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CANADA'S CENTENNIAL

A REALLY BIG SHOW

A nationwide year-long birthday party to which all the world is invited - that's Canada's spectacular Centennial celebration all through 1967. About 30-million visitors, mostly from the United States, will be witnessing an extraordinary variety of exciting "happenings", ranging from a massive Military Tattoo to a breathtaking Exposition and a bathmobile race.

Festive Canadians are making sure their national birthday is unforgettable. It was in 1867 that four British colonies - Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec - banded together in a Confederation that formed the foundation of one autonomous country of 10 provinces and 2 territories.

This year, Canadians are taking a retrospective look at themselves as a nation - where they came from, what they are and where they are headed.

With Canada's 20-million people getting into the Centennial act, visitors will see the biggest show of the year. The sports-minded can take in the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg (July 2 - Aug. 7), the Invitational Regatta at St. Catherine, Ont., Aug. 10-12, and sundry other contests. A 10-nation Balloon Race starts in Calgary July 3 and an epic mountain climbing contest will be staged in June in the Saint Elias Mountains icefield range.

"Festival Canada" will live up to its name, providing the greatest program of entertainment ever presented in one city over a six-month period - the world's leading opera, ballet and theater companies, orchestras, popular singers, chamber music ensembles, comedians and athletes, as well as film festivals and mammoth spectacles.

The World Festival will be staged as part of Expo 67, the 1967 World Exhibition, largest in history, to be held April 28 through October 27. It will involve upwards of 25,000 participants.

In the field of opera alone, The World Festival will host La Scala of Milan, the Vienna State Opera, the Bolshoi Opera, the Hamburg State Opera and The Royal Opera, Stockholm, all appearing in North America for the first time and with the exception of Hamburg Opera, only in Montreal in 1967; the English Opera Group with Benjamin Britten, the Montreal Symphony Orchestra's Opera Season, and the Canadian Opera Company.

Dance companies to be seen include the Bolshoi Ballet, Belgium's Ballet du Vingtieme Siecle (Bal-

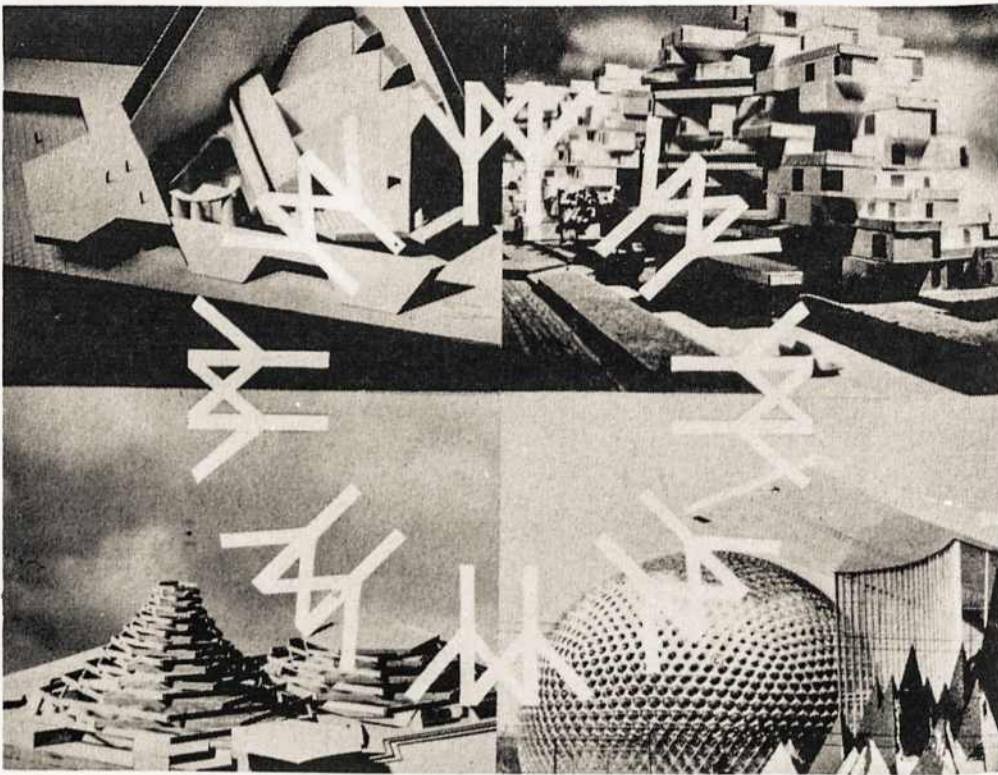


let of the Twentieth Century), the Paris Opera Ballet, the New York City Ballet, the Australian Ballet, Dancers from Ceylon, The Royal Ballet, the Martha Graham Dancers (from the United States), the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Ballet Roland Petit, the National Ballet of Canada, the Troupe Nationale Folklorique Tunisienne, and Les Grands Ballets Canadiens.

Several of the world's finest theatre companies will appear at the festival, including the National Theatre of Great Britain with Sir Laurence Olivier, the Comedie de St. Etienne from France, the Theatre de France with Jean-Louis Barrault and Madeleine Renaud, the Theatre National de Belgique and le Rideau de Bruxelles (both from Belgium), the Stratford Festival, The Theatre du Nouveau-Monde and the Rideau Vert, from Canada, the Cameri Theatre of Israel, the National Theatre of Greece, the Teatro Stabile of Genoa, from Italy, the Kabuki Theatre of Japan, the Centre Dramatique Romand and the Theatre Carouge from Switzerland, and leading companies from the United States, including Richard Rodgers' Music Theatre of Lincoln Centre.

There will be magnificent orchestras - among them, the Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam, the New York Philharmonic with Leonard Bernstein, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Montreal and Toronto Symphony Orchestras, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, the Swiss Romande Orchestra, the Orchestre National de France (ORTF), the Czech Philharmonic and the Vienna Philharmonic (which will also accompany the Vienna State Opera's performances).

Chamber music ensembles to be seen include the Bath Festival Orchestra with Yehudi Menuhin, the Collegium Musicum de Zurich, several Czech cham-



ber groups, the Danzi Woodwind Quintet from the Netherlands and the McGill Chamber Orchestra from Montreal. In addition, there will be a number of outstanding choirs (the Munich Bach Choir and Orchestra will make its North American debut at The World Festival) and many recitals by renowned soloists, including Benedetto Michelangeli.

Expo 67 and the Montreal International Film Festival organizers will jointly present a gala film festival in the 2000-seat Expo Theatre. The festival will screen more than 30 feature films, many of them world premieres, to be attended by leading film personalities - stars, directors and producers.

The sports program includes a two-day Europe vs. the American track and field meet to be held following the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg, an international soccer tournament, and an all-Indian lacrosse tournament.

Other spectaculars to be seen include a 1700-man Canadian military searchlight tattoo, largest ever staged; Flying Colors, a show staged by Radio City Music Hall producer Leon Leonidoff; the World Horse Spectacular; The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus; and the Great Western Rodeo.

Visitors will even enjoy lining up to enter a pavilion, for motorized troubador units of singers, dancers, clowns, magicians and puppeteers will perform to queueing crowds. An added attraction, the Expo Marching Band, will tour the grounds regularly.

States Philippe de Gaspé Beaubien, Expo's Operations Director, "For six months, Montreal will offer a package of entertainment unlike anything seen in North America before. Above all, we wish visitors to remember Expo 67 because it was fun."

The World Festival promises to make that wish come true.

Probably the largest road show of all time is the 1700-man Military Tattoo which is touring Canada. It features uniformed groups in periods from 1665 to 1967, massed pipes and drums, gymnasts, hornpipe dancing, a cutlass drill and a colorful "toy soldiers battle."

Graphically depicting Canada's heritage and stirring history, a 15-unit gaily decorated Confederation train is visiting close to a hundred cities and towns from Halifax to Vancouver. At each stop, people will step into the Train to view an array of historical

artifacts and exhibits from the ice age to the atomic age. Similarly outfitted motorized trailers in Confederation Caravans are covering an additional 700 communities. Both the Train and the Caravans will explain Canada not only to Canadians but to Americans and other guests.

Highlight of the Centennial is "Expo 67," the tremendous Universal and International Exhibition in Montreal from April 28 to October 27. For the Expo site, new islands have been built in the middle of the St. Lawrence River. With "Man and His World" as the official Expo theme, some 70 nations, including the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., are participating, making this the most international exhibition in history. You'll find shows and exhibits both enlightening and entertaining, everything from a nuclear submarine to a sampan ride or a chance to study the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Elsewhere in Canada you may also see the colorful brigade of 12 Voyageur canoes as they cover more than 3500 miles, retracing the route of the early explorers. The progress of the flotilla is times to coincide with regattas and other Centennial celebrations along its route.

Square dance festivals are being staged on a roving train leaving Nova Scotia and stopping at hundreds of towns for local dance contests.

Wherever you go in Canada this year, you'll encounter evidences of the extraordinary gala Centennial spirit. In the works are a Centennial Cocktail, a Centennial Rose, Centennial cookbooks with recipes for everything from Winnipeg Goldeye to Moose Steak and Saskatoon Pie. A specially designed gown will feature the Centennial symbol on the bodice and there will be Centennial fashions in tartans of blue, white and green. One manufacturer in Windsor is producing a brand of perfume called "1967".

In local tributes to the 100th birthday, small towns and big cities have built libraries, museums, art galleries and medical centers. One town alone, St. Paul, Alberta (pop. 3,000), has planned a total of 58 Centennial projects, among them a landing pad for "Martians" which can also be used as a dance floor for the town's teenagers. In Nanaimo, B.C., 50 bathmobiles will race from Nanaimo Harbor across English Bay to Vancouver. (A bathmobile is a bathtub equipped with an outboard motor.)

At Stewiacke, N.S., you can see a fisherama; at Niagara Falls, Ont., a parade for women only; Annapolis Valley, N. S., is baking the world's biggest apple pie. The Centennial "fever" is gripping all of Canada.

Viewing the Centennial seriously, the Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Canada's Prime Minister, observes: "In the history of any nation, a centenary is naturally a momentous occasion. In Canada, there are still new horizons to be enlarged, frontiers to be pushed back, regions to be developed. In that sense, we Canadians still have the excitement and incentives which are usually attached to a new and developing country."

Says Centennial Commissioner John Fisher: "With the Centennial, we Canadians, Americans and the world at large will find out what Canada is all about."

So visit our neighbor to the north and find out for yourself.

(PRECIS)

JEI NETURĖČIAU MEILĖS

KUN. V. KRIŠČIUNEVIČIUS

Pažvelgus į šių dienų pasaulį, su poetu Maironiu norisi sakyti: 'Mainos rūbai margo svieto'. Tikrai mainos, nes kilnius muzikos kūrinis pakeičia džazbandai, gražiuosius pastatus, meniškuosius rūmus pakeičia šimtaaukščiai namai, dangoraižiai. Kartais net išsiauklėjimas, mokslas žemiau bevertinamas už pinigą, jėgą, muskulų.

Šiandien žmonija serga naujų kelių ieškojimo karštligė. Ne naujų; nes nauji jau pasenę, bet pačių naujausių kelių ieškoma moksle, socialiniame gyvenime, pramonėje, madose, iškalboje, rašyboje... Ta karštligė kartais persimeta ir į dvasios gyvenimą. Ir čia imama ieškoti naujausių kelių į dangų. Prirašoma storių traktatai apie dorybes, kokiomis dorybėmis ir kokio laipsnio žmogus turi būti pasipuošęs, kad patektų į dangų... Kartais iš paprastos, vaikui suprantamos, krikščionybės "Mylėk Dievą ir artimą", padaroma komplikauta krikščionybė, kurios net daktariškos galvos nebepajėgia suprasti.

Dvasios gyvenime tėra vienas kelias. Paprastas ir visiems suprantamas, ir be akademiškų laipsnių žmonėms, bemoksliais ir neišsilavinusiems. Visiems, jei tik parodomas toks, koks jis iš tikrųjų yra.

"Mokytojau, ką aš turiu daryti, kad laimėčiau amžinąjį gyvenimą? Jis paklausė jį: Kas parašyta



įstatyme! Kaip skaitai? Tas atsakydamas tarė: Mylėsi Viešpatį, savo Dievą visa savo širdimi, visa savo siela, visomis savo jėgomis, visomis savo mintimis, ir savo artimą, kaip pats save. Jis jam tarė: Gerai atsakei; tai daryk ir būsi gyvas" (Luko 10,25-28).

Nemyli artimo, negalima mylėti ir Dievo: "Nes kas nemyli savo brolio, kurį mato, kaip jis gali mylėti Dievą, kurio nemato?" (1 Jono 4,20).

Meilė negalima pakeisti kad ir geriausiais darbais, aukščiausio laipsnio dorybėmis. Niekuo. "Jei aš kalbėčiau žmonių ir angelų kalbomis, bet neturėčiau meilės, aš būčiau kaip žvangantis varis ir skambantis cimblas. Jei turėčiau pranašystės dovaną, žinočiau visas paslaptis ir visoki mokslą; jei turėčiau visą tikėjimą, taip kad galėčiau kalnus perkelti, o neturėčiau meilės, aš esu niekas. Jei išdalinčiau visą mano lobį beturčiams valgydinti ir jei išduočiau savo kūną sudeginti, bet neturėčiau meilės, nieko man nepadeda" (1 Kor. 13,1-3).

