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Mother Nature gave a terrific spotlight for our annual Childrens' asked for a whiter more Christmasy setting. There was snow outside, and all aglow inside. There were balloons, long ones, skinny ones, fat ones... zip-ping all over the place. There was some sweet music provided by Ralph Valatka, Sr., and entertainment by the "Raiders" which highlighted the program. And there was a Christmas tree with swirling accents of lovely color, set off by the traditional nativity scene. Then, the Biggest Moment, Santa Claus came, (he could often be "mistaken" for Pete Baron) with all the gifts and goodies for all the kiddies. There's always that one-in-every crowd riposter who yelled: "I see Santa's eyebrows still haven't turned white, yet". Fun was held by all. Mostly, there was Charlie Step and his wonderful committee who were responsible for all the work. Ačiū la-bai!

Fancy dancing appeared to be the order of the evening at the annual New Year's Eve party, at the American-Lithuanian Vet's hall. It featured "Around the World" fashions - evening gowns, dressy cocktails and mod-day adaptations. A delightful buffet dinner was served following the related "toasting" of the New Year. For those who've been attending our New Year's Eve parties annually, the holiday sentiment is certainly one which every-one seconds. This year's party was a complete sellout. No party is complete, however, without a chairman. Our thanks to Pete Stanulis, assisted by J. Chaps, Clem Patocki, L. Galinskas, B. Vitkus and C. Yunck, and the wives of the committeemen. (If I've missed anyone, my apologies).

The thing which has traditionally made the holiday and Kučios' celebrations joyous has been the participation of one individual. He is Tony Dainus who surprises needy ones with gifts and baskets - all these donated by C-79, through proceeds from our annual Fall Card party.

Soffi Snooping: Not every day can members get stranded on a highway

way between Chicago and Detroit, but Estelle and Charlie Gogelis can - and did - one Sunday night after a brief pre-holiday visit with friends in the Windy City. Upon leaving Chicago for Detroit they were hit by sleet and freezing rain, making driving very dangerous. All this misery was hurriedly rolled into a motel where they spent the night comfortably with little Vida Ann along, too... Nine of us "gals" made a delightful luncheon date at the Top of the Flame, Dec. 28. Bad weather and icy road conditions had no bearing in the event. It was "a passport" to freedom following the holiday rush... Those who weathered the storm were M. Nashlon, S. Zager, M. Rufus, Ann Petroski, A. Savickas, M. Adams, S. Leskosy, B. Janus, and M. Smailis... Get well wishes to Susan Waskiewicz who was hospitalized... Speedy recovery to bill Lambrose on his 11th operation (or was it 12th?)... Our sympathy to Sophie and Peggy Bitner upon the loss of Frank Bitner, Husband and Father. We were saddened also by the sudden death of Frank Mickey, brother of, Joseph, and Ann Petroski who passed away on New Year's Eve. Condolences to Stella Hotra upon death of her mother. Remember them all in your prayers. And, remember all those fellas and gals in uniform, too!

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96

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As the season of Advent descended upon us, all social activities ceased within the Council. We observed the Holy Season by attending Mass in a body and receiving communion together. The members were ever mindful of the need to prepare themselves for the great feast of the Birth of Christ.

Between Christmas shopping and getting the house ready for the Holidays, the women in the Council took time out to enjoy a Christmas dinner and gift exchange at the Van Cleve Hotel. A lively group it was, 'till the very end! Have you heard the new version of "Rudolph the Red Nose

Reindeer"? We put our own songstress Elinor Sluzas on stage to sing White Christmas as we joined in the chorus. Such melodic sounds filled the air that evening as you've never heard before.

On Dec. 26th a parish Christmas party was held in the Church Hall with the Juniors taking charge of the program. They are to be congratulated for putting on a lovely show under the direction of DONNA CERNEVICIUS, LAURA MAYAUSKAS and THERESA MIKALAS. JOHN KAVY was the jolly old man in red. SHARON PRASMANTAS played a solo on her accordion which she had only gotten the day before. And how about the surprise of the day, Santa Claus, (with an accent?) We're so proud of our Juniors in Dayton that we've just got to tell somebody about them before we "bust".

The week between Christmas and New Years was a round of parties with good friends and neighbors. Council members joined the Choir for an evening of caroling and gift giving for our ill and aged parishioners. But the evening that stands out most in our minds was Mary Lucas' house warming party. Mary and her daughter ELAINE have just moved into a scrumptus new home that is simply out of this world. Have you ever stepped into the pages of House Beautiful magazine? Well, we felt we had the evening at Mary's home. And as usual, she was a hostess to beat all hostesses.

Quite a few of our members rang the New Year in at the Lithuanian Club. It was a perfect evening with congenial people, good music and lots of food.

Our first activity for 1967 will be our annual dinner at Holiday Inn and election of officers. Much time and thought was given to nominating competent and qualified people to fill the offices. We want this year "our" Convention year to be the greatest success of all. So, you all come to enjoy a little bit of Heaven in '67 in Dayton, Ohio.

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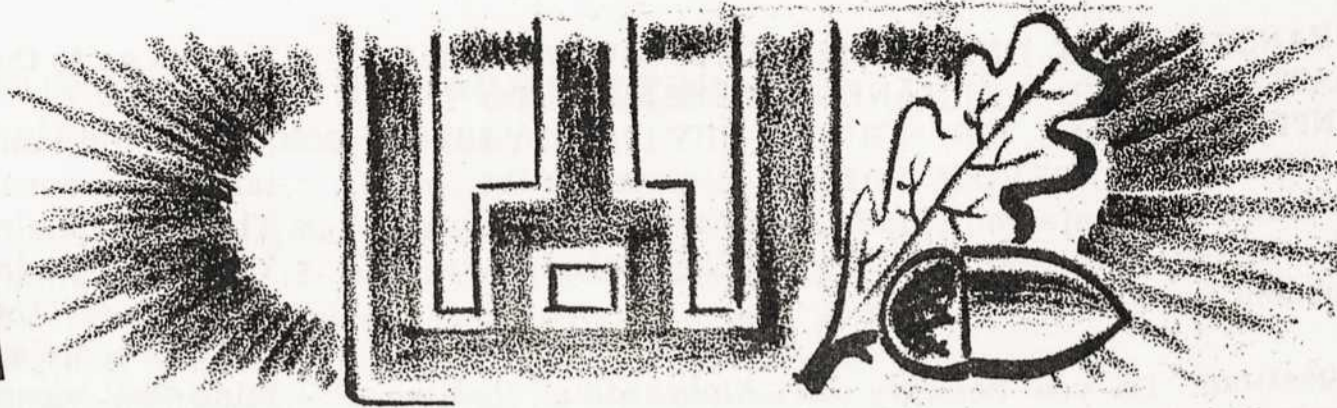
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## VASARIO 16 DIENOS PROGA

POV. DIRKIS

Lietuva turėjo tamsius laikus. Tai buvo prieš 50 metų su viršum kuomet Europoje vyko tautų kova, o Lietuva buvo okupuota. Tačiau saujelei Lietuvos patrijotų pavyko prieš tuos 50 metų įvykdyti stebuklą: Lietuva tapo laisva ir nepriklausoma. Atrodė, kad vilties nebuvo prisikėlimui, bet štai Lietuvai prašvito saulė ir ji atsikėlė iš ilgos rusų vergijos.

Kaip kasmet, taip ir šiais metais mes minėsime šio prisikėlimo sukaktį, nors dabar Lietuva vėl yra pavergta, o dalis jos garbingų vaikų yra išblaškyti po laisvąjį pasaulį. Atseit, esame toli, toli nuo savo tėvų gimtosios žemės. Ir atrodo, kaip ir anais laikais, kad ir šiandieną Lietuvos padėtis yra beviltiška. Bet prisimenant kas atsitiko prieš 50 metų, reikia tikėti, kad Lietuvai vėl nušvis aušra. Tos aušros užtekėjimą galima pasiekti savo ryštu ir išsipareigojimais, būtent:

1. Visi turime augti sveiki, nes tik sveikame kūne yra sveika dvasia. Lie-

tuvai reikalingi sveiki jos vaikai, nes tik jie pajėgs tęsti kovą už Lietuvos laisvę.

2. Turime budėti dvasiškai. Visų pirma tai turime gerai pažinti raštu ir žodžiu savo tėvų kalbą, nes kalba yra vienas iš svarbiausių ryšių su savo tauta. Tik kalba atidaro kelią į lietuvišką knygą, į plačią literatūrą ir bendrai į Lietuvos tėvynės kultūrą.

3. Turime pažinti mūsų tėvų žemės istoriją, kuri yra mūsų tautos istorija.

4. Turime domėtis Lietuvos pažinimu, stengtis išivaizduoti pačią Lietuvą, jos gražią gamtą, jos žmones ir jos dabartines kančias komunizmo vergijoje.

5. Turime draugauti tik su lietuviiais ir lietuvaiteimis, nes esame tos pačios tautos vaikai.

6. Turime gerbti kiekvieną lietuvių ir lietuvių, nes jie yra mūsų broliai ir sesės.

7. Turime įsigyti profesijas,

kuriomis galėtume garsinti Lietuvos vardą. Mums reikia menininkų, rašytojų, žurnalistų ir kitokių mokslininkų, kurie galėtų perduoti lietuvišką kultūrą pasauliui.

