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AMBER Lithuania's Yellow Diamonds

DENIS G. MAZEIKA

Here are some interesting facts regarding amber for those amber lovers among us:

Did you know that one of the first experiments involved with the discovery of electricity made use of amber?

Did you know that the Aztecs and Mayas of South America made use of amber for ornaments and incense?

Did you know that amber was formerly distilled for the organic compounds it contained?

In 600 B.C., Thales of Miletus, a Greek pre-Socratic philosopher, rubbed amber on a cloth and noticed that small light particles were attracted to it. This is caused, as we know today, by static electricity. The very word "electricity" comes from Thales' term "electron", which he gave to this strange property of amber. From this we can see that amber has more importance that we really realized.

Since Amber has such a high capacity to hold electrons, it is no wonder that in some very important electronic equipment, amber is used as an insulator. However, this is more the exception than the rule mainly because amber is rather rare and more expensive than the ordinary electrician could afford to use.

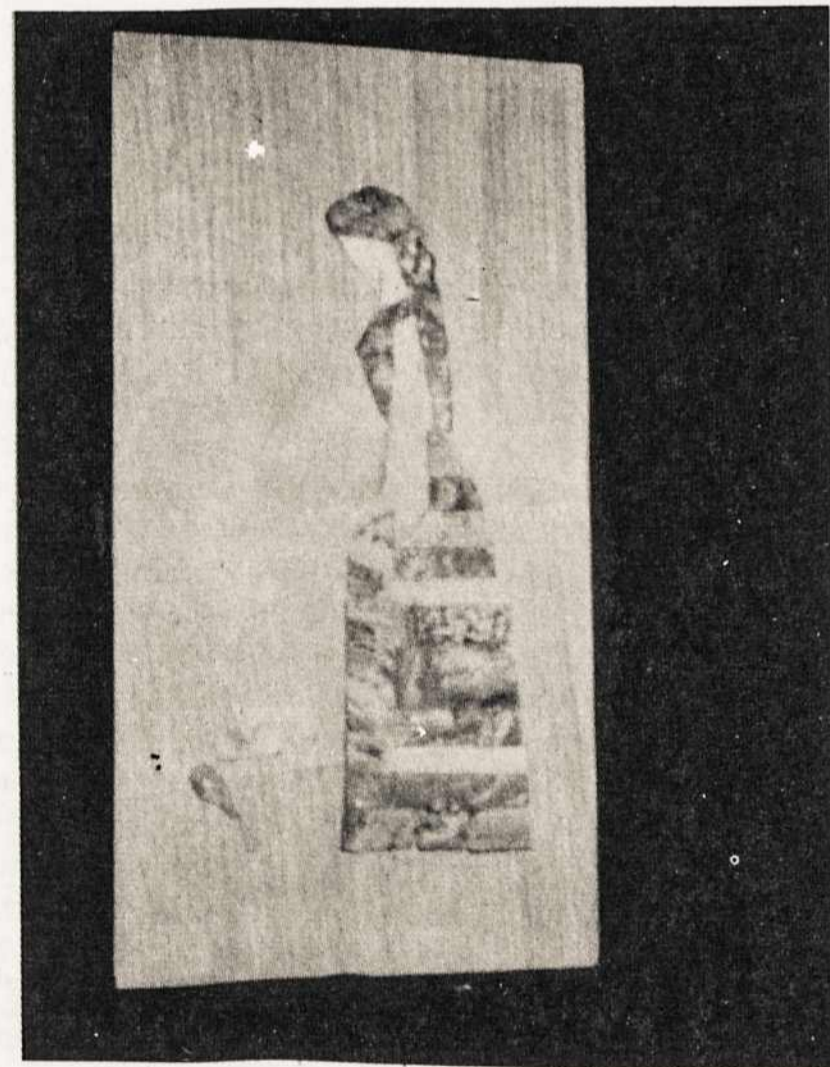
The Aztecs and Mayas of South America burned amber as incense and made use of it for ornaments; only this amber came from the New World rather than the Old. Although the vast amount of amber mined today comes from the Baltic area, small amounts of it can be found in Sicily, Rumania, Siberia, Greenland, Burma, Australia, and the United States, the latter being the South American Indians' source. Of the 250,000 pounds of amber mined every year, 220,000 pounds of it come from the Baltic Sea.

Amber was often used as an incense among various civilizations mainly due to its aromatic fragrance when burned. The reason why amber burns is due to its high content of organic material. As most people know, amber is a fossil resin. One of the most volatile resins that we know of is turpentine, and strange as it seems, the trees from which both of these resins are obtained - amber and turpentine - are very closely related. In fact, both come from a variety of pine trees. The only difference between the two is that *PINUS SUCCINIFERA*, the tree from which amber arose, is now extinct.

"True" amber, that of the Baltic Sea, has a high proportion of what is called succinic acid. Succinic

acid or butanedioic acid, was observed by Agricola in 1546 to be present in the distillate of amber. The very word "succinic" as well as "succinifera" mentioned previously, comes from the Latin term "succinum" meaning amber. Succinic acid was not widely needed in the Middle Ages and what little was needed for, say, dye making, could be obtained from the distillation of amber. Today's demand for this acid, especially in industrial chemistry, is so great that a synthetic method of production had to be devised.

The word 'amber' comes from the Arabic "anbar", probably through the Spanish, but this word originally referred to ambergris, which is an animal substance quite distinct from yellow amber. Pliny the Elder tells us that amber was called "sacai", by the Egyptians which is interesting, because in Lithuanian, the word "sakai" means resin. As most of us know, amber is called "gintaras" in Lithua-



A Lithuanian maiden in costume, made entirely of amber stones, from modern-day Lithuania

nian. The origin of this word is open to speculation. Is it possible that the Lithuanians considered amber so precious that they named it as "That which is to be defended"? "Ginti" in Lithuanian means to defend.