Šv. Augustinas paklaustas, kaip išrodo artimo meilę, atsakė: "Artimo meilę turi rankas, kuriomis gelbsti kenčiančiam artimui; turi greitas kojas, kad laiku ateitų į pagalbą; turi akis, kuriomis pastebi, ko trūksta artimui; turi ausis, kuriomis girdi vargstančio artimo aimanavimus ir šauksmą. Pagaliau, kas yra svarbiausia, turi gerą širdį".

Artimo meilės ryšiai šiandien yra sutraukti. Valstybės, tautos, profesijos, draugijos yra užsivėrusios įvairiomis sienomis. Siapus ir anapus tų sienų žmonės kalbasi ne tik svetima kalba, bet ir svetima širdimi. Vienoje pusėje laiminama tai, kas kitoje pusėje prakeikiama. Kas siapus tos sienos yra skaudu, ašaros ir kruvinos dejonės, tai anapus yra džiūgavimas ir triumfai, skambinama varpais ir giedama padėkos himnai.

Kaip be galo toli mes esame nuo tikrojo broliškumo! Ir tačiau esame krikščionys, Kristaus mokiniai... Kristaus mokiniai abejose pusėse tų skiriančių sienų! Ir abeji tiesiame rankas to paties Dievo link. Kalbame tą patį "Tėve mūsų"! ... Gal jau galima tuo pačiu laiku sakyti "Tėve" ir žudyti savo broli, nenusipelnant Kaino vardo?...

Kas gi Evangelijoje yra laikoma tuo ženklu, iš kurio galima pažinti tikrus Kristaus pasekėjus? Ženklas aiškus ir vienaprasmiškas: "Mylėkite vienas antrą taip, kaip aš jus mylėjau"... Tai yra Dievo karalystės rodiklis mumyse! Kiti turi pilną teisę mus atmesti, jeigu jiems šis rodiklis yra neaiškus, iš tolo nematomas. Šis ženklas yra kiekvienam katalikui teismo sprendimas. Ir jeigu kas iš mūsų tarpo eity kasdien prie Dievo stalo, melstųsi kas rytas, darytų sąžinės sąskaitą kas vakaras, tai turi būti aiškiai, garsiai sakoma, iš visų sakyklų šaukiama, kad Kristus paliko mums vienintelį ženklą, iš kurio galima pažinti tikrai krikščionišką širdį: "Iš to visi

pažins, kad jūs mano mokiniai, jei turėsite meilę viens kito" (Jono 13,35). "Tik šituo ženklume galime ir turime būti tikri pasaulio gelbėtojai" - sako Fiedler.

Artimo meilės įsakymą Kristus skelbė nuo pat savo užgimimo. Evangelistas, norėdamas visą Kristaus gyvenimą trumpai apibudinti, pasakė: "Perėjo žemę, gera darydamas". Meilė lydi Kristaus gyvenimą nuo pirmosios Angelų giesmės Betliejuje iki to meto, kada "Jis buvo pakeltas aukšty. Debesis uždengė jį nuo jų akių" (Apd. 1,9), tai yra iki dangun žengimo dienos. Visos Jo žemiškojo gyvenimo dienos suka vienintelį ir gražiausią filmą pasaulyje - "Meilė žmogui". Tame filme žiūrovai mato įvairių scenų, veiksmų, dažnai susiburia jame net gausios masinės scenos, išvedančios aikštėn ištūžėlių ir kerštaujančių žmonių būrius, bet visur ir visada šitų scenų užkulisyje girdisi rami ir visus ramiai nuteikianti meilės muzika. Meilė maitina išalkusias minias, meilė pasitinka ginkluotųjų būrį Getsemani sode, meilė stebina visus tardymo salėse, meilė priverčia šaltąjį pagonį Pilotą nusiplauti vandeniu rankas, meilė sušildo prie ugniakuro bailųjį ir drebantį apaštalą Petrą. Šitoji meilė gražiausiais alyvų žiedais pražysta Kančios kalne, kur mirties sprendimą vykdančių pareigūnų ir sargų ištūžimą malšina ne actas, kartūs gėrimai ar juose pamirkytos kempinės, bet tylus ir didžia meile alsuojantis vienintelis žodis - "Atlikta". Šitas žodis ištryško iš sukepusių kenčiančio Kristaus lūpų, kurios visiems nešė ir kalbėjo meilę.

Meilė dangiškajam Tėvui, jo valiai, meilė žmogui, jo nemirštamajai sielai išpausta kiekvienoje Kristaus pėdoje. Jis - didysis meilės ir gailėstinumo Keleivis, sodžiams ir miesteliams nešęs ir dalinęs meilės dovanas. Kristus liepė ir mums, Jo pasekėjams, panašiai elgtis: "Aš jums duodu naują įsakymą: myleti kits kitą, kaip aš jus mylėjau, kad ir jūs kits kitą mylėtumėte. Iš to visi pažins, kad jūs mano mokiniai, jei turėsite meilę kits kito" (Jono 13,34).

Svarbiausia kataliko žymė artimo meilė. Jei kas per dieną šimtą kartų nueitų į bažnyčią, bei jei pakely tarp bažnyčios ir savo namų paliktų sužeistą - "kiek kartų tai nepadarėte vienam iš šitų mažiausiųjų, nė man nepadarėte" (Mato 25,45).

Kristus, kalbėdamas apie pasmerktuosius, kuriuos paskutiniąją Teismo dieną grūs į pragarą, nurodo jų pasmerkimo nuodėmes. Kokias nuodėmes? - Ne baisiašias nuodėmes, už kurias valstybė sušaudo ar visam gyvenimui į kalėjimą nuteisia, ne nuodėmes, už kurias kunigas neduoda išrišimo ... Ne! Kristus nurodo stoką artimo meilės: "Eikite šalin nuo manęs, prakeiktieji, į amžiną ugnį, kuri prirengta velniui ir jo angelams. Nes aš buvau išalkęs, ir jūs manęs nepavalgydinote; buvau ištroškęs, ir jūs manęs nepagirdėte; buvau svečias, ir jūs manęs nepriėmėte; nuogas, ir nepridengėte manęs" (Mato 25,41-43).

Niekas nereikalauja, kad kiekvieną tinginį dyką penėtum, kiekvienam apgavikui išmaldą duotum, bet turi tavo akis kiekvieną, tikrai pašalpos reikalaujanti, pamatyti, turi tavo ranka ne iš savo kaltės nuogą pridengti, turi tavo liežuvis nuliūdusį paguosti... Tik toks tikėjimas, sujungtas su artimo meile, skirs kataliką nuo pagonio ir kitatikio, toks tikėjimas prie savęs mases žmonių patrauks, o ne-

atstums, toks tikėjimas taps Kristaus mokinio žyme.

Artimo meile persunkta širdis žino, kam pagalba reikalinga, kur svarbu geras patarimas, kam už viską labiau paguodos, atjautimo, užuojautos ir suraminimo reikia.

Artimo meilės pilna širdis neišjuoks, klystantį ar nusikaltusį nepasmerks, artimo klaidas neskelbs plačiam pasauliui, o tik ieškos to priežasčių, pateisins puolusį ir stengsis jam pagalbą suteikti, kad jis vėl atsikeltų. Dažnai net pats save apkaltins, kad laiku su juo nesusidraugavo, nepabuvo ramsčiu slidžiame gyvenimo kelyje.

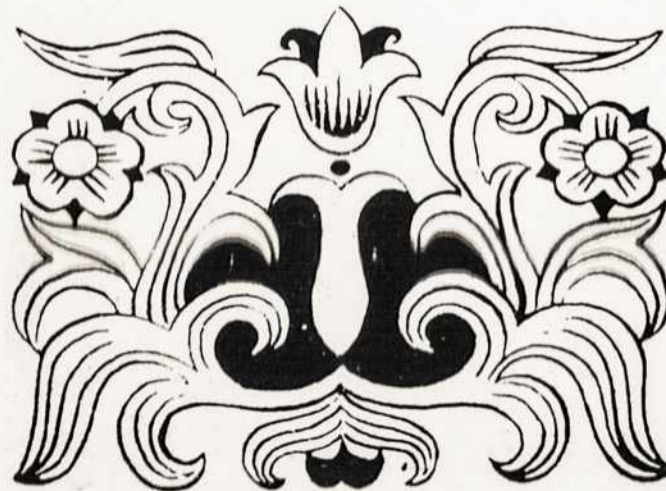
Pirmaisiais amžiais, kada dar nebuvo didingų bažnyčių ir bažnytinių brolijų, nors dar krikščionys nenešiojo rožančių ir škaplierių..., o vis dėlto krikščionys skyrėsi nuo pagonių, ir skyrėsi ne kuo kitu, kaip vien artimo meile. Pagonys rodydavo į juos pirštais ir sakydavo: "Žiūrėkite, kaip jie vieni kitus myli". Nes tada "tikinčiųjų daugybė buvo vienos širdies ir vienos sielos. Nė vienas iš jų nesakė apie savo lobį, kad tas jo vieno būtų, bet visa buvo jiems bendra" (Apd. 4,32). Pirmųjų krikščionių begalinė artimo meilė buvo magnetas į krikščionybę.

Šiandien, žiūrint į žmonių nesutikimus, paniekinimus, skriaudas, galima sakyti: "Žiūrėkite, kaip jie vienas kito neapkenčia". Retai rasi šiandien giminę, šeimą ar namus, kuriuose nebūtų slaptų ar viešų nesutikimų, neapykantų, barnių?! Kartais ir mūsų, vyčių tarpe pasitaiko nesusipratimų ar net pavydo vieni kitiems. Todėl vis garsiau mūsų laikais reikia su šv. Jonu, meilės apaštalu, šaukti: "Vaikeliai, mylėkime vienas kitą".

Amerika didelio greičio, skubos kraštas. Mes vis nesusėjame, mes skubame. Skubame į fabriką, o iš jo į namus. Skubame į banką, nešdami savaitės uždarbį, skubame į krautuves apsipirkti, skubame į pasilinksminimą pašokti. Tik mes nepastebim, kad lygiai skubame ir į amžinybę. Skubėkime daryti gerus darbus, kad į ją nenueitume tuščiomis rankomis. Skubėkime darbais, o ne žodžiais mylėti savo artimą, nes mūsų širdis greit sustos plakusi. Skubėkime išigyti turtų, kurių ir mirtis neišplėš. Skubėkime išigyti draugų, kurie mus palydės į laimingą amžinybę.

Didysis astronomas Newton sakydavo: "Kai aš žiūriu į pasaulį, tai aš matau jame didžiulę krūvą vargo ir tik mažutę krūvelę laimės. Mano didžiausias troškimas yra, kad aš kasdien atimčiau bent grūdelį iš didžiosios vargo krūvos ir pridėčiau prie mažosios krūvelės".

Būkime katalikais, Kristaus sekėjais ne žodžiais, bet artimo meilės darbais.



A YEAR OF DECISION

It would indeed be a monumental victory to the credit of the Knights of Lithuania if, as a CONCRETE UNDERTAKING for the 50th Anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania's independence, the Knights of Lithuania would initiate legislative state action on the resolution printed below or a similar resolution in 10 states where the K of L has membership. The most feasible would be: New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and California.

If organized properly, besides being a renaissance for our organization, it would have a very definite effect on the State Department favorable to raising the Baltic Question. The State Department reacts to public opinion. THE BALTIC QUESTION WILL NEVER BE RAISED IN THE UNITED NATIONS UNLESS THERE IS INTEREST FROM OUR PEOPLE, ACTION INITIATED BY OUR PEOPLE, AND PRESSURE PLACED ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

The Knights of Lithuania would earn a place in history if this project were undertaken.

Organized on a national level, prestige and strength would result for the K of L particularly among the population of this nation, a population sympathetic to this Cause.

Concrete ideas such as this serve as a binding cement for all our people, not socials. Each council would have a specific but rewarding task by seeking to initiate action in the state legislature where it resides. There could be interest generated for our members - REAL PURPOSE AND ACTION.

Our organization is slowly being consumed by apathy, lack of action, concrete goals, and interests. Each year the membership declines and the pool of capable leadership sinks lower. A program such as this could greatly affect those problems, give direction and identity. How? Here is a brief description:

A. The Lithuanian Affairs Committee is the most logical organ to serve as liaison for the participating councils; it would draw up necessary documentation, a common resolution to be used if possible for all states, issue instructions - in short, the center of the national activity.

B. The participating councils would make the necessary contacts with their local assemblymen and senators to take the initial steps at introduction of the resolution into the state legislatures. Following basic examples presented by the Central Committee, local press releases could be drawn up to get exposure from information gathered from the participating councils showing a nationwide spontaneous movement for this raising of this issue in the United Nations.

D. Another press committee would keep the Lithuanian press aware of developments.

E. A special Financial committee would be set up to seek necessary funds - appealing to the entire Lithuanian-American population.

