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LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS AND MARY!

FATHER VAL

For many years, with the generous material support of the faithful in more prosperous circumstances, missionaries have been adopting, educating and christianizing abandoned infants of uncivilized, underdeveloped and impoverished peoples. In more recent times, especially since the last World War, the adoption of war orphans has become a commendably organized practice of christian charity. Many of our own citizens have provided decent homes and a worthwhile education toward a future life in a free world to literally thousands of children orphaned by the ghoulish instigators of war and their life devouring instruments of destruction.

As meaningful and helpful as material assistance is to the oppressed - the moral support, comfort in hardship and the hope of a final escape from the dread clutches of tyranny extended to the enslaved by the freedom loving and peace searching nations, are at least equal, if not a more fortifying force to continue to persevere and fight for breaking of the shackles of the oppressor.

There is a far more potent force in relieving and consoling humanity in such unfortunate circumstances as mentioned above and that is the intervention of an all just, all provident, and all merciful Supreme Being. In our present fascination with our own achievements in intellectual progress, particularly in the field of science, accompanied with the unprecedented inflation of material affluence, this most important of all forces, for all practical purposes, even by those who accept the existence of a Supreme Being, has been relegated to the last place, and sometimes even completely ignored. Only, as past experience has testified, when intellectual wizardry has failed and material prosperity turned to utter poverty, then with bowed head did man turn for salvation to Him who uses both human wisdom and ignorance, the bounties of the earth and its wastes, human power and weakness to reestablish normal well-being among men toward the complete fulfilment of His Own ultimate plan.

The land of our forbears at present is existing, if that is the correct word, under the tyranny of a despot, the like of which has hardly ever been duplicated in the annals of past history. Those of its offspring who have managed to escape and find refuge in more neighborly and friendly lands have employed all possible means of relieving the grip or completely breaking the yoke strangling those left in the fatherland where freedom once reigned for all. They appeal to larger, stronger, freedom loving allies, especially to representative government men in congress of our own peace-loving country. They have petitioned them and other nations

to make their cry for help resound in the halls of the United Nations. So far their pleas have received merely promises of support and encouragement to continue in the fight for the resurrection of freedom.

More than this loyal sons and daughters of a once-free Lithuania have not forgotten their enslaved brothers and sisters by, as frequently and ably as possible, to supply them with at least the mere necessities for staying alive. Food, clothing, medicines, have been, in one way or another, crossing vast expanses of the world to their dear ones existing under the enslavement of a godless conspiracy.

Nor have they forgotten the lessons of their forbears about God's providential care for His loved ones and how in all times good or bad He should always be first in mind. Besides their private devotions to God, they have come together in large numbers on special occasions, like the anniversaries of their country's independence, on the feast of their patron St. Casimir, on the commemoration of the visitation of their land by our Blessed Virgin at Siluva and the anniversary of the



dedication of the Lithuanian nation to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Our fatherland still remains under the crushing tyranny of the oppressor. However, Our Lord Himself tells us never to cease knocking and to do so in all ways possible, and eventually our petition will be heard. With this in mind, a few years ago the then national chaplain of our organization, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, with the blessing and support of His Excellency Bishop Vincent Brizgys, conceived an adoption plan, whereby each council of the K of L would adopt a parish, a village, a town or city in Lithuania. Their contribution toward the cause would consist in the offering of a daily prayer in behalf of the community which they had adopted. The prayer was composed, no longer than the one of the morning offering promulgated by the Apostleship of Prayer Society, in both English and Lithuanian languages. Its formal promotion began with the March, 1964 issue of the "Vytis" with the publication of the prayer itself.

At the last session of the Supreme Council in Chicago, Robert Boris, a former national president of the K of L, zealously involved in the movement, reported that the whole idea, either never took a strong hold or for some unknown reason bogged down. It is difficult to understand why an organization upon whose banner is engraved as part of its motto FOR GOD, would fail in an effort primarily directed to a fuller involvement in its

motto and one requiring so little effort on the individual member.

We also have what is known as the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, whose main purpose consists in supplying information by means of letters to various channels of communication and particularly to our representatives in government about the many contributions of Lithuanian Americans to make America what it is today. It would almost be a logical compliment to this committee's work to use this adoption by the prayer plan with a daily reminder to the Lady who condescended to make a personal visit to the beloved land of our forefathers at Siluva. The rebirth, if it can be called such, or the intensification of the movement comes at a most appropriate time, since during this present year on September 4 and 5 in Washington, D.C. we will be dedicating our chapel in honor of our Lady of Siluva in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in our Capital City.

A prayer a day can mean as much as a Care Package a month and maybe much more than a thousand letters to the most influential of human channels.

Copies of the prayer are printed below. Leaflets with both the English and Lithuanian version are available in any number of copies by contacting Robert Boris, 7619 Calhoun, Dearborn, Mich., 48126.

LIETUVIŲ MALDA Į ŠVENČIAUSIAJĄ MARIJĄ

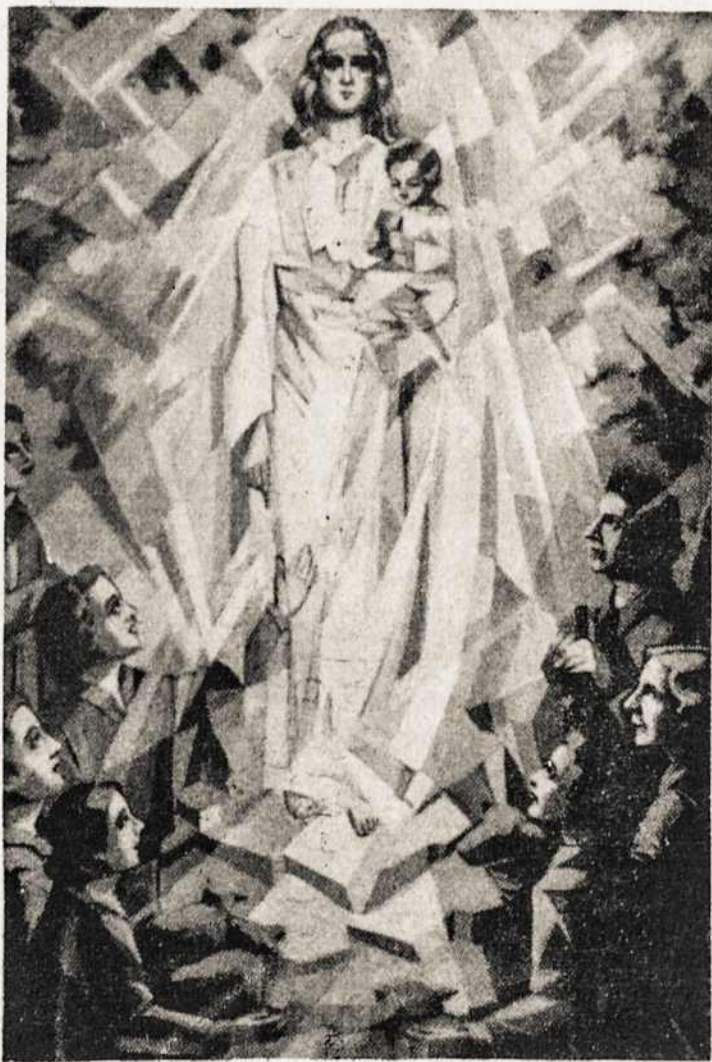
Švenčiausioji Marija, kuri apsireikšdama Šiluvoje sustiprinai lietuvių dvasią, kad jie iki šiol išliko ištikimi Dievui, Tau ir savo tėvynei, stiprinki juos ir dabar, ypatingai dideliuose pavojuose Lietuvoje jų tikėjimui, dorai ir išsilaikymui.

Savo užtarimu, per mūsų Išganytojo nuopelnus, išmelski iš Dangiškojo Tėvo malonę, kad mūsų tautos sūnų ir dukterų širdyse degtų gyvas tikėjimas, karšta meilė jungianti ir tėvynėje kenčiančius ir svetur išblaškytus mūsų brolius ir seseris, kad lietuvių jaunimas brangintų skaistaus ir doro gyvenimo grožį, kad Viešpaties tėviška apvaizda greitai sugrąžintų laisvę Lietuvai ir visą tautą vestų Jo įstatymų saugojimo keliu į taiką, gerovę ir išganymą. Per Kristų mūsų Viešpatį Amen.

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SILUVA

Most Holy Mary, who by your appearance at Siluva, strengthened the soul of Lithuanians, so that to this day they have remained faithful to God, to You, and to their country, strengthen them once again amidst the serious dangers to their Faith, Morals, and their very existence.

By your intercession and our Saviour's merits, obtain from our Heavenly Father the grace that the sons and daughters of our country keep in their hearts a living Faith, and an intense Love which unites us all - those in Lithuania and those dispersed throughout the world. Grant that the youth of Lithuania value the beauty of a pure and holy life, that our Lord's Fatherly Providence grant freedom to Lithuania, and His sure Way lead us all to Peace, Goodness, and Salvation, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



**PRAYER CRUSADE
FOR ENSLAVED LITHUANIA**

JO EKSCLENCIJOS

VYSKUPO VINCENTO BRIZGIO

SIDABRINIAM VYSKUPAVIMO JUBILIEJUI PAGERBTI
AKADEMIJA



Pagerbimas įvyko 1966 m. kovo 13 d., Marijos Aukštesniosios Mokyklos Auditorijoje, Chicagoje. Iš kairės: Petras Dauzvardis, Liet. Konsulas, Chicagoje, Jo Ekscelencija Chicagos Arkivyskupas John P. Cody, Jo Ekscelencija Vyskupas Vincėntas Brizgys, prel. V. Cernauskas, Juozas Kajėckas, Liet. Atstovas Washingtone ir prel. Ignas Albavičius.

Dalyviai garbės svečiai ir Liet. Knights of Columbus Cardinal Mundelein Council garbės sargai.



Programą išpildė Liet. Vyčių Choras; dirigentas Faustas Strolia. Solistas Algirdas Brazis. Taipgi programoje dainavo kiti žymūs solistai - Dana Stankaitytė ir Stasys Baras.

(A. Gulbinskas nuotr.)

Velykos

Velykos krikščionims reiškia Kristaus iš numirusių prisikėlimo šventę, mirties nugalėjimo šventę. Velykų šventė daug džiaugsmo, suraminimo ir vilties teikia ir lietuvių širdžiai. Ši šventė yra pergalė gėrio prieš blogį ir tiesos prieš neteisybę. Žmogus norėjo nužudyti tiesos ir meilės skelbėją. Ji uždarė kape ir ant kapo angos užrito akmenį.

Atseit, Piloto sprendimu Kristus ne tik nužudytas, bet ir uždarytas kape. Jo kūnas guli ant šalto akmens, sąnariai suvystyti, lūpos užčiauptos. Kas bepaliko iš jo žodžių, kurie paguosdavo ir apšviesdavo kiekvieną; kur pradingo jo jėga, kuri nutildydavo vėjus ir audras; kur dingo jo galia, gydanti ligonius ir prikelianti numirusius? Atrodo, kad visa baigta. Tikrai, Golgotos kalne įvykusi tragedija buvo



POV. DIRKIS

klaiki ir kruvina, bet jos finalas - Velykų rytas - Kristaus iš mirties prisikėlimas - linksmas. Kristus prisikėlė, jo nėra toje vietoje, kurioje jis buvo padėtas. Tai buvo Velykų rytas, kuomet nuo Kristaus karsto nusirito akmuo ir vietoje tamsos pasidarė šviesa. Išėina, kad Velykų rytą iš kapo draug su Kristumi kėlės pergalė, pergalė tamsos, pragaro ir mirties. Užtat Velykų rytą skamba bažnyčiose džiaugsmingas Aleliuja, o jų bokštuose varpai savo garsais lydi Velykų giesmę: "Linksmą dieną apaturėjome..." Bet deja, Velykų varpai dar neskamba ir linksmą giesmę neaidi mūsų pavergtoje tėvynėje. Be abejo, kad ten Velykų rytą mūsų brolių ir sesių veidų skruostais riedės gilios liūdesio ašaros. O tūkstantams mūsų brolių ir sesių, sugrustiems Sibiro kacetuose, Velykų rytą, užuot varpų gaudesio, dar didesniu klaikumu žvangės ant jų rankų vergo pančiai. Gi didingos Velykų giesmės aidai, slopins kaceto barakų sienas, o anapus langų žvangės spygliuotų vielų tvoros ir pliki enkavedistų durtuvai.

Ponia O. Kajeckienė su panele Peggy Rusk, Valstybės Sekretoriaus ir ponios Dean Rusk dukterimi, prie papuošto vaišių stalo Vasario 16 Dieną.



Profile...



FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHT
ACE PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN FOR LITHUANIA

Late Saturday afternoon on April 23rd, 1966, for the one thousand one hundred and twenty fifth time the perfect radio voice of Dr. Jack Stukas will go over the air and be heard in thousands of Lithuanian homes in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. It will repeat the greeting that has been heard for twenty five years: "Sveikiname Brangiuosius tautiečius! Šiandien 1125-tąjį kartą dainomis, muzika, lietuvišku žodžiu nukelsime jus į numylėtą pavergtą Tėvų žemelę Lietuvą."

As a young man of 16 years, Jack Stukas started his weekly radio program "Memories of Lithuania" with those words, and this April 23rd will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of that eventful series. The Lithuanian program and Jack Stukas have become an institution in that part of the United States. The high school lad with a radio program of his own has grown up to become a Doctor of Philosophy, heading the Institute of International Business at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey. This is an achievement in itself, but conducting a radio program in our Lithuanian circles necessarily includes a hundred other jobs and promotions. Such radio hours rarely pay for themselves and have to be financially supported by promoting concerts, dances and picnics. Program boosters are also necessary. To produce interesting programs, choirs have to be organized, artists have to be discovered, talent must be encouraged and advertising solicited.

Even though the weekly production of the "Memories of Lithuania" radio program requires many hours of preparation, it can be only a hobby in his life, because he had a living to earn and an education to complete. Then too, when a person as energetic as Jack catches the eye of the public, he gets involved in numerous committees and organizational activities both locally and nationally.

With his radio program "Memories of Lithuania" Jack Stukas began an unusual career in radio, teaching, business and public relations work and, because of his zeal for the cause of Lithuania, he became one of the foremost publicists of Lithuanianism in the United States.

Dr. JACK STUKAS

P. P. ČINIKAS, MIC

If the Lithuanian groups in the New York - New Jersey area would have hired public relations firms to handle the cause of Lithuania and bring it before the people, millions of dollars would have been spent to accomplish what Jack Stukas achieved out of love and dedication for the fatherland of his parents.

No field of public relations has been missed and no personal contact left untouched. With his energy and talent he has gone all out to do "something for Lithuania." Everyone knows of the many Lithuanian recordings he financed, but few realize that he rarely got his investment back. He distributed many copies "where they would do some good" to Lithuanian youth groups and to non-Lithuanians who were interested in the cause of Lithuania or at least appreciated her needs. For many years in New York City, and now from Seton Hall University he conducts an English language program "Music of Lithuania" each week as a part of Seton Hall's International Night.

In trying to get the message of Lithuania across to the public, Jack has a number of "firsts". He is probably the only Lithuanian who was able to produce regular TV programs to commemorate various Lithuanian historical events: He produced them over WATV, Channel 13, in New York City at three month intervals over a period of two years. The project was too expensive for the type of advertising he could attract.

Jack Stukas' speech-making tour of the principal Lithuanian centers of the United States after his visit to Lithuania in 1960 was a classic and his appearances drew standing-room-only crowds.

The appearance of Jack Stukas' book within the next few months will be his latest public relations effort for the cause of Lithuanianism. To earn his doctorate in philosophy from New York University in 1965 he wrote a dissertation on "The Rise of Lithuanian Nationalism". This will be published in book form under the title of "Awakening Lithuania" and will be sponsored by Kazys Sipaila, president of Newark Council 29.

Certainly mention must be made of his twenty five years with the Knights of Lithuania which earned him the Fourth Degree, the highest award that can be awarded to an active member. Jack organized and for a number of years was chairman of the National Lithuanian Cultural Committee. Currently he is organizer and chairman of the K of L Scholarship Committee. He is a member of Council 29, Newark, N. J.

RADIO, SCHOOL AND WORK

Dr. Jack Stukas certainly had many advantages in the course of his forty-one years, but he capitalized on them through hard work and dogged perseverance. He received much encouragement from his parents and three brothers, who make up a very close-knit family and are always ready to help with his annual promotions.

Now he has an added helper in the person of his newly acquired wife, Loretta Kassel, whom he met through his work with the Knights of Lithuania. They were wed on Oct. 10, 1965. Mrs. Stukas is a Master of Mathematics from DePaul University of Chicago, her home town. She is quite a personality in her own right, because of the many activities she has been engaged in. Before her marriage she had been very active in Chicago Lithuanian community affairs, various choirs including the K of L Choir, societies, parish circles and was a former editor of the "Vytis"

Dr. Jack started his radio career over station WBNX, New York City, in 1941 and three years later he went over to station WEVD in New York, and has been there ever since. He conducted English radio programs with Lithuanian music and cultural comments on stations WGYN-FM, New York City and WVNJ of Newark, N.J. At present he also produces an English program of Lithuanian music for Seton Hall University over station WSOU-FM.

All of this radio work was intertwined with studies at New York University for a Bachelor of Science degree, which he earned in 1949. In that same year he was off to England to use a scholarship for studies of European economic problems at Oxford University (Graduate Summer Sessions). Upon returning from Europe he enrolled in the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University, where he was awarded a Master of Science degree in 1951. All formal studies for a Ph. D. degree were finished in 1956 in the Institute of Public Affairs and Regional Studies of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of New York University. While teaching and working, he passed the required oral examinations and defended his dissertation for the doctorate in October of 1965.

The educational part of his career might have gone along much quicker, if it had not been occasionally interrupted by many business ventures.

FROM VOICE OF AMERICA TO SETON HALL

Dr. Stukas will some day need a coat of arms. A microphone will certainly be found somewhere on the shield. After a short hitch in the U.S. Army in World War II, and a brief period as office manager and sales correspondent for White Laboratories, Incorporated, in Kenilworth, N.J., he joined the U. S. Information Services (Voice of America) in New York City as radio director and producer in the North American sector. This work occupied his talents until August of 1954 when the Information Service was moved to Washington, D.C. Then he became a public relations and advertising executive for the Carteret Savings and Loan Association of New Jersey.

Again he changed employers for added experience and joined National Sales Executives - International and was placed in charge of 47 international clubs to direct

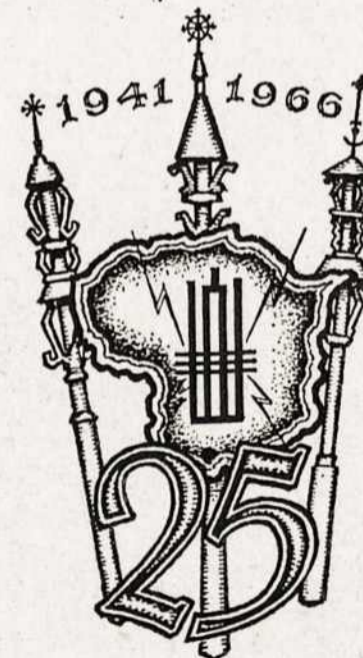
the international programs and travel activities of the association. This position gave him the opportunity to arrange and lead two marketing management seminar teams that traveled around the world twice and visited 42 countries in 1959-60.

Teaching is now Dr. Jack's forte. Seton Hall University claims most of his time where he is an associate professor of marketing in the School of Business Administration and Director of the Institute of International Business. Still he finds time to teach a few courses in the Baruch School of Business Administration of the City University of New York and at the Pace College (New York City) where he is an adjunct professor on the MBA program.

Extra-curricular activities in Dr. Jack's academic life included the chairmanship of the Lithuanian Committee participating in the World's Fair of 1964-65. This committee became especially famous for the erection and the financing of the "Lithuanian Wayside Cross" which made a hit at the World's Fair. Simple as the little Lithuanian nook was, in comparison with the other exhibits, the Lithuanian Cross drew thousands of visitors and caused unusual comment from the visitors at the Fair. This Lithuanian committee certainly scored a first and the Cross became one of the finest pieces of public relations work any nationality could hope for. Using all their contacts, the Lithuanian Committee was able to get a little corner in the Fair which became a sensational exhibit and proved valuable to the cause of Lithuania.

TWO DAYS OF FESTIVITIES

Dr. Jack is commemorating the silver anniversary of his radio hour, "Memories of Lithuania" with a two day celebration: Sat. April 23rd, there will be banquet, program and dance at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Newark, New Jersey. The following morning there will be a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Church at 10:30 A.M. From there the festivities will go over to New York City, in Webster Hall where the former Metropolitan opera star, Algird Brazis, Lionė Juodytė, "Rūtos" and "Žibuoklė" choirs will perform a gala concert in honor of the silver anniversary of a radio hour which is the shining glory of Dr. Jack Stukas.



Mes visi Lietuvos vaikai turime pasididžiuot šiuo Lietuvos Vyčiu ir šia proga - Sveikiname mūsų brangų tautietį, Jokūbą!

Prisiminus A A MYKOLA NORKUNA.

JUOZAS SADAUSKAS



Laikas bėga šuoliais - jau 97 metai, kaip gimė L. Vyčių org. vyriausias kūrėjas - a. a. Mykolas Norkūnas ir jau 15 m. buvo balandžio 1 d., kaip šis mūsų tautos didis tėvynainis, o L. Vyčių org. vadinamas Tėvas, su mumis vyčiais yra persiskyręs ir didžiumoje visi baigia jį pamiršti ir kartais už jojo sielą pasimelsti. Kadangi a. a. Mykolas Norkūnas, ne tik savo tautos ir tėvynės Lietuvos buvo didis patriotas ir lietuviško jaunimo žadintojas, bet ir karštas katalikas, nes jojo laiškuose visada būdamavo prisimenama - Dievas, tauta, tėvynė ir bažnyčia. Štai kokius žodžius jis panaudodavo savo laiškuose: "Lai Dangaus galybės ledžia malones, jūsų darbuotei ir stiprina jaunas širdis meilėje, tautos ir bažnyčios". Juoba, turiu savo archyve apie 25 jojo rašytus laiškus, kurie prasideda nuo 1932 m. ir baigiasi paskutinėmis gyvenimo dienomis ir valandomis.

Taigi, prisimenant a. a. Mykolo Norkūno 15 metų mirties sukaktį, mums vyčiams reikėtų koku nors būdu jį iškilmingiau prisiminti ir pagerbti, nes mūsų organizacijos uolusis kūrėjas ir sielotojas ne vieną valandą ne vieną mėnesį ir metą praleido beorganizuojant L. Vyčių org. O kiek jis praleido ne centų, bet dolerių bevažinėdamas po lietuviškas kolonijas besibeldamas į lietuviškų klebonijų duris ir bežadindamas mūsų dvasios vadus stoti į L. Vyčių eiles ir padėti jam sujungti visą Amerikos lietuvių jaunimą į vieną kūną - L. Vyčių organizaciją. Jam bekeliaujant po lietuviškas kolonijas, bedalyvaujant jaunimo susirinkimuose, jis kartais nuskundžia tokiais žodžiais: "Jau tamstai rašiau, kad ketinu Motinų dienoje būti prie 25-tos kuopos or pasidalinti įspūdžiais vyčių veikloje. Bet aplinkybės keičiasi -

sužinojau, kad ten ir atgal, kainuos apie \$50.00 taigi, tokiam ubagėliui netenka nė sapnuoti." Toliau jis rašo: "Santupos, kurias turėjau, visai išdžiuvo, o išlaidos, apart pragyvenimo, visuomenės reikaluose nė kiek nesumažėjo. Taigi turiu sutikti su Dievo valia.

Šiame laiške įdedu du istoriunius Vyčių ženklelius, vieną "Seneliui", už gražius aprašymus savoje kalboje Vyčių organe, o antrą vytei, kurioji sumanė atgaivinti L. Vyčių 25-tą riterišką kuopą. Sveikata žemyn puola, darbo priešakyje kalnai. Kai kurie pusėtinai, kaip ir nuveikti, bet toli gražu, nesutvarkyti. Užmerkus akis, viskas gali žūti, be pėdsakų."

Kadangi jis čionai prisimena, kad turįs daug įvairios medžiagos ir norėtų ją sutvarkyti, bet apgailestauja, kad jis jau nebepajėgiąs užbaigti to viso darbo, kiek pas jį jojo randasi, dėl sveikatos silpnėjimo, gilesnio amžiaus ir kad saulutė gyvenimo jau ledžiasi ir gal viską reikės palikti nesutvarkius. Būtų pagirtinas darbas, kad atsirastų vienas kitas vytis ir nuvykę pas velionio šeimą, patyrinėtų jojo paliktus raštus, dokumentus ir būtų galima išleisti trumpą jojo viso gyvenimo biografiją - istoriją, nes šis žmogus yra išaręs plačią vagą mūsų išėivijoje, ypatingai L. Vyčių org., kurioje nė vienas Vyčių narys, nėra pakeltas per tokį trumpą laiką į garbės narius, kaip a. a. Mykolas Norkūnas - 1914 m., o L. Vyčių organizavimo klausimas iškilo 1912 m.