8. Neturi būti nė vienos valstybės ir tautos, kuri nežinotų apie Lietuvos kančias ir kovą už laisvę.

9. Te nelieka nė vienos progos neišnaudotos kovai prieš lietuvių tautos didžiausią priešą - komunizmą.

10. Nesigėdykime savo tėvų krašto, nes toks elgesys tok parodo žmogaus menkystę. Kad ir turime būti lojalūs JAV piliečiai, bet tai nereiškia, kad turime atsižadėti savo tėvų praeities. O svarbiausia būkime garbingi JAV piliečiai ir garbingos Lietuvos lietuviai bei Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos nariai. O kada ateis ta laiminga diena ir išmuš reikiama valanda, tai drausiai galėsime tarti savo sąžinei: dirbau kiek galėjau ir išmaniau Tėvynės Lietuvos ir savos Vyčių organizacijos labui.



Lietuvos Valstybės Taryba paskelbusi Lietuvos nepriklausomybę. Sėdi iš kairės į dešinę: J. Vileišis, J. Saulys, kun. J. Staugaitis, St. Narutavičius, J. Basanavičius, A. Smetona, kun. K. Šaulys, St. Kairys ir J. Smilgevičius. Stovi iš kairės į dešinę: K. Bizauskas, J. Vailokaitis, D. Malinauskas, kun. V. Mironas, M. Biržiška, kun. A. Petrulis, S. Banaitis, P. Klimas, A. Stulginskis, J. Šernas ir P. Dovydaitis.

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Question: Do you believe, Mr. Ambassador, that the present war in Vietnam might be waged more effectively - and in particular, should Hanoi be bombed and Haiphong be blockaded?

Answer: The war in Vietnam is being waged by the people of Vietnam supported by the people of the United States of America and some other countries. The means by which to wage this war, have been considered by all the allies involved. We are waging this war with the view in mind to achieve ultimate peace, and a victory in Vietnam. This victory to achieve should be, at the same time, political and military. That is why some of the measures that could have been taken have not been taken thus far. For instance, Hanoi has thus far been exempted from bombing. The reason for this is that the South Vietnamese and the United States do not want the people of Hanoi to suffer from the bombings. As for Haiphong, the main part of North Vietnam, which receives supplies from other countries, has not been blockaded because of the possibility of international repercussions. Now, I don't believe that the question of bombing Hanoi and the blockading of Haiphong has been under consideration as yet. Personally, I don't believe that these extreme measures are necessary at this time.

Question: How determined are the Vietnamese people to win the conflict?

Answer: The Vietnamese people are determined to make every sacrifice to win the conflict. They will not allow to take over the country by force. Every time the people have had the opportunity to express themselves, they have rejected Communism. I can cite some very clear illustrations - in 1954 when the people of North Vietnam had the choice of either remaining in the north or going to the South, one million Vietnamese have chosen to leave the north and gain a new life in South Vietnam. At this time in South Vietnam, in a little over one year, one million other Vietnamese have left the Communist infested areas to seek the protection of, and help of the South Vietnamese government. As of last September, the elections held in South Vietnam to determine the basis of a democratic form of government, more than four million of South Vietnam have gone to the polls, in spite of the Communist threats and the Communist acts of terrorism to express the choice of the government. The Vietnamese people have suffered from the war for a long time and in fact, they have been the victims of a war for the last twenty years. However, they have always shown their determination to win the conflict over the Communists because we cannot tolerate even the idea of subjecting ourselves to the Communists.

Question: Has the plight in Vietnam aroused the Asian

nations as to the threat of communism?

Answer: I think that the situation in Vietnam has been taken into consideration by most of the Asian nations. They have a clear conception of what is taking place in Vietnam. The last few months have witnessed action on the part of other Asian nations, as for example, at the Asian People's Anti-Communist conference, to determine what measures are to be taken to oppose the threat of communism. Even some countries which have not thus far participated in the fight in Vietnam have also a clear concept of the issues of this fight that will be of influence to their own plight.

Question: How do you view the possibility of Nationalist China aiding the Republic of Vietnam by military means?

Answer: So far we have not asked Nationalist China to provide us with military means as we have asked some other countries in the Asian-Pacific area to do, because of the fear that the military assistance from the Republic of China to us could provoke Communist China into taking a more direct action in the fight in Vietnam. What we are trying to avoid is the escalation of the war into a global struggle.

Question: Is there a possibility of Communist China entering open hostilities with the Soviet Union?

Answer: The trend of the last two or three years has been a deepening rift between Communist China and the Soviet Union. I think there is a clear possibility of open hostilities between the two communist powers because they have so many questions to settle and they are not in the mood to settle them peacefully. For example, the border between Communist China and the Soviet Union is not recognized by Communist China and therefore, conflicts could arise and we cannot, at this time, foretell where these conflicts will lead.

Question: As you are undoubtedly aware, the Baltic peoples of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are currently under the suppression of Communist Russia. What forms of co-operation and communication would you suggest by free Baltic Peoples and the free nations of Asia - to combine forces in changing the tide of the Communist menace?

Answer: We fully agree with the peoples of the Baltic States that we must continue our efforts to persevere in the determination to resist Communist oppression. I believe the anti-Communist leagues, in Europe and Asia, have done much to make clear, that the threat of Communist oppression is the same in Europe as it is in Asia. We must therefore concentrate our efforts everywhere in the world - that is to say not only in Europe or in Asia, but in the United States and in other parts of the World as well. To face this threat of Communist oppression, wide-range, and to make them more determined. I personally welcome every effort made by Lithuanians in the United States to enlighten the people to a greater awareness, of the threat that communist domination poses to the world.

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FATHER JOHN JUTT

# DIDIS LIETUVYBĖS ŽENKLAS NYKSTA

Kaip gaila, kad čia augusioji mūsų karta skubiai nyksta, o juo labiausiai jos nukimas pasireiškia išsižadėjimu savo tėvelių ir protėvelių gražių lietuviškų pavardžių, kurias sudarko pasivadindami nežinomiausios kilmės žmonių bei tautų pavardėmis, kurios lietuviams yra labai sunku ištarti ir atminti. Ypatingai tokiomis pavardėmis yra perpildytas mūsų organas "Vytis". Jį beskaitydamas negauni gražių ir atmintių pasigerėjimų ir pasidžiaugimų iš mūsų organizacijos išymesnių ir uolesnių veikėjų ir deja, mūsų senesnioji karta tokiomis pavardėmis visai nesidomina ir net jaučiasi, kad tokios pavardės naikina lietuvybės ir savo tautos išpažinimą. Ką darome ir ką nedarome ir ką darysime toliau, bandykime gerbti savo tautos gražų ženkla - pavardes - rašymus lietuviškai, nes jos niekam nekenkia ir nekenks, nes jos visiems yra lengviau ištariamos, negu kitų tautų, bet juoba, jie savo pavardžių tiek nekeičia, neiškraipo ir daug dėmesio nekreipia - ar kas ištars jų pavardes ar ne, jiems tas mažai terūpi.

Mūsų išeivijoje, turime didelių profesijos žmonių, ypatingai medicijos daktarų, kurie nesigėdina savo lietuviškų pavardžių. Turime profesorių, muzikų, dvasios vadų, kurie čia gimė ir augo, bet didžiuojasi jomis, nes jiems suėjus su kitų tautų aukšto išsimokslinimo žmonėmis, nereikia sakyti kokios tautos jis ar ji yra. Štai nebus pro šalį kai kuriuos čia ir pažymėti bei prisiminti: dr. muz. L. Šimutį Jr., dr. prof. J. Stuką, inž. A. Rudį, J. Janulaitį, Ireną Sankutę, kun. A. Abromaitį, dr. Budreckas, A. Mažeika Jr. Jų vardai skamba ne tik visose Suvienytose Valstijose, bet ir visame pasaulyje. Paimkime Praną Gudelį, kuris eina viršininko pareigas, bet lietuviška pavardė jam nekenkia. Tą patį galima pasakyti ir apie R. A. Sadauskaitę, kuri yra mokytoja, bet jos klasė ir ištaria ir parašo jos liet. pavardę. Tai kodėl iš jaunesnės kartos, paprastų žmonių klasės, taip žiauriai sudarko savo gražias lietuviškas pavardes? Būtų įdomu ir žingeidu sužinoti iš tų pačių krikštytojų, kurie savo lietuviškas pavardes pakeičia į lenkiškas, vokiškas, vengriškas, slaviškas, airiškas, o kartais lietuvių pavardę randi panašią į žydišką ar kokios kitos nežinomos tautos, tik galima suprasti, kad tas ar toji asmenybė yra lietuvių kilmės.

Broliai ir sesės, vyčiai ir vytės, būkime geri ir sekime aukščiau čia pažymėtus asmenis ir nors lietuviškoje spaudoje ir savo organe "Vytyje" rašymus lietuviškomis pavardėmis, parodykime mūsų plačiajai lietuviškai išeivijai, kad mes vyčiai esame tikri lietuvių tau-

tos sūnūs ir dukros. Tegul kiti apie mus pasako: žiūrėkite, kaip vyčiai gerbia savo tėvelių ir protėvelių ir savo tautos gražų židinį - pavardę. Man pačiam, kaip daržininkui, tankiai tenka susitikti su aukštos ir turtintos klasės žmonėmis, bet jie visi ištaria mano lietuvišką pavardę ir parašo ir kartais pasako, kad esu lietuvis. Mes lietuviai ir taip greitai skęstame kitataučių "jūroje", tai kad ir būsime kada nors nuskendę ištautėjimo bangose, bet jei mes dar vis palaikysime lietuviškas pavardes, tai kitataučiai, o juo labiau politikai žinos, kad lietuviai dar didingi, galingi ir skaitlingi. Būtų malonu išgirsti ir pasiskaityti iš kitų žiuo klausymu mūsų organe "Vytyje". Na, kas bus antras šiuo klausymu prabilti mūsų organe, o gal būsiu amžinai pasmerktas? Laukiame!