Words cannot describe the effect such an undertaking would have on the K of L. We have the capability, the education, and background to proceed.

Youth throughout the world is ACTING - many are voicing discontent with major world problems - some have gone astray, but nevertheless, many are acting on concrete world projects. We have a just cause - a cause close to almost all of us. We don't have to search for our identity as many others do. We have it - a concrete struggle for restoration of Lithuania's independence - a protest against breaches of international law, unaccounted for to this very day. Results will not occur overnight but must be won step by step - JUSTICE, LAW, AND PUBLIC OPINION ARE ON OUR SIDE - BUT TIME IS AGAINST US.

Is there a concern by the Knights of Lithuania for this Cause? Will there be action initiated to alleviate or publicize the plight of our brethren in the Baltic States?

This year will be a year of decision for the Knights of Lithuania. Our choice is either Renaissance or Oblivion ... Which will we choose?

DISPOSITION OF BALTIC STATES RESOLUTION #84 (NEW YORK STATE)

On March 7, 1967, the New York State Assembly voted unanimously for passage of joint Assembly-Senate Baltic States Resolution #84.

Introduced into the Assembly by Assemblyman Fredrick D. Schmidt of Woodhaven, New York, the New York State Resolution, if it had been passed jointly in the Assembly and Senate, would have urged Congress of the United States to implement Senate-House Concurrent Resolution #416. (Resolution #416 urges the State Department to raise the Baltic Issue on the agenda of the United Nations. It was unanimously passed in the House of Representatives, June 1965, and in the Senate, October 22, 1966.

The New York State Resolution would have further called for United Nations CENSURE of the Soviet Union for its actions against Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, enumerating such action as illegal occupation and annexation, denial of human rights, deliberate genocide, persecution of religious beliefs, among other things.

With its passage in the New York State Assembly on March 7, 1967, it was sent to the State Senate where it was introduced by Senator Simon Liebowitz of Brooklyn, and sent to the Rules Committee.

However, release of the resolution to the floor of the Senate was blocked and subsequently prevented from deliberation this session by the all powerful Rules Committee chairman, Warren Anderson (Republican) of Broome County, who termed the Baltic States Resolution - "interference in America's foreign policy with regard to building bridges of understanding".

It was then pointed out to Senator Anderson that in Washington, Senate - House Concurrent Resolution #416 was passed unanimously and posed no interference to American foreign policy. (CONT.)

The Senator, however, was not moved from his earlier position, and further attempts at personal persuasion at that time proved futile.

OTHER SOURCES POINT OUT THAT ANDERSON MAY HAVE USED THE RESOLUTION AS A "POLITICAL FOOTBALL", INVOLVING STATE PARTY POLITICS.

But Senator Liebowitz informs that the resolution will be re-introduced at the earliest date possible at the next legislative session. As far as Liebowitz is concerned, the fight for the resolution has just begun.

Sincerest thanks go out to Assemblyman Fredrick Schmidt (D) of Woodhaven, State Assembly Speaker Anthony J. Travia (D) of Brooklyn, majority leader Moses Weinstein, (D) of Queens, Democratic District Leader 29 A.D., Queens, and all those whose efforts made it possible for the passage of this re-

solution in the New York State Assembly.

Sincerest thanks also go out to State Senator Simon Liebowitz (D) of Brooklyn, who initiated the resolution in the Senate, carried on the fight till the last hours of the session, and who will re-initiate action in the next session.

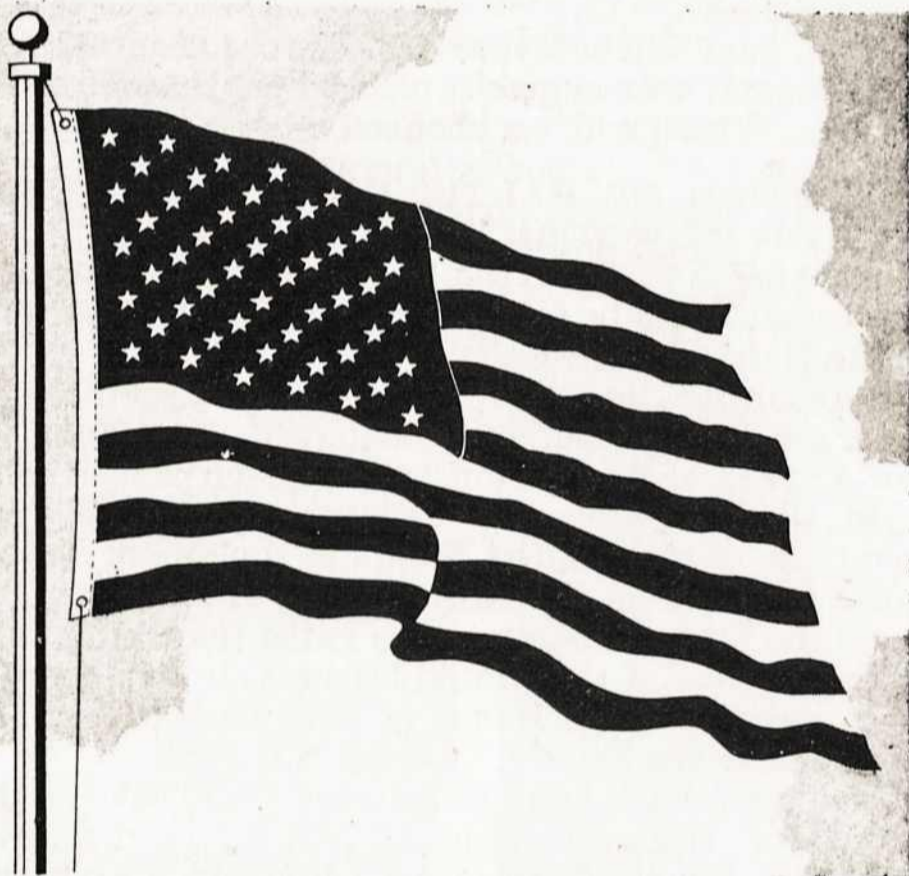
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ANTHONY B. MAZEIKA,

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Americans for Congressional Action to Free the Baltic States.

HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG



No one is sure who originally proposed the pattern of the American flag. What is known is that after more than a year of the Revolutionary War (1775-77) the Continental Congress became convinced that a definite flag must be established for the United States. Until that decision was made each of the 13 original colonies or states had used whatever flag seemed most appropriate to it.

For a time a flag consisting of red and white stripes with the British union in the corner was in wide use, but finally on June 14, 1777, a resolution was passed by the Congress in its Philadelphia headquarters. Here is what it said:

"Resolved that the flag of the United States be 13 stripes alternate red and white, that the union be 13 stars white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

It was three months before this decision was made public and students of the flag's history believe that the first time the newly authorized flag was

carried in battle was in 1781, when a Maryland regiment used it in the battle of Cowpens in South Carolina on January 17th.

But the Congressional resolution left room for problems. In 1791 Vermont entered the Union and Kentucky came in the next year. The flag was changed to indicate these additions. Two stripes and two stars were added to the stars and stripes. It was this flag with 15 stars and 15 stripes, which flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 when Francis Scott Key, in September 1814, aboard a ship in the harbor, watched all night and then added to our American heritage by writing The Star Spangled Banner.

By 1818 five more states had been added to the Union and the flag with all those stripes was getting to be completely unwieldy. It was that year that Congress passed a law, later signed by President James Monroe, restoring to the flag its original 13 alternate red and white stripes with 20 stars on the blue field. And the new law added, "on the admission of every new state... one star be added... and that such addition shall take effect on the Fourth of July next succeeding such admission."

It was 100 years after the adoption of the flag before Congress in 1877 declared that on June 14th, it should be flown over all public buildings. Gradually the practice became more general and finally in 1916 President Woodrow Wilson called for the observance of Flag Day on each June 14th.

It was on July 4, 1960 that our present flag had its 50th star added with the addition of Hawaii to the Union. One year previously the granting of statehood to Alaska had added the 49th star to a flag, previously unchanged from 1912.



Lithuanians in The NEWS



BALZEKAS MUSEUM OF LITHUANIAN CULTURE celebrated its First Anniversary. The museum held its formal opening ceremonies on June 22, 1966. (Left photo) Stanley Balzekas, Jr., President of the museum, Mrs. Stanley Balzekas, Jr. Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis and Dr. Petras Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania and K of L Honorary Member are pictured at the museum which is located in Chicago. All are members of C-112.



Kazytė Brazdžionytė jau daug kartų pasirodė Lietuvių Televizijoje. Čia ją matome kaip programos pranešėją, o už jos Ateities Atžalyno choristai. Tolius Šlutas "Lietuviai Televizijoje" programos įsteigėjas ir Balys Brazdžionis jau surengęs 3 TV programas Chicagoje. (Foto: M. Nagis)

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CHOIR directed by Prof. A. J. Aleksis, Honorary Knight of Lithuania, was featured as a solo unit in the Ecumenical Choir Festival of 42 area church choirs April 16 in St. John's Episcopal Church, Waterbury, Conn. The choir sang "Pulkim ant kelių" (Strazdas - Naujalis) and "Liaukitės ašaras liejė" (Aleksis). Much publicity was given the musical event and the Lithuanian church choir. Group's president is Marcella Andrikis, Fourth Degree K of L'er and member of C-7.





PAPARČIO ŽIEDO NAKTIS

POV. DIRKIS

Su pradėjusiu žydėti dobilu, su pradėjusia svirti rugių varpa vis dažniau ir dažniau lietuvis imdavo lenktis gyvybe alsuojančiai žemei ir tapdavo klusnus tarnas sunkiai besuprantamai didžiajai gamtos paslapčiai. Žmogus pradėdavo gyventi nauju gyvenimu, kuris prasiverždavo ryškiausiai paparčio žiedo naktį. Mat, tą naktį suliepsnodavo laužų laužais kalvos ir kalneliai, ežerų ir upių pakrantės, krašto lygumos, į kurias išeidavę viešai veikti piktos raganos, laukdamos laimės dovanų iš gerųjų laumių. Visa gamta ir pats žmogus pradėdavo gyventi nauju ir nekasdienišku nakties gyvenimu.

Jau nuo pietų, Joninių nakties išvakarėse, pradėdavo reikštis įvairios gamtos paslaptys, kurias galėdavo nugalėti tik išrinktieji. Lėtu ir sunkiu žingsniu, lazda pasiramščiuodamas, išelindavo laukan sulinkęs senelis. Nueidavo jis rugių laukan, paglostydavo bręstančią varpą, pasidžiaugdavo ateinančia nauja duona, atsiklaupęs pabučiuodavo lauko žemę ir sukalbėdavo juodajai žemei, gyvybės paslaptį valdančiai, šventą maldą. Griždavo namo per laukus, per pievas, miškelius, visokiausiomis žolelėmis apsikaisęs.

Tuo pačiu laiku, palinkusi, lyg obelis balta, nuskubėdavo laukais raganaujanti ir žolinėjanti, senelė, kuri tik viena tepažinojo visas savo laukų ir miškų žoleles ir suprato, kokios juose glūdi slaptingosios jėgos, kuriomis galima palenkti net pačias žmogaus negeroves. Miškais, pievomis ir rugių laukais išpildavo visoki žolininkai, raganiai ir kitokie gamtos gyvybės paslapčių žinovai. Mat, paparčio žiedo pavakarė ir naktis bu-

vo jų paslaptingosios jėgos naktis, kurioje jie gyvendavo ir kurioje gamta savo valiai palenkėdavo. Tai buvo jų paslapčių ir veiklos naktis.

Tačiau ne visi žmonės buvo geri ir gamtos paslaptis žmonių gerui naudojo. Buvo ir tokių, kurie saulei patalan nuėjus, gamtos jėgas tik savo naudai lenkė, o žmonėms kerštavo. Užtat tą naktį turėjo daug darbo visokios piktos raganos, jaunų žmonių sveikatą žavėdamos, ūkininkų karves gadindamos, visai žmogaus laimei ir gerųjų pastangoms kenkdamos. Tiktai pikty žmonių blogi palinkėjimai šią naktį nebuvo visagaliai: mergaitė išeidavo šokti rūtomis galvą apsikaisius, jaunuolis šermukšnio vytį apie save apjuosęs, o ūkininkas užremdavo savo tvarto duris iš lauko parvilktomis ir apverstomis akėčiomis su ažuoliniais kuolais, šermukšnio šaka arba šventa žvake. Beto, savo karvių neišleidavo Joninių rytą, kol visa rasa pikty raganų žodžiu ar veiksmu sužavėta nenukrisdavo. Paparčio žiedo naktis nebuvo vien tik išminčių ar raganų naktis, o jaunimo šventė. Ypatingai gražiai tą šventę švėsdavo nepriklausomybės laikais Klaipėdos krašte, Mažojoje Lietuvoje ant Rambyno kalno. Toje naktįje arba šventėje vyrų išmaudydavo savo žirgus, kad jie visus metus būtų sveiki ir lakūs, kad visus metus mergelių darželių myniotų. Jaunimas iškėldavo medžiuose ant aukštų stiebų degančias stebules, statines su smaile ar su derva, sukraudavo didžiausius šakų ar senų ūkio padargų laužus kalnuose bei kalneliuose ir degindavo visą paparčio žiedo naktį. Todėl jaunimas pavogdavo ūkininkams senus tekinius, nukiaugdavo degutines. Taip pat kartais ir apigerį arklą ar akėčias sudegindavo. Dėl to niekas jaunimui pikto žodžio nepratardavo, nes tų daiktų sudeginimas nešdavo kaimui ir jo žmonėms

didelę laimę. Nukentėjusiems ūkininkams tas pats jaunimas kažkur surasdavo naujus daiktus, vietoje senų sudegintų, atnešdavo. Būdavo ir taip, kad paežery nutvėrę seną žvejų laivelį ir jį sudegindavo.

