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# LAST CALL!

## 53<sup>rd</sup> National CONVENTION WORCESTER, MASS.

### 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.



### HOLIDAY INN ROOM RATES

SINGLES	\$9.50	\$10.50	\$11.00
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DOUBLES	\$12.50	\$15.00
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### SUITE RATES

\$16.00 Single
\$16.00 Double
\$18.00 Triple

Plus 5 per cent tax

### CONVENTION SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### Thursday, August 25

8:00 A.M. GOLF TOURNAMENT. Wachusett Country Club. The lush fairways and the beautiful greens are bound to improve your score. Make a date for the opening of the sports program during the convention.

2:00 P.M. BOWLING TOURNAMENT. Colonial Lanes. Spend the afternoon bowling our famous challenging "candlepins". Here is a test to challenge your bowling skill.

8:00 P.M. SOCIAL GET - TOGETHER. Those of you who were guests at the last convention will not recognize the New Maironis Park, but you will recognize the hospitality.

#### Friday, August 26

8:30 P.M. SEMI-FORMAL DANCE. In the new Lithuanian Naturalization and Social Club. For a wonderful evening of dancing and entertainment don't miss this Convention Ball.

#### Saturday, August 27

5:00 P.M. ALL-OUT GET-TOGETHER. Indian Ranch in Webster, Mass. on the shores of Lake Chargoggagogmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg will be the host for this one. This is a repeat of a most successful and enjoyable evening from the last convention. All the barbecued chicken you can eat. Then you have an evening of dancing to complete the days activities.

#### Sunday, August 28

6:00 P.M. CONVENTION BANQUET. Lithuanian Club. The beginning of the end of a wonderful week. Your last night will be one long to remember. This final event will leave you well satisfied and with many pleasant memories of Worcester.



Convention General Committee. First Row: L. to R. Frances Grigas, Albina Burdulis, Mary Jankowski, William Grigas, Father Alphonse Volungis, Edward Daniels, Helen Gillus, Marion Raccicot, Joseph Sipas. Second Row: L. to R. Walter Grimala, Joseph Drumstas, Carol Grigas, Christine Delonis, Ann Bender, Rita Pinkus, Gloria Metrik, Eleanor Anusauskas, Steve Walinsky. (Photo M. Richmond Studios).

# WORCESTER 1960



(Photos M. Richmond Studios)

# For K of L ECUMENISM!

FATHER VAL

Since I have no inclination in participating, encouraging, or even supporting the now popular many postured public demonstrations for one cause or another, it is with a touch of trepidation that I approach the theme of my subsequent offering. For, even, as my thoughts are forming words, which are being arranged into sentences and paragraphs, I can almost hear cries of dissent and see lines of contra-sloganned banners approaching. I sense this because the subject I am about to plunge into has been a matter of stormy controversy within the ranks of the K of L for some time, and in my opinion, for what it's worth, its serious consideration is of great importance to the future growth, welfare, and very life of our organization. I dive into the controversy at the present moment, because we are in the eve of our annual convention and there it is certain to make its appearance once more. And it is the purpose of these words to prepare us for it, and if possible assist in making the proper decision. For I feel certain that a final and definite decision will have to be made, based upon sound, deliberate and unemotional debate.

The problem has to do with who can be a full fledged member of the K of L. This question, with its pros and cons, has been bandied about in group conversations between members, it has been discussed at council and district meetings, even brought to the convention floor, as it will be again at Worcester, judging from the Supreme Council's mail box, with hitherto no seemingly satisfying consequences.

The particular phase of this membership tangle is the result of something as American as America itself - intermarriage, - marriage of partners of one national group with those of another and on second thought quite Catholic. In the present instance we are confronted with marriage of Lithuanians to partners of other nationalities... The question, - if the Lithuanian partner, and even the offspring of such a union (privileged to be an acting member of the K of L), are members, should the non-Lithuanian partner of such a union be granted full-fledged membership or merely an associate membership.

Those opposed to the granting of an acting membership to such persons base their stand on the claim that this is contrary to the intentions of the architects of our worthy organization. While we are paying homage to the mind or intent of our founding fathers, allow me to say, that were they to walk in on a council meeting or convention session of our organization today, they would no doubt react somewhat like many of us did

some one year and a half ago when upon entering our church we found a rather commonplace table sitting in front of the usually brightly decorated altar and as we rather hesitantly settled ourselves in our customary pew, a pin-stripe suited, neatly groomed gentleman, who only last week was the occupant of a pew much like ours, maybe even next door, approached a sound equipped Lectern at the altar rail, if it was still there, and said, "You will now rise and sing Entrance Hymn #34," and without the accepted warning of a bell the priest made his entrance, not from the sacristy, but of all things from a side entrance or maybe even from the vestibule of the church and then "Glory be" climb to the top step of the altar turn his back to it and seat himself facing the people like some kind of a bishop. To top it all the voice of the commentator (who?) came through the loud speaker reading parts of the mass, hitherto read by the priest or sung by the organist or choir, and in ENGLISH, yet! Our head shook in disbelief. Even our good old solid, indefectible, infallible Church was going berserk in the maelstrom of present day confusion. This was the 1st Sunday of Advent almost two years ago. And many, even in higher Church circles, felt this was certainly not in accord with the mind of the Church of the Apostles or that of Christ. In reality nothing fundamental had undergone change, the Church was merely showing its faithful and the world in general how flexibly these fundamentals without undergoing change themselves could be applied to an ever changing world - a Church forever old, yet always new, suggesting something more than human origin. Two years later, though many of us still wrangle in the midst of the changes, somewhat grudgingly admit their wisdom. However, it is not our intent to discuss the so called liberal and conservative aspects of the decisions and suggestions of Vatican II.

Without entering into verbal and legalistic technicalities of our constitution, I would suggest that the original founders of the K of L intended that its membership rolls contain pure and unadulterated Lithuanian names; that during its official and even purely social gatherings the Lithuanian language be used exclusively - for it was organized to preserve the Lithuanian National spirit in a strange land and, it was felt, language was the lifeblood of this spirit; and as one of their main objectives the K of L was meant to help young men and young ladies of Lithuanian descent meet other young Lithuanians and so prevent or at least delay intermarriage of Lithuanians with partners of other nationalities. Those of us who go back that far can well recall how marriages of

members of one nationality to partners of another were subject to what in the Catholic Church would be equivalent to excommunication.

Well, today, a large section of our membership rolls contains names that would not even claim any relationship to Lithuania, or even a Lithuanian village, and not a few have undergone change for very non-Lithuanian reasons. Sometimes because of an un-American challenge - be an American. At others, it supposedly improved ones business or enhanced a political ambition.

Except through an occasional voice of a Senior Member the Lithuanian language is practically an unknown quantity in our official actions at meetings and in conventions, and much less in our social life, now, for some quarter of a century. And as far as our so called mixed-marriages are concerned - I wouldn't even attempt to recall the number of wedding receptions I have attended between K of L'ers and on-Lithuanians.

A few, partially related to the founders of our organization, even now look upon these changes with displeasure, doubt and a feeling that the K of L is not long for this world. To me, these adjustments have helped to prolong and intensify the work of the K of L, as well as its life. It has always remained loyal to the Church, directing itself under its wise leadership and has extended itself more broadly in making Lithuanian and Lithuanians better known in the U. S. and over the world. What if their names have an alien ring, what if they

find it difficult to express themselves in the tongue of their forbears, but what a thrill to hear young voices burst forth in the songs of the land of their fathers, even though the language be as strange as Latin in our Liturgy. And what an inspiration to know how many give up hours of their free time in programs to tell the world how much the people and the land of their forbears contributed to make America what it is today. And if these Lithuanian young men and women are wed to spouses who, because of the interest and loyalty of their partners for "God and Country", would like also to become partners in promoting the same cause, I say, let us not delay that day.

One of my former pastors, when discussing our Lithuanian problems, would always add that he had one complaint to make to God - "He made Lithuania too small." We would do well to consider this remark rather deeply - our organization is not too large, because it is a product of a small nation. And if we feel that our acceptance of those who would like to work with us and for us in the beginning of a takeover, then there must be something wrong inside our organization right now, and corrections be made there promptly, and rather than keep well-minded allies from helping us grow and prosper "for God and Country", accept them and encourage their activity within that noble motto.



The Lithuanian Opera of Chicago plans to stage the Lithuanian Opera "Gražina", by composer J. Karnavičius. This production will take place in the Civic Opera House, Chicago on May 20-21, 1967. First Row: L. to R. Vytautas Radžius, Stasys Baras, Margarita Momkus, Al. Kučiūnas, Alice Stephens, Alfonsas Gečas. Second Row: L. to R. Vilius Juška, Al Brazis, Regina Smolinskas, Jonas Vaznelis, Dana Stankaitis, Albinas Smolinskas, Bruno Maciukevičius, Aleksas Rukuiža.

# HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The names of Marcella Andrikis (Waterbury, Conn.), Ann Bender (Worcester, Mass), Mary Thompson Janowski (Worcester, Mass), Ann Klem (Harrison-Kearny, N.J.), Eleanore Laurin (Chicago, Ill.), Vincent Ed. Pavis (Youngstown, Ohio) and Jack J. Stukas (Newark, N. J.) have been submitted to the Honorary Membership Committee as candidates for Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania. However, the committee only received histories from the following candidates:



Vincent Ed. Pavis



Eleanore H. Laurin



Jack J. Stukas

## ELEANORE H. LAURIN - Chicago, Illinois

Sponsored for Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania by the Illinois-Indiana District. Resolution passed at the December 12, 1965 District Business Meeting).

- 1) Joined the Knights of Lithuania in 1940.
- 2) Received the Thre Degree in March of 1950.
- 3) Received the Fourth Degree in March of 1957.
- 4) Supreme Council Activities:
  - a) Second (Membership) Vice-President, 1964-65 and 1965-66 terms. (As 2nd V-P, aided in the re-organization of C-13 (Chicago) and C-14 (Cicero). Also is aiding in the reorganization plans of possible councils in other areas, such as Du Bois.
  - b) Trustee, 1962-63 and 1963-64 terms.
  - c) Business Manager of "Vytis", 1961-62 term. Currently an active member of the staff.
- 5) Illinois-Indiana District Activities:
  - a) District President, 1960-61, 1961-62, 1962-63, 1965-66 terms.
  - b) President of Board of Directors, 1963-64 term
  - c) K of L Building Trustee, from 1960 to the present time.
  - d) District delegate to national conventions in 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964.
  - e) National convention committee chairman, 1964.
  - f) Aided in the re-organization of the K of L Choir.
  - g) Enrolled many new members in several District councils.
  - h) Aided in the organization of the District's an-

nual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquets commemorating February 16th.

- i) Worked on almost all District picnics, dances,
- j) Helped institute monthly bowling socials.
- k) Instituted the District's bulletin and was editor at various times.
- l) Vice-President, 1956-57 term.
- m) Social Chairman, 1957-58 term.
- n) Membership and reorganization committee, 1956-57 term.
- o) Bowling league member and publicity worker for league.
- 6) Council 13 Activities (From 1963 to present time)
  - a) Aided in the reorganization of the council in 1963.
  - b) President, 1963-64 and 1964-65 term.
  - c) Third (Seniors) Vice-President, 1965-66 term.
  - d) National Convention delegate, 1965.
  - e) Helped to organize C-13 Juniors.
  - f) St. Casimir's Day committee member; 1966 and active on most council committees.
- 7) Council 112 (From 1954 to 1963)
  - a) Chairman 30th Anniversary Banquet.
  - b) National Convention delegate, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1959.
  - c) District delegate for 6 years.
  - d) Chairman, St. Casimir's Day, 1956.
  - e) Ritual Chairman, 1957-58.
  - f) Served on numerous council activities committees.
- 8) Council 13 (From 1940 to 1963)
  - a) Secretary for 8 years.
  - b) 1st Vice - president 2 years.
  - c) District delegate approximately 8 years.