Senelis

## KOMSOMOLS -

### 250,000 TRUE BELIEVERS?

One quarter of a million Communist Youths are duly registered in Lithuania. How many of them are "true believers"? Not even the Komsomol leadership can answer that question.

Seven Komsomol units are supposed to be doing a good job in the region of Trakai. But the Communist Youth leaders repeat the fact that in the same area eleven named and many unnamed units are "completely unsatisfactory." Some examples:

\* The secretary of one of the units is unable to collect the membership dues from her komsomols and covers the entire sum from her own pocket.

\* The director of the Lentvaris construction board tells that he must call the meetings of Communist youths among his employees. "I write our orders and invite them to appear in the board office." The Communist youths appear, believing that they would have a discussion on professional matters, and the meeting can take place.

\* The teachers - komsomol members at the Lentvaris high school not only fail to take care of the Communist youths among their students but do not pay their membership dues themselves.

ELTA

EDITORIAL . . .

# LITHUANIAN WORLD REVIEW

## A BREACH OF RESPONSIBLE REPORTING

Throughout this unfortunate Vietnamese conflict, much is to be desired in the quality of reporting that has been made by so-called competent reporter-correspondents. Take the following example:

The United States while pursuing a policy during the past 22 months of bombing raids against North Vietnam, has carefully attempted to avoid harming civilians. However, a great deal of heat and commotion on this bombing subject was created last week by Harrison Salisbury, Hanoi based reporter and assistant managing editor of the New York Times. Salisbury who spent 5 years in the Soviet Union, got permission from North Vietnam to visit Hanoi recently in order to get material for what he claimed was devastation created by the United States bombing - it was a surprise to no one that he was given a visa by the North Vietnamese - the New York Times has been a consistent opponent of America's policy and presence in Vietnam.

According to Time, the weekly magazine, on January 6, which refers to Salisbury as "strictly one dimensional"... "what Salisbury saw - or was allowed to see during the visit to Hanoi and its environs was almost exclusively, widespread devastation in civilian areas; he was not taken near the military facilities around those areas".

Salisbury had reported that during one such raid - 89 persons were killed in one town, 40 in another, and 24 in a third.

The United States government reacted immediately to his claims by stating that it was impossible to avoid all damage to civilian areas, especially when it was the deliberate policy of the North Vietnamese to emplace military targets in civilian areas. Subsequently, back in the United States, debates ensued between proponents and opponents of the bombing policy.

According to Time magazine, the administration missed an opportunity to point out the contrast between the relatively small number of civilian casualties in the North and the deliberate war of terror waged in the South - something that practically all critics of the war conveniently ignore.

During the past year, for instance, confirmed statistics show that terrorists have methodically murdered 3,000 civilians in the South, kidnaped 10,000 others - village chiefs, technicians, teachers, and even children among others. During the past decade 30,000 civilians were exterminated in the Communist attempt to destroy

all leadership and progressive reform in the South.

It is however gratifying to note that United States officials are not buying Salisbury's Hanoi reports. Senator Bourke Hickenlooper of Iowa, for instance, noted that Hanoi would let in a New York Times reporter but not objective reporters. Others have pointed out that Salisbury has fallen into the same trap he did while reporting from Phnompenh last June - he then stated that there was no such thing as a Cambodian Trail bringing North Vietnamese military supplies into South Vietnam. Interestingly, Time magazine points out, eight days later after his report, Seymour Topping, Far East Correspondent for the New York Times, himself embarrassed - confirmed that there was indeed a Cambodian Trail used by the North Vietnamese to truck military supplies into the South.

In his damage statistics, Salisbury also failed to emphasize until his later dispatches from Hanoi that his casualty estimates were obtained from North Vietnamese officials and completely unverified.

It is interesting to note that Salisbury spent most of his time at Hanoi in a hotel with representatives of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and the Student Non Violent Coordinating Committee.

Finally, Salisbury has been only the second United States newsman permitted to visit Hanoi. Forty-seven others have not had their visas validated by North Vietnam...

These facts we should take into consideration, the next time we come across an "objective" article written by Mr. Harrison Salisbury or any other less - than objective reporter. Equal harm can be done by distorted or in-effectual news reporting to a public that places its trust in responsible reporting.

ANTHONY B. MAZEIKA, Director  
Lithuanian World Review Radio







Do you know somebody whose name begins with C? If so, he shares his initial with a great painter, a war that reunited a nation, a great composer, two of the largest countries in the world, a leading fiber manufacturer, and the founder of one of the world's greatest religions.

Yet C is a relative Johnny-come-lately. Unlike most letters of our alphabet, it did not appear among the more ancient letter forms such as the Phoenician and the Greek. We got it directly from the Latin, where it was pronounced "K". The "soft" C, pronounced as "S", comes from the French part of our language, borrowed from the French-speaking Normans who conquered the Anglo-Saxons and their tongue in 1066.

But however you say it, C has come to mean many things to many people. In algebra, it denotes the third known quantity, as in (a b c), and in Roman numerals C represents 100. When preparing an outline or summary, you use C as the third item under any main heading. Designers use C to identify specific curved objects such as a C clamp or a C spring.

A musician, on the other hand, thinks of C as the keynote of the most fundamental scale, known as the "natural" scale because it contains no sharps or flats.

For more than a century, people have enjoyed the romantic nocturnes and graceful waltzes of the composer Chopin. Opera lovers thrilled to the golden tonsils of Caruso; they still flock to see one of the most famous operas ever composed, CARMEN.

Art connoisseurs, not to be outdone, paid enormous sums for the canvases of Cezanne, often called "the father of modern art." Out of his pioneer work grew the famous art style known as Cubism, identified with the greatest modern artist of all, Picasso (the c is there if you look for it).

In the entertainment world, the double-C name of Charlie Chaplin is known all over the world. More cinematic magic is evoked by the names of Gary Cooper, James Cagney - and, of course, Cary Grant and Clark Gable, also well worth C-ing.

In literature, where C has its lofty place among BELLES LETTRES, who hasn't been fascinated by the adventures of Robinson Crusoe? The name of Cervantes may not ring a bell - but who hasn't heard of his most famous character, Don Quixote? Many of Shakespeare's

characters had names beginning with C: Cleopatra, Coriolanus, Cassius, Cressida, to name a few.

Just as C meant power in ancient Rome during Caesar's reign, so it later became identified with one of the most powerful moral forces in history: Christ and the religion He founded, Christianity. Coincidentally, one of the modern ideologies most bitterly opposed by Christians also begins with the letter C: Communism.

In the eighth century, "by the sword and the cross" the emperor Charlemagne managed to dominate much of Europe. C remained the letter of royalty: one encyclopedia lists some 50 different kings and emperors who went by the name of Charles! In our own 20th century, the name of Churchill stands supreme as spokesman and defender of democracy.

The amazing letter C, in fact, appears with great frequency in our 20th century lives. Most of us live in cities of cement, concrete and clay; some of us heat our homes with coal, whose principle element is carbon, written "C" in chemical language.

We often wear clothing of cotton, the world's chief natural fiber. When clothing and shelter are taken care of, we naturally turn to food - and cooking: favorite foods include corn, chicken, cheese, chocolate, coffee, chops, clams.

We indulge in conversation, are adept at communication, play cards, go to church (if you lived in England, you'd even go to the "cinema" instead of the movies). We save our cash to send our children to college - or to vacation at such C-nic spots as Cape Cod, California or the Caribbean. Less happily, we open our newspapers to see that "C" marks many of the world's trouble spots: Cuba, Cyprus, the Congo, Cambodia.

Our children take Vitamin C to ward off colds. They go to class and study about the confederacy and the Civil War, read about famous men and women from Columbus to Catherine the Great. In geography class, they learn that two of the world's largest countries are China and Canada. And of course they check the calendar for the coming of the circus and Christmas.

So if you know someone whose name begins with C, and he is feeling down in the dumps, just tell him some of the famous people, places and things with which they share their initial. He'll perk up - just U wait and C!

# LITHUANIAN PERSONALITIES

ANTHONY V. SNIECKUS

A feature story by John Cogley, dateline Rome, appeared in the November 25th, 1966 edition of the New York Times. It reported on the increasing number of American priests appointed to important administrative positions in the Vatican. The New York Times stated that it was generally believed that "the closest American priest to the Papal throne is the Right Rev. Paul Marcinkus, a tall, husky Chicagoan in the Vatican Department of State who works closely with Pope Paul VI. Among the duties of Msgr. Marcinkus is to serve as an 'advance man' for the Papal trips abroad. The monsignor is often seen at the Pontiff's side during public audiences and ceremonies." New Yorkers will recall that Msgr. Marcinkus, was instrumental in arranging the itinerary for Pope Paul's visit to New York City and the United Nations and accompanied the Holy Father during his visit to the United States.

Lithuanian World Review believes that this priest, born to Lithuanian parents in Illinois, is destined to serve the Holy Father in an ever-growing capacity. Reflecting upon the rise in Vatican circles by the monsignor, we turned back the pages of recent and past times and found many Lithuanian-Americans who gained prominence in their professions and areas of human endeavor.

During the first half of the 20th Century, the sports world held such figures as Jack Sharkey - World Heavyweight Champion, Eddie Bondon - Heavyweight boxer of Madison Square Garden fame, Justin Sirutis, a lightweight boxer and National Collegiate Champion. In basketball, there was Frank Lubin and George L. Mikan - highest scoring center for the Minneapolis Lakers. Willie Scrill was an original member of the first Professional Basketball team known as the "Visitation." The roster of the Metropolitan Opera featured Anna Kaskas and Polyna Stoska and the enormously popular radio program of the forties - The United States Air Force Band's "Serenade in Blue," was under the direction of Major John Yesulaitis who was called "Captain Y" by the orchestra members. These are but a handful of prominent Lithuanian-Americans who are representative of the first half of the century.