The color of "true" amber varies from almost a colorless, pale yellow to a brown. Amber appears as either clear or cloudy in resolution. Cloudy amber is called "osseous" or "bone" amber because through a microscope, this amber shows a system of canals and spaces much like the Haversian system and lamellae of bone. Some of the yellow amber looks exactly like bone. One explanation offered for the presence of these air spaces in the amber is the inclusion of great numbers of minute air bubbles which could not be released from the resin when it was formed. Archaeologically speaking, amber has been considered a sort of "time machine" showing life how it existed millions of years ago. This is due to the fact that amber often contains pieces of organic material and even complete organisms from the period in which it was formed. For instance, flies and insects are often found in amber which gives the archaeologist and biologist valuable information on evolution.

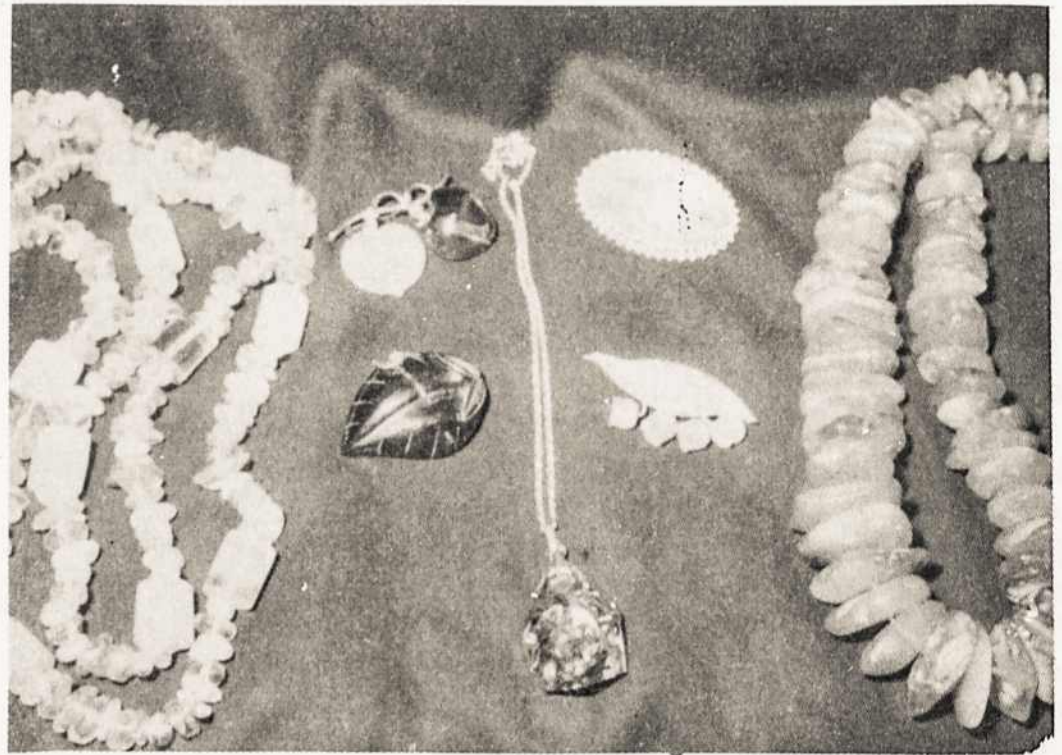
Amber is a much prized gem material and was one of the earliest used, its appreciation actually reaching as far back as the Stone Age. Amber beads appear in tombs in Egypt as far back as 3200 B.C. Amber has been found in ancient European lake dwellings, at Stonehenge, and in Mycenaen tombs. In the Bronze Age, and during Greek and Roman times, it was regularly traded across Europe to the Adriatic and the Black Seas. In fact, the actual trade routes running through Europe during ancient times, can be traced by making use of archaeological finds of amber.

The actual formation of amber took place approximately one million years ago. Just prior to that time, tropical forests grew throughout Europe. With time, the climate changed and these tropical forests vanished. As the trees fell, they were driven deep into the ground causing a disintegration of the tree as a whole. The resins of the trees fossilized however, and gave us our much valued amber. In various places, this layer of fossils has been exposed. One such place is beneath the Baltic Sea. During violent storms pieces of amber are broken off and cast up on the shores. Thus, we get our term "Amber Coast" from this fact.

Up until the second half of the 19th Century, the only way to get amber was to fish it out of the sea. The "fishing" of amber was not always simple - sometimes it was very risky. People used nets fastened to a pole about twenty feet long. The stormy November and December months were the most productive but also, the coldest and most dangerous. Occasionally, when the water was clear and quiet, amber could be seen in the depths and the fishermen could loosen it with spears or poles and then catch it in their nets. Many fishermen would dive for it.

The fact that amber is used for beads, pendants, or other ornaments, small carvings, cigarette holders, and mouthpieces for pipes, doesn't really tell one of its value. The annual production of amber is only an eighth to a twelfth as much as that of gold.

That means that amber is much rarer than gold. But then again, amber isn't a metal. Amber is, however, a semi-precious stone. Its rarity combined with its ability to be worked into whatever size or shape one wishes makes this substance extremely valuable. Its value is not limited to jewelry alone, as we have seen. The archaeologist, the biologist, the chemist, the physicist, all find the amber artifacts of the past extremely helpful in enlightening us to the present and the future. Perhaps amber's greatest value of all is a sentimental one. For to a Lithuanian, amber represents his homeland, a place torn from him by violence and bloodshed. A Lithuanian holds on to his "gintaras" as another would hold on to a diamond, because to a Lithuanian "gintaras" is a piece of his "gimtasis kraštas."



