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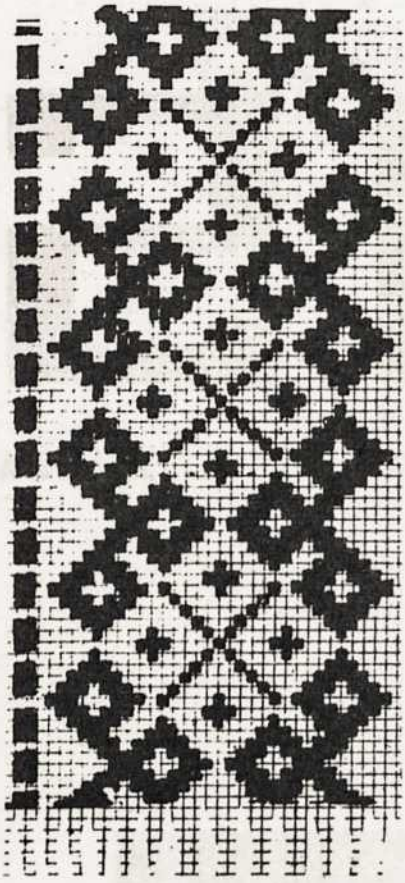
Lithuanian Charge D'affaires Joseph Kajeckas is greeted by President Lyndon B. Johnson while Mrs. Kajeckas and Mrs. Johnson look on. (Photo: de Kun International News, Washington, D.C.)

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ŠVENTOJO TĒVO ŽODIS LIETUVIAMS

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Visi lietuviai, laisvame pasaulyje ir Lietuvoje, skaudančia širdim atsisveikinome su vyskupu Pranciškum Braziu. Nereikia nė aiškinti, kaip daugeliu atvejų jo pasigesime. Savo ir Tėvų Marijonų Kongregacijos Generolo vardu dėkoju visiems, kurie savo liūdesį įvairiais būdais pareiškėte man ar atsiuntėte į Romą.

Vykau į Romą ne tik laidotuvėms, o padaryti kas mano galioje, kad nelikčiau vienas vyskupas lietuvių reikalams visame laisvame pasaulyje. Laidotuvių dienos - birželio 13 vakare buvau priimtas Bažnyčios Nepaprastiesiems Reikalams Kongregacijos Sekretoriaus kardinolo arkivyskupo Antano Samorė. Jo prielankumas mums ir šiuo reikalu yra neabejotinas. Sekantį rytą buvau priimtas Konsistorijalinės Kongregacijos pro-prefekto kardinolo Carolo Confalonieri. Žadėjo ir jis pritarti pas Šventąjį Tėvą

mūsų reikalui. Tą pat dieną paprašiau audiencijos pas Šventąjį Tėvą Paulių VI. Buvau priimtas penktadienį - birželio 16 d. 12:30 val.

Gal nerašyčiau šio pranešimo, jeigu ne Šventojo Tėvo Pauliaus VI žodžiai pasakyti tos audiencijos metu. Jo Šventenybė priėmė mane labai nuoširdžiai, pirmiausiai išreikšdamas užuojautą man ir visiems lietuviams netukusiems jauno, talentingo vyskupo. Po to leido man plačiau paaikškinti mūsų tautos ypatingus reikalus, kiek tiems reikalams gali būti naudingas lietuvis vyskupas laisvame pasaulyje. Baigdamas prašiau paskirti vėl nors vieną vyskupą vietoje mirusio. Šventojo Tėvo man duoti keli klausimai davė progos dar plačiau paaikškinti mūsų planus, veiklą, galimybes padėti tautai ir tėvynei, jeigu turėsime, kas mums vadovauja.

Po pokalbio trukusio virš 20 minučių Šventasis Tėvas pareiškė norįs šia proga pasakyti ne formaliai, o iš širdies, vieną mintį ir norėtų, kad ji pasiektų visus lietuvius.

-Noriu išreikšti mano dėkingumą viso pasaulio lietuviams, kalbėjo Šventasis Tėvas.

Dėkojo, kaip visų dvasios Tėvas, už tai, kad jau per tiek metų tautos nelaimės ir kančių esame vieningi, kad esame veiklūs, kad nepritrūkstame vilties ir nepakrinkame, kad laikomės Dievo ir tikėjimo. Ragino ir toliau būti vieningais, veikliais, drąsiais. Net pakartojo žodžius:

- Nepraraskite vilties, nepraraskite vilties. Pasitikėkite Dievu ir jo teisingumu. Pasitikėkite ir mumis. Mes sekame jūsų likimą ir kančias. Būkite tikri, kad nepraleisime jokios progos jums padėti. Laikykitės kartu tarp savęs ir Dievuje. Tai padės išlikti drąsiais, veikliais ir ištvermingais. Būkite kartu maldoje: jūs už mus, mes už jus. Kaip mokėsi, taip perduoki šią mūsų padėką visiems lietuviams.

Padėkojau, kaip sugebėjau, už tokius padrašinančius žodžius. Pabaigoje pokalbio mane laimindamas pasakė:

- Tai visiems ir visur lietuviams.

Prieš atsisveikindamas įteikiau savo asmeninį ir antrą visos eilės lietuvių pasirašytą prašymą paskirti mums kitą vyskupą vietoje mirusio vyskupo P. Brazio.

Išvykau iš Romos su viltim, kad mūsų prašymas bus patenkintas. Tuom tarpu visi melskimės, kad ši viltis išsipildytų tokiu būdu, koks būtų naudingiausias lietuvių tikėjimui, vienybei ir Lietuvai.

Chicago, Ill.

SET AGAINST DRAB MOSCOW

LITHUANIA

POSITIVELY SPARKLES

AARON REINFRANK

VILNIUS, Lithuania - One of the ironies of today's world is that Lithuania and other Soviet bloc countries are deprived of independence and U-N membership.

When I was stationed at the United Nations for The Telegram, I noticed the embarrassment of U-N officials and diplomats every time there were demonstrations in favor of the captive peoples of East Europe, Africa and Asia were fair game for the pious anticolonialists at the U-N but peoples like the Lithuanians were not of much interest to the world organization.

In a way the U-N can't be blamed too much for its double-standard on Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia. The Baltic peoples are now irrevocably part of the Soviet empire, not because of the U-N but because of East-West big power deals and the twin tragedies of geographic and history.

In the 18th Century the Lithuanians, a proud, industrious people with an ancient culture, were gobbled up by the Czarist Russian empire. Independence came only as a result of World War I in which the Russian Empire cracked under the twin assaults of the German invasion and the Bolshevik Revolution.

Although most of the Russian Empire was quickly reconquered by the Bolsheviks, the Baltic republics retained their freedom - but only until 1940.

As a result of the Hitler-Stalin pact, the Soviets were able to absorb the Baltic states and make them Soviet socialist republics.

In 1941, when Hitler attacked the USSR, Lithuania was "liberated" by Nazi troops. The Soviet armies "re-liberated" the Lithuanians in 1944, returning them forcibly to the Soviet fold.

Although technically the Western states still don't recognize Lithuania's absorption into the USSR, this Western policy is so much cant. Just as Lithuanian freedom was killed by the complicity of Hitler and Stalin, so the Stalin-Roosevelt-Churchill alliance insured that Lithuania would not be independent.

In return for Soviet co-operation against the common Nazi foe, there was the tacit agreement at Yalta and elsewhere that Lithuania and the other Baltic republics were to be sold down the Soviet river.

Despite the fact that Lithuania is part and parcel of the Soviet empire (being one of the 15 constituent Soviet socialist republics), the difference between Vilnius, the capital, and Moscow is staggering. The people are better dressed and better fed here. There is even a night club.

There is also less fear of Big Red Brother than in Moscow. In a word, this is the West. Even the Russians refer to Lithuania as "Western", which explains why so many want to live here.

Much of Lithuania's success seems to be due to the triumph of Lithuanians over the crude political-economic system imposed upon them by the Russians. As in the case of other national groups in the USSR, even the Communist Party here at times takes a nationalistic line against Russian primitivism, albeit in a wary, self-effacing way.

But Vilnius and the rest of Lithuania still harbor fear.

There is fear that the Stalinist repression of the 40s and 50s will return. Under Stalin, thousands of Lithuanians were sent to Siberia, some never to return.

There is fear that Lithuania will be economically and culturally absorbed by the Russians. I got the impression that the Russian language takes precedence over the Lithuanian language although Lithuanians both inside and outside the party are struggling against this trend.

I also heard complaints that the best Lithuanian products were being shipped to Russia, but in view of the prosperity here (which the local party tries to soft-pedal so as not to antagonize Moscow), this charge does not seem to mean much.

Lithuanian officials say that only 17 percent of the country is peopled by non-Lithuanians from other parts of the USSR. But I noticed uneasiness here over the large numbers of non-Lithuanians in the area around Vilnius.

Yet despite these fears the hard fact remains that life is better here than in Russia or other republics of the USSR. There may be more autonomy in Armenia, but certainly there is more poverty in Armenia than in Lithuania.

As for the political situation, the one-party system which is the way of life in Russia also prevails here. But it seems milder in Lithuania. There is even talk here of having two slates for voters - which would be the beginning of a two-party system even though both slates would be Communist.