Since the turn of the mid-century, prominence in the professions by Lithuanian-Americans is held in many diversified fields. Space technology is represented by Dr. Arvydas Kliorè, one of the top scientists in the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, California. Time Magazine and the Saturday Review acclaim the literary achievements of writers' as George Gliauda and A. Baronas. The Metropolitan Opera House features Lil-

lian Sukis and Arnold Vokietaitis is an esteemed member of the National Company of the Metropolitan Opera. Dr. Jerome Urban, staff member of Memorial Hospital - Cornell Medical Center, is internationally renown as a leader in cancer research and John Ackell as a key figure of the Wall Street Journal. The world of sport is enriched by football players as Jim Katcavage of the New York Giants and all-American Johnny Unitis of the Baltimore Colts. Director of Athletics for Notre Dame, Ed Krause, nicknamed by the Fighting Irish as "Moose" Krause, is nationally known and admired. National League Baseball has Frank Thomas of the Phillies and Pitcher Bruce Howard of the Chicago White Sox.

Television and the theatre thrill to the performances by Ruta Lee - critical reviews of her Pajama Game role in California's Theatre in the Round at West Covina, drew words as "electrifying," "Supurb" and "all embracing Ruta." Her recent performances at Connecticut's Candlewood Playhouse drew equally enthusiastic remarks. Currently, convivial and beautiful Ann Jilian is enrapturing moviegoers throughout the United States.

Widely acclaimed artists as Romas Viesulas and Kasuba are creating excitement in galleries throughout the world. Vytautas Jonynas's work is familiar to many New Yorkers by way of the excellent artistic embellishments of the Vatican Pavilion at the World's Fair. Avant-gard playwrights as Adam and John Mekas keep the wheels rolling in the latest happenings.

Government and political circles include Mayors of many cities - Naugatuck Connecticut, Linden New Jersey and Shenandoah Pennsylvania serving as examples. There are Lithuanian-Americans in the State Senates - Joseph Pegaga of Massachusetts an example. State legislatures are in the picture as well where the most recent election will place legislator - elect George Uritis into Pennsylvania's State Capital of Harrisburg. The Post-Master General of Baltimore and numerous other elected and appointed positions are held. President Johnson's son-in-law is half Lithuanian as are other celebrities too numerous to mention. Now with Bishop Charles Salatka of Grand Rapids, Michigan being joined by Msgr. Paul Marcinkus in the world of religion, it would be difficult to find a profession or an area of human endeavor, where Lithuanian-Americans are not prominently represented.

When the size and historical circumstances of Lithuania are considered, the record of achievement speaks eloquently in behalf of her sons and daughters, living in the United States.

## RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN LITHUANIA CHARGED BY AMERICAN-LITHUANIAN CONGRESS

Communist warfare against religion and the faithful in Lithuania continue unabated. This was the main finding of the statement used by the Religious Congress of the American Lithuanians, on September 3, 1966, in Washington, D. C. Following a documentation of the charge of religious persecution, the Congress appealed to the world's religious and political authorities to help the embattled Lithuanian faithful. The full text of the statement follows:

The Religious Congress of the American Lithuanians, gathered on this day of September 3rd, 1966, in Washington, D. C., on the occasion of inauguration and consecration of the Chapel of Our Miraculous Lady of Siluva in the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception, is deeply concerned with the situation of the Roman Catholic Church in Lithuania, land of their fathers and forefathers, now under Soviet occupation.

Since the end of the last war, more than one hundred million people of East Central Europe, who, prior to 1939, were free and independent in their own countries, now live as captive nations within the confines of walls erected by Communist regimes. The Lithuanians are among them. The people of these nations are deprived not only of political rights to choose their own governments, but also of the most basic personal rights, such as the right to religious freedom.

The Lithuanians established their own statehood as early as the 12th century, and became a kingdom in 1252 under their King Mindaugas. Since then Lithuania has been a Catholic nation and has remained through the centuries a key outpost and a strong bulwark of Catholicism in Eastern Europe. According to prewar data, 85.5 per cent of the Lithuanian population were Roman Catholic.

Immediately after the occupation of Lithuania by Soviet Russia, in June 1940 the Concordate with the Holy See was abrogated. All monasteries and convents were closed. Chaplains of all denominations dismissed from the army and schools. With few exceptions, church rectories and bishop residences were taken over by Soviet administration. The property of all religious and charity institutions was expropriated.

Over 300 priests were arrested, killed, or deported to Siberia. The Archbishop of Vilnius, Mecislovas Reinyš, was arrested in 1947 and sentenced to ten years of prison; he died in 1963 in the prison of Vladimir near Moscow. The Bishop of Kairiadorys, Teofilus Matulionis, was arrested in 1946 and deported to Siberia. After his release in 1956, he returned to Lithuania, but was not permitted to exercise his pastoral duties and was expelled from his diocese. The Bishop of Telsiai Vincentas Borisevicius, was arrested in 1946 and sentenced to death. In the same year his Auxiliary, Bishop Pranciškus Ramanauskas, was also arrested and deported to Siberia. Until the end of 1965 one Bishop for all Lithuania remained in office - Petras Mazelis of the Diocese

of Telsiai. Out of 1368 Catholic priests in 1939 only some 600 remain in office now.

Of the four priest seminaries with 470 students functioning in 1939, only one seminary remains today. The number of students is limited to 50, and each candidate for enrollment must be screened and must obtain the permission of the Soviet administration. In this way, the Soviets seek to deprive the religious communities of priests.

An important feature of religious persecution in Lithuania is the unbroken string of public accusations against the clergy. Priests are accused, among other things, of: violating the freedom of conscience; indoctrinating religion to the young; obstructing building of communism and alienating the young people from Communist educational institutions; performing their "cult rites" outside the church walls; welfare activities; usurping the leadership of religious communities (parish maintaining contacts with the population outside the church walls; visiting grave collecting donations from the faithful.

Out of the 977 churches and chapels in 1939, only about 500 remain open today. In Vilnius, the capital city of Lithuania, 26 churches, among them the Cathedral of St. Stanislas, were desecrated and converted into warehouses, museums, restaurants, dance halls or art galleries. Teaching of religion to children is forbidden and punishable by law.

A series of recent measures show the re-emergence both of rudeness and determination of Communist dealing with the Church. The Roman Catholic Church in Lithuania has entered the period of great danger for its very existence. Communism may never succeed in extinguishing religious feelings in the minds and heart of the Lithuanian people. But, by the use of terror and violence, communism may well achieve its aim of eliminating the Church organization - the outward embodiment of religion.

The Religious Congress of the American Lithuanians states:

The anti-religious policy of the Communist governments is an open violation of the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and, what is more of the Charter of the United Nations Organizations. Therefore, the Religious Congress of the American Lithuanians -

Appeals to the spiritual and political authorities of the free world to help the Lithuanian nation to regain its religious and political freedom;

Urges the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations and the Council of Europe to condemn religious persecution in and political oppression of Lithuania by the Kremlin and its puppets in Vilnius;

Implores the paternal solicitude of His Holiness Pope Paul VI for the present plight of the Lithuanian nation and assures His Holiness of the Lithuanian nation's filial attachment and faithful devotion.

# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS



# OFFICIAL NEWS

## LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

The month of February is very dear to the Lithuanian people, for forty-nine years ago on February 16, 1918, the Lithuanian Nation proclaimed its freedom and independence. But as we all know our beloved Lithuania is now under the yoke of Communism. So let us all let this world know how we feel about Lithuania. Let us all do what we can to help Lithuania regain her rightful place among the free nations. The human tragedy of Lithuania and other countries where communism has taken over are not one time happenings and should not fall into oblivion, or at best, illustrate the faded pages of history. It must be held as a warning to the world on the consequences of communism. We can and must do everything possible to expose to the world the tragic plight of Lithuania and the millions of people of all nationalities enslaved by communism throughout the world.

ALEX KARDOKAS  
Chairman Lithuanian Affairs  
New England District

## ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The grammar "Introduction to Modern Lithuanian" is now available. This book has been in preparation for several years and is a text book in English for learning the Lithuanian language. It is a comprehensive volume of 480 pages consisting of 40 lesson chapters, grammatical index and vocabulary. It is also well illustrated with scenes of Lithuania. The grammar was prepared by professors Leonardas Dambriunas, Antanas Klimas and William R. Schmalstieg. The price for this hard cover book is \$7.00 and it can be ordered from DARBININKAS, 910 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, New York 11221.

## DISTRICT and COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Most of the districts and councils have already held their election of officers. But if your council secretary has not submitted the names of the elected officers to our national recording secretary Josephine Zukas, please ask her to do so immediately. Remember! the names, addresses and zip codes are now required. Mrs. Zukas has a difficult job so let's all help her by sending the required lists NOW.

## VYTIS DEADLINES

March - February 5th  
April - March 5th

All material except Council News must be sent to the editor.

## "VYTIS" Thank You

To the Districts, Councils, individual members, and the friends of the Knights of Lithuania, may we express our deep appreciation for the excellent response to our promotion of Christmas greetings in our December issue. We considered the issue successful and were pleased to hear many favorable comments. We hope the 1967 Christmas issue will be even more successful, resulting in reducing the "Vytis" costs and thereby making more funds available to the Supreme Council for its many worthy projects.

## 1967 MEMBERSHIP DUES

National financial secretary Helen Zimmer informs us that the 1967 membership dues are now being accepted. Council financial secretaries should submit membership dues immediately after collection. Dues are to be paid on a January to December basis.