DID YOU KNOW?

- AMBER is almost certainly the earliest form of jewelry.
- AMBER and the diamond are the only gems of vegetable origin.
- AMBER is the lightest in weight of all gems.
- AMBER necklaces in addition to their matchless beauty, have been worn through the ages to protect against throat ailments. This custom is probably related to that quality of amber which enables it to store up static electricity.
- AMBER is the only gem which is warm and "feels good" to the touch.
- AMBER Wedding is the tenth anniversary.
- AMBER necklaces, according to a lovely tradition, when presented by the husband to his bride-to-be on their wedding eve, will keep her the most beautiful of women in his eyes.
- AMBER rosaries were first created by a guild of old-world master craftsmen - "Pater-noster Makers" in Bruges, Flanders in 1420. They are considered the most beautiful of all rosaries.

The world famous Amber Guild Collection of museum pieces is valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars and is one of the most interesting and beautiful of all gem collections.

LEGENDA APIE VILNIAUS PILI.



POV. DIRKIS

Vilnius yra vienas iš seniausių Lietuvos miestų. Istorikai ligi šiol nėra suradę jo įkūrimo tikslios datos. 12 a. rusų kronikose yra paminėta apie Vilnių, bet archeologinės iškasenos liūdi, kad toje vietoje jau anksčiau yra buvęs miestas. Gi remiantis padavimais, Vilniaus įkūrimas priskiriamas Didžiajam Lietuvos kunigaikščiui Gediminui. Šita legenda poetiškai yra pažymėta Adomo Mickevičiaus raštuose. Kalbama; kad kai Gediminas pradėjo statyti Vilniaus pilį, jis pasikevietė vaidilutes ir paklausė jas, kas reikia daryti, kad pilį niekad negalėtų užgrobti priešai. Vaidilutės atsakė, kad tam

reikalui reikia surasti tokią motiną, kuri galėtų paaukoti savo vienintelį sūnų. Tokių motinų tuometinėje Lietuvoje atsirado nemaža. Viena moteris anksčiau už kitas atvedė savo aštuoniolikos metų sūnų ir pati jį pastatė į griovį, į kurį turėjo kristi didžiulis akmuo statomai piliai. Sūnus ne tik nesipriešino, bet ir nedrebėjo ir tik laukė to momento kada kris ant jo tas milžinas akmuo, ir prašė kunigaikščio, kad jam leistų prieš mirtį išdėstyti vaidilutėms tris klausimus, būtent: kas yra pasaulyje pats lengviausias, pats saldžiausias ir pats kiečiausias? Gediminas jam tą leido. Vaidilutės atsakė:

"Pats lengviausias - pukai, pats saldžiausias - medus, pats kiečiausias - geležis." "Ne" - atkirto jaunuolis. "Pats lengviausias - tai vaikelis ant motinos rankų, pats saldžiausias - motinos pienelis, ir pats kiečiausias - motinos širdis, kuri be ašarų siunčia į mirtį savo vienintelį sūnų". Gediminą taip paveikė toks jaunuolio atsakymas, kad neleido tam jaunuoliui mirti.

Yra ir daugiau panašaus turinio legendų apie patį Vilnių ir jo pilį, tačiau jos nėra tokios būdingos ir reikšmingos.

SALEZIEČIAI SU LIETUVIŲ JAUNIMU

Lietuviškas žodis tautinėms Organizacijoms ir vi-
siems Tautiečiams.

Jau penkioliką metų Lietuviai Saleziečiai sėkmin-
gai dirba lietuviškumui, šv. Jono Bosko gimtiniame
miestelyje, Istituto Salesiano Lituano, Castelnuovo
Don Bosco (Asti) Italy. Tai yra LIETUVIŲ SALEZIE-
ČIŲ ĮSTAIGA, kuri globoja našlaičius, auklėja bū-
relį lietuvių jaunimo. Jie turi spaudos studiją, leidžia
lietuviškas knygas, išlaiko Alpėse vasarvietę, kurioje
jaunimas ilsisi ir lietuviškai lavinasi.

Tačiau reikia žinoti, kad Tarptautinė Saleziečių
Kongregacija lietuviškam židiniui dykai duoda virš
dešimt lietuvių pedagogų ir patalpas su bendrabu-
čiu 60-čiai berniukų. Tai yra labai vertinga ir bran-
gi dovana. GRIEŽTA SĄLYGA, kad patalpos būtų
užpildytos moksleiviais ir KAD LIETUVIŠKA TAU-
TINĖ VEIKLA BŪTŲ FINANSINIAI PALAIKOMA
PAČIŲ LIETUVIŲ. Jei Saleziečiai neturės lietuvių
jaunimo ir nebeturės lėšų išsilaikyti savo įstaigą,
tai Saleziečių Kongregacijos Vyriausioji Taryba už-
darys tą lietuviams svarbią mokyklą.

Sal. Misionierius kun. P. Urbaitis štai kaip rašo:
"Bet Saleziečiai nesulaukia iš niekur kažinkokių pa-
dėkos laiškų. Jiems svarbu konkretus bendradarbia-
vimas ir tolimesnis savo jaunimo tautinis auklėji-
mas. Lietuviai Saleziečiai be jokių asmeninių in-
teresų aukojasi per tiek metų tautinei veiklai ir yra
verti nuoširdesnio mūsų visuomenės prielankumo
ir paramos."

Teisinga pastaba. Visi lietuviai supranta kokią
svarbią lietuvių užduotį vykdo Lietuviai Salezie-
čiai. Čia tik būtų galima klausti ar užtenkamai lie-
tuviai remia Lietuvių Saleziečių tautinius darbus.