Matyti, kad a. a. Mykolas Norkūnas buvo gimęs, daugiausiai mylėti jaunimą, dėl jojo aukotis, puoselėti ir pasakyti jam gražias ir pilnas jaunos dvasios kalbas bei parašyti kuopų veikėjams tokius nuoširdžius laiškus, kokius sugebėjo parašyti L. Vyčių org. Tėvas. Kartais žmogus pagalvoji: gal tik tie gali nuveikti didžiausius darbus, kurie yra tam gimę? Pavyzdžiui didieji istorikai, filosofai, poetai, didieji kariautojai, mokslininkai, kurie tikrai turi būti genijais gimę, kitaip jie nebūtų tokie pajėgūs. Iš mūsų dauguma žinome, kad a. a. Mykolas Norkūnas savo visus laiškus rašydavo tik dzukų tarmėje, bet juose rasdavome gražiausias ir giliausias mintis, ypatingai vytiškus jausmus, kurie ir mažiausios vytiškos dvasios vyti, galėjo padaryti didingu veikėju. Čia padariau vieną ištrauką iš a. a. Mykolo Norkūno

laiškučio, kuris buvo rašytas prieš šv. Kalėdas: "Primk, tikrasis Lietuvos sūnau ir mano didysai prieteliau, šiuos troškimus, kokius jaučiu širdyje dėl jūsų, kurių mano silpnas protas ir ranka ant šio lakštelio per silpnas yra išreikšti pilnumoje. Lai pasaulio Tvėrėjas ir mūsų Atpirkėjas savo gimimo sukaktuvių dienoje, išpildo mano troškimus, dangiškėmis malonėmis ir palaima." Tokių laiškų mes esame dauguma gavę nuo L. Vyčių org. Tėvo ir pirmojo josios prezidento, tik vieni yra ilgesni, kiti trumpesni, bet juose visuose liepsnoja Vyčių dvasia ir jų idealai, ypač tas buvo jaučiama jojo gilesniame amžiuje. A. a. Mykolas Norkūnas ne tik savo gražiaisiais laiškais gaivino vyčius ir jų veikėjus, bet ir savo didžiomis kelionėmis po kitas liet. kolonijas, bet net ir pačioje Kanadoje, jis buvo suorganizavęs L. Vyčių kp., tik gaila, kad ji neilgai tepasilaiškė. O kaip būtų gražu ir garbinga, kad ir vėl užgimtų toks L. Vyčių tėvas, kuris eitų didžiausio Vyčio pėdomis - organizuotų, kurtų naujas Vyčių kp., rašytų visiems tokius gražiausius laiškus; apdovanotų Vyčių ženkleliais ir kitomis dovanėlėmis ne vieną ar ne dešimt vyčių narių, bet šimtus, kaip kitados darydavo šis mūsų tautos sūnus, o L. Vyčių org. Tėvas ir vis daugiau sia savo mažomis santaupomis tą viską galėjo padaryti.

Kitados L. Vyčių vardas skambėdavo, ne tik Chicagoje ir kitose lietuvių kolonijose, bet visoje Amerikoje - nuo rytų ligi vakarų, nuo žiemų ligi pietų ir tas pats buvo mūsų spaudoje, o ne taip, kaip nūnai vieną sykį į savaitę "Drauge", kartkartėmis "Darbininke", "Garse" ir pačiame mūsų organe "Vytyje" vieną kartą į mėnesį, sužinome, kad Vyčiai dar esą gyvi. Atrodo, kad šiais laikais daugiausiai viskas yra daroma patydomis ar nieko nėra daroma ir tartum tik laukiama savos organizacijos paskutinių dienų. Deja, paklauskime: kur mūsų L. Šilelis? Kur mūsų Ignas Sakalas? Kur mūsų gražiadainis K. Jonaitis? Kodėl jie daugiau nebedainuoja tų gražių eilučių, kuriomis anais laikais žadino mūsų lietuvišką jaunimą, o pačių vyčių chorų vadus, ragino kurti gražias lietuviškas dainas ir daineles iš kurių džiaugsmo turėjo ir L. Vyčių org. Tėvas, jų kūrėjas - a. a. Mykolas Norkūnas, kas tais laikais, jaunuoliui ar jaunuolei, uždegdavo širdį, ne tik savo tėvynės Lietuvos meile, bet ir vyčių idealizmu. Šias gražias dainas bedainuojant, štai kun. M. Gustaitis bekurdamas savo gražias eilutes sukuria ir Lietuvos Vyčių him-

ną: "Nuženk Galybe iš Dangaus", o vyčių didžiajam chorvedžiui - prof. ir garsiajam komp. - Aleksandrui Aleksiui, uždegė įrdį ir jausmus ir štai iš šių eilučių gimsta gražusis L. vyčių org. himnas, kurį visa L. Vyčių org. pamilo, o gal labiausiai, tai vyčių Tėvas - Mykolas Norkūnas, nes, kada jis pradėjo jausti, kad jojo gyvenimo saulutė jau leidžiasi, tai jojo paskutinis pageidavimas buvo toks: "Vienas mano prašymas būtų, kad mano karsto nešėjai būtų vyčiai ir jei kapų užvaizda leistų, sugiedotų prie mano kapo "Nuženk Galybe iš dangaus". Tai dalis mano paskutinės valios".

Žinau, kad L. Vyčių org. nepamiršo savo Tėvo - a. a. Mykolo Norkūno - sukėlė didingą fondą ir jojo garbei ir prisiminimui pastatė didingą ir gražų paminklą prie velionies kapo, kuris ir buvo pašventintas balandžio 25-tą d., 1954 m. ir po pašventinimo visi vyčiai dalyviai, štai kokią jie padarė pasižadėjimą: "Brangus Tėve, mes Lietuvos Vyčiai, Tavo garbingos organizacijos nariai, pažadame iki mirties pasilikti uoliais katalikais ir gerais lietuviais, dirbti su lietuviais, ugdyti savyje lietuvišką dvasią, branginti ir vis daugiau ir daugiau vartoti lietuvių kalbą, lietuvišką dainą bei užlaikyti lietuviškus papročius. Mes pasižadame vis didesniu uolumu skleisti vyčių idėją po visą Ameriką. Mes pasiryžtame niekuomet neišsižadėti mums taip brangių lietuvių principų.

Brangus Tėve, pareikšdami šiuos pažadus prie Tavo kapo, mes neabejojame, kad Dievui padedant juos ištikimai išpildysime". Kokie gražūs čia padaryti pasižadėjimai, kad vyčių tėvas šiuos pažadus būtų išgirdęs - iš džiaugsmo gal būtų jis ir apsiverkęs. Broliai ir sesės vyčiai ir vytės, kokią dalį mes pildome šių deimantinių ir giliai dievotiškų pažadų, ypatingai savos organizacijos suvažiavimuose - seimuose? Duokime į šiuos klausimus tikrus atsakymus ir tada jie patys paaiškės, kurioje pusėje mes stovime ir į kurią kryptį mes daugiau nukrypome? Gal mūsų ne kurių atšalusias širdis gali uždegti šie puoselėjimai link Vyčių didesnio veikimo ir pasiaukojimo, kokiais žodžiais prabyba ir net sušunka a. a. tėvas Mykolas Norkūnas: "Lai Danguas galybės ledžia malones jūsų darbuotei ir testiprina jaunas širdis meilėje tautos ir bažnyčios". Mieli vyčiai, išmokime atmintinai, šiuos paskutinius pareiškimus, L. Vyčių org. vyriausio kūrėjo ir sielotojo, kad jie visada pasilikėtų mūsų mintyse ir širdyse.

*Lietuviais
esame mes
gimę...*

POV. DIRKIS

Tai labai populiari ir graži giesmė, kurią mes dažnai girdime Vyčių chorą giedant. Tai lyg antras Lietuvos himnas. To himno autorius yra Dr. Jurgis Sauerveinas, lietuvių literatūroje žinomas Girėno slapyvardžiu. Nuo jo mirties praeitais metais sukako 55 metai. Nors Sauerveinas-Girėnas Hanoverio vokiečių kilimo, bet taip labai buvo pamilęs Lietuvą ir lietuvius, jog ne tik tą himną mums parašė, bet yra prirašęs daug eilėraščių iš savo gyvenimo Klaipėdos krašte - Šilininkuose ir Lazdynuose. Gan svarus pluoštas Sauerveino-Girėno poezijos, lietuvių dainos, išleistos dar

1905 metų rinkiny. Gi, "Lietuviais esame mes gimę", jis yra parašęs dar pirmaisiais "Aušros" metais - 1883 m. O 1882 m. laikraštyje Ceitungoje jis buvo idėjęs labai svaraus turinio eilėraščių "Lietuva ant visados", kuris gali stovėti greta tikrosios vėsk. Antano Baranausko ir Maironio-Mačiulio patrijotinės lyrikos. Lietuvą Sauerveinas-Girėnas, kaip matyti iš jo eilių, bus pamilęs pirmiausiai dėl jos kalbos gražumo ir senumo. Jis sako: lietuvių kalba tokia brangi, jog ją tenka mylėti, net jeigu ir "šunys prieš ją lotų". O lietuvių tauta gyvuos tol, kol gyvuos jos kalba.

This is the first of a series of articles to be written by our National President for your consideration and approval. All comments and rebuttals are asked to be sent to the VYTIS or to the National President.

A REVOLUTION

To paint a picture of an organization is to say it's problems and its potentialities are many. What are some of these problems? Well, for one - there is the attitude of the group.

A defeatist attitude is an attitude of the lazy, of the overstuffed, of the complacent ones. Let us ask, what is the future of the satisfied ones, the overstuffed, or the complacent. There is no future for these people; they are unconcerned, selfish, and in a rut. They will say, "We are satisfied, let things be as they are. We are doing all right. We are happy."

Now let us think about the ambitious, live-wire attitude of any group. This means action, and sometimes, a revolutionary attitude in any cause or endeavor. This is what we need in the K of L organization today - A REVOLUTIONARY ATTITUDE!

This revolution should be planned and instigated. But, by whom? Is the Supreme Council the one, or is it the membership? Naturally, it cannot be the membership, because the membership cannot contact one another, and it takes a National Convention - provided all rules are fulfilled and correct - before the membership can act. Usually a revolution is a reactionary group, or an eccentric group, depending on what is to be accomplished. Violence and force is a method of revolution, but reorganization and changing management is another form. Here you might say reformation, but before reformation, there must be revolution. So let it be the Supreme Council that starts it.

The following thoughts and pages are from the Supreme Council President.

First, let us consider the future of our organization in its most important asset, and that is membership. Without members there can be no organization. So where can we get new members? New, full fledged members are hard for us to get. Being American and Lithuanian is not enough. We have had drives every year, and especially since the end of the war (say 1945, 1946) to raise the membership, and we haven't succeeded. We have just about held our own and that is not satisfactory. It is not increasing. The war is the culprit that stopped our activity; it stopped our increase in members.

Following the war we had an influx of Lithuanians into America, all American-Lithuanians thought that



this would be the best thing that happened to Lithuanian-American organizations. Now we would get new members, we would learn Lithuanian culture, we would be enriched with new ideas, etc., etc. This was a big disappointment, as a very small percentage of these displaced persons joined any American-Lithuanian organization - including the Knights of Lithuania.

We are glad some displaced persons did join our organization, and did help us with Lithuanian culture, with Lithuanian thoughts and explanations. The few new members of this calibre have also learned about our K of L organization, and today they are proud and will not quit our organization. Let us hope they will stay with us in our new look.

SO FOR NEW MEMBERS, WE MUST LOOK TO SOME NON-LITHUANIANS. This does not mean that we will make non-Lithuanians full fledged members. It will only mean that we must accept non-Lithuanian spouses in our organization. They would, of course, be accepted with certain restrictions. They will not take over our organization, because there will not be that many, - but they will give us a boost. We know there are many non-Lithuanians - not even spouses - that speak well of our organization and who are close to us as friends.

Now who would benefit from the non-Lithuanian infiltration in our organization. Financially we would benefit by increased membership, by more workers in Councils, and more workers on committees. It would certainly benefit the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. If these new members would not feel like writing concerning Lithuanian activity, they certainly would feel it regarding war on communism.

Further, do you realize that we will accept a child of a Lithuanian marriage in our organization as a full fledged member, - but NOT the non-Lithuanian spouse. That means to say that if one parent is Lithuanian, we consider the child a Lithuanian. With this attitude then shouldn't a spouse - who is loved, who is taken in wedlock by a Lithuanian sweetheart - shouldn't such a person be a member with restricted rights? OF COURSE! God did not distinguish one nationality from another, so we in America - the nation of all nationalities - should be broadminded about this.