- d) "Vytis" correspondent.
- e) National convention delegate 1950, 1952.
- f) Chairman of several dance committees, socials, etc.
- g) Committee to reorganize council.

VINCENT ED. PAVIS - Youngstown, Ohio

Lietuvos Vyčių Vidur-Centro Apskritis seimas laikytas spalio 23, 1965, Pittsburgh, Penna. vienbalsiai nutarė kreiptis į jūsu komisiją, kad garbės narystė būtų suteikta Vincent Ed. Pavis, 705 Cassius Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44505. Cionai sudedam suglaustoje formoje svarbesnius Pavis darbus dėl mūsų organizacijos:

CONDENSED FORM:

- 1924 Charter member of Council 111, Youngstown, Ohio.
- 1925 Was one of the organizers of the Ohio - Western Penna. District.
- 1928 Supreme Council Trustee
- 1929 Reorganized Council 28, Spring Valley, Ill. and Council 60, Kewanee, Ill. Member of Supreme Council committee to investigate sick-benefit plan.
- 1930 Publicity chairman for Council 16, Chicago, Ill.
- 1931 Placed K of L publicity in "Draugas" while subscription drive manager of that newspaper.  
In succeeding years was an active member of Councils 16, 36 and 112, Chicago, and of Council 14 when he moved to Cicero.
- 1938 Placed K of L publicity in "Draugas" while advertising manager there.
- 1943 During World War II served in various capacities for the Chicago District.
- 1945 Chicago District vice president. Was one of the organizers of the Chicago Seniors. Held various offices in the Seniors until 1958.
- 1946 Chicago District president - was reelected several times.  
Received the Fourth Degree on March 3, 1946. Worked to acquire the K of L building at 2455 West 47th St. Was president of the Board of Directors for nine years.
- 1947 Supreme Council vice president.
- 1953 Supreme Council Ritual Committee for three years.
- 1954 Chicago Seniors vice president.  
On March , 1954 was presented a watch by the Chicago District for thirty years of service to the organization.  
Pavis family was acclaimed "Family of the Year " at the national convention at Pittsburgh, Penna.
- 1955 Chicago Seniors treasurer.
- 1958 Moved to Youngstown, Ohio to care for aged mother. Maintained membership in the Chicago Seniors until 1963 when he transferred to the Cleveland Seniors.
- Nov.1964 Reorganized Council 111, Seniors, Youngstown, Ohio and was elected pres.

Oct.1965 Elected president of the Mid-Central District convention at Pittsburgh, Penna. The convention voted unanimously that the name of Vincent Ed. Pavis be submitted for Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania organization.

JACK J. STUKAS - Newark (Hillside) New Jersey  
Sponsored for Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania by Council 29 of Newark, New Jersey.

- 1) Joined the Knights of Lithuania (Council 90, Harrison-Kearny) in 1946.
- 2) Transferred to his current council (Council 26, Newark) in 1955.
- 3) Received the Third Degree in March of 1961.
- 4) Received the Fourth Degree in August of 1964.
- 5) The following is a partial listing of activities:
  - a) World's Fair (New York) Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs, 1964 and 1965.
  - b) Chairman of World's Fair Way-side Cross Committee from 1961-1964.
  - c) Member of committee which obtained information on Lithuania History in 1961 and 1962.
  - d) Conducted Lithuanian language courses throughout the New York and New Jersey District.
  - e) Organizer and chairman of the National Cultural Committee from 1953-1964.
  - f) Member of National Cultural Committee 1965-1966.
  - g) Organizer and chairman of the National Scholarship Committee from 1958 until the present time.
  - h) Presented his own films/lectures on his Lithuanian tour to raise funds for various scholarship funds. Films were presented in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Newark, New York, Amsterdam, Pittsburg and other cities.
  - i) Actively participated in National Conventions from 1956-1964.
  - j) National Convention Delegate in 1961.
  - k) Contributor of many articles to National publication "Vytis".
  - l) Committee member for new Knights of Lithuania decal for publicizing the K of L.
  - m) Master of ceremonies and/or speaker at numerous K of L functions.
  - n) Through his own radio program, publicized the Lithuanian name and the Knights of Lithuania functions, activities and cultural aspects.
  - o) Master of ceremonies and committee member, C-26 Golden Jubilee Dinner-Dance in 1965.
  - p) New York-New Jersey District representative on the World's Fair Wayside Cross maintenance committee.
  - q) Chairman of the above committee.
- 6) Dr. Jack J. Stukas through his untiring efforts has done much to bring the Lithuanian cause and the Knights of Lithuania's work on the national, district and council level before the public's eye.



## Lietuviška daina

POV. DIRKIS

Už savaitės kitos Chicagoje - pasalulio lietuvių sostinėje, iš dviejų kontinentų - JAV ir Kanados - susirenka tūkstančiai dainininkų ne reklamai, o juos sutraukia daina - lietuvių grynas širdies balsas. Jie susirenka ne malonumui, bet didžiam jėgų bandymui ir gėrio ištroškusioms lietuviškoms masėms parodyti, kad lietuviškoji daina yra ne tik gražesnė už kitų tautų dainas, bet kad ji yra ir suprantamesnė, nes kalba lietuvių širdies kalba.

Dainių-poetų, kurie kuria tas dainas, turi visos tautos. Lietuvių tauta irgi turėjo ir turi. Senovėje lietuviškos dainos nebuvo rašomos, bet perduodamos iš lūpų į lūpas. Lietuviškai dainai į literatūros pasaulį kelią praskynė mūsų tautietis Liūdas Rėza, kilęs iš Prusijos ir buvęs Karaliaučiaus universiteto fil. ir teolog. profesorius, gyvenęs prieš 150 metų. Jis 1825 m. išleido pirmą didelį lietuvišką dainyną. Kiek vėliau kun. Ant. Vienožindis-Vienužis parašė nedidelį dainų rinkinį, kurį išleido 1894 m. kun. Žobrys. Broliai Juškevičiai vieną iš didžiausių rinkinių išleido 1881 m. O dar vėliau lietuviškas dainas paplitusias po žmones rinko dr. J. Basanavičius ir eilė kitų. Nemaža metų praėjo nuo tų dienų ir anų senųjų dainių-eiliuotojų kūrėjų: Višteliausko, Sakalausko, Sauerveino, Strazdelio, Vienužio, Maironio, Vaičiūčio ir daug kitų jau seniai nukeliavusių į amžinybę, kurie paliko ištytas pynes dainų, kurias šiandieną mes lietuviai dainuojame visur ir visuomet, ir tuo didžiujamės.

Lietuviška daina yra toks kūrinys kurs tiek jauną, tiek seną nuteikia dvasiniai ir sužadina jo tautinius jausmus. Su daina bernelis eina šieną

piauti, žemes arti ir laimės ieškoti. Mergelė su daina eina šieno grėbti, linelių rauti ir tyro vandenėlio parsinešti. Jaunikaitis joja pas mylimą mergelę su daina, o mergelė sutinka irgi su daina.

Ir iš tikro. Daina lietuvių darbą lydi, daina sodina už vaišių stalo, daina šaukia į kovą ir su daina amžių bėgyje lietuvis grūmėsi su priešu. Daina lengvina skausmą ir teikia jėgų. Ji yra dvelkiančiu šaltiniu dvasinio peno ištroškusiems. Ji nepažįsta nuovargio ir nežino poilsio. Jos pirštais nepaliesi ir kišenėje nepaslėpsi, bet jos kerėjanti dvelkimą jaučia senas ir mažas, vargdienis ir turtuolis, laisvas žmogus ir kalinys, nes jos akorduose jaučiamas dangus ir rojus.

Kitaip tariant, daina lydi lietuvių visą jo gyvenimą: nuo lopšinės ligi laidotuvių raudos. Apdainuojama rūtų darželyje žydinti jaunystė, ir našlaitės sunki dalia, ir gimtosios žemės bei gamtos meilė. Gi vestuvinėje dramoje: mergaitės atsiveikimas su nerūpestinga jaunyste esant motinos globoje ir perėjimas į naują ieto darbo ir vargo gyvenimą. Vyro ir moters santykiai lietuviškose dainose apgaubti kilnumu ir skaisčiu idealizmu. Rūtų vainikas, kaip nekalto simbolis idealizuojamas visose šio žanro lietuviškose dainose. Jose gausu įvairių epitetų ir malonių žodelių, kaip tai: saulė močiūtė, bernelis dobilėlis, mergelė lelijėlė. Taip pat gausu ir gražių palyginimų, paralelizmų, kaip tai: Suklyko antelė ant marių, pravirko mergelė nevalioje, arba sunku akmenėliui ant kelio gulėti, sunku našlaitėlei ant sviesto gyventi ir t. t.

Vieną ką mes lietuviai teturime, tai karinio turinio dainas, kuriose

daugiausiai apdainuojama atsiskyrimo liūdesys, kaip tai: "Neverk mergelė, balta lelijėlė, kaip išjosiu - taip ir parjosiu, o kad neparjosiu, kareivėliu pastosiu ir Vilniaus laukuose kovosiu.

Mes lietuviai bent šiuo laiku turime apie 63,000 užrašytų liaudies dainų, o iš viso priskaitoma ligi 200,000, kas sudaro didelį literatūrinį ir kultūrinį turtą; kaip kultūrinė vertybė jos jau nuo seno žinomos ir aukštai vertinamos net kitų tautų mokslininkų. Mat, lietuviškose dainose jautriu subtilumu vaizduojamas visas lietuvių gyvenimas, jose atsispindi lietuvių būdo savumai ir dvasinė konstrukcija. Užtat neveltui Lietuva laikoma dainų šalimi. Kaip matome, visi aukščiausiame rašinyje suminėti dainiai mums paliko neįdainuojamos vertės kultūrinį turtą - dainas. Atseit, jie nenusinešė draug su savim į kapus. Vienas iš jų Vaičiūtis, jausdamas, kad jo jėgos vysta kaip lapas, prieš pat mirtį posmavo: "Vai lėkite, dainos, iš vargo nupintos, iš kaimo į kaimą, pas jaunus ir senus, paguoskite širdis, nelaimių sutrintas, nušluostykite ašaras, kelkit jausmus."

Atsirado žmonių, kurie užgirdo šį šauksmą ir neleido dainom kartu su kūrėjais nueiti į kapus. Jei pradžioje pavieniai, o vėliau susijungę į grupes, dainavo ir iš to gimė įvairios dainų draugijos, chorai ir pan.

Žinoma šiame darbe nemaža garbė ir muzikos apaštalamis ir jos sekėjams, kad jie su daina guldami ir keldami, bei saldindami jausmus, palaiko lietuvišką nuotaiką, kad jie, lietuvišką dainą padarydami saulės dukra, tuo pačiu skelia vergijos pančius ir be svyravimo šaukia: Lietuva dar bus!

EDITORIAL . . .

# LITHUANIAN WORLD REVIEW RADIO HOUR

The following commentary was prepared and edited by the staff of Lithuanian World Review Radio Hour:

In the May 18th issue of the New York Times, a letter to the editor entitled "Human Rights Pacts" appeared, submitted by John Salzberg, American Civil Liberties Union alternate representative to the United Nations. In reference to Ambassador Goldberg's recent statement concerning United Nations conventions on genocide, slavery, and forced labor, Mr. Salzberg writes:

Ambassador Arthur Goldberg should be complimented for his recent statement in support of ratification by the United States Senate of the United Nations conventions on genocide, slavery, forced labor, and the political rights of women.

These conventions have been "sat on" by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for too many years. The Genocide Convention was submitted to the Senate in 1949 by President Truman. The other three conventions, adopted by the United Nations during the 1950's were not submitted to the Senate until 1963 by President Kennedy.

Many states have already ratified these conventions. Our leadership in matters of human rights is seriously questioned by other states because of our neglect to these conventions. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and in particular Senator J. William Fulbright, should be urged to conduct hearings on these conventions and submit them to the full Senate for a vote."

