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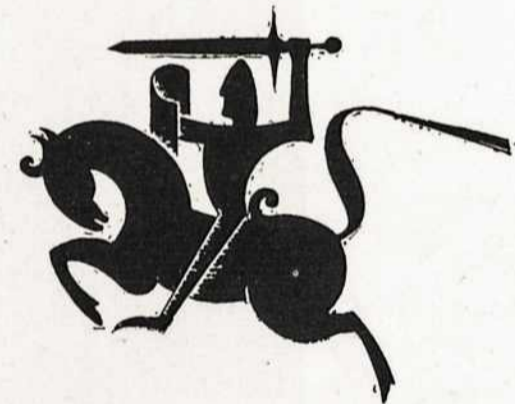
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Tave myliu, mama....

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Metų bėgyje su didele pagarba minime įvairius rašytojus, muzikus, tapytojus, skulptorius, mokslininkus ir išradėjus. Tačiau jie domina mus savo įkvėpimų blyksterėjimais ir retai savo asmenybės grožiu ir kilnumu. Dažniausiai šių žmonių vardai žmonių širdyse atgarsio neranda, lūpose nuvysta ir dingsta nežinioj. Yra vienas tik vardas, kuris galingai veikia ir veiks, kol gyvens bent vienas žmogus - tai Motinos vardas!

Kai nuostabūs gegužis nubarsto takus kvepiančiais žiedais, kai atgimusi gamta puošiasi lyg didžiausiai šventei, mes, dažniau ir karščiau kartodami Motinos vardą, skubame ją sveikinti, skubame prie jos, gal būt, jau nuvargusią galvą priglauti.

Iš visų žmonių kalboje vartojamų žodžių ar tik ne pats gražiausias yra žodis "Motina". Jis yra pilnas nepaprasto džiaugsmo ir švelnumo. Jo tolimą aidą išgirdęs nejučiom grįžti nesugražinamon saulėgos kūdikystės praeitin. Jį prisiminus, siela paskęsta gražiausiuose prisiminimuose, kurie vieni palikę iš anų tolimųjų giedriųjų dienų. Žodyje Motina yra sudėta visa meilė, kuri tik telpa žmonių širdyje, visas švelnumas, koks tik tėra žmonių pasiekiamas, visas savęs išsižadėjimas, koks tik tegali būti žmonių pakeliamas. Sis žodis pirmiausia prazydi and rausvų kūdikio lūpelių, jis gyvenime kartojams šimtus ir tūkstančius kartų, amžinai jaunas ir prasmingas. Vienas Didžiojo Karo kapelionas savo atsiminimų knygoje rašo, kad mūšiuose sužeisti kareiviai baisiausiuose skausmuose mirdami šaukdavo: "Motin, motin!"

Kiekvienam žmogui Motina yra brangi, nes jinai

jam žemišką gyvybę davė. Agonijoje ir mirties siaube ji pirmą kartą išvydo savo kūdikį, ir tą valandą suliepsnojo ir jau niekuomet nebeužgėso nuoširdžiausi, skaisčiausi motiniškos meilės jausmai. Ir kas nusakyš tą neapsakomą meilės potvynį, kuris dieną ir naktį plaukia iš Motinos krūtinės.

1848 m. prie Norvegijos krantų vieną laivą ištiko nelaimė. Smarki audra tēškė į uolas laivą ir šipuliai bepaliko. Daug keleivių žuvo vietoje, kitus nuplovė šalta banga į smėlėtą dugną. Vieni vieną motina, glausdama prie savo veido kūdikį, ilgai kovojo su vandens šėlimu. Tačiau ėmė sekti ir jos jėgos, bangos vis dažniau ir dažniau paskandindavo ją verpetuose. Ėmė stingti nuo šalčio sąnariai, lietis į burną vanduo... Jautė, kad pradeda netekti sąmonės. Mirtis iš gelmių ištiesė savo baisiąją ranką į ją ir jos kūdikį. Baisaus siaubo pagauta, stipriai, stipriai prispaudė prie krūtinės savo kūdikį. Dar spėjo stingstančiom lūpom pabučiuoti šaltą veidelį; paskui tēškė į galvą baisi vilnis, ėmė spengti ausyse, temo akys ir kas buvo toliau - ji neatsimena.

Nubudo ant akmens kranto. Danguje švietė saulė, o jūra buvo rami. Tarp akmenų suposi sudužusio laivo lentgaliai. Niekur nei ženklo, nei garso gyvo žmogaus. Tik staiga šalia jos pravirksta jos kūdikis gailiai. Pabučiavusi kūdikį, ji pakėlė į dangų rankas ir meldėsi. Džiaugsmo ašaros drėkino nykius akmenis, o šypsniu pravertos lūpos kalbėjo tuos pačius žodžius.

Niekad niekas nesužinos, kaip ilgai ji ten meldėsi. O kūdikis vis verkė. Pagaliau ji pasiėmė jį ant

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TU, MANO MOTINĖLE

Tu, ma no mo ti nė le.
 mo čiu te sen gal vé le, ga na pa il sai,
 nu var gai, kol ma ne už au gi nai.

Tu, mano motinėle,
 Močiute sengalvéle,
 Gana pailsai, nuvargai,
 Kol mane užauginai,
 Gana pailsai, nuvargai,
 Kol mane užauginai.

Naktuzę ant rankelių,
 Dienuzę ant akelių, —
 Gana pailsai, nuvargai,
 Kol mane užauginai,
 Gana pailsai, nuvargai,
 Kol mane užauginai.

Pražiūrėjai akeles,
 Prarymojai rankeles, —
 Gana pailsai, nuvargai,
 Kol mane užauginai,
 Gana pailsai, nuvargai,
 Kol mane užauginai.

Nenudirbai darbelių,
 Nemlegojai naktelių, —
 Gana pailsai, nuvargai,
 Kol mane užauginai,
 Gana pailsai, nuvargai,
 Kol mane užauginai.

rankų. Jis sušalęs ir alkanas. Beveik para visai nieko nevalgęs. Jis mirs - šovė į galvą mintis. Gal atplauks į čia koks laivas ir atneš abiem išsigelbėjimą? Ir motinos akys nukrypo į jūrą... Bet, deja... niekas neplaukė tenai, kur tik mėlyni vandens ir dangus. Suprato motina kas dabar turi ateiti. Jei nenuskendo bangose, numirs ji ir jos kūdikis iš bado. Mirtis atslinks pamažu. "Ne, mano kūdikis negali mirti! Jis turi gyventi" - vaitojo nelaiminga motina tarp tylių akmenų... Kūdikis drebėjo visu mažu kūneliu ir verkė kaskart vis gailiau ir gailiau. Motina paima aštrų akmenį, giliai įrėžia juo savo krūtinę ir prigludžia prie atviros žaizdos kūdikio lūpytes. Godžiai jis čiulpia šiltą srovę - savo motinos kraują, tekantį iš sužeistos krūtinės... O laivo kaip tik tuo tarpu plaukta savo draugui į pagalbą. Kai jūrininkai išlipo ant kranto, jie rado saldžiai miegantį kūdikį ir sustingusį moters lavoną, sužeista krūtine ir kraujo klaną ant akmens.

Kalbant apie Motinos meilę, mums nereikia ieškoti pavyzdžių kur nors toli prie Norvegijos krantų, tik pažvelgti mūsų praeitinį tas palaimingas valandas, praleistas Motinos artumoj. Kiekviena diena, net valanda pilna pasiaukojančių ir meilės pilnų pavyzdžių...

Motina yra didi ir kaitri meilė, kurią Dievas davė vaikų apsaugai ir paguodai. Jis tartum pats save būtų išpaudęs į Motinos širdį. Tad Motinos meilė yra vaikiausias atspindis dieviškos meilės, kuri "niekada nesiliauja" - taria šv. Paulius apaštalas. "Ji neieško savo naudos, visa pakenčia, visa pakelia". Ji visa atiduoda ir nieko sau neima. Ji kaip saulė skrieja apie savo kūdikį visa degdama, kad jam būtų šviesu. Motinos meilė yra labiausia nesuinteresuota pačia savim.

Kartais Motina panaši į Mariją su Kūdikėliu Betliejuje, kartais ji panaši į Mariją Kalvarijos kančioje, o jei Motina mirusi, ji lyg Marija į Dangų paimtoji, kuri laukia mūsų, jos vaikų, amžinybėn atvyktnat. Ar šiaip, ar taip, Motina yra šeimos širdis, centras, apie kurį sukasi šeimos gyvenimas. Daug yra pasaulyje garsių moterų, tačiau pasaulis gali apsieiti ir be filmų žvaigždžių, ir be šokėjų, ir be grožio karalienių, bet negali apsieiti be gerų motinų.

Kartą į tramvajų įlipo motina. Ant rankų ji nešėsi kūdikį, o kitą vedėsi rankoje. Kai ji atsisėdo su mažiausiuoju, didesniame nebebuvo vietos, ir jis atsisėdo priešais. Valandėlę pavažiavęs ir patylėjęs, vaikutis pusbalsiu prabilo: "Mama." Sužiuro keleiviai į jį, o šis, dar toliau pavažiavęs, vėl pusbalsiu kalbėjo: "Tave myliu, mama".

Ir mūsų širdyje pritvinksta tos padėkos ir pagarbos jausmas ir tada turime Motinai pasakyti, kad ją mylime. Tai ypač darome kasmet Motinos Dienos proga. Motinos Dienos tikslas ir yra pagerbti Motiną, pareikšti jai meilės ir dėkingumo, nušviesti vaidmenį, kurią ji vaidina Bažnyčios, valstybės ir atskiro žmogaus gyvenime.

Lietuvių tautos istorijoje Motina užima labai svarbią vietą. Lietuva gali didžiulis savo garbingomis motinomis. Kai caro priespaudos metu, rusai norėjo išplėsti tėvynės ir gimtosios kalbos meilę, lietuvės motinos dar lopšyje gulintiems kūdikiams įliūliavo, dainomis ir raudomis įkvėpė tokią tėvynės meilę, kurios vedami, mūsų tautos sūnūs dėl

savosios tėvynės ir Bažnyčios nepabūgo nei Sibiro kančių, nei mirties.

Ilgomis nakties valandomis, prie krosnies, ratelių sukdama, Motina mokė sūnų gimtąja kalba maskolių uždraustus raštus skaityti. Ištikrųjų, nerasi gražesnio vaizdo, kaip kūdikis ant Motinos kelių, sudėjęs rankutes ir bekalbąs Dievui pirmąją gimtąja kalba išmoktą maldelę. Lietuvė Motina ne tik išsaugojo brangiausią kiekvienos tautos dvasios turtą - kalbą, bet taip pat išaugino ir aukojo tėvynei sūnus, Bažnyčiai kunigus, kultūrai darbininkus, tautai karžygius.

Kasmet švenčiame Motinos Dieną tam, kad kursytume didesnę meilę savo motinoms. Toji meilė neturi nutrūkti, ar mūsų motina bus dar gyva, veikli ir mūsų reikalais tebesisielianti, ar ji jau bus senatvės ar ligos paaužta, ar pagaliau jau mirus. Kaip Motinos meilė savo vaikams yra amžina, taip ir vaikų meilė Motinai neturi būti nutraukta. Neskaudinkim savo mielų Motučių širdžių! Gal jos rankos šiurkščios nuo darbo ir veidas raukšlėtas, gal ji pražilusi nuo metų ir sulinkusi nuo darbų, bet jos mylinti širdis tokia pati, kaip ir mūsų kūdikystėje mums rodyta, kada per naktis ant akelių, per dienas ant rankelių mus dabodama pavargo, pailso.

