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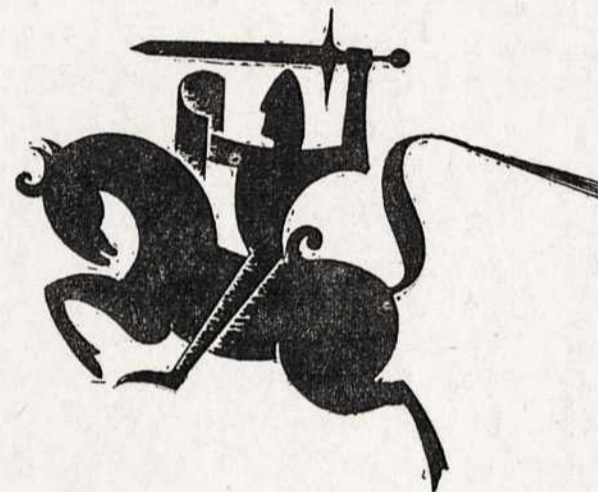
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# LITHUANIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND WORLD LITHUANIAN YOUTH YEAR (1966)

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It is possible to view a nation's or a country's independence from two aspects: the exterior and the interior. In 1965 Lithuanians commemorated twenty-five years of the fight for freedom, and were concerned primarily with exterior freedom and its consequences. To the powerful and to the new nations of the world they showed the incongruity of Soviet-held Lithuania's plight in the light of movements for freedom and world peace. The following words were heard last November in the march to the United Nations: "If the new nations of other continents have the right and the conditions for self-government, then no less is the right of Lithuania for independence, when this nation has lived in freedom not only in past centuries but also in the atomic age." This same political question urges us to write letter to congressmen, senators, to the president and department of state. For this same reason World Lithuanian Youth Year petitions are being circulated in all countries of the world having citizens of Lithuanian descent.

The twenty-five year struggle to regain independence was commemorated in 1965. It is not by accident that this year, 1966, has been declared World Lithuanian Youth Year. If last year the attention of Lithuanian communities was directed mainly towards political independence, then this year all our attention is focused on interior freedom.

What do these words mean: interior freedom for Lithuania and the Lithuanian people? We can answer poetically with the words of Bernardas Brazdžionis:

You will love her from afar  
With all your heart and all your strength;  
Love does not perish by distance  
Nor under white marble buildings

And she will be a pleasant comfort,  
And in your heart she will be free,  
White among white cherry blossoms,  
Lithuanian, land of our fathers.

And in your heart she will be free! If the majority of the nation is now suffering in an occupied land, Lithuania is free as long as someone still believes in her resurrection in his heart, as long as someone is interested and lives her culture, heritage and gift. That is not so new. Even under the oppression of the Czar Lithuanians dared to think as they wanted, to write, to teach their children and to worship God. In the period prior to Independence in 1918 many, including students studying in other countries, believed in and worked for the independence they had not yet seen. Lithuania was

and is still free in the hearts of Lithuanian-Americans, who having arrived here many years ago and having raised their own families, supported the reconstruction of independent Lithuania, sending even a symbolic Liberty Bell. And when World War II came, they sent and still send aid to emigrants, refugees and those behind the Iron Curtain. And so Lithuania remains free in the hearts of millions behind the Iron Curtain and in the hearts of millions of Lithuanians, persons of Lithuanian descent and persons favorable to Lithuania throughout the world.

But perhaps the poetic description of national freedom is not sufficient. I feel a duty to write not so much in my name but in the name of younger Lithuanians on how we, citizens of the United States and persons of Lithuanian descent, can strengthen this interior freedom of Lithuania, since this is the hardest task of the World Lithuanian Youth Year.

These remarks are centered on two points: 1) it is important to look at the condition of the Lithuanian nation from a positive point of view; 2) it is necessary to provide circumstances in which youth can experience Lithuanian culture and community.

First, then, a positive approach. The historical events and the present condition of Lithuania is well known to all. But an attitude is always associated with any fact, and not infrequently one hears young persons saying, that the attitude which marks the press and speeches and, to be honest, assemblies, is an attitude of failure and loss, and not one of hope. Although words refer to a future, too much emphasis is placed on the



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listing of the evils of occupation by the Soviets in painful words, which are heavy for those who have not experienced the world war and who cannot produce this same feeling of tragic loss. At summer camps we try to include happy songs and folk dances in evenings dedicated to the memory of freedom fighters, so that the young camper could see that he is an heir to Lithuanian culture and that he is a freedom fighter himself not because he bewails Lithuania's truly sad state under communist subjugation, but because he sings and speaks Lithuanian, because he feels part of the Lithuanian community. In the past the demands of Lithuanians in the free world were limited to a strict anti-communism, which brought attention to the evils produced by this movement (and this is considered by some to be a positive contribution to U. S. policy and attitudes toward communism after World War II). But now is the time to fight not only against communism, but for freedom, for equal rights, for equality. Youth can understand positive efforts more clearly than negative attitudes.

We must also look at the youth of Lithuanian descent positively. How many times have youth and summer camp leaders heard sharp words about the limited use of Lithuanian in activities. But do those same persons realize that it is almost a miracle that after twenty-five years and on the other side of the world more than three thousand youngsters and their young counselors assemble each summer under the Lithuanian flag, none of whom remembers territorial Lithuania and most of whom were born in other countries? And when Lithuanian youth discusses Lithuanian culture, civil rights, international affairs, relations with occupied Lithuania, there is no foundation whatsoever to doubt youth's loyalty to the freedom of Lithuania and the hopes of Lithuanians.

It is also important to look positively at the relation of young and old. Without the experience and advice of older generations the younger generations would have no future. Without the confidence and faith of older Lithuanians youth would find its efforts impossible. As an example of this, look at the massive work involved in planning the World Lithuanian Youth Year, the student camp prior to the World Lithuanian Youth Congress and the Congress itself, where persons of all age groups work together in unison. As human generations are continuous, so the connection between the so-called older and younger persons must never be severed, because then there is no conduit for culture and values. Greater than the transgression of communists who destroy external freedom is the fault of those who, as the president of the Lithuanian World Community Mr. J. Bachunas says, "suspiciously seek pretexts for discord, or who place various organizations against one another for personal reasons or teach others to do so, because they kill the interior freedom of a nation and the faithfulness, independence, self-confidence and determination of youth".

It is necessary to evaluate the relationships of Lithuanian communities with their neighbors in a positive fashion. The members of a national minority group are always inclined to defend themselves from the larger mass and be opposed to other national or cultural minorities. We can see that in the limited intercultural life of Lithuanians in the free world. The popular but so-

ciologically false and long since discarded notion of the cultural melting pot puts pressure on all minorities in the U. S. at the same time as interest in other cultures is publically promoted through the Peace Corps and many other agencies. Being afraid of negative influences, a national minority closes itself in and avoids other and new ideas. In this way it falls into the most hazardous danger of losing the opportunity of service to its nation and state at the present time or in the future precisely through this isolation. One girl student stated her opinion at an organization meeting: "I think that being a Lithuanian does not close a person in on himself, and that openness to new ideas and to the world does not mean rejection of Lithuanian culture and heritage." Youth seeks openness, and it is hard to hear or feel any disinclination of Lithuanians towards other minorities, be they Poles, Jews, Negroes. Having learned from sociology, they see the United States not as a tasteless soup, but as a mixture or mosaic, in which each part has its flavor and color, and at the same time blends into the totality. To be Lithuanian does not mean to defend oneself from real or supposed enemies, but to respect the beliefs of others, to deepen one's own beliefs, and to make a contribution to the culturally and religiously pluralistic society of this country and to the culture of humanity by that which is Lithuanian and characteristically so. This healthy nationalism and cheerful internationalism is precisely suited to member of a national minority living in a large country. We are the ones who should be most concerned with civil, social and economic inequalities, with minorities, the poor, with international problems, with urban renewal.

Perhaps I should explain more, but I would like to touch the second point, that is, that we should provide opportunities for youth to experience Lithuanian culture in a Lithuanian community. We often speak of preserving Lithuanian culture and heritage, but this term does not concern youth growing up in a non-Lithuanian country. Lithuanian culture and interest must be created, felt, experienced, no matter what generation youth may represent. The means which may be useful for the preservation of Lithuanian culture are not sufficient to introduce and develop this culture in the life of a



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# RETAS KŪRINYS VYČIŲ SALĖJ



(A. Raubiskis Photo)

Vyčių salėj, Chicagoj, ant sienos kaba iš gipso padarytas Lietuvos herbas - Vytis. Ant skydo (senovinio ginklo nuo priešų kirčių prisidengti), kurio vertikaliai kraštai žemiau sujungti dviem trimitais, gi viršuje rūtų šakelės su gintaro karoliais, o viduryje šuoliuojąs į kairę raitelis - Vytis. Kūrinių apačioj parašas: "V. Undaras". Šią skulptūrą vyčių archyvui paaukojo dabartinis Vyčių namo šeimininkas Ignas Sakalas.

Ne vienas besidomįs šiuo kūrinium prašo žinių apie jo autorių, nes apie V. Undarą nei spaudoje nėra skaitę, nei iš dabartinių dailininkų ką nors girdėję.

"Vyčio" No. 3, 1921 metų rašoma, kad V. Undaras yra gimęs 1893 metais

Pajūrio parapijoj, Tauragės apskr. Vaikystėj mėgo peiliu drožinėti įvairius dalykus, kuriais stebindavo apylinkės kaimynus. Pirmuosius skulptūros meno žingsniu jis pradėjo Petrapilyje (dabar Leningradas). Vėliau persikėlė į Berlyną, o dar vėliau - į Bruselį, Belgijoj. Čia Academie Royale des Beaux-arts tęsiant studijas, Belgiją okupavo vokiečiai ir V. Undarą, kaipo Rusijos "pilietį", išgabeno Vokietijon karo darbams.

Po karo ir Lietuvai atgavus nepriklausomybę V. Undaras grįžo į Lietuvą ir, archeologo Tado Daugirdo rekomendacija, kuri laiką dėstė meną Mokytojų seminarijoj.

Nusistatęs baigti studijas, išvyko į Paryžių, bet dėl lėšų neilgai tegalėjo

studijuoti. Į Ameriką atvyko 1921 metais ir sustojo Chicagoj. Kiek padirbėjęs kai kurių ano meto vyčių veikėjų suprastas pateko į Chicago Art Institute. Čia bestudijuodamas jis ir sukūrė aukščiau minimą Lietuvos valstybinį herbą. Be to, kai kurių senųjų lietuvių namuose dar galima matyti jo sukurtos statulėlės: Kęstučio, Birutės, Maironio, Basanavičiaus ir Kudirkos. Neturėdamas giminių ir artimųjų, kurie būtų parėmę jį studijose, jis visą laiką grumėsi su šakotu ir lapotu vargu. Pagalios, 1923 m. tame pačiame Chicago Meno institute jo gyvenimo siūlas buvo tragiškai nutrauktas.