Naturally, any two-slate system and other forms of political liberalization depend upon Moscow's permission, and this in turn depends upon how much pressure can be exerted on the Kremlin by the Western states which Moscow is courting (Canada, France, Britain, and even the U.S.).

The Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic boasts a

foreign ministry (the foreign minister is a woman, who recently visited Lithuanian groups in Toronto during her visit to Expo). The big push here is to get diplomatic recognition for the Lithuanian SSR.

Negotiations are currently going on between Britain and Moscow over Lithuanian gold which has been kept in London since World War II. And the Kremlin and the local government here would be most happy if Canada and other states would grant diplomatic recognition, which seems far more important to the 3,000,000 Lithuanians than the gold the British are holding.

But in spite of the so-called foreign ministry here, Lithuania will never be independent of Moscow's strings, barring a third world war which no one wants.

Why Lithuania creates a dilemma for Canada and the West is that there is the possibility that diplomatic recognition of the Lithuanian SSR might allow the West to exert pressure on Moscow for the granting of more autonomy here.

The Kremlin wants to project an image of a happy, multi-national state in which the national groups

have self-determination. By taking the Russians at their word, it is argued, the West would be able to negotiate with Moscow for Lithuanian rights.

Diplomatic relations between Vilnius and the West might conceivably lead to really firm links with the Western world, particularly between Lithuanians here and Lithuanians abroad (nearly a million of them).

The argument against recognition is that if the West were to establish diplomatic links with Vilnius, Moscow would have no incentive to grant greater autonomy because the fiction of self-determination here would be substantiated.

The dilemma is certainly a difficult one. In the past the various "pacts" ignored the people who live in Lithuania. It's about time that these people are taken into consideration even if the final result is not the total independence that the West supposedly wants for Lithuania.

(The TELEGRAM, Toronto, Canada, Courtesy of the Consulate General of Lithuania in Toronto)



OUR LADY OF SILUVA PROCESSION - MARQUETTE PARK - CHICAGO
(Photos by A. Raubiskis)



Knygnešys

Vos persiritęs šešius metus, persikoręs per petį terbelę, kurioje tilpo "graždanka", vaikščiojau pas "daraktorių" Mikalojų, kuris mane mokino rašto ir druko. Kiekvieną kartą nueinant ir grįžtant tekdavo pražygiuoti prie gluosniais apaugusio vieškelio stovinčią nedidelę trobelę, kurioje nesuskambėdavo nei vaiko juokas, nei nesigirdėdavo varstomų durų garsai. Atrodydavo, kad niekas joje nebuvoja, o tik lieknos vyšnios į stogą įsirėmusios ir raudonos

tulpės po mažais langeliais beauga.

Šioje trobelėje gyveno senas knygnešys. Buvo pražilęs lyg obelis, ant lazdos palinkęs, bet jo akys buvo žvalios ir spinksėjo jo pajuodavusiame veide, o kumpa nosis darė jį panašų į sakalą. Visi šį paukštį gerai pažinojo ir visų jis buvo laukiamas. Būdavo atskris jis iš Prūsų, tuoj visas kaimas pralinksmedavo: vienas šaukdavo - duok man "Aušrą", kitas "Aukso Altorių" - taip šaukdavo suaugę, seni ir

net mažieji. Visi būdavo ištroškę lietuviško žodžio, jo pasillgę. Kai knygnešys, niekam nesigailėdamas, dalindavo lietuvišką spaudą, visų akyse spindėdavo džiaugsmas.

Kartą jis ilgai negrižo - kur tai užtruko. Visaip kalbėjo, spėliojo kaiminai. Vieni gaudino, esą knygnešį sugavę ir į Sibirą išvarę, o dar kiti leido gaudus, kad nušovę. Visi buvo užinteresuoti ilgų knygnešio nesugrižimu ir ruošėsi jam pagelbėti. Tačiau vieną vėloką vakarą, saulei nusileidus knygnešys sugrižo į kaimą ir apsuptas pačių ištikimųjų žmonių prabilo į juos: daug kam šį kartą laikraščių ir knygų neišteksiu, nes žandarų šūvis man sunkiai sužeidė dešinę ranką. Žmonės sužiuro ir nenorėjo tikėti. Mat prieš mėnesį jie išleido sveiką ir gražų vyrą. O dabar jo veidas išbalęs, suvargęs, dešinioji ranka sutraukta, kurios pirštai iškraipyti - neveikė.

Liko vargšui knygnešiui tik kairioji ranka. Ilgus, ilgus metus jis su ja nešiojo brangiausią turtą - lietuvišką raštą. Žmonės spietėsi apie tą silpną invalidą knygnešį, kaip jūrų paukščiai apie ramų švyturį. Visus gaivino, visiems džiaugsmingą viltį teikdavo, pasiaukojęs vienarankis knygnešys. Jo draugai išmirė tolimame Sibire, kalėjimuose, o jis, šaltį ir badą kęsdamas, pavojus ir kliūtis nugalėdamas, nešė knygas neišbrandamais miškų tankumynais ir skleidė jas savųjų brolių lietuvių tarpe. Kai kas knygnešį paklausdavo, iš kur jėgų imas pakelti šaltį, nemigą ir pavojus, visiems atsakydavo: Iš šv. Dvasios. Po to, kas dieną knygnešys linko prie karsto, mažytė jo trobelė prie žemės, o sužalota - neveikianti ranka liudijo apie jo nuveiktus darbus savo tautai ir tėvynei Lietuvai.



Spaudos draudimo laikais motina prie ratelio slap-tai moko savo sūnų skaityti lietuviškai. (P. Rimšos skulptūra.)

Lithuanians in The NEWS



CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK 1967

Lithuania's right to freedom and independence was forcefully reiterated during the Captive Nations Week in the United States, July 16-23, 1967.

The tone for the ninth national observance was set by the Proclamation of the President of the U.S., Lyndon B. Johnson. The Chief Executive stated among others that "the independence of peoples requires their exercise of the elemental right of free choice" and that "these inalienable rights have been circumscribed or denied in many areas of the world." He stressed the traditional "abiding commitment" of the United States "to the principles of national independence and human freedom."

Governors of many states issued proclamations on the occasion of Captive Nations Week 1967. The proclamation by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller reads in part: "In the eyes of the enslaved, the United States is the citadel of human freedom, as our Congress has justly pointed out. They look at us for leadership in bringing about their liberation and independence..."

The highlights of the observances included a march of 10,000 in Chicago, a City Hall ceremony chaired by Mayor Lindsay in New York, an impressive parade in Phoenix, and many others. Sydney, Australia, was the scene of one of the most impressive demonstrations abroad.

Most U.S. newspapers voiced support of the ideas and aspirations symbolized by Captive Nations Week. A conspicuous exception was the WASHINGTON POST (July 10, 1967) which condemned the annual observance as "anticommunist hysterics" and "discrimination against Russians", thus accusing the victims and apologizing for perpetrators of international crimes - an exercise in logic which will fail to convince the enlightened reader.

One of the concrete steps connected with Captive Nations Week was Congressman E. Derwinski's (R., Ill.) proposal to adopt a resolution for the issuance of special U.S. postage stamps to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Baltic independence, in order "to dramatize the striving of the Baltic nations to restore their independence." Other legislators restated their support for Baltic self-determination in a Congressional debate held on the occasion of the Captive Nations Week.

LITHUANIAN WAYSIDE SHRINE BECOMES PERMANENT PART OF NEW YORK PARK

The Lithuanian Wayside Shrine, designated as a permanent exhibit remaining from the New York World's Fair of 1964-65, was rededicated and unveiled on June 17, 1967, when the World's Fair Corporation turned over the Flushing Meadows-Corone Park to the New York City's Parks Department.

The Shrine, perhaps one of the most photographed exhibits of the Fair, was designed by architect J. Mulokas of Chicago, and built by V. Simkus of Willow Springs, Illinois.

It was built as a project of the Lithuanian Committee for the New York World's Fair in 1964, under the leadership of Committee Chairman Jack Stukas, and with financial assistance obtained through the efforts of Felix and Aldona Daukus of Chicago's "Sophie Barcus Radio Family Lithuanian Hours", and the Knights of Lithuania.

The rededication plans and its maintenance in the park thereafter, are under the direction of Peter Wytenas, chairman of the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine Committee at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. Mr. Wytenas is a member of C-41 Seniors.

Lithuanians are indeed fortunate to have this Shrine, and its associated inscriptions and explanation grace this important new park of New York.