Ką gali padėti gražios iškilmės ar dovanos, išeiktos jai Motinos Dieną, jei kasdieniniame gyvenime ji ižeidžiama ar net paniekinama. Motinos Diena, kaip tik geriausia proga mūsų Motinėlei išreikšti mūsų prisirišimą, dėkingumą ir pagarbą. Pasiryžkime už meilę atsilyginti meile, kad galėtume drauge su poetu Bernardu Brazdžioniu pasakyti:

"Tau širdim už širdį, tau vargu už vargą,
Meile tau už meilę atiduot einu..."

Sveika, motinėle!...

Sveika Motinėle Lietuvos laukuos,
Daug daug karių Tu užauginai!
Kas vergovėj Tave ir bepaguos?
- Karžygiai užgeso ten amžinai...

Sveika Motinėle tolimam Sibire,
Prisimink Tėvynę ilgesio maldoj!
Daug užgeso širdžių ledynų klode,
Tavo, sūnų, dukrų, šėlstančioj taigoj!

Sveika Motinėle išėivijoje laisvoj,
Tėvynės meilę auginki vaikus!
Dar kartą sugrišim gyvent Lietuvoj,
Mūs dainos ir giesmės sujungs visus!

Sveika Motinėle, prie Aušros Vartų
Numeski retežius vergijos baisios!
Tesuplazda trispalvė ant Nemuno krantų,
Mūsų Tėvynės brangios Lietuvos!

Bal. Brazdžionis

The Lithuanian Women

ANTONIA M. WACKELL

It is a significant fact that, historically, the Lithuanian woman played a leading part in the centuries past but her influence was discounted in a world of man and battles. Chroniclers in those centuries were men who wrote about the events of the times often favoring their own countries. If they did write about Lithuania or Lithuanian people (first known as Aistians) they wrote with malicious and resentful pens. Lithuania, since time immemorial was constantly coveted by surrounding, grasping aggressors and enemies. Hence, the once peace-loving Lithuanians who were agriculturists and hunters principally, were continually on the defensive fighting for their families and homeland.

Consequently, women were given no deserving recognition in the constructive history of the struggling nation. Yet, had it not been due to the intelligence, capability, skill, fearlessness and strength of the ancient woman, the Lithuanian language, her people and land would have long become extinct. Unquestionably, her life in those distant years was not an easy one, neither was it a boring one but she accepted it, trying always to improve it. Upon her strong feminine shoulders depended the health, happiness and harmony of her family and the survival of her mother tongue.

Untutored, uneducated herself, she was yet a true visionary: a far-sighted teacher to her children, and the sooty, earthen-floored log cabin was her classroom. Here the children were taught her faith, the fundamentals of life as she knew it to be, obedience, respect, their country's history and the songs remembered down thru the ages. It was thru the songs they sang, stories narrated that the children learned and were so enlightened since books were not for the ordinary man and there was nothing of a documentary nature ever written in the Lithuanian language.

The Lithuanian women were well-versed in agriculture. When their men and sons (some as young as 13 years) went off to battle, the women were left to sow and reap their fields of rye, wheat, barley, oats, flax and hemp. Vegetables planted in the early centuries were not consumed by families but fed to the livestock. The families' bill of fare consisted of a variety of meats which they preserved by smoking. Favorite meats were pork, lamb, beef, fowl and fish. It required a mother's inventive wit and imagination to accomplish so much with the little she had - nothing that would even remotely identify with our modern kitchenware, cutlery and crockery.

She was a neighborly mid-wife in time of need, her own family physician, an authority on herbs and a horticulturist. She knew how to distinguish and prepare the edible roots, wild plants and the ever popular mushrooms. She brewed a drink made of honey from their bees. Each family had a bee tree or more. She knew the value of yeast and its leavening powers in making bread long before other women

did living in other countries.

An open-hearted foreign traveler, greatly impressed, wrote in praise of an unusual tribe of people called Aistians (later Lithuanians) who had well-cultivated fields, orchards and flower gardens about their thatched log cabins. The women, the report continued, were beautiful and stately having a fresh soft beauty, soft eyes and touching expressions. Their linen clothes were colorful, they wore head-dresses and amber ornamentals. Their beauty was praised in songs.

The Lithuanian men, the reports went on, were tall having such great strength that they could carry a special breed of a Lithuanian stallion across their backs. And when the Lithuanians "shrewed observers" ... "honest themselves and disliking dishonesty in others" mixed with other tribes, they were easily recognizable by their erect carriages and glowing vitality.

Possessing a marvellous memory and imagination, the Lithuanian women were able to relate historical events, legends, songs, stories, dramas (made up on the spur of the moment), and hundreds of humorous, counselling and censoring proverbs to their young. Some proverbs are still in existence.

Her song forms perpetuated every spoken word since nothing existed in print. Unfortunately, royalty and wealthy families engaged knights and monks (the only known teachers) to instruct their children in other than the Lithuanian language. As a result of such pomposity, whenever there was a hearing among some Lithuanians in the village, the discussions, deliberations and arguments were thrashed out in the Lithuanian language but the proceedings and records were written in Latin or in the language of the current aggressor dominating the region at the time. Women of wealthy and princely families employed Latin in their correspondence since Latin was generally accepted throughout Europe, but to the ordinary Lithuanian women it was unfamiliar.

The Lithuanian women strongly resented being compelled to learn and teach their children a foe's foreign tongue. They were all the more determined that their children would speak their own language, in spite of the fact that by now the Lithuanian language was not altogether grammatically pure. With so much pressure exerted on the Lithuanian women, they and their children were better linguists having a speaking knowledge of three or four languages than did the women of wealthy families or the oppressors. Books, of course, were still nonexistent.

Family ties were very strong and married children built their homesteads close to that of their parents. Daughters were well-trained in cookery, spinning, weaving, dyemaking, farming and livestock. If a daughter knew little or nothing of the domestic arts, then it was considered a reflection upon the mother. For it was the mothers dedicated purpose to

prepare her daughters well in the essentials of serving man. Her function was as a cherisher, preserver of religion and harmony, conservator of culture, history and teacher to her own.

The better prepared the daughters were, the more prosperous marriages the fathers were in a position to contract for them since daughters had no personal choice in matrimonial arrangements. That applied not only to the commoners' daughters but it was also practiced among nobility and wealth. But the same rule was not applicable to a great czar when he turned the tables looking for a second wife. He ignored the daughters of wealth and took for his second wife a commoner, a "beautiful Lithuanian lady" who cherished him, counselled him until she died.

In all succeeding centuries we find that the Lithuanian women were still the educators, disciplinarians, counsellors, home-makers, builders of resourcefulness and character in their children. Men were seldom at home, battles had to be fought. Every century saw women fighting beside their men when the enemy came too close. A young girl from Lithuania made warfare her career participating in many battles and in time became to be known as a second Joan of Arc.

Until this century, women had no place in politics, but one lady of nobility, in the past, took an active part for the sake of her children and the family holdings. It seemed that the children of first marriage stood to inherit more than her own children would, so she decided to interest herself in political maneuvering. Politics took the life of a young Lithuanian girl who was a maid to a grand duchess. She sacrificed her life so that the grand duke could live to continue his work in behalf of Lithuania. The maid had exchanged clothes with the grand duke who left the prison with his duchess. The maid remained to be killed.

No matter how crushing and tragic the pressures were upon the Lithuanians, the raids, killings, captivities, persecutions by enemies, the Lithuanian women maintained the same spirit of enduring faith, hope. The same love of life, the same definite purpose in life that they inherited from their ancestors. Songs were still sung - happy songs, sorrowful songs, but songs all the same. History was repeated and more history was made. Legends of the rivers, hills, crosses were told and retold. And all the while the Lithuanian woman was secretly yearning for a freedom her children never knew, and waiting for the day when Lithuanian history, their songs and legends would appear in print.

Then a brief period of national freedom and tranquillity did come. Books were published. Sons and daughters left their mothers' classrooms for further education in schools and universities. Some remained in Lithuania to aid her while others were absorbed by neighboring nations. Then the longed-for and well-earned economic freedom, their writings, poetry, political skill suddenly ended, as in the historical past, through aggressors malice, envy and greed.

However, Lithuania's future, in view of her history in the past centuries, will rise independent of others. The future will again produce women who will fight alongside their men to regain and revitalize their homeland. The world will then see the

Lithuanian race thru the eyes of ancient chroniclers (there were a few) who admired and wrote about Lithuanians as "... a race composed almost entirely of men (our interpretation is people) who are refined, intelligent, full of imagination and poetry... loyal, strong in the sentiment of their personal dignity... honest themselves, they disliked dishonesty in others".

The chroniclers' impressions were indeed attributed to the Lithuanian women's centuries of love, perseverance, inspiration, strength of character and abiding hope. It was undeniably thru the Lithuanian women's creativity and not thru the written word that the beautiful and ancient language survives to this day. It was thru their inborn vivid imaginations, their folksongs, folklore, their faith, their strength and deep love of life that sustained their sons and daughters from generation to generation, from century to century.

Salute to the K of L

LITHUANIA SPEAKS

Oh Knights of Lithuania
My sons and daughters true
Oh Knights of Lithuania
I'm mighty proud of you!

Your numbers they are legion
You live in many a land
I know of your endeavors ...
I know - and understand.

You keep alive my language
My songs and dances too
My culture and traditions
Survive because of you.

You work for God and country
With faith and loyalty ...
Yet ties of heritage
Will e'er bind you to me.

Like valiant knight of old
Astride his charging steed
You'll answer to my call
If ever I have need.

Ah, when my land is free again
When all my church bells ring again
I'll welcome you, for then, oh then,
You'll hear my people sing again.

Oh Knights of Lithuania
My sons and daughters true
Oh Knights of Lithuania
I'm mighty proud of you!

Adelė Zukas

Composed extemporaneously by the author after she visited the Cultural Exhibit at the Worcester Convention.



Profile

REVEREND

VICTOR

KRIŠČIUNEVIČIUS

was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 1949. He stayed on in Italy for a few years as Chaplain at one of the convents. Then he had a chance to come to the United States and St. Peter's Parish where he assisted in holding Mass on Sundays and during the week.

On January 18, 1962, the Archbishop of Detroit appointed him as Assistant Pastor of St. Peter's and St. Anthony's Lithuanian Churches. At St. Peter's the younger American born Lithuanians had more or less gotten away from speaking the language and from Lithuanian affairs. Fr. Kris immediately set about endeavoring to instill a greater love and understanding of our Lithuanian heritage.

Five years ago he was instrumental in organizing Council 139 and has since been its Spiritual Advisor and leader. He also helped organize Chapter 72 of the Lithuanian Ladies Alliance. Father has worked with the Lithuanian Youth Organization "Ateitininkai" for ten years. He is Co-Chaplain of the Lithuanian Catholic War Veterans of Detroit, and when called upon has worked diligently in every Lithuanian activity.

Father is a great reader and music lover, especially Opera. He is a fervent Philatelist and has an outstanding stamp collection, specializing in Lithuanian stamps which he has exhibited many times and for which he has received numerous trophies and medals. He hopes to be able to show his collection at one of our future national conventions. Photography is another of his hobbies. He has entertained many Detroiters with his pictures of the "Shiluva Shrine" dedication and other Knights of Lithuania doings. He is an excellent writer and speaker and is a master of a number of languages. His knowledge of English has far surpassed the efforts of most of our group to perfect our Lithuanian.

When you get to know Father Kris through his articles in "Vytis" and personal contacts at conventions, we know you will think as highly of him as we do in Detroit. Also with his great love for the land of his birth, we know he will endeavor to cooperate in every way possible in Knights of Lithuania activities.