Laisvojo pasaulio ypač USA lietuviai remia Lie-
tuvų Saleziečių žygius; aukoja pavieniai asmens,
veikia rėmėjų būreliai, remia lietuviai kunigai, pa-
rapijos, organizacijos. Ta pačia linkme Lietuviai
Saleziečiai laukia paramos.

Pavienių lietuvių auka į mėnesį bent \$1,00, iš-
renkama RĖMĖJŲ BŪRELIŲ vadovų yra konkreti ir
nuolatinė parama. Lig šiol šiuo būdu yra remiami visi
Salezietiški planai. Lietuviai galėtų turėti tokių RĖ-
MĖJŲ BŪRELIŲ DAUGIAU. Kiekviena apylinkė,

miestas ir parapija galėtų sutelkti rėmėjus. Tai bū-
tų konkretiškas ir lietuviškas darbas.

SALEZIEČIŲ RĖMĖJŲ KOMITETAS lietuvių apy-
linkėse būtų labai svarus būdas informuoti lietuvius
apie Saleziečių darbus. Šis Komitetas gal pajėgtų
suvienyti visus rėmėjus ir surengtų pobūvį, kurs su-
pažindintų su Saleziečių veikla ir padidintų aukas,
ypač surastų MECENATŲ JAUNIMO BIBLIOTEKAI.
Bet reikia, kad atsirastų uolių, pasiaukojusių rė-
mėjų. Visi žino, kad lengviau yra atiduoti auką -
dolerį, kaip plačiau veikti ir sielotis kilnių lietuviš-
kų darbų sėkme.

KAS SVARBIAUSIA DABAR. Lietuvių Saleziečių
planai ir jaunimo auklėjimas lietuviams visuomet
buvo, yra ir bus labai svarbu. Bet ypatingai jiems
rūpi JAUNIMO PAŠAUKIMU IR DIDZIULIS JAUNI-
MO PASAULINIS ŽURNALAS. Jie rašo: "Reikia,
kad kas kalbėtų, rašytų, veiktų, susipažintų su šei-
momis ir sukeltų didesnę lietuvių jaunimo reikalais
susirūpinimą. Moderniškai leidžiamas jaunimo žur-
nalas apjungtų visą jaunimą, bet tame pačiame žur-
nale galėtų tilpti ir organizaciniai reikalai atskirų
draugijų."

Lietuvių Jaunimo Centras, iš kurio spinduliuotų
bendra ir ypatingoji Lietuvių Jaunimo veikla, turėtų
būti pats rimčiausias Lietuvių Bendruomenės ir visų
lietuvių organizacijų susimąstymo ir svarstymo taš-
kas. Tik turėdami jaunimą, galima laukti lietuvių gy-
vybinių uždavinių sėkmingo judėjimo ir ilgesnio iš-
laikymo. Jaunimas yra pajudėjęs, bet jis negalėtų
sustoti. Tegul bėga lietuviškos veiklos takais.

Pagaliau reiktų įsidėmėti Lietuvių Saleziečių
Italijoje nepaprastai veiklaus Direktorius kun. Pra-
no Gavėno mintį: "Vargai pagimdys galiūnus. Mes
nusistatę kovoti PAŠAUKIMINE KOVA". O kaip gi-
liai išvelgta. Juk lietuvių pašaukiminė kova yra ne-
paprastai reikalinga plačiausia prasme. Lietuvį ir
lietuvę kviečia kovoti pavergta Lietuva, išblaškyti
tautiečiai ir laisvuose kraštuose gyvenimam pasi-
nėręs, bet lietuviškumui nedaug žadęs lietuvių jau-
nimas. Visi jie šaukiasi lietuviškumo apaštalų. Juo
toliau, tuo mažiau jų lieka, o iš kur ateis nauji -
jauni? Čia lietuviai saleziečiai pramato pašaukimi-
nę kovą Lietuvai - lietuviškumui.

K. R.

1968 - YEAR OF THE LITHUANIAN FREEDOM STRUGGLE

1968 will mark the fiftieth anniversary since the
proclamation of the restoration of Lithuania's in-
dependence. 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 anni-
versary year 1968 - Year of the Lithuanian Freedom
Struggle. An extensive program has been devised, in-
cluding preparation of detailed documentation of the
Lithuanian case for the eventual negotiations on Ger-
many'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 viola-
tion of basic human rights in Lithuania.

Among publications slated for 1968 are English-
language books on Independent Lithuania, a collec-
tion 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
Canada 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.

Lithuanians in The NEWS



The Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance held a Dinner-Meeting at Sharko's East Restaurant, Chicago, Ill on Wednesday, Sept. 20th. Among the dignitaries in attendance were His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys and Leonardas Simutis.



Chicagos Lietuvių Centrinų organizacijų delegacija, vadovaujama Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos Pirmininko A.J. Rudžio aplankiusi 1967 m. spalio 6 d. Chicagos miesto mayorą R. Daley dėl sukaktuvinio Lietuvos nepriklausomybei paminėti pašto ženklų. Prieky: ALTo pirm. A.J. Rudis įteikia miesto mayorui R. Daley informacines knygas apie Lietuvą, iš dešinės stovi: kun. E. Abromaitis, Amerikos Liet. Kunigų Vienybės pirm., L. Simutis, Amerikos Liet. Susivienijimo pirm., kun. P. Garšva, MIC, dienraščio Draugas moderatorius, A. Budreckas, dienraščio Naujienos atstovas, J. Stankus, BALFo direktorius ir Chicagos Vajaus Komiteto pirm., dr. L. Kriaučeliūnas, JAV ir Kanados Taut. Šokių Šventės Kom. pirm., J. Pakalka, Chicagos Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pirm., A. Baliūnas, Illinois Lietuvių Prekybos Rūmų pirm., Br. Nainys, JAV LB Centro Vald. pirm. (Foto V. Noreikos)

LIETUVA KRYŽIU. KRAŠTAS

REV. VICTOR KRIŠČIUNEVIČIUS



Lietuviško kryžiaus šventinimas Detroito Vyčių
139 Kuopa, šv. Petro Lietuvių Parapija
1967 m. birželio 18 d.