Sviečiant, liepsnojant aplinkui laužams, rinkdavosi būriais prie sutarto laužo apylinkės jaunimas. Mergaitės apsikaisiusios galvas rūtomis, nusipynusios kelis vainikus, nešėsi išbaltintas drobes ir skalbė drauge sulaumėmis ramiam ežere arba lėtai sruvenančioje upėje. Mergaitės rinkdavosi ežerų pakraštyje, kurioje nors pirtyje ir klausidavosi bemazgojančių laumių dainų, klausdamos laumių lėmimo arba pačios lemdavo savo likimą šiais žodžiais: "Kokiam berneliui aš teksiu?" O prie paties laužo kabino žaliuojančiuose medžiuose vainikus; juos metė per savo galvas į laužo ugnį; šokinėjo ne tik aplink ugnį, bet ir per pačią ugnį. Mergaitės leido plaukti rūtų vainikėliams ramaus ežero bangose arba vainiku užtvertoje upės srovėje ir degančio laivelio liepsnose spėliojo savo ir mylimo žmogaus likimą. Per tai visa ta naktis su laužais ir vainikais turėjo didžią mintį: ne tik palenkti gamtos jėgas, bet ir nulemti savo dalią. Ir todėl tą naktį ne tik žydėjo papartis ir galėjo laumės ar raganos veikti, ir ne tik jos matė bei suprato gamtos paslaptis, bet ir paprastas žmogus galėjo pamatyti, kaip po paparčio nakties rytą iš savo patalo saulė keliasi, kaip maudėsi ji rytą ežere ir keiteliojo įvairiaspalvius drabužius.

Paparčio naktį gamta gyveno nepaprastą gyvenimą, ir tą paslaptį mokėjo pajusti ir jaunosios ir senosios Lietuvos gamtos tvarinys.

Pas mus čia Chicagoje, paparčio žiedo naktį Vilniaus krašto ir Klaipėdos krašto organizacijos kasmet švenčia Joninių išvakarės su atatinkamomis ceremonijomis.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS (PROPOSED)

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

RESOLVED: The New York-New Jersey District has unanimously recommended that membership dues be raised to \$5.00 per year, and in its entirety, be turned over to the Supreme Council.

On Sunday October 2, 1966, The New England District of the Knights of Lithuania, at their Fall Convention held in Norwood, Massachusetts, passed the following Resolution:

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

Article V, Section 1 to read:

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

Article V, section 11 to read:

note - members renouncing their Catholic Faith or Lithuanian heritage must be ex-

pelled from the Organization

Article V, section 111 to read:

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

This Resolution is important to the future of the Knights of Lithuania. If your Council has not responded to the NED, we would appreciate your definite action NOW.

NAUJAS LIETUVIŲ KALBOS LAIMĖJIMAS LITURGIJOJE

Spaudoje buvo jau minėta, kad kovo 4 d. Romoje buvo patvirtinti šv. Mišių tekstai atsivežti J.E. vysk. Juozapo Matulaičio-Labuko iš Lietuvos. Juose tačiau yra tik sekmadienių ir kai kurių švenčių šv. Mišios.

Prieš atvykstant į Romą J. E. vyskupui J. Matulaičiui - Labukui buvo patiektas šv. Liturgijos Konstituciją vykdančiai Tarybai Romoje pilnas kasdieninio mišiolio vertimas, paruoštas lietuvių Tėvų Jėzuitų Chicagoje, ir J. E. vysk. V. Brizgio prašymas jį patvirtinti.

Šv. Liturgijos Konstituciją vykdančiai Taryba praneša (Prot. no. A.193/67, kovo 16 d. 1967), kad ir šio pilno mišiolio vertimas patvirtintas ir leidžiamas spausdinti. Nekintamose šv. Mišių dalyse privalo būti vartojamas vienodas lietuviškas vertimas ir Lietuvoje ir už Lietuvos.

Paminėtina, kad patvirtintas ir vadinamo Kanono lietuviškas vertimas, kuris iki šiol buvo kunigo skaitomas tik lotyniškai.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Chairman Dr. Jack J. Stukas of the Scholarship Committee urges each Council and K of L member to support this important K of L project financially. If you have not already done so, please send your donation directly to the treasurer of the committee: Joseph Paulukonis, Commodore Hotel, 11325 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

The 10th Annual Scholarship Award will be made at the 54th National Convention in August. Previous winners: 1958 - Algirdas Budreckas, C-52; 1959 - Ann Marie McMorrow, C-26, 1960. Joan Mazeika and Carolyn Nagin, both of C-41; 1961 - Eugene Borek and John Ridick, both of C-26 and Michael Micavich, C-78; 1962 - Bernard Yanavich, Jr., C-7, Richard Smolek, C-102 and Mary Jane Andrulis C-25; 1963 - Nancy Miller and Janet Swedis, both of C-26; 1964 - Audrone Jarmas, C-52 and Stephen Walinsky, Jr., C-26; 1965 - Milda Pakalniškis, C-112, Nancy Kober, C-109, Anthony Ambrutis and Bruce Kauffman, both of C-90 and Judith Savonis, C-52; 1966 - Irene Adamaitis, C-116 and Ralph Radicsh, C-29.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On the eve of our National Convention which as you all know will be held in Dayton; Ohio, this year, let me comment on a point of order that may be an issue at this National Convention.

Ten or twelve years ago at Boston a resolution was passed stating, Article IX, Paragraph 13, "Any resolution which affects or changes any fundamental principle, etc., etc., and the term 'fundamental principle' as used shall include, b) acceptance of non-Lithuanians, etc. **"THE CONVENTION ITSELF PASSED THIS RESOLUTION, SO THIS CONVENTION CAN WITHDRAW IT!**"

According to the above quote, we are not allowed to discuss the acceptance of non-Lithuanians into our organization if we don't have approval of 2/3 of the active councils. The technicality is that we must have 2/3 vote of the active councils NOT on this issue, but that we must have 2/3 vote of the active councils requesting withdrawal of the above quoted paragraph from the By-Laws as amended. If we stick to this technicality it will take a year or even two to get withdrawal of this amendment. Time loss will mean membership loss and will mean loss of interest to members.

However, as I see it, there are two ways to get around this technicality. One is, at the Convention, with all delegates present, our By-Laws state, Article IX, paragraph 1, "The convention is the highest Knights of Lithuania tribunal. It has power to amend the constitution's By-Laws, elect Supreme Council officers and committees and make decisions in all matters relative to the organization." Thus we, at Convention, can demand a withdrawal of the above quoted amendment.

The second way, at Convention, is that we accept the findings and recommendations of our special "non-Lithuanian spouse" committee, who will recommend to accept into our organization "non-Lithuanian spouses" as "Associate" members. We can accept this committee report and claim we are not opening up our organization to all non-Lithuanians, only to a certain few people that we consider part of our "family organization". This is a special committee and they will give their special report. Then we should accept their recommendation and there shouldn't be any controversy. Being this is a special type member, no By-Laws change should be necessary. Then too, how many members would this involve in membership?

It wouldn't mean 10% of membership, I doubt it will be any more than about 2%.

Mūsų Visuotinio Suvažiavimo išvakarėse, kuris, kaip Jūs visi žinote šįmet įvyks Dayton, Ohio, leiskite man pakalbėti apie vieną iš punktų, kuris gali būti šio Visuotinio Suvažiavimo išdava.

Prieš dešimt ar dvyliką metų Bostone buvo priimtas nutarimas, IX Straipsnis, 13 pastraipa, teigiantis - "Bet koks nutarimas, liečiantis ar keičiantis pagrindinį principą ir t.t., ir į čia vartojamą terminą 'pagrindinis principas', įeina b) priėmimas nelietuvių, ir t.t." **PATS SUVAŽIAVIMAS PRIĖME SINUTARIMA, TODEL SIS SUVAŽIAVIMAS GALI JI ATSAUKTI.**

Pagal virš minėtą citatą, mums neleidžiama kalbėti apie nelietuvių priėmimą į organizaciją, jeigu mes neturime 2/3 visų aktyvių kuopų pritarimo. Technškai mums reikia 2/3 balsų NE šitai išdava, bet mums reikia 2/3 balsų reikalaujančių panaikinti įstatuose esantį aukščiau minėtą pastraipą, pagal pakeitimą. Jeigu mes liksime prie šio technškumo, truks vienus metus panaikinti šį pakeitimą. Nustojimas laiko bus kartu ir nustojimas narių bei jų susidomėjimo.

Tačiau aš išžiūriu du būdus apeiti šį technškumą. Pirmasis - Suvažiavime, susirinkus visiems atstovams, mūsų įstatai, Straipsnis IX, pastraipa 1 sako - "Suvažiavimas yra aukščiausias Lietuvos vyčių tribunolas. Jis yra pajėgus pakeisti konstitucijos įstatus, išrinkti Vyriausios Valdybos narius ir komitetus bei daryti nutarimus visais organizaciją liečiančiais reikalais." Tokiu būdu, mes Suvažiavime galime reikalauti aukščiau minėto pakeitimo panaikinimo.

Antras būdas - Suvažiavime priimti atradimus ir patarimus mūsų specialaus "nelietuvių sutuoktinių" komiteto, kuris patars priimti į mūsų organizaciją "nelietuvius sutuoktinius" "pagelbiniais" nariais. Mes galime priimti šio komiteto pranešimą ir pasakyti, kad mes neatidarom savo organizacijos visiems nelietuviams, tik keliems tam tikriems žmonėms, kuriuos mes laikome savo "organizacijos šeima". Šitas komitetas yra specialus ir jo pranešimas bus specialus. Mes turėtumėm priimti jų patarimus ir neturėtų būti jokių prieštaravimų. Kadangi šie nariai būtų ypatingos rūšies, nereikėtų keisti įstatų. Ir kiek gi tai narių įtrauktų į sąrašą? Tai nebūtų 10% visų narių, aš abejoju ar būtų daugiau negu 2%.

Vytiškai,
AL WESEY-VASILIAUSKAS
National President



LETS ALL SWING TO THE 54TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

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

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Registration fee for this years convention is \$30.00. This includes all activities from the tour on Thursday afternoon thru the banquet on Sunday Night. Pre-Convention activities on Wednesday will have a small additional fee. (Golfing - \$4.50; Bowling - \$2.50; Patio Party - \$3.00)

The last two conventions in Dayton were held in 1937 and 1952. Now again in 1967 - All 15 years apart.

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Full Page	\$25.00
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Deadlines:

JUNE 30TH



DAYTON

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CONVENTION

HI-LITES

"Happiness is ... K of L Unity"... let's demonstrate our unity by meeting in Dayton, Ohio, August 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. We promise to make this a Convention that will inspire you with renewed vigor for futhering the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania. Along with the work... there will be loads of fun.

The Golf Tournament will be held at the Kittyhawk Golf Course on Wednesday morning, August 2nd. This is the newest course in the city of Dayton. Plan to come out for this competitive sport. The Callaway System will be used. Tee off time is 8:00 A.M. Pros and beginners are welcome. That same afternoon, (Wed.) a Bowling Match is scheduled at the McCook Lanes at 2:30 P.M. This will be a handicap tournament. Bowlers to receive 70% of the difference between average and score of 200. Please bring your average. There will be a blind of 150 for men and 100 for women.

After the sports' tournaments, and also for anyone else arriving during the day, an interlude of relaxed gaiety will be enjoyed at the suburban home of Convention

Chairman, Mary Lucas, for a Patio Cocktail Party from approximately 5-7 P.M. From there, the guests may go to their choice of our many fabulous restaurants for the evening meal or other places of entertainment.

Thursday - Registration, all day. The morning will be open for shopping, visiting or getting acquainted with other delegates and guests. At this time you may like to take the opportunity of viewing our Lithuanian Cultural Exhibit. We're sure you will find it interesting. Then... at 2:00 PM you will be taken "FREE" on a guided tour of the world famous Air Force Museum. This is a MUST for every visitor to Dayton. We also hope to show you our many other points of interest in and around Dayton. And now... for an unforgettable climax to this day... A RIP ROARING GAY 90s Costume Party, "Knight of Gaiety", at our new Lithuanian Social Hall at 8:30 PM. The gay 90's mode of dress is in keeping with the 1903 fashions worn at the time when The Wright Brothers made their first powered flight. Bring along your "leg-o-mutton" sleeved blouses, long skirts,

sleeve garters, vests or what have you and we'll toast them with our famous "Nose-dive". We will have a rollicking polka band and the Buffet Supper will be a gourmet's delight.