ANN SIRVYDAS
President, C-139

Shortly after the Worcester convention, Council 139 learned with great enthusiasm that Father Victor Krisčiunevičius had accepted the responsibility of National Spiritual Advisor of the Knights of Lithuania. Those of us in Detroit, whom he has guided and worked with, affectionately call him "Father Kris". While he has only been a K of L member for five years, he has supported every local activity and missed just one National Convention during this time. Undoubtedly, many of you already know him. However, as Father laughingly put it, some may just remember the voice privileged to open some of the sessions with a prayer. To those of you who have not yet met him, we hope the following will give you a little insight of the man we greatly respect first as a priest then as a friend.

Father Kris was born in Vilkaviškis, Lithuania in 1922 to Katarina and Viktoras Kriščiunevičius and at an early age, endowed with a deep spiritual reverence, he aspired to the priesthood. Upon finishing high school he entered the seminary. However, before he could finish his schooling, his beloved Lithuania was invaded and with his parents he was forced to flee. But God looks after those whom he has chosen to spread his word and Father Kris was given the opportunity to pursue his chosen Vocation. He continued his studies in Germany and then in Italy, where he

CULTURAL TIDBITS.....

On March 5th, Msgr. Cerniauskas dedicated a mosaic of St. Casimir's miraculous appearance to the Lithuanian army above the Dauguva River and inspired them on to victory over the invading Russians. Designed by A. Valeška it appears on the West wall of Marquette Park's Nativity B.V.M. Lithuanian Church. It is a companion piece to the picture that appears on the East wall which depicts the Baptism of Mindaugas the first king of Lithuania to unite the various Lithuanian tribes and accept Christianity. K of L'ers (delegates) to the Chicago Convention in 1964 can remember passing by the latter in the processional to the church for the convention Mass.

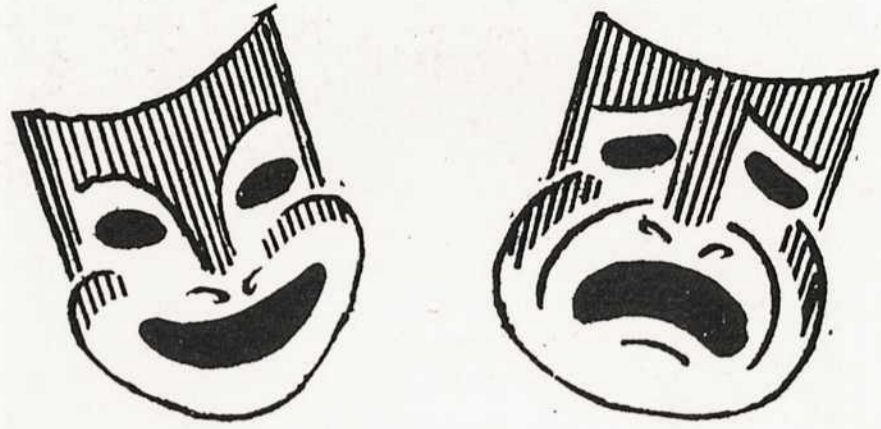
On Saturday, April 1st., Metropolitan opera star Liliya Sukytė, sang the role of Hazel Niles, during the presentation of Eugene O'Neill's drama "Mourning Becomes Electra", which was adopted for opera. It was broadcast by Radio Station WOR and WOXR-FM.

Celist Mykolas Saulius, who plays in the Denver Symphony Orchestra took part in the presentation of Handel's "Messiah" which was sung by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and was presented live from the Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Denver over nationwide TV by the Bell Telephone on the Telephone Hour.

Carl J. Gobis, Industrial Engineer and a member of the American Society of Tool Engineers is the author of a book, "Estimator's Handbook" which is now in its 5th edition. The book has been translated into four languages and sells for \$18.00. We are proud to mention that Carl is a K of L member, Council 102, Detroit.

The U.S. Post-Office has issued a five cent stamp to commemorate the Centennial of the "Sokols", a Slavic organization that stresses Physical Fitness and Culture. If we keep this in mind perhaps we can get a stamp issued to honor the K of L on our 100th anniversary. An interesting note is that Mr. Nor-kunas, founder of the K of L originally wanted to name the K of L "Sakalai," i.e. Falcons. Just imagine if it were so, we would tell our parents that we were going to the Sakalų Lizdas instead of Vyčių Klubas. We would have nests as the Owls and Eagles do instead of Councils!

In conjunction with Lithuania's 50th Anniversary of her Independence the Lithuanian Stamp Clubs of Chicago and New York are urging our members to write to the Postmaster General urging him to issue a stamp to commemorate the event next year on February 16th. The design submitted is a white knight on a red shield, the Lithuanian National emblem, with the word LITHUANIA on the top of the stamp and 50 yrs, Proclamation of Lithuanian Independence. The Post-Office is receptive to such ideas if we keep in mind that the Poles had one issued this year to commemorate their Millenium of Christianity.



Composer B. Budriūnas, Organist and Choir Master of St. Casimir's Church in Los Angeles, has won a contest run by the Jesuit Fathers of Chicago to write a Lithuanian Mass. The Committee which judged the entries that were submitted under pen names was composed of: Prof. J. Zilevičius, retired organist of Sts. Peter & Paul's, Elizabeth, N.J. and presently cataloguing the Music Archives of the Lithuanian Youth Center in Chicago; Miss Alice Stephens, well known music teacher and head of the Alice Stephens all-girl Choir & Orchestra in Chicago; B. Chomskis, L. Simutis, Jr., and P. Armonas.

Speaking of Lithuanian Masses, Prof. Aleksis, told me at the Worcester Convention last August that his choir has four Lithuanian Masses in its repertoire. He mentioned that it was a very simple thing to adapt the Latin Masses that St. Joseph's Choir, in Waterbury knew to Lithuanian words. Our Lithuanian Choir directors and organists should take note and experiment for themselves and see how flexible the Lithuanian language is and how easily it fits the old Latin Mass tunes. This is not so easily possible in English because English is a hard language and ends with consonants whereas Lithuanian is much like Latin, ending in o's, a's, and s's. These letters can be stretched out to fit the notes. Try it yourselves, you old choir birds. Experiment by trying to fit Viešpatie Pasigailėk to a familiar Kyrie or Dievo Avinėli to an Agnus Dei and see how easy it is. And then try the same thing in English.

The Stukas family is in the news again. Louis has just issued an LP record of songs by his newly organized sextet composed of Florence Shirm, Edna Mack, Aldona Pitkunigis, Ona Skurvydas, Bronė Venckus and Loretta Stukas. The record is not only new in its appearance but in its innovation. Many of the songs have never been heard before, because they have just been recently harmonized by Louis and other Lithuanian composers. There is one song translated from the Latvian and another from English. Record is available from: Louis Stukas, 1264 White St., Hillside, N.J. or your Lith. record store.

Incidentally, Louis is on the board of directors for the magazine "Muzikos Zinios," which prints news of all Lithuanian Musical events. It gives a short history of Lithuanian Music greats and often prints songs or compositions for home use on your piano. All people interested in fostering our Lithuanian songs should write for a subscription.

JOSEPH YANULAITIS
Cultural Chairman

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

OFFICIAL NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our National Convention in Worcester, ten members were elected to a Committee to investigate and decide on the motion that was made, - that a suitable Resolution be prepared and presented to the next National Convention in Dayton, Ohio, "accepting non-Lithuanian spouses into our organization with certain restrictions."

In due deliberation and in contact with the Special Committee, the following is submitted:

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

Add to ARTICLE V, Section 3, paragraph e)... Associate members.

Non-Lithuanian husbands or wives of Knights of Lithuania members may be enrolled into Knights of Lithuania membership with the following restrictions:

- 1) They shall be known as Associate Members.
- 2) They may hold office in a council up to but not including President.
- 3) These members could not represent their council at a District or National Convention, but could attend as guests.

All councils are to take note of this Resolution and announcement and send in an approval or disapproval to this Resolution AS IS. At the present time, no exception or addition will be considered.

AL WESEY
National President

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN:

Council Number _____

City & State _____

Date of Meeting at which Council vote was taken

Check one:

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Signatures of:

Spiritual Advisor _____

President _____

Secretary _____

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Members whose dues are not paid for the year 1967 by June 1, 1967 and received by the national financial secretary by June 15, 1967 will be dropped from the "Vytis" mailing lists.

RITUAL NOTICE

All candidates for the Fourth Degree who wish to be installed at the National Convention in Dayton this August must have their applications submitted to the Supreme Council Ritual committee NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 1967.

A M D G

On behalf of the Lithuanian Affairs and the Award Medal Raffle committee, Rev. John C. Jutt extends their appreciation to Rev. R. F. Thompson of Kearny, N.J. Rev. Thompson, a winner in the Raffle, returned the \$10.00 check and stipulated that the money be used for the K of L.

RULES FOR THE 1966-67 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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

TEN points were earned for each new or rejoin member enrolled by January 31, 1967.

SEVEN points were earned for each new or rejoin member enrolled during February, March and April, 1967.

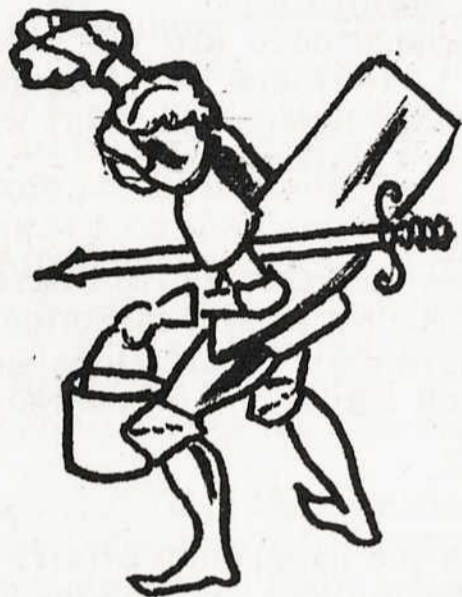
Earn FIVE points for each new or rejoin member you enroll during MAY and June, 1967, provided the applications cards are received by the national financial secretary BEFORE July 10, 1967.

Membership totals will be supplied by the national 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 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; and 5) District with the greatest number of new members.

An additional SPECIAL AWARD will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being first to have their council dues 100% paid-up. These awards will also be based on the national financial secretary's records as of 8-1-66: 1st category - 11-29 members; 2nd, 30-59 members; 3rd, 60-99 members; and 4th, 100 members and over.

**DUES CONTESTS ALL
CLEANED UP! -----
FINAL WINNER -
COUNCIL 36**



NOW

**LET'S GATHER ALL
OUR WEAPONS and
CLEAN UP ON THE
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!**

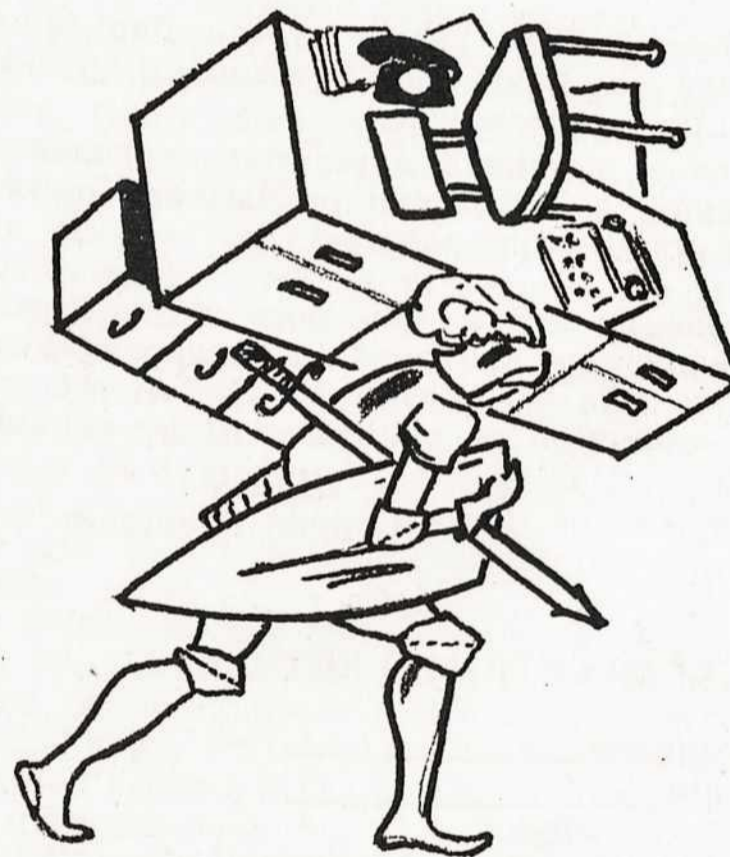
Congratulations are in order for our last winner in the Dues Duels. Council 36 was first to reach 100% Paid-Up in the 60-99 member category and honorable mention goes to Council 96, which placed second in this contest.