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(ELTA)

L. VYČIAI, DAUGIAU KALBĖKIME

I PASAULI

SENELIS

Gal šis mano rašinėlis kaimam ir nepatiks, bet jį rašiau su gerais norais ir geram tikslui, nes jau seniai norėjosei šio turinio rašinėlių parašyti į mūsų organą "Vytį", kuri skaito daugiausiai tik patys nariai. Šio rašinėlio mintys ir norai yra, kad palietus kuo daugiausiai kuopų, skyrių ir pačius aukščiausius mūsų organizacijos vadus ir garbės narius, pas kuriuos yra labai apmirusi vyčių dvasia, nes daugiau jau nieko nesigirdi nė žodžiu prabylant į mūsų lietuvišką visuomenę, o juo dar mažiau į mūsų lietuvišką spaudą, kurią plačiai skaito ne tik šioje šalyje gyvenanti mūsų išeivija, bet ir visame laisvame pasaulyje. Deja, bet mūsų organą "Vytį" skaitome daugumoje tik patys nariai, bet jame maža dalis kp. parašinėja žinelių iš savo beikimo. Mums vyčiams, kurie turime savyje daugiau vytiškos dvasios ir idealų, ypatingai, kurie pajėgiamė panaudoti savo rašomąją plunksną, neduokime jau rūdyti, bet sėskimės prie stalo, parašykime vieną kitą straipsnelį ne tik į mūsų organą "Vytį", bet ir į kitus lietuviškus laikraščius, kad visa mūsų lietuvišką išeivija sužinotų, kad mes vyčiai dar gyvi ir nepailsę lietuviškame veikime.

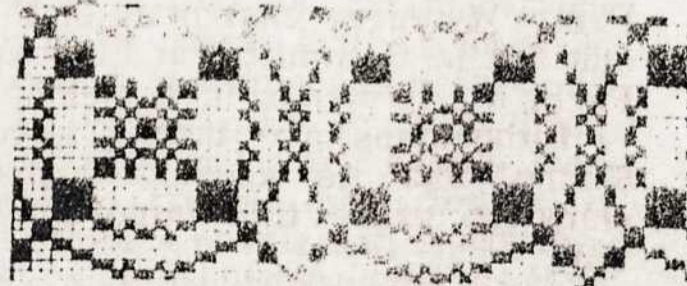
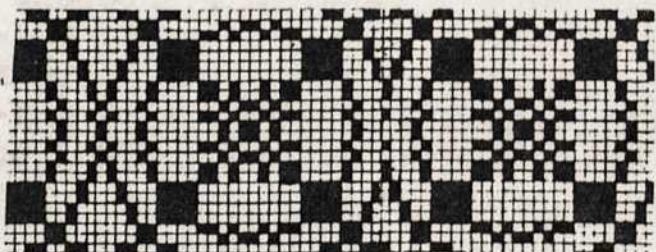
Turime mūsų organizacijos centro valdybos suvažiavimus, turime apskričių suvažiavimus, seimelius, kuopos, senjorų skyriai laiko savo susirinkimus, bet ar daug mes net patys nariai teži nome, o jau ne vyčiai, dar mažiau tesužino, apie mūsų suvažiavimus

ir bent kokius didingus paminėjimus ir pagerbimus? Kaip kitados, mūsų lietuviška spauda būdavo perpildyta įvairios rūšies rašiniiais ir žinėlėmis, gal dėl to tais ir mūsų miela organizacija klestėjo, augo ir bujojo, nes apie ją seni ir jauni, būdavo plačiai apsiskaitę ir susipažinę apie L. Vyčių organizaciją ir josios veikimą. Paimkime, kaip ir šiais metais, mūsų lietuviška spauda, jau net "neturėjo" vietos kiek plačiau ir ideališkiau prisiminti savo lapuose apie mūsų tautos vienintėlį šventąjį - šv. Kazimierą, bet kitiems, mažesnės reikšmės raštams, visada turi vietos pakankamai.

Mums lietuviams, ypatingai jaunesnėms organizacijoms, taip šv. Kazimieras turėtų būt gerbiamas ir mūsų lietuviška spauda perpildyta gražiais ir puoselėjančiais raštais apie mūsų tautos šventąjį jaunikaitį - šv. Kazimierą, kaip ariams šv. Patrikas, kuris net ir nebuvo jų kilmės, bet kaip jie šv. Patriką gerbia - jo šventės dienoje, spauda perpildyta, per radio, televiziją, miestuose didžiulės eisenos, orkestrų griežimai, o mūsų kur nėra vyčių, net mūsų pačių bažnyčiose nebūna prisiminimų apie šv. Kazimierą, kuris dar tebebūdamas jaunutis, meldėsi už savo tautą, o kada jis numirė, bet kuomet Lietuvos kariuomenei reikėjo pagalbos šv. Kazimieras atjojo žirgu iš dangaus padrašindamas savo tėvynės karžygius ir su jo pagalba, tuojau buvo nugalėtas rusas - kacapas ir jo didžioji kariuomenė. Ir kas šv. Kazimiero geruosius ir šventuosius darbus didingiausiai ir garbingiausiai prisimena - L. Vyčių organizacija, kuri kas metai, kaip tik nuo savo susiorganizavimo, šv. Kazimiero mirties dienoje - 4 d., visi nariai išklauso šv. mišių, priima į savo širdis šv. komuniją, dvasios vadai pasako pritaikytus pamokslus, turi bendrus pusryčius ir juose būna

pasakytos gražios ir pilnos vyčių dvasios kalbos, bet ne visi mes jas girdime ir apie jas pasiskaitome, nes nedaug mesturime Emilijų Pakalniškienių ir Povilų Dirkių, kurie nesibijo L. Vyčių organizacijos vardo paminėti, nė žodžiu nė plunksna. Bet vargas, kad mes mažai teturime tokių plunksnos mylėtojų. Mums vyčiams reikėtų tik džiaugtis, kad susilaukėme tokių asmenybių, kurie jau kiek laiko, kaip aria plačią vytišką vagą lietuviškoje spaudoje, kuriem nieko nereikia kelios valandos praleisti prie plunksnos savo mielos organizacijos naudai. Gaila, kad neatsiranda tokių pasišventėlių mūsų organizacijos didžiausiuose kuopose, kurios daugiausiai yra paskendusios tyloje.

Kitados, vienas, kitas narys, naujų narių verbavimo metu prirašydavo šimtus naujų narių, o paskiausiais metais neatsiranda nė tokių pasišventėlių, kurie prirašytų nors po tuziną naujų kandidatų. Kodėl taip pasikeitė mūsų organizacijoje gyvumas, iškalbingumas ir darbingumas? Mums gal reikia daugiau Mykolų Norkūnų, dr. prof. K. Pakštų, dr. Aleksandrų Račkų, nes buvusieji ir dar gyvieji L. Vyčių organizacijos šulai yra paskendę visiškoje tyloje ir bijosi sugrižti arti gražiosios vytiškos dirvos, nors ir buvo atsikreipta pas kai kuriuos iš šių plankniškų artojų, kad jie ir vėl pradėtų arti "Vyties" lapus ir dar buvo gautas ir kai kurių pažadas, bet ligi šios dienos nė vienas dar nepasirodė.



OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

OFFICIAL NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It will be a pleasure and an honor to serve you again as the National President for the coming year. I trust I can speak on behalf of all the officers - both new and old - and I am sure we will do all that we possibly can for the good and the name of the organization.

Two years have gone by since I took this office and much has been discussed and accomplished as you all know. We are now planning our activity for the coming year and here again our plans and our activity must meet with your help and cooperation. Please note our announcements and please reply to our correspondence. If you have any ideas please jot them down and send them to me or to the "Vytis" editor and we will look into any of these new ideas.

We are asking all councils to make gigantic plans for next year in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Independence of the Lithuanian nation. In a separate article in this issue you will find ideas and plans of how everyone can participate and take the initiative in commemorating this anniversary so it would be successful and befitting our name and our heritage.

AL WESEY,
National President

TO ALL COUNCILS:

Plans for the 50th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence

Regarding a resolution that was passed at the National Convention in Dayton this year, The Knights of Lithuania as well as all the large Lithuanian-American organizations throughout America are now making plans as to how they will publicize and bring to the attention of the whole world the 50th anniversary of the independence of the nation of Lithuania. The main theme of all these organizations should be unity and cooperation in putting over this important event and announcing it everywhere. The question is what should all the councils do to publicize this event in all their community. Here are some ideas of what should be done:

1) In February 1968, every council should plan an appropriate program - open to their entire community - to commemorate this event. The program should be a) musical, b) educational and informative, and c) feature a speaker. Funds should be collected at this event to help cover expenses, and also to pay for publicity which is the next step.

2) This 50th anniversary celebration should be well publicized throughout the entire country so every council should consider state-wide publicity. If there are two or more councils in a city or state

they should divide the area so that their publicity will reach different areas of the state, and especially the big cities. This publicity should not only be the writing of articles, but also direct newspaper or magazine advertising, 1/4, 1/2 page, etc. ads. This will require funds.

3) Texts and other information for the advertisements will be sent to all the councils and other interested parties.

4) Letter writing and publicity items are to be handled by all councils and again instructions and important information will be sent by the Supreme Council.

5) Further correspondence would be to public officials, informing them of the 50th anniversary plus asking them to make a statement. This includes local politicians, Senators, Governors, Representatives, State Department, etc.

6) If there is a conflict in item #1 between a council and another local organization there should be cooperation between the two. We know another organization may want to sponsor a program and get the publicity for themselves, but our council should approach them, inform them of our plans - our nation-wide publicity plans - and ask them to co-operate with us and help us pay for advertising costs. This would be a great event if for once all Lithuanians banded together for a gigantic celebration.

Finally this! All these events should be in English so they would get into the American press everywhere. This venture will give the Knights of Lithuania great publicity! It would open the door to new members. And, it would show the outsiders that we are not only a social organization, but that we are concerned with the freedom of Lithuania. Upon reading this, will you please let me know of your councils' opinion.