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young person. It is the same with language. If we limit culture to language and if pressure to use it is not applied at the right time and in the right circumstances, the result may be not only not to attract but to drive away a person for the rest of his life. Language is important, and persons of even the third and fourth generation speak it well, but more important than language and dances and culture and press is that the person feel wanted and needed and belonging to a cultural and national community.

How can these circumstances be provided and how can existing possibilities be better utilized? There are many ways, but the main ones this year can be found in the program for World Lithuanian Youth Year. More than a hundred youths will come to the U. S. from twenty countries this summer, and they will visit many Lithuanian communities. Would it not be a happy occasion to invite some and pay for their journeys, to greet visitors from Australia, England, the Argentine, and send them back with memories of our parish, church, organizations, and activities? Funds will be needed for the summer camp, which will have about 500 student participants, and for the Chicago Congress itself, which may draw more than 5000. Let us give youth a chance not only to learn about Lithuania and its history from

books, but let them experience Lithuania live in their newly found friends from abroad. Without financial and moral support this would be impossible. During 1966 efforts will be made to encourage all youth organizations to expand, to become better; dramatic and cultural groups, institutes and school courses will be begun, and folk dance groups, such as our own which performed so well in New York, will be encouraged. Many more suggestions will appear in the press and we will hear about them in meetings and discussions.

By providing youth with these opportunities through donations and work, through attitudes and friendliness, and because we cannot restore Lithuania's political independence physically at this time, we keep Lithuania live and free in the hearts of the youth of Lithuanian descent here and in other countries. It is not a superficial coincidence that the notions of freedom and youth are bound together in the history of mankind and in the history of the Lithuanian nation. This same intimate relationship of youth and freedom can be seen in the motto for World Lithuanian Youth Year:

Our strength and knowledge  
for a free Lithuania!

And we ask the Lord's blessing on our youth and on this enterprise.

# All about Mother's Day

While you may be among the thousands of Americans who will be sending flowers to honor Mom on her day, you might be surprised to learn how far back in history the custom of observing the occasion with flowers extends.

Ancient Greeks and Romans paid tribute to a universal mother- Mother Earth, by wearing leafy garlands as they danced in the streets on the Ides of March. According to information compiled by researchers, some historians contend that the germ of Mother's Day was sown thousands of years ago when the people of the Near East and Mediterranean regions worshipped an Earth Mother by decking themselves with flower garlands at woodland festivals.

During early celebrations of Mother's Day in the U.S., sons and daughters wore flowers instead of giving them as gifts to Mom. Miss Anna M. Jarvis, who sponsored a church service in 1907 to honor her late mother and other mothers of the community, requested those who attended to wear a white carnation. However, as the custom spread throughout the country, with Mother's Day being officially proclaimed a national holiday in 1914, celebrants stopped wearing flowers themselves and started giving them in the form of corsages and bouquets.

Setting a special day aside to honor "real life" mothers isn't new, however. A similar custom existed in England centuries ago. The day, which fell each year on the fourth Sunday in Lent, was called "Mothering Sunday," and began as a festival honoring "Mother Church."

It wasn't long, though, before people seized the same occasion to honor their own mothers with a gift of flowers and a rich cake baked specially for the day. It was also customary for many churches to hold services for children on this day, and these observances were marked by the bringing of flowers to the altar for a blessing.

The carnation - white, red or pink - is the official Mother's Day flower in the United States, because that was Anna Jarvis' mother's favorite flower. But while carnations are still a popular flower to give on Mother's Day, any seasonal flower is considered appropriate in a Mother's Day corsage or floral arrangement.

Is Mother's Day a strictly American holiday? Hardly! The more up-to-date version of the occasion is celebrated, according to the National Committee for the Observance of Mother's Day, in such far-flung places as Mexico, Canada, South America, China, Japan and Africa!

## Klubui "ŽAIBAS ŽAIBUOJA" 40 metų



### POV. DIRKIS

Vyčių organizacija prieš 40 metų buvo daug daugiau išsiplėtusi negu dabar, nes ji turėjo orkestrus, choras, sporto ir spaudos klubus, kurie savistoriai veikė arba jiems pavestas pareigas vykdė. Vienas iš tokių organizacijos šakų - spaudos klubas Žaibas Žaibuoja šįmet švenčia 40 metų sukaktį. To klubo organizatorium ir vadovu buvo studentas Vincas Petrauskas, vadinamas Vincuku, dabar vaistininkas Chicagoje. Gi to klubo instruktorium buvo prof. Kazys Pakštas. Klubui tuo laiku priklausė: Vincas Petrauskas, Kazys Pakštas, Ona Aleliūnienė, Jonas Andrišiūnas, Pra-

nas Juška, A. Peldžius, Petras Griėnas, Juozas Fabijonas, V. Struoga, J. Kanušėnas, Aleksis Jonušas, Jonas Lebežinskas, Aleksis Budris ir kt.

Kadangi tais laikais lietuvių spauda labai ribota skaičių bendradarbių turėjo, tai klubo "Žaibas Žaibuoja" tikslas ir šūkis buvo "viskas spaudai" ir jie aptarnavo daugumoje dienraštį Draugą ir teikdavo žinias žurnalui "Vytis". To klubo nariai buvo nenuilstantieji pasiryžėliai - idealistai, kurie sekė tautos pulsą ir draug dalijosi su savais tautiečiais rūpesčiais, skausmais ir džiaugsmiais. Tais laikais lietuvių spauda užsilaikė tik dėl to, kad atsirado pasiryžėlių entuzias-

tų, kurie buvo pasiryžę savo tautiečiams, esantiems išeivijoje, per spaudą rodyti kelius į šviesesnę gyvenimą. To klubo uždaviniai buvo dalyvauti įvairiuose lietuvių parengimuose, kuriuose pastebėtus teigiamus arba neigiamus reiškinius praneštų spaudai. To klubo nariai tą darbą dirbo savanoriškai ir už tai negaudavo jokio atlyginimo. Klubas kiekvienoje Chicagos lietuviškoje kolonijoje arba parke turėjo nuolatinius savo narius: didesnėse kolonijose po kelis, o mažesnėse po mažiau. Klubas ir pats treniruodavosi, t. y. ruošdavo kultūrinius parengimus su mokslinio turinio paskaitomis, dainomis, vaidinimais ir ekskursijomis.

Klubo "Žaibas Žaibuoja" visi nariai buvo Vyčių organizacijos nariai, kurie dar ir šiandieną tebėra gyvi ir sveiki. Vyčių organizacijai tokį klubą turėti buvo didelis pasididžiavimas, o jo nariai pažiba. Tokiai kultūrinei organizacijai prisiminti, būtų labai gražu, kad atsirastų žmonės, kurie ryžtusi suruošti sukakties prisiminimą.



Lietuviškos Televizijos trečios programos dalyviai: Leonas Barauskas, Dana Stankaitytė, Algird Brazis, Eglė Vilutienė, Anatolijus Slutas, Mary Ellen Kutz, Valdas Adamkavičius.

Lietuviškasis kultūrinis gyvenimas išeivijoje ne tik kad nesilpnėja, bet tampa vis įvairesnis, įdomesnis, gali patraukti įvairių reikalavimų visuomenės dėmesį. Kovo mėn. 25 dieną mūsų kultūriniame gyvenime buvo atverstas dar vienas lapas - Chicagoje, prasidėjo pirmoji regulari lietuviška televizijos programa laisvajame pasaulyje, "Lietuviai Televizijoje". Šią pirmąją programą atidarė Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės pirmininkas J. Bachunas. Joje dalyvavo Dainavos Ansambelis, vadovaujamas muziko Petro Armono, solistai Prudencija Bičkienė ir Jonas Vaznelis. Ši programa buvo grynai kultūrinė, kaip ir bus sekančios.

Kaip išaiškino Dirvos rašytojui Raimundui Mieželiui programos iniciatorius ir vedėjas, Anatolijus Slutas, per šias programas bus mėginta parodyti kiek galima daugiau mūsų solistų, aktorių, instrumentalistų bei šokėjų, su lietuvių daina, žodžių, muzika ir

šokiais. Bus mėginta lietuviškam talentui pradaryti duris į platesnę amerikonišką sceną. Numanoma, kad pasirodžius lietuviškoje televizijos programoje, kai kuriems prasivers duris ir į amerikiečių koncertines sales ar į kitas televizijos stotis bei programas. Programose bus bandyta parodyti savo seną (retkarčiais ir jauną) bei turtingą lietuvišką kultūrinį lobyną ir tuo tikime, prisidėsime nors ir mažu trupiniu prie įnašo į tarptautinį kultūrinį gyvenimą.

Programos yra matomos kiekvieną penktadienio vakarą nuo 8 iki 8:30 valandos per televizijos stotį (Channel 26, Chicago) ir yra transliuojama tiesioginiai (live). Naudojami du perdavimo aparatai, filmų aparatas bei nuotraukų transliacijos prietaisas (video-scope). Vedėjas pon. Slutas sako, kad aukų šiuo laiku nerinks bet būtų labai naudinga, jei atsirastų mecenatas nupirkti užrekoravimo juostų (video-tape), kurios

kainuoja \$240.00 vienai valandai. Tai įgalintų ne tik įamžinimą mūsų menininkų, bet taip pat duotų galimybės tas juostas panaudoti ir kitų miestų, pavyzdžiui New Yorko, Los Angeles ar Toronto televizijose. Manoma gal pratęsti šį pusvalandį į valandą. Tada būtų galima įvesti keletą naujų programos segmentų: kultūrinių įvykių santrauka bei komentarus, politinę apžvalgą, pasikalbėjimus su mūsų kultūrinėmis bei politinėmis asmenybėmis, kronikinių įvykių filmų ir nuotraukų rodyimą ir kitų.

Pon. Slutas prideda dar, kad irgi galima suorganizuoti įvairias specialias vienos ar dviejų valandų programas. Taip pat galima pamėginti prasiveržti su vertingomis programomis anglų kalba į didžiąsias televizijos stotis. Jis sako, kad gal šios yra ateities svajonės, bet ir svajonės kartais virsta realybe. Taip viena svajonė jau tapo realybe Kovo 25-tą dieną.