We compliment Mr. Salzberg and the American Civil Liberties Union in its concern for human rights and dignity, especially in reference to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and chairman Fulbright but in all fairness to the real situation the American Civil Liberties

Union, in all of its recent and for that matter, past statements concerning slavery, genocide, and human rights, never has there ever been any mention made by the A. C. L. U. of these conditions existing in the Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia for the past 25 years nor has there ever been any attempt made by the A.C. L.U. to have these alleged conditions in the Baltic States investigated in the United Nations.

Is genocide, slavery, forced labor, and questions of human rights only a racial matter? Do these United Nations conventions exist for Africa or Asia? Of what consequence is the promotion of this double standard of international law.

Wouldn't the Baltic States question serve as an ideal proving ground for championing the rights of all peoples, white or black - ? -- Of peoples who are trampled under the heel of present day Neo-Colonialism posing under the guise of benevolent and progressive Communism?

The U. N. has proven its abilities in discussing and scheduling for action problems of a both external and internal nature, such as the present Rhodesian situation where Negroes are presently forced into a position of involuntary subservience to the ruling White minority.

But conversely, is the Soviet Union of such a consequence that the United Nations lends a deaf ear to conditions of genocide and literal slavery of concentration camps existing now and encouraged and promoted by the official Russian Communist system. Why isn't this form of Colonialism discussed? Is the World Forum of Opinion to continue to acquiesce to the Soviet giant and not question the integrity and motivation of its leaders?

Anthony B. Mazeika  
Director, Lithuanian World Review

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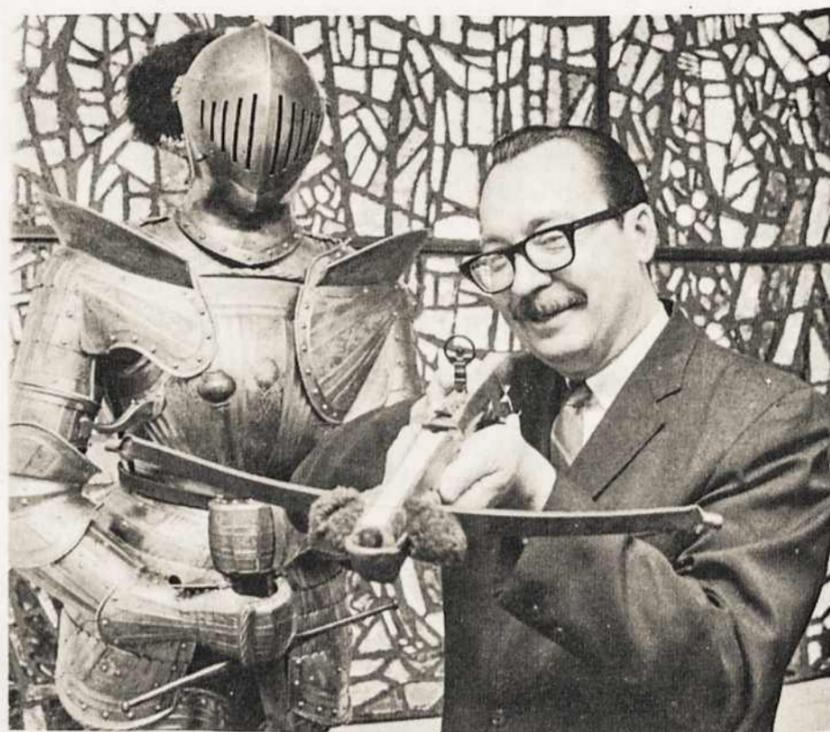
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Tą dieną invokaciją Senate atkalbėjo kun. Adolfas Stašys iš Chicagos. Jį atlydėjo ir posėdį atidarė Senato Pirmininkas, Viceprezidentas H. H. Humphrey.

Nuotraukoje iš kairės dešinėn: Senato kapelionas kun. Frederick Brown Harris, kun. Adolfas Stašys ir Mr. Edward Heroux, kongresmano William T. Murphy administracinis asistentas.



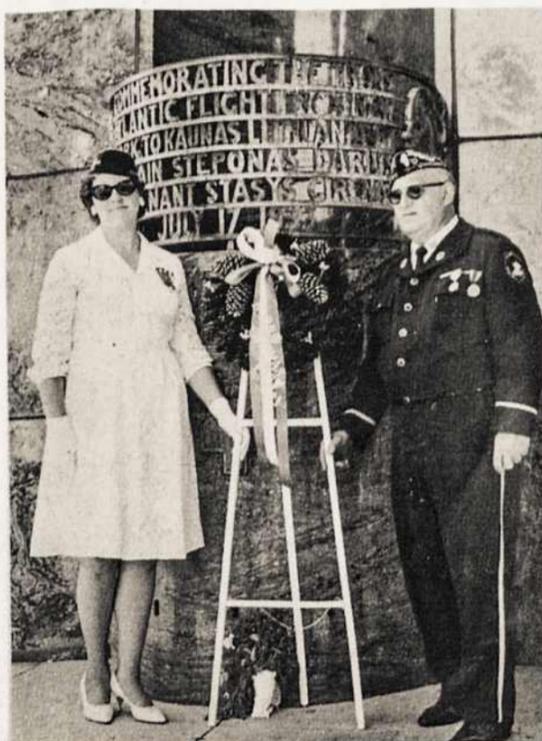
# Lithuanians in The News



Left: Stained glass window at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture. Right: Mr. Balzekas with ancient Lithuanian weapon.



1966 Amber Ball Debutantes, Chicago



Darius-Girenas Memorial Program, Chicago. Left: Auxiliary Pres. Sophie Navas and D-G Post 271 Commander Paul Bagwell. Right: Speakers and guests at Memorial Program. (Photos V. Noreika)

DECLARATION AND APPEAL BY THE JOINT BALTIC AMERICAN COMMITTEE IN THE UNITED STATES  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCCUPATION OF ESTONIA, LATVIA AND LITHUANIA  
BY THE SOVIET UNION

On June 15, 16 and 17, 1966 twenty-six years passed since armed forces of the Soviet Union occupied the Republics of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, thereby ending their existence as free and independent nations.

The invasion and occupation of these three Baltic nations and imposition of the Soviet regime was a flagrant act of aggression, and the present occupation of these countries is a continuation of this international crime.

The people of the Soviet-enslaved Baltic States have been deprived of their national independence and their individual liberties. The Soviets have murdered thousands of the inhabitants and deported to Soviet Russia over half a million people from the Baltic countries, regardless of the fact that the USSR joined the Genocide Convention. The Soviets have committed crimes in the Baltic States similar to those for which the Nazi leaders were convicted in Nuremberg. The Soviet Union is systematically exploiting the natural resources, labor and national production of the Baltic countries. It represents the worst type of a colonial power.

The USSR does not have any legal basis for the occupation of the three Baltic countries, but is trying to justify its domination by fraud and usurpation of the will of the people. The United States Government has never recognized the forcible seizure and incorporation of the Baltic States into the Soviet Union and has again upheld and restated this position in the most recent official publication of the Department of State, TREATIES IN FORCE.

In addition to mass deportations - the first mass deportation took place 25 years ago, June 14-17, 1941 - the Soviet Union is forcibly resettling young Estonians, Latvians, and Lithuanians in Soviet Russia, thus obliterating the national identity of the Baltic people by russification, atheism and Communist indoctrination.

For twenty-six year the Baltic people in the Free World as well as in the homelands have been striving to return freedom, democracy, and independence to the Baltic States. Although the Baltic peoples have often before demonstrated their will and ability to survive, the forces presently holding them down are too strong to be overcome unassisted, and in again bringing up the fate of the Baltic countries, we respectfully request your support for the restoration of their freedom and independence.

We also hope that at an appropriate time the United States and all other freedom-loving nations will press the cause of the Baltic peoples with the aim of putting an end to an injustice that has been allowed to continue far too long.

JOINT BALTIC AMERICAN COMMITTEE

THE ESTONIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Heikki A. Leesment, President

THE AMERICAN LATVIAN ASSOCIATION

Peter P. Lejins, President

THE LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL

Anthony J. Rudis, President



Left photo: Chicago Knights participate in Captive Nations Parade and Rally. Right photo: L. to R. Frank Savickas, M.C., Leon Pauksta and B. Prapuolenis, Parade Marshall. Frank and Leon are C-112 members.

(Photos V. Noreika)

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## OFFICIAL NEWS

### CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

The Knights of Lithuania Mid-Central District Convention held November 7, 1964, at Detroit, Michigan, approved submitting to the National Convention at Los Angeles, California, the following additions to the K of L Constitution:

Article V Section 3 (e) Auxiliary

Article V Section 7 Non-Lithuanian husbands and wives of Knights of Lithuania members may be enrolled as Knights of Lithuania Auxiliary members.

This constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of a new class of membership cannot be submitted to the National Convention unless 2/3 of the K of L Councils give their written approval in advance.

Please forward your decision to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita Street, Dayton, Ohio 45404, who has been delegated by the Mid-Central District to handle this matter.

RESOLVED: The Supreme Council Members, at their meeting at Worcester, Massachusetts, on April 30, 1966, unanimously approved a motion that the Resolution of the Mid-Central District, pertaining to non-Lithuanian spouses, be brought up for discussion and acted upon at the Worcester National Convention in August, 1966.

The following Resolution was passed at the Knights of Lithuania, New England District Semi-Annual Convention, and will be presented to the National Convention to be held in Worcester, Massachusetts, on August 25-28, 1966:

RESOLVED: That the Knights of Lithuania Constitution be amended as follows:

Article V, Section I to read:

To be eligible to Knights of Lithuania membership, one must be a practicing Catholic and of Lithuanian parentage, or be the Catholic spouse of a member who is of Lithuanian parentage.

Article V, Section II to read:

note - members renouncing their Catholic Faith or Lithuanian heritage must be expelled from the organization.

Article V, Section III to read:

paragraph C - Every Lithuanian Catholic or Catholic spouse thereof, having reached the age of 30 years, may join the Knights of Lithuania Seniors.

This constitutional amendment cannot be presented to the National Convention unless 2/3 of the K of L Councils give their written approval in advance. These, or similar amendments, have been brought to the National Conven-

tion for many years, but have not been voted on because this requirement has not been fulfilled. Many feel that the will of the vast majority of members is being thwarted by this technicality. Therefore, to decide this matter one way or another, we urge all Councils to take immediate action. Notify your membership that this amendment will be voted on at your next meeting, vote on it, and send your decision, pro or con, signed by your Spiritual Advisor, President and Secretary to the Supreme Council President, Al Wesey. We would appreciate it if you would send a copy of your decision, or a notice that you have acted on this matter, to: Joseph J. Sakaitis, 60 Harrison Street, Worcester, Mass. 01604.

RE: MEMBERSHIP DUES

RESOLVED: The Supreme Council recommends that membership dues be raised to \$5.00 per year, - the extra \$1.00 to be divided equally between the Supreme Council and the local Council - beginning with the 1967 dues.

RESOLVED: The New York-New Jersey District has unanimously approved the recommendation of the Supreme Council that membership dues be raised to \$5.00 per year. They have unanimously amended the Resolution to state that the \$5.00, in its entirety, be turned over to the Supreme Council.

### CONVENTION REPORTS

All National officers, committee chairmen and committee members are requested to send their final reports to the national secretary, Josephine Zukas, 9 Charles St., Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. immediately. These reports must be reproduced for the convention report booklets.

### NEW K of L PINS NOW AVAILABLE

K of L pins (pin clasp or spring catch type) are now available at a cost of \$1.00. They can be obtained from the national president, Al Wesey, now or at the national convention. After the convention, the pins can be obtained from the national treasurer.

### ATTENTION! FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

All delinquent members have been dropped from the "Vytis" mailing list. If there are discrepancies or council members who have been dropped in error, please write directly to the "Vytis" editor.