AL WESEY
National President

PASAULIECIU APASTALAVIMO TARPTAUTINIO KONGRESO REIKALU.

Pranešame visiems, kurie tikisi būti Romoje spalio mėnesio 11-18 dienomis, kuriomis vyks Pasauliečių Apaštalavimo Tarptautinis Kongresas, kad stebėtojų neatstovų teisėmis galės dalyvauti ir kiti, kurie bus iš anksto tinkamai įregistruoti. Lietuviai šiuo tikslu registruojasi per Monsignorą Vincentą Mincevičių, via Casalmonterrato 20, Roma. Savo vardą ir pavardę šiuo adresu reikia pranešti ne vėliau spalio mėnesio 1 dienos.

Norintieji garantuoti sau kambarį Sv. Kazimiero Kolegijos svetainėje turi taip pat užsisakyti iš anksto adresu: Villa Lituania, via Casalmonterrato 33. Kas tiksliai praneš kurią valandą ir kokia priemone atvyksta į Romą, tą pasitiks kas nors iš Sv. Kazimiero Kolegijos.

1968 -

YEAR OF THE LITHUANIAN FREEDOM STRUGGLE

1968 will mark the fiftieth anniversary since the proclamation of the restoration of Lithuania's independence. This important event was one of the main subjects of a conference of the main Lithuanian political bodies abroad, convoked by the Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania, on January 14-15, 1967, in New York.

The conference decided to proclaim the anniversary year 1968 - Year of the Lithuanian Freedom Struggle. An extensive program has been devised, including preparation of detailed documentation of the Lithuanian case for the eventual negotiations on Germany's Peace Treaty. The twentieth anniversary of the International League for the Rights of Man will be used to rouse the world opinion against the violation of basic human rights in Lithuania.

Among publications slated for 1968 are English-language books on Independent Lithuania, a collection of documents on the Lithuanian-Soviet relations during 1917-1967, and a volume on contemporary Lithuanian literature.

The major events of the Year of the Freedom Struggle will be: the Cultural Congress of the U.S. and Canadian Lithuanians, November 24-26, 1967, Chicago; the Third Folk Dance Festival of U.S. and Canadian Lithuanians, July 7, 1968, Chicago; and the Third Congress of the World Lithuanian Community, August 31 - September 2, 1968, New York. Also a political conference of leaders of Lithuanian world organizations is scheduled by the end of 1967 in Washington, D.C.

AVAILABLE - "VYTIS" CONVENTION ISSUE

Copies of the August-September Convention issue are available, and are intended for use in membership drives, council reorganization work, etc. Anyone desiring extra copies should contact the Editor (see page 2 for address).

K of L Calendar

- OCT. 7 - C-90 Harrison-Kearney, 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE, Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, Kearny, N.J.
- 13 - M-C District PRE-CONVENTION PARTY, Argyle Bowl, Detroit, Mich.
- 14 - M-C DISTRICT CONVENTION, Holiday Inn, Dearborn, Mich.
- 15 - M-C District CONVENTION BANQUET, K C Hall, Detroit, Mich.
- 15 - C-17 So. Boston, OCTOBERFEST, Stephen Darius A.L. Post, So. Boston, Mass.
- 21 - SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 28 - C-26 Worcester, MASQUERADE MADCAP, LNC Hall, Worcester, Mass.
- NOV. 25 - C-17 So. Boston, FALL DANCE, S.B. Lithuanian Citizens Club, So. Boston, Mass.

ELECTIONS

Election of new District and Council officers must take place in September or October. This constitutional change was approved at the 1964 National Convention and should be adhered to in the same manner as all other articles of the Constitution.

Immediately after the election of new officers, PLEASE send their names, addresses and zip codes to the National Recording Secretary, Mary Kober, 2 Bayview Avenue, Port Washington, N.Y. 10050.

The Supreme Council, your National Spiritual Advisor and committees cannot operate efficiently without the names of YOUR officers and chairmen. This year - let us all cooperate with our Supreme Council.

RITUAL DEGREES

A new, clarified and revised schedule of credit points for use in connection with application for various degrees has been sent to council secretaries. Additional copies may be obtained by ritual committees and other interested members by writing to Supreme Ritual Committee.

"VYTIS" DEADLINES

November issue deadline was October 5th
December (Christmas) issue - November 10th
January 1968 issue - December 5th

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


SEASON'S GREETINGS

ALL MEMBERS, COUNCILS, DISTRICTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

Suggested Donations for Christmas Greetings in the December issue of the "Vytis":

Full page	- \$50.00
1/2	- 25.00
1/4	- 12.50
1/8	- 7.00
One or two line greetings	- \$2.00

Be a "Vytis" booster - AND - wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year. Mail your Greeting copy and donation to:

Irene K. Sankus, Editor
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IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

CLEVELAND, OHIO

IŠ VIDURINIŲ VALSTIJŲ L. VYČIŲ APSKRITIES SUVAŽIAVIMO

Gegužės 28 d. Igno ir Antosės Visockų rezidencijoje, įvyko vidurinių valstijų L. Vyčių apskrities pusmetinis seimelis, kuri specialia malda pradėjo apskrities pirm. V. Pavis ir visiems giedant Amerikos ir L. Vyčių himnus.

Dienotvarkės eigoje, apskrities met. rašt. St. Pavienė iššaukė šios apskrities narius, bet iš septynių kuopų, bei skyrių, šiame su-me dalyvavo tik trys C. vyčiai senjorai, Dayton, Ohio L. vyčių 96-ta kuopa ir Youngstown, Ohio vyčių senjorų skyrius. Bet daytoniečiai ir clevelandiečiai, valdybų nariai, papildė L. Vyčių 25-ta kp., pitsburgiečius ir detroitiečius.

Apskrities pirm. V. Pavis, pirmas, trumpais ir vytiškais žodžiais, visus pasveikino ir didingai padėkojo mieliem vyčiam Visockam, kad jie buvo tokie geri ir nuoširdūs, kad pas save sukviatė šią apskrities seimelį. Taip pat, pirm. daugiau padarė gražių pastabėlių ir po jo reikšmingų pareiškimų, jis pakvietė met. rašt. - St. Pavienę - savo žmoną, perskaityti iš praėjusio seimelio nutarimus, kurie ir buvo priimti be pastabų.

Toliau sekė finansinis raportas, kuri pateikė P. Gudelis, apskrities izd. net su pastabėle, kad apskričiai priklausančios kuopos ir senjorų skyriai pasilikę su savo metinėmis duoklėmis. Pranas toliau kiek ilgesnį pranešimą padarė iš Dainavos stovyklos, kurioje ir šią vasarą buvo jaunučių vyčių atostogos, kurias glūbojo ir prižiūrėjo vyte Zagarienė ir P. Gudelis, kuris prašė ir ragino, kad jei kuris turi jaunesnio amžiaus vaikų, tai juos leistų į Dainavą atostogauti.

Iš religiško veikimo pranešimėlių padarė St. Vaitkus su pastaba, kad ir šiais metais į Carey, Ohio, į šventąją vietą nedaug tesuvažiavo, bet kurie dalyvavo, tai visi praleido gražiai ir dievobaimingai laiką. Beje, jis didokai ragino visus seimelio dalyvius, kad kuo skaitlingiausiai dalyvautų L. Vyčių org. 54-jame seime, kuris

šiais metais įvyko Dayton, Ohio, rugp. 3 - 6 d.d., o dar pilnesnį ir nuoseklesnį pranešimą visos seimo eigos padarė rengimo kom. pirm. Marijona Lukas. Ji plačiau paaiškino, kokios bus seiminės išvykos - sporto, apromas Daytono miesto, meniškos programos ir kiti labai malonūs priėmimai. Marijona ragino visus, kad šiame seime kuo skaitlingiausiai dalyvautų, nes yra susitarta su centro pirm. Al. Vasiliausku, kuris specialiai tuo reikalu buvo atvykęs į Daytoną pasikalbėti, kad ir senjorai vyčiai turėtų savo atskirus posėdžius. Taigi dabar, senjorų vyčių skyriams jau laikas pagalvoti apie šį projektą ir kuo skaitlingiausiai atsiųsti delegatus, kurie pirmą kartą galės aptarti savo bėgamuosius ir būsiamuosius reikalus, o ypatingai padidinimą senjorų veikimo ir organizavimą naujų skyrių. Ir šiuomi baigėsi seimelio pasitarimai su Lietuvos ir L. Vyčių himnais ir pirm. V. Pavio malda.

Po sesijų, sekė vaišės, kurios mielų Visockų, buvo didingai ir svetingai paruoštos ir tai savomis lėšomis. Nedaug mes teturime tokių nuoširdžių ir svetingų vyčių, kaip mūsų Ignas ir Antosė Visockai.

Beje, netik didžiomis vaišėmis stalai buvo papuošti skoniniais valgiais, bet jų metu, Ignei Visockai ir Marijonai Lukas vadovaujant, buvo visų dalyvių sudainuota daugiau tuzino gražių lietuviškų liaudies dainų, kuriomis džiaugėsi ir žadino vytišką širdis artimiau pamilti savo



Antosė ir Ignas Visockai.

tautą, jos gražiausias dainas, tėvynę Lietuvą, o čia gimusiųjų - tėvėlių tėvynę.