E. L.



Lietuviškos televizijos programoje dainuoja Dainavos Ansambelis.



Lietuviškos televizijos antrojoje programoje dalyvavę Neo-Lithuanų orkestras, pranešėjas Vl. Vijeikis.

EDITORIAL . . .

# LITHUANIAN WORLD REVIEW RADIO HOUR

The following commentary has been prepared and edited by the staff of the Lithuanian World Review -

For a while during the past month, the nation's attention focused on the bizarre circumstances surrounding the death of Newcomb Mott near the Soviet prison, Kirov in Siberia. Newcomb Mott, a young book salesman from Sheffield, Mass. while vacationing in Norway last summer, crossed the Soviet border by accident and was seized by Soviet border guards for illegally crossing into the Soviet Union. He was subsequently tried by a Soviet tribunal, found guilty, and sentenced to 18 months at hard labor at a prison camp in central Siberia. During his transfer to the camp on January 27, 1966 aboard a Trans-Siberian train, it was alleged that Newcomb Mott committed suicide by cutting his throat. Amid protests from the State Department, an American medical examiner was permitted to perform an autopsy. As a result of this autopsy, the conclusion reached by the State Department was that Newcomb Mott's body displayed many unexplained bruises and cuts. On the question involved as to the cause of death, no explanation was forthcoming from the State Department. In an attempt to quench public dissatisfaction, the State Department retaliated by letting it be known that in the future Americans seeking passports to the Soviet Union would be officially recommended not to visit the Soviet Union since guarantees of their security could not be made.

One assumption made by some Americans is that this unfortunate situation may have been overplayed or blown-up to unreasonable proportions and should be overlooked since, after all, the Western nations seemed to be "building bridges of understanding". This assumption is indeed a false and dangerous one to make. Why? Permit the explanation of another unfortunate case - the Antanas Petrauskas Tourist case.



Antanas Petrauskas was a German citizen of Lithuanian ancestry. Born in 1929 in Klaipėda, independent Lithuania, he moved to Hanua, Germany in 1960 where he received his citizenship. Being a man of modest means, he worked with difficulty till he saved for an automobile in 1965. He then applied for a visa for his mother, his aunt, and himself to visit his brother living in Soviet-occupied Klaipėda, Lithuania. He was refused a visa to visit Klaipėda or any other part of Lithuania. But arrangements were made by the Soviet Union for his brother to meet them in Minsk, Byolercussia. Their visas were officially authorized for Minsk from August 28 through September 4, 1965.

They subsequently visited his brother in Minsk and stayed there for three days. While returning home to Germany, on the border at Brest, they were all seized by the Soviet Police and arrested. After three days the mother and aunt were permitted to return to Western Germany but Antanas was detained and his automobile confiscated. The incident was immediately brought to the attention of the West German Republic Foreign Ministry and on January 6, 1966 German diplomatic officials in Moscow asked for a Soviet explanation. There was no reply forthcoming from the Soviets. The International Red Cross was also asked for its services in locating the whereabouts of Antanas Petrauskas but since that day in September 1965, nothing had been heard of Petrauskas. Finally the official communist party organ "Tiesa" published in Vilnius, Lithuania on March 13, 1966 revealed that Petrauskas was tried by a Soviet Military Tribunal and found guilty as a spy for the Federal Republic of Germany. He was sentenced to seven years at hard labor at a Soviet labor prison.

The fact that responsible government officials made no pronouncement on the Newcomb Mott incident - the fact that responsible officials can not protect the rights of its citizens while visiting a country it maintains friendly consular and diplomatic relations is indeed a tragedy; the fact that legal and authorized tourists are seized by the Soviet Union as false reprisal or bait with insufficient responsible reaction by the Western nations is indeed a worse tragedy.

One definite conclusion that can be drawn from these incidents is that whatever "bridges of understanding" are being built by the West alone.

To find evidence or even to assume that twenty-one years after World War II the Soviet is any closer to understanding or liberalizing itself any closer toward the freedoms and responsibilities we in the West respect is only wishful thinking.

If any of us are thinking of taking trip to Soviet occupied Lithuania this summer, we ought to think twice the responsibility we take is in our hands and in the hands of the hypocritical Soviet system.

Anthony B. Mazeika  
L. W. K. Radio Hour



# THE WAR AGAINST GOD IN LITHUANIA

A course in Basic Principles of Social Science was introduced in Lithuania's secondary schools in 1963. Classes meet four times weekly and delve into: Marxism-Leninism; The Theory of Communism; Socialism - the First Phase of Communism; The 20th Century - the Age of Communism's Victory. The text-book used is a translation from the Russian.

To give the students further practice and competence in atheistic work, each school has a small atheist group, whose guidance is the responsibility of a teacher appointed by the teachers' council. This group plans atheism days, lectures, book discussions; publishes a wall newspaper, assembles displays, makes trips to collective farms to talk atheism to the workers, and tries to develop interest and arouse initiative in this work among the rest of the students.

Even children of pre-school age

**DR. J. SAVASIS**

get a taste of anti-religious poison. How cleverly they are exposed to atheism's destructive influence may be seen from the following episode described in the teachers' journal on June 16, 1963, by a woman in charge of a neighborhood kindergarten:

Early in the spring my children and I planted some beans in a couple flower-pots. I told the children that the beans must be watered daily; then they will sprout and grow.

"It is God that grows them", said one little girl named Vida.

On hearing this, the children all turned their eyes on me. I had to give a reply immediately. So I said, "Children, we shall water both of

these flower-pots until the plants come up out of the ground. After they come up, we shall water and tend one plant, but the other one we will not water, but will leave it for God to grow."

After a while the bean plant in the unwatered pot yellowed and dried up.

"You see, Vida, you said God can do everything. But you see, he can't even raise a bean plant without water".

All the children were then clearly convinced that they themselves grow the beans. God does not do it. There is no God.

From "The War Against God in Lithuania"

## Ubagų patarnavimai

POV. DIRKIS

Spaudos draudimo metu Lietuvoje svarbiausiais įvairių žinių teikėjais buvo ubagai. Jie keliaudami per žmones iš vietos į vietą ne tik išnešiodavo žinias, naujienas kas kur vyksta arba darosi, bet ir surinkdavo. Būdavo Lietuvoje ir tokių elgetų-ubagų, kurie mokėdavo keletą kalbų ir susitikdavo su įvairių luomų bei profesijų žmonėmis, iš kurių sužinodavo kas atsitiko kokiame mieste, valstybėje, kur karas, kur žmonės badauja, kur žemės drebėjimas buvo ir t. t.

Buvo ir tokių ubagų, kurie vaikštinėdami po žmones skleisdavo lietuviškas idėjas, kėlė nepasitenkinimą okupantu ir kurstė sukilti.

Būdavo ir tokių ubagių - moterų, kurios išbūdavo pas kuri nors ūkininką net kelias dienas arba savaitę. Jos

dirbdavo nurodytus darbus, plaudavo indus, lopydavo rūbus, megzdavo pirštines, kojines, ravėdavo daržus, pasakodavo įvairius atsitikimus, šventųjų gyvenimus, o vaikams pasakodavo pasakas apie karalius, raganas, užburtas karalaites ir t. t. Už tai jos užsidirbdavo ištysą algą. O kada ateidavo laikas dukrą leisti į marčias arba žėnyti sūnų, tai tuomet viena iš patikimiausių pasirinkdavo ir siūsdavo iširti būsimos marčios arba žento padėtį, elgesį ir jų vertę bei turtingumą. Tos surinktos ir svarbios žinios tuoj būdavo pranešamos atgal.

Dažnai elgetos-ubagai taip ir šnipinėdavo abiem pusėm ir tuo mokėjo pasinaudoti. Kai kurie taip buvo įgudę, kad imdavosi piršliauti. Už tai gaudavo nemaža dovanų ir net pinigų.

Kadangi kadagiai ne visur Lietuvo-

je augdavo, bet jų visur reikėdavo verboms, tai ubagai pristatydavo gyventojams užtektinai kadagių. Negana to, ubagai atnešdavo medžio šėivoms, kurio ne visur galima buvo gauti, pristatydavo pušinių šluotų tiems gyventojams, kurių gyvenvietės būdavo toli nuo pušynų, išvalymui duonkepių krosnių.

Būdavo ir tokių ubagų, kurie pasivadindavo "vengrais" pardavinėdavo įvairių rūšių medikamentus, vaistus, tepalus ir merginoms prisimeilino gyduoles. Pagaliau būdavo ir tokių ubagų, kurie užsiimdavo burimais, spėjimais ir kortų metimais, kaip čigonės. Buvo ubagų, kurie vertėsi labai padoriu amatu, būtent: jie gabeno iš Prūsų knygas ar paėmę iš knygnešių jas išnešiodavo ir išplatindavo žmonėse.

# Lithuanians in The News



SISTER MERCEDES ONE WOMAN SHOW. An interesting display of oils and graphics (colored and black & white) by Sister Mercedes of the Sisters of St. Casimir were displayed at the Sixty-Ninth Street Art Gallery, Chicago. Upper photo: Father Edward Abromaitis welcomes guest to the display. Right photo: Sister Helen, Sister Hyacinth, Sister Mercedes, Rev. Mother Adorata, all Sisters of St. Casimir, with Father Abromaitis. lower photos: Guests at the display. (Photos by V. Noreika)



(Photos by V. Noreika)

# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

The month of May is very dear to all of us, for it is the time when we all pay homage to our Blessed Mother for the bountiful graces which She has bestowed upon us. So let us as true Knights remember our fellow man who is still behind the Iron Curtain. Let us all pray to our Blessed Mother for the day when all mankind shall be free once again. Let us all do our fair share in aiding our fellow man by work and prayer.

Alex Kardokas  
Chairman Lithuanian Affairs  
New England District

### RITUAL NOTICE

All candidates for the 4th degree who wish to be installed at the National Convention in Worcester this August must have their applications submitted to the Supreme Council Ritual Committee no later than June 15, 1966.

### "VYTIS" DEADLINES

June - July Issue - deadline May 5th  
August - September (Pre-Convention Issue) - deadline July 1st  
October (Convention Issue) - deadline Sept. 5th  
November Issue - deadline Oct. 5th  
December Issue - deadline Nov. 5th  
January, 1967 Issue - deadline Dec. 5th

### NOTICE TO DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Members whose dues are not paid for the year 1966 by June 1, 1966 and received by the National Financial Secretary by June 15, 1966, will be dropped from the "Vytis" mailing list.

