off-street parking program has progressed rapidly since 1951 with the building of municipal garages and parking lots.

Only a mile from downtown, the homes start. They vary from hundreds of three-deckers, to luxury homes in many of Worcester's finest residential areas. Homes for all tastes and pocketbooks can be found in Worcester and the surrounding towns including hi-rise apartments close to the C. B. D. Many developments feature homes ranging from \$12,000 to \$30,000. Many older houses on the market are in mint condition and can be bought most reasonably. The quality of housing and land available is one of the Worcester community's greatest assets.

Finally, Worcester is in the heart of things. With the Massachusetts Turnpike Extension into Boston, Beacon Hill or Harvard Square is less than an hour's drive; Route 128 is hardly 40 minutes away; the Berkshires about an hour and a half. The Expressway will link the City with both the Massachusetts Turnpike and the outer belt Route 495. Worcester is a city of lively, friendly, cosmopolitan, ambitious people who will be most happy to welcome you to their rich and varied activities.



Art Festival on the Common

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CONVENTION GENERAL CHAIRMAN'S VIEW -

BY WILLIAM A. GRIGAS

HOST TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

W O R C E S T E R

It has come to my attention that there are some K of L members that do not know about Worcester. I imagine that they are naturally interested in finding what the city is like, since Worcester C-26 will Host the National Convention in August. It is hard for us Worcesterites to realize that some people do not know all about our fair city. We take it for granted that everyone knows all there is to know about Worcester, since it is such a great city. (Just ask us, we will be glad to tell you so.)

But after thinking about it for awhile, I realize that there must be some people who will have to be told a little about Worcester, to give them an idea about our city. As cities go, it has just under 200,000 people. To some people in the great Metropolitan areas, this is just a drop in the bucket, but we think it is quite a bit. In fact the neighboring townspeople consider our city as the "big city".

Not only are we proud of our City, we are especially proud of our Lithuanian Colony. From our little Colony has emerged the State Boxing Commissioner, Eddie Urbec; from our little Colony has emerged the area State Senator, Vitty Pigaga; and from our little Colony has emerged a member of the State Parole Board, Tilly Zaleskas. These are just a few of the people from the state level. The ones to be found in the city level are too numerous to mention.

Socially, we are one of the most active ethnic groups in the city. Our

Lithuanian Naturalization and Social Club, boasting a membership of over 1200 members, has just completed new quarters costing close to half a million dollars. You will get a chance to see this imposing edifice when you arrive for the Convention. Our Convention Ball will be held at their quarters. This year's President of the Club is an active K of L member, Charles Tagman, who has been a member of Council 26 for over twenty-five years.

The Lithuanian Charitable Society has their quarters on Lake Quinsigamond at Maironis Park. They have just renovated their quarters. You won't recognize it as the place where we had the get-together in 1960. You will be pleasantly surprised with what we have done to beautify the quarters and the whole area.

Our Lithuanian War Veterans Organization are presently renovating their quarters on the same Lake. Their quarters was once a noted speakeasy of the twenties. The oldtimers would never recognize it. Once they are finished, it should be another testimonial to the work of our Lithuanian Colony. All work done on the premises is being done by the members on a voluntary basis. It was the Vets Drum Corps that led us to Sunday Mass at the 1960 Convention. The present Commander is none other than Joseph Drumstas, an active C-26 member, and presently on the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania. As you can see, we Knights are pretty busy all over the city.

Even our Council has embarked on a renovating program. This winter our clubrooms in the school will be completely done over, making it more appealing to all the members for their entertainment and relaxation.

I don't know if we started this building program, or if we got the impetus from the city, but I do know that the city is being completely done over. Our City Hall has just been completely washed down and cleaned up. Slum areas have been demolished and new buildings erected. Since you were here last, we have put up a new library, a new YWCA, a new Hotel-Motel complex (where the delegates will be staying) plus many other new constructions. In the planning stage is a 40 million dollar urban development program for one part of our city. As you can see, we are not satisfied with the "status quo".

This development program is even reflected in our major educational institutions. Holy Cross, Clark University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Assumption College, and Worcester State College have all spent more than a million dollars apiece in major construction since you were last here.

As you can see, we never stop, and I hope that all of you will come and see for yourselves the improvements being made to make your stay here a pleasant one. This gives you an idea of what is going on in the city. But there is even more going on right in our own Parish. Our pastor, Rev. John C. Jutt has embarked on his own



Worcester Public Library

building program. When he is finished, we will have a Church completely redecorated and renovated; we will have a new convent of the Sisters of St. Casimir; we will have a new rectory that any parishioner can be proud of; and a school that will be a showpiece for all concerned.

You must all see that we have a progressive city, a progressive educational complex, a progressive parish, a progressive Lithuanian Colony, and a progressive Council. This is reflected in the fact that we are one of the largest Council in the Country. We try to find things that appeal to all ages, groups and interests. Our Spring and Fall Dances are always one of the

best attended in the area. Our Dinner Dances are the talk of the town. Our Bowling League is one of the best in the area. Almost half our membership participates in our weekly matches. Just recently, to keep up with the new interests of the younger set, we have started an official Council Ski Club. It should prove to be a real social success, plus bring in many more new members. Our junior K of L, under the capable leadership of Mary Jankowski, keeps us right on our toes to keep things moving. It seems that we just can't afford to stop, or we will be trampled.

Oh yes, lest I forget, this is also the year that we will be celebrating our Golden Anniversary as a Council. This gives us all the more reason to show all of you the best time possible to help us celebrate during the National Convention.

I hope that this background information will enlighten those of you who did not know too much about our city and about our Council. If there is still not enough information here to satisfy you, you can be sure that when we mail out individual letters to all members, you will know more about us, our city, and what we are planning for you.

In any event, all of Council 26 will be here in August waiting to show you what we have, and what we have to give to you.

(Photos on Pages 10-13 courtesy of Worcester Chamber of Commerce and Worcester Telegram and Gazette.)



Worcester's New Y.W.C.A.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have just attended a Supreme Council meeting in Chicago and I would like to say the meeting was a fruitful and inspiring one.

I am proud of the Chicago representation to say that nine officers attended the meeting, plus nine guests and an Honorary Member. Six reports were sent in. This is a good sign and it took almost five hours of meeting time to finish all discussions and deliberations.

This shows you the dedication and interest of the Supreme Council members in their concern for the Knights of Lithuania and its activities. Certainly the hours were not wasted - most of this time it was concrete and deep discussion toward duties and clarification of organizational work. This involved officers' duties and Committees duties.

Now, how about your council! Have your members ever lingered a little longer at a meeting to clarify duties. Have your officers set up a good set of books that show precise and clear records. Are your officers on the ball and doing their task according to the "book". Are the dues being collected - are you paying without being hounded by the secretary?