Although many councils were a little late in waking up to the realization that dues are due in JANUARY, we are doing 500% better than last year and a 1000% better than the year before. Now, let's concentrate on what we should have been doing the last few months - GROWING with New Members and Rejoins.

We still have a couple of good working months left. DURING MAY AND JUNE - GET FIVE POINTS TOWARDS THE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FOR EVERY MEMBER ENROLLED. GET YOUR COUNCIL AND YOUR DISTRICT A TROPHY ALSO. And what is very important, get the applications and money to the National Financial Secretary by JULY 10th. Because of the early Convention dates, reports and plaques cannot be prepared any later.

As was mentioned many times before in previous articles, under the heading of Council Reorganization, we have an excellent market for additional members. We have listed inactive councils, in previous issues, for the New England, New York-New Jersey and Mid-Central Districts. The following is the remainder, in Chicago we had Councils 4 (Providence of God), C-8 (All Saints), C-16 (St. George), C-35 (West Pullman), C-84 (Chicago Heights), and C-114 (South Chicago). Others in Illinois were C-22 (Melrose Park), C-28 (Spring Valley), C-40 (East St. Louis), C-47 and C-128 (Waukegan), C-48 (Springfield), C-60 and C-121 (Kewanee), C-64 (Rockdale), C-83 (Rockford), C-85 (Westville), C-117 (Hinsdale), C-118 (Hazelton) and C-132 (Kankakee). In Indiana Harbor, Ind., we had a Council 55.

A few other councils existed in other areas such as Council 81 in Bellhill, Scotland; C-33 in Montreal, Canada; C-94 (Sioux City, Iowa), C-80 (St. Louis,



Mo.); C-66 (Omaha, Nebr.); and several in Wisconsin - C-38 (Kenosha), C-51 (Sheboygan), C-71 and C-119 (Milwaukee), C-122 (Port Washington) and C-123 (Racine). Some of these areas still have active Lithuanian communities which should be investigated for possible reactivation.

With that one final big push, let's try to top last year's actual New Member Total of 148. To date, we have 124 and perhaps with some concentrated effort by each and every one of us, we can even reach 248 - or more.

ELEANORE H. LAURIN
Membership Vice Pres.

JUNIOR NEWS

KEARNY JUNIORS

As the sun rose serenely over the Kearny meadows on Sun., Feb. 12th Kearny's Jr. K of L met to attend 7:30 A.M. Mass and then would leave to begin a great adventure in the wilds of the New York mountains. Under the leadership of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mellilo and Fr. Al the group started north with the bus coughing.

The Abraham Lincoln birthday singing society started the day off by singing Happy birthday to the 16th President. Not to be outdone the George Washington Fan Club in the front of the bus, sang Happy Birthday to their hero. Passing through the scenic Appalachian Mountains the tunes of "Lucky Lindy" and "Gul šiandieną" could be heard for miles.

On arriving at beautiful Rocking Horse Ranch in Highland, N.Y. the groups were greeted with a hearty lunch, then headed for the slopes. The group so astounded the instructors that they planned to go on strike the following day. They refused to give more first aid than ski lessons. The group that was tobaggoning was so good that they were asked to go out for the Olympic Team - way out!

The group then trooped into the dinner hall for a big supper followed by dancing. The music was so loud that the vibrations loosened the glaciers high in the mountains, below zero weather to be there. The abominable snowman sent his regrets that he could not make it. As night fell and the stars began to twinkle down on the snow covered valley, the group headed towards their gleaming white bus. (It was covered with snow).

The bus started out and after traveling five miles sighed and collapsed. A quick call to Public Service revealed that they would not expose one of their precious buses to the elements to rescue

the poor refugees trapped in the bitter cold in upper N.Y. After a two hour interlude, the bus attempted to blast off again for the tropical regions of N.J. After going fifty miles in the ice-box like climate the bus ceased to exist as far as a transportation media is concerned. A call to the high imperial Sultan of Public Service resulted in a pre-civil war bus dashing to the rescue. (Santa Claus offered his sleigh but Public Service objected because it violated the Interstate Commerce Act). The return to tropical N.J. became a reality sometime after 2:00 A.M. when an exhausted group planned to sue the transportation giant for the loss of 138 hours of sleep.

All in all the trip was a smashing success. The Polar Bear bites healed about a week after, there still is the problem of removing a tree from someone's head but a noted tree surgeon says it isn't serious. The group is planning to represent Lithuania in '68 in the Olympics in St. Moritz.

DAYTON JUNIORS

Belated greetings from Junior Council 96, Dayton, Ohio. On Jan. 28, 1967 we held our first meeting of the year and election of officers. The following people were elected to office: Pres. Christine Sluzas, Vice Pres. Irene Araminas, Sec'y. John Berczelly, Treas. Mary Petkus, Sgt.-at-Arms John Kavy, Activities chr. Leo M. Mayauskas, Archives chr. Joe Cernevičius and "Vytis" Correspondent - Sharon Prasmantas.

As our first group activity of the year, we participated in the Lithuanian Independence Day program on Feb. 19th in the Church Hall. We presented a program of Lithuanian songs. Sharon Pras-

mantas gave a reading on the Lithuanian Flag and Mark Vaitkus entertained with several polkas on his accordion.

On March 5th in observance of the feast of St. Casimir, the Juniors joined the Senior group for Mass and Communion. A breakfast was served later in the Church Hall, followed by a program presented by the Juniors. We portrayed students in a Lithuanian classroom, discussing the life of St. Casimir.

On March 12th, we participated in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament when Forty Hours devotion was observed in our Parish.

A few days later, we took time off for a little fun and attended a roller skating party. The turn out by members was very good and a great time was had by all.

Our monthly meeting was held on March 18th, followed by a lesson in the art of decorating eggs Lithuanian style. Prizes were awarded for the prettiest and most unusual eggs. Our thanks to Mrs. Sinkwitz for her time in teaching us this art.

The Palm Sunday Bake Sale of March 19th was sponsored by the Seniors. The Juniors conducted a raffle on this same day and we were quite successful with this venture. The prize, a set of Early American bowls, was donated by Mrs. Kay Sluzas and we are grateful to her.

Our new counselors, Ann & Joe Boeke have encouraged us to continue the good work we started last year and with their help and guidance we will go on to bigger and better things. We're looking forward to a full and active summer with hikes, picnics and museum trips. But we don't intend to be swayed from our goal - which can only be reached through hard work - the goal of raising enough money to attend Camp Dainava this summer.

Sharon Prasmantas

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

CLEVELANDO SENDRAUGIŲ SUSIRINKIMAS

Mėnesinis sendraugių susirinkimas įvyko vyčių Alicės ir Beno Karklių naujai nupirktuose, liukusiniuose namuose. Pranešta apie šv. Kazimiero minėjimą, kuris gražiai pavyko. Gražų pamokslą ir minėjimą kalbą pasakė apskrities dvasios vadas kun. Ivanauskas.

Buvo surengtas kortavimo vakaras pas A. ir J. Visockus, kuris gražiai pavyko. Dėkota P. P. Visockams, kurie daugiausia dirbo ir davė nemokamai patalpas.

Balandžio 3 d. Sendraugiai ir vyčių 25 kuopa abi drauge rengia kortavimo vakarą. Šv. Kazimiero Kolegijai Romoje paremti. Komisijon išrinkta Alice Karklienė, K. Sadauskienė ir S. Milienė.

Pabuvęs.



ST. CASIMIR'S CELEBRATION - Host C-25. Above: Main Table - Stella Pavis, M-C Sec'y.; V. Ed. Pavis, M-C Pres.; Rev. B. Ivanauskas, C-25 and M-C Spir. Adv.; Eugene Kunsitis, C-25 Pres.; Al. Shigo; Joseph Sadauskas, H.M. and C-25 Srs. Pres. Below left: Youngstown and Cleveland Senior guests. Below right: C-25 guests. (Photos - A. Buknis)



LIETUVOS VYČIŲ SENJORŲ (SENDRAUGIŲ) LOS ANGELES KUOPA ATŠVENTĖ SAVO SUSIKURIMO DEŠIMT METŲ SUKAKTĮ.

Lietuvos vyčių sendraugių, Los Angeles kuopa įsisteigė prie 133-tos vyčių kuopos. Steigiamasis kuopos susirinkimas Antano Skiriaus iniciatyva, buvo sukviestas 1957 m. liepos 21 d. Marcelės Samuolienės namuose, kur ir buvo sudaryta pirmoji kuopos valdyba: kan. Antanas Steponaitis - kuopos dvasios vadas, Antanas Skirius - pirmininkas, Jonas Puikūnas - vicepirmininkas, Marija Kiškienė - sekretorė, Martyna Varkalienė - finansų sekretorė, Ona Vilkienė - išdininkė, Julius Kiškis ir Juozas Andrius - kontrolės nariai. Aptarus organizacinius reikalus, kuopa nutarė aktyviai prisidėti prie parengimų Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo

Los Angeles mieste 1957 m. rugpiučio mėn. 8-11 dienomis. Narių skaičius greit padaugėjo ir laike seimo kuopa turėjo arti pusšimčio narių. Pirmą seimo dieną vyčiai sendraugiai surengė Seimo dalyviams pusryčius. Seime kuopą atstovavo: A. Skirius, J. Andrius, J. Puikūnas, Marija Kiškienė ir Julius Kiškis. Vyčių seimas Los Angeles visais atžvilgiais buvo sėkmingas ir reikšmingas. Vyčiai senjorai visą laiką palaiko kontaktą ir bendradarbiauja su vyčių 133 kuopa. Reikalui esant abiejų kuopų valdybos šaukia bendrus posėdžius aptart bendriems reikalams. Susirinkimai dažniausiai daromi šv. Kazimiero parapijos salėje, arba Lietuvių Namų salėje, o neretai ir privačiuose vyčių butuose, kur šeimininkai visus maloniai priima ir pavaišina. Susirinkimuose, be eilinių reikalų, prisimena-

ma tą ar kitą Lietuvai istorinių įvykių, aptariami būsimieji parengimai. Kasmet paminima šv. Kazimiero šventė ir dalyvaujama jos parengime parapijos salėje. Taip pat dalyvaujama Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės atgavimo (vasario 16 d.) minėjime. Nesigilinant į kasmetinius ir eilinius susirinkimus trumpai paminėtini nors kai kurie kuopos pasireiškimai šv. Kazimiero parapijos ir lietuvių bendruomenės tarpe.