When a new member joins a Council, dues should be collected as follows:

- \$4.00 if members join from January - March
- 3.00 April - June
- 2.00 July - September
- 1.00 October - December
- 2.00 annually for non-subscribing member (Not entitled to receive VYTIS. Primarily for second or additional members of family living at one address not wishing to receive extra VYTIS copy)
- 6.00 Couple (First year, subsequent years, couple pays only \$4.00 per year)

Member record sheets and applications for new members are available without charge from Miss Zimmer.

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# WAS IT STEED SPEED OR? MODERN HORSEPOWER?



WHICHEVER COUNCIL 112 USED -  
THEY ARE FIRST  
TO ENTER THE VICTORS' CIRCLE.

In the arena of the "Giants" (100 members and over) Council 112 has won the Competition for FIRST COUNCIL WITH 100% PAID-UP DUES. Congratulations to the members and Mr. Albert Dagus, Council Fin. Sec'y. With their ten new members they now have an overall increase of 1% and are officially eligible for the New Member Drive Award with each new Knight they enroll until June 30th. A special comment is also in order, since their dues are fully paid for the entire year of 1967, they are sparing the "Vytis" mailing budget any unnecessary expenses for partial payment drops and reinstates, or the embarrassment of disqualification because the partial pays were forgotten, not to mention the added burden on the Council and S. C. Financial Secretaries. Congratulations for that too.

Council 26 can tie and also be eligible for the New Member Drive Award with dues for 166 members and the 29 new K of L'ers it has already signed up. Or, it can go way out in front with a 16% overall increase with dues payment for the entire original 183 members they are credited with as of September, 1966. Of course, both councils have one more contender to watch out for. But, "Car 79 - Where Are You?"

In the second arena (60-99 members), the scores remain the same. Council 7 has enrolled 1 new K of L'er and has 4% of its dues paid. Council 29 has 2 new Knights and 3% of its dues paid for 1967. Perhaps they're waiting for a little spirit to be added to the jousting if Councils 36 and 96 decide to enter these contests, in which the K of L is the winner every time.

Let's sound the trumpets once again. The Vyčiai have two new standard bearers. Council 17 in the third arena (30-59 members), offers a challenge with 4 new members and 25% of its dues in. Council 100 comes to the center of the arena with 3 new knights and 30% of its dues paid. Neither one has another contender with whom to vie for that added little interest at the present time, so we hope all the little "zeros" will soon don the armor and engage them in a little Knightly skirmish.

As you may have noticed in the Rules, the first phase of the New Member Drive is over with respect to Individual Member Prizes. Seven points will now be earned for

every new member enrolled in February, March and April, the second phase of this Drive. Ten points will be credited to every sponsor who enrolled a member from September, 1966 through January 31st, 1967, but only for those whose dues and applications are received by Helen Zimmer, S. C. Fin. Sec'y., BEFORE February 28, 1967.

If we have already signed up our families, relatives, friends, neighbors, parishioners and former members, our market for new prospects could look dim. But there is another source worth looking into and that is our near neighbors. Active K of L Councils once existed in many towns within our general area. For example, in Connecticut there was a C-21 in South Manchester, a C-42 in New Britain, a C-50 in New Haven and a C-38 in Bridgeport, besides the just recently very active C-6 in Hartford.

In Maryland, we had C-89, Baltimore; in New Hampshire - C-20, Nashua and in Rhode Island - C-104, and in Massachusetts, former councils are C-53, Brighton; C-73, Northampton; C-115, Lowell and C-127, Hudson. Many councils once flourished in New York: C-31, Binghamton; C-44, Brooklyn; C-49, Brooklyn; C-72, Binghamton; C-87, Maspeth; C-92, Niagara Falls; C-93, Rochester; C-110, Maspeth; C-130, Bronx and C-136, Albany. Of New Jersey's original 10 councils, 4 are now inactive: C-77, Trenton; C-91, Bloomfield; C-124, Jersey City and C-111, which at that time it was Cliffside.

Pennsylvania councils once included C-11, Homestead; C-15, Wilkes-Barre; C-32, Kingston; C-34, Hanover; C-37, Gilberton; C-39, Minersville; C-46, Forest City-Vandergrift; C-56, Braddock-Duquesne; C-57, Plymouth; C-63, South Bethlehem; C-65, Silver Creek; C-68, Wanamie; C-69, Pittsfield; C-70, St. Clair; C-74, Scranton; C-76, Hastings; C-86, Du Bois; C-88, Dodara and C-129, Shenandoah.

A little further west in Ohio, the K of L existed with C-97 in Akron; C-125, Columbus; C-126, Springfield and C-134, Cincinnati. In Michigan members once belonged to C-43, Grand Rapids; C-54, Orchard Lake and C-75, Custer (or Muskegon). In a subsequent issue, the list will continue with Illinois-Indiana and even further

west.

Probably many Lithuanian colonies no longer exist in many of these communities, but, chances are that about one-half of them still have many Lithuanian families who could be K of L'ers, with a council of their own, or as a start, as members of a nearby active council. Let's not leave these as "possibilities". Let's make some of them actualities. Talk to your Spiritual Advisor to find out if there is a Lithuanian parish or priest in the town. Get an area phone book and make a few calls or send out a few invites to your next social or meeting. Don't dismiss the idea without at least the feeblest attempt. Even one response could result in surprising results later.

ELEANORE H. LAURIN  
Membership Vice President

### 1967 PAID MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 5, 1967

C #	City	% Pd	9/66	1/67
112	Chicago	101%	122	123
100	Amsterdam	30%	27	8
17	So. Boston	26%	57	15
7	Waterbury	5%	97	5
26	Worcester	5%	183	9
29	Newark	3%	72	2
1	Brockton	0%	21	0
3	Philadelphia	0%	36	0
5	Chicago	0%	14	0
6	Hartford	0%	2	0
10	Athol	0%	21	0
12	New York	0%	33	0
13	Chicago	0%	27	0
14	Cicero	0%	11	0
18	Cambridge	0%	12	0
19	Pittsburgh	0%	41	0
24	Chicago	0%	1	0
25	Cleveland	0%	27	0
25S	Cleveland	0%	38	0
27	Norwood	0%	16	0
30	Westfield	0%	31	0
36	Chicago	0%	64	0
41	Brooklyn	0%	17	0
41S	Brooklyn	0%	24	0
52	Elizabeth	0%	27	0
61	Paterson	0%	5	0
67	Bayonne	0%	5	0
78	Lawrence	0%	12	0
79	Detroit	0%	167	0
82	Gary	0%	16	0
90	Kearny	0%	26	0
96	Dayton	0%	76	0
102	Detroit	0%	41	0
109	Great Neck	0%	21	0
111S	Youngstown	0%	17	0
113	Linden	0%	23	0
116	So. Worcester	0%	45	0
133	Los Angeles	0%	7	0
133S	Los Angeles	0%	31	0
135	Ansonia	0%	47	0
139	Detroit	0%	22	0
	Chicago Seniors	0%	43	0
	Pittsburgh Seniors	0%	2	0

### RULES FOR THE 1966-67 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Credit for enrolling members in the new drive will be earned only if the following rules and dates are observed.

TEN points were earned for each new or rejoin member you enrolled by JANUARY 31, 1967 provided the application cards are received by the national financial secretary BEFORE February 28, 1967.

Earn SEVEN points for each new or rejoin member you enroll during FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL, 1967.

Earn FIVE points for each new or rejoin member you enroll during MAY AND JUNE, 1967.

Membership totals will be supplied by the S. C. Financial Secretary according to her records as of 8-1-66. The Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on these 8-1-66 totals.

There will be FIVE AWARDS:

- (1) Individual in a large Council with the most points;
- (2) Individual in a small Council with the most points;
- (3) Council with less than 40 paid-up members;
- (4) Council with 40 or more paid-up members;
- (5) District with the greatest number of new members.

BE FIRST TO BE 100% PAID-UP AND GET A SPECIAL AWARD

Effective immediately, the councils in four categories will be eligible to receive an added citation for being first to have their council dues 100% paid-up. Your quota is the 8-1-66 totals from the financial secretary's convention report.

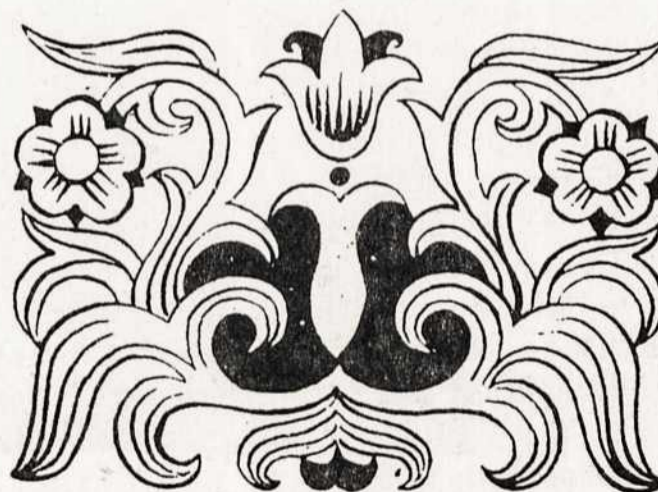
1st category - 11 to 29 members

2nd category - 30 to 59 members

3rd category - 60 to 99 members

4th category - 100 members and over

If councils 61, 67 and 133 can double their membership they will also be eligible for competition in the first category.



# IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

## LOS ANGELES SENDRAUGIAI

Los Angeles mieste 1966 m. gruodžio mėn. 11 dieną neilgai pasirgęs ligoninėj mirė Motiejus Ambrozas - Ambroze, 74 metų amž., buvęs pareigingas ir uolus Lietuvos Vytis ir Šv. Vardo dr. narys. Po pamaldų Los Angeles Lietuvių parapijos bažnyčioj buvo nulydėtas į Šv. Kryžiaus kapus, kur prie duobės paskutinius atsisveikinimo žodžius tarė Dr. kun. P. Celišius ir vyčių sen. kuopos vardu Jonas Puikūnas.