### NOTICE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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

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

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

### SUPPLIES

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

### SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania was held on Saturday, February 12, 1966 at the Midway House, Chicago. The meeting was opened at 3:09 P.M. with a prayer by Rev. A. Valancius. President Alexander Wesey presided. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Irene Sankus was appointed acting secretary.

Attending the meeting were: Rev. A. Valancius, Rev. A. Zakarauskas, Alexander Wesey, Eleanor Laurin, Johanna Jakunas, Frank Svelnis, Jr., Irene Sankus, Jack Jatis, Frank Vaskas, Robert Boris, Vincent Samaska, Mr. & Mrs. Pakalniškis, Alexander Mockus, George Paulik, Helen Gudauskas, Albert Raubiskis, Cecile Matul, Loretta Mackonis, Mr. & Mrs. A. Dagis.

The minutes of the previous S. C. meeting, read by Johanna Jakunas, were accepted as read after corrections.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

**Spiritual Advisor** - Father Valancius stated that he had been submitting articles to the "Vytis" whenever possible. He stressed closer personal relations and contacts between the parish priests and our organization. Spiritual activities should be promoted within the parish to keep the interest in the K of L alive.

**President** - Alexander Wesey reported that he is handling the organizational correspondence as required. He also wholeheartedly endorsed the Lithuanian Encyclopedia and urged everyone to promote the project.  
**Juniors Vice-President** - Mary Stonis, Not present.

**Membership Vice-President** - Eleanore Laurin reported that the membership Drive is now in progress. As of February 1st, 38 new members have been enrolled or re-activated. Monthly articles have appeared in the "Vytis". All leads for new council prospects have been followed-up, with the most promising prospect in DuBois, Pa. A complete report is on file.

**Seniors Vice-President** - Anthony Skirius, Not present.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## CONVENTION PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

If you recall what led to the above controversy and the need for "Procedure at a Convention", was the lack of a knowledgeable chairman. When the presiding chairman was challenged, instead of turning the question back to the other chairmen who should know the procedure, he tried to handle it himself, got into an argument and thus upset the whole meeting. This was entirely wrong! The Chairman at any time has no right to argue or get into an argument. If he wants the floor in discussion, he must give up the chair. Actually he must keep order and keep the item of discussion on the floor.

The first consideration for the future is that the Presidium selected or nominated should be personel that is capable - that knows how to handle people and how to run a meeting.

Second, the procedure of business is the agenda as supplied by the Supreme Council, and here the Chairmen

have the right to alter the agenda to hasten the convention.

Third, parliamentary procedure should follow one of the texts of a leading authority of Parliamentary Procedure such as "Roberts Rules of Order."

Fourth, the Supreme Council can recommend a panel of three judges to correct an opinion of the Chairman at the Convention. The opinion of the Chairman can be challenged by a majority vote of the Convention delegates.

This is again an opinion and thought of the Supreme Council President. There is a "Procedure" Committee that is working on some rules and ideas which they will present to you in the near future.

Hiring a Parliamentarian is not feasible because it would be expensive. Also it is not practical idea as he would know little of our By-laws and rules regarding our conventions.

Al Wesey  
National President

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**Recording Secretary** - Josephine Zukas, Not present. Mr. Wesey reported that the secretary was doing an excellent job and assisted him in many ways.

**Financial Secretary** - Johanna Jakunas reported that the 1966 membership dues are slowly coming in. To date, only one council (112 of Chicago) has a 90% paid-up membership.

A discussion arose as to the revising of the financial record sheets. Al Dagus, after several years of study, submitted his proposals for a new form. Motions were made, seconded and approved to print 5,000 Member Record Sheets in the English language, as per Mr. Dagus' recommendations and the Supreme Council's approval.

**Treasurer** - Frank Svelnis, Jr. submitted a complete report as of February 11, 1966.

**Trustees** - Joseph Drumstas and Walter Svekla, Not present. Mr. Svekla reported by letter that he was unable to attend due to other commitments.

**Legal Advisor** - Konstant Savickus reported by letter that he was unable to attend the meeting, due to out-of-town commitments. However all legal matters are being handled as they come up.

## DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

**Illinois-Indiana District** - Eleanore Laurin reported that at the present time the District is com-

prised of 6 active councils, 1 senior council and 2 junior councils. Hi-lites of the District year will be the K of L Choir's 50th Anniversary Banquet in October; "Memories of Lithuania" Annual Banquet, Feb. 20th; St. Casimir's Day Commemoration with C-13 as host on March 6th; Annual K of L Day Picnic on July 4th climaxing the Lithuanian Youth Congress; Mid-West Bowling Tournament on May 21-22. All Districts committees are actively working in their respective areas. A complete report is on file along with an Officers' List.

**Mid-Central District** - Vincent Ed. Pavis reported by mail that he was unable to attend the meeting. District plans underway are: promotion of the K of L Week at Camp Dainava; Annual Pilgrimage to Carey, Ohio; participation in the Mid-West Bowling Tournament; a semi-annual executive session in Chicago on May 21; attempts to reorganize several inactive councils in the District. A complete report is on file.

**New York - New Jersey District** - Al Wesey reported that at the end of 1965, there were 11 council in the District with a total membership of 292. A district membership drive is underway; the Nov. 13 Rally in Madison Square Garden was very successful; most committees are active; meetings are well attended with representation from most councils; cooperation within the district is excellent; several social events are planned in addition to a Junior Rally in Spring. A complete report and officer's list are on file.

**New England District** - Joseph Sakaitis, Not present.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**"Vytis"** - Irene Sankus reported that feature articles and articles of interest to our membership, both in Lithuanian and in English, are needed. She asked all S.C. members to urge qualified persons in their areas to submit material to the "Vytis".

**Lithuanian Affairs** - Rev. John Jutt and John Andruska, Not present. (NOTE: Mr. Wesey received a report after the meeting and requested the information be included with these minutes.) Father Jutt reported by letter that the committee is preparing for celebration of Feb 16th; boosting and endorsing the English Encyclopedia on Lithuania; preparing three more bulletins; giving every aid possible to the Nov. 13th Rally Committee with their visits to the U.N. delegates and their plans for further demonstrations. A complete report is on file.

**Ritual** - Edward Daniels reported by letter that he was unable to attend but work on the new 3rd Degree certificates is underway and should be completed soon. All degree applications received have been processed. The committee requests that all applications for the third and fourth degree to be presented at the National Convention be submitted no later than June 15th. A complete report is on file.

**Public Relations** - Joseph Sadauskas (Mid-Central District) reported by mail that he unable to attend but he is regularly submitting articles about K of L activities and projects in the "Vytis", "Draugas" and other Lithuanian newspapers. A complete report is on file.

Frank Vaskas (New York-New Jersey District) reported that he is receiving good publicity in the local New Jersey newspapers, especially in regard to the Nov. 13 Rally and Lithuanian Independence Day. The Mayor of Newark proclaimed February 12th Lithuanian Day in Newark.

Rita Pinkus (New England District) - Not present.

Adele Petras (California) reported by mail that she was unable to attend and submitted a report on the activities of the California Seniors. A complete report is on file.

Vincent Samaska (Illinois-Indiana District) reported that he is publicizing K of L activities whenever possible. Special projects at this time are the Siluva Dedication and the Lithuanian Youth Congress.

**Cultural** - Joseph Yanulaitis reported by letter that he was unable to attend the meeting. He expressed his disappointment in the poor response from the councils in regards to his monthly cultural program. In order to interest the individual members, he has had several articles printed in the "Vytis".

**Scholarship** - Jack Stukas reported by letter the names of previous winners of the K of L Scholarship Awards. Funds are still needed for this year's award.

**Honorary Membership** - Leonard Simutis re-

ported by letter that he was unable to attend as he had a commitment to speak in Pittsburgh on the occasion of Lithuanian Independence Day.

Committee Secretary Jack Jatis submitted a list of the living Honorary Members; stated that he will write an article for the "Vytis" on the history of the committee; and informed the S. C. that several members are being considered for Honorary Membership.

**Archives** - Jack Jatis submitted a report on the status of the National Archives housed in the K of L Building in Chicago.

Mr. Wesey appointed Eleanore Laurin Custodian of the National Archives.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**K of L Pin** - Edward Daniels reported by letter that further inquiries are being made on the ordering of our official pins. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to order 1,000 pins.

**Membership Dues** - After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to recommend to the National Convention that membership dues be raised to \$5.00 per year (extra dollar to be divided equally between the S. C. and the members' council) beginning with the 1967 dues.

**Revision of Constitution** - Mr. Wesey located correspondence and material on the wording of the revision of the constitution. This information will be forwarded to the Constitution Committee consisting of Joseph Boley, Joseph Sakevich and Anthony Mazeika, Sr.

**World Lithuanian Youth Congress** - Vincent Samaska reported that the only duty accepted by the K of L was to sponsor one session, in the English language, on Friday, July 1st. The committee requested that a chairman, under 35 years of age, be selected. Several names were submitted to the President. The session topics will be "Lithuanian Relations with other Nationalities" and "American-Lithuanians in the U. S.A." A complete report is on file.

**Our Lady of Siluva Chapel Dedication Ceremonies** - Joseph Boley submitted a written report on the plans for the dedication.

Father Zakarauskas urged a strong K of L representation at the dedication. This would be an excellent opportunity for our organization to receive much publicity at this once-in-a-lifetime Lithuanian and religious event. He suggested that the K of L members wear some type of identifying badge.

Vincent Samaska reported that the K of L Choir will participate along with the Dainava Group. He also urged everyone to contribute and to seek contributions.

**Taryba** - It was suggested that representatives be chosen that would be able to attend the meetings that are primarily held in Chicago. At the present time, Robert Boris of Detroit and Marcella Andrikis of Waterbury are

our representatives. Mr. Boris will continue as our delegate with Eleanore Laurin of Chicago as his alternate. Mrs. Emilija Pakalniškis of Chicago will be the second delegate with Miss Andrikis as the East Coast alternate.

**Prayer Crusade** - After discussion, Mr. Boris agreed to contact the District and Council presidents for better promotion of the Crusade. Father Valancius will work with Mr. Boris and will contact the Spiritual Advisors.

**1966 National Convention** - Edward Daniels of the Convention Committee reported that all arrangements should be completed by May 1st. Tentative plans will be announced in the "Vytis".