Is your Committee functioning properly? Are all the Committee members attending meetings and giving their "all" for the best of God & Country.

Finally, my dear member, how are you doing? Are you the good soldier that follows & obeys the General? We know we must have Generals - in between - and then an army to lead. So lets have a good dependable army that will not succumb in one defeat, but will rally and make a come-back and help all the way!

Al Wesey
National President

NATIONAL RECORDING SECRETARY'S REQUEST

Our National Secretary informs us that no official officers' list have been received from the following Councils:

3 - 5 - 6 - 10 - 12 - 13 - 14 - 17 - 18 - 19 - 26 - 27 - 29 - 41S - 52 - 61 - 67 - 90 - 111S - 113 - 115 - 116 - 135 - 139.

If your Council number is listed above, please cooperate and send the names and addresses of your officers NOW to Josephine Zukas, 9 Charles St. Port Washington, N.Y.

SUPPLIES

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

NOTICE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Johanna Jakunas, National Financial Secretary requests that dues be paid immediately. If a new member joins a Council, the dues are as follows:

\$4.00 if member joins from January - March
3.00 April - June
2.00 July - September
1.00 October - December
2.00 Non-Subscribing
6.00 Couple (First Year)

Member record sheets and applications for new members are available without charge from the Financial Secretary.

RULES FOR 1965-1966 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

TEN points were earned for each new or re-activated member enrolled by January 31, 1966, provided the Financial Secretary received the dues by 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.

"VYTIS" DEADLINES

April Issue - deadline was March 5, 1966

May - deadline, April 5th

June - July - deadline, May 15th

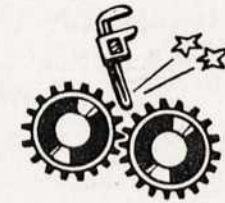
August - September (Pre-Convention Issue) - deadline July 5th

October (Convention Issue) - deadline Sept. 5th

UNLESS WE ACT NOW OUR



MEMBERSHIP CAN BE A CATASTROPHE



As of February 1st, only 38 new or re-join members were enrolled.

As of February 1st, only 20% of the present members have paid their 1966 dues.

To see such figures five months since the last convention, (the date on which our Membership Drive figures are based) should make us all wonder if somebody is sleeping - if somebody doesn't care - if somebody is letting the K of L down.

Council 26 is the leader with 10 new members but their 196 membership dues are far from 100%.

Council 112 is runner up, with 7 new members and their 1966 dues are 95% paid up; this is about half of the entire national paid up total.

Twelve other councils (about 1/3rd of our total number or active councils) have bothered to add to our Tree of Life - our Membership: Council 25 Srs. has 4 new members, Council 100 also 4, Council 79 with 3, Council 7 with 3 and Councils 3, 25, 13, 36, 102, 113, 133 and Chicago Srs. with 1 each.

At least in respect to our parents who started the organization over 50 years ago and passed it's life and safe-keeping on to us, let's at least TRY. Let's give energy to the already overworked good ole stand-bys with a better report than we see above.

Have that organized, concentrated Drive. Plan some affairs which are not always "money-makers" but might have an appeal because we are doing something for someone else. Get the members to stay by getting them involved and interested - remember there just might be somebody besides yourself who can handle an event; at least on the second try, if not the first.

If we ALL make some sincere effort, perhaps the next report will show 238 new members and 100% present members paid-up for 1966.

ELEANORE H. LAURIN
MEMBERSHIP VICE-PRESIDENT

PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP as of February 1, 1966

C #	% PD	9/65	2/66	C #	% Pd	9/65	9/66	C #	% PD	9/65	9/66
112	70%	119	84	18	0%	3	0	109	0%	20	0
12	70%	31	22	19	0%	34	0	113	0%	16	0
17	63%	30	19	24	0%	6	0	116	0%	34	0
13	30%	25	4	25	0%	26	0	133	0	31	0
82	30%	10	3	27	0%	18	0	135	0	10	0
102	24%	46	11	29	0%	81	0	139	0	17	0
36	13%	56	7	30	0%	30	0		0		
79	5%	116	6	41	0%	14	0	<u>SENIOR COUNCILS</u>			
3	3%	36	1	52	0%	41	0	25	76%	33	25
26	1%	130	1	61	0%	5	0	133	50%	32	16
1	0%	16	0	67	0%	4	0	Chgo.	5%	44	2
5	0%	9	0	78	0%	11	0	41	0%	19	0
7	0%	50	0	90	0%	30	0	111	0%	19	0
10	0%	16	0	96	0%	72	0	Pgh.	0%	2	0
14	0%	12	0	100	0%	21	0				

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

CHICAGO'S SENDRAUGIŲ SUSIRINKIMAS 18 SAUSIO

Amerikos Lietuvių Vyčių Sendraugių Chicagos kuopa, vadovaujama Igno Sakalo, turėjo metinį visuotiną narių susirinkimą, kuriame buvo aptarti kuopos organizaciniai reikalai, išklaudyti praeitų metų nuveiktų darbų pranešimai, išrinkta nauja kuopos vadovybė ir paminėtas istorinis įvykis, t. y. prijungimas Klaipėdos Krašto 1923 metais prie Didž. Lietuvos. 1965 metų bėgyje Sendraugiai daug darbo, vargo ir lėšų idėjo į atremontavimą Vyčių salės ir atliko dar vieną labai svarbų Vyčiams darbą, kad suruošė pagerbimo minėjimą kuopos steigėjams ir tiems vyčiams, kurie iki šiol, t. y. išbuvo vyčių eilėse 50 metų. Beto, kuopos nariai dalyvavo visuose pobūviuose ir susirinkimuose, kuriuos ruošė apskrities vadovybė arba kitos kuopos, kurių eilėse daug dar randasi sendraugiams artimų amžių vyrų ir moterų, kuriems verta būtų per-

eiti į sendraugių kuopos eiles, užleidžiant vietas jaunimui. Toks žygis būtų ytin naudingas, nes sendraugių kiekvienas susirinkimas būna apvainikuojamas įdomaus turinio paskaitomis iš mūsų vyčių arba tautinio gyvenimo, nes kuopa turi nuolatinį, prityrusį paskaitininką. Kadangi kuopos visuotinas susirinkimas buvo šeimninkas, tai buvusių kuopos vadovybę iš naujo perrinko ir 1966 metams, kurių sudaro: Ig. Sakalas - pirmininkas, Ant. Petrulis ir Ant. Bacevičius - vice-pirmininkai, Ona Alieliūnienė - kuopos sekretorius, Stefa Jonytienė - kasininkė, Nikodemas Karlavičius - kasos globėjas ir P. Erdvys - korespondentas. Gi Revizijos komisija buvo perrinkta iš naujo, kurių sudaro Pov. Dirkis, Teklė Norbutienė ir Juozas Ramunas.