Friday morning, Mass at Holy Cross Church with breakfast afterward in the church hall. (Both the Church and Hall have been completely remodeled in lovely Lithuania motif). After the opening session we will have the Sports Luncheon with awards given to the winners of the Golf and Bowling Tournaments. The Concert on Friday evening promises to be a heart-warming affair. We will be entertained by the famous Cleveland Men's Octet and Soloist, at the Kennedy Theatre on the beautiful campus of the University of Dayton. Their renditions of old and new Lithuanian Folk and Classical music will put everyone in a mellow mood.

Saturday morning, Mass with breakfast following. The Awards Luncheon will follow the morning session. Then ... the Gala, Spectacular, Semi-formal "Glitter Ball" in the Hotel main Ballroom will be a night of nights. Many surprises are planned for this affair with music furnished by the famous Artie Perko recording Polka Band from Cleveland, Ohio. Plan to bring your formals to this ultra affair.

Sunday morning at 10:00 AM we will be honored to have as Mass Celebrant, His Excellency, our own Diocesan Archbishop Karl J. Alter. After Mass, a short memorial service at our now famous Shrine of Three Crosses, after which the official convention photo will be taken. Following the Photo everyone will convene in the Parish Hall for a sumptuous brunch. After the closing session in the afternoon, the Convention will close with an impressive Banquet with entertainment, quite a few dignitaries and awarding of the K of L Gold Medal and Honorary Degrees.

SO... GET YOUR "Pre-Convention Activities" Registration Card filled out and mail it to Mary L. Lucas, 6236 Woodville Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45414.

(don't wait ... do it now!)

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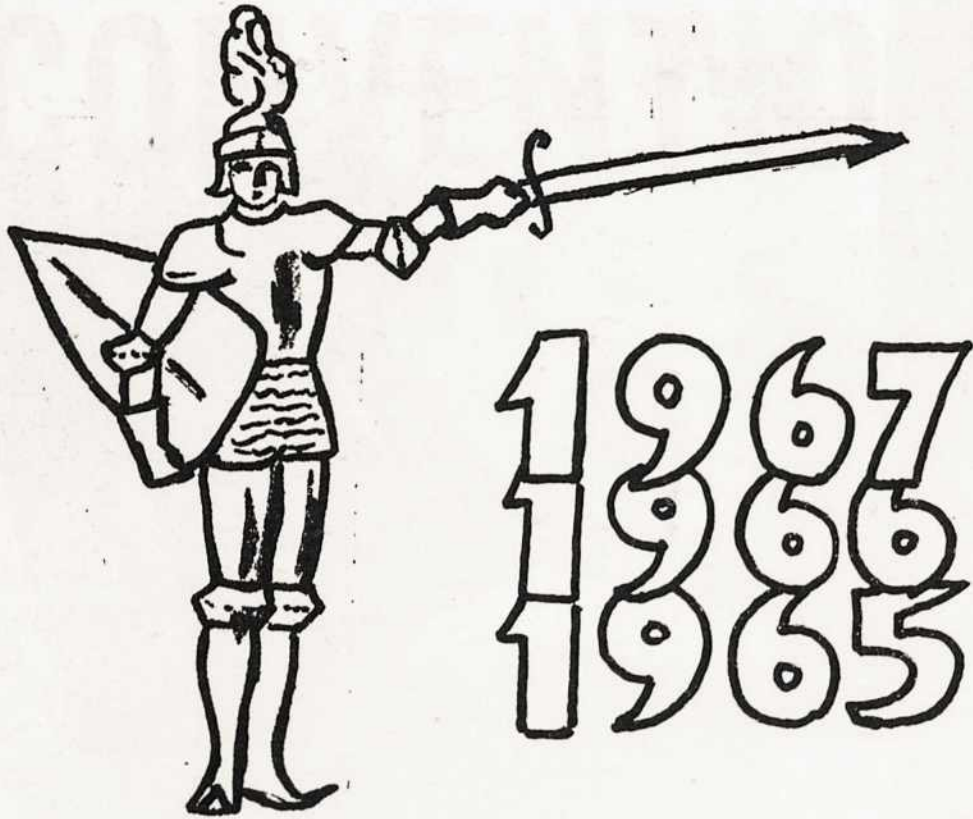


SHRINE OF THE THREE CROSSES



**AT
WORK....**

**YOUR CONVENTION
COMMITTEE**



After three years as Membership Vice President, I am both pleased and proud that this final article can be headed as a "Report of PROGRESS". But, at the every outset, I want to say that this word "Progress" is due largely to the persistent assistance of people like Irene Sankus, our Editor and Johanna Jakunas and Helen Zimmer, our S.C. Financial Secretaries, who plowed through tons of records to keep our records up to date and continuously give us standings to keep up everyone's awareness and interest. No small share of pride in our accomplishments should be felt by the many Council, District and Supreme Council Officers and members who read and took ACTION... especially the Membership Chairmen and Financial Secretaries.

In August of 1964, we had 1,229 paid members and during that year, we enrolled 176 new or rejoin K of L'ers, for a new total of 1,405, as of August 1965. During the second year, we enrolled 148 new members and in response to a special drive - we reinstated another 184. But the overall increase was less than the total of these two figures, primarily because we were still lagging in renewing the membership dues. So, for this third year we started another special drive - collecting dues - and when due - by January 1st.

Now, whatever we add to the August 1966 total of 1,615 members, should be a true overall increase, not a replenishment for delinquents.

Although the final figures can only be computed for the Dayton National Convention Report, it appears that we will reach a figure of 500 as our total membership increase in the last three years. And even as you read this article - YOU STILL HAVE A LITTLE TIME TO TRY FOR 600, or even more. The Drive officially ends June 30th and your applications and dues must be in the hands of Helen Zimmer, S.C. Financial Secretary by JULY 10th.

I do sincerely hope that whoever takes on the membership tasks for the coming term will seriously review the tested and proven advantages of a "continuous" membership drive and special occasional emphasis on our weak spots or markets we have not yet had a chance to explore, such as Council organization or re-organization. There is no doubt that greater merit for new members enrolled early in the year and

MEMBERSHIP

lesser, but still incentive inspiring merit, for new enrollees later in the year played a good part in our achieving the previously mentioned figure of 500.

I also hope that the next Membership VP would consider using the "Vytis" monthly for membership promotion. It is not only more economical than individual mailings, but it reaches the members ten times a year, not one or two or three, it also reaches the new members as they join, not just the ones who happen to be on the list at the time of a mailing. The aforementioned economy allows for a larger distribution of the important incentives, Awards, and funds are still left over for the operations and projects of the organization.

And finally, I do hope that the Council Financial Secretaries and District and Council officers will not let the 100% Dues Paid-Up by January 1st of the year, slip from a prime spot in our attention and efforts. We're on the right path now. Let's stay there and make every Membership Report a Report of PROGRESS.

ELEANORE H. LAURIN
Membership Vice President

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.

JUNIOR NEWS

OPEN LETTER TO ALL JUNIORS

The subject of this article is a very simple word that could influence your entire life.

The word is think, T - H - I - N - K . It has been said that the great majority of people hate to think. That is true. That is why some of you would rather watch television than read a book on the same subject. Reading a book requires thinking, and with television it is relayed to you without any effort. On your part, you may never retain anything you may see on television, but you will retain some of what you studied in a book.

Not thinking is the reason some businessmen do not advertise. They know they should be sending out letters regularly to customers and prospects. They know that regular, constant mailings would mean more business and more profits, but they do not do any real thinking about the matter. They just don't think. Mailings must be planned, and to have a plan you must think.

That is the reason some boys and girls drop out of school. They don't think what the remainder of their lives will be without education. They don't think of the struggle and hardships they will impose upon their wives and children because their earning capacity is limited because they lack the required education.

Every year, the number of jobs requiring less than a high school education gets smaller and smaller. The girl or boy without a high school education will find themselves in the most competitive market in the world, and with the lowest pay schedule.

The number of jobs open today to people with a high school education is getting smaller and smaller. Electronic machines, computers, and calculators are taking over the work of ten persons by one person with enough knowledge to run, operate, plan or coordinate the work process to the machines. In former years, a person with a fair amount of native ability could get to operate one of the many devious machines used in production, sales, or accounting, but not today. Personnel managers will not hire anyone without a high school education, and the high school graduates opportunity are also limited. The more complex our civilization becomes, the more necessary it becomes for people to have the education that the advanced positions require.

Billy Graham, the great Evangelist, says think for an hour and you will become a better man or woman, because you will realize what you are doing to yourself by your habits, and if you THINK out how these habits hurt you, you have then taken the first step on the plan to correct any hurtful habits.

The great International Business Machine Corporation, that has revolutionized the world with its great machines, uses as its slogan the single word THINK - THINK . Imagine these wonderful machines; so remarkable, so incredible and their

hallmark is the simple word "THINK". These wonderful machines that can direct space craft to the moon, or simply keep a complicated inventory, and with a memory complex that it will bring back results of a year ago if you so desire.

Why don't YOU concentrate for an hour on the most important person in your life . -The most important person in the whole world - YOURSELF. Why don't you think, not wondering, but think and plan about yourself.

The matter you have on the top of your head - your brain - can think for you; can plan for you, but it will not function unless you make it do so.

Unless you make your brain concentrate on a plan for your life, nothing will happen and you will be tossed about like a cork on the ocean. Your future work, what you will do for the remainder of your life may be decided by some friend of yours, or some friend of your father's or your uncle who knows someone in the electric and gas company, the telephone company, or one of the large insurance companies, a bank, or Charlie's Meat Market or the Garbage Collector. One good hour's thinking by you for yourself should at least start to develop a plan good enough to keep you out of Charlie's Meat Market or the garbage truck.

Most of our parents did not have the opportunity that is open to all of us to improve our abilities and our earning capacity.

Think how much studying you want to do to become a lawyer, doctor, or an engineer, or a nurse or school teacher. (And you can take these courses at night if you want to or need to.) Think of the small amount of jobs that are open for the drop-out and I am sure you will at least plan to finish high school.

There is more opportunity now to earn real money than there has ever been in the history of this country, but you must think about what you want to do. You must think what you want to be, and you must plan how you can get the necessary education to accomplish your purpose.

When you start thinking, some of you will feel that you will be happier if you work with your hands. There are opportunities in this field, and if you are to be happy with it, there is no question that is what you should do. But you should think and plan whether you want to be an electrician, carpenter, sales girl, plumber, cashier or a mason. Think what is best for YOU, what YOU would like, what YOU will be happy with and make every effort to attain that goal.

How about an hour just planning what you want to do with your life. You may not stop with an hour. You may spend an hour a week sifting and analyzing what is best for YOU and what YOU want to do, and be happy doing it. If you think and plan, and act on what YOU want to do, your later life will be happier for it.

MARY H. STONIS
Juniors Vice-President



L. A. Junior Officers

CAMP DAINAVA

The Knights of Lithuania Mid-Central District is sponsoring a camp week for boys and girls of Lithuanian descent, 8 to 14 years of age, at Camp Dainava, Manchester, Michigan from August 20 to 26. The camp fee will be \$30.00 for the first child and \$25.00 for each additional child in the same family. Further information and application forms can be obtained from the camp committee secretary, Mrs. Sophie M. Zager, 14414 Mansfield, Detroit, Michigan 48227, or from the chairman, Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita St., Dayton, Ohio 45404.

NED JUNIOR RALLY

The rally was sponsored by the New England District, (Spr. Adv. Rev. Albin Janiunas, Pres. Al Jaritis and other District officers) and hosted by C-116 of Our Lady of Vilna Parish in So. Worcester, Mass. (Spr. Adv. Rev. Albin Yan-kauskas, Pres. Mildred Lapinskas and other Council officers and members).

Irene C. Adamaitis and Irene M. Adamaitis served as the Welcoming committee.

After marching in procession to church, the group attended High Mass in Lithuanian, which was followed by a Luncheon in the church hall. The program began in the afternoon with Edward Zaleskas speaking on leadership and John Olevitz, on the History of Lithuania. Rev. Albert Contons showed slides on the Holy Land. Following a Holy Hour conducted by Rev. Albin Janiunas, supper was served in the church hall. William Burdulis conducted a Sing-A-long.

The committee consisted of Mildred Lapinskas, Charles Lapinskas, Rita Paluses, Anne R. Miller, John Adamaitis, Dorothy Sinkavich, Anne P. Miller, Helen Daltwas, Dennis Spain. Junior committee members were: Joan Adamaitis, Marion Taures and Diane Paluses.

LOS ANGELES JUNIORS

After being a member over 20 years - active, inactive and active again, and now that our three sons are grown to teenagers, have been inspired to organize a youth group. Vincent Skirius, youngest son of

Mr. & Mrs. Antanas Skirius has been a diligent helper to his father at every Senior meeting. This made me realize that a young group would be of much appreciated assistance to us oldsters - willing helpers, our hands and feet.

Right after our yearly meeting at the end of January and having been elected Vice-President and counselor for the youth group, began my work at once and found willing, enthusiastic youngsters. After many calls throughout Southern California, several responded for the Feb. 26th meeting at my home. It was a joyful gathering.