Sendraugių kuopa 1958 m. birželio 13 d. šv. Kazimiero parapijos salėje savo dvasios vadui kan. Antanui Steponaičiui pagerbti suruošė jo 75 metų jubiliejų ir ta proga sušelpė liguistą jubilijatą aukomis ir dovanomis. 1959 m. rugsėjo 20 d. kuopa suruošė Buena Vista parke gražią gegužinę, kurios pelnas paskirtas moksleivių stipendijų fondui. 1960 m. balandžio 24 d.

kuopa dalyvavo žurnalo "Lietuvių Dienos" 10-ties metų jubiliejuje, kur žurnalo redaktoriams buvo įteiktas sveikinimas raštu, gi leidėjui ir dovana - istorinis Lietuvos albumas. 1960 m. spalio 16 d. šv. Kazimiero parapijos salėje buvo rodomas filmas apie Lietuvą. Šv. Tėvui Jonui XXIII už išleidimą Vatikano pašto ženklų su šv. Kazimiero ir Vilniaus vaizdais, kuopos vardu pasiūstas padėkos laiškas. 1961 m. balandžio 23 d. įvykusiame Valerijos ir Broniaus Papšių namuose susirinkime Jonas Pujūnas skaitė paskaitą apie M. K. Čiurliono meną. 1961 m. birželio 19 d. vyčių 133 kuopos valdybos pirmininkės Onos Laurinaitytės bute įvyko abiejų kuopų narių susirinkimas, kuriame padarė pranešimą Vyčių Centro Valdybos, Kultūros Komisijos pirmininkas Jokūbas Stukas. Taipogi papasakojo savo išpūdžius išlankymosi Lietuvoje, parodė darytų nuotraukų Lietuvoje ir pagrojo plokštelę naujai įdainuotų dainų Lietuvoje. 1962 m. kuopos nariai gausiai dalyvavo Lietuvos Atgimimo Dainiaus Maironio jubiliejuje ir savo kuopos susirinkime jį taip pat minėjo, paskaitydami jo kūrybos. Parapijos klebonui kun. Jonui Kučingui švenčiant 50 metų amžiaus ir 25 metų kunigystės jubiliejus, 1962 m. birželio 17 d. jis buvo kuopos vardu pasveikintas ir įteikta dovana - Lietuvos sodžiaus vaizdas - aliejinis paveikslas, pieštas dail. S. Rauberto.

1962 m. kapkričio 4 d. parapijos svetainės patalpose kuopa atšventė savo įsisteigimo penkių metų sukaktį. Šia proga buvo pagerbtas kuopos dvasios vadas kan. Antanas Steponaitis, tik ką išleidęs savo istorinių atsiminimų knygą "Tėvynėje ir pasaulyje". Autorius šios knygos tris egzempliorius dovanojo steigiamam vyčių sendraugių kuopos knygynėliui. Apie šios knygos turinį ir reikšmę referavo Juozas Andrius ir knygynėlio iniciatorius Jonas Puikūnas. Kanauninkas Antanas Steponaitis vyčių sendraugių kuopos dvasios vadu išbuvo iki savo mirties, kuri jį ištiko Burbano šv. Juozapo ligoninėje. Ilgametį dvasios vadą mylėdami ir gerbdami, sirguliuojanti, vyčiai dažnai jį lankydavo ligoninėje. Jo laidotuvėse skaitlingai dalyvavo, padėjo ant jo kapo gėlių vainiką. Kuopos valdybos pirmininkas tarė atsisveiki-

nimo žodį. Los Angeles vyčių sendraugių kuopa yra netekusi ir palydėjusi į amžinybę jau visą eilę savo narių ir artimųjų. Jie susirinkimuose yra prisimenami ir pagerbiami. Kuopa, ruošdama savo narių susirinkimus privačiuose butuose, dažnai prisitaiko prie šeimyninių švenčių, kur būna pagerbiame tos šeimos nariai - sukaktuvininkai ar pasidarbavę lietuvybės labai asmenys.

Abi Lietuvos Vyčių kuopos Los Angeles rūpestingai ruošėsi 52 vyčių seimui, kuris sėkmingai įvyko Los Angeles mieste, Statler-Hilton Hotel, 1965 m. rugpiūčio 5-8 dienomis. Lietuvos vyčių sendraugių kuopa Los Angeles savo metiniame susirinkime 1965 m. sausio 31 d. Lietuvių Namuose, išrinko kuopos valdybą, kuri ten pat pasiskirstė pareigomis sekančiais: Juozas Andrius - pirmininkas, Kazys Motušis - vicepirmininkas, Jonas Puikūnas - sekretorius, Antanas Skirius - finansų sekretorius, Leonas Oksas - išdininkas. Revizijos Komisija: Julius Kiškis, Bronė Skirienė ir Angelė Norbutienė.

Lietuvos Vyčių senjorų-sendraugių Los Angeles #133 kuopos 1957 m. metinis susirinkimas įvyko sausio 29 d. Lietuvių Bendruomenės namuose, 4423 Santa Monica Blvd.

Kuopos pirm. J. Andrius atidarė susirinkimą, pakviestas seniausią amžiumi vyti sukalbėti, visiems pritariant, maldą. Buvo prisiminta mirę kuopos nariai: prieš trejus metus miręs kuopos dvasios vadas kan. A. Steponaitis ir praėjusių metų gruodžio 11 d. miręs vytis Motiejus Ambrose. Jie buvo pagerbti atsistojimu, susitelkimu ir nutarta už juos užprašyti pamaldas š. m. balandžio 2 d.

Metiniam susirinkimui pirmininkauti pakviestas J. Činga ir sekretorium V. Tuskenis, Kuopos pirm. J. Andrius savo pranešime pastebėjo, kad 1966 metai buvo lietuvių jaunimo metai ir todėl jiems buvo duodama visur progos lietuviškoj veikloj pasireikšti. Vyčių senjorai kiek ir kur galėdami jaunimą rėmė. Kuopos dvasios vadas dr. kun. P. Celiešius dalyvavo Jaunimo Kongrese ir Dainų Šventėj Čikagoj.

Finansų sekr. A. Skirius padarė pranešimą apie pajamas iš narių mokesčio, pastebėdamas, kad visas pusšimtis narių tvarkingai jį moka, atsilikusių yra nedaug. Išdininkas J. Oksas pranešė kuopos kasos stovį. Protokolų sekretorius J. Puikūnas perskaitė paskutinio susirinkimo protokolą. Rev. komisijos pirm. V. Tuskenis perskaitė pranešimą. Abu protokolai buvo priimti ir patvirtinti. Dvi kaden-



LIET. VYČIŲ SENJORŲ LOS ANGELES KUOPOS pirmam Veiklos dešimtmetyje pasidarbavę kuopai nariai: Viduryje: Dvasios Vadas kun. dr. P. Celiešius; iš kairės: Susans Tiknis, Marija Kiskis, Antanas Skirius; Julius Kiskis, Jonas Puikūnas, Juozas Andrius.

cijas išbuvusiai kuopos valdybai pareiškus atsistatydinimą, buvo išrinkta nauja valdyba: dvasios vad. dr. kun. P. Celiešius, J. Činga, pirm., Adelė Petras ir Jonas Puikūnas - vicepirm., A. Skirius, fin. sekr., V. Tuskenis, protokolų sekr., Ann Arnashus, išd. Rev. komisijon išrinkti: J. Andrius, B. Skirienė ir B. Starkienė.

Išrinktoji vicepirm. Adelė Petras pranešė apie jau pribrendusias galimybes suorganizuoti jaunųjų vyčių būrį ir apsiėmė bandyti tai atlikti.

Aptariant kitus svarbesnius Los Angeles vyčių reikalus besiplečiančioj šioj jaunoj lietuvių kolonijoj Pacifiko pakrantėje, pripažinta reikalinga ir vyčių sendraugių kuopos įsikūrimo ir veiklos dešimtmetį atžymėti kultūrinio - meniniu parengimu. B. Skirienė referavo apie programos sudarymą. Programą sutiko atlikti moterų "Sutartinė", padainuodama harmonizuotų liaudies dainų ir įvairių kompozitorių naujai sukurtų dainų su atitinkamais montažais. Talkininkaujant sol. Henrikui Paškevičiui, su kuriuo numatyta atlikti įdomios dainų variacijos. Šokėjų grupė sutiko pašokti įvairių šokių.

"Sutartinę" dabartiniu metu sudaro šios moterys: Aukštkalnytė, Bajalienė, Dambrauskaitė, Radvenienė, Skirienė, Stroputė, bei Tumienė ir muzikos vadovė O. Metrikienė.

Koncertas įvyko sėkmingai balandžio 2 d., sekmadienį, šv. Kazimiero parap. salėje

Vasario 26 d. įvyko jaunųjų vyčių steigiamasis susirinkimas, kurį sušaukė 133 Sr. kuopos vicepirm. Adelė Petras.

Pirmojon valdybon buvo išrinkti Richard Oksas, pirm., Rūta Skiriutė, vicepirm., Joan Lubin, sekr., Jonas Petras, fin. sekr. ir Marian Masulis, išd.

Kitas susirinkimas numatytas balandžio 9 d. pas Praną Lubiną, žinomą Lietuvos krepšinio žaidėją. Po susirinkimo įvyks "Swimming-party". Birželio mėnesyje numatoma padaryti "beach-party".

Į šią kuopą priimama studentų amžiaus jaunimas. Kas norėtų įstoti gali gauti daugiau informacijų pas organizatorę - Adelę Petras, telef. TH 2-5736.

J. M. P.

PAID MEMBERSHIP

as of

APRIL 9, 1967

C#	City	% Pd	9/66	4/67
41	Brooklyn	165%	17	28
61	Paterson	120%	5	6
100	Amsterdam	115%	27	31
3	Philadelphia	114%	36	41
133S	Los Angeles	110%	31	34
112	Chicago	109%	122	133
25	Cleveland	104%	27	28
36	Chicago	103%	64	66
6	Hartford	100%	2	2
24	Chicago	100%	1	1
96	Dayton	100%	76	76
103	Providence	100%	0	10
111S	Youngstown	100%	17	17
139	Detroit	100%	22	22
12	New York	97%	33	32
41S	Brooklyn	96%	24	23
113	Linden	96%	23	22
10	Athol	95%	21	20
25S	Cleveland	95%	38	36
109	Great Neck	95%	21	20
19	Pittsburgh	93%	41	38
116	So. Worcester	93%	45	42
Chicago Seniors		86%	43	37
135	Ansonia	85%	47	40
7	Waterbury	84%	97	81
30	Westfield	84%	31	26
1	Brockton	76%	21	16
29	Newark	74%	72	53
133	Los Angeles	71%	7	5
17	So. Boston	70%	57	40
78	Lawrence	67%	12	8
102	Detroit	66%	41	27
14	Cicero	64%	11	7
79	Detroit	63%	167	106
90	Kearny	62%	26	16
5	Chicago	57%	14	8
Pittsburgh Seniors		50%	2	1
26	Worcester	40%	182	73
67	Bayonne	40%	5	2
27	Norwood	38%	16	6
13	Chicago	7%	27	2
52	Elizabeth	7%	27	2
82	Gary	6%	16	1
18	Cambridge	0%	14	0

(Final report will be presented by the membership W-P at the Convention.)

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25 Irene II MAY 26-28 is just around the corner... C-25 members are anxiously awaiting their fellow Knights from Chicago, Detroit, Dayton, Gary, Pittsburgh and Youngstown for the MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT. A grand time is planned for all. We're certain you'll enjoy our "Aloha Nite" Saturday evening - girls - if you have Muu-Muu's, Holoku's wear them and "Have a Ball".

We are glad to hear that Bill Jakubs is recovering nicely after his recent surgery and recuperating in pleasant surroundings. We also hear that Evelyn Andrulis underwent a foot operation and is also doing well. Get well quickly - we'll need you both if we are to win the BIG TROPHY!

Carol Paskevica was "SURPRISED" at her Bridal Shower on April 2nd. She received many, many lovely gifts and is just about all set to go into housekeeping early in May.

Gene Kunsitis, C-25 President is the proud owner of his FIRST copyright. We all wish him the best of luck in his venture!