Po valdybos ir Rev. Komisijos rinkimų buvo Pov. Dirchio paskaita apie Klaipėdos Krašto prijungimą prie Didžiosios Lietuvos. Paskaitininkas ne

tik vaizdžiai nupasakojo priežastis, kurios vertė Klaipėdos Kraštą prijungti, būdus prijungimo arba suruoštą sukilimą ir kokią reikšmę prijungimas turėjo Lietuvos valstybei. Klaipėdos krašto prijungimas prie Lietuvos reiškė lyg prakirtimą sienoje lan-go, kuris jungia Lietuvą su kultūringais vakarais. Atsiskleidė nauji vartai naujai erai. Išsipildė pastangos išgyti nuosavą parįėjimą prie jūros, kurios keliais Lietuva galėjo eksportuoti ir importuoti savo gaminius bei prekes. Tuo prijungimu Lietuva buvo sustiprinta kaip valstybė, o tarp tautinėje politikoje laimėjo didesnę svorį.

Ant galo susirinkimas nutarė, Pov. Dirchio pasiūlymą, gavėnios metu suruošti Vyčiams nusipelnusių žmonių prisiminimus. Išreikšta užuojauta ilgai sergančiais ir buvusiais labai uoliai darbininkei vytei Kazimierai Petrulienei ir palinkėta sveikatos.

Pov. Erdvys

L. VYČIAI GALI TIK PASIDIDŽIUOTI

Koks yra džiaugsmas tėvams ir artimiems giminėms, kada jų sūnus ar dukrą išsivelka į profesoriaus, medicinos daktaro ar kitokio mokslo drabužius, bet nemažiau džiaugiasi ir tos organizacijos, kurioms šie studentai anksčiau priklausė ir jose uoliai darbavosi? Bet mažai mes tokių teturime, kurie, kad ir pabaigę aukštuosius mokslus, neapleidžia vičių eilių ir jų darbų, o ypatingai iš tokio aukšto mokslo žmonių vyčiai laukia gražių ir rimtųjų patarimų, o juo labiau jų mokslinės plunksnos, kuri galėtų išvaryti plačią vagą mūsų organe "Vytyje". Bet ligi šiol tokių mokslo vyrų mažutis skaičius teatsiranda, kuris atvirai žygiuotų vyčių keliu ir obalsiu: "Ei vyčiai, gyvename tautai ir bažnyčiai".

Mūsų organizacijoje randasi daug aukšto mokslo profesorių ir daktarų su kuriais net ir turiu artimesnę pažintį. Štai kas yra tie aukšto mokslo vyrai - prof. dr. Jokubas Stukas, dr. Al. Budreckas, Antanas Mažeika, A. Sniečkus ir daugiau tokių jaunosios kartos vadų, kurie rengė manifestaciją New Yorke, prieš rusišką komunizmą, kurių vardai dar ir nūnai skamba mūsų spaudoje ir visame pasaulyje. Kadangi apie juos vėliausiai net teko pastebėti mūsų lietuviškoje spaudoje, kad Antanas Mažeika yra pakviestas į Kanadą kalbėtoju - Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės minėjimo proga, o dr. Al. Budreckas pakviestas net dviejose lietuvių kolonijose pasakyti kalbas Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Šventėje. Tai kaip tokių jaunosios kartos vadų negalima gerbti, kada jie yra čia

gimę ir augę ir taip aukojasi ir sielojasi dėl savo tėvelių gimtinės šalėlės Lietuvos? Tik gaila, kad keli čia išvardinti aukšto mokslo vyrai, kartais vengia stipriau pareikšti, kad jie esą vyčiai ir jų veikėjai, o tas daug aukščiau iškeltą L. Vyčių org. vardą visoje mūsų plačioje visuomenėje, kur nūnai mūsų mielos organizacijos vardas tiek neskamba, kaip kitados jis skambėdavo visuose laikraščiuose, o ypač mūsų organe "Vytyje", kuriame kitados gražiausių ir vytiškiausių straipsnių būdavo prirašyta. O tų mūsų dainių, poetų eilių eilėmis jis buvo perpildomas. Kad ir vėliausiai pavarčius (nuo 1917 m. iki 1924 m.) iš "Vyties" sukurtus albumus, kuriuose suradau tiek patriotiškiausios ir vytiškiausios medžiagos, kuriuos bevartydamas ir beskaitydamas net susijaudinau. O kiek radau tuose albumuose gražiausių eilučių, kuriose taip jausmingai ir sužavinčiai apdainuojama mūsų tėvelių gimtinės Lietuvos girios, miškai, gražusis Nemunas, Šešupė ir kitos upelės ir ežerai, o tų laikų vyčių veikėjų, jų vadų, poetų, rašytojų, dvasios vadų, jų pavėkslai puošte puošia tų albumų lapus, kad žmogus bežiūrėdams į tą viską, tiesiog gauni didelį liudėsį, kad taip mūsų dvasios vadai, mūsų profesionalai, vyčių didieji ir mažieji idealistai taip didingai aukojosi, ne tik mūsų čionykščiai išėivijai, o juo jie labiau puoselėjo L. Vyčių org., kuri kitados buvo vyriausia ir uoliausia žadintoja jaunimo ir lietuviybės, nes tas viskas yra plačiai užrašyta tuose mano "Vyties" albumuose.

Tiesa, kad mes ir nūnai turime daug profesionalų, dainių, poetų, aukšto mokslo vyrų ir didingų ekonomistų. Kai kuriuos jau čia esu palietęs, išvardinęs, nes žinau, kad ir jie daug galėtų padėti mūsų mielai "Vy-

ties" redaktorei su savo moksliniais raštais ir rašteliais, kurie pažadintų daugiau skaityti savo organą "Vytytį", kadangi jame rastųsi pasiskaitymų, kokių jie tik norėtų.

Juoba, dar norisi paliesti porą mūsų organizacijos garbingųjų narių, josios pirmesniųjų organizatorių ir "Vytyties" lapuose savo gražiaisiais straipsniais ir eilėmis žadinusiais vyčius ir visą lietuvišką jaunimą stoti su jais į L. Vyčių org. eiles. Ir kas tie vyčiai beesą, kurie kitados plačią vagą varė L. Vyčių org. ir josios organe "Vytyje"? Siedu vyčiai yra plačiai žinomi, ne tik mūsų organizacijoje, bet ir visoje mūsų išėivijoje - Leonardas Šimutis ir Ignas Sakalas, kurių parašytas eilutes, suradęs savo albumuose, pateikiu jums pasiskaityti.

VYČIAMS

Sukruskim jaunime išvien visi
Ir stokim prie darbo narsiai,
Jau teka mums saulė rytuose skaisti
Tad stokim kiekvienas drąsiai.