**Auxiliary Membership Amendment** - Frank Gudelis reported by letter that at the Mid-Central District Convention widespread disappointment and resentment among their membership and a decided decrease in membership in at least one council was the result of the manner in which the proposed amendment was handled by the Resolutions Committee at the last National Convention. It was the unanimous vote of the Mid-Central District that strong representations be made to the 1966 National Convention that the requirements of the K of L Constitution be complied with in respect to this proposed amendment, and that the question be submitted to the convention delegates for a vote.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Rev. A. Kemesis** - Mr. Sadauskas proposed that the K of L initiate a drive to appropriately commemorate the late Rev. Kemesis for all his work with our organization. A letter was also received from Dr. Ona Labanauskas suggesting that instead of a monument or similiar-type commemoration, monies be collected for a room in the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, Conn. This type of commemoration would be more fitting to Father Kemesis. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to table this matter.

**Lithuanian Foundation** - **Tautos Fondas** - Mr. Wesey reported that there was an article in the "Darbininkas" in which the Foundation was asking to whom it should give \$1000 contributions. They requested interested parties contact them. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to apply to the Fund on behalf of Supreme Council Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Mr. Wesey will submit the request to the Foundation.

**Lithuanian Cultural Guide** - Father Raila extended his best wishes for a successful meeting by letter and informed the S.C. that the Lithuanian Cultural Guide, written by himself and translated into English by Loretta Stukas, would soon be available. The matter was tabled until the next S. C. when the members would have an opportunity to review the guide.

**Next Meeting** - Council 26 of Worcester requested

that the next Supreme Council meeting be held in Worcester on the weekend of May 1st as the Council will be celebrating their Golden Jubilee. It was decided to accept the Worcester invitation as the Council will also be the 1966 Convention host.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with a prayer by Father Valancius at 7:50 P.M.; after a motion was made, seconded and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Acting Secretary

# K of L

## Calendar

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| May 15                 | - 50th Anniversary St. Casimir's Parish, C-82, Gary, Ind.                                 |
| May 20-22              | - Mid-West Bowling Tournament, Ford City Lanes, Chicago, Ill.                             |
| May 21                 | - C-7, Hartford, Council's Jubilee Dinner Dance, St. Joseph's Hall, Hartford, Conn.       |
| June 5                 | - New York-New Jersey District Meeting, Linden, N. J.                                     |
| June 18                | - Illinois - Indiana District Hawaiian Luau, K of L Building, Chicago, Ill.               |
| June 30<br>July 3      | - Lithuanian Youth Congress and Song Festival, Chicago, Ill.                              |
| July 4                 | - Illinois-Indiana District Annual K of L Day Picnic, Butchas Grove, Willow Springs, Ill. |
| July 31<br>August 7    | - K of L Youth Camp and Family Vacation Week at Camp Dainava, Manchester, Mich.           |
| August 25<br>August 28 | - 53rd National Convention, C-26 Host, Worcester, Mass.                                   |
| September 4            | - Our Lady of Siluva Chapel Blessing and Dedication Ceremonies, Washington, D.C.          |
| November 12            | - Illinois-Indiana District K of L Choir's Golden Jubilee Banquet, Chicago, Ill.          |

# JUNIOR NEWS

## JUNIOR NEWS

What are you Junior councils doing? Everyone is interested in you and your activities so let us hear from you.

With the Lenten season and Easter behind us you and your counselors are no doubt in the midst of planning your late spring and summer programs.

I hope that by this time all the districts have made arrangements to hold they will be well attended and will be very successful.

Not having heard from any of the districts personally I am asking all Counselors in charge of junior's to please send to Irene Sankus, "Vytis" Editor, articles and pictures when possible of all your activities so that Irene can continue publishing the Junior News in each issue of "Vytis".

If we do not take the time or make an effort to do so your Junior News Section could be a thing of the past. I am sure none of us would want that to happen.

The New York-New Jersey District held their Annual Junior Rally in Bayonne, N. J., with the Bayonne Council as host for the affair.

Chairmen of the Rally were Rev. Father Peter Zemekis and Elena Nakrosis. The Rally was held Sunday April 17th, at St. Michael's Church hall, starting at 1 P.M.

The committee in charge planned a program which they felt everyone would enjoy. More information on this rally will be published in the next "Vytis" issue.

MARY H. STONIS  
Juniors Vice-President



## DAYTON JUNIORS

Lithuanian Independence Day took place February 20 in the church hall. Our Juniors participated with poems and folk dances. Many Lithuanian people from near-by cities attended. This is one of their annual get-together affairs.

On March 6, the Junior and regular council observed Saint Casimer's Day. We attended holy mass together, after which a breakfast was served, followed by a program honoring our Patron Saint.

The bake sale on March 13 was a great success. All proceeds from this sale, will be used to send members to Camp Dainava this summer.

We welcome three new members to our rank, Richard Gevat, Mark and Steven Vaitkus. We are happy to have you become Junior Knights.

Our members enjoyed an afternoon at Audubon Center Farm. A guide explained how maple syrup is made from sap of the maple trees on the farm. Later we enjoyed a get together in the church hall. A big thank you to Senior members for the generous donations; to Eloise Brezelly for the lovely gift, that was raffled off at our bake sale; to all mothers who baked the goodies; to all junior knights who faithfully worked their assigned shifts; to Fran and Mike for their hard work, time and patience; to the nice parents who offer to drive, when we are in need of volunteers; to our "Vytis" editors for publication of our Dayton Junior News.

Cathy Lavender

Chicago Counsellors make up a quartet. Seated: Cam Bereckis and Johanna Jakunas. Standing: Cis Matul and Helen Pius. (A. Raubiskis photo)



Johanna Jakunas leading the Chicago Juniors in song. (A. Raubiskis)

#### CHICAGO JUNIORS

March 12th we went roller skating at St. Michael's. The children really enjoyed themselves, even though they were mopping up the floor. Some of our super-stars, like Richard Richkus, made it around the rink seven whole times in the two hours we were there. Some of the grown-ups had the nerve to skate around the rink a few times.

We have a new member, Alan Yakes, and we hope to have many more. Up-to-date, we have 30 members; 9 boys, 20 girls and one tomboy. The boys plan on getting more members so they can start a baseball team. The boys also plan on winning some trophies.

We have a new accordian player, Donna Bartkus. She goes to Nativity B.V.M. School and she is in the eighth grade. We gave our President, Laura Micka, a new nickname; "tippy-toes", because she loves to do the Lithuanian dances. Anthony Giedraitis likes to sing and his father is the singing teacher.

Michael Micka  
Boy's Vice President  
Age 11

Mike did a great job in covering the recent activities of the Juniors. We would just like to add that the Juniors are practicing very hard on their dancing and singing to get ready for their appearance again this year in the Children's Sokių and Dainų Sventė to be held in Willow Springs, Illinois on May 22nd.

The Juniors will also participate with other children's groups, July 3rd, in the International Youth Congress' Dainų Sventė.

Our young ladies will be sporting aprons at these affairs that they themselves embroidered with Lithuanian designs.

Cis Matul  
I-I District Juniors V.P.

#### WANTED: A PEN PAL

Most often little girls like to write. Such is the desire of "little miss" Sidney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Millard, of council 79, Detroit, Mich. However, there is only one way as to HOW she will settle for writing. She desires a "pen pal" and would like to write to some girl of Lithuanian-American ancestry in anyone of the councils in the Knights of Lithuania. She is 10 years old and in the sixth grade.

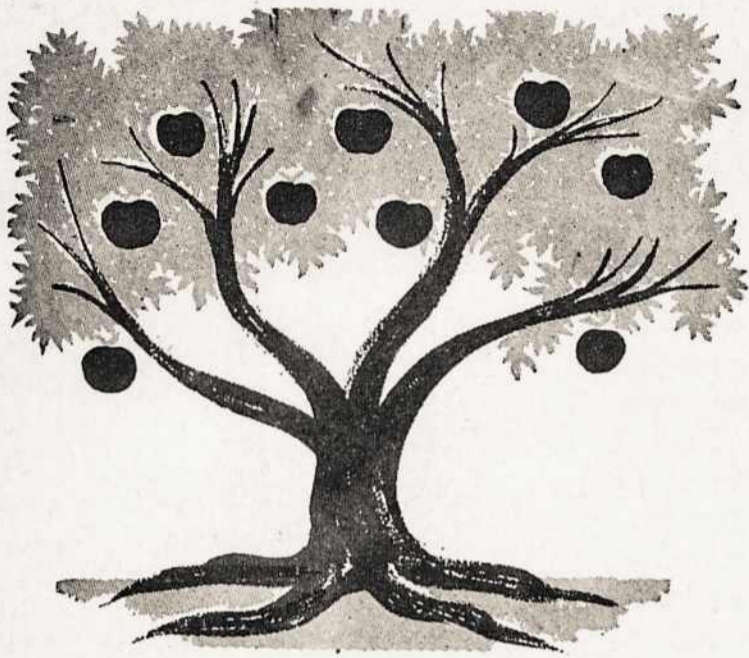
Every youngster usually has a hobby or collection Sidney Millard is interested in getting a real, live, Lithuanian pen pal. And there is a stirring of sentiment in the idea, earnest enough, from Sidney of knowing and getting acquainted with some other girl of Lithuanian descent. Here is, for at least two, an opportunity - better more of an asset in spreading our Lithuanian heritage on a national scope.

This achievement can also be accomplished with the encouragement of the parents - the desire of their children to become acquainted with those of their own kind. In our changing society, Lithuanian groups in various areas for so many years have been isolated from K of L activity and even have lost contact with other Lithuanian community centers. In the course of years when there have been intermarriages with other nationalities, children practically lost their Lithuanian identity, thus naturally not taking interest in something that is unfamiliar to them. With someone like Sidney to "take up" that interest, (and incidentally her father is a non-Lithuanian) we hope that in time we can develop in other children a real Lithuanian acquaintance not in name only but in idealism and spirit.

Meanwhile, Sidney will be eagerly awaiting a pen pal to write to, a "little miss" somewhere from another council who is interested as Sidney is in writing and promoting a K of L mail bag of "Getting to Know You". Her address is: Sidney Millard, 12735 Cheyenne, Detroit, Mich. 48227.

Submitted by,  
Sophie M. Zager





# Beginning to bear fruit....

It appears that our Tree of Life is finally beginning to bear fruit. 8 councils have topped the 100% paid-up mark, 6 of these have had new members enrolled and are eligible for points in the Membership Drive. First and second place standings are as follows (as of April 1st).