Among our early vacationers are the Shigo's touring New England and working their way down South; Al Samas and friends fishing and boating in Florida and John Arunski is back in St. Petersburg trying to shake his ailment basking in the warm Florida sun.

How are the piano lessons coming along Barbara and Billy? - who knows, we may have another "Oscar Petersen" in the making. Keep up the good work "kids"!

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 SOFFI During our executive board meeting on Mar. 29, it was hard

to concentrate on business. The day was brilliant, the night perfect for sitting in front of one of the many ceiling -to-floor patio windows and daydreaming. However the attendance was almost perfect. Items of business clicked off with various chairmen's reports. Our local chairmen for 1967 include John Kolinske, Ritual; Ruth Grasha, Lithuanian Affairs; Geraldine Chaps, Cultural; Sophie Zager, Catholic Action; Jos. Chaps, Social; Clem Patocki, Membership; Anthony Dainus, Public Relations; Bertha Janus and Helen Patocki, Rosary Chain; Marianne Newberry, Sunshine; Peter Stanulis, Sports; and Sophie Zager, "Vytis" correspondent.

Last month 136 members paid up dues in our council, but only a handful attended the regular monthly meeting. It would seem that just one or two more persons would come even out of idle curiosity - we had an excellent program, the meeting was interesting and the refreshments prepared by Julie Belickas and Isabelle Pavlichek etc. It would seem to us, then, that we are remiss in our approach to these members. With a thought that a personal contact or even a drawing of names for a prize might be the answer, an at-

tempt will be made to contact each of them before our next monthly meeting.

Still very much in practice is the old and beautiful custom of coming to adore Our Eucharistic Savior present in the Repository throughout Holy Thursday night. We joined the westside councils 102 and 139 for visits at the three Lithuanian parishes starting with St. Anthony's - then to St. Peter's, and finished up at Divine Providence where coffee and donuts were served following the tri-church visits. Hostesses were Mrs. Stella Hotra and Sophie Zager.

Now that we're off the ice, plans are being formulated for the 4th season of camping, sponsored by the K of L Mid-Central District at Dainava, Aug. 20 to 27. In this column we are making an appeal for adult leaders. They need not be scoutmasters or professional, but someone having a desire and willingness to assist. It's a big program and one which is very much needed. It would be terribly disappointing that due to lack of parental participation we might be forced to cancel future camps. The youngsters have great enthusiasm for the camp. We can add to their enrichment by volunteering to work on the camp staff. Anyone in-



ST. CASIMIR'S DAY BREAKFAST. Left photo: C-25 members at the breakfast. Right photo: Rev. B. Ivan (C-25 Spir. Adv.) reviews plans for the forthcoming Mid-West Bowling Tournament.

terested please contact any of the following committee members: Frank Zager, Joe and Mary Kazlauskas, Dorothe Martin and Clem Patocki.

Soffi Snooping: Like Birds of fine feathers burnished by southern sun, some of our '79 wanderers are beginning to fly back to local nests. Walter and Mary Stripen returned after several weeks in Florida... Jim and Albina Missel and their daughter Marie, who is a student at Northwood Institute, spent a couple of sunny weeks at Miami Shores, where they visited with some of their Florida friends. Jim's back now checking the ole roster... Harold Yunck also returned after a lengthy stay in Florida to join his wife Ceil, who came back earlier... There has been a shifting of plans for Ona and Bill Walls. They were to have gone to England in May for a visit with his daughter but, instead, will be going to South America sometime before summer is over for a visit with Bill's son and family... These have been bustling and hustling times at the Waskiewicz home. First, Eleanore's mother was stricken with a heart condition and had to be hospitalized, then daughter, Susan, was operated on her thyroid. Between hospital-hopping Eleanore was "sitting" for the three family dogs, plus a few other pets... We can't write too much about the Bowling Banquet because the deadline for the paper is the 5th, but we can guess what it will be like... Our condolences to Ed Sackle upon the death of his father... Julius Bridgevaitis is home following a hospital bout. Frank Janus was also on the sick list. May both be blessed with good health... Our prayers are with the Vitchus' whose son Lenny is serving in Vietnam... A goodly number received their first and second degrees on Apr. 22. Congratulations to all. This was a job well done by Ritual Chairman John Kolinske... How about an April Fool's Day confession? After parking her car at Federal's parking lot, Soffi ran into car trouble. A wire-blazing disaster was the excuse for calling firemen to come to her rescue. While waiting for them to arrive this "nutty" incident needed a wet cloth soaked in a nearby puddle to extinguish the fumes. There was some damage to the car, but Soffi safely passed the ordeal...



ST. CASIMIR'S DAY CELEBRATION - Detroit, Mich. Upper photo: Congratulating Father Kundrat on his Third Degree are Father Victor Kriščiunevičius and Father Walter Stanievich. Center photo: Third degree recipients shown with Father Stanievich and Robert Boris, former Nat'l. Pres. are (seated) Helen Patocki, Mary Kazlauskas, Father Kriščiunevičius, Elizabeth Paurazas and (standing) Clem Patocki, Father Kundrat, Leon Galinskas and Charles Step. Lower photo: Rev. Kriščiunevičius presents special awards to: Ruth Grasha (100 year letter award), Leon Galinskas (membership for C-79) and Ona Walla (100 year letter award).
(Photos by Joe Chaps)

Make plans now to attend the 20th Mid-Central District convention, Oct. 7 in Detroit. Council 79 will be host. Meanwhile have a safe and sound summer. Yours truly has hit the "vacation" rage, and I'll see you all in the fall.

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 Elinor

It was a nice surprise on Easter morning to open the Sunday paper and there on the front page of the Society Section... were Tina Sluzas and Joe Cernevicius Jr. Tina was dressed in Lithuanian garb, looking at a display of Easter Pastries and hand decorated eggs. Joe looked very handsome. (We are very proud of all of our Juniors.) The newspaper had an interesting article about some of our traditions.

Thanks to Eloise Berczelly and Kay Sluzas for the fine job they did with our annual Spring Bake Sale.

As my sister Mary Ann Blum would say ... "once a person hits forty ... it's patch ... patch ... patch..." Those who have been in the hospital for "patch" work are Mary Lucas, Irene Viegel and myself. We're all happy to be home, and thanks for all of the get well greetings.

Our Religious Discussions are becoming very popular, and I understand from Maxine Bakanauskas that our Apr. 14 discussion will be very interesting. Mrs. Ciano will show movies of pilgrimages to Lourdes and Fatima. In Keeping with our religious discussion, Rita Ambrose and Judy Petrokas attended a retreat at the Dominican Retreat House. Frank Ambrose, George Mikalauskas, Mike P. Petkus, Jim Richey and Louie Prasmantas attended a retreat at the Trapist Monastery at Gethsemane, Ky. They have set a fine example for us to follow.

CONVENTION (Inside look into something that looks like it will be a lot of fun). Would you like to come with us... back to 1903 and help celebrate the first flight of the Wright Bros. and toast them with our famous "Nose-dive". Plan to bring some "old" fun thing to wear ... maybe Sleeve garters for the fellas, or a straw skimmer. You gals can come-up with something appropriate for the era. You have plenty of time to concoct something to wear. We in Dayton plan to

"dress" for the occasion. Fran Petkus and Eloise Berczelly are making great plans for all of us to have a really "flying" time on August 3.

SEE YOU IN DAYTON - AUGUST
3, 4, 5 & 6

DETROIT, MICH., C-139 Ann

The old saying "The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray" sure held fast for C-139. With everything set for "go" our Mar. 5 Saint Casimir's Day observance had to be suddenly changed to Sun., Feb. 26. But many thanks to Co-chairman Mrs. Helen Mallen and Miss Theresa Vaikunas who got the ball rolling and with the splendid cooperation from our sister C-79 and 102, the turnout was terrific. For the first time we ran out of space instead of people. St. Casimir must have been very pleased to see so many K of L'ers gathered to observe his Feast Day. Even the weatherman cooperated in holding off until Monday morning to dump a fresh batch of snow on our already ice laden streets. At the dinner which followed, the Rev. Walter Stanievich, as Chairman, kept things lively with his wit. We enjoyed hearing Father Michael Kundrat with his inimitable smile and laugh. Our main speaker, the Rev. Victor Kriščiunevičius, National Spiritual Advisor, gave a very complete history of St. Casimir which was very inspirational. Then C-79 stepped into the foreground - Mrs. Ona Wells and Miss Ruth Grasha received plaques and congratulations for the "100 a year letter award" of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Membership award certificate was presented to President Leonidas Galinskas for C-79. Third Degrees were received by the following (also from C-79): Reverend Michael J. Kundrat, Leonidas Galinskas, Elizabeth Paurazas, Charles Step, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Patocki, and Mary Kazlauskas. (Following whispering was overheard between Presidents of C-102 and 139, "we will have to get busy and get into the picture next time").

Our Treasurer, Miss Theresa Vaikunas, is to be complimented on her Lithuanian Cultural display which was very interesting.

Congratulations to Stella and Charles Podolsky who have gained a new daughter. Son, Charles and his beautiful bride, Judy, were united in Holy Matrimony, Saturday, Apr. 1, at St. Peter's Church. If some of the members of C-139 were unable to talk above a whisper for a few days afterwards, it was not laryngitis, but the lusty serenading of the bride and groom during the reception. It was a beautiful Lithuanian wedding and many, many good wishes to Chuck and Judy for a long and happy married life. Incidentally we hope to sign them up as members of C-139 before very long. Also, congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Al Gadwell on their new grandson.

Margaret Dubitsky is very busy these days planning her itinerary for another jaunt to Europe. She enjoyed her last trip so much she wants to revisit Rome, Switzerland, France, and a number of other places she did not get to visit on her last trip. Margaret is secretary to the Public Relations Manager of the Chrysler Plymouth Division, and plans to leave May 5. "Bon Voyage" Margaret. Hope you have an exciting and wonderful trip.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

I-I DISTRICT "Taitytė"

With Easter and Council 112's Dance, began a whirlwind of social and other activities for the members. First, there was a surprise Birthday Party for "Vladuks" Paliulionis, choir president. This was held at the Zakarka's Rathskeller. The following weekend, Vladas surprised the choir members with another party of his own for them, at the Rusteikis' residence. Another surprise for the evening was a visit from the Boston traveler Al Jaritis. Naturally, since Al Came late, the party had to last a little later - til dawn to be exact. On both occasions, there was plenty of "rehearsing" for the Choir's second appearance on the Chicago Lithuanian TV hour and plenty of "conditioning" for their May dance.

The District Juniors were also busy with a benefit performance at the Sister of St. Francis Auxiliary dinner and program April



have a ball in Cleveland

FRIDAY - May 26

- 9:00 A.M. - Early Kegglers' Get-Together - K of L Room - Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 5555 Brecksville Rd., Independence, Ohio (Ohio Turnpike Exit 11 - Rt. 21 at Rt. 17)

SATURDAY - May 27

- 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. - Registration and Brunch - K of L Room - Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
- 2:00 P.M. - BOWLING TOURNAMENT - Cloverleaf Bowling Center - 5619 Brecksville Rd., Independence, Ohio
- 8:30 P.M. - "Aloha Nite" - Brown's Hall - 5211 Harvard Avenue

SUNDAY - May 28

- 10:30 A.M. - K of L Mass - St. George Church - 6527 Superior Avenue
- 1:30 P.M. - Bowling Awards Banquet - Harvard Club Hall - 4107 Harvard Avenue

REGISTRATION FEE: \$13.00 Bowlers - Non-Bowlers \$9.00

If further information is required, please contact Al Shigo - Bowling Chairman, 4010 E. 52nd Street, Cleveland 5, Ohio - Phone: 641-0192

16th. Our "little set" did a fine job of public relations and publicity for the K of L.