Stokim į darbą už savo šalį
Kelti tėvynę, ei, Vyčiai!
Mokslu ir šviesa kas tiktai gali
Padedant Dievui, Bažnyčiai.

Jauna dvasia mūsų teskrieja tenai,
Kur kraštas tėvynės brangios,
Kur ilsisi kapuose tautos milžinai
Vardan - gi mes jų dėl jos:

Stokim į darbą už savo šalį ir t. t.

Vilties nepameskim tik draugės, draugai,
O mūsų tėvynė nežus
Prašvis laimės saulė, išnyks jos vargai,
Ji buvo per amžius ir bus.

Stokim į darbą už savo šalį ir t. t.

Tad stokim į darbą, lai mūs vėliava,
Visad plevėsuoja aukštai,
O mūsų tėvynė, brangi Lietuva,
Žydės, kaip žydėjo, tiktai

Stokim į darbą už savo šalį
Kelti tėvynę, ei, Vyčiai.
Mokslu ir šviesa kas tiktai gali
Padedant Dievui, Bažnyčiai.

Ig. K. Sakalas.

JAUNIEMS

Bėga valandos ir dienos,
Bėga metai tekinais,
Lieka atmintys tik vienos -
Buvom juk ir mes jaunais?

Buvo dienos gan galingos!
Taip energijos pilni
Žaidėm, dienos stebuklingos
Plaukė... o, laikai kilni!

Rodos, nelaukėme dieneles,
Kad atėjus senatvėlei
Ir daina bus taip tyli...

Na, vaikeliai mūsų mieli,
Jūsų laikas yr' dabar!
Galią rodykit, jaunieji,
Kol nežila galva dar!

Traukit linksmąją dainelę,
Kol galinga ji, skambi!
Kol jaunaj širdij liepsnelė
Dega meilė - ji kaitri...

Ramūs būkite, senatvė
Greit, nelaukiama, pati
Aplankys jumis. Jaunatvė
Greit prašvilps graži, skaisti.

L. Šilelis.

"Šilelio" eilutės buvo parašytos gruodžio m. 1917 m., o Ig. Sakalo eilutės telpa vasario mėn. 1923 m. O kaip būtų gražu ir džiugu, kad šie dainiai ir vėl "Vytyje" prabilėtų mus visus vyčius su tokiomis eilutėmis, kurios ir vėl taip gražiai prakalbėtų į mus visus. Laukiame mes jų.

Senelis



Šių senjorų 25-tos Vyčių kuopos nariai yra - iš kairės Sofija Milienė, Senjorų išdininkė ir uoli veikėja; Antanas Buknis, Senjorų pirm. ir Jadvyga Pikturnienė, buvusioji ligonių užuojautos atviručių pasiuntėja ir gimtadienių tvarkytoja. Visi trys buvo pagerbti jų gimtadienių proga.

JUNIOR

NEWS

DAYTON JUNIORS

The Dayton Council of K of L Juniors, held their first meeting of the new year on Saturday Jan. 22, 1966. Election of new officers are: President - Christine Sluzas, Vice-President - Theresa Mikalas, Secretary - Irene Araminas, Treasurer - John Brezcelly, Sgt-at-Arms - John Kavy, Correspondent - Cathy Lavender.

Fran and Mike Petkus, our new counselors have planned an interesting schedule of activities for us... Bowling, nature hikes, socials and educational trips to places of interest. From all of us Junior Knights, we want to thank Elaine Lucas, Judy Petrokas and Rita Ambrose for their time and patience during the past year being our counselors.

Cathy Lavender

CHICAGO JUNIORS

If you should happen to wander into K of L Hall on Saturday mornings and overhear "Come out of your corners fighting", don't think you're in the wrong place and don't be surprised to see two young men swinging at one another. Under the excellent guidance of Leon Pauksta (referee, manager, second, etc.) our Juniors boys are being shown the fine points in the art of pugilism and are really enjoying it. Just ask young Tony Giedraitis and Robert Goodman. "Golden Gloves" anyone? ... well maybe not for a couple of years, but could very well be.

Table tennis, more familiarly known as "ping-pong", is also a Saturday morning activity for our young men. Our "Champs" Mike Micka and Richard Richkus are challenging all you "ex" table tennis "pros" to get out of your easy chairs and start swinging ... the paddle, that is!

We're pleased to be able to announce that Mr. Anthony Giedraitis, organist for Nativity B.V.M. Church and well-known choir director for ma-

ny years, has consented to make his knowledge of music and superb director's talents available to us. Under Mr. Giedraitis' expert direction and assisted by Joan Jakunas, who is also a most capable music teacher, our Juniors are going full-steam ahead in the preparation of their participation in the International Youth Congress Dainų Šventė in July. Participation in other programs are also being scheduled.

The young ladies of our Junior membership (under the supervision of Cam Bereckis, Helen Pius and Letitia Giedraitis) have been creating beautiful place mats out of last year's Christmas cards. The place mats have turned out so well, that we'd like to pass along the instructions with the thought you might like to utilize your cards (Christmas or any greeting cards too lovely to throw out) in this manner. Many other projects of this type are also possible using cards. Our next project will be a "what-not" box made from cigar boxes and again, using the cards. Anyone have any ideas for "what-nots"?

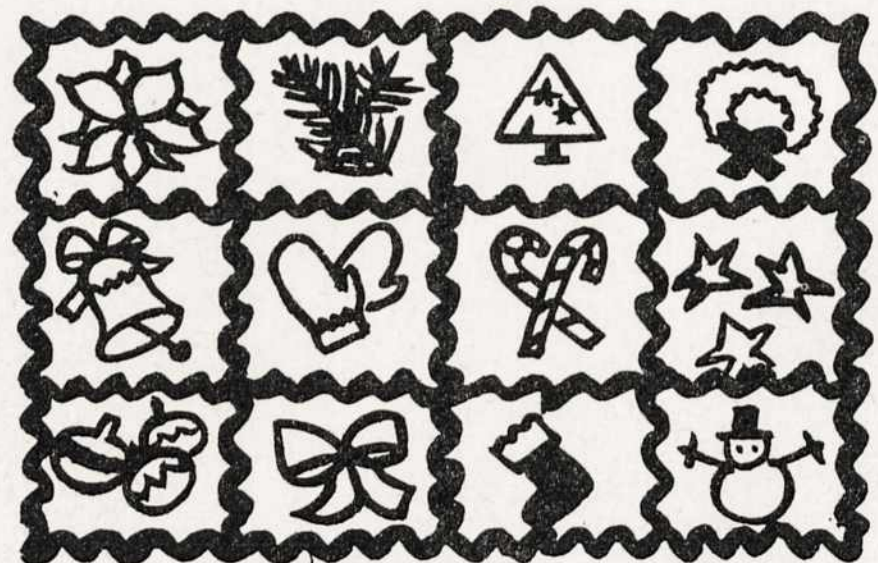
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I-I District 1st V.P./Juniors

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING PLACE MATS

MATERIALS NEEDED: Cardboard, Greeting Cards (Chicago Juniors used Christmas cards, however, any greeting card such as birthday, get-well, even post cards, may be used) Colored Paper Strips and/or Rick-Rack, Glue.