## "VYTIS" DEADLINES

October (Convention) issue - deadline Sept. 5th  
 November - Oct. 5th  
 December - Nov. 5th  
 January, 1967 - Dec. 5th  
 February, 1967 - Jan. 5, 1967

## DONATIONS

Our thanks goes to the Rev. Simon Morkunas of Sioux City, Iowa and to Robert Novak of Bronx, New York for their generosity to the "Vytis" and the Knights of Lithuania.

## SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

(CONDENSED)

A meeting of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania was held on Saturday, April 30, 1966, Worcester, Mass.

Attending the meeting were: Alexander Wesey, Nat'l. Pres., Mary H. Stonis, Nat'l. Juniors Vice-Pres., Josephine Zukas, Nat'l. Recording Sec'y., Joseph R. Drumstas, Nat'l. Trustee, Edward Daniels, Nat'l. Ritual Committee, Frank Vaskas, Honorary Member & Public Relations Committee, Joseph Sakaitis, N.E.D. Pres. William Grigas, Pres. C-26 & Chairman of Nat'l. Conv., Paula Bunevith, Pres. C-116.

## OFFICERS' REPORTS:

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR** - Rev. A. Valancius, not present. While no written report was received from Father Valancius, his articles have appeared regularly in the Vytis.

**PRESIDENT** - Alexander Wesey. Since those in attendance at this meeting were not present at the previous Supreme Council meeting in Chicago, Al summarized and briefly explained topics brought up at that meeting. The meeting had been an excellent one, and as a result, there was quite a bit of correspondence exchanged and matters finalized.

**JUNIORS VICE-PRESIDENT** - Mary Stonis attended the N.Y.-N.J. District Junior Rally held in Bayonne, N.J., on April 17th, at which time she gave a talk on "Effort." There were 4 Junior Councils present, with an estimated attendance of 75-80 Juniors. Unfortunately, the New England District's Junior Rally was held the same day, and she was unable to attend ... She reported that there were only 4 or 5 Junior Councils paying their \$5.00 annual dues.

Miss Stonis will make contact with each regular council to ascertain whether they have a Junior Council and whether the \$5.00 dues is being paid.

**MEMBERSHIP VICE-PRESIDENT** - Eleanore Laurin reported by letter that she has written monthly articles regarding the Membership Drive for the "Vytis". She stated that total membership figures, a few years ago, were completely false because they included members who were not dropped for non-payment of not only current but also previous year's dues. She proposes that next year's membership drive include a

special award to the first council (of 25 to 60 members) to reach 100% paid-up status, and one to a council of 60 or over members attaining this same status.

**RECORDING SECRETARY** - Josephine Zukas reported that it had been very difficult to obtain a complete listing of Council Officers. The list is now complete, and copies were distributed at the meeting.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY** - Johanna Jakunas, not present. A new form for Member Financial Record Sheets will be mailed to each Council's Financial Secretary with a letter of instructions.

**TREASURER** - Frank V. Svelnis, Jr., sent in his report which was in detail through April 22, 1966.

**TRUSTEES** - Joseph Drumstas reported the Treasurer's books would be audited prior to the National Convention.

## DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' REPORTS:

**ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT** - President Eleanore Laurin reported by letter that the District is active, and all councils are endeavoring to enroll new members. The K of L Choir is being highly praised for its appearance on behalf of the entire K of L organization at Lithuanian functions and other civic affairs. Their 50th Anniversary Dinner-Dance will be held in November. Marian Fathers received the District's Annual Award, and Stanley Pieza, Chicago's American Religious Editor, received the "K of L Man of the Year" Award -

**MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT** - President Vincent Ed. Pavis. No specific report was received, however, they are concerned regarding the District's Auxiliary Membership Resolution and protesting the manner in which it was handled at the 1965 Los Angeles National Convention. They feel it is now up to the Supreme Council to directly handle the matter - to make certain the Resolution is presented at the Worcester National Convention, to be discussed and decision made by the delegates.

**NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT** - President Alexander Wesey reported the District is comprised of 10 regular councils, 1 Senior Council, and 4 Junior Councils. A Junior Rally was held in Bayonne, N.J., on April 17th, with good attendance. The quarterly District Bulletin is being well received by all members.

**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT** - President Joseph Sakaitis reported that the District's Junior Rally was held April 17th, with 70 Juniors participating. They will have another Rally in the fall. Leadership Courses are being planned on the District level. The District has voiced their opinion against raising membership dues.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**K OF L PIN** - Contact was made with the Attila Jewelry & Novelty Co., which made up a few samples of our official K of L pin. Al Wesey exhibited them at the meeting, and all were in accord that because the pin was slightly larger than our previous one, it was most attractive. An order was approved for 1,000 emblems. These pins, at \$1.00 each, will be available for sale at the National Convention. After the Convention, Al Wesey would like our Treasurer to assume the responsibility

for their sale.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES** - The Supreme Council recommends that membership dues be raised to \$5.00 per year, - the extra \$1.00 to be divided equally between the Supreme Council and the local Council - beginning with the 1967 Dues. The N.Y.-N.J. District has forwarded a Resolution to the "Vytis" for publication stating that the \$5.00, in its entirety, be turned over to the Supreme Council. Both Resolutions will be discussed at the Convention.

**MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENT** - A motion was made, seconded, and approved that the Resolution of the Mid-Central District, pertaining to non-Lithuanian spouses becoming Auxiliary Members of the K of L organization, be brought up for discussion and acted upon at the Worcester National Convention. President Al Wesey advised that a letter would be sent to each Council asking for their decision. In the meantime, he would locate the replies received from the Councils last year, which the Resolutions Committee at the Los Angeles 1965 National Convention turned down, and bring them to this year's Convention. Joseph Sakaitis, NED President, read their District's Resolution, to accept non-Lithuanian spouses as Regular Members, and advised they would also canvass all councils. Return replies would have to be properly completed and signed by the Council's Spiritual Advisor, President, and Secretary.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES:

**VYTIS** - Editor Irene Sankus reported by letter that the "Vytis" staff has been increased with the addition of Geraldine Mack of Council #112, who is assisting with the layout work. The 100% paid-up Membership List will be a regular feature from January until Convention-time. There is still a great need for Lithuanian feature articles, and also other - than - Chicago items for the "Lithuanians in the News" Section.

**LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS** - Rev. John Jutt and John Andruska, not present. Father Jutt reported by letter that two bulletins were issued since the last meeting, that they are doing a lot of work trying to get the Baltic Resolutions passed in the Senate.

**RITUAL** - Ed Daniels advised they have new Third Degree certificates. Also, that it might be advisable to revise the requirements for the various Degrees. Perhaps a printed Ritual Manual is in order.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** - Joseph Sadauskas (Mid-Central District) sent greetings to the Supreme Council and complimented many of the officers for the wonderful work they are doing. Mr. Sadauskas has been submitting articles to various sources for publication, and keeping the K of L name alive.

Frank Vaskas (New York-New Jersey District) lamented the fact that other parts of the country are receiving very little K of L activity publicity, even though we have Public Relations members appointed.

**CULTURAL** - Joseph Yanulaitis, not present. All councils have been receiving the monthly Cultural Bulletin from Mr. Yanulaitis, who has put a great deal of time and effort in his phase of our K of L activity.

**SCHOLARSHIP** - Anthony J. Mazeika, Treasurer of

this Fund, submitted a financial report showing a balance, as of April 18, 1966

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES** - Eleanore Laurin has been appointed Custodian of the National Archives in the K of L Building in Chicago. Ed Daniels mentioned that all Brockton K of L material is now in Putnam, Conn.

**REVISION OF CONSTITUTION** - Committee consists of Joseph Boley, Joseph Sakevich, and Anthony Mazeika, Sr. Al Wesey advised that the matter is now in the hands of Joseph Boley who will follow it through to its culmination.

**LITHUANIAN YOUTH CONGRESS, CHICAGO, JUNE 30 - JULY 3-** The K of L is to sponsor one session, in the English language, on Friday, July 1st. Anthony Mazeika, Jr., has been delegated this assignment.

**OUR LADY OF SILUVA CHAPEL DEDICATION CEREMONIES** - Vincent Samaska.

**LITHUANIAN RELIGIOUS CONGRESS, WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Joseph Boley. Both gentlemen are working very closely with the respective committees, and plans are progressing satisfactorily. All Lithuanian newspapers are keeping the public informed as to the schedule of events, etc.

**53 RD NATIONAL CONVENTION, WORCESTER, MASS. AUG. 25-28, 1966** - William Grigas, Chairman, outlined the Convention Schedule. The Supreme Council has approved their plans, and an approval will also be requested from our Spiritual Advisor, Father Valancius. There was discussion as to the manner of dress during the Convention activities. We have become very lax in this regard; i.e., mens' sport shirts are not suitable for the Banquet, etc. We urge all delegates and guests to dress to suit the occasion - and to use good judgment in planning their Convention wardrobe. Ed Daniels advised that they would make every effort to have a Parliamentarian on hand during the Convention meetings. Convention Panel Discussions suggested were: A Resume of all Lithuanian Organizations; Filing; Parliamentary Procedures; Rituals.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**K OF L REVOLUTION** - President Al Wesey reported that he had written an article for the Vytis entitled "A Revolution in the K of L." We have come to the period in our organization where we need help - in the membership of non-Lithuanian spouses. Mr. Wesey was rather surprised that he had, received very little comment, either pro or con, on the article.

**NEXT MEETING** - The next Supreme Council Meeting would be held at the Holiday Inn Motel, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Thursday, August 25th, at 5 P.M.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Al Wesey at 7:30 P.M. Josephine Zukas

During the meeting, Honorary Member Prof. A. J. Aleksis phoned to convey his regrets in not being able to attend, but expressed his wishes for a successful and enjoyable meeting.

# JUNIOR NEWS



Left: Vysk. Brazio pamokslas šv. Mišiu laikų, Camp Dainava. Right Antanas Saulaitis, S.J., Ses. Jurgita, p. Damušis, klebonas Manchester, Mich. par. ir kiti. (Nuot. G. Naujokaitis.) DAYTON JUNIORS

The month of May was devoted especially to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We Juniors set a special day aside to honor our own mothers too. Sunday May 8 our annual May crowning procession took place before 8 o'clock mass. President, Christine Sluzas was the May queen. Raymond Gecas carried the crown on a satin pillow. All members took part in prayers and songs led by choir director Eleanor Sluzas, who also sang beautiful hymns during Mass. Later we served breakfast prepared by Fran and Mike to our parents and honored guests. As a tribute to our mothers we presented each one with a spiritual bouquet, beautifully designed and made by Donna Cernevicues.

On April 22 we went to the Miami Maid Bread Company to see how our daily bread is made. A nature walk at Allwood Audubon Center was enjoyed on May 19. Later that day a council meeting took place in the church club room.

Several members are busy making plans to attend Camp Dainava this summer, and are looking forward to meeting Junior knights from other councils.

Cathie Lavender



Chicago Juniors and councilors. (Photo - A. Raubiskis).



# THERE ARE LITHUANIANS (AND K OF L PROSPECTS)

So, No Matter Where You Are Or Where You Go, Be Alert for Possible K of L Members!

Vacation time is unusually good for meeting new people, so don't lock up your luggage without checking to see if you've packed some membership applications. You may even run into someone from a town which once had a K of L Council and still has enough Lithuanian inhabitants for re-organizing that group. Take down a few names and addresses and forward them on to your District and National membership vice presidents for follow up. Sometimes just one or two, even nonchalantly interested people, can revive or create an entire group of fellow workers for the cause. Or you may meet someone who lives close enough to a city with an active council. Don't pass up the chance just because this person cannot belong to your council - get an application filled and forward it on to an officer in the prospects closest area. That could be your K of L "Scout's" good deed for the week.

Many social activities will be resuming with the fall season and you probably will be seeing some of your fellow members who cannot attend meetings too frequently, and for this reason sometimes become delinquent with their dues payments. Do them, and the K of L, a favor. Collect and turn in their dues from them, whether it be August, September or October. When they can become more active, they will probably do more because they have kept touch with our events and accomplishments through the "Vytis" and your local publications without any "drop" period breaks because of delinquencies.