Large Council Category: C- 7 - 6 new - 134% increase  
   C- 96 - 5 new - 103% increase  
 Small Council Category: C-135 - 4 new - 133% increase  
   C- 17 - 3 new - 123% increase

Additional councils in the running are C-1 with 8 new and a 123% increase, C-113 with 2 new and a 133% increase and C-96 with 5 new and a 103% increase.

Of course this is not the total of new members. Look out for C-112 when they change their 95% paid-up to 100%; they now have 9 new members. C-26 with a little effort, can increase their 54% paid-up to 100% and possibly take the prize with 12 new K of L'ers. C-79 is another contender with 7 new members. Their paid-up total is just 29%, but perhaps the next standings list will include them too.

A few more councils have a good start also. The Cleveland Seniors have 4 additions with 70% paid-up membership. C-100 also has 4 and we're rooting for them to increase their paid-up percentage very shortly. Others who have tried "For the Good of the K of L" are Councils 3 and 116 with 2 each, and councils 111 Srs., Chicago Srs., 36, 133 Srs and 102 with one new member each.

One important little factor could boost the new and renewal figures for several councils, that is the date to which the dues have been paid. If dues have been collected for just a few months, credit cannot be given until the members are paid up until the end of the year, or at least to August 31st. So, it might be to your benefit to check your records for these partial paid members.

Some encouragement and consolation is also in order for the individuals who have brought in new members to the K of L, but whose council officers are not interested in trying to have a 100% paid-up roster. Individual prize points are not based on the councils' standing, so they will not only get the credit they earned but also they should feel a justifiable pride for their contribution to their council and the entire K of L. If you are a member

of one of these councils - don't give up. There are hundreds of us who notice, appreciate and depend on your continued efforts.

It is good to see progress being made; a little late - but not TOO late. Let's not wait 'til tomorrow. Let's get into action TODAY. It is quite apparent we have not approached our parents, family, relatives, friends or fellow workers yet. Because if we had, our new member enrollment would now be 274, 374 or even 574 instead of just 74. We cannot let our "Tree of Life" or the fruit it has borne already die. We MUST nurture it, help it grow and see and enjoy the fruit it CAN bear - if we work at it.

Eleanore H. Laurin  
 Membership Vice President

## RULES FOR 1965-66 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

TEN points were earned for each new or re-activated member enrolled by January 31, 1966, provided the National Financial Secretary received the dues by February 28, 1966.

SEVEN points were earned for each new or re-activated member enrolled by April 30, 1966, provided the National Financial Secretary receives the dues by May 30, 1966.

EARN FIVE POINTS for each new or re-activated member YOU WILL ENROLL during MAY and 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 with the most points in a large Council.
- (2) Individual with the most points in a small Council.
- (3) Council with less than 40 paid-up members with greatest % of increase.
- (4) Council with more than 40 paid-up members with greatest % of increase.
- (5) District with the greatest number of new members.

## PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP as of APRIL 9, 1966

C #	City	% Pd	9/65	4/66					
7	Waterbury	134%	50	67	41S	New York	74%	19	14
135	Ansonia	133%	40	53	25S	Cleveland	70%	33	23
17	So. Boston	123%	30	37	36	Chicago	70%	56	39
82	Gary	120%	10	12	133S	Los Angeles	69%	32	22
1	Brockton	119%	16	19	27	Norwood	67%	18	12
113	Linden	113%	16	18	90	Kearney	67%	30	20
10	Athol	106%	16	17	26	Worcester	54%	130	70
96	Dayton	103%	72	74	102	Detroit	52%	46	24
Pittsburgh Srs.		100%	2	2	29	Newark	37%	81	30
5	Chicago	100%	9	9	13	Chicago	30%	25	4
6	Hartford	100%	0	1	79	Detroit	29%	116	29
111S	Youngstown	95%	19	18	14	Cicero	25%	12	3
112	Chicago	95%	119	113	100	Amsterdam	19%	21	4
12	New York	94%	31	29	139	Detroit	18%	17	3
Chicago Srs.		91%	44	40	24	Chicago	17%	6	1
78	Lawrence	91%	11	10	19	Pittsburgh	3%	34	1
109	Great Neck	90%	20	18	52	Elizabeth	2%	41	1
3	Philadelphia	86%	36	31	18	Cambridge	0%	3	0
30	Westfield	80%	30	24	25	Cleveland	0%	26	0
61	Paterson	80%	5	4	41	Brooklyn	0%	14	0
116	Worcester	76%	34	26	67	Bayonne	0%	4	0
					133	Los Angeles	0%	31	0

# Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

## KUOPOS SUSIRINKIMAS

Clevelando Vyčių Sendraugių kuopos susirinkimas įvykęs kovo 27 d. Kazio Gaižučio namuose, buvo labai darbingas. Priimtos dvi kandidatės: Ponia Sankalienė ir jos dukra.

Pelno liko nuo Šv. Kazimiero dienos pietų 56 dol., nutarta pridėti iš kuopos išdo 46 dol. ir paaukot 100 dolerių Naujajai parapijai, ir už 20 dolerių nupirkta aukso plunksna, kuopos korespondentui J. Sadauskui. Tartasi dėl vykimo Vashingtonan į Siluvos koplyčios šventinimo iškilmes, manoma, kad susidarys pilnas autobusas. Po susirinkimo, šeiminkai visus dalyvius skaniai pavaišino.

Pabuęs.

## VARPININKO FANTAZIJA

Tarp lauko ir medžių aukštų,  
Taip toli už debesų,  
Jų nematomos viršūnės baluoja;

Kur nėra proto minties,  
Kur nebuvo žmonių gyvasties,  
Ten laisvas aras plasnoja,

Aš statyti ten geidžiu  
Saulės spindulių bokštą  
O į bokštą įkelti aukso varpus.

Kad skambantis balsas - skardus  
Sauktų brolybei visus,  
Priešais kruvinus tironų darbus.

Tegul skamba laisvės varpai  
Po šį kraštą ir visur:  
Žmoniją žadint ir laisvę gairinti

Kad žmonija naujais -  
Idealais šviesiais -  
Pajudinti, savo sielą dabinti.

Suskambėjo varpai,  
Lyg žaibo trenksmai, -  
Plaukia aidas erdvėsna,

Matyt kovos liepsna,  
Aušta laisvės diena, -  
Atgimsta linksmi troškimai žmonėmsna.

Saulės Brolis  
Youngstown, Ohio

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Edited By: Theresa Strolia, 11747 So. Lafayette Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60628

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### WATERBURY, CONN., C-7

Annual observance of the feast day of St. Casimir was conducted here under sponsorship of Knights of Lithuania Council 7. A corporate Communion Mass in honor of the patron saint of Lithuania was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church at 8 a.m.

The Rev. Leonard Kvedas, council chaplain, presided at the Mass and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. Edward Gradeck, pastor. Special music during the ceremony and at the exit was provided by a choir under direction of Alexander J. Aleksis, organist and choirmaster, whose compositions of "Hymn to St. Casimir" and the "Knights of Lithuania Anthem" were sung. Vocalists were Marcella Andrikis, Adolfas Campe, Ceslava Kondrasas, Berenice Ortlieb, Anthony Paliulis, Sophia and Edmund Stulginskis, and Locadia Sulauskas.

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

City Clerk Frank Shaknaitis, master of ceremonies, extended Mayor Frederick W. Palomba's greetings to the assemblage. Other speakers were Prof. Aleksis, the Rev. Raymond Yuskas, James Valaitis, Miss Andrikis, Calvin Kerwin, Adolfas Campe, Joseph Samoska, Dr. William Shukaitis and William Gervickas, breakfast committee chairman.

Throughout the day, Waterburians of Lithuanian lineage prayed to St. Casimir to help hasten liberation of Lithuania from Soviet occupation.

### ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10

Vincukas

The person I have chosen to write

about this month is widely known in K of L circles in New England, and in particular, in the Worcester area.

Alec Kuzmeskas was born and raised in St. Casimir's parish, Worcester. He attended St. John's High School, and furthered his education at the Mass. School of Pharmacy. Soon after graduation he purchased Ray's Pharmacy in Athol. He now makes his home in Athol with his beautiful bride of one year, who hails from Norwood.

Alec is fond of out-door sports, in particular, fishing, hunting, and skiing. He is a fun-loving fellow and finds time to participate in church and club activities. A staunch K of L'er, he also holds membership in the local Elks, Stébs Club, and the parish Men's Club.

Thought for the Month - May being the month of Mary, our minds and thoughts turn to our heavenly and earthly mother. If our mothers are with us we must love, respect, and help them as much as we can. If they are deceased, we must remember them in our prayers. The faithful have always turned to Mary with confidence; let us pray to Her to grant the world a just and lasting peace and freedom to those who are oppressed and enslaved throughout the world, but in particular in the land of our forefathers, Lithuania.



Waterbury Knights of Lithuania figured prominently in the LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY festivities. Left to right: Peter Vileišis, Lithuanian Consul General Vytautas Stašinskas of New York, Frank Shaknaitis, Adolfas Campé, Rev. Paul Sabulis and Marcella Andrikis.

### WESTFIELD, MASS., C-30

Marcijona

Thirteen of our members received their first and second degrees as part of our St. Casimir's Day program. Our ritual committee comprised of Mrs. Wm. Alexik and Mrs. Benedict Coach, both third degree members, were in charge. Second degree candidates included Anne Sabonis, Joseph Sabonis, Louise Renaud, Marcia Rogers, Benedict Coach, Frank Bernadicius, Theresa Atkocaitis, and John Tarnauskas. First degree candidates; Stella Jutkus, Frank Jutkus, James Kules, Bernard Minkus, and Sophie Kucharski. Congratulations to all!

At our March meeting Father Puidokas asked for four volunteers to serve on his parish affairs committee. Representing the K of L will be John Tarnauskas, Joseph Sabonis, Frank Bernadicius and Sophie Kucharski.

On March 27th the K of L sponsored a program of Lithuanian songs and dances prepared and offered by girl students from the Immaculate Conception Convent, Putnam, Conn. Proceeds for the benefit of the Matulaitis Nursing Home Building Fund. Following the performance the Sisters and girls enjoyed a covered dish supper prepared by the K of L members. Chairman Marcia Rogers thanks each member for their cooperation in making this a complete success.

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25 Irene II

A hearty THANK YOU to our Hosts, the Cleveland Seniors, for a wonderful St. Casimir's Day Celebration and also for the opportunity to meet the Youngstown Seniors.