Ignas ir Antosė Visockai, ne tik turi puošnią rezidenciją, bet kokiems vyčių su-mams, bet ir puoselėjanti daržą, kuris čia matosi mažajame vaizdelyje, kuriame abu namų savininkai maloniai praleidžia savo liuoslaikį dienomis ir vakarais. Ignas Visockas yra vyčių senjorų 2-ras vice-pirm. ir veikiančios komisijos pirm. Taip pat mūsų Ignas yra White Motors Corp., didžiųjų sunkvežimių gaminiame didis viršininkas, kurio priežiūroje dirba 160 darbininkų, ilgametis Šv. Jurgio parap. choristas ir gražių darbų rėmėjas. Bet išdidumo pas Igną kuo mažiausiai.

Senelis

VYČIAI SENDRAUGIAI - KALĖDŲ DĖDUKAS SAKO ...



"Sveikinkite kitus Sendraugius ir visus Vyčius per VYTI."

Užsisakykite Kalėdų Linkėjimus nuo savęs ir nuo kuopos iš anksto.

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K of L SCHOLARSHIP

During the 54th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, August, 1967 in Dayton, Ohio, two young K of L members were named recipients of the annual Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Award. Each will receive \$300, half of the \$600 award. In the absence of Committee Chairman Jack Stukas, Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius announced the winners, during the Convention's Closing Banquet. The winners, chosen by Scholarship trustees Jack Stukas, Rev. Kriščiunevičius, Jan Jakunas, and Walter Svekla were selected on the basis of scholarship, service to the Knights of Lithuania and the Lithuanian community, and financial need.

It is especially commendable that the awardees, in addition to rating very high in all the above criteria, also come from very active K of L families.

We congratulate the winners!



DENIS MAZEIKA, currently president of Council 41, Brooklyn, has been a K of L member since he became of age. He has been council president for several years, and is active in numerous K of L committees, including Lithuanian Affairs, Membership, and the C-41 Lithuanian Dance Group.

Denis' Lithuanian activities extend beyond the boundaries of the K of L, for he is also a member of the New York Lithuanian Dance Ensemble, co-chairman of the Youth Division of the Committee to Restore Lithuania's Freedom, and is active in numerous other Lithuanian activities. One of his professors states:

"He deserves recognition for his services as a member of the Knights of Lithuania. He literally always manifests great concern for Lithuanian activities. For example, he constantly borrows my Lithuanian books in order to prepare articles and lectures on Lithuanian culture. I think that every one of us can only be proud of him. He not only attends Lithuanian courses during the summer for his own benefit, but he also helps in seeking out financial support for scholarships for other people."

Of Mr. Mazeika's scholastic ability, another professor states:

"To the best of my knowledge the applicant has maintained a creditable academic record here at Fordham... I find him most helpful, very dependable and very interested in study and work. He has a most pleasant personality and gives promise of great ability in any field of his choosing. During the four years of our association I have not noted or heard of anything which could reflect in any way whatsoever on his character or integrity."

Denis' aim currently is to become a doctor of medicine. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in pre-med biology last June from Fordham University, New York, and will enter the University of Buffalo Medical School this Fall, where his part of the K of L scholarship will prove useful indeed. Once his goal in medicine is attained, Denis hopes to practice in a Lithuanian community, and to continue to use his spare moments fostering "things Lithuanian".



MIRGA PAKALNISKIS, of Council 112, Chicago, has been a member of the Knights of Lithuania but a few years, but has proven herself an industrious member nonetheless. She has served on numerous committees in C-112, and is a regular member of the K of L, Ill.-Ind. District Choir, where she serves as Librarian. She also assists her mother as a junior reporter for the Draugas' weekly column, VYCIU VEIKLA, which Mrs. Pakalniskis edits.

Outside the K of L, Mirga is active in Chicago's Lithuanian Pedagogic Institute, served as editor of its yearbook, and has held office in the Ateitininkai. She actively participates, as a representative of the Lithuanian Students, in various cultural activities at the University of Illinois which she attends.

Her council president remarks:

"Based on contacts with the applicant and her family, I regard Mirga as an excellent scholarship candidate because of her wholesome family environment, the importance she places on higher education, the fine grades I am told she has attained in college, and her K of L activities..."

In addition to her fulltime college studies, Mirga is industrious enough to remain an active K of L council member and is a regular member of the Illinois-Indiana District choir.

Milda will use her scholarship to further her studies in Russian Literature, and to advance her abilities as a poet, at the Chicago Circle Campus of the University of Illinois, where she is currently a sophomore. After attaining her goal of at least a Master's Degree, she hopes to

teach high school literature. Lithuanian-wise, she is about to attain a diploma at the Lithuanian Pedagogic Institute which will enable her to teach literature and organize poetry seminars in the Lithuanian High School also.

About Mirga's scholastic abilities, a teacher states:

"Miss Pakalniškis has proved herself to be an outstanding student. She has a fine literary mind; she sets consistently high standards for herself and always meets

them; her interests are wide; and her intellectual integrity impressive. In short, she is a first class student as well as a very agreeable person. I can recommend her with enthusiasm."

We're hopeful that the K of L scholarship award will aid Mirga in her endeavors scholastically, and that she may also attain another of her goals - to marry and raise a large Lithuanian family!

L.S.

JUNIOR NEWS

DAINAVA *** DAINELĖ

This year, smaller in number but in tremendous spirit, our K of L campers enjoyed a well-spent, sun-filled camp week at Dainava, sponsored by the Mid-Central District.

After a short "Hi", "Glad you could come", and "Nice to see you", campers were free to start the day's activities. Children were put into groups and according to age, 8 to 14. Some are lonesome and some shed tears. Soon, the fascination of garter snakes, bug collections, swimming and sports dries their tears and they become "Lithuanian" oriented.

Fun in the water for the camper was enjoyed under the leadership of aquatic director and assistant camp director, Kass Buitkus. Swimming is what Terry Vaitkus liked best. "But ooh, is that water cold!" Terry said. But even on cool days there seemed to be lots to do.

Joan Byville, who chaperoned the swimming department, also headed a well-diversified arts and crafts program. The sculpture department exhibited a considerable range of style and viewpoint, from classical Lithuanian to abstraction. Among the drawings we enjoyed was Daina Yucius' small abstract invention; Jackie Tomalis' carefully colored arts studies and Jim Nagy's

freely executed "Free Style", to mention only a few. The ceramics display was one of great taste both in the work itself and the presentation. There were vigorous figure paintings by Robert Fetingas, and solid, rich still-lives and figures by Joan Byville. Last, and particularly enchanting were the imaginative paintings by the campers, subjects on which I'm not qualified to make judgements, but which were expressed with the look of expert work, which Sister M. Ignė, the camp directress, had her hand in guiding.

The exhibits most characterized by variety, inventiveness and design were the ones given for awards to campers at the end of the week. The top winning group for Girls were "The Pink Panthers"; and for Boys, "The Wildcats". These awards were made by the Dayton Juniors during "Off Camp" season, under the leadership of Joseph and Ann Boeke. There were prizes for the largest and smallest projects, the highest and most attractive talents. Peggy Bitner, who was a former camper, was in charge of Program Department. The masquerade night could have been appropriately themed with "Un Ballo in Maschera", considering all who came in beautiful costumes

and intriguing masks.

It was all walk when Clem Patocki made the scene by announcing: "Why don't we go on a hike?" ... and away they went. Through fields and woods the campers traveled, picking berries and packing pockets with whatever they could find. It was sort of an Ascot Race (Lithuanian style) with feet instead of horses. Following this good workout, the campers were treated by Clem to a very delightful evening, like a bright Lauzas, roasting marshmallows and doing sunset skits near the beach.

On every dock, as on every block, there are the confirmed organizers, determined first-doers and a special golden breed of people - the fishermen. Alex "Skip" Fetingas often become an early riser. He could be found sitting on his hook-jammed (make-shift) fishing box, gazing at the horizon and wondering more and more who'll be among the counsellors taking him out for that fish bite. On the other hand, "Sissy" Fetingas may have needed help from "Big" brother to bait her fishing line, only to hook another strand of valuable seaweed. Whatever it is the Fetingas Four were wallowing in it at heart - turtle, frog, and seaweed.

You're not with it if you think

the little dears came trundling on to camp without determined doers. It was cast, cast, cast all the way for little Robin Počius who arrived carrying her arm in a sling after a fall from a tree in her hometown of Dayton. We admire her determination and participation in all of the activities at camp.

One of the most impressive camp activities was the procession to the Lithuanian Cross, following Mass, where each group read prayers sincerely expressing their thoughts. Father Kemežis was most instrumental in the spiritual capacity.