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Now I will get into another field of controversy. Are we today the "Lietuvos Vyčiai" of 50 years ago? No, we certainly are not! If we went into the history of our organization, and why it was organized some 50 years ago, we would find it was organized primarily as an organization of immigrants to help one another. They did have picnics and dances and choirs, and were very active, and ENTIRELY LITHUANIAN. The "Vytis" then was published completely in Lithuanian. (I will bring a few of these historic copies to the National Convention for display.) So you see, they were a religious, patriotic, social, and benefit organization with one tongue. We are born of these first organizers - or even a second generation - so how can we say we are the same "Lietuvos Vyčiai?" How can a new member, if one parent is non-Lithuanian, say he is the same kind of "Lietuvos Vytys"?

In this same line of thinking, can we say, "Mums viską davė Lietuva?" The above paragraph here, too, applies, that the first organizers "gavo viską iš Lietuvos." But did we? To some extent, yes - for a parent or two, but most of us are American grown. I will write to our Hymn Composer and see what his feeling is about this thought.

Now for finances. The Supreme Council had a meeting in February and the attending personnel unanimously voted to increase dues of membership. Dues will be discussed at the next National Convention in Worcester, and the recommendation is for dues to be \$5.00 per year.

That means 50 cents of the increase will go to the Supreme Council and 50 cents will remain in the council's treasury.

Our Supreme Council treasury needs a build-up. Everything that is done must be done economically, as there are no excess funds. All the active members of our organization - whether it is Supreme Council, District, or Committees - have no allowances for traveling expenses, telephones, etc. Imagine that - your active members are not getting carfare, etc., for the time and worry they devote to our grand organization and its ideals! Well, let's change that and try to build up the treasury.

One way of building up the treasury can be done by having a Knights of Lithuania Honor Fund, or Donors Fund - or something similar - and ask for donations to this fund. This could be asked of Honorary Members, or Seniors, or any member (or non-member) of the organization. The Supreme Council, or a special committee could handle this, and if it is to be in a reserved, non-publicized way, the Committee should be asked to send personal letters asking for donations.

Adding these donations to the increase of dues, plus potential new members through Senior members and non-Lithuanians, our treasury will get a good boost.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and time in reading the above thoughts.

Al Wesey,
National President

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FOUNDERS DAY

April 27 is officially designated as KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDERS' DAY. On that day, 53 years ago, our organization formally came into being. This would be a most appropriate time for councils to acquaint new members with the K of L History. Copies of the history are available.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you move and the VYTIS is mailed to your old address it is impossible for us to send a duplicate copy to you. The Post Office, providing you have filed a change of address notice with them, will notify you to send postage before they will forward the magazine. To avoid additional expense and to assure yourself of receiving the VYTIS promptly, send a notice of your new address to: Johanna Jakunas, Fin. Sec'y., 4357 So. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill., 60632.

"VYTIS" DEADLINES

May - deadline, April 5th
June-July - deadline, May 15th
August-September (Pre-Convention Issue) - deadline July 5th
October (Convention Issue) - deadline Sept. 5th

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.

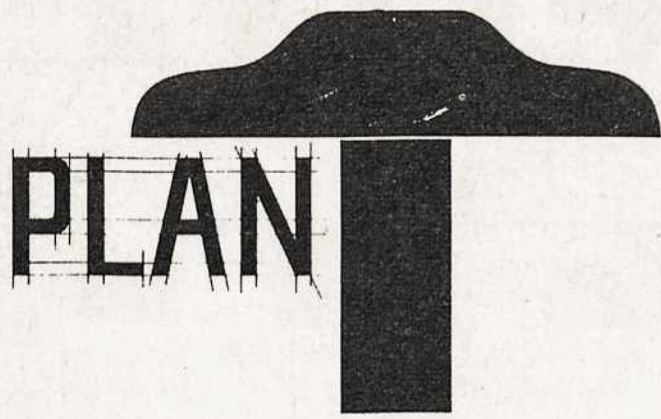
Earn SEVEN points for each new or re-activated member you enroll during FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL, 1966.

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.



Eleanore H. Laurin
Membership Vice President



Nothing happens by its self. There is always some motivating force or action which causes some reaction or result; that in turn - further result - that in turn ...

YOU can be that motivating force ... if you take ACTION. Plan. Set up a goal. Take a count of the members you now have in your Council or District. Take a count of the members you now have in your Council or District. Take a count of how many eligible people in your area (ages 5 to 85) who are NOT members. Decide just how many of these people you not only CAN but also SHOULD sign up. Then go ahead and DO IT. Call, write, knock, invite. Call again, write again, knock again, invite again. Keep at it.

Let's be realistic! How many of US joined by just reading a leaflet which we happened to get once? How many people will join us if we have a small paragraph printed somewhere stating that the K of L will have a social after a meeting and all prospective member are invited?

Our appeals and appeal must be repetitive and relentless. If one plan brings only 10% results, try a second one. When that brings in 10% additional results, go to it again.

There should be no board or regular meeting without a reminder membership pep talk. There should be no activity planned without prospective membership in mind. There should be no member who does not have an eye out for a new K of L' er no matter where or

when he or she comes in contact with people. Don't let up!

Our Tree of Life will bear fruit only if we PLAN, DIG, DRIVE, Drive, drive.

As of March 1st, only 41 new or re-join members were enrolled.

As of March 1st only 32% of the present members have paid their 1966 dues. What are we waiting for - a new social security plan which will pay K of L membership dues? Did Superman or Batman promise to save us at the last moment? With the statistics as they stand now - it seems that our complacency can be justified only by some such "well founded and realistic" hopes.

Council 26 is still the leader with 10 new members. Council 112 is still runner-up with 8 new members, one more than last month. Council 7 has added one more, making 4 new members. Council 111 has added 1 new worker for the cause. And the few others, who bothered to take any action, remain the same - Council 25 Srs. (4), Council 100 (4) Council 79 (3), Councils 3, 25, 13, 36, 102, 113, 133 and Chicago Srs. with (1) each. Not even 50% of the active councils have added to our Tree of Life. Valio for those who did.

But - before we get used to some of the smug looks, let's take a look at how these councils who are contenders for the Membership Drive Awards stand in overall paid-up membership:

PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP as of MARCH 1, 1966

C #	% Pd	9/65	3/66	C #	% Pd	9/65	3/66	C #	% Pd	9/65	3/66
7	102%	50	51	1	0%	16	0	100	0%	21	0
12	100%	31	31	5	0%	9	0	113	0%	16	0
112	92%	119	110	10	0%	16	0	116	0%	34	0
3	64%	36	23	14	0%	12	0	133	0%	31	0
17	63%	30	19	18	0%	3	0	135	0%	10	0
96	61%	72	44	19	0%	34	0	139	0%	17	0
30	60%	30	18	24	0%	6	0	<u>SENIOR COUNCILS</u>			
109	60%	20	12	25	0%	26	0	Pgh.	100%	2	2
102	54%	46	25	27	0%	18	0	111	89%	19	17
36	32%	56	18	29	0%	81	0	25	79%	33	26
13	30%	25	4	41	0%	14	0	Chgo.	50%	44	22
82	30%	10	3	52	0%	41	0	133	50%	32	16
61	20%	5	1	67	0%	4	0	41	0%	19	0
79	5%	116	6	78	0%	11	0				
26	1%	130	1	90	0%	30	0				

JUNIOR NEWS

SO. BOSTON JUNIORS

The time really passes by and this reporter has some news-bits to report about our Junior council activities. Like the adult council, we had our election of officers and the following were elected to office for the coming year. President; Joseph Genavich, Vice-president Andrew Zaikis, Secretary; Richard Markuns, Treasurer; Donna Zuzevich, Sergeant-at-Arms James Markuns. We had our choice of officers in this democratic election and we hope that the rest of the members will serve them and aid them when they call for help.

A television set was donated to our clubrooms and it has helped to brighten up the room. We want to publicly thank the donors for the television set.

A communion breakfast for our mothers is in the planning. Altho it won't be a large spectacular affair but it will show our mothers that we are thinking of them. The next affair will be a parents communion breakfast in the near future.

We went out last Christmas to St. Joseph's Manor, a home for the elderly. This home is run by our teaching sisters, Sisters of Jesus Crucified, whose Motherhouse is in Brockton. The elderly people look forward

to some sort of entertainment around the holiday season of Christmas. We sang Christmas Carols in English and Lithuanian. It gave us a great thrill and we were sort of choked up when they applauded our singing. When we do acts like this it makes us feel good that we are members of the Knights of Lithuania Juniors.

We had a game night and it was called "Monte Carlo Night". Everyone had a good time playing cards.

With Easter coming we are now in the process of learning how to decorate Easter eggs Lithuanian style and we intend to have a contest for the most gayly colored. A prize winner will be selected.

On the agenda is another bus fundraising affair. We want to go to the Junior Rally which is scheduled for Worcester this year and we need rides. Our plan is to have movies on Palm Sunday and then later on in May we'll have one for a membership drive. To get more members is our objection. We lost four members this past year to the regular council - Gerry Marcinowski, Eleanor Sanda, Carol Witotsky, Jackie Burke. It is hard to lose members of their caliber but we are proud that they were able to advance to the senior group.

Our president is the chairman of

our movie project. Joe Genavich, has appointed Eddie Galvin to take charge of the tickets. This movie will take place on Palm Sunday and we hope that we get more physical response from the seniors. We need their presence not only in the buying of tickets, but also to show prospective candidates that the K of L is behind them one-hundred per cent.

Our club meetings are not only business sessions but we use some of the time to discuss some of the current events. With these timely topics not everyone is in accord and we do have some real lively discussions. Our Saturday morning bowling slumped to a record low this year because of no interest, perhaps next year we'll be able to instill more interest.

Mrs. Rita Venis and John Olevitz are teaching us the method to use in coloring the eggs. May we also offer a bit of thanks to Sister Miriam, John Olevitz and Frank Grigas for giving their valuable time to help guide us in our endeavors. Remember buy a ticket to the movie when one of the Juniors approaches you because we need your support to continue to make this organization a real great one. Until the next month we shall sign off.

Mėgėjui Tinkamas Rašytojas

Left photo: C-13 Juniors who assisted with the arrangements for the I-I District's St. Casimir's Day Commemoration. Right photo: Anthony Giedraitis and the Chicago Juniors in serious concentration on their singing. (A. Raubiskis photos)



Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25

Clevelando vyčių sendraugių kuopa surengė, Naujojoje Parapijoje, kovo 6 d. iškilmingą šv. Kazimiero minėjimą, kur dalyvavo kartu 25 kuopos ir Youngstown'o vyčiai.

Iš ryto 10 val. buvo mišios ir lietuvišką pamokslą pasakė Dvasios Vadas J. Angelaitis. Vyčiai dalyvavo organizuoti su vėliavomis ir ėjo prie Bendros Komunijos.

Pirmą valandą buvo iškilmingi pietūs, kuriuos gardžiai paruošė A. Navickienė su K. Petkuniene, padedamos P. Magilienės ir kitų. Sveikinimų dalį pravedė J. Sadauskas, kalbėjo 25-tos kuopos pirm. P. Luiza, Youngstown'o vice-pirm. P. Strainys ir ateitininkų pirm. G. Laniauskas. Pabaigoje buvo apeigos. Iteikta 3 laipsnio pažymėjimai S. ir J. Milams. I 2 laipsnį pakelta 11 narių Clevelando sendraugių pakelta į 2 laipsnį - I. Visockas, K. Petkunienė, P. Zigmantas ir J. Čeriauka.

Pabuvs.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, C-111

Kaip youngstowniečiai vyčiai senjorai minėjo Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės 48-tą sukaktį? Gal retenybė, kad tokioje mažoje lietuvių kolonijoje, kaip Youngstown, Ohio, kur daugiausiai gyvena tik čia gimę ir augę lietuviai, kurių tarpe randasi jau ne viena maišyto kraujo šeima. Atsimenu labai gerai, kaip kitados ši lietuvių kolonija buvo gyva ir skambi visoje mūsų išeivijoje, nes tais laikais klebonavo ne kitataučiai kunigai, bet lietuviai, kurie ir sukūrė lietuvišką parapiją, kurią išlaikė daugumoje lietuvių. Čia kitados buvo mūsų A.L.R. K. S. kuopa, čia buvo apie pora vietinių draugijų, na ir L. Vyčių 111-ta kp. Bet netekus lietuvių klebonų, netekus Vinco Pavio - Pajaujo, mirė ne tik visos kitos draugijos, bet vėliau mirė ir L. Vyčių 111-ta kp. Ir tokioje ramybėje, Youngstowno lietuvių veikimas galima sakyti, kad užmigo. Kelioliką metų išsėjos ramybėje ir neveiklumo miege. Bet po keliolikos metų sugrižus iš Chicagos Vincui Pa-

viui, ne vienam, o su savo žmona Stase, kurie Chicagoje buvo vieni iš uoliausių vyčių veikėjų. Vincas ir Stasė Paviai, ilgai nelaukę, vėl atgaivino Youngstowne vyčius, tik jau ne L. Vyčių 111-tą kp., bdt suorganizavo vyčių senjorų skyrių, kuris nūnai gal yra vienas iš gyviausių visoje L. Vyčių org. Nors tiesa, kad jų skyrius yra neskaitylingas nariais, bet savos organizacijos meile, savo tėvelių timentės Lietuvos patriotiškume yra giliai paskendę.