In fact, one of the best ways to have all your new members add to the strength of your council - not just replenish the delinquents - is a good "Pay Your Dues In Advance" campaign. Your District Membership Vice President could possibly devise a special award to the councils, (categorized as small, medium and large) which reach 100% Paid-up membership first. Your council might give a special prize to the member who brings in the greatest number of advance dues payments from fellow members. Then, as mentioned before, every new or reactivated K of L'er will truly add fruit to our Tree of Life. So don't wait, ask your officers to make that the first order of business at your September meeting.

Since this is my last article for the season, I would like to thank every membership vice president on the District and Council levels who worked for the K of L. The fruit of their labors will be shown in the final report to the National Convention and they can be congratulated by each and every one of us who feels pride in a successful, growing organization.

Eleanore H. Laurin  
Membership Vice President



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## Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

VYČIAI SENJORAI, KELKIMĖS IŠ TYLOS

J. SADAUSKAS

Laukiau ilgai, ieškojau "Vytyje", ar kas daugiau neprakalbės apie vyčių senjorų gyvensnį veikimą ir jų organizavimą, bet ir ligi paskiausio mūsų organo numerio, mažai kas parašė bei prakalbėjo, mūsų org. senyvesnio amžiaus narių vardu. O žinome visi, kad Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijoje randasi net penki senjorų vyčių skyriai, bet iš jų gal gyviausiai veikia, auga naujais nariais ir finansais - Clevelando vyčių senjorų skyrius, o antras - Youngstown, Ohio. Šių skyrių susirinkimai būna skaitlingi, darbingi ir jų korespondentai, ne tik aprašo spaudoje savo veikimą, bet iš jų tarpo atsiranda ir tokių plunksnos mylėtojų, kurie savo gražiomis eilutėmis papuošia ir patį mūsų organą "Vyti".

Kitados Chicagos vyčiai senjorai, buvo iškyliausi visoje mūsų organizacijoje, bet nūnais jų veikla mažai tesigirdi. O paskiausiai teko patirti, kad ne tik jų veikimas sumažėjęs bet ir narių skaičius, o ypatingai į jų susirinkimus mažas skaičius narių teatsilanko? Nežinau tikrai, ar šis mano pranešimas pilnais faktais yra paremtas ar ne? Būtų malonu sužinoti iš pačių chicagiečių senjorų? Tokias žinias išgirdus, gerų vyčių narių bei jų veikėjų mintys ir vytiška idėja pasikeičia.

Tas pats girdėti ir iš New Yorko vyčių senjorų veikimo, kurie būk mažai telanko savo susirinkimus. Los Angeles, Calif. irgi mažai tesigirdi mūsų organizacijoje, o ypač mūsų lietuviškoje spaudoje apie tenykščius vyčius senjorus, nors ten ir gyvena vyčių senjorų organizatorius - A. Skirius, Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos 3-čiasis vice-pirmininkas, bet jo veikla mažai tesigirdi, o gal dėl to, kad jis toli gyvena nuo mūsų?

Gal nūnais, pilniausiai savo pareigas atlieka vyčių organizavime - tai antroji L. Vyčių org. vice-pirm. - vytė M. Stonytė, kurios bendradarbiavimas su tenykščiais parap. dvasios vadais, kaip tai: kun. A. Žemeikis iš Bayonne, kun. V. Karalevičius iš Elizabeth, kun. P. Totoraitis iš Newark ir dar kiti tokie L. Vyčių org. didieji idealistai, nes gegužės 12 d. "Vyčių Veikla" skyriuje, "Drauge", jaunučių vyčių suvažia-

vimo gražusis vaizdelis su savo vadove M. Stonyte ir dvasios vadais, visiems sakyte pasako, kas veikia ir kas nieko neveikia. Jei mes su šia tyla ir toliau gyvensime ir nekelsime viešumoje veiklesnių narių vardų ir jų garbingo ir didingo veikimo arba, kurie turėtų daugiau pasirodyti su savo darbais, tai kaip vieni, taip antri, mūsų organizacijai daug gero neatneš.

Sekančiame mūsų organizacijos seime, reikėtų daugiau kreipti dėmesio, kada būna statomi kandidatai į Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos centro valdybą ir kitas komisijas, nes nuo jų daug priklauso Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos žengimas pirmyn ar atgal. Mums reikia daugiau Marijonų Stonyčių, A. Vasiliauskų, E. Laurinaičių ir dar tokių tai gal ir mūsų senjorai galėtų turėti tokius gražius ir skaitlingus suvažiavimus, kokius turi mūsų jaunučiai vyčiai bei mūsų organizacijos ateitis.

Man rodosi, kad mūsų vyčiai, ypatingai senesnio amžiaus, per daug greitai pamiršo savos organizacijos praeitį - kokia ji buvo kitados garsi, veikli ir puoselėjanti šioje šalyje? Nejaugi vyčiai senjorai ir nesenjorai nori greičiau bėgti savo amžiuje ir mažiau vytiškame veikime, negu jiems liepia skaisčioji saulutė? Broliai ir sesės, senyvesnio amžiaus vyčiai, neduokime užgęsti vyčių dvasiai ir jų idėjai savo širdyse ir mintyse, bet eikime ir dirbkime, kaip praeties laikais darydavome, tada mes greičiau pamiršime savo kasdieninius rūpesčius ir padarysime gero savo mėsai organizacijai.

Lietuvos vyčių organizacijos visuotinas seimas jau visai nebetoli, renkimės jame dalyvauti, kuriems tik laikas ir sveikata leis. Turėkime jame, mes senjorai, savo didingus pasitarimus. Išsirinkime savo vadą - vice-pirmininką, kuris senjorų vyčių skyrių suorganizuos ir dirbs, kaip ir mūsų uolioji Marijona Stonytė dirba ir sielojasi su mūsų organizacijos jaunučiais. Susiraskime tokį vadą, kuris būtų pajėgus veikime, žodyje ir nepailstančioje plunksnoje, tada galės pasidžiaugti visa mūsų organizacija ir mes patys senjorai, nes man rodos, kad jau gana mums tos tylos, nes mes norime, kad mūsų organizacija aukty, didėty ir nelauktų, kada jos saulutė

nusileis. Kurie pajėgiame rašykime į "Vyti" ir kitus lietuviškus laikraščius. Kurie esame iškalbingesni, kalbėkime ir kelkime vyčių idėjas viešumoje - būkime Mykolais Norkūnais ir kitais mūsų pasižymėjusiais organizatoriais. Tada ir mes galėsime pasidžiaugti savo derlingomis dirvomis.

Clevelando vyčiai senjorai turi suorganizavę du pilnus busus keliauti į Washingtoną, kada bus šventinama Šiluvos koplyčia ir istoriškas Amerikos lietuvių suvažiavimas. Dabar kyla klausymas, ar ir kitų kolonijų vyčiai senjorai tą patį darys? Kaip būtų gražu ir garbinga, kad mes vyčiai suplauktume taip skaitlingai, rugsėjo 3-4 d.d. šiose didžiose iškilmėse, kuriomis daugiausiai rūpinasi ir sielojasi - Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos garbės narys - J. E. vyskupas Vincentas Brizgys. Jam irgi bus maloniau girdėti, kada vyčių didingas skaičius suplauks pamatyti J. E. didžiojo ir garbingojo darbo ir pasiaukojimo apvainikavimo.

### CLEVELANDO SENDRAUGIŲ SUSIRINKIMAS

Gegužės 29 d. įvyko pas P. Glugodiene, ilgametę vyčių veikėją ir IV laipsnio narę, mėnesinis Clevelando vyčių sendraugių susirinkimas. Daugiausia kalbėta dėl vykimo Vashingtonan, į Šiluvos koplyčios šventinimo iškilmės; vyks 70 asmenų. Į susirinkimą buvo atvykę Centro-Vidurio apskrities pirmininkas ir sekretorė, ponai Paviai iš Youngstowno.

Jis kalbėjo apie pravedimą rezoliucijos sekančioj vyčių konvencijoje, kad svetimtaučiai apsivedę su lietuvišiais galėtų būti pagalbiniai nariai. Buvo atvykęs 25 kuopos pirmininkas P. Luiza, jis pranešė apie įvykusias Chicagoje kėglių žaidynes, kur 25-tos kuopos nariai laimėjo tris pirmąsias vietas. Kalbėjo apie Vidurio-Centro apskrities rengiamą suvažiavimą Clevelande per Kristaus Karaliaus šventę ir kvietė visus dalyvaut. Po susirinkimo Ponia Glugodienė visus skaniai pavaišino.

Vyčio Igno sodelyje įvyko birželio 26 d., sendraugių mėnesinis susirinkimas. Priimta kandidatais P. Vyšniauskas ir P. Lelys, kuris yra menininkas ir padovanojo savo tapytą paveikslą ateinančio pikniko loterijai.

Piknikas įvyks liepos 17 d. pas P. P. Visockus. Buvo kalbėtasi dėl vykimo Vashingtonan į Šiluvos Kopyčios šventinimo iškilmes. Po susirinkimo Petras Zigmantas skaniai visus pavaižino, nutarta pasiusti 10 dolerių sveikinimams vyčių suvažiavimui Worchesteryje. Kandidatus rinks per sekantį susirinkimą. Kuopa turi jau 37 apsimokėjusius narius.

Pabuves

#### CLEVELAND, OHIO VYCIU SENJORU SUSIRINKIMAS IR KAI KURIU NARIU PAGERGIMAS .

Kaip jau "Drauge" buvo minėta, vyčių senjorų susirinkimas, buvo gegužės 29 d., Vinco ir Polos Glugodų rezidencijoje. Jis buvo kiek skirtin-gesnis, negu paprastai senjorų susirinkimai būna. Susirinkimą malda atidarė ir su pastabėlėmis jį pravedė R. Buknis, senjorų pirmininkas, o nut. raštininko pareigas, kaip paprastai, ėjo Jonas Milas.

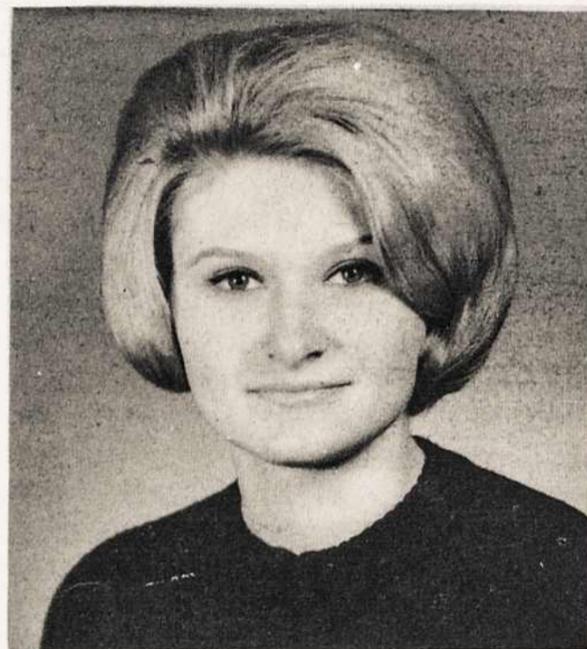
Svarbus pranešimas buvo iš-klaudytas, kurį pateikė Ignas Visoc-kas, J. Sadauskas ir M. Tarutienė, ku-rie rūpinasi vykimu į Vashingtoną, kada bus Šiluvos Kopyčios šventini-mas. Ši komisija pranešė, kad visas darbas eina pirmyn, nes visi artimai dirba ir jie tikisi, kad jų darbas sen-joram atneš garbę, o ne pažeminimą.