Our Card Party held Mar. 19 at the Yankauskas residence was a jammed packed event. A big THANK YOU to the Committee: Adele Svet, Ruth Guzauskas, Gene Kunsitis, Ursula Yankauskas, our wonderful pastry bakers, COOKS, and generous members. It being St. Joseph's Day, what better way to celebrate than to present Joe Sadauskas, our Honorary Member, with a bottle of CHEER. Hope you enjoyed it, Mr. Sadauskas! Nellie Arunski was also surprised with many SMALL and edible Birthday gifts from C-25 Members. Hope the next 50 years will all be filled with happiness! And, speaking of surprises, no one could have been more surprised than Mrs. Ursula Yankauskas at being the winner of our 50-50 raffle. Congratulations Mrs. Y! JOHN JR., Al and Joanna Shigo's cute little grandson, was also introduced to C-25 that evening. I wonder, will GENE KUNSITIS be running that SPECIAL TABLE at our next card party? It was good to see Ed Marculaitis, former Pittsburgh K of L member enjoying himself at that SPECIAL TABLE.

Before you know it, ANDY SKARNUS will be doing the Frug or Watusi. We're glad to see that he has made such a wonderful recovery after his unfortunate accident. Keep up the good work Andy!

Congratulations to Mary Jane Andrulis upon receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree from Miami University, Oxford Ohio. Mary Jane is the daughter of John and Evelyn Andrulis. As you may recall, Mary Jane was one of the recipients of the 1962 K of L Scholarship award.

We were all saddened at the sudden and untimely death of Mr. Stanley Palzes. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Andy and his family. Mr. Palzes was a former K of L member and will be missed by his many K of L friends.

Did you ever have a LITHUANIAN TORTE baked by a POLISH Cook? We

did - at our April Meeting - DEElicious! You're a real Gourmet, Mrs. Jakubs.

We understand from Chairman, Bill Jakubs, that two teams are starting to pack their grips and getting into FORM for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Chicago. WILL THEY or WILL THEY NOT come home with the T R O P H Y !

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 SOFFI

Twenty-five years seem like a long time, but that is exactly what Father Michael Kundrat of Divine Providence will be celebrating in the priesthood. An "Open House" party will be given in his honor, sponsored by C-79, on June 5, with all other parish organizations actively participating. Father Michael was ordained June 7, 1941. He served as assistant at the St. Raymond's, St. Clement's, and the Nativity of Our Lord parishes before being assigned to head the Church of Divine Providence, Nov. 4, 1955. We join with Father Kundrat's family, friends, and classmates in extending our best wishes on his silver jubilee.

Looking forward, and having plans of her own pretty well pat in a "side pocket" is what won first prize - Employee Category for Ona Walls on her retirement article in the Parke Davis Review. Ona sums it up very well in part, by stating "retirement is not the end, but the beginning of a new phase of life, the harvest after a lifetime of work". And she continues, "neither of us (meaning her husband) has any fears of advancing years, as they seem to have as many or more compensations than the growing years, if one looks at them in the right perspective". Our sincere congratulations on this wonderful article, and may we take a few "pointers" and look in that enlightening direction. Perhaps love of people can be a top asset.

Fighting mid-Lenten blues, four couples took off for a Dining-Out date at the Colonial House on Mar 27. They included: Bertha and Frank Janus, Sophie and George Leskosky, Ona and Bill Walls, and Sophie and Frank Zager. The occasion was to fete the husbands. So sorry that two other couples from the original dining club couldn't make it as they missed a good time.

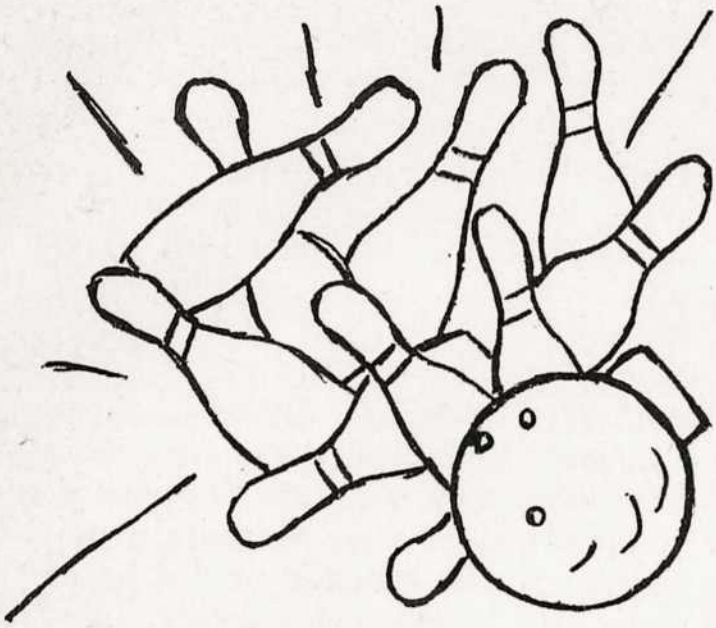
At the writing of this article our bowling season will have passed into history. A lovely banquet will be held at the Lithuanian Vet's Hall, on May 14. Freshmen complaints increased among the losers, but congratulations to the winning team. Don't forget the Mid-West Bowling tournament on May 20-21, at Ford City Lanes, Chicago, Ill.

Accidents have been on the jump the past couple of months between Frank and Bertha Janus. First Frank had a mishap and was compelled to wear a back brace. We hear Frank is mending nicely. Thanks to his ever lovin' wife, he was able to join us for a few social activities. Then, Bertha, while driving their new car of less than a year got badly "clobbered" at the rear of the car. The damage to the car was very extensive. However, Bertha was not seriously hurt which was very fortunate, indeed, as indicated by the damage to the car.

What's New? ... Ralph Valatka, Sr., is recuperating nicely after recent surgery... Estelle Gogelis was also hospitalized (maybe all she needed was some "rest" from little Vida Ann). By the time you read this, Estelle and Charlie will have settled in their newly chosen quarters in Redford... Over in Hawaii, where the livin' is breezy and nice under the palm trees, Mr. and Mrs. James Missel have been enjoying a heavenly stay.

At the risk of being repetitious, we would like to once again mention our K of L Camp Youth Week at Camp Dainava, July 31 to August 7. This will also be a Family Vacation Week (with or without children). Plan to come out for some fun, wholesome companionship, and Lithuanian culture. You can lodge comfortably at the camp's "white house". For reservations contact Jos. Kazlauskas, 19183 Trinity, Detroit, Mich. 48219., or by calling Clem Patocki, TE 4-3011; Sophie Zager VE 5-2280.

As summer comes it brings green grass, picnics in the park, and top-down convertible drives. Let, this be a reminder that we do not let ourselves sway from spiritual obligations. Make an effort to attend monthly K of L Communion Sundays, and do say an extra prayer for all those fellas and gals in uniform. Yours truly will conclude by "taking a break" and see you all in the fall. Have a nice and safe summer.



# MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

MAY 21 - 22, 1966

CHICAGO

**SATURDAY - MAY 21st**

**SUNDAY - MAY 22nd**

Registration - before, during and after Brunch at the Midway House

11:15 A.M. - Mass at the new and modern Immaculate Conception Church, 44th and California

11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. - Buffet-Brunch at Chicago's Midway House, Banquet Room.

1:00 P.M. - Bowling Banquet and Presentation of Awards, K of L Building.

2:00 P.M. - MidWest Bowling Tournament, 76th and So. Cicero Avenue.

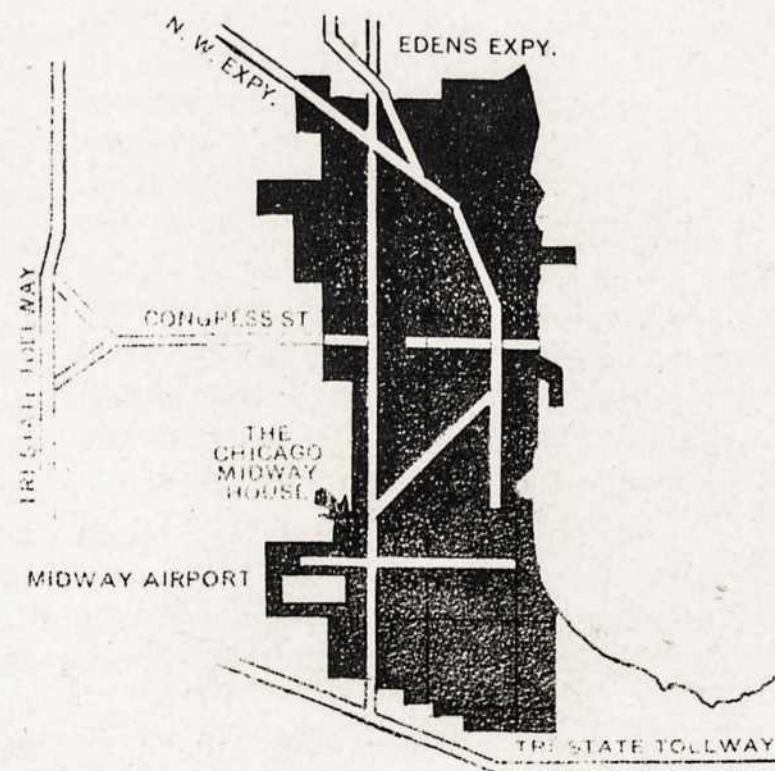
Guest Speaker - "Dizzy" Trout of the Chicago White Sox.

8:30 P.M. - Bowling Dance at the K of L Building, 2445 West 47th Street.

**REGISTRATION: Bowlers \$12.00 and Non-Bowlers \$9.00 for all events**

**HEADQUARTERS:** Chicago Midway House Motel  
5400 and So. Cicero Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

For additional information contact:  
Al Kassel  
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Chicago, Illinois



DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 Eleanor M.

Mar. 6 we honored the feast of St. Casimir by attending communion in a body at the 8:00 A.M. Mass. Father Titus Narbutas celebrated the mass at our altar of St. Casimir. After mass a breakfast was served by Mary Lucas and her committee. As always the food was good and plentiful. Thanks, Mary, and all those that helped. The Juniors presented a program on the life of St. Casimir. Very well done Juniors and also your advisors, Mike and Fran Petkus.

Our bake sale, Apr. 3 was a big success. The proceeds of this sale was donated to Our Lady of Siluva Shrine in our nation's capitol. Kitty Prasmantas and Phyllis Mayauskas in charge of the sale, did a wonderful job. <sup>1</sup>

Our council has some new members in our midst Adele and John Kvietys, Sam Bakamauskas and his wife, Maxine, and Kay and Stanley Sluzas. Welcome to all and hope to see you at our meetings.

Congratulations to Mike Petkus upon his coming marriage. I understand the lucky girl is Miss Polly Barton. Best of luck to both.