A. A. Motiejaus A. našlei Apolonijai ir visiems giminėm reiškiamė užuojautą.

Los Angeles L. Vyčių Senjorų kuopa.

## DŽIUGINANTI ŽINELĖ

Kaip kasmet, taip ir 1966 metais, šv. Kalėdų ir Naujų Metų proga, pasikeičiau sveikinimais ir linkėjimais su L. Vyčių org. veiklesniais ir uolesniais nariais, su kuriais visada pasikeičiu. Tuose kalėdiniuose atvirukuose kartais būna gražių, vytiškų ir nuoširdžių ypatingų sveikinimų, bet pereinamais metais buvo gau-

tas dar linksmesnis pasveikinimas ir net su pažadu iš So. Boston, Mass., L. Vyčių org. garbės narės ir buvusios mūsų organo "Vyties" ilgameitės redaktorės vytės Felicijos Grendalytės, kuri savo sveikinime štai ką pareiškia: "Gražus Jūsų straipsnis tilpo "Drauge" apie Mid-Central Vyčių seimelį. Po Naujų Metų, mėginasiu suorganizuoti senjorus Bostone ir apylinkėje". Perskaitęs vytės Felicijos pažadą - sušukau savo šeimai, kad šiais metais - 1967 m. L. Vyčių organizacija padidės vienu, o gal ir daugiau senjorų vyčių skyriumi, nes nes Bostone yra jėgos ir ten gali išaugti didžiausias vyčių senjorų skyrius, kur net randasi ir L. Vyčių org. trečiasis vice pirm. - Longinas Svelnis ir buvęs L. Vyčių 17-tos kp. uolusis veikėjas - Albinas Neviera su žmona vyte. Žinau ir daugiau tokių vyčių idealistų Bostone, kurie stos pirmutiniais į vyčių senjorų eiles ir eis žadinti visus buvusius vyčius ir nevyčius, padidinti ten vyčių pajėgumą, nes Bostono L. Vyčių 17-tos kp. vardas daugiau jau taip neskamba, kaip jis kitados skambėdavo.

Būtų didinga ir garbinga, kad ir šv. Petro liet. parapijos miela dvasiškija ateitų į pagalbą su žodžiu mielai

Felicijai ten suorganizuoti vyčių senjorų skyrių ir jei vytei Felicijai reikės kokių informacijų ar pagalbos, tai Clevelando vyčių senjorų skyrius visada yra ir bus pasiruošęs ištiesti pagalbos ranką, nes Clevelando vyčiai senjorai gal yra iš gyviausių senjorų vyčių skyrių mūsų visoje organizacijoje. Jeigu Bostone pavyks suorganizuoti senjorų skyrių ir dar kitose lietuvių kolonijose, tai būsiame L. Vyčių org. seime, kuris įvyks šiais metais Dayton, Ohio, senjorai vyčiai galėtų turėti savo sesijas atskirai ir tik pabaigoje seimo sueiti į bendrą visos organizacijos sesiją.

Būtų garbinga ir džiuginanti žinia, kad šiais metais kiekvienas vytis-vytė įsijungtų į savo organizacijos naujų narių verbavimo vajú ir kad ateinančiame seime išgirstumėm iš savo vyriausių vadų, kad mūsų organizacija šiais metais pakilo iki dvidešimt penkių šimtų (2500) narių. Be abejo, tada gal galėtume daug daugiau nuveikti gerų darbų lietuvių bei Lietuvos bei savos organizacijos labui. Na, vyčiai ir vytės, pajudinkime savo vytišką žemę ir tada tikrai pamatysime gerus vaisius.

J. Sadauskas

## K of L Calendar

February	11	C-36, Chicago, Las Vegas Night, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.	April	8	C-78, Polka Fiesta, Lawrence, Mass.
	12	NED Bowling rolloff, Host C-116, So. Worcester, Auburn, Mass.		16	C-29, Newark, Testimonial Dinner honoring Dr. Jack Stukas, Georgian Room, Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N.J.
	19	I-I District Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner and Commemoration of Lithuania's Independence, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.	May 26 -	28	Mid-West Bowling Tournament, Host C-25, Cleveland, Cloverleaf Bowling Center and Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Brecksville, Ohio.
March	3	I-I District, Annual St. Casimir's Day Observation, Host C-14, Cicero, St. Anthony Church, Cicero, Illinois.	June	4	NY-NJ District Meeting, Host C-67, Lithuanian-American Citizen's Club, Bayonne, N.J.
	12	NY - NJ District Annual Communion Breakfast and Meeting, Host NY Seniors C-41, Church of the Annunciation, Brooklyn, N.Y.		4	NY-NJ District Picnic, St. Michael's Parish Picnic Grounds, Bayonne, N.J.
	26	C-112, Chicago Annual Easter Dance, Chicago, Ill.	August 3 -	6	Knights of Lithuania 54th National Convention, Host C-96, Dayton, Ohio.
			Sept.	3	Lithuanian Day, Canadian World's Fair, "Place de Nations", Montreal, Canada.

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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## ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

### I-I DISTRICT "Taitytė"

The holidays have been a whirlwind of activities for the members. Councils 36 and 112 each hosted a dance and later a Christmas Party. Council 13 indulged in a little Christmas merriment along with the K of L Choir, whose members also managed to squeeze in a Golden Jubilee Dinner-Dance, an Anniversary Party, a few appearances and attendance at most of the other events. The District ended the "Big Week" with the first K of L New Year's Eve Party at the K of L Building in many a year.

Thanks especially to Ignas Sakalas and Vince Samaska, as well as other committee members, Al Dagis, Alex Budris, Peter Butkus and those who assisted at the "fountain", we said farewell to '66 and greeted '67 with a gala evening. It was a treat to have Loretta and Jack Stukas with us again and it was a pleasure to see Al and Ann Kassel join in the festivities. Our Seniors showed the younger set how to enjoy the coming year and it didn't take much to keep everyone present following the pace.

Our Seniors also started another FIRST, with an annual day of prayer to remember our deceased K of L members. Mass and Communion at Immaculate Conception Church was followed by a Buffet Luncheon and Program at the K of L Building. The program was highlighted by a solemn, yet pleasantly reminiscent talk by Povilas Dirkis, in addition to greetings by Ignas Sakalas, Alex Budris and a few other guests, including our new Illinois State Representative and member of C-112, Frank Savickas. Councils 36 and 112 held their quarterly Communion jointly and other District and Council members were present at the day of prayer.

Since the Balzekas family established the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, many of our members

have joined the "Friends" of the Museum, to in some way assist in promoting the continuance and growth of this monumental institution for preserving the remnants of our historical heritage.

Another big step in the K of L Building remodelling project is the installation of a new central air conditioning and heating system. Thanks to Alexander Mockus who "engineered" this deal also and to the other Building Trustees our "new look" should be completed in 1967.

Next on the agenda are two big annual events. The "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner, commemorating Lithuania's Independence, will be held at the K of L Building Sunday, February 19th. The Saint Casimer Day observance will be hosted by C-14 and will be held at St. Anthony Parish, Cicero. All members are asked to attend the 11:15 High Mass and the Luncheon-Program immediately thereafter, on Sunday, March 5th.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 The Sheik  
With the election of Frank Savickas to the Illinois State General As-

sembly, the council roster was given another distinguishing touch. Frank turned in a healthy victory margin in November and now represents the 27th District, which includes our home grounds of Marquette Park.

Back in action again at the Ill-Ind District's first New Year's Eve party, Financial Secretary Al "Who pulled the Drawstring on my Balloon Bag Before Midnight" Dagis proudly announced that council dues for 1967 were 100 per cent paid up - an amazing job! Ruth "Mame" Dagis should be as proud of Al as she is of her lasagna... Al, who never stops working, and membership chairman Estelle Rogers are striving to achieve a council objective of 200 members for the year.

Also during the eventful holidays, council publicity man Louis "Stilts" Rogers and corresponding secretary Bernadine "Slim" Lazisky became engaged - Objective: a first place team in the National Basketball Association - Prediction: would you believe Jolly Green Giants? Someone overheard District membership VP John Evans, everyone's friendly funeral director, discussing the widespread thefts of Honda motorcycles



CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE BALZEKAS MUSEUM OF LITHUANIAN CULTURE. Pictured: Eleanore Laurin, Dr. Joseph Jeromie, Stanley Balzekas, Jr., Faustus Strolia, Bruno Gramont, a guest, Helen Pius, Frank Savickus, Irene Norusis, Leon Pauksta.



- only John called the thieves Honda-takers... New Year's eve was also brightened by the presence in town of Jack and Loretta "Twister Champ" Stukas from Hillside, N.J. Rumor has it Loretta won't tell Jack whether she's champ of a drinking game or some new teen dance... And, is it really true that "The Untouchables," of all people, have invented a new party game... New council member Vytas Kriksciunas recently had one of his well-informed articles on European Soccer published in "Draugas"... In addition to all his duties as District Choir President, Vladas Paliulionis is heading the committee for the council's annual Easter dance, March 26th. His chairmanship practically assures an enjoyable and successful affair... Someone has finally discovered a cure for all this snow, slush, and below freezing temperatures - it's called July.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

WATERBURY, CONN., C-7 M. A

Dec. 5 we feted our former chaplain at a farewell party at Larson's Restaurant. The Rev. Leonard Kvedas has recently been assigned to St. Bernadette's Church in New Haven, Conn. Father was presented a purse and a few extra gifts from Mrs. Santa Claus

(Ann Rutkauskas). Among attending guests were the Rev. A. Edward Gra-deck, pastor; Rev. Paul Sabulis, new K of L chaplain; Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, honorary Knight of Lithuania and Joseph Samoska, parish trustee. In a very short time all present were caught in the spell of K of L brotherhood and the all-embracing spirit of Christmas. Father Leonard had returned to us and the scars of separation were effaced and forgotten. We all sincerely wished Father happiness and success in his new duties, then parted.