Po raportų ir kitų klausimų, pirm. pakvietė Petrą Luizą, Lietuvos Vyčių 25-tos kuopos pirmininką, kuris be-roads, pirmą kartą buvo apsilankęs vy-čių senjorų susirinkime, tarti žodį. Mūsų mielas Petras, kaip pilgametis ir uolus vytis, visų buvo pasveikintas su gausiomis katutėmis. Petras džiaugė-si, matydamas tokį senjorų skaitlingą susirinkimą ir kad jame būna svars-tomi toki rimti ir įdomūs klausymai vyčių naudai. Jis taip pat prisiminė ir apie bowling tournamentą, kuris bu-vo Chicagoje ir kad tenykščiai vyčiai

visus gražiai priėmė, o toliau jis pastebėjo, kad pirmutinę trofėją lai-mėjo Lietuvos Vyčių 25-tos kuopos narys - vytis Andrusis ir dar pora narių iš 25-tos kuopos. Jam pabai-gus savo trumpą kalbelę - štai ir vėl du garbingi svečiai išengia į vy-čių senjorų susirinkimą - Vincas Pa-vis ir jo žmona Stasė, kurie buvo nuoširdžiai pasveikinti su vytiškėmis katutėmis. Mat, Vincas Pavis yra Youngstown, Ohio vyčių senjorų pir-mininkas ir vidurinių valstijų Lietu-vos Vyčių apskrities pirmininkas, o Stasė Pavienė yra šios apskrities nut. rašt. ir youngstowniečių vyčių senjo-rų saulėtos dėžutės prižiūrėtoja.

Taipgi buvo mielas kun. Al. Goldi-kovskis, buvęs vyčių senjorų dvasios vadas, kuris gegužės 24 d., Clevelan-do lietuvių buvo didingai pagerbtas jo 25 m. kunigystės paminėjimo proga. Šioje dienoje, vyčiai senjorai, tėvelį Goldikovskį ne tik gražiu žodžiu pasveikino, bet ir su pinigine kuklia do-vanėle, už ką mielas tėvelis Goldi-kovskis atsiuntė nuoširdų padėkos laišką, kuris šiame susirinkime buvo perskaitytas, bet prieš maldą tėvelis padėkojo ir gyvu žodžiu, už senjorų vyčių parodytą jam tokį didį nuošir-dumą. Ir šiuo tėvelis Goldikovskis bu-vo paprašytas atkalbėti maldą.

Pagerbimas maždaug buvo su-rengtas J. Sadauskui, V. ir St. Pa-viams ir vyčiam Markauskam. Bet kaip kiekvieną susirinkimą, Clevelando vyčiai senjorai pagerbia tuos narius, kurių tuose pačiuose mėne-siuose būna gimtadieniai. Taigi šiuose iškiluose pietuose buvo pagerbti sekantieji gimtadienininkai: A. Ma-čiokas, J. Čerauka, A. Bujokas, A. Karklienė, M. Trainauskaitė ir namų savininkas Vincas Glugodas. Jiems buvo sugiedota ilgiausių ir laimin-giausių metų, o apie J. Sadausko darbuotę spaudoje ir vyčiuose, šie nariai ir svečiai pasakė kalbeles:



Rožė Ona (Rose Ann) Sadauskaitė, duktė mūsų Vyčių ir lietuviškos vi-suomenės veikėjų - Juozo ir Rožės Sadauskų, šiais metais, birželio 11 d., baigė Kent State Universitetą, su Bachelor of Science in Education laipsniu.

P. Luiza, V. ir St. Paviai, senjorų pirm. A. Mačiokas, kun. Al. Goldi-kovskis ir J. Kuzas, kuris daugiau-siai su J. Sadausko spaudos darbais yra susipažinęs. Visų kalbos buvo nuoširdžios, giliai įvertinančios jo didelį pasišventimą plunksnos dar-bams ir vyčių idėjai ir mūsų lietuviš-kai išeivijai. Clevelando vyčiai, už nuolatinį jų aprašymus - jam yra nupirkę net keturias rašomąsias plunksnas.

Vyriausia šio susirinkimo šeimi-ninkė, šių narių pagerbimo rūpintoja ir šios programėlės vedėja - Pola Glugodienė, pabaigai pakvietė žodį tarti ir šių pietų pagerbtąjį - J. Sa-dauską, kuris pirmiausiai didelį ačiū pareiškė namų savininkei, kad ji pada-rė jam staigmeną ir visiems parodė, kad jis per ilgus metus nedavė ir dar neduoda savo plunksnai rūdyti stalčiu-je ir kartu Pola priminė visiems, kad ir ji nuo jaunų dienų dar vis tebera-šinėja į kai kuriuos lietuvių laikraš-čius ir ji gerai žino, kiek darbo ir pa-siaukojimo reikalauja plunksna. Juo-zas prieš pareiškdamas visiems pa-dėkos žodį - perskaitė O. B. Audro-nės eilutes - "Motinai", kurias visi su įdomumu išklaušė. Toliau jis pa-reiškė didelę padėką už visus jam su-teiktus linkėjimus ir prašymus to-liau tą pačią vagą varyti, kaip ir ligi šiolei. Ir šiuo baigėsi šie pagerbimo pietūs - gerbiamo kun. Goldikovskio malda.

Granitas



K) Sėdi dr. K. Pautenis, Antose Visockienė ir kun. Al. Goldikovskis. D) Sėdi J. Sadauskas, inž. A. Pautenis, Antanas Mazeika, o kalba K. Karpius, buvęs "Dirvos" red. ir Clevelando lietuvių veikėjas.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A. Wesey  
National President

The August convention will be upon us before we know it and it will be pleasant to greet all our fellow members and friends in a social and serious mood.

We will gather from all over the country at our national conference and this one will be of great importance. It is not only because of certain issues involved, but because the Worcester area, and New England, was and is a stronghold of the Knights of Lithuania. It is strong in American as well as Lithuanian patriotism and it has history and tradition.

So we too, in such an atmosphere of feeling, and tradition, let us be prepared for a historic convention; let us think and decide what is best for our organization; let us decide in harmony -let us do it in good faith.

We are behind times by ten years. I only hope we are not too late in our foremost decision. I hope ten years were not completely lost and wasted. I hope we can make a tremendous recovery and improve our organization. This improvement would be in the way of membership, finances, and activity. We do need help in these essential categories. No organization can survive without being strong on these major fundamentals.

So my dear members, let us meet at Worcester and let us do our all to better and improve our grand organization.

## CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIŲ RŪPESČIAI

### POV. DIRKIS

Yra daug narių Čikagos Vyčių Senjorų kuopoje kurie nenustojančiai veikia ir prisideda prie organizacijos gyvenimo. Trumpai prisimename apie kelis šį kartą, o apie kitus bus aprašyta sekančiuose Vyties numeriuose.

IGNAS SAKALAS ilgametis Sendraugių kuopos Chicagoje pirmininkas, vyčių organizacijos pirmūnas. Vyčių istorijos autorius ir buvęs žurnalo "Vytis" redaktorius. Šiuo laiku yra Vyčių namų prievaizda. Ant jo pečių pirmoje eilėje guli visi sendraugių kuopos ir Vyčių namų reikalai, kuriais jam tenka rūpintis ir sielotis nepasisėkimais arba džiaugtis laimėjimais. Jis yra taip pat karštas filatelistas. Toje srityje irgi yra išvaręs plačią ir gilią vagą. Jis yra buvęs ilgametis spaudos darbininkas ir vienas iš dienraščio "Draugas" bendradarbių. Gyvena iš pensijos, uoliai eina savo prievaizdos pareigas, į kurias įeina ir už baro skaidriosios pilstymas.

TEKLĖ NORBUTIENĖ, sendraugių kuopos uoli ir darbšti narė, priklauso pirmūnų vyčių kartai, dar ir dabar labai energingai reiškiasi vyčių organizaciniam gyvenime, ypač Vy-

čių namų Taryboje, kaipo Direktorė. Tik ją prieš kelis mėnesius buvo ištikus didelė nelaimė, būtent: nusišutino dešiniąją ranką, dėl kurios turėjo keletą savaičių gulėti ligoninėje ir pergyventi operaciją. Dar ir dabar ta ranka neatgauna pirmkščio stovio ir spalvos. Tačiau jai dirbti organizacinį darbą tas netrukdo.

ALEKSAS BUDRIS, sendraugių kuopos atstovas Vyčių namų taryboje, kurioje pirmininkauja. Tai vienas iš kruoščiausių Vyčių namų remonto darbuose. Jis taip pat prieš 40 metų reikėsi spaudos ratelyje "Ž.Ž." Dabar yra išrinktas komisijos pirmininkurošti akademijai Chicagos mirusiems buv. vyčių nariams. Jis galvoja kaip iškilmingiau mirusius prisiminti ir juos pagerbti bei iškelti jų nuveiktus darbus Vyčių organizacijai ir lietuvių tautai.

KAZIMIERA PETRULIENĖ, sendraugių kuopos darbščiausia narė, kuri džiaugiasi kiekvienu vyčių pasisekimu ir sielojasi jų nepasisėkimu. Tai yra labai jautrios sielos moteris ir nepaprasto kruopštumo žmogus. Pereitais metais ją buvo ištikus nelaimė, dėl kurios turėjo net kelis mėnesius ištūnoti namuose, dėl sužalojimo šono. Ji dažant Vyčių namo sieną, paslydus kopėčiom nukrito ir skaudžiai susitrenkė. Tačiau dabar

atsigavo ir uoliai įsijungė į kuopos darbą. Yra mirusiųjų akademijai ruošti komisijos narė.

ANTANAS PETRULIS, sendraugių kuopos pirmininko pavaduotojas ir amžinas Vyčių namų globėjas, kurį laiką yra buvęs jų užvaizda, daug yra idėjęs į tuos namus savo darbo ir lėšų. Priklauso pirmūnų Vyčių kartai. Labai yra susirūpinęs pirmūnais vyčiais, kad ir jau kapuose esančiais, jų pagerbimu, prisiminimu ir iškėlimu jų darbų, atliktų savai organizacijai. Nors jau yra pensininkas, bet fiziniai dar pajėgus, tai dabartiniam namų prievaizdai yra pirmoji ranka.

URSULĖ ŽEMAITIENĖ sendraugių kuopos uoli narė, kurį laiką sirguliavo, bet dabar atsipeikėjus vėl lanko kuopos susirinkimus ir savo tarpe aiškinasi dėl lietuvių kalbos žodingumo, būtent: kas tikriau bulvė ar ropūtė, arba mutinis, mekeris, čupnikas, kaplūnas, mekerozas-kas iš jų tikresnis. Be to, ji labai susigraūžus dėl savo dukters nesveikatos. Kotrina. Grinienė grįždama iš darbovietės, eidama per gatvę krito ant pervažos ir susilaužė koją. Dabar jau kelios savaitės guli sugipsuota ligoninėje, o antroji - Barbora dėl širdies priepuolių irgi negali atsiskirti suligoninė.

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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## NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT F. V.

The New York -New Jersey District held a meeting at Lithuanian Liberty Park Linden, N.J., with C-113 as hosts for the day. The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer by president Alexander Wesley. Edward Pribush president of C-113 welcomed delegates and guests in a short talk.

Minutes of the meeting held at Philadelphia, Pa., in March were read and accepted. Charles Strolis gave a report on Lithuanian Affairs committee work. It was announced that group in charge of November 13th demonstration held in New York had given a donation of \$500 to the Lithuanian Affairs committee of the Supreme Council.

Joseph Boley spoke on the coming Our Lady of Siluva Shrine dedication over Labor Day week end and urged one and all to turn out in large numbers for this event.

Delegates to the National Convention will be Frank Vaskas of Newark and Nancy Kober of Great Neck,

N.Y. The alternate will be Joseph Boley.

It was voted on to give a \$50 donation towards districts bulletin, whose editors are Josephine Zukas and Mary Kober. Members and councils were asked to send material to publication. We must commend the staff for the fine work they have done in putting out the bulletin.

Our congratulations are offered to Rt. Rev. Monsignor Ignatius Kelmelis on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee in the priesthood this year. Monsignor is pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Newark.