To remind all of us that not one social event of the spring season should go by without signing up a few of the guests at these affairs, District Membership V.P. John Evans launched a special Membership Drive.

The "let's get together and practice so we can bring home the Cleveland hosted Mid-West Bowling Tournament Trophy" bowling party was held on Sunday April 30th at Bruno Satas' Woodmac Lanes. To replenish everyones expended energies, chef Vince Samaska prepared a corned beef and cabbage dinner for the keglers and the empty platters were a sure sign that we have some pretty healthy contenders for the big May weekend.

The Building Trustees, including the two newly elected members Leon Pauksta and Vladas Paliulionis, are quite busy finalizing preparations for the annual "Hawaiian Nite", Saturday, June 10th. Chairman Al Mockus says that our visitors from the 50th State will again provide the music and, of course, will again feature the interesting dance interpretations of the lovely lady from Hawaii. If any of our out-of-town friends plan a stop-over in Chicago in June - the 10th of June is the time to do it.

Although we could not be present at Council 29's affair honoring our dear friend Jack Stukas, we do want him to know that each and every member of the I-I District holds the highest regard for his



Enjoying an evening of fun and frolic are C-112 members: Monica Kasper, Estelle Rogers, Lorraine Wainauskas, Dolores Wainauskas and Irene Rakaitis.

accomplishments for the K of L and all Lithuanians in the U.S.A.

Also, congratulations to Prof. Alexis. Although no one from the District was present, at the testimonial for him, to offer best wishes personally, we want him to know the high regard we have for him and his contributions for the causes which keep us active. May you continue to inspire us for a long, long time yet, dear Prof. Alexis.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 The Sheik although March was supposed to have come in like a lion and gone out like a lamb it didn't quite change pace that easily and neither did C-112 members. They seem to be continuing a roaring rate right through April, May and headlong into June... Choir President Vladas

"Viens, Du, Trys" Paliulionis set an especially rugged tempo by squeezing chairmanship activities of the Easter Sunday dance in between two birthday parties held for him. Due to Vladas, Bar Chairman Al Matulis, and Monica Kasper, who was Ticket Chairman as well as Treasurer, the dance was not only financially successful, but it drew amazing attendance for an Easter Sunday evening ... HABITUAL ENJOYMENT: About those two parties - we're still trying to figure out whether the one on March 17th at the Zakarkas' Rathskellar was really for Vladas or St. Pat (see photo). ... Someone overheard Estelle "Membership A-Go-Go" Rogers remark about her new car not having any ashtrays: "Don't worry about it; I have a porter that comes in twice a week." ... STILL GOING STRONG:



ST. CASIMIR'S DAY CELEBRATION - Illinois-Indiana District. Left photo: Fourth Degree recipients Vincent Samaska, John Kilkus and Walter Tenclinger. Right photo: Third Degree recipients Albert Kassell, Walter and Stella Gregar and Frank Svelnis, Jr. (Photos by Vince Samaska)

The council was strongly represented at Al "The Male Mesta" Matulis' party April 15th at, of all places, Zakarka's Worn Rathskellar, in the District Choir's performance on the local Lithuanian TV show, at the month's end district bowling social, and C-36's Spring Dance ... At one of those affairs, upon being asked who would take care of Al "Happily Perennial Bachelor" Shulicke after he's old and gray, Al answered, "L.B.J."... AND NOT TO BE OUTDONE: Without letup, plans are being made for the Choir's dance May 6th, the Council social at Orgo's Gay 90's Restaurant on May 13th and the Mid-West Bowling tournament... Meanwhile, the council is vigorously driving for new members in the district championship sponsored by I-I. Membership V.P. John Evans. Individual prizes will be awarded at the June district meeting to the guy and gal who obtain the most new members... And plans are being firmed up by Irene Rakaitis and Lorraine Wainauskas for the June social - a White Sox vs New York Yankee night game.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

WATERBURY, CONN., C-7 M.A.

"Congratulations" and "Many Happy Returns" keep coming like April showers to Prof. A. J. Aleksis on his recently celebrated birthday and anniversary. Professor is especially prizing the beautiful card sent him by Anthony Dainius bearing the signatures of our National Spiritual Advisor Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius, Rev. J. W. Stanievich, Rev. M. J. Kundrat, R. Boris, G. Baibak, Ann Sirvydas, L. Galinskas, Ruth Graska, Julia Medinis, Mr. and Mrs. R. Valatka and all other K of Lers of the three Detroit councils at joint St. Casimir's Day festivities in St. Peter's parish, Feb. 26.

May God's love, tender memories and sincere sympathy of friends comfort the bereaved hearts of Rev. A. E. Gradeck, Rev. R. Yuskauskas and Mrs. Alfred Mazaika. Our esteemed Pastor and former chaplain both lost a dear brother. Dot's sorrow is two-fold - she lost her loving father and beloved husband.

St. Casimir's Day was observed March 5 with the traditional corporate Mass and Communion Breakfast. Highlighting the festive occasion was a special musical program (in church and hall) directed by Prof. Aleksis, the informative and interesting talk of Atty. J. Smolskis, guest speaker, recently appointed chief clerk of Circuit Court, succeeding the late Atty. C. V. Balanda for many years a prominently active K of L member. J. Samoska was master of ceremonies and J. Samoska, Jr. was chairman of arrangements for the breakfast.

Many a gal's Easter shopping was that much easier this year after viewing those simply gorgeous hats at the annual Fashion Show of the Ladies Guild chaired by Mrs. Joseph Rutkauskas. The very successful undertaking was quite a feather in Ann's own cap!

Suffering, too, is a way of life and inescapable. Nonetheless we're very happy to hear from Lee Zilinskas that her husband is recuperating right nicely from a heart seizure. We all prayerfully wish Peter a speedy and complete recovery.

Marcella Andrikis is rightly proud and pleased with the company she keeps via correspondence. The resolution she presented at Lithuanian Independence Day exercises Feb. 19 appears in the March 10 Congressional Record together with Massachusetts Congressman Harold D. Donohue's talk "Baltic Freedom". Relative to the resolution she also received a letter from the State Department Bureau of Public Affairs. Miss Andrikis is K of L representative in the Lithuanian American Council locally and nationally.

Springtime's joy of living feeling permeates the air and happy times are here again. Our semi-formal spring dance (superb dining, too) should be a "blast". President J. Valaitis and chairman Dr. W. Shukaitis have spared no effort (nor their committee) in arranging this super social. Affairs as such are just too infrequent for the likes of Lillian Paulauskas, O. Shatas, Nell Diggles, J. Alanskas, Hope Kuskanskis, P. Kudzma, W. Gervickas, J. Rutkauskas and other "live-wires".

SO. BOSTON, MASS., C-17

Our members are finally coming out of "hibernation" after a long winter. Welcome to the new officers of the C-17 seniors: Pres., Larry Svelnis; vice pres., Phyllis Grendel and Joe Bernatonis; treas., Steve Mickavich; secy., Ann Kleponis; finc. secy., Joe Norenkavich; and Albin Neviera, ritual.

Judging from all the people milling around the table and later, the empty food platters, our annual smorgasbord could be termed a success. Our thanks to the hard working committee, to those who donated food and time too numerous to mention, and to all those who attended and helped to make the event the success that it was.

The St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast was another great affair, thanks to our hard-working committee, our toastmaster, Tony Shalna, our pastor and guest speaker, the Rev. Anthony Baltrashunas, our spiritual advisor and publicity man, Rev. Albin Janiunas.

Congratulations to Brenda Statsky and Stanley Dzierzeski on their engagement, and to Frank Stankevičius, who was recently wed.

Our ski weekend was wonderful thanks to the snow and beautiful ski conditions, that is, it was wonderful to everyone but Al Jaritis' car - just ask his passengers. The gals from the Mass. General Hospital attended, and they actually went up the slopes and skied.

C-17'ers attended the Snowflake Ball of C-1, Brockton, the Polka Parade of C-78, Lawrence, and our own Spring Bumble Bee Hop.

Have a nice time - to Jean Pasakarnis who went to Nassau, Al Jaritis to California, Ann and Mary Kleponis to Northern N.Y., Helen Suprin to Canada and Bill Zarembo to Carson Beach.

Our thanks to the gang who helped prepare the report for the NED Convention and to the delegates who made the affair a success.

Congratulations to: future K of L'er Stacey Venis, new arrival of Jerry and Rita Venis... to son Mark Gendreau, proud parents are Bob and Phyllis... to new member Ed Gailius and to NED bowler Frank Sabiski on high single.

R. I. P. Our sympathy to the family of Bronis Martus. Babe was

a man who was true to his profession, his family, his fellow man and to the K of L and his Lithuanian heritage. We will remember him often in our prayers. Also remember in your prayers the brother of the Revs. John and Joseph Bernatonis, Ann Chaplik's father, and Tony and the Rev. Jackmauk's father.

SO. WORCESTER, MASS., C-116
Onytė

We are sure that St. Casimir was pleased with the K of L on his special day as we did all we could to make it a very memorable event. It was a smash from beginning to end. Bill Burdulis, our organist, played a very stirring march as we proudly paraded into church for the 9:30 Mass, led by the Lithuanian and American Flags and bedecked with the red, green and yellow tulip boutonnières made by Mildred Lapinskas. Especially when we sang the St. Casimir's Hymn with such gusto that, we are told, the entire congregation was inspired.

Our guest speaker at the catered breakfast was John Ambrose, who is athletic director of Worcester Public Schools. He is of Lithuanian descent and is well known as a sportscaster over the local radio stations. Everyone enjoyed his very eloquent speech.

All the credit goes to Mrs. Irene Adamaitis, who was 'toastmistress' and general chairman, a one woman committee, for the entire affair. We are indeed grateful to Irene for her untiring efforts on our behalf to make this a very memorable occasion.

Oops, we almost forgot to mention the very nice fliers designed by Vic Mrozinski. His talents have

been very much in demand lately. That's what happens when you do a good job.

We are happy to hear that Algy Krasinskas has recovered nicely and has returned to work after that near fatal auto accident the day before our communion breakfast.

And no sooner than we welcomed back Vinny Savage when he was off again to Florida - we sure miss him at the alleys.

We extend a very warm welcome to our newest members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balukonis. Over the years they have been very staunch K of L supporters. We are sure they will be a great asset to our Council.

Dot Sinkavitch and Ann Miller were hardly back from their Hawaii trip when they took off again via the Yellowbird to Montreal and Expo 67. The girls should be working for a travel agency. They would make good tour guides.

Wow! has anyone seen Aldona Kasper lately? She should be awarded the Academy - Award for sheer determination, amazing will power and self-discipline. Nice work Aldona. How about a copy of the diet?

NEW-YORK - NEW JERSEY
DISTRICT F.V.

The NY-NJ district K of L observed the feast of their patron St. Casimir on Sun. Mar. 12. The event took place in Brooklyn, N.Y. at 11 A.M. in the Church of the Annunciation. A High Mass was offered by the pastor Rev. Norbertas Pakalniškis. There was a large turnout of members representing the various councils of district, and they gave an excellent display of Catholic Action in their march to the Altar Rail at Communion time. The Annunciation Choir, under the

direction of Algirdas Kačanauskas, sang during Mass. The choir is one of the outstanding groups among the Lithuanian parishes in the NY-NJ area. At the conclusion of Mass there was the singing of the Knights of Lithuania Hymn.

Breakfast was served in the parish hall where honorary member and former national president Joseph Boley served as toastmaster. The Invocation was offered by the Rev. Victor Gidžiūnas, O.F.M. of Brooklyn. Greetings on behalf of the parish were extended by Rev. Anthony Račkauskas. He is also spiritual director of C-41 and the New York Seniors. Guest speaker was Professor Anthony Vasys of the Russian-Lithuanian Institute of Fordham University, his talk on St. Casimir was timely and very interesting. The speaker urged those present to take advantage of the Lithuanian courses offered in the summer at Fordham. Another speaker on the program was district and national president, Alexander Wesey who talked on the future of our organization.