Kryžius yra ne tik mirties įrankis, bet ir pranašiausias krikščionių tikėjimo simbolis, bei Kristaus kančios ir žmonių atpirkimo ženklas. Nenuostabu tat, kad lietuviai ypatingai reišė pagarbą tam simboliui.

Ilgų vergijos metų spaudžiama, lietuvio siela, pa juokiama ir niekinama, visą savo skausmą, ašaras ir ilgesį sudėjo į Nukryžiuotojo statulėles, į ornamentinius kryžius, kurie puošia visą kraštą ir prieš kuriuos lenkiasi išvargintos galvos.

Pažvelgęs į lietuvio ūkininko kiemą, greta namo matai didingai iškilusį kryžių. Einant laukais ir plačiais vieškeliais ar siaurais keleliais, tave lydi įvairiausių formų, gražiai išmarginti turtingais ornamentais kryžiai. Eini mišku - kelią rodo kryžiai. Užkopęs į kapines, tarp aukštų beržų, pušų ir kitų medžių, matai aiškiai išsiskiriančius iš žalio medžių fono kryžius. Lietuviški kryžiai teikia Lietuvai vaizdingumo, poezijos ir savotišką katalikišką išvaizdą. Tie kryžiai, lietuvių menininkų dėka, yra savo originalumu pagarsėję visoje vakarų Europoje, kuri Lietuvą vadina kryžių šalimi.

Kryžiai Lietuvoj imta statyti ypač 19 šimtmečio gale ir 20 šimtmečio pradžioj, kada tauta kentė baisią svetimųjų priespaudą. Lietuviams tada reikėjo daug kantrybės ir tos kantrybės jie sėmėsi iš kryžiaus.

Šiandien Lietuvos kraštas ir vėl atsidūrė svetimųjų rankose. Jį slegia nauji vargai ir naujos kančios. Kantrybės pasilikusiems ir po visą pasaulį išsisklaidžiusiems reikia, gal būt, nemažiau, kaip anų laikų tautiečiams. Tos kantrybės tačiau sunkiose gyvenimo valandose gali duoti ne kas kitas, kaip tas pats, lietuvių tautos pamėgtasis, Kristaus kryžius.

Todėl išėivijoje gyveną Lietuviai, kaip tos pačios tautos vaikai, irgi neužmiršta savo tėvų ir prosenelių papročių, taip pat stato kryžius. Pastatė kryžių ir Šv. Petro parapijos Lietuvos Vyčiai, kad primintų visam kultūringajam pasauliui Lietuvos tragediją. Kryžius tebėra ir šiandien lietuviui pavergtoje tėvynėje ar laisvam pasauly gyvenimo nelaimių liudytojas ir Vilties Ženklas.

*Thanksgiving
Greetings*

Supreme Council

"Vytis" Staff



OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

OFFICIAL NEWS

RULES FOR THE 1967 - 68 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

SPECIAL AWARDS will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being first to have their council dues 100% paid-up: First category - 11-29 members; 2nd - 30-59 members; 3rd - 60-99 members; and finally, 100 members and over. These awards will be based on the national financial secretary's membership records as of August 1, 1967.

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

TEN points can be earned for each new or re-join member enrolled from August until April 1, 1968.

EARN five points for each new or rejoin member you enroll thereafter until July 10, 1968.

Membership totals will be supplied by the national financial secretary according to her records as of August 1, 1967. Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on these net increases.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our National Financial Secretary Helen Zimmer reminds us that membership dues will be due in January 1968. If a new member joins a Council, the dues should be as follows:

- \$4.00 if member joins from
January - March
- 3.00 April - June
- 2.00 July - September
- 1.00 October - December

- 2.00 Non-Subscribing
- 6.00 Couple (First Year)

Dues should be collected for a FULL YEAR. Collection of partial payment adds additional burdens to the Financial Secretaries and the "Vytis" mailing staff.

Member record sheets and applications for new members are available without charge from the Financial Secretary.

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.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

Now that the Convention is over and all issues taken care of for the time being, let us all start once again to buckle down and take care of the business which has to be taken care of. As we all know next year we will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. At the present time, our beloved Lithuania is under the yoke of Communism. Let us all strive to do our part to aid our beloved Lithuania regain its freedom and take its rightful place among the free nations of the world. Let us all write to the President of the United States urging him to speak before the United Nations on behalf of Lithuania. Also let us write to our Senators, Representatives, the newspapers, the Secretary of State and our Ambassador to the United Nations. The task before us is a hard one but with the help of every member of the Knights of Lithuania a great deal can be accomplished. Let us not burden a few but let us all do our share for the cause of freedom for Lithuania. In closing, may I extend Thanksgiving greetings to one and all.

Alex Kardokas
NED Lithuanian Affairs Chrmn.

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.

"VYTIS" DEADLINES

- December (Christmas) Issue - Articles and news items - deadline November 10th. Christmas greetings - November 20th.
- January 1968 - December 5th.

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

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

The Officers and Chairmen of the Supreme Council met at the Hollenden House in Cleveland, Ohio on October 21st. A report to the members will appear in the next issue.

JUNIOR NEWS

MIDWEST JUNIORS AT SUMMER CAMP

Hello mutter!, Hello fodder!, here we are again at Camp Dainava.