Congratulations also go to Rt. Rev. Monsignor Jonas Balkunas pastor of Transfiguration parish at Maspeth, N. Y. on the occasion of his 40th Anniversary.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Rev. Peter Zemeikis, district spiritual director, and the singing of the K of L Hymn. The prayer was offered in memory of those who were deported unjustly from Lithuania to Siberia on June 14, 1941.

We at this time offer our thanks to C-113 for hospitality extended to one and all during our stay.

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences are offered to former national president Robert S. Boris in the recent passing of his mother. "May she rest in Peace".

Be seeing you either at Worcester or Washington, D.C.



Rt. Rev. Msgr. I. Kelmelis greets guests.



Left photo: Participants in the Jubilee, leaving the Rectory enroute to the Jubilee Mass. Front Row, L. to R. Jubilarian Rt. Rev. Msgr. I. Kelmelis, Archbishop Boland, Bishop V. Brizgys, Rev. A. Matulis. Back Row, L. to R. Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. Kemezsis, Rev. D. Pocius, Rev. J. Scharnus, Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Balkunas, Rev. P. Totoraitis. Right photo: The "Žibuoklės" Sextet entertain the guests attending the Jubilee banquet. Front, L. to R. Edna Mack, Florence Schirm, Aldona Pitkunigis, Ona Skurvydas; back - Bronė Venskus and Loretta Stukas. At the organ is Louis Stukas, organizer and director of the sextet. (Photos R. Kisielius)

NEWARK, N.J., C-29 The Wanderer  
C-29 commemorated the 25th Anniversary of the unjust deportation of the peoples of the Baltic States. A High Mass was offered on June 19th in Holy Trinity Church by Rev. Peter Totoraitis, Council Spiritual director. The membership marched into Church behind the color guard of the Lithuanian-American Veterans Post, then came the singing of The Lithuanian National Anthem and the Star Spangled Banner. Rev. Totoraitis preached a sermon appropriate to the day. After Mass there was a procession to the Lithuanian Wayside Cross where a wreath was laid in commemoration of event. Prayers were offered by Rev. Totoraitis and the ceremonies closed with the singing of "Marija, Marija." The wreath was carried by two members of C-29, the Misses Joan Stulpin and Marion Tatoris. Both wore Lithuanian costumes. The event was given fine coverage in the Newark Evening News.

1966 is indeed a memorable one in Our Holy Trinity Parish. Our beloved pastor Rt. Rev. Monsignor Ignatius J. Kelmelis celebrated 50 years in the Lord's Vineyard on Sunday, June 26 and 44 years as pastor in our parish. Both the Church and parish hall had capacity attendances at the Jubilee Mass and testimonial dinner. Several priests who at one time or other served as altar boys under the celebrant were also on hand. They were the Revs. Albert Matulis, Dr. Joseph Vaskas M.I.C., Peter Baruskis M.I.C., Francis Ignacius. We are rather proud of fact that the following council members served on Jubilee Committee; Council President Kazys Sipaila, Vice President Jack Remeika, Regina Schmidt, Supreme Council Vice president Mary Stonis, and Frank Vaskas.

Don't forget our annual dinner-dance on Sat. evening Sept. 24th., St. George's Hall.

NEW YORK, N.Y., C-41

Denis Mazeika

The silence on the "Eastern Front" became just a bit too loud so I thought that it was time to break the silence.

The last that was heard from C-41 was that it was planning its St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast in March with the help of the K of L (New York)

The members of the Supreme Council and the "Vytis" staff extend their condolences to former national president Robert Boris and his family on the death of their mother.

Seniors. I must say that with a great deal of help from the Seniors, the annual St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast was a success.

On April 10th, Easter Sunday, C-41 sponsored an Easter Dance jointly with the local Ateitininkai and came out in the black. The hall chosen for the dance was the Transfiguration Church Hall in Maspeth, Queens. Many thanks must be given to Msgr. John Balkunas for the use of this hall.

Prior to Easter Sunday, as Good Friday always is, the Vyčiai made their Easter Vigil at Annunciation Church in Brooklyn, as they traditionally do every year on Good Friday Evening.

With the vast amount of work that went into the Easter Dance, it was hard to believe when it was all over. In fact, since the Dance, nothing in the way of real outside activity has really been done by the Council and here it is time already to go to the annual National Convention and elect new officers. In this day and age, if time really flies, it must be jet propelled like everything else today.

Speaking of officers, C-41 has had the misfortune to lose one of its best members and a member of its executive board to the Marines; here I'm referring to Visvaldas Gerdvilis. The members wish all the best to him and hope and pray for his safe return.

One other item of interest concerning a member is the fact that Joan Mažeika has been engaged to Rimas Laniauskas of Cleveland. The wedding date has not been set as of yet. Best wishes and "bundles of happiness" are wished upon them.

That is all the news from Council 41 of any importance up to date. This is Council 41 signing off from New York.

## ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

I-I DISTRICT

E.L.

Some people have all the luck and this year it was Chicago. We had the pleasure of hosting and entertaining the Supreme Council Board with Al Wesey, Frank Vaskas and Bob Boris as special guests in February. Then during the week end of May 20-22 we were overwhelmed with almost a convention size attendance of K of L'ers for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament. Our hosting abilities were put to the test by keglers from Detroit Dayton, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and the Mid-Central District Board members Vince and Stella Pavis, Frank Gudelis, Clem Patocka, Peter Luiza, Joe Kazlauskas and Julie Aleshunas.

This pleasure of visiting with our out of town guests was repeated again during the Lithuanian Youth Congress and Song Festival week end of July 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Anthony Mazeika, Jr. did a splendid job as K of L emissary and guest speaker at the only English language session of the Youth Congress. This was also quite an occasion for our K of L basketball stars of the 30's to get together as special guests. Konnie Savickas, our S. C. Legal Advisor, Phil Krause, Bill osmanski and Mike Ruscis were part of this reunion, and Vince Samaska who was M.C. for the session made the arrangements. Stanley Balzekas, Jr., founder of the Lithuanian Museum in Chicago, was another interesting guest. Of course, as the activities of the week-end came and went, we had a chance to spend many pleasant hours with Loretta Stukas, Louis Stukas, Mary Stonis, Leonard Valiukas, Frank Vaskas, Joe Yanulaitis, Marcella Andrikis and our two young friends from Detroit Grace Vaskelis and her friend.

A special mention must be made with reference to the Dainų Sventė itself because we are so very, very proud of our K of L Choir Director Faustas Strolia for the magnificent

### NOTE TO COUNCIL CORRESPONDENTS:

There will be no council news in the October VYTIS, as that issue will be devoted to the Convention. Please hold your articles and submit them for the November issue. DEADLINE - OCTOBER 5th.



I-I District's Hawaiian Luau. Upper left, The "Warriors". Upper right, The "Maidens". Lower photo, Guests enjoy the music and food at the luau. (Photos A. Raubiskis)

job he did in directing the Children's Choir comprised of 1,000 or more Lithuanian youngsters. And of course, it was another proud moment to see our Honorary Member Prof. A. J. Alexis as honorary director at the event and our own K of L Choir participating.

The climax of the entire week end was our District July 4th picnic and it was nice to see Frank Vaskas visit us again on this occasion. Another nice feature of the picnic was the selection of our "Kugelis Queen". This year we have two - Mrs. M. Gestautas and Mrs. F. Svelnis. Congratulations are in order to the both of them as well as the main committee: Frank Savickas and Leon Pauksta, co-chairmen; Eleanore Laurin, Gerry Mack, Al Raubiskis, Vince Samaska, Irene Sankus, Frank Svelnis, Helen Zimmer and the many, many members who helped to make the event a success.

Of course, the spring and summer season was also a routine of District, Councils, Choir and Building Trustees meetings and social events, with a little occasional visit from some of our always welcome K of L'ers like Walter Svekla.

Another fun affair was the Luau

and it was just as successful as last year's. We had some out of towners attending here too - from Hawaii - the orchestra and their lovely dancer. However, the scene stealers were the "warriors and maidens" right from the audience, who learned and performed some very intricate island dances.

With the summer's end, we are looking forward to the Convention in Worcester and a repeat of the various activities which make up our contribution for the K of L cause and personal satisfaction as well.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 Ardee

At our April meeting, we were honored to have with us Alderman David W. Healy who presented a resolution to our Pastor Msgr. Victor Cernauskas, commending our deceased Pastor, Msgr. George A. Paskus, "for the great service rendered our city and his church by being one of the foremost leaders of the Lithuanian community of this city." Msgr. Cernauskas said this plaque would be placed in the sacristy of Nativity B. V.M. church along with a picture of

Msgr. Paskus.

Following this presentation, a very interesting film on Communism and Socialism, narrated by Herbert Philbrick, was shown. Many thanks to Willie Ulevich, Jim Jagialla, Frank Svelnis, and Leo Pauksta for making the necessary arrangements and obtaining this film for our council's viewing.

Our Easter Dance was an enjoyable affair with music by "Chester" to keep our toes tapping. Chairman, Al Zakarka and his committee certainly deserve a lot of credit for their time and efforts in making the dance a success. Also, the beautiful and unusual decorations made by Milda and Mirga Pakalniškis, lent such a charm to the atmosphere of the K of L Hall. These gals have been doing the decorating for our dances lately, and they have come up with some very "different" decorations - much to the delight of everyone.

Congratulations to Father Anthony Zakarauskas on the occasion of his Silver Anniversary as a priest. May your smiling face and cheerful countenance be ever with us, Father!



Milda Pakalniškis and Al Shulicke decorating the K of L Hall for C-112's Easter Dance.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10

Vincukas

The New England District Convention was a fine affair - thanks to the hard work of all the Lawrence K of L... The Pre-Convention "Polka Luau" held at the Lithuanian Hall was a grand affair with more than 200 people in attendance. Many old faces were seen and an excellent time was had by all ... Sunday's activities were held in the church hall with a convention Mass, Holy Hour, sessions and ended with a buffet. Thanks, Lawrence!

Our council was well represented at Worcester's Spring Dance.

Our own Howie Beaudette again this year has been named Dean of Admission at Boys State at Amherst.

On May 8th, seven of our council members attended the 50th Anniversary of the K of L in St. Casimir's parish, Worcester. Our own, Father Mike was Master-of-ceremonies. An excellent meal was enjoyed. Several opera numbers were rendered by Dairva Mongirdaitė and a lengthy speaking program was followed by dancing. The decorating and preparation committees excelled themselves. We of C-10 wish C-26 many more years of devotion and dedication to our motto - "God and Country".

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

With the coming of warm weather and vacation time we are all enjoying a fun-filled social summer. In all our fun we must not forget and ever keep in mind the ideals of our K of L. We should all support our Lithuanian organization and take an active part in them along with our own parish. We should strive to keep our culture alive



The high and low of C-112 bowlers; Estelle Rogers and John Evans. (Photo A. Raubiskis.)



Council 10, Athol, Gardner, Mass., Annual Communion Breakfast held at The French King's Bridge Restaurant, Greenfield. (Photo L. Davidonis.)

and ever remember that Lithuania, the land of our forebearers, is enslaved and waiting for our aid in one way or another. We can and must always remember her in our prayers. Then through our letters, written to Senators, Congressmen, local newspapers, we will let the world know the terrible consequences of communism and that Lithuania and all peoples should have the right to the God-given gift of freedom.

We extend the welcome mat to Mrs. Margie (Davidonis) Senk, formerly of Athol and now of New Britain, Conn. into our council ranks.

Father Mike Tamulevicius, pastor of St. Francis, Athol, and our council's spiritual advisor has an addition to the rectory - it is a pedigree dachshund that answers to the name of "Champ". He is a common sight in the Athol-Gardner area.

Robert Maker, a member of the Gardner High Senior class will enter Boston College in Sept. He has been awarded the Lithuanian - American Citizens Club Scholarship - this is the first time the Gardner club has made the award.

Three Gardner persons recently returned from a 21-day visit to Lithuania. They were granted a 2-day visit to their native soil.