We wish for a speedy recovery to our sick: Donna Scott, daughter of Tom and Elizabeth Scott; Mr. Fred Kondrotas Sr. who are convalescing at home; and Mike Petkus from Air St. who is at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Our deepest sympathy to Helen Vaitkus and family on the death of her beloved father.

## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

F.V.

The annual Communion-Breakfast of the NY-NJ District took place on Sun. Mar. 13th in Philadelphia, Pa., with C-3 as hosts. The membership assembled in St. Casimir's parish hall. Led by the Catholic War Veterans color guard, they march into St. Casimir's Church, where High Mass was celebrated by C-3 spiritual advisor, Rev. A. Neverauskas, who also preached a sermon appropriate to the day. At the close of Mass, the K of L Hymn was sung. Breakfast followed in the parish hall, where Joseph Yanulaitis served as toastmaster. Talks were

given by the Rev. B. Shimkus and Msgr. A. Martusevicius. Both talks, delivered in English and Lithuanian, dwelt mainly on present day Church Liturgy and its meaning to the faithful. The speakers were former spiritual directors of C-3. This year C-3 is marking its 25th Anniversary and this event was the first one of a series marking the anniversary.

In the afternoon a district meeting was called to order by president Alexander Wesley. The prayer was offered by Rev. Neverauskas, who also extended greetings on behalf of the parish. Words of welcome were also offered by John Mickunas, president of the host council. The minutes of the meeting held Dec. 5th at Great Neck, N.Y. were read and accepted. District spiritual director Rev. Peter Zemeikis gave a report. Reports from various officers and committees were given. Rev. Zemeikis spoke on the coming Junior rally which was to be held on Sun. April 17th, at Bayonne, N.J. The District voted to give a \$ 25 donation towards this event. A like amount was donated to the Memories of Lithuania Radio Hour which this year is celebrating its Silver Jubilee in the Radio Field.

Quaker City Notes: Hats off to C-3 for a most enjoyable stay while in their midst. While the attendance was not too bad, it could have been much better. Some of the councils in the district was conspicuous by their absence.

First and Second degrees were given by C-3 on the local level... Joe Yanulaitis was recipient of a gift from his home council in recognition of his many years of effort on behalf of C-3... Nice to see former national president, Helen Shields... Congratulations to Walter Svekla and Irene Varevice on their becoming engaged... Newark C-29 will sponsor busses to Washington, D.C. Labor Day week-end on the occasion of the dedication of Our Lady of Siluva Shrine... Third degree certificates were presented by president Wesley to John Mickunas, Irene and Al Ozalis, Lillian Sasnauskas and the Rev. Eugene Wassel.

The performance of the Aqua String band at the social hour was something to hear and see, especially their rendition of Lithuanian selections.

See you in Linden, June 5th.

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

Our annual Communion - Breakfast, which also commemorates St. Casimir Day, took place on Sun., Mar. 6. We were favored with very good weather, and hence, the turnout was excellent. High Mass was offered in Holy Trinity Church by the Rev. Peter Totoraitis, C-29 spiritual director. Breakfast followed in St. George's Hall, where Dr. Jack J. Stukas was toastmaster. The opening prayer was offered by Msgr. I. Kelmelis. Guest speaker at the breakfast was Walter L. Joyce, past-president of the Holy Name Federation of the Newark Archdiocese. His talk on juvenile delinquency and morality indeed was one that will long be remembered by those in attendance.

Notes off the cuff - Dr. Stukas carried off his chores as toastmaster in his usual fine and capable fashion. Nice to see all our past presidents on hand for the event... Joseph Sakevich, former C-29 and national president, swore in the newly elected officers of C-29. Among those present at breakfast was former Newark Mayor, Leo P. Carlin. We doff our chapeau to Edward Schmidt, breakfast chairman and his hard working committee for making the event the success that it was. (We must not forget the cooks.)

Former council president Charles Strolis extended his greetings on behalf of S.C. president, Alexander Wesley. A bow in the direction of council president Kazys Sipaila, who has undertaken to cover the cost of printing of the book "Awakening Lithuania" which will be published shortly. It is authored by Dr. Jack Stukas and will be dedicated to the Knights of Lithuania.

Belated birthday greetings to Eva Ellis, Christine Yakavonis and Kazys Sipaila. Additional greetings are extended to Ben and Eva Ellis who this year are celebrating their 25th anniversary in marriage. Speaking of anniversaries, we must not forget our pastor, Msgr. Kelmelis, who on June 26 will celebrate his golden jubilee in the Priesthood. February of this year was his 44th one as pastor of our parish.

Don't forget to put a circle around Sept. 24th, it is the date of our annual dinner-dance, and will take place in St. George's Hall.



Left photo: Faustus Strolia and Ray Bartkus celebrate their birthdays during Choir Rehearsal. Right photo: K of L officers: Vladas Paliulionis, Ray Samoska, Mirga Pakalniškis, Helen Gudauskas, Al Zakarka, Faustus Strolia and Ray Bartkus. (Photos by A. Raubiskis)

## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112

E. Pakalniškienė

112-tos kuopos kovo mėnesio susirinkimas buvo gana sutrumpintas, kad nariai ir svečiai galėtų pamatyti dr. Juozapo Jerome filmą iš jokelionės per Europą. Dr. Jerome yra Vyčių 112-tos kuopos narys. Gimęs Cikagoje, Bridgeporte. Chemijos daktaras. Važinėja po pasaulį moksliniais reikalais. Ir šį vakarą parodys jis mums tas vietas, kur pernai jam važinėti teko.

Prie filmų aparato sėdi jaunutė, šviesiaplaukė dr. Jerome dukrelė. Ji padeda tėveliui susitvarkyti. Vėliau ją ir jos mamytę poniją Jerome matome tuose pačiuose paveiksluose. Dvi dukreles Ponai Jerome turi.

Matome žiaurią, šaltą ir baugią spybliuotą vielų sieną. Tokie pat yra ir tos sienos savininkai komunistai. Lyg tyrus kokius matome, be gyvybės ženklų. Rodos, štai pakils juoda, gąsdinanti šmėkla, tau iškapos akis ir ausis užtrenks. Nejaukus šiurpulys per eina per visus. Gerai, kad to baisenybės pradžioje parodytos buvo.

Vėliau mes persikėlėme į gražų, laisvą vakarų pasaulį. Sveicarija, Austrija, Olandija, Belgija, Vokietija. Koks nuostabus gražumas, švarumas, tvarkingumas! Beveik kiekvienas Sveicarijos bokštas turi laikrodį. Net iš žydinčių gėlių laikrodis išaugintas. Olandija turtinga malūnais. Jie tokie pat, kaip čia ant suvenyrinių puodukų bei lėkščių išpaisyti kad būna. Daug meniškų pastatų pamatome. Teatry rūmai, miestų rotušės, bažnyčios. Norisi nuo kėdės pasistoti ir prie kiekvieno paveikslo prieiti, jį pirštais palytėti, pasidžiaugti.

Zavi Europa ne tik meniškais pa-

statais, bet ir gamta. Parkuose medžiai, žali, rausvi ir geltoni. Kalnų papėdėse jie auga, o paukščių pulkai lakioja ir nutupia į juos. Kilometrais tęsiasi žali s žolės ruožai, žydinčių gėlių kilimai, o čia pat šalia jų takeliais važiuoja dviratininkai. Plentuose matosi vežimai arkliais pakinkyti, o šalia jų ir automobiliai. Kad būtų galima tas grožybes perkelti į Cikagą! Kad ir mūsų pakeles tokie pat žalumynai bei gėlynai puoštų!

Ačiū daktarui Jerome už tas grožybes. Lausime Jūsų kitais metais. Vėl pamatyti norėsime, kad ir tas pačias filmas.

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Following our March meeting, we were fortunate in having Dr. Joseph B. Jerome present to narrate and show us slides of Europe. These slides gave us an interesting and informative hour's tour of East and West Berlin, Munich, Vienna, Switzerland, and Holland and were immensely enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Dr. Jerome for

taking time from his busy schedule to share his "Holidays in Western Europe" with us.

In case you wonder why our Financial Secretary, Al Dagis sports that huge brief case to and from meetings, the fact that our council has 100% paid up membership should answer your question. Al and the Membership Committee (Ray Bartkus and Al Raubiskis) deserve most of the credit for getting our council's dues paid up. Their un-tiring efforts consisting of letters, phone calls, and personal contact have "borne fruit". Congratulations on a big job, well done, fellas!

Our President, Al Mockus is chairman of a Luau being sponsored by the Illinois-Indiana District on June 18. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Music will be furnished by The Islanders with a genuine Hula dancer to keep us entertained when not dancing. Beside the usual refreshments, a buffet will be served. Be sure to mark this date on your social calendar for a Hawaiian nite in the K of L Gardens.



K of L Choir. Faustus Strolia at piano. Chicago, Ill. (V. Noreika Photo)

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY - August 25th - Ketvirtadienį

Registration - Holiday Inn - Mezzanine	9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Golf Tournament - Wachusett Country Club	8:00 A.M.
Bowling Tournament - Colonial Lanes	2:00 P.M.
Get Acquainted Party - Maironis Park	8:00 P.M.

### FRIDAY - August 26th - Penktadienį

Mass - St. Casimir's Church	8:30 A.M.
Coffee "and" following Mass	
Business Session - Holiday Inn	10:00 A.M.
Luncheon - Sports Awards - Holiday Inn	12:15 P.M.
Business Session - Holiday Inn	2:00 P.M.
Semi-formal Dance - Lithuanian Naturalization Club	8:30 P.M.

### SATURDAY - August 27th - Seštadienį

Mass - St. Casimir's Church - for deceased members	8:30 A.M.
Coffee "and" following the Mass	
Business Session - Holiday Inn	10:00 A.M.
Luncheon - Holiday Inn	12:15 P.M.
Business Session - Holiday Inn	2:00 P.M.
Informal Evening - Indian Ranch - Webster, Mass.	5:00 P.M.
Buses leave for Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagogg- chaubunagungamaugg. Barbecued Chicken, dancing etc.	

### SUNDAY - August 28th - Sekmadienį

Mass - St. Casimir's Church	10:00 A.M.
Celebrant: His Excellency The Most Reverend Bernard J. Flanagan, D.D., J.C.D., Bishop of Worcester	
Convention Photograph and Brunch following the Mass	
Business Session - Holiday Inn	2:00 P.M.
Banquet - Lithuanian Naturalization Club	6:00 P.M.