Tornado warnings, cloudy skies and cold weather did not slow up the exodus of Juniors to the annual K of L Youth week held August 20-26 at beautiful Camp Dainava in southern Michigan.

As the campers arrived they were met by a program of events that keep them busy throughout the day, and keep them busy it did. At the end of the day most of the children were ready for bed. The programs included Lithuanian culture, songs, dances, plays, arts, crafts and sports.

According to Sister M. Igne - Camp Directress, the week went by fast. "Perhaps some things were hard because everything was so different than what you are used to. During the mornings we tried to teach Lithuanian folk songs and dances. Also about Lithuania itself. Those who really tried, learned a lot. Since you are Lithuanians, it is your duty to learn more about Lithuania. That is why we did not restrict camp activities to just art, sports and swimming. It is a privilege to learn about another land, especially if you are somehow a part of it. You are richer after attending this camp - we are certain you'll agree."

Several highlights of camping will long be remembered. Evening Mass and Procession, The Masquerade Ball and Talent Show for Parents.

Awards were received by the following:

- 1) Group with the highest number of points:
 Girls - The Pink Panthers 174 Points
 Karen Alksnes, Irene Araminas, Cheryl Pocius, Laima Rastikis, Daina Yucius
 Boys: - The Wildcats - 155 Points
 Christ Ambrose, Mark Ambrose, Bill Barr, Ray Ge-

cas, Jim Nagy, Joe Nagy, Dave Panavas, Jack Tomalis.

2) Best Campers: Irena Araminas, Mary Mancuso and Joe Cerenvicius.

3) Sports: Swimming - Girls - Cheryl Pocius

Boys - Chris Ambrose, Casey Ambrose

Running - Girls - Jeannie Ambrose

Boys - Andy Kavalauskas, Jon Prasmantas.

4) Best All Around Athlete - Teresa Vaitkus

This years successful camp week would not have been possible without the tiring efforts of many people. To each and everyone of the following "Ačiū labai"

- Sister M. Igne - Camp Directress, Sister M. Jurgita, Sister M.

Palmira, Sister M. Boniface; Joan Byville - Head Girls Counselor; Birutė Baltrušaitis - Lithuanian dancing and culture counselor; Peggy Bitner - Program organizer, sports directress; Mrs. Pocius - House mother (A very, very big help); Kastytis Butkus - Commandant; George Stanievich - Boys counselor; Tom Martin - Head sports director; Joe Prasmantas - Ass't sports director; Mike Veigel - House father; Vyto Petrauskas - Musician; and Sophie Zager - Camp Secretary.

JUNIORS - Start planning now to attend next years K of L Youth week at Camp Dainava

STANLEY J. VAITKUS
 Juniors Vice-President

September 13, 1967

Dear Readers,

I would like to take this time and tell all of you about a beautiful Lithuanian Camp which is located in Manchester, Michigan - Camp Dainava.

Every year we have an American Lithuanian group attend Camp Dainava for a one week period. In this one week we try and teach the children all that we can about Lithuania, the customs of the people as well as songs and folk dances.

The children have swimming in the afternoon as well as sports and recreation. We have an evening schedule which consists of all sorts of things. Camp fires, hikes masquerade parties, scavenger hunts, variety night, where the children show the others what talent they have.

This year we had a solemn night where the children prayed for World Peace. Each group of children said a prayer which they wrote themselves in front of the way-side cross which is located on top of the hill.

Yes, I must say, the children really enjoy themselves in the one week they have. Those of you that have children that attended Camp Dainava know what fun your children had.

As one of the counselors, I hope to see all of you at Camp Dainava next year. Bring along your friends, maybe we will have a two week camp instead of one.

Miss Peggy Bitner C-79
 14125 Lauder
 Detroit, Michigan 48227

CHICAGO JUNIORS

Under the able guidance of regular counsellors; Camilla Bereckis, Genevieve Maluska, Helen Pius and Ray Samoska, the Juniors met on Saturday mornings at the K of L Hall from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

The 1966-67 Season of the Juniors was a busy one which included: A Halloween Party and Dance in October; Lithuanian ornament making in November for entry in Frank Zapolis' Lithuanian Straw Ornament Contest in December; Also in December, the Juniors visited the Balzekas Lithuanian Museum with their Christmas Party (complete with the appearance of Santa) following in the K of L Hall.

We lost quite a few Saturdays because of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve falling on Saturday... and then a month of Saturdays was lost in January due to

the record snow storm. However, we did: Put on a dance program in Cicero at the District's St. Casimir's Day Commemoration in March; and another dance program for the sisters of St. Francis Benefit at Immaculate Conception in April; in May, we once again participated in the annual children's Pavasario Sventė held in Butchas Grove.

In addition to learning to dance and sing, we were able, also to use our ingenuity on craft projects such as foil animals, tote bags, piggy banks, kites and Lithuanian aprons. All our accomplishments were on display at our Open House Exhibit and end of the year party to which everyone was invited.