Our council held its annual steak barbeque at Frank's Camp on White's Pond on June 26. The girls took care of the arrangements and the fellows cooked. It was a grand affair. In the P.M. Al Jaritis and Bill Zaremba arrived, as did Joe Sakaitis. All three are from Worcester. Special guests were Father Mike's brother and sister-in-law and, of course, "Champ". To complete the day, supper was in the form of a weenie roast. Dick Genaitis also was pres-

ent with his "Irish lassie" from Charlestown. All in all it was a perfect day, except for Al Kuzmeskas, Bill and Mike Waslaske who all fell into the pond from a boat. At suppertime Al and Lil Kuzmeskas were presented with a 1st Anniversary wedding cake and a check from the group. Dr. Henry Gailiunas was general chairman of the affair.

### MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Richard Genaitis, son of Charles and Blanche Genaitis, all staunch K of L members from Gardner, graduated from Northeastern University in Boston with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He has accepted a supervisory position with the Long Lines, Dept. of A. T. & T. in White Plains, N.Y.

While at the University, Dick served as president of the Junior and Senior class, was chairman of the Students' Activities Committee, president of the Class Alumni Association and was a Dean's List student.

During college, he was a member of the co-operative program and worked for the Employers Liability Assurance Corp., Ltd. as a casualty insurance claims adjuster and for the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank as a bank manager trainee.

Dick is a likable, congenial person. We all wish him the best of luck in his new position. Congratulations, Dick!

Area K of L members are anxiously awaiting the National Convention that will be held in Worcester, Mass.

## MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT

DETROIT, MICH., C-79

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Due to an increasingly crowded calendar of events - both on the parish

and council level, the attendance at the annual Carey pilgrimage had a marked decline on past May 2nd. We felt this is not a true reflection of the deep devotion to Our Lady of Consolation that K of L families have. However, perhaps tentative plans can be arranged in the future that will not be conflicting with other happenings. Representatives from C-79 were Ona Walls, Magdalena Smailis and Cassie Bay. Labai ačiū - you were an inspiration to our council.

Improvement in attendance at our May meeting was noticed. Such stay-a-ways as Frank and Betty Petroski, and Barbara and Ed Sackle were amongst our fold. Welcome back. And, "Please don't eat the cornflower" could very well have been the theme of this meeting. We polished off all the refreshments and the centerpiece, by Gerry Chaps, would have been next. Many thanks for a job well done to our hostesses: B. Petroski and B. Sackle.

The twosome of Stella and Tina Hotra are a hard working mother-daughter team. No sooner did they finish hostessing a delectable K of L Communion breakfast in May, they were back in the kitchen "showering" us with lots of goodies for our June Meeting.

With pleasure our congratulations to Valentina Hotra who placed in a special Honorable Category for her ability in Lithuanism during "Miss Lithuania-Detroit" Pageant. We take especially great pride in Tina as she is a third-generation "lietuvaite". She went on to Chicago to represent our K of L at the Youth Congress and joined in the festivities of Dainų Sventė.

"Symbol of a Saint" was Mrs. S. Mameniskis who fell 9 stairs at the Golden Agers club and patiently waited for her daughter Stella Hotra to pick her up at the end of the day - only to bring her mother to Providence hospital for check up and X-Rays. We hear she is progressing quite well.

A perfect council executive board meeting ending in a splash party will long be remembered at the home of Dorothe and Ed Martin, held June 29. Ed, who about a year ago made a remarkable recovery from a coronary setback, was a perfect host. (We wonder, though. Some of us seem to be still drying out). His wife completed the entertainment with a delicious salad, kosher pickles and some yummy



Father Michael J. Kundrat, Chaplain of C-79 Detroit, giving Holy Communion to his Mother, Brother and Nephew during his Silver Jubilee Mass at Devine Providence Church on June 5. The council members promoted a parish-wide observance of this anniversary. (Photo S. Butkus.)



Mid-Central Winners at the Mid-West Bowling Tournament: George Stanulis, C-79, Julie Aleshunas, C-19, Ruth Guzauskas, C-25, Evelyn Andrulis, C-25, Bill Adams, C-79. (Photo- A. Raubiskis.)

roasted weeners.

What's new?... We were so pleased that Rita Neverouck of C-102 was able to lend her artistic capabilities in contributing the beautiful posters which she made for Father Kundrat's Silver Jubilee, June 5. Thank you so much. The Jubilee committee did a terrific job in commemorating the day and deserve a big hand... Unveiling the campaign trail for a Michigan Representative seat is Ralph Valatka, Sr. We wish him lots of luck... Our deepest sympathy to Vicki Chepelonis and her mother upon the loss of a brother and son. Kindly remember Bill in your prayers. Our sincere condolences also to Robert Boris, pres. of C-102, upon sudden loss of his beloved mother... Get well wishes to Mrs. A.

Sinkus, mother of George and Frank Janus; and to Stanley Zvirblis. We also extend speedy recovery to Estelle Gogelis who underwent serious surgery... We hear Mrs. Keller is mending nicely... Congratulations to Petty Bitner who graduated from Cooley High School. She is a former '79-Junior... Our Country Cousins, like Ruth Grasha and her family have enjoyed their "open air" living so much we haven't seen too much of Ruth at the meetings anymore. However, congratulations to Ruth upon winning the Pepsi-Cola contest and wish her success in the finals... The Vitkus band has disbanded (temporarily that is). The boys, Bernard, Jr. and Leonard, leaving the Vitkus' roost with the eldest for a job in

Chicago and the youngest into the U. S. service. Best wishes to both... Rosalie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Dalton has been invested in the Mission Helpers of Sacred Heart in Baltimore, Md. The Daltons attended the impressive occasion on June 19. She will be known now as Sister Elizabeth Mary. May God bless her and bestow many of His graces for her.

DAYTON, O., C-96

E. Mantz

We honored both Mothers on Mothers's Day at Mass. The Juniors marched in procession followed by the Seniors. Tina Sluzas crowned our Blessed Mother with Raymond Gecas as crown bearer. Hymns were sung in both Lithuanian and English. After Mass the Juniors served breakfast for their Mothers. Reading of poetry were recited and several of the poems were written by our own Junior, Donna Cernevicious. Mike and Fran Petkus did a fine job of preparing the food. In the afternoon our annual Mother's Day party was a great success. Movies of previous parties was delightful to see and the children enjoyed the cartoons. Phyllis Mayauskas and Sarah Petkus deserves our thanks and every one that helped including our newest member, Mazine Bakanauskas.

The Chicago bowling convention was attended by ladies only, Ann Scott, Eva Leasure, Elinor Sluzas, Barbara Blosser, Judy Petrokas, Elaine Lucas, Rita Ambrose and Laurretta Omor. Frank Gudelis attended as a representative to the district meeting

held at the same time. A good time was had by all.

Europe this year has seen two of our members, Charles and Sarah Petkus. They visited the Netherlands and Paris, France. Our fishermen, John Scott, Frank Ambrose, and Mike Petkus traveled to Canada in Frank's new Old's 88 convertible. Not many fish caught but plenty of fishy stories.

We report with sorrow of a death of a member Mrs. Elizabeth Sinkewitz on May 7. Three of her children are members and several grandchildren. May she rest in peace.

The hospital lately had two members as patients, Fran Vangas and Ada Sinkwitz. Mary Ann Blum is ill under doctor's care at home. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Our picnic was held on June 18 with Mike Petkus, as chairman. Jim Richey, co-chairman did a splendid job and this was his first venture of this undertaking.

DETROIT, MICH., C-102 Dvynukės

Hello Dere!

Your faithful correspondents from 102 are reporting in with the latest scoops. Our reason for not having written lately is that we took a prolonged trip to the moon - would you believe a six month cruise? - would you believe there were so many activities we just didn't have the time?

First things being first, we must tell you that Bob Boris was elected council president last fall and has instituted the "new look" at our meetings. Charlotte Ruseckas is our most

charming Lithuanian Affairs Chairman - her enthusiasm and vivacity captivate us all.

At Christmas time a group of 102ers and their children once again helped Father Stan distribute gifts to the needy children of St. Anthony's Parish. Then to get away from our usual house party a group of merry makers traveled south of the border into Canada for an evening of dining and dancing at the Top Hat Supper Club. Ann Aleks, Maryann and Bill Yuodwalkas and their guests Marge and Chet Nashlon were among those attending.

In January along came the ice-skating party and was it cold!!! - just ask the "B" 's. Gus and Gena Baibak were our wonderful hosts for the Valentine Day party. We helped to christen their new home in a true Lithuanian spirit. There wasn't a quiet moment as they had a well rounded evening of games, music, etc. planned; capping it off with a delicious buffet. Nuoširdžiai ačiū to them and their committee: Chris and Chuck Mishakis and Ann Uznis. Also in the new home department are Ed and Joan Zaliagiris, and Vytas and Aldona Biliunas who are traveling quite a bit further to attend our meetings since building out in the suburbs. We wish all much happiness their new locations.

Our second Holy Thursday Pilgrimage, to the three Lithuanian Churches, was well attended. Distance proved to be no inconvenience to members who came from far and near to spend some time with our Lord. Among those attending were the Guerrieros, Stanieviches, Wagsters, Ruseckas' and Evelyn Galinas. The Committee extends an apology to our sister councils for neglecting to invite them to join us and we look forward to having them with us again next year.

Our group attending the annual Mid-West District Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation was rather small. This was unfortunate but unavoidable since some of the would-be pilgrims were involved in helping with Archdiocesan campaign on that day. The Ray Medonis family had another good reason for staying home - the arrival of little Robert Paul, who was baptized on Pentecost Sunday and according to his Godmother is an angel among angels!

In May, a weary band of 102ers wended their way home from the Mid-



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## COUNCIL 96

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west bowling tournament in Chicago and reported having the best time ever - a real bash! Just as the Chicago sojourners were returning, our efficient financial secretary, Jo Jonulate was packing her grips for a weeks stay in the Windy City. Jo, who works for the government, was chosen to attend a management course - Congratulations Jo!

Condolences are extended to Edna Klucens and Vic Yokin upon the recent loss of their mother and to Bill Klucens whose father passed away.

In the Good News Dept.: It is nice to see Tony Smolek back in the swing of things after his recent surgery. And, we are most happy to report that Clem Galinas has received his doctor's O.K. to return to work again after a whole year of convalescence. Clem has really earned our admiration. His cheerful attitude during the prolonged ordeal has been an inspiration to all. Our prayers are with Alex Gadwell, who is now home after a lengthy hospital stay. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.

And now it is time to sign off and head for a well-earned vacation. See you all at the Annual Youth Camp and the Family Day Picnic at Camp Dainava on August 20th. For more details on this event or anything else, call the Gal with all the answers, our secretary, Grace Vaskelis -278-6758.



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## K of L Calendar

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| August 13    | C-79, Detroit, Family Picnic, Lola Valley Park, Mich.                           | October 1    | C-27, Pre-NED Convention Dance, Lithuanian Hall, Norwood, Mass.                |
| August 25 -  |   | October 2    | New England District Convention, Norwood, Mass.                                |
| August 28    | 53rd National Convention, C-26 Host, Worcester, Mass.                           | October 2    | C-90, Harrison-Kearny, N.J. Details later for this social event.               |
| September 3- |   | October 29 - |  |
| September 4  | Our Lady of Siluva Chapel Blessing and Dedication Ceremonies, Washington, D. C. | October 30   | Mid-Central District Convention, C-25 host, Cleveland, Ohio.                   |
| September 24 | New England District Harvest Dance, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.            | November 5   | C-109, Great Neck, Fall Dance, Transfiguration Parish Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.      |
| September 24 | C-29, Newark, Annual Dinner-Dance, St. George's Hall, Newark, N.J.              | November 12  | Illinois-Indiana District K of L Choir's Golden Jubilee Banquet, Chicago, Ill. |
| September 25 | New York-New Jersey District Convention, Newark, N.J.                           | November 12  | C-96, Dayton, Polka Party, New Lithuanian Hall, Dayton, Ohio.                  |