Kaip youngstowniečiai vyčiai praleido vasario 27 d. ? Sekmadienio rytą visi ėjo prie šv. Komunijos, Lietuvos laisvės atgavimo intencija, o ketvirtą valandą po pietų rytės M. Andrijauskienės puošniuose namuose turėjo savo mėnesinį su-mą, kuri atidarė malda Vincas Pavis, senjorų vyčių pirm. Jis pirmiausiai nuoširdžiai prabilo į visus narius ir tuo pačiu visiems pristatė svečius iš Clevelando - Petrą Luizą, L. Vyčių 25-tos kp. pirm. ir J. Sadauską, kuri kartu pakvietė, kaip L. Vyčių org. garbės nari, naujajai jų valdybai suteikti priesaiką. Toliau Vincas Pavis pakvietė Petrą Luizą tarti keletą žodžių, bet dalyvaujant pirmą kartą youngstowniečių vyčių tarpe ir matant toki gražų ir skaitlingą su-mą, kaip L. Vyčių 25-tos kp. pirm. - jam netrūko vytiškos dvasios ir jausmų, nuoširdžiai prabilo į savo bendraminčius, Mūsų Petras tikrai gėrėjosi ir džiaugėsi, kad ir vėl Youngstowne tapo atgaivinti vyčiai.

Antras buvo pakviestas tarti žodį kitą į savo mylimus ir didžiai gerbiamus youngstowniečius vyčius senjorus, su kuriais jis jau bendrauja nuo jų pirmųjų dienų atkūrimo šioje kolonijoje, kurie šiandien yra pasivadinę vyčiais senjorais - J. Sadauskas, kuris labai artimus ryšius turi su V. ir St. Paviais, su mylinčiu plunksnos mylėtoju St. Markausku ir jojo miela žmona ir su jų pirmuoju vice-pirm. Juozu Strainiu ir su jojo žmona Alėse. Juozas Strainis irgi pasveikino svečius ir pasidžiaugė, kad Clevelandiečiai vyčiai taip artimai bendrauja su youngstowniečiais vyčiais.

Po šių trumpų susipažinimo kal-

belių - sekė su-mo pravedimas. Pirmiausiai nut. rašt. vyte Andrijauskienė perskaitė nutarimus iš paskutinio su-mo, o Step. Janis, jų išdininkas padarė pranešimėlį iš finansinio stovio. Stasė Pavienė, kuri, kad ir buvo sunkokai sunegalavusi ir arti dviejų savaičių išgulėjo ligoninėje, kiek jai pagerėjus, paprašė savo gydytoją, kad ji labai norinti dalyvauti Lietuvos nepriklausomybės šventės minėjime. Josios šeimos gydytojas ukrainiečių kilmės, Stasę paleido iš ligoninės, nes jis būk labai gerbiąs lietuvių tautą ir pačią Lietuvą. Stasė Pavienė jau tiek buvo pajėgi, kad galėjo dalyvauti ir šiame su-me ir net padaryti pranešimėlį iš saulėtos dėžutės stovio. Po finansinių raportų, sekė pasitarimas dėl šv. Kazimiero minėjimo, kuris jau buvo iškilmingai paminėtas kovo 6 d., 10 val. ryto, Clevelande. Visi mielai sutiko dalyvauti savo org. Globėjo šventėje.

Toliau Juozas Strainis padarė pastabą, kad koku nors būdu reikia pagerbti vyčių veiklesnius narius; tai šis su-mas padarė nutarimą, kad narys ar nariai bus pagerbti antruoju laipsniu, kad jiems būtų suteikti veltui L. Vyčių org. ženkleliai. Šis klausimas buvo baigtas pilnu išsigaliojimu. Ir šiuo baigėsi šis gražusis senjorų vyčių su-mas pirm. V. Pavio malda.

Su-mui pasibaigus, stalą puošiant lietuvišku kryželiu ir žirgvaikiu, pirmiausiai buvo sugiedotas Amerikos himnas-"The Star Spangled Banner". Atkalbėta malda, paties pirm. V. Pavio puoselėjančiai pasirošusio minėjimui ir toliau sekė p-lės Audros Blumaitės ir Gail'os L. Biberick duetas "Norėčiau aš keliauti". Nors juodvi ši duetą dainavo be jokio pritarimo pianinu, atliko gražiai ir žavinčiai. Buvo iššauktos net pakartoti. Ypatingai visi stebėjosi iš p-lės Gail'os L. Biberick, kuri ne lietuvių kilmės ir taip aiškiai bei gražiai ištarė žodžius. Ji taip pat dar perskaitė lietuviškas eiles į anglų kalbą išverstas, kuriose, ši jauna universiteto studentė, labai giliai išgyveno. Geriau nebūtų padarius nė lietuvių. Po gražaus ir skoningo skaitymo šių

eilučių, mūsų Petras Luiza buvo vėl paprašytas pratarti keletą žodžių, bet jis kalbas paliko kitiems, o visus paragino su juo kartu sudainuoti porą linksmų lietuviškų dainelių, iš kurių visi susirinkusieji turėjo skanaus juoko.

Iš eilės buvo paprašyta vyte Loreta Blumienė, paskaityti savo šauniai parašytas eiles, kurios klausytojus labai sužavėjo, tartum, kad jos būtų visus nukėlę į pačią tėvynę Lietuvą. Jai buvo suteikta pagarba, už tokių gražių eilių sikurimą ir už puoselėjantį jų pasakymą. Antras - Vincas Pavis skaitė eilutes St. Markausko - "Saulės Brolio" sukurtas, kurios irgi visuose pažadino tėvelių tėvynės Lietuvos meilę. Vincas skaitė ir savo parašytas patriotiškas eilutes, kurias jam pavyko sukurti tą pačią dieną, kada buvo minėjimas. Jojo eilutes talpinau šiame "Vyties" numeryje, kad ir kiti mūsų vyčiai galėtų pasiskaityti, ką youngstowniečiai vyčiai gali sukurti.

Po dainų ir eilių skaitymo, buvo sugiedotas Lietuvos Himnas. Toliau dar buvo pakviestas J. Sadauskas tarti žodį, kaip jam atrodė Youngstowno vyčių senjorų minėjimas. Jojo kalba buvo daug teikianti pagarbos ir meilės youngstowniečiams vyčiams, kad jie taip aukštai gerbia savo tėvelių gimtinę kraštą Lietuvą. Po jojo kalbos dar buvo sugiedota Liet. vyčių org. himnas "Nuženka Galybe iš dangaus". Pasibaigus meninei programai, youngstownietės vyte visus svečius svetingai ir skoningai pavaišino, už ką patys savieji ir svečiai clevelandiečiai vyčiai taria nuoširdžiausią ir vytiškiausią ačiū.

SENELIS

ALto Garbės Pirmininkas Leonardas Šimutis kalbėjosi su PLB Valdybos vicepirmininku jaunimui Vytautu Kamantu apie Jaunimo Peticijos ir Jaunimo Kongreso darbus. L. Šimutis yra Lietuvių R. K. Susivienijimo Amerikoje pirmininkas ir Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo Kongreso Garbės Komiteto narys. V. Kamantas yra PLJK Finansų Komisijos pirmininkas.

V. Pliodžinsko nuotrauka

LIETUVA - GRAŽI ŠALIS

Yra Šalis - Graži Šalis
Kur Mūsų Tėveliai gimė ir augo
Ten Jūsų Mintys Visuomet Traukia -
Į Mielą LIETUVĄ - Jų Brangią Tėvynę.

Mes Jų Vaikeliai - Amerikoje Gimę
Negalim Irgi Pamiršti Brangios Lietuvos
Nes Be Lietuvos - Ir Mūs čia Nebūtų
Branginkim Tą Šalį - Mūsų Tėvelių Brangią.

Kurs Tik Su Žodžiais Garbina Šį Kraštą,
Ir Niekina Šalį Savo Tėvų.
Tas Nėra Vertas Jokios Pagarbos,
Jis Yra Niekšis - Be jokios Širdies.

Tas Jeigu Nori Išreikšti - Tikrą Meilę Šiam Kraštui,
Išmok Mylėti ir Gerbti Savo Tėvų Tėvynę.
Tada Tik Pakilsi Į Šio Krašto Didvyri,
Būsi Pagerbtas - Visų Tautų.

Esi Geram Pakelyje,
Į Tą Saulėtą Brangią Ateitį.
Būnant VYTIS ar VYTĖ - LIETUVOS BRANGIOS,
Paaukok save - Vertingam Tikslui!

V. Ed. Pavis

JUOZUI

Sveikutis Dzūkijos sūnau!
Tave sveikinti sumaniau.
Palinkėti sveikiausių
Ir ilgiausių metelių.
Dzūkija davė Sasnauską,
Krėvę, Pūkelevičiūtę,
Rašytoją Sadauską,
Ministerį Balutį.
Tik Lietuvos "Sveicarija"
Galėjo išauklėti Juos,

Kurie liks istorijoje,
Lietuvos, ant visados...
Ir "Seneliui" linkiu sėkmės,
Plunksna rašyti iš peties,
Kam duoti jai rūdyti?
Nemiršk ką nors rašyti.
Tad norisi man manyti,
Reikia šios eilės rašyti.
Šaukt Valio! Delei Jūsų
Šios sukakties gimtųjų.

Priimk šiuos mano linkėjimus.
Jurgis Kuzas



VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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CHICAGO, ILL., C-13

A TRIBUTE TO ST. CASIMER

The morning was quite cold with blowing snow, but I felt such a warm glow seeing "Old Glory" burst out into such graceful ruffles as she was brought out of the Holy Cross Auditorium by the Don Varnas and the Darius - Girenas American Legion Posts, along with the color bearers carrying our Lithuanian flag as well as the colors of the K of L and the Legion Posts.

What pride I felt within me, to be American, Lithuanian and a K of L'er as the procession turned toward our great, (cathedral-like) Holy Cross Church. And once inside, I had no doubt that everybody felt as I did and knew why we were there - to honor "God and Country". Before the Mass began, four loyal members stood before the altar, with candle in hand and received the Fourth Degree, the Order of St. Casimer. The medals were presented to Dr. Peter Atkociunas, his wife Ona Atkociunas, Ruth Dagus and Albert Zakarka by the celebrants of the Mass, Father Anthony Zakarauskas, District Spiritual



Stanley Pieza, Religious Editor of Chicago's American, receives K of L Man of the Year Award from Father Edward Abromaitis.

Advisor, Father John Savukynas, Pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Parish and Father Edward Abromaitis, Pastor of our own Holy Cross Parish.

The sermon was given by Father A. Valancius, National Spiritual Advisor and pastor of St. Michael Parish. He spoke on "Peace and Brotherly Love - through Charity" and about St. Casimer's true love of God and Country, on which principles were founded the Knights of Lithuania.

During the Offertory, as choir director Mr. Armonas sang the St.

Casimer Hymn, George Paulik, President of C-13 and Eleānore Laurin, District President and S.C. Vice - President presented the Ciborium, the Wine and Water and led a procession to the altar of St. Casimer. There, Anne Rita Paulik, accompanied by Karen Jasaitis and Caryn Stack, (all K of L Juniors), placed a fresh bouquet of red, green and yellow flowers at the feet of St. Casimer. The beauty of the entire church ceremonies were enhanced by the combined voices of the Dainava and the K of L Choirs, under the direction of Mr. Armonas. Many a tear glistened as the Mass closed with the singing of the Lietuvos Himnas.

All the participants then gathered for a luncheon and program. The speakers table included the Fathers A. Zakarauskas, J. Savukynas, E. Abromaitis, Adolph Stašys, the Council's Spiritual Advisor, and Mr. & Mrs. George Paulik, Eleanore Laurin, Johanna Jakunas, S. C. Financial Secretary, Frank Svelnis, S. C. Treasurer, Konstant Savickus, S. C. Legal Advisor, Irene Sankus, "Vytis" Editor and Stanley Pieza, Religious Editor for the "Chicago's American". Mr. Pieza, a member of the Chicago Seniors, showed a very new and fas-

Left photo: George Paulik, Eleanore Laurin, Anne Rita Paulik, Karen Jasaitis and Caryn Stack after presentation of St. Casimir's bouquet. Right photo: (l. to r.) Dr. and Mrs. Atkociunas, Albert Zakarka, Ruth Dagus and Raymond Samoska were Degree recipients. (G. Mack Photos)



cinating sound film "Pope Paul's Pilgrimage of Peace", which highlighted his visits to Asia as well as to New York and the United Nations conference.