Working as confirmed organizers were Chairman Frank Gudelis, Clem Patocki, Jos. Kazlauskas, Sophie Zager, and Dorothe Martin and her daughter, Phyllis. In addition serving on the planning committee were district president, V. Ed Pavis; and 1st V.P. Frank Zager. Also, the good Sisters extended a friendly hand to make sure that all went well. Others who deserve a great hand in serving on the camp staff were Miss Birutė Baltrušaitis, George Stanievich, Tommy Martin, Joe Prasmantas, and Vytautas Petrauskas, the music director at camp. In assisting with Lithuanian songs and folk dancing, Birutė filled this category capably as well as helped in editing the camp book. The "Dainelė" as it was called contained items the campers said and did - AND what they would like to have in camp next year. Which Joe Prasmantas commented, "Camp is okay the way it is now. Nothing's

REGISTRATION OF A JUNIOR COUNCIL WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL

1. As soon as a Junior Council is organized, notification should be sent to the Supreme Council 1st Vice President.
2. Dues of \$5.00 per year for Junior Council should be sent to the Supreme Council Financial Secretary. Dues are payable in January (if the Junior Council is organized during another month, the Supreme Council 1st Vice President will notify you of the amount to send to the Financial Secretary.
3. All Junior members are required to register with the Supreme Council. Registration cards will be sent when the Vice President is notified that a Junior Council has been organized. According to the registration cards returned, membership cards will be issued to those members.
4. Supreme Council 1st Vice President should be sent the following information:
 - (a) Name and address of person to receive copies of VYTIS (there are 5 copies sent to each Junior Council).
 - (b) Names and addresses of Spiritual Advisor and Junior Counselor(s).
 - (c) Names and addresses of Junior Council Officers. (This list should be forwarded every year, as soon as possible after elections are held.)
5. Counsellors should maintain contact with the Supreme Council through the 1st Vice President, by supplying or requesting information, asking for advice or suggestions, etc.

wrong. They should even have the same counselors again next year". Hope all the counselors took note.

Best campers (elected by all other campers) were Irene Araminas, Joe Cernevicus and Mary Mancuso. The Ambrose clan walked off with practically all of the athletic awards. Seems like lake living agrees with them. Congratulations to them and all of the other winners.

Last but not least, keeping order at camp was Mrs. Peter Pocius as dormitory mother, and Mike Veigel as "housefather".

Both saw to it that the campers maintained a certain amount of peace and dignity. Both titles are at times well-earned.

Speaking of "well-earned" terms, this brings us to another occasion which we particularly want to stress and that is the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of Lithuania's Independence next year. So in commemoration, plan for "camp days" in '68. Use them. Grow!

SOPHIE M. ZAGER,
Camp Sec'y.



(Left photo) Dainava's St. George with Sisters' home in background. (Right photo) Camp Dainava's Lake with "White House" in background.



K of L

TRACKDOWN

It is not necessary to have the exceptional efficiency of Perry Mason, the prodigious durability of James Bond, or the deductive mentality of Sherlock Holmes to trackdown new members. But, it may take a great deal of persistence for us ordinary, though real, human beings. That is the main reason for a posthaste start on this year's dues and membership drives.

All that paragraph means is that, "Yes, Vyčiai, it's that time again." Council financial secretaries should begin their dues-seeking duties. Membership chairmen must start searching for non-K-of-L-looking faces at the perennial banquets, dances, be-ins (and hootenannies for the older folk). So too, a new supreme council membership officer must begin his first official try at a regular "Vytis" article. But, only too quickly he became known as a deadline-detester and editor-harasser.

Do not let it be "that time again," however, for abandoning council financial secretaries and membership chairmen to their own tasks. Like most council officers, they probably are among the most active and take on numerous K of L responsibilities. Because their official functions are well performed, they likely are called upon to carry out additional and no less important work. In many cases perhaps they are attempting to stimulate, organize, and coordinate council or district activities as well. The more they take on the more important it becomes to motivate regular members into activity, whether it is signing up new members, reminding someone that it is time for dues, or just talking about the K of L at gatherings of other organizations.

Far from belittling that aspect of just talking about the K of L, this what arouses the interest of non-members. Who would care to join an organization with members not interested enough to talk about their own activities? Why would anyone want associates who imply a tepid concern for their own organization?

In essence then, the point is that any exertion to gain members requires the support of more than just the dependable few, more than just the energetic initiative of council and district officers. It re-

quires the widespread assistance of as many members as possible. Efforts have been and are being made within the K of L in that direction. One such attempt is being made by a district which was fortunate in having its membership vice-president sponsor the drive. Plaques are to be awarded to the council gaining the most new members, and the sponsor will award wristwatches to the lady and gentleman enrolling the most members. Additionally, that district is developing a long-term plan to instill membership recruitment on a regular incentive basis. Details of that drive, its results, and hopeful long-term program will be announced in forthcoming articles in this space. Perhaps those ideas will inspire action or even more effective approaches in other districts.

After the especially successful tenure of Eleanore Laurin, this newcomer would like to carry on her program. But, a bit of assistance from you, the readers, would be appreciated. How about relating the experiences of individuals, councils, districts in facing the membership problem. Just address a card or note to the membership vice-president; the address is on the inside front cover of the "Vytis." These ideas could help other councils. Perhaps these individual and local successes can be geared into a national effort.

Meanwhile, there can be no let up. Miss Laurin's proven formula will be continued with no more than a minor change or two. The complete rules will appear in the next "Vytis." Again, special awards will be presented at the next convention to the first councils in the four categories to be 100% paid up. In an attempt to make it easier for you to keep track of your own points, the only changes are in the point system - earn ten points for each new or rejoin member enrolled by April 1, 1968 - five points for each new or rejoin member you enroll thereafter until July 10, 1968. Remember never to give up trying. Keep on the track of those prospective members.

LEON PAUKSTA
Membership Vice President

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10

Vincukas

The Genaitis' were at it again! Yes, they traveled throughout the summer months. In their travels they visited their daughter and her family in Texas and ended their busy summer with a trip to EXPO 67. It is worthy to note while in Arlington, Texas, Blanche spotted a Jonaitis in the telephone book (Blanche's maiden name) she called and they were all thrilled as the Jonaitis's were former K of Lers from Westfield, but not relatives. It sure is a small world. After spending an evening together - they left almost as long lost and found relatives.

Bill Wisnauskas landed in the hospital just prior to his vacation. He is back on the job none the worst after a seven week recuperative period and a double repair job.

Howie Beaudette attended the week long convention of the American Legion held in Boston. He just hasn't slowed up yet.

Our sympathy is extended to Charles Genaitis on the recent untimely death of his brother, Dominick.

Al Rodski, one of the familiar Gardner trio, has been finally caught by a cute Lithuanian panelė. The couple were tended a testimonial at the Lithuanian Camp Hall on Sept. 9th. It was attended by many K of Lers.

Our annual barbeque was held at Frank's Camp in June. This year the menu was changed from steak to kilbasy and kapusta, which went over very well. (Hard to believe). During the P.M. faithful Worcester showed up. Nellie Melaika was general chairman.

Lennie Davidonis and his sweetheart Clara were seen attending all of the Lithuanian picnics sponsored by our religious orders in New England. With

such spirit our institutions will never cry poverty.

Frank Anoris spent the summer at his "dvaras" at White's Pond.

Our collegiate, Dick Genaitis, has to spend six months in the army as part of the Reserve program. He is now at Fort Dix.

Area K of Lers attended an outing sponsored by So. Boston at the Lithuanian Country Club in Gardner in July. It was a cloudy, showery day but never the less enjoyed by all in attendance.

A group of Gardnerites traveled to EXPO 67 over the Labor Day weekend with the Worcester Choro Ratelis. All had a grand time.

Miss Frances Milosh has been seen sporting a new Dodge Coronet 440.