The elected officers: Richard Oksas, Pres.; Ruta Skirius, V-P.; Joan Lubin, Rec. Secy.; John Petras, Jr., Fin. Secy.; Marion Masilis, Treas.; Ramunė Motiejienas, Recorder.

The three younger boys, Denis and Leonard Petras and Vincent Skirius assisted with helping hands in seating, serving and cleaning-up.

Guest Speaker, Frank Lubin, an outstanding Lithuanian gave an inspiring account of his life's experience as a well-known basketball player and physical education instructor in Lithuania...

Refreshments were served. A large cake "Welcome Vytis" was served with cold and hot drinks...

With true Lithuanian spirit one by one bid farewell until the next meeting set for the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lubin in Glendale.

Adele Petras
C-33 Junior Counselor

KEARNY JUNIORS

Pres., Dick Stapleton; Treas., Bill Schmidt; sec., Fred Poluhovich and moderator, Fr. Al Zemeikis.

On that tempestuous night of March 15, 1967, in streaming snow, a bus full of courageous individuals left Our Lady of Sorrows Rectory. Where were they headed? It was in an easternly direction as the crow flies? Would you believe maybe the Atlantic Ocean? No, their destination was New York City, in fact more specifically, 57th Street to see the famed off-Broadway theater group, The Blackfriars.

"The Man Who Washed His Hands" was the name of the production. It was the story about Jesus Christ's crucifixion. As the curtain rose, we snuggled in our orchestra seats and were about to be transfixed into the time of our Lord. With the cast wearing apparel of the day it was very easy to imagine yourself there with them in Judea.

This production proved to be very interesting and I am sure that every one who attended had an enjoyable evening. In this play the author tries to show the audience what holy week might have been like in Herod's home. The author portrays Pilot as having a conscience which bothered him about sentencing Our Lord to die.

As we exited from the theater our beautiful bus was right there waiting for us. It was ready to take us back to Kearny before our fairy godmother had a chance to turn it into a pumpkin.

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

PASIULIJIMAS VERTINGOS PARAMOS

Beskaitant šių metų vasario mėn. "Vytį", pastebėjau mūsų organizacijos šiometinio vyriausio vado - Aleksandro Vasiliausko nuotrauką, kas mane ir paskatino perskaityti jo straipsnį, kuriame suradau net kelias gražias mintis, ypač, kad vyčiams koku nors būdu reikėtų padidinti savo fondą. Mes, vyčiai, tartum, gyvename dieną iš dienos, mėnesį iš mėnesio ir metai iš metų nesiranda pas mus didesnio finansinio aruodėlio, iš kurio mūsų vadovybė galėtų laisvai pasisemti savo būtiniams reikalams ar kitokiems būtiniams darbams, nes kiek atsimenu, tai mūsų miela organizacija visada turėjo galvosūki su finansiniais klausimais.

Gal būtų geriausia, kad centro valdyba, šį sumanymą gerai paruoštų ir pateiktų ateinančiam mūsų organizacijos visuotinam seimui, kuris, be abejonės, išstudijavęs jį užgirs. Mano manymu, užbrėžtą tikslą lengviausia būtų pasiekti visoms kuopoms ir senjorų skyriams kreipiantis į daugiau pasiturinčius asmenis, ir tikiu, kad L. Vyčių org. pasiektų savo tikslą - atsistotų ant stiprių pamatų. Mes žinome, kad pavienis žmogus ar kokia finansinė įstaiga, neturėdama pajamų, negali daryti didesnės pažangos. Vyčiams irgi yra užkirstas didesnis pažangumas savaime veikime.

Kita maloni žinėlė, kad Bostone buvo suorganizuota vyčių senjorų skyrius. Tai gražus ir puoselėjantis darbas. Taip pat džiugu, kad ir Providence, R.I. buvo suorganizuota senjorų skyrius, ypač, yra įdomu, kad šio skyriaus vice-pirm. yra Longinas Švelnis, centro valdybos narys ir senjorų organizatorius, o šio skyriaus pirm. yra Albertas Jarilis. Atrodo, kad Massachusetts valstija tikrai eina mūsų organizacijos tėvo - a.a. Mykolo Norkūno pė-



Pavėluotieji gimtadienio sveikinimai mūsų puikiam korespondentui Seneliui - Juozui Sadauskui, kuris balandžio 13-tą šventė savo 70-tą Gimtadienį.

domis, nes rytiečiai vyčiai tą pažadą padarė prie L. Vyčių tėvo kapo, kad jie visada dirbs savo organizacijos naudai.

Kas link Bostono senjorų suorganizavimo, be abejo didžiausius darbus dirbo L. Vyčių org. garbės narė - vyčė Felicija Grendalytė, nes ji tikrai davė garbės žodį, kad su kitų pagalba, ji suorganizuos senjorų skyrių. Matyt, kad mūsų miela Felicija tą ir padarė. Sveikiname mūsų uoliają veikėją ir linkime jai ir josios pagalbininkams geriausio pasisekimo.

Esant aštuoniems senjorų skyriams, jų pirm., vadams ir visiems senjorams, reikėtų jau pradėti ruošti mūsų organizacijos 54-jam seimui, kuriame senjorų delegacija privalėtų turėti savo sesijas atskirai ir tik baigiant seimą, turėtų bendras paskutines sesijas, nes, kiek patyriau paskutiniuose seimuose, tai jaunesniųjų ir senesniųjų mintys yra skirtingos daugelyje klausimų. Bet senjorų vyčių skyriai turėtų atsiųsti nors po du delegatus ir daugiau, kad būtų didesnis skaičius sesijų dalyvių. Kitaip mūsų planai nueis niekais. Anksčiau ar vėliau mes turime prie to prieiti, nes metai po metų mūsų organizacijoje atsiranda vis daugiau vyresnio amžiaus žmonių. Ką manote, senjorai, apie šio klausimo įgyvendinimą? Kelkime fondus ir ruoškimės skaitlingai šiais metais suvažiuoti į Dayton, Ohio, nes daytoniečiai laukia ne tik jaunesniosios bet ir senesniosios kartos.

Kitas klausimas, tai šiame seime turėtų būti pakeltas nario mokestis iki penkių dolerių. Visa lietuviška spauda mažiau ar daugiau pakėlė savo prenumeratas, tik mes vyčiai laikomės savo pasenusios, kas mūsų organo išleidimui sudaro didoką rūpestį. Jaunesni ir senesni, pagalvokime visi giliau ir protingiau.

Senelis

CLEVELANDO SENDRAUGIŲ SUSIRINKIMAS

Clevelando vyčių sendraugių susirinkimas, įvykęs balandžio 23 d., pas vyčiu J. ir A. Visockus, kurių rengė vyčė K. Petkūnienė, praėjo pakilioj nuotaikoj. Priimtas nutarimas dėl vyčių konstitucijos pakeitimo. Kalbėta apie rengiamą sendraugių ir 25 kuopos, drauge, kortavimo vakarą, kurs įvyks naujosios parapijos salėje, pilnas skiriamas šv. Kazimiero lietuvių kunigų seminarijai Romoje.

Į susirinkimą atsilankė kunigai - Goldikovskis ir Zemaitis. Po susirinkimo buvo balius, kurių surengė vyčė K. Petkūnienė, jos sūnaus Juozo išleistuvių proga, kuris išvyksta dirbt Philadelphijon. Kalbėjo abu kunigai.

Pabuvs



(Viršuje) Sėdi iš kairės: Antosė Visockienė ir Rožė Sadauskienė. Stovi: Juozas Sadauskas, Ignas Visockas, M. Adomaitienė, Rožė Sankalienė ir M. Lydukienė. (Apačioje) Rožė Sankalienė ir josios sūnus Jonas bei duktė Stasė. Nuotraukos iš Sankalienės 50-ties m. minėjimo.



LOS ANGELES SENJORAI

Lietuvos Vyčių senjorų kuopa Los Angelėse savo gyvavimo dešimtmečiui atžymėti š.m. balandžio 2 d. Šv. Kazimiero parapijos salėje surengė gražų koncertą, kurį atliko "Moterų sutartinė", vadovaujama muz. Onos Metrikienės, solistai ir jaunimo šokėjų grupė, vadovaujama Rūtos Skiriutės.

Vakaro pradžioje kuopos pirm. J. Činga trumpai peržvelgė kuopos nueitą kelią lietuviškame bare. Plačiau apie Lietuvos vyčių organizaciją, jos tikslą ir nuveiktus darbus, o taip pat ir apie Los Angeles vyčius kalbėjo ilgametis kuopos pirmininkas inž. Julius Kiškis.

Susirinkusiems maloni staigmena buvo žinia, kad prieš porą savaitių Los Angelėse įsteigta Vyčių akademikų kuopa.

Po išanginės dalies sekė pats koncertas. Jo pirmąją dalį atliko solistai ir šokėjai, o antrąją dalį - Sutartinė su solistais.

Eilės tvarkoje buvo atlikta: Žvaigždė mano - Grodzkio; atliko R. Aukštkalnytė ir K. Dambrauskaitė; Arija iš operos "Madame Butterfly", Puccini; solo - B. Skirienė; Arija iš operos "Samsonas ir Dalila" - Saint Saenso; solo - R. Aukštkalnytė; Romanza - Verdi ir Serenada - Schuberto; solo - H. Paškevičius; Arija Caro Nome iš operos "Rigoletto" - Verdi; solo - K. Dambrauskaitė.

Vokalinė dalis paįvairinta jaunimo grupės atliktu baletu šokiu "Polkos variacija"; choreografinis pastatymas ir vadovavimas Rūtos Skiriutės.

Antroje dalyje buvo atlikta: Joninių daina - Budrevičiaus; Kada girdžiu aš dainą - Čerienės; atliko: Regina Aukštkalnytė, K. Dambrauskaitė ir Z. Stroputė; Lakštute, paukštute - liaudies daina, harm. L. Stuko; Sėdžiu prie stalielio - liaudies daina, harm. O. Metrikienės; solo partiją atliko B. Skirienė, Dukružėlė - Čerienės; solo partiją atliko R. Aukštkalnytė; Naktis - Abariaus; Ne margi sakalėliai - Tallat-Kelpšos; solo partiją atliko K. Dambrauskaitė; Daina apie tiltą - Balsio; Pasvarscyk antela - liaudies daina, harm. G.

K of L Calendar

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| July | 3- 4 | I-I DISTRICT BAZAAR and PICNIC, K of L Gardens, Chicago, Ill. |
| | 22 | C-36, Chicago, MEXICAN DANCE, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill. |
| August | 3- 6 | Knights of Lithuania 54th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Host C-96, Sheraton-Dayton Hotel, Dayton, Ohio. |
| | 20-27 | K of L Week, CAMP DAINAVA, Manchester, Mich. |
| September | 3 | LITHUANIAN DAY; Canadian World's Fair EXPO 67, "Place de nations", Montreal. |
| | 23 | C-112, Chicago, SUMMER'S END DANCE, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill. |
| | 24 | NED CONVENTION. |
| October | 7 | 20th M-C DISTRICT CONVENTION, Host C-79, Detroit, Mich. |

Gudauskienės; solo partiją atliko H. Paškevičius; Bernužėli, nes'voliok, - liaudies daina, harm. M. Petrausko; solo partiją atliko H. Paškevičius.

"Moterų sutartinė" sudaro: (abėcėlės eile) Aukštkalnytė, Bajalienė, Dambrauskaitė, Radvenienė, Skirienė (seniūnė), Stroputė ir Tumienė. Vadovė ir skompaniatorė - Ona Metrikienė.

Šio koncerto pranešėja buvo D. Razutyte. Pasiklausyti koncertan susirinko virš 200 žmonių. Tarpe kitų, atsilankymu pagerbė šį parengimą vyčių dvasios vadas kun. dr. P. Celiešius.

Koncertas praėjo jaukioje, pakilioje nuotaikoje. Visi programos dalyviai jau ir anksčiau yra įvairiomis progomis pasirodę L.A. lietuvių scenoje ir gražiai užsirekomendavę. Sutartinė yra kruopščiai ir gerai jos vadovės O. Metrikienės paruošiama, ypač liaudies dainų išpildyme. Ir šiame koncerte lietuviškos liaudies dainos nuskambėjo sklandžiai, kaimiškai. Miela, malonu buvo jų klausytis.

Scenos dekoravimu ir butaforija sudarytas miško vaizdas gražiai derinosi prie lietuviškų tautinių drabužių, taigi ir klausytojo akiai buvo malonu, tartum jis buvo nukeltas lietuviško kaimo aplinkumon. Klausytojai skirstėsi po šio koncerto pilnai pasisotinę dainos penu, ko svarbiausia ir siekė rengėjai.