Our annual festive Christmas Party was held Dec. 17 at the club rooms, 8 P.M. The traditional ingredients were American, Italian and Lithuanian food in super-abundance, merriment and dancing. The members' children's party was held the next day with gifts distributed by Santa Claus in person. In charge of arrangements for all three events were James Valaitis, president; Lillian Paulauskas, John Alanskas, Nell Diggles, Peter Kudzma, Marcella Andrikis, Edmund White, Otto Shatas, Dr. William Shukaitis, Joseph Rutkauskas, William Gervickas and Joseph Samoska, Jr.

Congratulations and a lusty "VALIO" to the "VYTIS" staff on its successful Holiday Greetings innovation. The December "VYTIS" was a delight to the heart and to the eye.

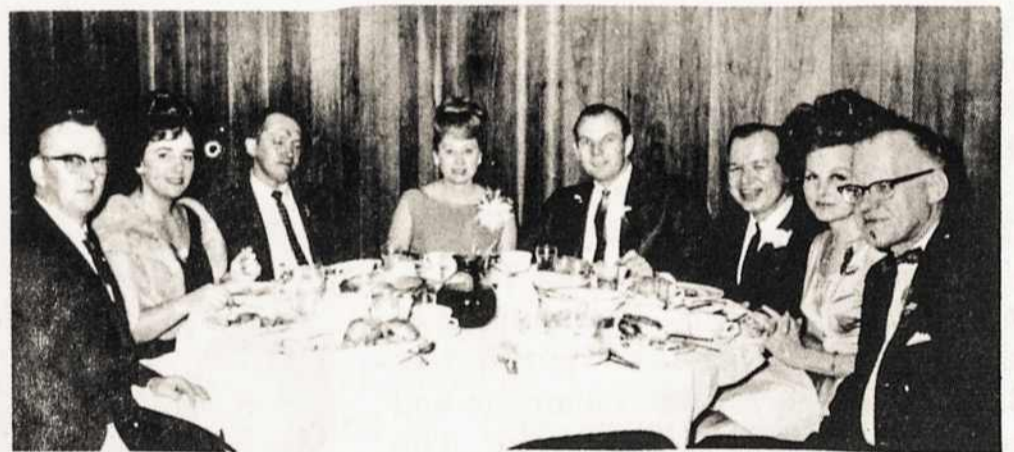
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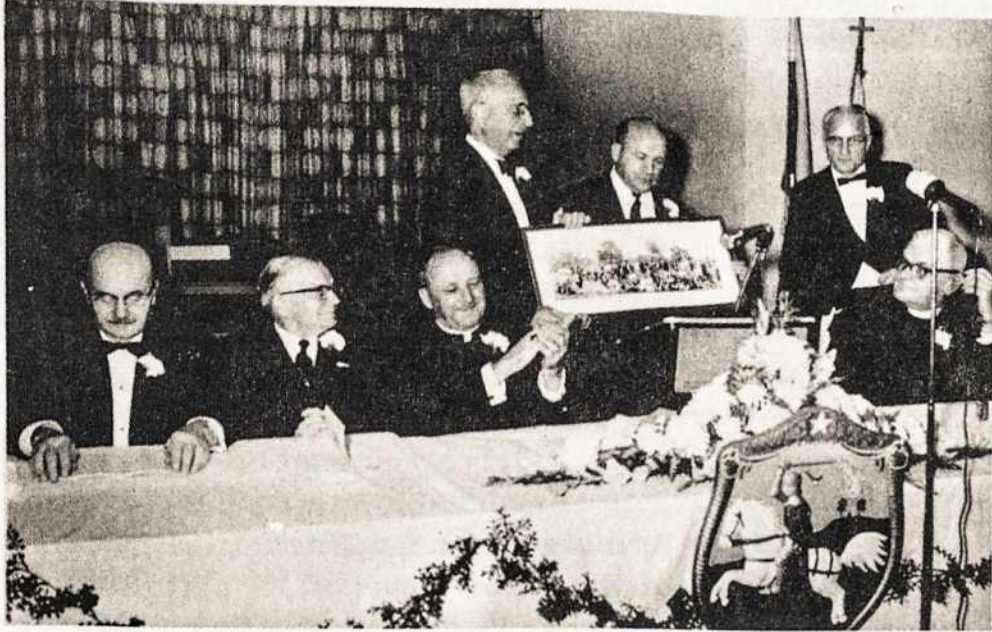
On Dec. 11 our council held the annual Christmas party at the Buttercup in Lunenburg. Our spiritual advisor, Father Mike said grace, and all enjoyed prime rib. After dinner Charles Genaitis acted as Santa and distributed gifts. This was followed by dancing. Our thanks to Blanche Genaitis, who chairmanned the affair.

On Dec. 4 a reception was held to honor the 50th anniversary of the priesthood of Msgr. Martin J. Tracey, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Gardner, where many Lithuanians worship. More than a thousand parishioners attended the testimonial in his honor. Msgr. Tracey was ordained Dec. 23, 1916 in St. James Cathedral, Montreal. He has served for eighteen years as pastor of Sacred Heart and has always been a true friend of the Lithuanians. May God bless him, and may he continue to serve many more years.

We extend our condolences to the Rodski family on the loss of their beloved mother... Alec and Lillian Kuzmickas are receiving congratulations on the birth of their firstborn on Dec. 9... Dick Genaitis surprised his parents with a colored TV for Christmas... We never see Frank Anoris anymore. He has been working up to 60 hours a week. Slow down, Frank, and enjoy yourself.



- Guests at the I-I District's Choir Banquet



1-1 Choir Anniversary Banquet. (Left photo) John J. Kazanauskas, president of the original K of L Choir, presents Vladas Paliulionis, current choir president, with photo of the original group. Also seen in the photo: Consul Petras Dauzvardis, Leonard Simutis, Sr., Vysk. Vincentas Brizgys, Stan Kancewick (Standing) and Father A. Valancius. (Right photo) Guests at the event were: (seated) Aldona Barcus Daukus, Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis. (Standing) Felix Daukus, John Kazanauskas, Mrs. Casimir Oksas, and Mr. Oksas.

#### SO. BOSTON, MASS., C-17

Election of officers has come and gone, but we forgot to mention them in our last issue. May we thank the past officers for their hard work and successes. Perhaps the membership should stop and consider how much support we gave them. Let's hope we help out this year's officers to make a very successful year: pres., Frank Grigas; 1st vice pres., Larry Svelnis; 2nd vice pres., Frank Sabiski; sec'y., Lorraine Harris; treas., Albina Rudziunas; spiritual advisor, Rev. Albin Januonas; finc. secy., Brenda Statsky; trustees, Michael Zaikis, Frances Sumski; and marshall, Leonas Rudziunas.

We have had many interesting events at our meetings. Recently we were lucky to have Albina Rudziunas show her movies of her trip to Lithuania last summer. Since this was her first time with a camera, may we say, "Bravo"; they were really very good, and everyone enjoyed them even without candy and popcorn. Perhaps in the near future we can have Albina show them again to those members of the council who had the misfortune to miss it.

At another meeting the new council flag was displayed to the membership. It has not been shown to the public yet, because there is a flag blessing ceremony in the offing. After that we will be able to display it proudly.

We attended the "grand" wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney. She is the former Joanne Antanelis. The wedding looked like a K of L convention with so many members present. A cruise through the waters of the Caribbean was the honeymoon location.

Our November dance was a big success. We had a grand crowd, including some of those "good guys" from Philadelphia, who attended our dance under the leadership of Worcesterites Ed Daniels and Sparky Morkunas. The working committee deserves some praise. They included Carol Witosky, Jacqueline Burke, Lorraine Harris, Ruth Stankus, Albina Rudziunas, John and Alice Olevitz, Brenda Statsky, Larry Svelnis, Bill Zaremba, Jerry Venis, Mrs. Helen Zaremba, and Mrs. Lillian Wardell. John and Alice Olevitz were thrilled to death, because their daughter Valorie's name was among the prize winners.

Vacationers ... Joe and Loretta Casper went to Miami... Bill Gorski visited Jacksonville... Ann, Mary, and Joan Kleponis toured Pennsylvania and upper New York ... Claire Sawiski spent a fortnight in Florida... Ray and Paula took a sea cruise in the Caribbean... It was Milwaukee, not Minneapolis where Jean Pasakarnis attended a medical convention.

Members who are hospitalized and ill... Bronius "Babe" Martus is in the

Veteran's Hospital. His wife Mary was also ill, but she has recovered... Mrs. Helen Zaremba and Mrs. Lillian Wardell are down with the flu... Butch Venis also had a battle with the flu-bug. He is luckier than most, because his wife is an R.N.

Some of our members were elected to offices in the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens club: Larry Svelnis, vice pres.; Adam Druzdis, treas.; Albin Neviera, secretary; and Joe Casper, Anthony Young, and Joe Lubin were elected to the Board of Directors.

We have increased our membership by four recently. Michael Zaikis, up from the ranks of the juniors, attends Boston College High School, and still finds time to attend our meetings. Lorraine Harris went to Silver Lake High School and Burdette Business College. Ruth Stankevicius, sister of Frank and George, attended South Boston High School and now attends night school. Julie Dabriskas of Medford, Mass., attended Girls Catholic High School and is also going to night school. A hearty welcome to all.