1. Cut rectangles of lightweight cardboard to measure 9" by 14".
 2. Cut 4" squares from greeting cards and glue over the entire surface of rectangle.
 3. Trim (as illustrated) with rick-rack and/or strips of colored paper.
- Optional: Shellac to protect surface.



(Art Work By C. Bereckis.)

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

BROOKLYN, N. Y., C-41

DENIS MAZEIKA

Although in comparison to the last few years C-41 appears at a dead stand-still, some things were accomplished. One of the most basic was the Rally on Nov. 13. Many of our executive board worked in every way possible to help this event come off. There were meetings before the rally that were necessary in order to organize the forces and to figure out just what to expect. Joan Mažeika and Helen Playtis, both worked in the reception room. I myself, besides dancing in the New York Dance Group run by Mrs. Matulaitienė, helped with the selling of the program books and buttons. While at this task, Helen Shields managed to lighten my task by buying a few programs. Also during the Rally, it was my duty as well as another member's job, to hold the Knight's flag during the ceremonies. That other member is now a member of the new executive board; his name - Vytas Radzivanas.

Following the Rally itself there was the march across town to the United Nations. Following the ceremonies in front of the U. N. we all marched back (or should I say trudged back?). That sort of left us in a good condition for the dance later that evening.

The Knights were well represented at all of the meetings that the Committee called, both before and after the Rally. The final report given by the Committee at their final meeting was that it was highly successful in every way.

Having connections with the Institute for Contemporary Russian Studies at Fordham University I received word not too long ago that the members of the Committee were attacked openly in the TIESA for their

Rally. The TIESA is the Lithuanian counterpart of the Russian PRAVDA. Thus we see the tremendous propaganda that this Rally has created behind the Iron Curtain as well as in all other parts of the world.

As a result of this flurry of inactivity, one of the traditions of the Knights was postponed. This tradition was the annual Knights of Lithuania Christmas Dance. The Knights did however, have a K of L Christmas Party.

Elections took place just prior to the New York-New Jersey District Convention. The new president is yours truly, Denis Mažeika; Vice-president is Vytas Radzivanas; Secretary is Elvira Ragažinskas and Treasurer is Steve Gerdvilis. At the District Convention I just mentioned, I was the delegate for Council 41.

On Jan. 25, the New York Seniors met with Council 41 in order to give some pointers. The first thing we decided on, was the annual St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast. We set the date for March 6. We intend to have the breakfast in Annunciation Hall and thanks must be given to Fr. Pakalniškis for arrangements for the hall. At the breakfast will be a prominent speaker and a program of some sort - most likely musical. We hope to have something for everyone.



EAST meets WEST. Frank Vaskas of Newark and George Paulik of Chicago meet at the S. C. meeting (A. Raubiskis photo)

As we move into the New Year I hope that things begin to brighten. With some hard work and plenty of luck we may be able to make some progress. Meanwhile, I'll keep watching for that gleam over the horizon - and try to reach it ...

PHILA, PA., C-3 Twinkle II

To celebrate Christmas this year, C-3 did something just a little special by inviting all active members, plus former members, their children, or a brother or sister, niece or nephew. Cartoons were shown on our projector, games for the children, a visit by Santa Claus with candy for the little ones, and a buffet rounded off a perfect way to celebrate the Happiest Season of the year.

For the first time we can remember in Phila., there was a Lithuanian decorated Christmas tree displayed at the Liberty Federal Savings & Loan Association by our members. About 10 of our members made the decorations out of straws and the prize for the best design went to Dianne Beletsky.

Here in Philly to ring in the New Year again were Ed Daniels and Sparky Markunas ... it just wouldn't be New Year's without them.

The very best New Year's parade of all marched down Broad Street this balmy Jan. 1. Aqua String Band stole the hearts of most spectators and parade judges with their rendition of Lithuanian Fantasy. Dressed in our National colors of yellow, green and red, with a knight on the head dress, playing polkas and doing a Lithuanian folk dance, this band won 3rd prize and the captain (only Lithuanian in the group) won 2nd prize. We are sure that everyone who saw the parade at least knows there is a Lithuania and how to say it.

Once again our group of 19 hearty winter enthusiasts ventured to the Poconos for a weekend of skiing, ice-

skating and fun. One of the main features of this weekend was the celebration of Al Ozalis' birthday on Friday night at a surprise party given by his wife and again on Saturday evening when the management baked him a cake. A good Saturday of skiing was enjoyed by Agnes and John Mickunas, Tony Burch, his cousin and friends, Irene Varevice and Walt Svekla, who after practically freezing, topped the day off with hot buttered rum. After all these years of hoping to be snowed in, it finally happened! The snow began to fall late Saturday afternoon and continued through Sunday with winds of about 40 mi. an hour. Just as the roads were plowed, mother nature recovered them and we were kept put until Tuesday morning. With the forecast of more snow that evening, our cavalcade of 6 cars journeyed for 5 hours homeward bound, afraid to be stuck on a mountain top until the spring thaw.

Congratulations to Walt Svekla and Irene Varevice who became engaged Christmas Eve... and to Pat and Tom Meron on the birth of their 3rd child, a baby girl. Best of Birthday wishes to those in February: Walt Svekla, Stanley Petraitis, John Mickunas and Dianne Beletsky.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

CHICAGO, ILL. C-36 Stella Gregor
Feb. 12th was the date of C-36's "Annual Hearts Dance". Music by the one and only "Chester". Merriment and nonsense by one and all. Some members of the committee were Lillian Kodis, Johanna Jakunas, Frank Svelnis, Joe Ulevičius, etc. Chair-C-36 members, Johanna Jakunas, Helen Pius and Helen Pius relax between performances of the K of L Choir. (G. Mack photo)



woman of the crew was Willy Ulevičius.

Happy Birthdays ... in January to Lucille Kilkus and to two little sons of Terry and Faustas Strolia... may many candles burn on your birthday cakes.

Deepest sympathy to Staisiunas's and Kilkus's family upon the sudden death of their beloved father.