BUVĘS

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

I-I DISTRICT "Taitytė"

We'll all need a vacation after this vacation ... with all the spring and summer activities scheduled this year. John Evans is busy reminding everyone that the final big push is on for the special District Membership Drive. Cis Matul and Helen Pius are catching their breaths after the rehearsals with our Juniors for their performance in the annual Chicago Children's Lithuanian Dance Festival. Al Mockus, Vince Samaska, Al Dagis, Leon Pauksta, Vladas Paliulionis and the other Building Trustees are also getting their second wind after the successful, as usual, Hawaiian Nite Under the Stars. All these members and a few more are wheeling and dealing all over town, making arrangements for our annual July 4th Picnic, which will be at the K of L Gardens this year. And it will be Lithuanian style - 2 days. Monday night guests will be able to enjoy not only a bazaar but also dancing by lantern light. Tuesday will be the usual all day picnic with treats from the kitchen, thirst quenchers, Kugeli King or Queen finals, a host of other picnic features and some more dancing.

The Choir, after it's second successful appearance on the Lithuanian T V Hour is planning it's year-end social before taking a well deserved three month rest. Faustas and Terry Strolia will now be able to see what their youngsters watch on TV Monday nights.

In between all these activities, as well as Council affairs, most of the "busy" people can also be seen at such other events as the opera "Gražina" at the Opera House, the Opera Ball and the Amber Ball at the South Shore Country Club, the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce Banquet or the Nativity Parish Banquet at the Beverly Country Club, etc., etc.

Well, perhaps we can relax for a week or two after the Dayton Convention and then start on the fall schedule.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

NAUJOS ANGLIJOS APSKRITIS

Jonas A. Stoškus

Naujos Anglijos vyčių Apskri- ties pusmetinis seimelis įvyko balandžio 30 d., šv. Petro parapijos salėj Bostone. Apskričio pirmi- ninkas A. Juraitis sklandžiai prave- dė darbingą susirinkimą.

Kun. A. Janiūnas apskrities dvasios vadas suteikė invokaciją. Buvęs Centro dvasios vadas kun. mokytojas A. Kontautas sveikino seimelio dalyvius, ir skatino to- liau dirbti tautos ir tikėjimo dar- buotę. Šv. Petro parapijos kle- bonas kun. Baltrušaitis sveikino seimelio dalyvius, ir linkėjo sek- mės jų nutarimuose.

Seimely dalyvavo: delegatai, jų pavaduotojai ir svečiai iš Law- rence, Worcester (dvi kuopos), Brockton, Athol, Westfield, Nor- wood ir South Bostono senjorų ir veikiančios kuopos iš Mass., Waterbury, Conn., ir Providence, R.I. senjorų kuopa.

Seimelio dalyviai nutarė akty- viai dalyvauti Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės 50 metų šventė 1968 me- tais. Komisija išrinkta rūpintis šiuo reikalu.

Dvi delegatės ir dvi palydovės išrinktos į Centro seimą, kuris įvyks Dayton, Ohio rugpiūčio mė- nesį.

Apskrieties kandidatatai į organi- zacijos garbės narius yra: Mar- celė Andriekis iš Waterbury, Conn., Rita Pinkus, Marija Jan- kauskienė, Juozas Sakaitis ir Ed- vardas Daniels - visi iš Worcester, Mass.

Rudeninis apskrieties metinis seimelis įvyks Providence, R. I., Mass., valstybės policijos Sgt. Cummings rodė filmą ir davė pa- skaitą apie saugų automobilio vai- ravimą.

Užbaigus seimelio dienotvarkę

dalyviai susirinko bažnyčioje bendrai dalyvauti šv. mišiose lie- tuvių kalboj. Šv. mišias atlaikė ir lietuvišką pamokslą pasakė kun. A. Janiūnas. Jis ragino vyčius nenustoti veikus "Dievo ir Tėvy- nės" labui, ir sveikino juos už jų gražią darbuotę palaikant jų tė- velių ir protėvių kultūros ir baž- nyčios dvasią.

Gardi vakarienė laukė dalyvių parapijos salėj po pamaldų, ir visi dalyviai praleido malonų vytišką vakarą.

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10 Vincukas

Parishioners of Sacred Heart parish in Gardner were deeply sad- dened by the death of their beloved pastor of eighteen years, Msgr. Martin J. Tracy. Msgr. Tracy cel- ebrated his fiftieth anniversary in the priesthood early in December. He truly was a devoted shepherd of his flock. Lithuanian parishion- ers will miss him, as he was good to this "minority" in the Irish parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Genaitis and son, Dick, spent a week in Ap- ril visiting their daughter, who re- cently moved to Texas. It was their first trip by plane, and much en- joyed. The Genaitis' plan a longer stay this summer. Oh, these trav- eling schoolteachers!

Congratulations to Joe Sipas of Worcester and Alice Grubinskas of Norwood, who recently exchanged marriage vows... Gardner's fami- liar trio was seen at the Lawrence council dance and the "Margučių balius" held at Maironis Park the following day... Fran Milosh has just completed a ten week course in German... Ann Novack is in the process of having her home re- modeled... Lennie Davidonis was elected treasurer of the U.T.D. Camera Club; he is also our coun- cil's official photographer.

Five delegates from our coun- cil attended the NED Convention held in So. Boston. Our thanks to Boston for the hospitality. The delegates also attended the Variety

Show held in Worcester at St. Casimir's for the parish building fund.

Al Rodski has started to nibble in the stock market. It seems to be contagious! Doc Gailiunas also is dabbling a bit... Howie Beaudette is so committed to the forty or more clubs and societies that he's getting confused and doesn't remember who meets when! If it weren't for his little black book he'd be lost... Father Mike managed to get a little time off after the Lenten and Easter season... Nellie Melaika and Mary Gauronsky manage to keep out of mischief by attending evening classes at the Athol High School... Bill Waslaske is seen by our members only rarely now that he is working at Nortons in Worcester.

SO. BOSTON, MASS., C-17 A.J.

The calendar says that winter is over, but we New Englanders want to dispute this. The weather, however, has not deterred the councils from supporting one another in our endeavors. Boston was the host council for the N.E.D. convention, and we were glad to see many faithful delegates attending the very good sessions.

Sgt. James Cummings of the Mass. State Police was the guest speaker. His talk on highway safety coupled with slides of various accidents gave our delegates food for thought as they made their way home after the sessions. Our thanks to the food committee for an excellent job.

Our pre-convention "Bumble Bee Ball" was well attended by various councils throughout the area. The decorations were out of this world with flowers and bumble bees floating in the air. Hats off to the entire dance committee, whose efforts created a wonderful time for all present.

After the dance Kasty Yonika hosted the group for coffee and donuts. There were two red faces in the crowd, because each thought the other would pick up the food and both came empty handed. Won't mention any names, because those who were there know who the culprits are. Boys, next time get your signals straight.

Several members went to Newark, N.J. for a Supreme Council meeting and the testimonial for Prof. Jack Stukas. It's a shame

that Larry Svelnis, Phyllis Grendal, and Al Jaritis had to leave for the airport and didn't get to hear Prof. Stukas' talk. How about having these testimonials on Saturday evening so that the out of town guests don't have to eat and run?

Many thanks to John Olevitz who, with thirteen juniors, made their way to the Junior Rally held by C-116. The juniors of C-17 conducted themselves like the ladies and gentlemen that they are. They performed a one act play for the enjoyment of the other juniors attending the rally. A tip of the hat to Edward Zaleskas, professor at Boston State College, who gave an enlightening talk on leadership... to John Olevitz, who also talked on the derivation of names... to Father Al Contons, who gave up a busy afternoon to show slides and give a short talk on his visit to the Holy Land... to Mrs. Irene Adomaitis, Ann Miller, and to all of the other good people of C-116 who contributed their time and effort to continue fostering future K of L'ers. Remember that this is the lifeline of the K of L, and if you don't take an interest, the plant will wither and die. Show some K of L spirit and help out where and when you can.

Plenty of activity is planned for the summer months - hiking, horseback riding, picnics, etc. Just keep in touch, and do join the gang for some good fellowship with other K of L'ers. That gang from the Massachusetts General Hospital are almost Lithuanian, with all of the functions they attend. We only wish some of our own members would show the same zeal that they exhibit. A swimming trip to Gardner with C-10 is one of the coming attractions. Make plans for this attractive event.

C-17 members attended the annual parish reunion for the benefit of the parish rebuilding fund. Several members attended the Polka Hop sponsored by C-78 Lawrence, and a good time was had by all. Frank Sabiski was one of the winners of a trophy at the district bowling rollofs.

Among the first visitors to Expo '67 were the Kleponis sisters, Anne Mary, and Joan. No doubt throughout the coming months many other council members will be making their way to Montreal... Claire

Sawiski spent some time in Florida... Al Jaritis went to the west coast, but didn't find the sun out there, either... Kasty Yonika is heading for Japan. He will spend three months there for Uncle Sam... Larry Svelnis spent his vacation lounging around the old Beantown... Helen Suprin spent some time in Canada and did quite a bit of skiing... Paul Neveira is now with Uncle Sam doing his training at Fort Benjamin, Indianapolis. Brother-in-law, Joe Nauyokas has returned home from the service, and now we may see more of him at the council activities... Albina Rudziunas flew out to Cleveland for a visit... Phyllis and Bob Gendreau spent some time at the home of Bob's parents in Vermont.

Get well soon - Florence Zaleskas was laid up by the bug. That old flu bug hit so many members that the list is too long to mention in this column... Alice Olevitz spent a few days in the hospital... Rita Venis was also hospitalized... John Roman, who was given a testimonial upon his retirement from the Lithuanian Radio Program is also ailing... Dana (Rudziunas) Valodtka's husband is in the hospital with a serious operation.

Congratulations and condolences both to the Rev. Peter Shakalis. Father Peter was recently elevated to parish priest at St. Francis Church, Lawrence. His happiness was dimmed, however, by the passing away of his brother Alphonse, known to many around here as Al Woods. Al's band was a fixture at our council's dances. He will be sorely missed by his friends as well as his family.

Vytautas Bruzgelevičius is singing with the Boston Octet, which is one reason we don't see so much of him any more... Congratulations... to Frank and Ellen O'Gorman Stankevičius, who recently married... to Vyto Ulevičius and Dorothy Hunter who announced their engagement and plans for an April '68 wedding... and to Ed Zaleskas, who will also be leaving the ranks of bachelorhood for marriage... Up for school honors are Eleanor Sanda at the Boston College School of Education and Jacqueline Burke at the New England College of Pharmacy.

On Mother's Day the juniors sponsored a communion breakfast for their mothers. All the work

was done by the Juniors, from the coffeemaking to the purchasing of donuts and decorations. John Olewitz was in the background making sure that all went well.

Good to see John and Anita Daniels around once more. John has been traveling all over the country for his company... Bill Gorski, now working for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has been busy helping to publicize the Labor Day picnic in Brockton. Make plans to attend this great event and help out the Sisters of Jesus Crucified... Mary and Ann Kleponis visited their sister, who is a nun and stationed in Scranton, Pa. These gals really put a lot of mileage on their old buggy... Msgr. Francis Juris retired recently, and may God shower his blessings on him for a job well done... See you all at the national convention in Dayton, Ohio this August.

WESTFIELD, MASS., C-30

Marcijona

At our St. Casimir's Day observance on Mar. 5 the Ritual Committee, "Cooky" Coach and Helen Alesik, examined the following candidates for first and second degrees: First, Alfred Cilcius, Florence Cilcius, Irene Prest, Frances Wowiat, Wm. Wowiat; Second, Frank Jutkus, Stella Jutkus, Sophie Kucharski, James Kubs, and Bernard Minkus. The ritual was properly conducted, and all the candidates, having successfully passed the examination were presented with the degrees. The committee, Mary Minkus, Fran Kules, and Flo Cilcius also prepared a delicious covered dish supper for all.

Another bowling party was held on Sun., Apr. 16, and again it was well attended. Refreshments were served following the bowling. Congratulations to our top scorer of the day, John Tarnauskas.

K of L members serving on our Parish Affairs Committee this year are Benny Coach, Frank Bernadicius, Sophie Kucharski, and Helen Alepik.

On Sat., Apr. 22 we hosted a "Game Night" inviting prospective K of L members to attend. Refreshments were served by Stella Jutkus and Fran Woiwat, and a marvelous time was had by all.

On Sun. Apr. 23, pres., Frank

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LKRS Valdyba

Bernadicius accompanied four junior members to the Junior Raffle, and on Apr. 29 Frank and Mary Minkus attended the District Convention.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

PHILADELPHIA, PA., C-3

Twinkle II

C-3 again sponsored a very spirited Communion Brunch on Mar. 5 in honor of our Patron, St. Casimir. 120 members, parents and friends attended the 10:30 Mass at St. Casimir's Church and the brunch and program immediately following. Walter Svekla emceed the program and Rev. C. Batutis offered the opening and closing

prayers. Msgr. John Balkunas enlightened everyone with his talk, "The Status of the Church in Lithuania". Lillian Sasnauskas, Ritual Committee, presented the 1st Degree to Loretta Staniskis, Victor Balten, Julian Greymas, Diana Varevice and James Varevice. Mrs. Ronnie Ozalis received the 2nd Degree. In honor of having received her 4th Degree in Worcester this past August, Agnes Mickunas was presented with a wood carving of the Vytis by the Council members. And so another St. Casimir's Day was commemorated: Holy Mass, a delicious brunch - chief cooks Helen Shields and Ronnie Ozalis and a good program.