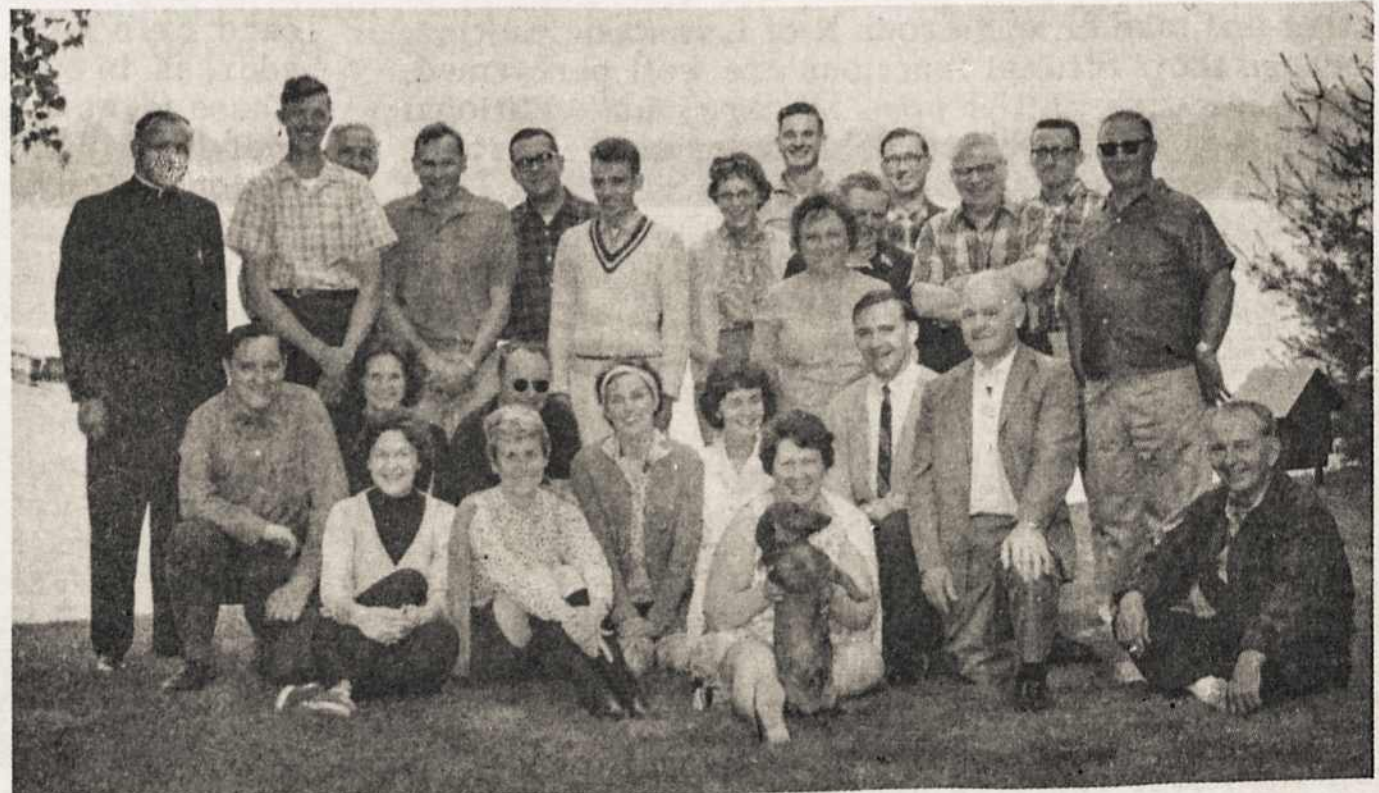
WORCESTER, MASS., C-116

Onytė

Now that summer vacations are over we are all set to get into the swing of our busy Fall schedule. It is to be a very busy one indeed, since we are to host the NED Convention in September.



Miss Pauline Wesockis of Athol became the bride of Alvin Rodski, on Aug. 19 in St. Francis Church, Athol. Rev. Michael Tamulevicius performed the marriage ceremony and Rev. Albin Gurklis, MIC, of Marianopolis celebrated the Nuptial Mass. A reception was held in the Lithuanian Hall. The couple spent their honeymoon at Lake George, N.Y. and are now making their home in Gardner.



C-10's annual barbeque at Frank's Camp. Council members, guests and Father Mike's dog enjoyed the day.

Briefly, we look over some of the cards we received from our vacationers and find that they have traveled far and wide. Theresa and Frank ciras traveled clear across the country to Portland, Ore. where they visited the Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother Servite Fathers. A Lithuanian Shrine was erected there by the Lithuanians of America for the fallen heroes of liberty and martyrs of Communism. We hope to hear more about your trip, Folks.

Mary and Vic Mrozinski are not only sporting some terrific tans, but a brand new car as well... Ditto the Ostrowskis ...

The Adamaitis family enjoyed the scenery at Kennebunk Port, Maine. Irene will be a sophomore at Worcester State Teachers this fall... Margie Savage spent her vacation at Cape Cod before returning to studies at Quinsigmond State College... Dot Sinkavitch and Ann Miller battled the surf at Atlantic City and Cape May... Bob Paluses, John Yurkenas and Bart March spent the summer trying to empty the ocean of all the fish that live there, and from all the stories they tell, it seems that not very many got away... A great many of our members joined the Mens' Club for a trip to Boston and a Red Sox

game. That spectacular ninth inning ending left us all nervous wrecks, real exciting!

Condolences are extended to Barbara Mazeika on the recent death of her Dad.

Congratulations are extended to Al Rodski of Gardner on his marriage. Also, to Ed Daniels who presented Dianne Beletsky the lovely miss from Philly a diamond.

The John Kaspers have moved to Portland, Maine. John has been transferred by his company. They will be there for two years. Good Luck folks in your new home. We shall miss you very much.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT



Pasidarbavimu gausiai pagerbtas Klebonas Kunigas J. Walter Stanevičius 20 metų Kunigavimo proga. Puošnioje Dearborn Motelio salėje virš du šimtai rinktinės publikos dalyvavo bankete ir parodė savo ištikimybę savo klebonui. Buvo pasakyta linkėjimai: Altoriaus Draugijos ir Moterų Sąjungos 64-tos kuopos vardu sveikino Viktorija Dambrauskienė; L.K.S. 265-tos kuopos pirmininkas, žurnalistas Vladas Mingėla; Lietuvos Vyčių 79-tos kuopos pirmininkas ponas Galinskas ir Bendruomenės vardu ponas Udrys. Pagrindinį, ispūdingą, lietuvių ir anglų kalbomis, pasveikinimą pasakė kunigas V. Andruška, M.I.C. iš Niagara Falls, New Yorko. Sukaktuvininkas kunigas J. Walter Stanevičius išreiškė savo dėkingumą visiems dalyviams ir linkėtojams. Prie garbės stalo sėdi iš kairės kunigas M. Kundrotas, Dievo Apveizdos Parapijos klebonas ir L.V. 139-tos kuopos dvasios vadas; Izabelė Stanevičienė, sukaktuvininko motina; klebonas J. W. Stanevičius; inžinierius Charles Mishakis ir programos vedėjas kunigas V. Andruška. Didelė padėka Lietuvos Vyčių 102-rai kuopai, ypač Bob Boris ir kastik kuomi prisidėjo prie pagerbimo. Kunigas Stanevičius yra L.V. 102-tos kuopos Dvasios Vadas. Lai Dievas laimina Jubiliantą ir lai duoda ilgiausius metus gyvuoti. M.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Host C-79 Detroit, Mich.

Holiday Inn, Dearborn, Mich.

FRIDAY, October 13th:

Early arrivers plan to meet at Argyle Bowl (Grand River and Roselawn, Detroit). See the K of L Bowling League in action. A Get-Together Party will be held after bowling.

SATURDAY, October 14th:

11 A.M. - Registration and Brunch, Holiday Inn, (Michigan Ave. near Telegraph Rd., Dearborn, Mich.)

2 P.M. - Convention Session, K of L Room, Holiday Inn
Cocktail Hour after session.

8 P.M. - Lithuanian Re-Union Nite, Buffet Dinner and Dance, American Lithuanian Veteran's Memorial Hall, 16003 W. Warren at Rutherford, Detroit.

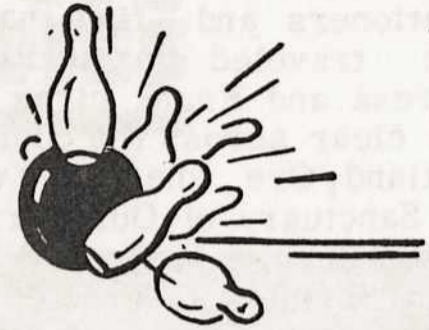
SUNDAY, October 15th:

12:45 P.M. - Mass, Divine Providence Church, Schaefer Highway at Grand River, Detroit.

2:30 P.M. - Convention Banquet, Knights of Columbus Monaghan Council Hall, 13530 Lesure at Grand River, Detroit.

For additional information, contact Chairman, Joseph Chaps, 17620 Fox, Detroit 48240, phone KE 2-2778 or Co-Chairman, Leon Galinskas, phone TY 7-9340.

R E S U L T S
MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT - CLEVELAND, OHIO
May 26-28, 1967



1ST - C-25	Cleveland	(Capt. Ursula Yankauskas)	-	2884
2ND - C-25	Cleveland	(Eugene Kunsitis)	-	2849
3RD - C-102	Detroit	(Clem Galinas)	-	2846
4TH - C-79	Detroit	(Ray Lucas)	-	2820
5TH - C-96	Dayton	(Joe Sinkwitz)	-	2762
6TH - C-79, C-139	(Detroit) and C-19	Pittsburgh (Ed Sackle)	-	2761
7TH - C-82	Gary and C-25	Cleveland (Joanna Shigo)	-	2760
8TH - C-25	Cleveland and C-19	Pittsburgh (Bruno Bartkus)	-	2731
9TH - C-79	Detroit	(Bernie Vitcus)	-	2612
MEN -	High Single Actual	- Rev. B. Ivan (C-25)	-	207
	High Three Actual	- Ray Lucas (C-79)	-	534
	High Single Hdcp.	- Clem Calinas (C-102)	-	234
	High Three Hdcp.	- Bruno Bartkus (C-25)	-	612
	Low Three Actual	- Joe Sinkwitz (C-96)	-	362
WOMEN -	High Single Actual	- Kay Kurpowic (C-139)	-	212
	High Three Actual	- Ursula Yankauskas (C-25)	-	525
	High Single Hdcp.	- Ruth Wagster (C-102)	-	237
	High Single Hdcp.	- Joanna Shigo (C-25)	-	606
	Low Three Actual	- Antoinette Louis (C-25)	-	240

**ILLINOIS - INDIANA
DISTRICT**

I-I DISTRICT Taitytè

The Illinois-Indiana District can operate again - now that all the Delegates to the Convention finally got home. In some cases it was pretty difficult to leave Dayton. Fortunately, Philly was still entertaining so Leon Pauksa, Al Raubiskis and Estelle Rogers were able to come back to the Hotel Sunday Nite and party away the hours before the next take-off time of their plane after their original flite was cancelled. One consolation was being able to kiss the boys and girls goodbye (respectively, of course) twice that nite.