Monthly bowling was sponsored by C-36's at Woodmac Bowl, 76 & Western, Jan. 16th. Congratulations to all you pin winners ... awards and meal presented at the K of L Hall. Looking forward in seeing you all at other future bowling get-togethers.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 ARDEE

Our January meeting boasted two surprises. Former member Jean Korsak re-joined our council. Welcome back to the fold, Jean. It's always so nice to renew old friendships. And speaking of friends, our long-time member Adam Oskeliunas was also present. Adam used to be very active in our council and his presence at our dances was a familiar sight to behold. But lately Adam, not being as young and healthy as he used to be, has been unable to attend our activities and for this reason donated \$10 to our council which he requested be placed in the council's treasury. Thank you for your generosity, Adam. Here's hoping your health improves so that we may once again enjoy the presence of your company at our activities.

Well even if the ground hog did see his shadow on February 2, there's still a hint of Spring in the air with Al Zakarka making big plans for our annual Easter Sunday Dance on April 10. Something new will be introduced at this dance. "Snack Plates" (prepared by Julie Zakarka with the aid of her own two lovely hands) will be sold to ease the hunger pangs of those who have "wined" and are ready to "dine". So mark your calendars and make this dance one of the "musts" on your spring social agenda!

At this late date your red-faced reporter would like to welcome a new addition to this mad, mad world. Janet Marie made her entrance into it on Dec. 8, 1965 and although her Mom and Dad (Betty and Jim Bozec) sent announcements to all friends and relatives, no such long awaited entrance

is complete without an announcement in our column in the "Vytis". So - congratulations Betty and Jim, and welcome Miss Janet Marie!



VYTIS staff member Betty Bozec and Janet Marie. (A. Raubiskis photo)

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10
Vincukas

Our council held the annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 5 at the Paxton Inn, Paxton, Mass. About twenty-five K of L'ers and several guests from Worcester enjoyed an excellent smorgasboard. The Rev. M. Tamulevičius led the group in grace. After dinner we enjoyed singing carols and exchanging gifts. All in all it was a fine affair.

A group from Gardner attended the annual Fall Dance held in Boston on Nov. 27 ... Former council chaplain, Rev. A. Yankauskas has been named administrator of Our Lady of Vilna parish in Worcester. Good luck, Father Al ... Past pastor and council chaplain, Rev. John Jutt is now administrator of St. Casimir's in Worcester. Future plans call for renovation of the church, construction of a new rectory and convent, and extensive repairs to the parish school. Best wishes Father, in all your endeavors.

On Jan. 16 our council held a skating party and general get-together at Frank Anoris' camp on White Pond. The day turned out to be the coldest of the season. It never got over zero all day. By late afternoon the temperature reached 52 indoors. Frank had quite a time trying to heat the



Blanche and Charles Genaitis, member of C-10, Athol, recently celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

place. Nevertheless about twenty-five local and out-of-town guests, including C-26's stalwarts headed by Ed Daniels, attended. Norwood was also represented. Everyone enjoyed skating during the day, and supper was an indoor weenie roast followed by dancing.

The Sts. Peter and Paul Lithuanian Benevolent Society of Gardner, which has existed for sixty-one years has dissolved as of Jan. 4, 1966. The Society, which at one time numbered over one hundred, dwindled to twenty-seven. William Wisnauskas of our council had been president for the past eight years, and several other K of L'ers were in the ranks. The society in the past was active both socially and spiritually, and each year it sponsored the Lithuanian Independence Anniversary celebration, picnics, suppers, dances, and plays. It is with sad regret that it has ceased to exist. It is worthy to note that this was the last so-called sick and death benefit Lithuanian society in the area.

The Lithuanian Outing Assn. of Gardner has had a bowling league for the past two years. It numbers forty and the group is divided into ten teams. The members selected Lithuanian names for each team: Žaibai, Vytis, Saulė, Mėnulis, Piragai, Karveliai, Žvaigždė, Paukščiai and Birutė.

Fran Milosh is glad to see all the snow, and she has made many skiing trips this season... Nel Melaika has been traveling to Greenfield to ceram-

ics classes for some time... Al Rodski was seen at the ski-weekend up north... Howie Beaudette is as busy as ever with his forty clubs, societies and associations ... Father Mike visited Gardner at Christmas time and spent some time with the shut-ins at the local hospitals and homes. He also heard confessions of the Lithuanian parishioners of Sacred Heart ... Dick Genaitis will be graduated from Northeastern U. this summer. His mother, Blanche, is studying for her degree in education ... Al and Lil Kuzmickus, owners of Ray's Pharmacy are doing well and are residing in Athol since their marriage ... Doc Gailiunas, it is said, is the best and most thorough dentist in town... Bill Wisnauskas is still busy at his skating, trying for the Olympics, so we hear ... Frank Anoris is preparing his camp for the Spring grand opening... Ann Novack's career of teaching takes her into Gardner each day, from Orange ... Lennie Davodonis is a spark plug of the Athol Camera Club.

WESTFIELD, MASS., C-30

Marcejona

On Sun., Jan. 23 eleven of our more athletic members met for a bowling social. An enjoyable time was had by all, and top scorers were Doris Tarnauskas and Jim Rogers. Our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. V. Puidokas recently returned from a wonderful and most deserving vacation.

The refreshments committee at the February meeting really outdid themselves. Many thanks to Doris Tarnauskas and "Cookie" Coach.

On March 6 we honored the Feast of St. Casimir by receiving communion in a body at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Louise Renaud was chairman of the covered dish supper held that evening.

LAWRENCE, MASS., C-78 ANGEL

The new officers of C-78 for 1966 are as follows: president, Chuck Unick; vice president, Shirley Gobush; secretary, Joan Lisauskas; treasurer, John Verbickis.

Six of our council went on the ski weekend to East Madison, New Hampshire: Shirley, Mary, Diana, Dot,

Chuck, and Bill. Many thanks to Joe and Paula Bundeivith, and Bob Stevens of the Worcester Council for picking us up.

We initiated the weekend Friday night with a visit to the "Enchanted Cottage". We certainly appreciated Carol's Hospitality, as well as that of the Worcester Council.

On Saturday:

Mary and Bill went up the hill, and Shirley was filled with laughter. Mary and Bill skied down the hill, while Shirley went tumbling after.

It was the first time on skis for most of us, but not the last, despite the falls. We don't know how C-78 would have survived without Frank Cirus' guided tours, and his fatherly concern for us. We hope you enjoyed the last of your birthday cake, Frank!

The crackling logs in the fireplace set the mood for Saturday night's seance.

The girls in room 6 want to thank Paula for chaperoning. It was a job well done!

Room 2 resembled a convention hall, with delegates going in and out all weekend. The fireplace was hotter than usual that weekend.

The Indian Snow Dance of Saturday night really worked. On Sunday morning, we went to Mass at North Conway during the snow storm.

It seemed as though we might have been stranded up there, the snow was so heavy. We would have been, if it weren't for three terrific drivers, Joe Bundeivith, Pete Yurkenas, and

Adam Anderson, a member of the Marquette Park Council 112, is the Commander of the Don Varnas American Legion Post 986 in Chicago. He is also the assistant sergeant-at-arms of the Legion's Department of Illinois.