This year's "K of L Man of the Year" Award was presented to Stan Pieza for the many times he has found time to assist at the K of L functions with lectures, films, etc., for his efforts on our behalf with publicity in his newspaper and for his constant cooperation with anyone who asks - for the Lithuanian cause.

The praises I received on the arrangement of the entire event, I do not deserve! But only because of the people, here in mentioned, I proudly share the compliments. Without their time and talents, I am but "one pebble".

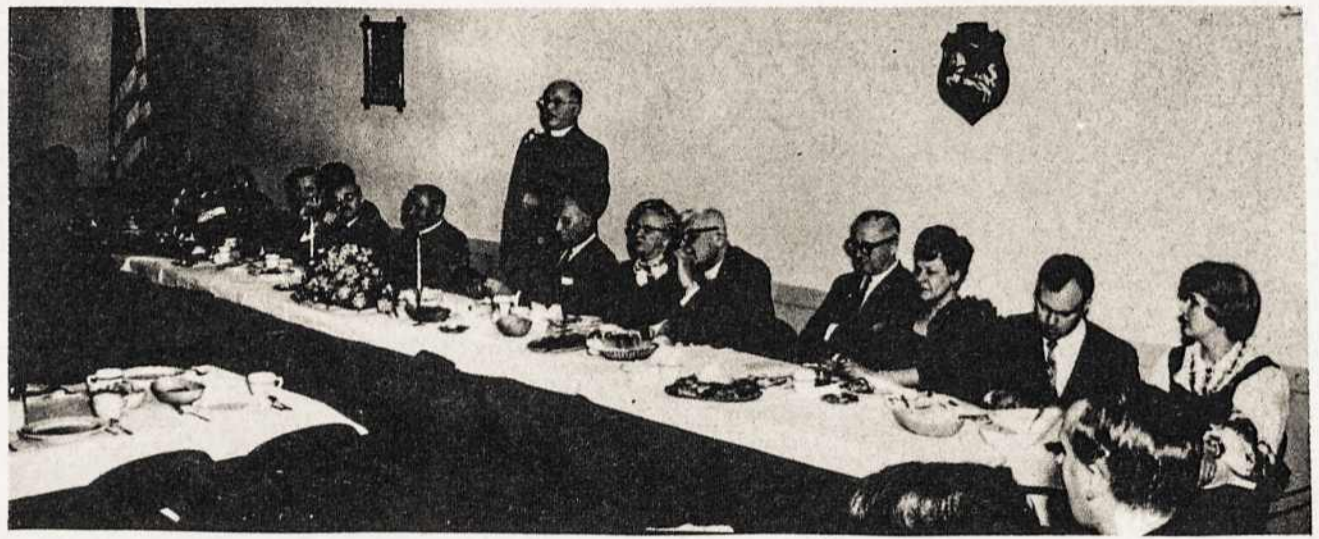
My Committee: Mrs. Jean Stack, Mrs. Bernice Dambrauskas, Mrs. Joan Obler, Mrs. Adeline Jasaitis, Miss Cecelia Kincinas, Mrs. Lucy Schmitt, Mrs. Alvina Montville, Mr. Joe Stakas, Jr., Mr. Stanley Yurkus, C-13 Juniors and Sodality Girls - please accept my thanks to all of you, from the bottom of my heart.

George Paulik
C-13 President

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 Ardee

Our bowling party held on Feb. 27 was attended by 46 eager bowlers. Chairman (in absentia) Al Raubiskis did a fine job of organizing this party, and Al Dagus (acting chairman) saw to it that the finishing touches were in good order. Julie Zakarka is to be applauded for her handling and overseeing the very delicious supper that

Father Victor Rimselis, MIC, receives K of L award on behalf of the Marian Fathers from Eleanore Laurin and Father A. Zakarauskas at I-I "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet. Front: His Excellency Bishop Brizgys and Stanlev Pieza. (V. Noreika photo)



Honored guests at the Illinois-Indiana District's "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet held on February 20th in Chicago (V. Noreika photo.)

was prepared for us. Those virtinis sure hit the spot after a rough afternoon of battling the alleys.

A total of \$23 in prize money was awarded, with the highest prize of \$7.00 going to Gerry (What, again?) Mack and Bruno Shotas, who together "rolled" a total score of 1031. Both are 112 members. Your own rambling reporter outdid herself by bowling 146 in her second game. Now, no money or special acclaim would seem to be in order for this type feat, except that in (?) years of bowling, this was the highest score ever bowled by this poor soul, so a little mention might be in order! (I might add, she went back to her "usual" score, like 85, 90, in her last game!)

A \$20.00 lucky pot, wherein attendants pulled out the lucky or unlucky ticket, was won by the following: Pete Butkus, \$5.00; Al Moćkus, \$5.00; Jean Korsak, \$3.00; Estelle Rogers, \$3.00; Bob Doman, \$2.00; Tony Yuknis, \$2.00.

The annual St. Casimir's Day celebration was hosted by C-13 this year, and certainly one could not find more cordiality and effort to make the day a success anywhere. Father Ed, together with George Paulik and his committee went all out to make this a very lovely occasion. From the hand-made yellow, green, and red ribbon coat decorations (in lieu of the usual carnations) to the very beautiful ceremony of presenting a bouquet to the statue of St. Casimir during Mass, there was evidence of much thought and preparation that went into making this day the success it was.

It is so rewarding on occasions such as this to look around and see the fruits of love and labor that go into our organization, and at times like this, one is moved to reflect on many, many things that are gained by being a part of the Knights of Lithuania - one of the most important being friendship. I recently received a card from a friend with some beautiful words that define what friendship really is. She stated: "When we are born, we all start our own garden - a garden of friendship. In it, we have a variety of flowers. When I was younger, I thought my whole garden was a bed of roses, but I later found out there were weeds to be found among the flowers. Being a good gardener, it was not hard to tell the difference and pull them out." Truly the friendships that are cultivated, nurtured, and come to bloom in our organization form a very beautiful and everlasting bouquet. Looking around at the wonderful faces of our clergy, Father Ed, Father Zak, and Father Savukynas, and to name a few members like Ele-

anore Laurin, Gerry Mack, Irene San-
kus, who add so much and do so much
for our organization, one is certainly
moved to such thoughts on this, St.
Casimir's Day, 1966.

Congratulations are extended to
our Fourth Degree recipients, Al Za-
karka and Ruth Dagis, and to Ray Sa-
moska, on receiving his Third Degree.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

BROCKTON, MASS. C-1 Patty

NEWS FLASH! Our annual Snow-
flake Ball that was held on Feb 5 was
a success! Many thanks to all who sup-
ported our dance and especially to our
good friends from C-27 and C-78. To
add to the evening festivities Pete and
"Ronnie" Bizinkauskas were crowned
King and Queen of the dance. A good
time was enjoyed by all!

In February we also attended the
Ice Follies at the Boston Garden. This
was one of the activities on our Social
Schedule. We plan to attend at least
one function a month. Those in the
future are: March - Annual Com-
munion Breakfast, April - Theatre
Party (includes dinner and a show)
and May - Boston Pops Nite.

Congratulations to John and Mari-
lyn Yuskaitis on the birth of their
fourth son! - - - Red Sox here we
come!

In this issue we would like to in-
troduce to the readers of the Vytis
two new members of C-1 - Bob and
Emily Dillis. Both are very active
in our Parish affairs. For example,
Bob is the President of the Holy
Name Society. Emily is a member of
the Ladies Sodality and has also been
the Prefect of the Sodality. Both are
also active in the Parent Teachers
Guild. We would like to extend a note
of thanks to Bob and Emily for help-
ing C-1 make plans for a future Junior
Council - - - 10 little Dilli's are a
great start! In the issues to come we
will introduce other new members
who have helped C-1 to be one of the
best!

WATERBURY, CONN. C-7 Auksė

Is it fantasy? Maybe a phenom-
enon? Well, not really. True, we
are most heartened by the nearness of
exhilarating springtime; but - we are
pulsating with a new and deeper kind

of excitement. This year marks the
50th anniversary of the founding of
Waterbury C-7. Literally speaking,
we feel very jubilant - like with gold
in our veins.

The local unit was chartered
March 31, 1916 and for a half century
has distinguished itself in religious,
cultural, patriotic, civic and social
service to the community, city, state
and nation. We are rightly proud of
our record and will do our utmost to
make our GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
the memorable commemoration it
deserves to be in the celebrated an-
nals of Knights of Lithuania history.

The initial act was a \$500 dona-
tion to the redecoration fund of the
parish church. Next, our annual Val-
entine and pre-lenten party Feb. 12,
chairmaned by Dr. William Shukaitis.

Traditional observance of the
feast day of St. Casimir was conducted
here Sunday, March 6 under the spon-
sorship of the Knights of Lithuania. A
corporate Communion Mass in honor
of St. Casimir, patron saint of Lithua-
nia and the organization was celeb-
rated at St. Joseph's Church at 8 A.M.
K of L members and representatives
of all the parish societies attended.

Rev. Leonard Kvedas, council
chaplain, celebrated the Mass, and the
sermon was delivered by Rev. A. Ed-
ward Gradeck, pastor. A festive
musical program was presented dur-
ing the ceremonies and at the exit
was provided by a choir under the
direction of Prof. Alexander J. Alek-
sis, organist - choirmaster, whose
compositions "Hymn to St. Casimir"
and the "Knights of Lithuania An-
them" were featured. Vocalists were
Marcella Andrikis, Adolph Campe,
Chesia Kondrasas, Berenice Ortlieb,
Anthony Paliulis, Sophia and Edmund

Stulginskis and Locadia Sulauskas.

Principal speaker at the Com-
munion breakfast, held in the church
hall, was Peter J. Aiksnoras, guidance
director at Seymour High School. Mr.
Aiksnoras stressed that "Lithuanians
should identify themselves with St.
Casimir by imitating his virtues."

City Clerk Frank Shaknaitis,
master of ceremonies, extended May-
or Frederick W. Palomba's greetings
to the assemblage. Other speakers
were Prof. Aleksis, Honorary Mem-
ber; Rev. Raymond Yuskas; James
Valaitis, council president; Miss
Andrikis; Calvin Kerwin; Mr
Campe; Joseph Samoska, Dr. William
Shukaitis and William Gervickas,
breakfast committee chairman.

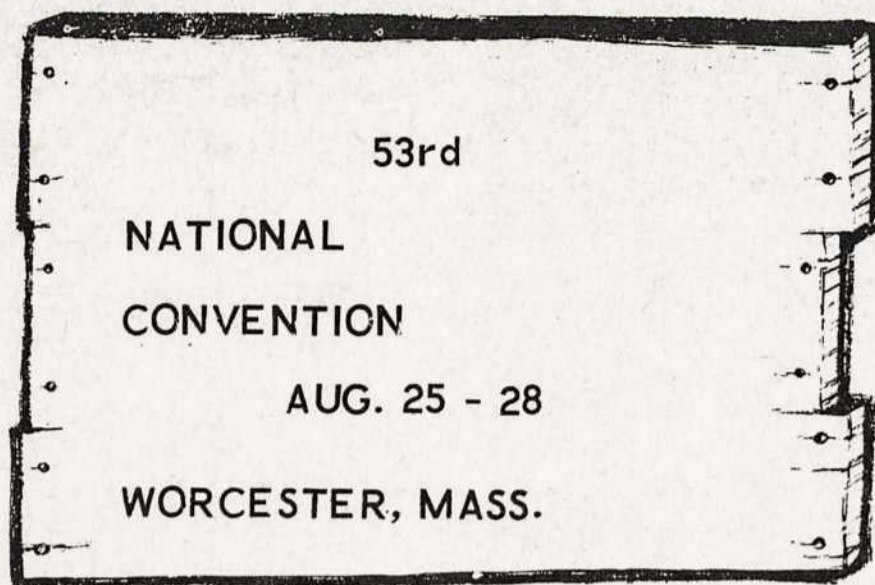
Throughout the day, Waterbur-
ians of Lithuanian lineage fervently
prayed to their heavenly patron and
advocate to help hasten Lithuania's
liberation from Soviet occupation and
oppression and the fulfillment of the
meaning of his name "bearer of
peace" to mankind.