Take it or leave it? Fly or Drive? These were the dilemmas confronting the girls from suite 609 on Monday afternoon. Their stop-off at Mary Lucas' lasted a bit too long and when they arrived at the airport just at take-off time, they could find nobody to take back their rent-a-car. So while Helen Zimmer was anchoring down the plane, Joan Jakunas was calling the bloomin' "Budget" office and Gerry Mack was blocking the stand-by passengers, Eleanore Laurin was making with arm signals and Irene Sankus was looking for some parking slot just to "deposit" the car. Well, with the cooperation of all the airline personnel everybody made the flight, but there were more signs that they left Dayton too early. The topper was the flat tire between O'Hare and "home".

The third incident was with Joe Nausedas, first to arrive at the Convention, and last to leave - about 11:00 P.M. Monday nite, when he was finally able to squeak



Upper left: Scene at Saturday's Brunch. Upper right: Bowling alley scene. Lower left: Joanne Shigo with Kay Kurpowic, High Single Actual. Lower right: First place team, Andy Skarnus, Ursula Yankauskas, Ray Shigo, Nelda Machutas. Missing Rev. B. Ivan.

out a flight for home.

So, with everybody back, the District "workers' " party was well attended. August 20th was the date reserved for a good ole fashioned cook-out planned just for the members of the various councils who generously contributed time and effort for the various District events throughout the year. There was much talk about that day too. Some who were friends of the Svelnis family talked about the gay time they had at the Golden Wedding of Frank Svelnis' parents the night before. Others who had not met the lucky man yet were congratulating Peter Seputis and extending best wishes to Joan Jakunas on their engagement. And everybody drank a champagne toast on and to Vince Samaska on the occasion of his birthday and coming trip to Europe and Lithuania.

And every other weekend has been just as busy. Sunday, September 3rd was the big annual Draugas Picnic, well attended, of course, by the K of L members. Saturday, September 9th the golfers and members of the "19th" Club enjoyed sunburn, windburn and heartburn at the Council 112 Golf Tournament which they sponsored for the District. Most of the golfers and diners made a last stop at Al Brazis' to top off another successful event.

The following day, many of the members and the Choir participated in the inspiring Our

Lady of Siluva Procession at Marquette Park. This most beautiful religious observance ended with Holy Mass at the Nativity Church. Later in the day some of the members went to the Darius-Girenas Post Picnic and enjoyed kugelis by Kay, the wife of the Post Commander Ben Pocius. Kay was selected Kugelis Queen at the District's July 4th Picnic and by the approval of those who tasted this batch, she still holds the title. Other members also made a stop at the Council 36 parish. Immaculate Conception, Las Vegas Nite event. With these highlights of just the first few weeks of the new K of L year, we can see it will be a busy one and a successful one.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 E.P.

Marquette Parko parapijos naujai įrengtoje sporto salėje, Chicagoje, 112-ta kuopa rugp. 15 d. turėjo susirinkimą. Į naują salę daug ir naujų narių atėjo - vien iš Brighton Parko pilna mašina atvažiavo.

Pirmininkas L. Paukšta susirinkimą atidarė ir uždarė su "Sveika Marija". Mūsų dvasios vadas kan. V. Zakarauskas yra išvažiavęs į Europą. 112-tos kuopos vyčiai linki mielam kanauinkui pailsėti, kad grįžęs su naujomis jėgomis galėtų vadovauti vyčiams.

Pirmininkas padarė pranešimą apie 54-tąją vyčių seimą, kuris įvyko labai svetingame Day-

tono mieste. Net keletas šimtų vyčių iš visos Amerikos buvo ten suvažiavę. Draugiškoje nuotaikoje vyko posėdžiai ir parengimai. Daug svarbių klausimų buvo iškelta, ir daug svarbių nutarimų L. Vyčių organizacijai padaryta. Penkios dienos prabėgo kaip viena valanda. Vistiek reikėjo atsisveikinti, išsiskirstyti ir važiuoti namo. Parvežti kuopoms pagyrimus arba papeikimus.

112-ta kuopa iš 54-tojo seimo gavo puikių lauktuvių. Trys trofėjos buvo ant stalo pastatytos. Visos trys buvo pirmoms vietoms atžymėti. Viena atiteko 112-tai, kuri savo narių skaičiumi prašoko visas kitas kuopas Amerikoje. Antra bus įteikta Al. Dagiui, 112-tos kuopos išdininkui, nes jis anksčiausiai išrinko hario mokesčius. Trečią laimėjo pirmininkas L. Paukšta, nes jis daugiausia naujų narių suverbavo.

Be to, 112-tos kuopos narė Mirga Pakalniškytė laimėjo vyčių stipendiją, kartu su brooklyniškiu Deniu Mažeika. Čia irgi garbė 112-tai kuopai, kartu ir visai Chicagai.

Viskas buvo malonu išgirsti tiems, kurie negalėjo dalyvauti seime. Kitais metais gal didesnis mūsų kuopos narių skaičius galės nuvažiuoti į Philadelphia. Ten vyks 55-tas vyčių seimas. Ateinantieji metai bus lietuviams reikšmingi, nes bus minima 50 metų sukaktis nuo Lietuvos nepriklausomybės paskelbimo. Vyčiai tą jubiliejų 55-tame seime atitinkamai stengsis atžymėti.

V. Paliulionis papasakojo apie numatomas Vyčių choro gastroles. Choras jau sutiko dainuoti dviejose vietose: Ford City ir Waukegane. V. Paliulionis yra taip pat organizatorius "Sudiev Vasara" šokių. Kvietė narius prisidėti prie to vakaro. Prisidėti galima darbu ir dovanomis laimėjimams. Visas pelnas bus skiriamas Vyčių salės skoloms mokėti.

Įvairūs ateities planai laukia vyčių darbo ir ištvermės. Naujieji nariai džiaugėsi prisirašę į vyčių organizaciją ir tuojau pat sutiko dirbti, nesvarbu kokios pareigos uždėtos jiems būtų.

Naujų valdybos narių, kurie buvo išrinkti rugsėjo 19 d. susirinkime, pavardės bus paskelbtos sekančiame "Vyties" numeryje.



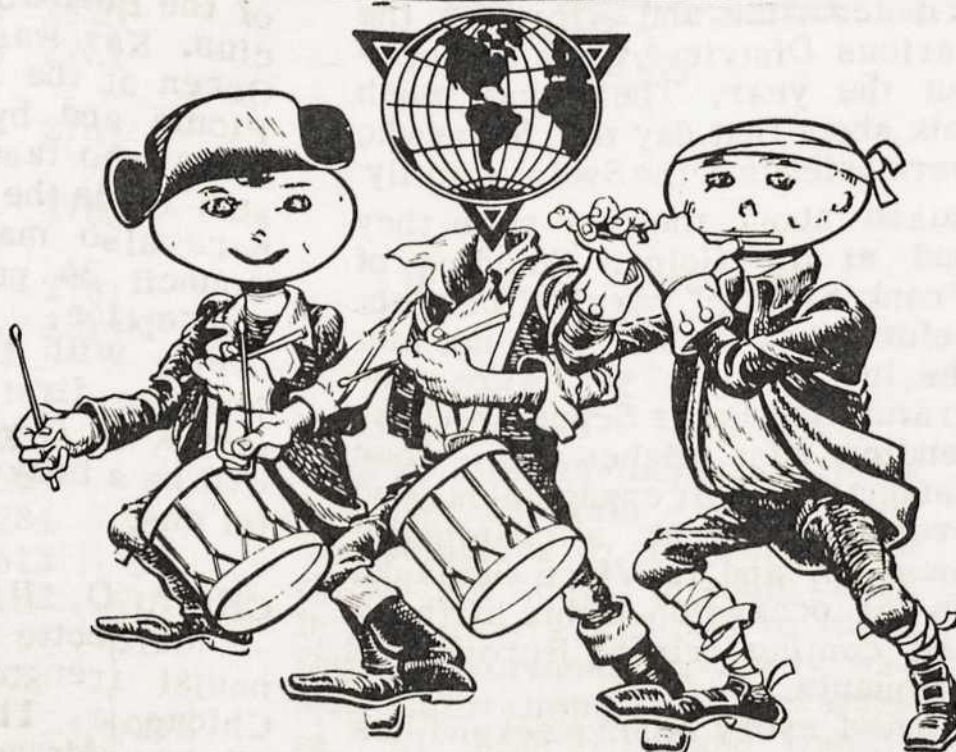
I-I Choir celebrated another successful season and honored Choir Director Faustus Strolia's father, the well-known composer Juozas Strolia.

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back in time to
send cards to all
my K of L friends.

Busy ?

Well keep trying,
keep trying ..."



(See page 10 for info.)



I-I K of L JULY 4th PICNIC. Upper photo (Seated) Kugelis Contest Judges. (Standing) Eleanore Laurin, Mrs. Samas, Kay Pocius (contest winner), Al Brazis and Leon Pauksta. Lower Photo: Tango contest winners Estelle Rogers and Pete Gagle with E. Laurin.