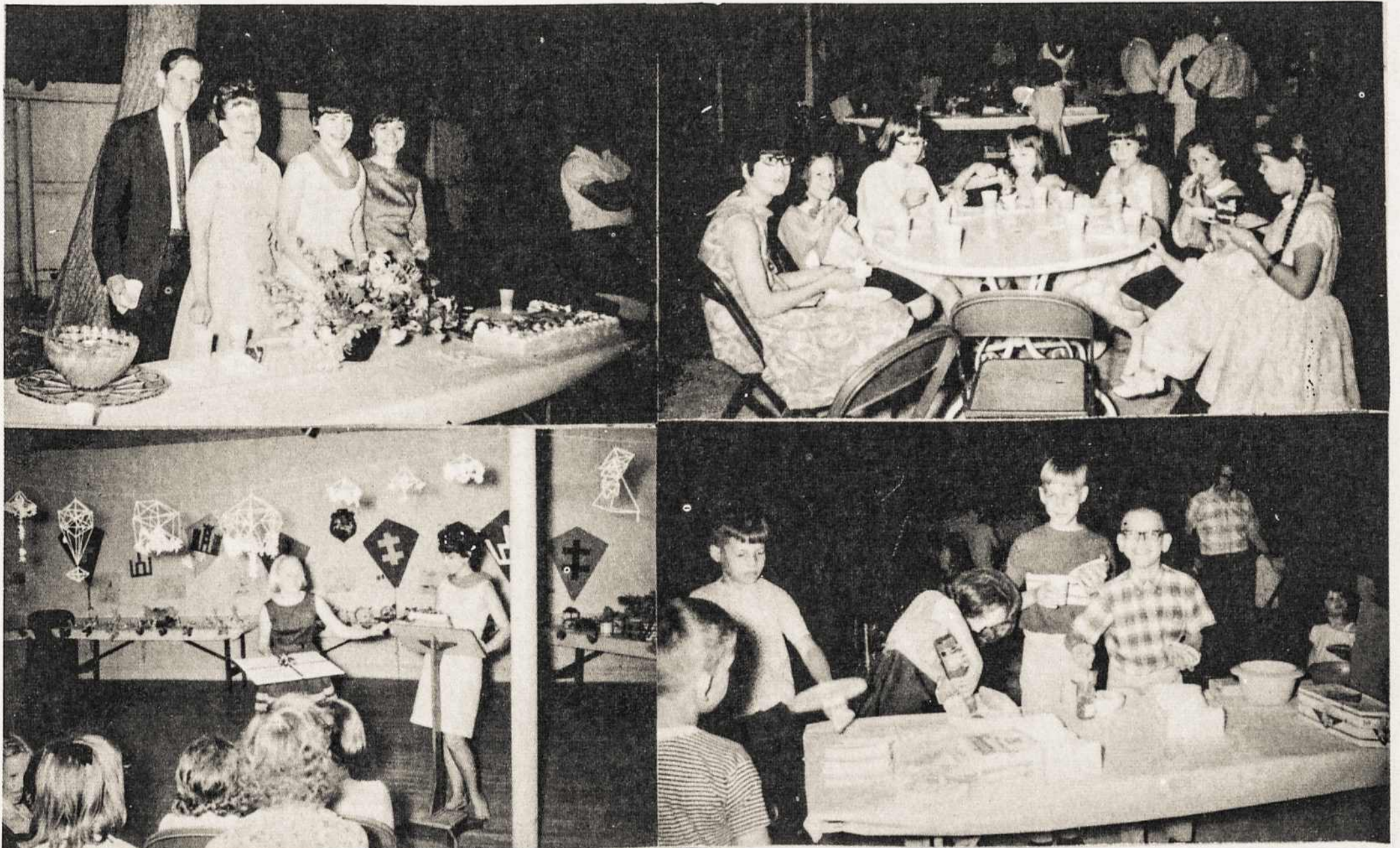
The Juniors' year was an active one and I think much accomplishment was made. I would like to thank, so very much, all of our regular counsellors, for their much needed assistance; the Juniors' parents; our outgoing district President, Eleanor Laurin,

for her moral and other support; our VYTIS Editor, Irene Sankus, for her help in publicizing the Juniors; Al Raubiskis, for his picture taking; Leon Pauksta (Santa), for his numerous contributions; Mr. Ignas Sakalas, for putting up with us; and all other District supporters.

Also I would like to, at this time, express my very best wishes for a successful year to Helen Pius, our newly elected District Juniors Vice President. I know all those who were so cooperative to me will continue to help Helen in all ways possible to make her job easier and make the Juniors stronger in this coming season.

We look forward to seeing many new faces among the old familiar ones and to another full season of activities and projects.

Cis Matul
Ill. - Ind. District
Junior Vice President



Left photos: The Counsellors - Ray Samoska, Helen Pius, Cis Matul and Camilla Bereckis.
Lower: Donna Bartkus (accordionist) receiving gift from Cis Matul for accompanying the Juniors.
Right photos: Juniors enjoying the refreshments served during the Open House.

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

MŪSŲ CENTRO VALDYBA CLEVELANDE

Dabar gal kiek pakalbėsime ir apie Clevelandą ir čionykščius vyčius - senjorų skyrių ir L. Vyčių 25-tą kp., kurie nūnais rūpinasi didingai ir svetingai priimti ir pavaišinti L. Vyčių org. centro valdybos narius, kurie, spalį 21-22 d.d., Clevelande turės savo pirmą poseiminį suvažiavimą, kurio pasitarimai įvyks ir baigsis - Hollendhouse, E. 6th St., Superior Ave., Clevelando vyčių pirm. irgi bandys dalyvauti šiuose L. Vyčių org. vyriausių vadų, pasikalbėjimuose, nes ir jiems rūpi savo mielos org. viso meto darbai ir ateitis, ypatingai, kad L. Vyčių org. vardas, daugiau praskambėtų lietuviškoje spaudoje. Kadangi nū-