Third degree awards were given by Joseph Boley to Supreme Council vice president Miss Mary Stonis. Miss Mary Stonis is a member of C-29, Edward Senken of New York C-12 and Dennis Mazeika president of C-41 of Brooklyn. The Fourth Degree presentation was given by president Alexander Wesey to Miss Joan Yankauskas of Newark C-29. There were several other speakers on the program and representatives of various Lithuanian groups were called on for a bow. Morning activity was brought to a close with the singing of the K of L Hymn and a prayer by Rev. Račkauskas for deceased members.



C-17 SENIORS of SO. BOSTON, MASS. (See C-17 council news)

In the afternoon there was a meeting in the parish hall. The session was called to order by president Wesey and opened with prayer by Rev. Peter Zemeikis, Bayonne district spiritual director. Greetings on behalf of host councils 41 and the New York Seniors were extended by Anthony J. Mazeika Sr., honorary member and former national president.

There was a presentation of an award to Rev. Zemeikis by president Wesey. The award was given in recognition of his past efforts on behalf of the district.

Miss Helen Kulber spoke on the Lithuanian Wayside Cross that was put up at the World's Fair in New York in 1964 and announced that a program was being planned at the Cross on June 3 and to watch the Lithuanian press for further details. The Knights of Lithuania can feel proud for their efforts towards the erection of the Cross. A very interesting cultural program under the direction of Joseph Yanulaitis and Dianne Beletsky both of Philadelphia was presented. Also on hand were the Revs. Jonas Pakalniškis and Stasys Raila. Third degree awards were given to the following: Mrs. Eleanor Sakevich of Newark C-29, Mrs. Helen Cuprewich and Steven Montvidas, both of New York C-12.

The annual picnic of the district will take place at Bayonne, N.J. on Sun. June 4., commencing at 3:00 P.M. Picnic will be held in the grove of St. Michael's parish 15 East 23rd Street. On the same day but at another site the district will have a meeting at the Lithuanian-American Citizens Club 13 West 25th Street, Bayonne, N.J.

We wish to take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to both New York Seniors and Brooklyn C-41 for a most enjoyable stay while in their midst.

NEWARK, N.J. C-29

The Wanderer

C-29 held their annual Communion-Breakfast on Sun. Mar. 5., in honor of the patron saint of the organization, St. Casimir. High Mass which was in Lithuanian tongue was offered in Holy Trinity Church by the spiritual director, the Rev. Petras Totoraitis. Despite inclement weather there was a fine turnout for the event.

Breakfast followed in St.

George's Hall where council vice president, Edward Schmidt acted as toastmaster. The invocation was offered by Rev. Totoraitis. Guest speaker was Rev. Alfred Zemeikis of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kearny, N.J. Talks were also given by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Ignatius Kelmelis pastor of Holy Trinity, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, and several others. The morning's activity was brought to a close with a prayer by Monsignor Kelmelis.

NOTES OFF THE CUFF: Members were led into Church by the color guard of the Lithuanian-American Veterans Post. There was the singing of the Star Spangled Banner before Mass and at the conclusion of the Mass the K of L Hymn. Our thanks to the Vets for making our ceremonies impressive. First degree rituals were given to the following: Miss Ann Abromaitis, Mrs. Anele Balbata, Marie Balchiunas and A. Paulauskas. The discourse by guest speaker, Rev. Zemeikis, was very timely and interesting. He traced early history of our organization and what it meant to those arriving from Lithuania. The following served on examining board for rituals: president Kazys Sipaila, Miss Mary Stonis, supreme council vice president, Dr. Stukas and yours truly.

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Stukas on the appearance of his book "Awakening Lithuania". There was a large turnout on Feb. 18 at the Dana Restaurant to celebrate the publication of the book. The Lithuanian press was well represented. Toastmaster for the evening was Algirdas Kačanauskas. Several professors from Seton Hall University were on hand. The cost of the book was underwritten by C-29 president Kazys Sipaila. The book was dedicated to the Knights of Lithuania. Is \$5 and copies may be obtained by writing to Dr. Jack J. Stukas, 1016 Scheleifer Rd., Hillside, N.J. 07205.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100

Smile & Sparkle

In conjunction with the commemoration of the 49th anniversary of Lithuania's independence, a display of "Lithuania, the Land of Amber" was arranged in the John E. Larrabee Co. window. It was prepared by Gene Gobis, (Asst.

Sec. and Office Manager of the company) Matthew Orante, and Richard Edwards. Articles came from the collections of the Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Dr. Harry Berkman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zemaitis, Mrs. Sadie Dzekciorius, Leonard Hartvigas, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Gene Gobis, Matt Orante, John Hartvigas and Stanley Ralys.

The display included a map of Lithuania, the national emblem, the ancient musical instruments, a copper kettle and a solid brass mortar and pestle (over 150 years old), hand wood carvings, hand woven colorful spreads, tablecloths, ties, leather goods, and amber jewelry from the Baltic shores. This project was undertaken by C-100, Amsterdam.

Mayor Marcus I. Breier issued a proclamation requesting all residents of the city to support the effort for the liberation of Lithuania as well as all other captive nations. Mayor Breier also attended the program held at the A.L.C. Hall on Feb. 26. We had as our guests Prof. Jack Stukas, the main speaker, his lovely wife Loretta, Louis Stukas, our guest soloist, and A. Kačanauskas, who accompanied Louis. The program was excellent. Jack spoke his usual best and Lou was marvelous. Lou's voice was one of the best that we have heard. His selections were all well chosen.

A small reception was held at St. Casimir rectory. Present were Jack, Loretta and Lou Stukas, Al Kačanauskas, Father Baltch, the Rev. Joseph Rashtutis (who recently celebrated his 60th year in the priesthood) Mrs. Josephine Redding (the chef) Assoc. Prof. Irene Wood, Mrs. Virginia Miciulis, Gene Gobis, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Leonardas Hartvigas, Peter Hayes, Stanley Ralys, and Stanley Lekutis.

February Meeting - Matthew Orante's Art Gallery ... Donald Nikstenas presided. Father Baltch spoke. Gene Gobis was made chairman of a money-making scheme. Father Baltch was presented with a birthday cake by Irene Wood. Matt Orante surprised Father Bob with a gift which he made especially for him. Prof. Joseph Olsauskas entertained the group with a few Lithuanian folk songs and melodies played on the ancient Kanklės.

March - Our K of L Communion

Brunch took place at the Brothers Restaurant on Mar. 5 immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass held at St. Casimir's Church. President Donald Nikstenas introduced Attorney A. C. Stokna as toastmaster. Tony presented Father Baltch, who spoke on the life of St. Casimir, patron saint of our K of L. He next turned the program over to Valentine Kerbelis (our council's first president when we re-organized) of Kerbelis Travel Agency. Val spoke of a 21 day trip to Europe which would include 5 days in Lithuania. One would also spend a few days in Moscow, Leningrad, Helsinki, and Amsterdam, Holland. For the special rates, the group has to number 15 and anyone desiring more information should contact Val Kerbelis, Kerbelis Travel Agency, Markiet Street, Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010.

A film, "Wings to Paris" was shown by Val. A prize donated by the agency was won by Charles Karbus. The special prize was won by Eleanor Olechowski. A very competent job was done in arranging the affair by chairman Sophie Olbie.

NEWS BITS. Birthday greetings are in store for Pauline Urban - April 26.

All our members wish to express their deepest sympathies to Matthew Orante in the most unexpected passing of his brother Victor Orante (4/2/67), and also to Vic's wife, Edith and their young daughter in their great loss.

Al Zakarka was in town. He made the Lithuanian Day commemoration and got to see a former Chicago K of L'er (Loretta Stukas) plus Jack and Lou Stukas.

Matt Orante recently surprised his wife, Isabelle and K of L chum, Gene Gobis with identical Lithuanian silver crosses. These were made by him personally. Many people have stopped Gene and Isabelle and asked about the cross. It really is a beautiful piece of craftsmanship. What a clever person this Matt Orante is!

Irene Wood recently returned from Atlantic City where she attended a convention.

John Gerutis is now a full pledged Lieutenant in the reserves and has just returned from 10 weeks training.

Former K of L'er Milda Zemai-

tis received her Masters Degree in languages. She will be teaching Russian in a college in Wooster, Ohio. Ed Baranauskas is doing a tremendous job as Chairman of our council's Lithuanian Affairs Committee. He did a great deal of research before writing letters to the local Schenectady newspapers and also the Albany newspapers. His letters were published by the papers. Congratulations Ed on a job well done! Keep up the good work.

We have two new grandmothers in our midst, Sophie Olbie and Anna Yunker.

Monsignor Balkunas was in town for our Forty Hours Services.

Ginny Miciulis and Gene Gobis made the sport headlines. They won the double championship in the Women's City Bowling Tournament. Ginny bowled 590 and Gene 485 plus a 140 handicap which gave them a total of 1215.

We can't forget our president, Don Nikstenas, who also got headlines on his recent score in bowling.

Congratulations to Paul and Aldona Abeling in the recent addition to their family.

K of L Calendar

- May 20 C-7, Waterbury, SPRING DINNER-DANCE, St. Joseph's Hall, Waterbury, Conn.
- 20-21 Lithuanian Opera of Chicago's presentation of "GRAZINA", Civic Opera House, Chicago, Ill.
- 26-28 MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Host C-25, Cleveland, Cloverleaf Bowling Center and Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Independence, Ohio.
- June 3 C-109, Great Neck, SPRING BALL, Transfiguration Church Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.
- 4 NY-NJ DISTRICT MEETING, Host C-67, Lithuanian-American Citizen's Club, Bayonne, N.J.
- 4 NY-NJ DISTRICT PICNIC, St. Michael's Parish Picnic Grounds, Bayonne, N.J.
- 10 I-I HAWAIIAN LUAU, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 15 I-I DISTRICT MEETING, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 18 C-96, Dayton, Annual LITHUANIAN DAY PICNIC.
- July 3- 4 I-I DISTRICT BAZAAR AND PICNIC, K of L Garden, Chicago, Ill.
- 22 C-36, Chicago, MEXICAN DANCE, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.



LITHUANIAN MEMORABILIA. Matthew Orante, Chr. Lith. Afrs. and Genevieve Gobis, V-P of C-100 are shown with some of the articles in the Lithuanian Display at John E. Larrabee Co. commemorating the 49th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. (See C-100 council news) (Photo by Masto Photography)

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2nd - Wednesday

- A. M. - Golf Tournament
Kitty Hawk Golf Course
2:00 P.M. - Bowling Tournament
McCook Lanes
5 - 7:00 P.M. - Cocktail Patio Party
Home of Mary Lucas

AUGUST 3rd - Thursday

- A. M. - Open for shopping, visiting, etc.
1:00 P.M. - Tour of Air Force Museum and other
points of interest
8:00 P.M. - Get Acquainted Costume Party -
"Knight of Gaiety"
(Gay 90's theme and mode of dress)

AUGUST 4th - Friday

- A. M. - Mass and breakfast
Holy Cross Church
Noon - Luncheon
P. M. - Concert - Cleveland Mens Octet

AUGUST 5th - Saturday

- A. M. - Mass and breakfast
Holy Cross Church
Noon - Luncheon
8:30 P.M. - "Glitter Ball" - Semi-Formal
Artie Perco's Polka Band from
Cleveland

AUGUST 6th - Sunday

- A. M. - Mass and brunch
Holy Cross Church
- Short services at the
Shrine of the Three Crosses
P. M. - Gala Closing Banquet

AUGUST 7th - Monday

- "Leftover Party" - Hospitality Suite