Andy Popowicz, who drove the exhausted, and sleepless C-78 back to Lawrence.

As far as C-78 is concerned, ski weekends are the greatest. We ski wackers had a wild, wackey, wonderful weekend.

The fresh-air fiends of C-78 had a Skating Party at Diana Dwoske's winter chalet on February 27.

On Sunday, March 6, we held our Annual Communion Breakfast in honor of St. Casimir.

C-78 will host the New England District's Spring Convention on the last weekend in April, beginning with a dance on Saturday night. Hope to see you all there!

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25 Irene



Peter Luiza has mounted his steed and once again will lead the C-25. He only requires the full support of the membership to team up with the experience he has (past President 1961-1962).

Officers for 1966: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. B. Ivanauskas; President, Peter Luiza; Vice-Pres., Nellie Arunski; Recording Secy., Carol Paskevica; Financial Secy., Ruth Guzauskas; Treasurer, Sandie Paskevica; Sgt-at-Arms, John Andrulis; Sunshine Girl, Joanna Shigo.

Recent Council Get-Togethers included A "Bowling Session", followed with an evening at the home of Charles and Nelda Machutas. I suspect that they have noticed the decrease in our Council membership. Is it possible that Charlie is planning a "Junior Council" on the West side of town? There are now five children in the family, the latest arrival being Suzanne.

Junior Councils should be "Top Priority" on the agenda of all Councils. Without the Juniors the Council is a "Dead Duck"... Only time will prove this statement to be correct.

If you thoroughly read your "VY-TIS", (November, 1965, Page 14), you know that "Nature is the forgotten teacher to most Catholics today". (It was in English.) The rise of our modern day cities threatens our natural resources. Coming generations may never know the meaning of the word "Nature". The problem requires more than just words... it requires doers and achievers. A small "Investment" you can make is by becoming an Associate Member to an organization helping to protect our natural resources: NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, 1412 16th Street, Washington, D.C. You will receive an excellent magazine!

OLD BUSINESS: Our Christmas Party was a complete success. It was held at the home of Ursula Yankauskas. A job well done to the workers behind this affair. The membership was almost in complete attendance with the presence of Nellie and Al Samas and Helen and Bill Jakubs. I wonder what ever became of that SMITH fellow?

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 SOFFI

This won't be the regular council news column; instead if you'll just wait until I take a break away from my incomparable spring cleaning (who compares?) endeavor, I'll get to work at the typewriter. This special supple-

ment is written with a hope that it will stimulate your thoughts on capturing "instant summer".

Actions start with thoughts, and - NOW - is not too soon to start planning your vacation. The Mid-Central District of Knights of Lithuania is sponsoring its third Youth Week Camp at Camp Dainava. Youngsters 8 through 14 are invited. This is not limited only to K of L'ers. Any child of Lithuanian descent can attend the K of L Youth Week. Many of our young American-Lithuanians no longer know what their ancestry or heritage means. Most youngsters did not have an opportunity to attend schools where the Lithuanian language or customs were taught or if they have "involved" themselves away from the atmosphere, they can be sure to find a good, solid Lithuanian atmosphere at Camp Dainava.

This year, a FAMILY VACATION PLAN will be in effect. It draws family groups (with or without children) for a glorious week of fun, recreation and good companionship. Camp Dainava is a picturesque rendezvous located about 65 miles from Detroit. Facilities for lodging are available at the camp's newly-constructed "White House" UPON RESERVATION. You may contact Joseph Kazlauskas, 19183 Trinity, Detroit, Michigan, 48219, for family vacations. A trip to Camp Dainava is as invigorating as a "well in a desert", both to the body and the mind. For the body - plenty of good, clean, fresh air, fun and relaxation. For the mind - a bit of "old world" Lithuanian culture.

The vacationist, after a week's

Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės Valdybos pirmininkas Juozas J. Bachunas ir Vyriausio Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komiteto pirmininkas Vaclovas Sidzikauskas. (V. Pliodžinsko nuotrauka)



stay, leaves not only physically refreshed but spiritually inspired as well. Sisters of Immaculate Conception of Putnam, Conn. are in attendance all summer. Father Peter Patlaba of Cicero, Illinois is the camp's administrator, counselor and someone "you have a shoulder to lean on". Then, there's a new chapel that accommodates approximately 300 worshippers.

A well-planned program is featured between "those from the younger side" and "those from the older side" who blossom in such activities as swimming, fishing, boating, volley ball, baseball, basket ball, table tennis and arts and crafts. You will find this reflected in the campers who have been there in previous years. Many talented "new-comers" have joined holdover campers and woven together with the melodic offerings of a hilarious program that promise "camp patrons" a day to remember.

The camp program takes several months in the efforts of our committee to prepare and carefully plan. This is not a job of one person, one council, or any single group. It must be a cooperative effort. Your cooperation is very essential - as a member and as a Lithuanian.

As a member we seek your support and interest in sending your child to the K of L Youth Camp.

As a Lithuanian you can make significant contribution by recruiting a youngster to attend the camp.

In conclusion, we want to remind you - this will take place the week of July 31 to August 7. Requests for camp applications or other information can be made through you council's president. Or locally, by phoning VE 5-2280.

From the hustle and bustle of everyday living, we warmly invite you to come to the relaxed "annex" of Camp Dainava. We sincerely hope you will.

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 ELEANOR M.

Our annual election banquet was held Jan. 15 at Holiday Inn with the greeting, "Welcome Knights of Lithuania." Cocktails and some delicious hors'doeuvres were appreciated preceding the dinner. During the course of the meeting Ada Sinkwitz



Attending the Supreme Council meeting in Chicago were: Robert Boris (Detroit) Past S. C. Pres.; Alexander Wesey (Great Neck, N.Y.) Nat'l. Pres. and Frank Vaskas (Newark) Honorary Member. (A. Raubiskis photo)

received her Third Degree from our Spiritual Advisor. Congratulations, Ada. Rev. Fr. Titus Narbutas, our spiritual advisor gave us an enlightened speech. We will try to follow his advice and be more progressive in this year of 1966 not only in our social endeavor but spiritual programs and Lithuanian Affairs and Culture. We bestow our thanks to all our officers of the preceding year and wish our new appointee a successful term. Our debt of gratitude to Elaine Lucas, Judy Petrokas, and Lauretta Omlor and to all others who made this banquet the best yet.