The year's social gala will be
the Jubilee Dinner Dance in St.
Joseph's Hall, May 21, with many
prominent guests attending. Calvin
Kerwin heads the enthusiastic com-
mittee for the event. Supporting slate
comprises Rev. Leonard Kvedas,
chaplain, James Valaitis, president,
Albert and John Alankas, Marcella
Andrikis, Nell Diggles, Lillian Pau-
lauskas, Walter Pitcavage, Patricia
Richards, Joseph Rutkauskas, Otto
Shatas, Edmund Shukaitis, Dr. Wil-
liam Shukaitis, Mary Undraitis. Time
will turn into golden moments dancing
to the delightful music of Al Jarus and
his orchestra.

In paucis verbis - we're going
to have a grand and glorious year.

Waterbury, Conn., C-7's Golden Jubilee Dinner-Dance Committee. Seated
l. to r., Marcella Andrikis, Calvin Kerwin, chairman, James Valaitis, coun-
cil pres., Nell Diggles, Lillian Paulauskas. Standing l. to r., Otto Shatas, Ed-
mund Shukaitis, Walter Pitcavage, Dr. William Shukaitis.





ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10
Vincukas

The Athol-Gardner council held their annual meeting in St. Francis Church Hall, at which time the following slate of officers was elected: Pres., Dr. Henry Gailiunas; 1st vice-pres., Frank Anoris; 2nd vice-pres; Howard Beaudette; treas., Nellie Melaiika; finc. secy., Lennie Davidonis; rec. sec'y., Frances Milosh; Spir. Advisor, Rev. Michael Tamulevicius; VYTIS Corr., William Wisnauskas; social chairman, Alvin Rodsky; and ritual chairman, Mary Gauronsky.

New council members admitted during the year were Charles and Blanche Genaitis, and Lillian and Alec Kuzmeckas.

Miss Ann Novack was chairman of the St. Casimir's commemoration. On Mar. 13 the St. Casimir's Day commemoration was held at St. Francis Church at the 10:30 Mass. The membership received communion in a body. Father Mike celebrated the Mass and gave the sermon. The parish choir, under the direction of Joseph Poplas sang during the Mass. A dinner was held at the French Kings Restaurant in Erving after the Mass.

Al Rodski and Vyt Waskewich have returned from a week's vacation in sunny Florida... The many friends from C-10 extend their best wishes to Joe Kondrotas and Nancy Miller (both from C-26, Worcester) on their recent engagement. They plan a September wedding.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Rev. A. Yankauskas, former spiritual advisor of C-10, who lost his mother in February. Father Al sang his mother's Mass on Feb. 14 in Our Lady of Vilna Church, Worcester.

Three persons from Gardner plan to take a tour to occupied Lithuania in June, despite a warning from the

State Department that they may be treated harshly.

SO. BOSTON, MASS., C-17

Ziemos Splaktas Anonimaso.

It has been a long weary "ziema" and this writer has come out of hibernation to reveal our council's activities. The council has been very active, even though it doesn't seem as though it has been. The council took part in the celebration of Lithuanian Independence Day, Feb. 16, first with the flag raising of the Lithuanian Colors along with the Old Glory at the Boston City Hall, with all the proper dignitaries there; then to the auditorium of South Boston High School where Congressman Thomas O'Niell of Mass. spoke to the vast audience and told us not to give up hope. For a while it has been difficult to secure news about the members even though we are active.

It seems as though no one wants to have his or her name in the news. Had to really bird-dog to gather up the copy for this column. Guess that's what a reporter has to do to get some news worth writing about.

2nd Lt. Joseph Kascus completed an eight week signal officers basic course at the Army Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga... Miss Elayne Grigalunas, daughter of Vic and Helen Grigalunas was elected Treasurer of Epsilon Tau Sigma Sorority at the Cambridge School of Business. Elayne is also on the dean's list... This cat jumped the gun on making an advance announcement of the engagement of Donna Grigas and Bob Reina. The announcement of the engagement was made official and it saved this writer from a red-face. Thanks a lot Donna and Bob and the best of everything to you both. The wedding is set for Sept '66. Talk about luck! When Janet Gideck came home

from school, the University of Hawaii, for the holidays, she was empty fingered and when she returned to school she had an engagement ring on her third left finger. The lucky fellow is none other than Billy Zaremba. Congratulations to both of you in your coming venture. Janet has returned home after finishing out the first semester and she plans to continue her education at Boston University. She really put plenty of mileage over the air in the past couple of months. The nuptial date is set for Nov. '66. During the holidays we had the honor of having Edmund "Rudy" Rudis home for a short while. Ed looks good and is having the time of his life traveling around the countryside. He plans on being in Germany for quite some time because of the nature of his work... Paid a visit to Father John Zuromskis' rectory and Rudy had his slides on Korea which were very colorful and educational... During the month of Feb. one of our members became a married woman. Ruthann Neviera became Mrs. Joseph Nauyokas. Perhaps Ruthann will talk her husband Joe into becoming a member of the council...

Along came the snow and the skiers became anxious because the lure of the snow was too much for them. Forty-three intrepid people made their way to King Pine Ski Lodge. Among the group were the skiers, non-skiers, amateurs and the people who just want to inhale the real fresh air of the White Mountains after the smog in the city. Saturday was wonderful, sunny, and perfect, snow to shush down the trail and the wind in your face. A really perfect day for skiing. There were festivities in the evening, then rise and shine and off to Mass before some more skiing. Upon arising there was a real blizzard blowing outside which cancelled the skiing and made some of the people change their plans and head home earlier than anticipated. It took some of the people from five to eight hours to travel home, the mileage is about one hundred and twenty miles from Boston, and it was a great experience for those who have never really driven in a New Hampshire blizzard. Yes, it was quite an experience to the uninitiated members of the road.

There were quite a few members who attended the K of L Ski-Weekend

for the first time and have been bitten by the ski-bug. They are now skiing regularly each weekend. There were a few people who were left out because they didn't get reservations into the committee in time. Don't wait so long next year. There were no casualties to report, and am glad to make this statement...

Al Jaritis spent two weeks away from the mainland, working on Nantucket Island and Martha's Vineyard. Its a great place in the summer but in the winter just plain solitude and rest... Bronis and Mary Martus and daughter Adele spent a fortnite in Puerto Rico to get some much missed sun... Pat Plansky was another sun-getter, she spent some time with Mary Sykes in Jamaica. They saw Father Jackmauh S.J. who is stationed down in Jamaica... Jean Pasakarnis and friend spent some time north skiing... Wanda Yelmokas was home for the holidays. Wanda is teaching in Virginia this year.

We had our St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast and it was a smashing success. John Olevitz was chairman of this affair, and his capable staff were responsible. The kicken staff included Bill Zaremba, Jerry Venis, Al Jaritis, Butch Venis, Frank Grigas, Alice Olevitz, Mary Zaremba, Joanne Antanelis, Rita Venis, Donna Grigas, Joanne Grigas.

Ligonis - Rita Venis, Helen Sabitski, Joanne Grigas, Helen Zaremba, Jerry Venis, Al Jaritis, Bronis Martus, Donna Grigas. The above people didn't watch out for the "drugys blaké". Next time watch out or it will get you again.

The hikers are planning a flat hike in the near future and (this is for those who don't like to climb hills and mountains) this hike will be held in the spring.

Remember in your prayers the souls of Mrs. Anella Zaleskas, wife of Felix and mother of Florence, Marie, Edward, Frances, Eleanor and for John Drumstas, brother of Joe and Ellie of C-26.

We would like to mention the new members who have joined the council in the past couple of months. First we have George and Nijole Stankus. George is a first-timer and his wife is a transfer from Providence council; Geraldme Marcinowski, a junior who came up the ranks, Gerry is a student at Gate of Heaven High School and is

also one of the students selected by the Catholic Youth Organization for its oratorical contest; Dorothy Hunter is another new member. Dottie graduated from business school and is now an executive secretary; Vito Ulevicius, another Chi-Rho member who has joined our ranks. Vito attends New England School of Pharmacy; Eleanor Sanda is up from the ranks, another junior and she is also a student at Girl's Latin High School; Carol Witotsky another junior, and also a junior in Girl's Latin High School. Then last of all is Jaquelin Burke another junior who came up the ranks and Jackie is also a student at High School. May we wish the best to the new member and we hope to see all of them in the coming future.

Vytautas (don't call me Vyto) Bruzgelevicius is a member of a sextet choral group and when he isn't singing he is a member of a championship volley ball team. Henrikas and Norma (Razvadauskas) Snipas have changed their residence to New York City, where both are employed. Mrs. George (Frannie Daniels) Mattson is now residing in Valdosta, Georgia...

Other ligonis were Ann Kleponis, Alice Olevitz and hubby John, Frank and Helen Sabitski.

LAWRENCE, MASS., C-78 Angel

C-78 had a skating party at Diana Dvoske's summer home on Forest Lake - Sunday, Feb.27. Many thanks to Di and her folks for allowing C-78 the use of the camp.

Upon arriving at the lake we found our president, Chuck Unick, in the midst of a heated battle. He really should have had help. Janet makes good snowballs out of soft, slushy snow - not only that but she usually hits what she aims at! As for Chuck, well - we must give him credit for trying.

It was a beautiful day - so beautiful that the ice turned to slush before anyone could skate! However, that did not deter any enthusiasts from making a snow sculpture. After all, Michael-

angelo had to start somewhere, right Pete?

One particular thing noted was that Shirley, our vice-president, can talk her way out of almost anything, - even being thrown in the snow.

C-78 wants to say thanks to John Verbickis for setting up the stove for us. We would have frozen without it. Also, we want to apologize to Mary, for the big mix-up in transportation. All we can say is, this was one of our typical, well-planned events!

It must be said, that this was the 24th Birthday of C-78's President, Chuck Unick. A cake was provided by Janet, and Diana with lit candles on it. It took a while for Chuck to realize that no matter how many times he blew out the candles, they'd light up again. He should know better than to trust us with anything even candles. Admittedly though, everyone had a good laugh.

C-78 is working very hard to make sure that our pre-convention dance is a success. The dance will be held at the Lithuanian Citizens Club in Lawrence. We plan to make it a bit different from the regular dances - with quite a few surprises for those who do attend. It will be held on Saturday, April 23, and we sincerely hope many of you will come to help make our first dance a success.

The District Convention will be held in Lawrence, at St. Francis Parish on April 24, 1966. Plans are in the completion stage for this Spring Convention. Hope to see all of you there.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

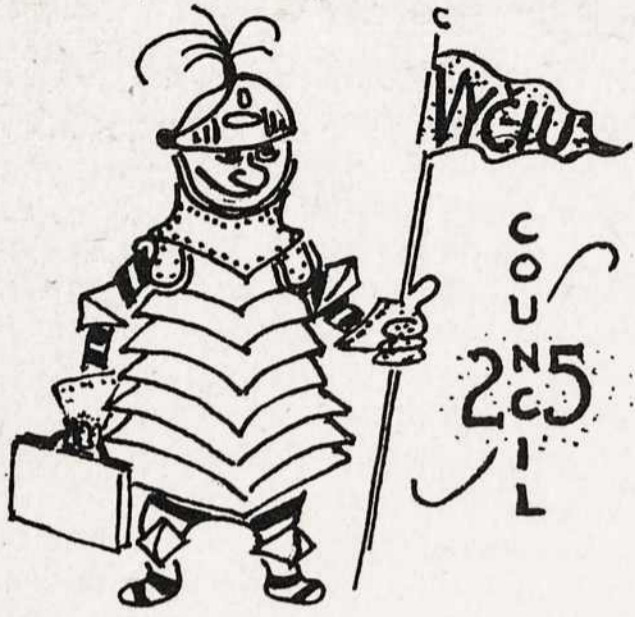
CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25 "Irene"

Our members celebrated St. CASIMIR'S DAY as guests of the CLEVELAND SENIORS. Also in attendance were the members of the YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO C-111. Mass was held Sunday, Mar 6 at 10:00 A.M. at OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH. An afternoon banquet was held.

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EASTER GREETINGS

Supreme Council Officers
and the "Vytiš" Staff.



NOTES FROM THE CUFF ... The three groups together on St. Casimir's day showed the STRENGTH AND UNITY of the K OF L. All well and good ... but ... why do the small groups tend to join forces, only once a year, on St. Casimir's Day?

Yes, in Cleveland we have UNITY, once a year, on St. Casimir's Day.

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 Kitty

Hearts, flowers, music and congenial folks filled Holy Cross Church Hall Feb. 5th for a Valentine Party. The music could scarcely be heard over the "chatter" of all the little people, but no one minded in the least. It was a pleasure to see Ann Kondrotas and daughters and the Tony Zelinskas' back in the fold again. All the credit for a very successful social must go to our new social chairmen, Phyllis Mayauskas and Sara Petkus. Here are two terrifically ambitious gals!