Plans are now underway for the annual communion-breakfast on St. Casimir's Day. Plan to attend, but if you cannot, buy your ticket anyway to support our organization.

A large group of bowlers made their way to Lawrence for the third district rollofs. Frank Sabiski of our council held the high single, triple and average at this writing. You don't have

to be a champion bowler to participate. It makes for good companionship when you attend, and you add your support which is what we need most.

Frank Stankus broke quite a few hearts recently when he announced that he is engaged to be married this coming May.

We always have "causes" which the K of L'ers can support, and one of the more worthy ones is the library of Marionapolis Prep. School, Thompson, Conn. Most of their books were lost in a fire, and they now have a drive to restock the library. If you have any books you would like to contribute send them, and the Marian Fathers will remember you in their prayers.

St. Peter's Church is also trying to raise some money by running whist parties on Saturday evenings at the Seventh Street hall. Members Pat Plansky and Jean Pasakarnis are helping out. Meanwhile the men are also helping with the weekly Blitz parties. John Olevitz, Bob Gendreau, Al Jaritis, and Bill Zarembo are among those who help at these Monday Blitz parties. If you like to play and are in the neighborhood, don't forget to drop in.

Donna Reina was kind enough to show us some of her slides of Europe, which she took on her trip last summer. Donna has offered to show us the rest of them in the future.

Our Christmas party was successful thanks to the efforts of Helen Sabiski, Joanna Grigas, Mrs. Helen Zemaitis and her daughter Honey, Mrs. Helen Sarembo, Frank Sabiski and Frank Grigas. The only way an event can be successful is if the members participate both physically and financially. Make a New Year's resolution, one that you won't break, to pay your dues on time, attend the next meeting, and bring a friend.

LAWRENCE, MASS. C-78 Angel

We have quite a newsworthy item to report. Our entire council attended the Thanksgiving Dance in So. Boston, on Nov. 26. C-78 may not be very large, but our members are enthusiastic and true-blue to the council.

Father Anthony Benzavich is C-78's new spiritual director. His first official function was attending our annual Christmas Party, which was held at Chuck Feeney's apart-

ment in Boston. Dan Grudzinski and Irene Baublis brought a tape recorder that turned out to be the hit of the party. Three big cheers go to Mary Neveresky who, with a bit of urging from Paul and Dot, got up to do an absolutely fantastic combination of the frug, the monkey and the freddie. We didn't even know Mary had it in her. C-78 wants to thank Chuckie for his hospitality in allowing us to have our Christmas Party at his apartment.

Mary, Bill, Diana and Joe had a swinging New Year's eve at Joe and Paula Bunevith's house. It seems as though C-78 should make it a monthly memo in the "VYTIS" to thank Joe and Paula for their hospitality. They have been so good to our council members. Charlie Grigaitis had one of the best New Year's Eve parties attended.

A belated but sincere happy birthday to Paul Kuzmeskas of C-26 from all of us in C-78. We wish you the happiest year ever, Paul.

Coming events - C-78 will have bowling Rolloffs on Jan. 15, and also a bakery sale to increase our paltry financial status. Plans are being made for our annual skating party which will be held at the end of February. A definite date will be set at the next meeting.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: C-78 will have a "Polka Fiesta" - our biggest and best dance ever held. The date is Saturday, April 8, 1967. All N. E. D. councils will be notified of this event.

## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

BROOKLYN QUEENS, N.Y., C-41  
Denis G. Mazeika

Ever since the end of August, following the National Convention, yours truly has assumed the very important job of chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee of C-41, Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y. With the valuable help of my brother, Anthony B. Mažeika, I can gladly say that I have accomplished quite a bit. At the most crucial time, prior to the passage of H. Con. Res. 416 by the Senate, the Lithuanian Affairs Committee was able to hold letter writing sessions which I feel were invaluable in helping to pass this most important resolution. I would have to give much of the credit for

the reactivation of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee of C-41 to Father Jutt, who fired me with much zeal when I heard him at the last National Convention.

Just for the record, and for those interested enough to read this column, C-41's new officers run as follows: President - Denis Mažeika; Vice President - Robert Novak; Treasurer - Vytautas Radzivanas; Recording Secretary - Danguolė Povilauskaitė; Corresponding Secretary - Marytė Sandanavičiūtė; Sergeant-at-Arms - Raymond Fitzgerald (Lithuanian as you can get). I am happy to say that C-41 has swelled its ranks by ten new members ... and is still working at it.

During one of the past meetings, Vytautas Radzivanas, our new treasurer, had an idea of how to make a little money for the council treasury. He suggested that every Friday night, the Vyčiai have a little dance or discotheque. The original plan was only to have records. Then one of our new members, Vidutis Keraminas, approached me with the fact that his close friend was band leader for a discotheque band and he thought that he might be able to get them to play for us. After a bit of financial-tongue-wagging, we did get them to play for us. Now we have a Friday night discotheque going for us in Brooklyn - music by the "Knights".

Instead of going to a lot of excess trouble, we decided to have our annual Christmas dance correlated with one of these Friday night dances. I am happy to say that the dance was successful. This dance was also the culmination of C-41's raffle drive. I am also happy to say that this raffle

Two members of C-41, Brooklyn, enjoying council's Friday night Discotheque.



was very successful. The raffle prize consisted of a beautiful water-color landscape painting, painted and donated by Rimantas Laniauskas of Cleveland.

On Dec. 18, 1966, Anthony B. Mažeika, one of the more prominent members of C-41 and director of Lithuanian World Review Radio Hour, held a cocktail party at his home in honor of the renowned South Viet Nameese ambassador to the United Nations, Nguyen Duy Lien. At this event, Anthony taped an interview for his Christmas radio program which was of the greatest interest to anyone concerned with the Viet Nam conflict. Some of the honored guests at this function included the United States Congressman from New York, Joseph P. Addabbo, New York Councilman, Frederick Schmidt, our own Lithuanian Council General, and many other local political and Lithuanian notables, too long to list here. Not only was this event of great importance due to the Viet Nam conflict, but further, here was a chance to acquaint an international figure with Lithuanian customs, hospitality, and problems and to show how Lithuania's plight today is a result of a similar struggle as that exhibited by the Viet Nameese situation. I'm sure I express the emotions and intentions of many people when I congratulate Anthony B. Mažeika on a job well done! Incidentally, if anyone is within reception distance of New York, Tony's program is from 9 to 10 A.M. every Sunday morning on WHBI-FM, 105.9 on your FM dial.

In conclusion, I would like to end

this news-letter with best wishes for the New Year to all K of L members and their families, and in all of their endeavours, from C-41 of Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y.

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25 Urs

The Holidays are OVER - hope they were happy and joyful ones. With the end of '66, we would like to thank our past officers, Fr. Ivan, Pete, Nellie, Carol, Sandy and Ruth for a job well done.

A successful, active year, is wished for the newly elected officers: Rev. B. Ivan - Spiritual Advisor; Eugene Kunsitis - President; Charles Machutas - Vice President; Antoinette Louis - Recording Secretary; Ruth Guzauskas - Financial Secretary; Al Shigo - Treasurer; John Andrulis - Sgt.-at-Arms; Trustees: Peter Luiza and William Jakubs; Sunshine Girl - Adele Svet.

Belated congratulations to Al Shigo, Charles Machutas, Gene Kunsitis, Ruth Guzauskas and Sandra Paskevica on receiving their Third Degree at the recent Mid-Central District Convention.

Many thanks to Antoinette Louis for showing the movies of Tanzania and Nairobi taken by her son, Father Lawrence Louis, a Maryknoll Father. If you are interested in becoming a Maryknoll supporter, please contact Mrs. Louis. We hope we'll be invited to see future reels as they are



E. P. Kunsitis, President of C-25, Cleveland and J. Shigo, "What is it?" Christmas Party 1966.

received!

The Christmas Party held on December 17th at the Yankauskas residence was great. If you weren't there, we're sorry - you missed a grand time. We still chuckle when we think of the show the champion ball twirlers, John Andrulis and Al Shigo put on. The Lithuanian record won by our new member Ed Marculaitis (formerly of Pittsburgh) was presented by Santa Claus himself, Al Samas. That certainly was a nice gesture - thank you again Al.

C-25'ers following the sun include Nellie and John Arunski spending their holidays in Florida and Joanna Shigo and her son Raymond, flying off to sunny California!

KEEP THESE DATES IN MIND: MAY 26-27 and 28 - Mid-Western Bowling Tournament - Cleveland, Ohio - Council 25. Start rolling those balls - it's never too soon.

Sincere and heartfelt condolences to Joanna Shigo on the loss of her mother.

A pat on the back to the "Vytis" Staff for the fine Christmas Issue!

We hope all is back to normal at the Charles Machutas home after their battle with chicken pox!

How about bringing down THAT new member to the next meeting?

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 Soffi

Between sniffles and sneezes and all the holiday activities this column managed to dig out of all the wrapping paper and ribbon and share some memorable events.

A first for C-79 is election of a lady president during our December elections. Our new madam president is Mrs. Dorothe Martin. Heartfelt congratulations go to her. However, unfortunately, only ten days after taking her oath of office, her husband, Edward Martin, was involved in a five-crash auto accident and after being admitted to St. Mary's hospital in Livonia, died of injuries on Dec. 16. We were all stunned; and our personal loss of this wonderful man and good friend could express itself in no words or in surface feelings. Consequently, in many ways admirers and members hope that Dorothe will remain on the scene, lending her efforts and perhaps finding solace among seventy-niners that Ed became so fond of.