The officers for this year are as follows: Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Fr. Titus Narbutas; President - Miss Judy Petrokas; 1st Vice President - Mrs. Eloise Berczelly; 2nd Vice President in charge of Juniors - Mike and Fran Petkus; Treasurer - Frank Gudelis; Secretary - Alice Petkus, Financial Secretary - Fritzie Mikalauskas; Vy-tis Correspondants - Eleanor Mantz

and Kitty Prasmantas; Condolence Secretary - Ann Boeke; Trustees - Veronica Omlor and Ada Sinkwitz; Sgt-at-Arms - Andy August; Co-Chairman of Sports - Bill Knoeffle, Anita Goldick, and Gus Blum; Saryšis Representatives - Joseph Gucus and Charlie Petkus; Cultural Chairman - Mary Lucas; Religious Chairman - Pat Zelinskas and John Scott; Ritual Chairman - Stan Vaitkus; Lithuanian Affairs - Ann Scott, Elaine Lucas and Lauretta Omlor; Social Chairman - Phyllis Mayauskas and Sarah Petkus; Telephone Squad Chairman - Ida Kavy; Photographers - George Mikalauskas and Frank Ambrose.

Some of our lucky members have been visiting that warm sunshine state of Florida, the Sinkwitz's and Omlor's. - We are happy to welcome back to Dayton Phyllis and Jim Ritchie. - We express our condolence to Curly and Eva Leasure on the death of Curly's mother.

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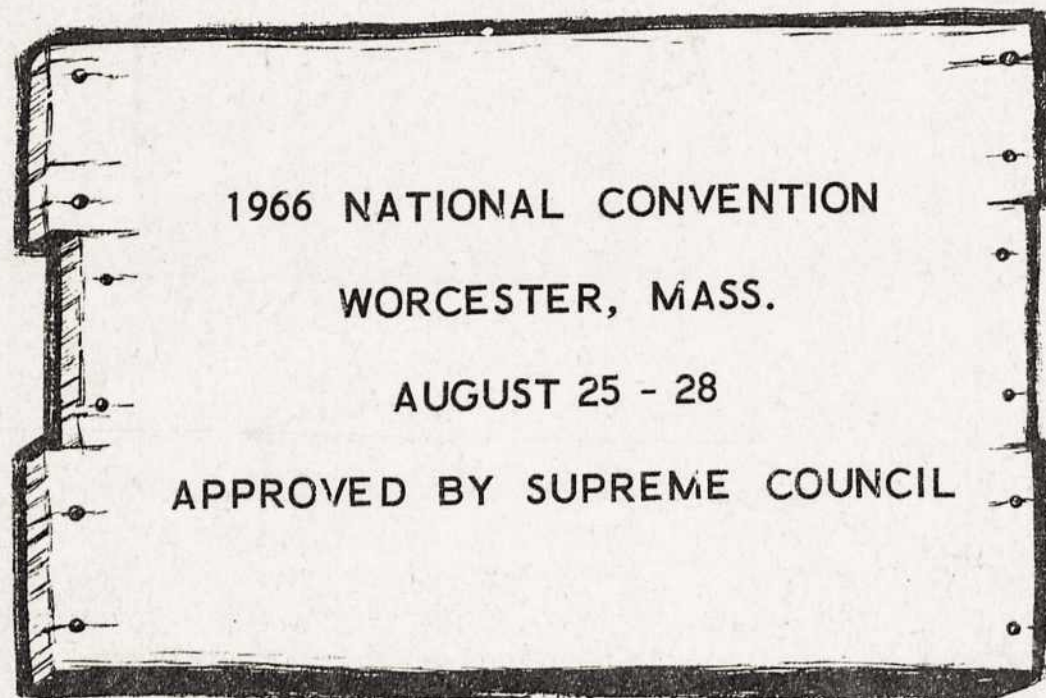
MIDWAY HOUSE

Contact Al Kassel, 5715 So. Nordica Ave.,
Chicago, Ill. 60638 for further
information.

Rev. Peter Cinkas, MIC
Marian Hills Seminary
Clarendon Hills, Ill.

Return Requested:

VYTIS
1625 W. Marquette Rd.,
Chicago, Ill. 60636



Jack Sharkey gauna Sporto Istorijos Knyga iš John Jakubs. Buvęs Pasaulio Kumštinių Čempionas Sharley buvo atvykęs į Chicago, kur jis dalyvavo Sporto prografoje Amphiteatre nuo vasario 2 iki 20. (V. Noreikos foto)

K of L Calendar

- Mar. 10 - Illinois-Indiana District Meeting, K of L Chicago, Ill. (note: Date change)
- Mar. 13 - New York-New Jersey District. Annual Communion-Breakfast and District Meeting. Place to be announced.
- Mar. 27 - C-13, Chicago, District Bowling Social
- Apr. 10 - C-112, Chicago, Annual Easter Dance, K of L Bldg., Chicago.
- Apr. 23 - J. Stukas' 25th Anniversary of "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Program, Newark, N. J.
- Apr. 30 - New England District Spring Convention, Lawrence, Mass.
- May 1 - Mid-Central District 6th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio.
- May 20-22 - Mid-West Bowling Tournament, Ford City Lanes, Chicago, Ill.
- Jun. 30-
- Jul. 3 - Lithuanian Youth Congress and Song Festival, Chicago, Ill.
- Jul. 4 - Illinois-Indiana District Annual K of L Day Picnic, Butchas Grove, Willow Springs, Ill.
- July. 31 -
- Aug. 7 - K of L Week at Camp Dainava, Manchester, Mich.
- Aug. 25 -
- Aug. 28 - 53rd National Convention, C-26 Host, Worcester, Mass.
- Sept. 4 - Our Lady of Siluva Chapel Blessing and Dedication Ceremonies, Washington, D.C.

LIET. SPORTO ISTORIJA

Skaitykit ką Amerikos lietuviai nuveikė sporte pereitus 65 metus, kokie klubai ir rateliai veikė per tą laiką. Kaip Amerikos lietuviai lankydami Kolegijas ir Universitetus atsižymėjo svetimtaučių tarpe. Skaitykit kokie Amerikos lietuviai atletai dalyvavo Lietuvos Olympiadaj 1938 m., jų vardai ir paveikslai ir sužinosit kokius stebuklingus daiktus atliko mūsų senos kartos drutuoliai.

Taip pat kokie Amerikos lietuviai krepšininkai aplankė P. Ameriką ir Australiją, jų vardus ir paveikslus. Matysit ką nuveikė Lietuvos Vyčiai sporte pereitus 50 metų, rasit jų vardus ir ratelių paveikslus. Patariu, kad kiekviena Vyčių Kuopa turėtų nors vieną knygą kad ateinanti gentkartė matytų ką nuveikė sporte. Knygos yra parduodamos po \$4.00 dolerius.

Rašykit pas John Jakubs 2735 W. 43rd St., Chicago, Ill. 60630.

A Lithuanian Sports History, written in the Lithuanian Language, by John Jakubs of the Chicago Seniors, is now available. Cost \$4.00, Write to Mr. Jakubs, 2735 W. 43rd St., Chicago, Ill., 60632.

J.J.