About a dozen C-3 members drove to Brooklyn on Mar. 12 to attend the NY-NJ District St. Casimir's Day Commemoration and

District Meeting. Attendance was good and the meeting proceeded with usual reports of officers and committees. Our Council was especially proud of the fine presentation by Dianne Beletsky and Joe Yanulaitis on Lithuanian traditions of Palm Sunday. The next meeting will be held on June 4 immediately followed by the District Picnic in Bayonne.

Many thanks to Fr. Neverauskas who presented the council with a statue of St. Casimir, our Patron, at the April meeting. The members also discussed the resolution sponsored by the New England District regarding changes to our constitution, took a vote and returned the ballot. Irene and Al Ozalis cooked up some hot dogs and sauerkraut for a real social social after the meeting.

NEWARK, N.J., C-29

Pranas Vaskas

Newark, N.J. Lietuvos Vyčių 29-toji kuopa, savo nariui, prof. Dr. Jokubui Stukui pagerbti, jo pakėlimo į Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos garbės narius proga. Balančio 16 d. Robert Treat viešbutyje, Newark, N.J. suruošė jam banketą ir balių. Puošni "Crystal Ballroom" salė buvo pilna svečių, jų tarpe žymesnių veikėjų vyčiuose iš Chicago, Boston, Worcester, Waterbury, Philadelphia, New York ir New Jersey. Vakara sklandžiai pravedė N.J. Alt'o ir Rūtos Ansamblio pirm., inž. Valentinas Melinis. Maldas sukalbėjo kun. P. Žemeikis, apskrities dvasios vadas, in kun. P. Totoraitis, kuopos dvasios vadas. Pagrindinę kalbą pasakė kun. J. Jutkevičius, iškeldamas solenizanto nuopelnus Vyčių organizacijai kultūros srityje ir stipendijų fondo bei komiteto sudaryme. Seton Hall Universiteto dekanas, Dr. R. Senkier, savo sveikinimo žodį pasakė kaip universitetas įvertina Dr. Stuko darbus ir juo yra labai patenkintas. Kongresmanas Peter Rodino, atvykęs specialiai iš Washington, D.C., pasakė, kad Prez. Johnson'as ir visa šalies vadovybė norėtų turėti daugiau Dr. Stukų, kurie praturtina šios šalies kultūrinį lobyną, skleidžiant senosios Europos kultūrą šiame krašte. Taip pat kalbą pasakė vyčių organizacijos pirm., Aleksandras Wesley-Vasiliauskas, kuris pasidžiaugė solenizanto

NOTICES !

NOTE TO COUNCIL CORRESPONDENTS:

The August-September, 1967 issue of the VYTIS will feature the 54th National Convention highlights. No Council news will appear. Please hold your articles and submit them for the October issue. DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 5th!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ENDS

The national membership drive officially will end on June 30, 1967. All results will be announced and awards presented at the National Convention.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Unless the National Financial Secretary has received your 1967 membership dues, this will be the LAST ISSUE you will receive of the VYTIS.

veikla ir kvietė buvusius tremtinius daugiau rašyti į vyčių organizaciją. Meninę programą atliko solistai - Edna Mack (Mackevičiūtė) ir Liudas Stukas. Jiems akompanavo muz. Algirdas Kačanauskas. Svečiai buvo labai patenkinti jų dainomis.

Laiškais ir telegramom sveikino: Lietuvos Atstovas Washington, p. J. Kajeckas, LLK pirm. p. V. Sidzikauskas, kongreso atstovė p. Florence Dwyer, Seton Hall Universiteto prezidentas j.e. Vyskupas John J. Dougherty, viceprezidentas prel. Edward J. Fleming, prel. Mykolas Kemėžis, vyčių organizacijos dvasios vadas, kun. Kriščiunevičius, Vyties žurnalo redaktorė Irena Sankutė, ir kiti. Teisėjas Charles F. Paulis, Jr., prie savo sveikinimo telegramos pridėjo \$25.00 auką Vyčių Stipendijų Fondui. Tokia pat sumą aukojo prie sveikinimų ir: Lietuvos Vyčių Choras Čikagoje, muz. Aleksandras Aleksis iš Waterbury. Viso suaukota suvirš \$100. Vyčių Stipendijų Fondui. Vakaro pelnas taip pat paskirtas tam fondui.

Rengimo komitetą sudarė: Marytė Stonytė, Kazys Šipaila, K. Strolia, Jieva Sharon, Elena Radisch, Jieva Coll, Joana Jankauskaitė, ir Pranas Vaškas, kuris iškėlė Dr. Stuko nuopelnus lietuviams ir plačioje amerikiečių spaudoje.

Rengėjai įteikė Dr. Stukui nepaprastą dovaną: dail. Jono Subačiaus padarytą adresą, kuri sukūrė poetė Marija Aukštaitė. Adresas yra toks: "Jums, tautos karžygi, didžiai gerbiamas pone Stukas, kurio žygių bei ryžto nepalaužia audros... Kurio tribuna per tiek metų apsupta dangaus, ir minių apgaubta... Kurio žodžiai aukso žiedais byra į klausančiųjų širdis... Kurio kovos kardas ir švelnumo kanklės skamba Lietuvos verksmu... Kankinių šauksmu, prislėtųjų vaitone, grandinių dziarzgėjimu! Jums, kurs radio dirigacijos batutą pakeliat - ir nurimsta minių jūra... Klausosi bangos Jūs lyros sniokštimo - Lietuvos skundo kimstančio krauju... užgožiančio žliugėmis... liulančio liūnais... slibinų slidumu, ir svetimų vočių piramidėmis. Tad, mielasis prometėjau, kurs prikaltas su visa tauta prie kantrybės kryžiaus šauk iš radio tribunos už mus visus - šaukti nepajėgiančius. Šauk ir prišauk Lietuvai laisvę, naujų aušrų grožiol!"

Po adreso įteikimo, Dr. Stukui buvo sudainuota "Ilgiausių Metų", ir po jo nuoširdžios, gražios padėkos, kurios metu jis pažadėjo ir toliau dirbti Lietuvai, jaunimo gerovei ir vyčiams, svečiai linksmynosi iki vėlumos, muz. G. Mitchko orkestrui grojant. Šis gražus pa-



(Upper left) Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos pirmininkas, Al. Wesey-Vasiliauskas kalba dr. prof. Jokubo Stuko pagerbtuvėse. Iš kairės - inž. V. Melinis; dešinėje - dr. Stukas. (Lower left) Solenizantas dr. prof. Jokubas Stukas dėkoja jo pagerbtuvių rengėjams bei dalyviams. (Above) Dr. prof. Jokubui Stukui įteikiamas adresas jo pagerbtuvių metu. Iš kairės: Alg. Kačanauskas, Marytė Stonytė, Kazys Sipaila, kun. J. Jutkevičius, ir Kongresmanas Rodino.



rengimas ilgai pasiliks mintyse visų mielųjų svečių, kurie jame dalyvavo.

BROOKLYN, N.Y., C-41

Denis Mazeika

January and February were rather slow, except for our Friday night Discotheques and, of course, Feb. 16. This was a day of remembrance for all, as well it should be. Not only the vyčiai but all of the Lithuanians in the New York area attended the ceremonies at Webster Hall in New York City.

In March, there was a bit more activity in Brooklyn. It was C-41's turn to run the annual NY-NJ District Communion Breakfast, and,

so with the valuable help of the New York Seniors, on Mar. 12, the annual NY-NJ District Communion Breakfast and District Convention was held at Annunciation Parish in Brooklyn. I am happy to say that we received an excellent turn-out, and I must thank all those who attended or participated in it in any way. We had the good fortune to receive the honor of Dr. and Professor Antanas Vasys of the Institute of Contemporary Russian Studies of Fordham University, New York City, as guest speaker for this function. Degrees were also awarded at the Breakfast, and I was one of the lucky ones to receive the Third Degree. Congratulations to all!

Following close upon the Communion Breakfast came Easter. The vyčiai took part in the traditional Good Friday Night Vigil at Annunciation Parish in Brooklyn, and also the Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday morning. I would like to thank those who participated.

C-41 now has a total of fifteen new members enrolled, and I would like to welcome all of them into the "flock." I hope that we can keep this substantial increase in the future.

C-41, in conjunction with the Moterų Sąjunga of New York, is attempting to raise money for Scholarships to pay for those students interesting in taking the Lithuanian summer course at Fordham University this year. The cost of the course for one student is \$176.00. The course will cover not only the Lithuanian language, but also Lithuanian culture, history, and politics. Anyone who might be interested in contributing to this cause is kindly asked to forward any amount he or she feels appropriate to Denis Mažeika, Lithuanian Scholarship Committee, 149-31 120th St., So. Ozone Park, N.Y., 11420.

One disturbing piece of information has been brought to the at-

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tention of the Lithuanian community here in New York. The Lithuanian Wayside Cross which so many people viewed at the New York World's Fair, is a center of controversy at the moment. The New York City Parks Department who will take control of the Flushing Meadows area on June 3rd (the site of the world's Fair), has refused the Lithuanian community the right to re-dedicate its Cross on June 3rd. Moreover, there seems to be some evidence to show that the City of New York is in favor of removing the Cross altogether from the former World's Fair grounds. To all appearances, it seems that the City of New York is discriminating against the Lithuanians in New York. I hope that this is really not the case and that the differences, if any, will be smoothed out between the City and the Lithuanian Wayside Cross Committee. However, if this should really be the case, I would say that the City of New York is going to have a good fight on their hands!

April 22, 1967 is the First Anniversary of the Lithuanian World Review Radio, and to celebrate this event, Laisvės Ziburys held a concert and dance on that date. The event was very successful and enjoyable. At this function, awards were given to local assemblymen and civic leaders who have been working for the Lithuanian cause. Congratulations to Laisvės Ziburys for a job well done and best wishes for the future!

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On a cold, rainy Sunday morning May 7th forty four brave knights attended the 7th Annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, in Carey, Ohio.

The day of recollection started with High Mass in the Upper Shrine church. The sermon was given by Father Zachary Kucin (Kucinkas) formerly from Cicero, Ill., now an assistant priest at the Shrine. During the sermon Knights of Lithuania were given public recognition.

Following Mass all members assembled in the Lower Shrine church for the first conference. The conference was conducted by Father Benedict, our retreatmaster, for the day. Father Benedict reminded everyone the Shrine at Carey is a place for prayer and for the exercise of faith and confidence in the unseen but real power of God; a place where afflicted souls may rise into the realms of the spirit and seek therein relief or comfort, when burdens of life become oppressive. Also Father Benedict stated two things are held for veneration at Carey; the image of Our Lady and the relic of the cross of Christ.

After the conference most of the pilgrims had the pleasure of dining in the new cafeteria. One of the walls of the cafeteria had the picture of Our Lady done in inlaid mosaic tile.

The afternoon schedule began with the Way of the Cross and Rosary in the Lower Shrine church conducted by Father Leroy. Later all pilgrims attended the afternoon services to Our Lady of Consolation, with procession, benediction, blessing of the sick, blessing with the relic of the True Cross and enrollment in the Confraternity.

The day ended with a closing conference by our retreatmaster and Ed Pavis, Mid Central District President, outlining future plans for the District.

The following councils were represented: Detroit C-79, C-102, C-139, Dayton C-96, Youngstown C-111 and Cleveland Seniors.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25 Irene II Sun., April 30 was a very successful day for both C-25 and the Cleveland Seniors. The Joint Card Party held for the benefit of the Ponticio Collegio Lituano S. Casimiro in Rome at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church netted a profit of \$403.45. To this amount Rev. Joseph Angelaitis, Pastor of QLPH and Spiritual Advisor to the Seniors, added \$500.00, and we were, therefore, able to send a sizable check of over \$900 to the Lithuanian Seminary. A big THANK YOU to the hard-working committee: Ruth Guzauskas, Chairman; Alice Karklius, Co-Chairman; Sophie Milas, Gene Kunsitis, Helen and Bill Jakubs, Kazimera Sadauskas, Ursula Yankauskas and to all our wonderful bakers, cooks and cleanup crew, and that means you too, Debbie Andrulis, and all attendees, for helping to make this event such a success.

Best Wishes and every happiness are extended to Carol Sue Paskevice, who became the bride of Edward John Tushar Saturday, the sixth of May. Carol is the daughter of Al and Ann Paskevice. Carol was a lovely Bride and her rainbow gowned bridesmaids made quite a picture. Many C-25 faces were seen enjoying themselves at the wonderful reception held later that evening. A long and happy life to you both!

Bishop Clarence Issenman, Bishop of Cleveland, recently presented Charles Machutas with his 5-Year BIG BROTHER AWARD. We are proud of you Charlie - keep up the good work!

You can tell summer is just around the corner when you hear, "Are you putting your boat in yet?" - Paint the bottom yet?" "I'd like to get my hands on a 35 HP motor!" - Safe and Calm seas to our seafaring men, Bill Jakubs, Gene Kunsitis, John Andrulis and Pete Luiza from us LANDLUBBERS and a HAPPY SUMMER to you all!