Lithuanian Independence Day was commemorated in our parish on Feb. 20. The day began with 10:00 A.M. Mass and a procession, with a Junior K of L Honor Guard, from the church to Our Shrine of Three Crosses where a memorial wreath was placed. A program later in the day in the church hall was given T.V. coverage by a local station. We were honored by the presence of Sen. Charles W. Whalen, Jr. and Rep. Rodney M. Love. Our Council president, Judy Petrokas and Albert Drukteinis, a student from Xavier University, Cincinnati, were our speakers for the day. Mary Lucas and Elinor Sluzas, choir director, honored us with a beautiful duet. Our Juniors dressed in authentic Lithuanian cos-

tumes and under the leadership of Fran and Mike Petkus, received the greatest ovation with their songs and dances. We were fairly "busting our buttons" when three of our youngsters, Michael Blum, Theresa Mikalas and Sharon Prasmantas recited "Mano Vytis ir Trispalvė" in perfectly beautiful Lithuanian.

The Independence Day Program was given some advance publicity when Elinor Sluzas and Ann Scott, dressed in Lithuanian costumes, appeared on a local T.V. program to explain the customs, the language and the enslavement of Lithuania. George Mikalauskas was the most surprised viewer when the program opened with a picture of the beautiful 14 ft. way-side cross that he built for the John Scotts'. This was just one of many lovely inspiring shrines that George has built for his friends.

Our sympathy to Joe Somintus on the recent death of his mother. May her soul rest in peace.

DETROIT, MICH. C-79 Soffi

With a kind of "on again - off again" snow flurries, our February meeting got off to a rousing start. The seventy-niners are pleased and encouraged with the continuous membership being received. Among new members introduced at the January and February meetings were Mike and Katherine Kutkauskas; and Bruno and Jane Barton. C-79 warmly welcomes them.

Our Lithuanian Independence observance was held on Feb. 13. A patriotic program was held in Cobo Hall. The latter was recorded by Voice of America for a broadcast behind the Iron Curtain. Principal speakers were G. Mennen Williams, Ass't secretary for African Affairs; and Dr. Tomas Remeikis, editor of "Lituanus". Earlier in the day special Masses were held in all 3 Lithuanian parishes.

Although, it's nice to have the shining new churches, our hearts were saddened to give up St. George's church which has been razed recently for the Chrysler Freeway. Built by the Catholic Lithuanian immigrants in 1916, it was the nucleus parish for Divine Providence, St. Anthony's and St. Peter's parishes in Detroit. For the past 15 years the Josephite Fathers conducted St. George's. Yours truly and hubby drove out Russell-

Westminister way and were shocked to see a pile of rubble where St. George's church once proudly stood. It was hard to believe how deprived the 'ole neighborhood looks. Empty stores left to seed. Peeled paint on the storefronts. Unkempt sidewalks. Just a gloomy appearance. We probably noticed it all because we haven't been out St. George's way for 4 or 5 years. It used to be a thriving neighborhood. The stores were occupied, majority of them by Lithuanian businessmen who had been there for years. It was a pretty busy block for get-togethers, companionship and fond memories. Now, it's a pretty lonely avenue. Most of the stores are empty - and from the looks of them, forgotten.

Not forgotten, though, was the large and beautiful statue of St. George which graced the grounds of the church for nearly 50 years. Through many untiring efforts of Tony Dainus and contribution of Majauskas family, the statue has been moved to Camp Dainava. Also salvaged among distinctive rare touches - a piece of the corner stone and an old edition of "Draugas", dated 1916. Our thanks to Mike Vale who was able to provide "ways and means" in transporting the heavy statue. Others connected in the moving project were Joseph Kazlauskas, Emil Byville and the Byville boys.

Mar. 6 was another day worth remembering, as it was the day we held our St. Casimir commemoration, honoring our patron saint. Included in the day's event were councils 102 and 139 of St. Anthony's and St. Peter's. Mass was held at Divine Providence where Father Kundrat delivered a most inspiring sermon on the life of St. Casimir. Later, for the ultimate in dining, a delectable brunch was served in the parish hall with an enjoyable and interesting program following. Featured speakers were Dr. Adolphas Damusis; and Mrs. Margaret Cronyn, well-known columnist of "Fun with a Family", for the Michigan Catholic. For her topic she chose a "Layman's View of the Church", and went on to explain the various categories the layman can apply himself and how these can help organizations and others move toward a worthy goal.

Dr. Damusis, in his address illustrated on "togetherness" between the



Some of the members in attendance at the recent Supreme Council meeting held in Chicago were: Frank Svelnis, Jr., Irene Sankus, Bob Boris, Eleanore Laurin, Frank Vaskas, Johanna Jakunas, Al Wesley and George Paulik. (A. Raubiskis Photo)

"old stock", the American-Lithuanians, and the newly-arrivals. Dr. Damusis is an accomplished Lithuanian speaker and has spoken before many Catholic groups.

As chairman, Sophie Zager, expressed a big Ačiū to fine committee consisting of: Mr. and Mrs. B. Vitčius, Magdalean Smailis, Tony Dainus, Joseph Kazlauskas and Frank Zager. Not to be forgotten, Cel Yunc made the St. Casimir's event by the "skin of her teeth", after vacationing in Florida with her husband last month. Special thanks to Gerry Chaps for making the lapel badges. Ralph Valatka did a superb job as master of ceremonies, and introduced the clergy, the presidents and guests. Highlighting the main table was a display of the Infant of Pragues - wearing clothes beautifully made by Dorothe Martin. The large Infant was in deep brocade cape of gold and gold dress. The six little "infants" (for use in a car) were made in lovely pastels. Thank you so much Dorothe. Your wealth of talent is truly appreciated.

Third degrees were given to Dorothe Martin and Joseph Kazlauskas during St. Casimir's program. Something of great highlight in an escort version was given by Mrs. Valeria Kundrot and Vicki Chepelonis, who were dressed in traditional Lithuanian dresses. They stood "honor guard" while our spiritual advisor, Father Kundrat pinned on the medals.

'Nuff said this time. Yours truly will have a continuation of our activities in next month's Vytis. See you all then.

DETROIT, MICH., C-139. Ann

Another year of work and fun has gone by for C-139, and we want to thank all the members for their efforts in making this a successful year. Following is a list of officers who will reign for 1966, and may they have every success in carrying on the good work of our Council. We are particularly happy and grateful to have Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius continue as our Spiritual Advisor. His past cooperation in attending our meetings and his advice and leadership is greatly appreciated.

President, Joe Kurpowic; vice-president, Al Gadwell; secretary, Ann Sirvydas; Treasurer, Theresa Vaitkunas; ritual, Stanley Wesley; Lithuanian affairs, Al Gadwell; sports, Tony Wilchesky; social, Catherine Kurpowic and Helen Gadwell.

During the Christmas season, our members were busy preparing a full course dinner basket filled with other goodies for one of the needy families in the parish as well as remembering our sick widows and some others with

a Christmas gift from the Council.

Sunday, Feb. 13 - The commemoration of the 48th anniversary of Lithuanians' Declaration of Independence at St. Peters was a beautiful and inspiring event. Fr. Kris' moving Sermon will long be remembered. The Ladies Alliance, headed by President Mrs. Walter Mallen and assisted by our Treasurer Theresa Vaitkunas did an outstanding job in arranging the procession, decoration of altar flowers, etc. It was gratifying to have our Council participate.

Belated congratulations to our President Joe Kurpowic and Mrs. Kurpowic also Mr. and Mrs. Edward Waitkus who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversaries and were showered with gifts and parties. May both couples be blessed with many, many more years of happiness. Also congratulations to Grandpa and Grandma, Al and Helen Gadwell, on their new granddaughter. Their son, Phillip, and wife would have to look far for better baby sitters.

With happiness there is always some sadness. Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Stanley Wesley on the loss of her father. May the good Lord grant him eternal rest.

N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

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

C-100 held its monthly meeting Monday night at Matthew's Art Gallery. In the absence of the president, John Gerutis, vice-president, Miss G. Gobis presided. Minutes were read by Eleanore Stakauskas, secretary.

Miss Gobis informed the group of the correspondence received from Mayor Marcus I. Breier and Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller. Mayor Breier proclaimed Feb. 16 as Lithua-

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nian Independence Day in Amsterdam, whereas Governor Rockefeller proclaimed this day as Lithuanian Independence Day in New York State. Congressman Smauel S. Stratton wrote that he would give a speech on Feb. 16 in the House of Representatives. He ended his letter with these words, "I NEVER forget!"

At the request of Rev. Robert K. Baltch the council worked together with the Lithuanian Community Club of Amsterdam in planning a Commemoration Program of Lithuania's 48th anniversary. This was held on Mar 6 at the American Lithuanian Club, Liberty Street. Guest speaker was Associate Professor Mrs. Irene Wood of Russell Sage College, Troy, New York. Songs were sung by the Rev. Robert K. Baltch. Organist Joseph Olsauskas rendered a few selections on the ancient Lithuanian musical instrument, "Kanklės" The 7th and 8th grade students of St. Casimir's School presented a few folk dances. Films of the Lithuanian doings at the World's Fair, the Lithuanian Rally at Madison Square Garden on 11/13/65, and moves taken in Lithuania proper in 1965 were shown by Miss Salomėja Narkeliunas, editor of the Lithuanian

newspaper, "Vienybė", Brooklyn, New York.

Members of the local council received Holy Communion on Mar. 6 at St. Casimir's Church and then proceeded to Scafidi's Restaurant for a luncheon.

Rev. Robert K. Baltch was the guest of honor at the social hour, immediately following the Feb. meeting, the occasion being his birthday. A huge birthday cake, baked by Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, was presented to him. Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mrs. Josephine Nikstenas, Mrs. Anna Yunker, Mrs. Mary Fabozzi, Miss Eleanore Stakauskas, Miss Genevieve Gobis, Matthew Kazlauskas, William McCune, Joseph Olsauskas, Donald Nikstenas, Matthew Orante, Sam La Bate and David Northrup.

NEWSBITS: Belated birthday greetings to Sophie Olbie (12/5), Tony Stokna (1/8), Don Nikstenas (2/1), Father Baltch (2/17), Eleanor Stakauskas (2/27).

Feb. 16 was really celebrated by Gene Gobis and her co-workers at the John E. Larrabee Company. They all wore ribbons (red, green and yellow)

pinned to their blouses. Many people questioned them as to the reason for the ribbons. They exclaimed, "We're helping to celebrate Lithuanian Day!". Ginny Miciulis, Sadie Karbus and Gene Gobis met at the Red Carpet Lounge for lunch and Adolph Ambrose, the owner, had special Lithuanian Day cocktails ready for the girls.

Sadie Karbus, our former treasurer, was elected President of the A. L. C. Auxiliary and Ginny Miciulis is the new secretary. Another K of L'er is now the vice-president of the A.L.C. Club - Benjamin Kroup, Jr. Best wishes to all from our council. Sophie Olbie has accepted to fill out the term of treasurer. Good luck to you, Sophie!

Irene Wood recently visited Puerto Rico and had a fabulous time.

We were glad to have Anna Yunker at our February meeting. She was a bit under the weather in January.

Matt Orante had many gifts from Lithuania which he showed us at the meeting. He had a beautiful orchid man's dance costume, a variety of amber jewelry, wood carvings, etc. It was a most interesting evening for all who attended the meeting.

K of L Calendar

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| April 10 | - C-41, Brooklyn-Queens Easter Dance, Transfiguration Church Hall, Maspeth, N.Y. | May 21 | - C-7, Hartford, Council's Jubilee Dinner Dance, St. Joseph's Hall, Hartford, Conn. |
| April 10 | - C-112, Chicago, Annual Easter Dance, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill. | June 30 -
July 3 | - Lithuanian Youth Congress and Song Festival, Chicago, Ill. |
| April 17 | - New York-New Jersey District, Junior K of L Rally, St. Michael's Parish Hall, Bayonne, N. Y. | July 4 | - Illinois-Indiana District Annual K of L Day Picnic, Butchas Grove, Willow Springs, Ill. |
| April 23 | - Jack Stukas' 25th Anniversary of "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Program, Newark, N. J. | July 31 -
August 7 | - K of L Week at Camp Dainava, Manchester, Mich. |
| April 23 | - C-78, Lawrence Pre-N.E. Convention Dance, Lawrence, Mass. | August 25 -
August 28 | - 53rd National Convention, C-26 Host, Worcester, Mass. |
| April 24 | - New England District Convention, Lawrence, Mass. | September 4 | - Our Lady of Siluva Chapel Blessing and Dedication Ceremonies, Washington, D. C. |
| 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 | | |