nai, jei ne "L. Vyčių Veikla" skyrius "Drauge", tai vyčių vardas mažai tebūtų žinomas mūsų plačioje išeivijoje, o juo labiausiai šio skyriaus žinelių pasiilgsta senosios kartos "Draugo" skaitytojai, iš kurių gavau patyrimo paskutiniame L. Vyčių org. visuotiniame seime. Kad nors ir tik dvi skiltelės tepasirodo kas penktadienis "Drauge", bet visgi geriau ir žinomiau, negu nieko apie vyčius nebūtų. Mes turime ir daugiau lietuviškų laikraščių - "Darbininką", "Garsą" ir savo organą "Vytį", bet šiuose laikraščiuose, išėmus "Vytį", dar mažiau pasirodo vytiško turinio žinelių. Daug mes negalime kaltinti šios spaudos leidėjus, kad tiek mažai teltelpa iš vyčių veikimo ir kitoniško turinio rašinėlių, bet daugiausiai kalti patys L. Vyčių org. išrinktieji spaudos bendradarbiai,

kurie apsiima seimuose šį plunksnos darbą, bet jo uoliai visi neatlieka. Čia centro valdybai šiuo klausimu reikėtų daugiau susirūpinti ir gauti daugiau vytiškos dvasios spaudos bendradarbių. Dar norisi čia pažymėti, kad spalio 22 d. 10:30 val. ryto, šv. Jurgio parap. bažnyčioje, kur klebonauja didis vytis ir vidurinių valstijų L. Vyčių apskrities dvasios vadas - kun. B. Ivanauskas atnašaus šv. Mišias už mirusių mūsų organizacijos narių sielas ir gal pasakys pamokslą, o po bažnytinių pamaldų, parap. salėje, bus iškilmingi pietūs, kuriuose dalyvaus ir pats klebonas kun. B. Ivanauskas. Sių pietų vyriausia šeimininkė yra vyte R. Petkūnienė, kurininkė yra vyte R. Petkūnienė, kuri su kitų vyčių pagalba, suruoš šiuos pietus.

SENELIS



III.-Ind. Apskričio Liepos 4-ta piknike Elžbieta Samiene, Chicagos Senjorų ilgametė veikėja, laimėjo "dėžę šampano". Pikniko vedėjas Leonas Paukšta įteikia dovaną. Salią Vyčių Namu veikėjas Aleksas Budris.



PRANEŠIMAS NUO KALĖDŲ AINIUOLIUKO

VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIAMS ...

"GALITE PASVEIKINTI NE TIK SENDRAUGIUS BET IR VISUS VYČIUS PER SAVO VYTĮ."

UŽSISAKYKITE VIETĄ DABAR SU KALĖDŲ LINKĖJIMAIŠ - NUO SAVĖŠ IR NUO KUOPOS.



Join the K of L MEMBERSHIP SNOOP TROOP!

By the time this issue reaches you through the mail, 1967 will have just about "had it." Last year's accomplishments all helped sustain and invigorate the K of L. But, to what degree will those attainments nourish the organization's future? Will that momentum become only a well-remembered sense of fulfillment? Or, will it be the driving force for further renewal?

If you expect this next paragraph to contain easy-to-take, not-too-complex, but thoroughly satisfying answers to those questions, "you're out of it." The choice of action, answers to such questions, and future of the K of L, lie not in this monthly paper-and-ink grapple with deadline meeting. They are elsewhere. "And," in the vocabulary of some of our more vociferous contemporaries, "that elsewhere is you baby." Those answers are within yourselves. You are the ones who know best the problems of councils and districts, what has been tried before and didn't work, what may be tried and quite possibly could succeed.

You are the ones who must deal with the daily problems any organization faces. You are either satisfied or unsatisfied with some particular K of L activity. You, by providing the consensus, are really the voice, conscience, and as the vital spark, the ones for whom the K of L desires to exist and remain viable. For the organization to sustain itself, you are the ones who must help dig, scour, study, search, look, and feel for the vital forces of creative ideas, rewarding activity, and rejuvenation of our rosters.

Now, you, as an intelligent K of L'er, are probably saying to yourself, "I guessed it all along. After all that flattery about how important we are, now comes the punch line about digging and scouring, which a lot of us have been doing for years." Right,

on all counts. But, if it were not for all those endeavors by so many for so many years, there would no longer be a K of L to play such an important part in so many lives, personally, socially, religiously, and community-wise. But, just now, you are being asked something simpler.

No matter if you digest the "Vytis" thoroughly, or only browse through it in minutes, when you put it down do something. Think for just a couple of minutes about something you would like to do for the K of L. It may be devoting yourself completely toward assisting one activity this coming year - a dance, social, or banquet in remembrance of Lithuania's freedom. It could be just phoning a prospective member you have had in mind for some time and making that extra effort at signing him up. Not one of those jobs is too big a task for you, and many devoted K of L'ers are doing quite a bit more. Give those couple of minutes of thought to the K of L as you set this issue down, but only on that basis that you will make every effort to accomplish that single task.

In the area of membership, the dues and membership drives are in full swing. Here are a few new members and their recruiters: Irene Buciskas recruited by Denis Mazeika, C-41; Anna and Stanley Griganavicius by Larry Svelnis, C-17 Seniors; Alfred Strozdas by Mary Lucas, C-96; Karolis Lainka and Emilija Baskauskas, by Vladas Paliulionis, C-112, Elena Vilimas, by Adele Petral, C-113 Seniors; Aldona Ryan, by Frank Gudelis, C-96.

The complete rules for this year's dues and membership drives appear on page . Remember, last year the council that was first 100% paid up in the 100 -member and over category did it by January 1st - a big job, but it was done, and that is the competition you face.

A further suggestion: Ease your own end-of-the-year Christmas rush by arranging for gift memberships now. Write the names and addresses of your special friends on the regular membership application forms and send their dues along with your own.

LEON PAUKSTA
Membership Vice President

You HAVE what it takes

The national convention wrote finis to the old and signaled the start of a new year of K of L activity. Before long, however, we shall again (and often) be hearing those old familiar phrases as "I'm a nobody", "low man on the totem pole", "a mere cog in the wheel", etc., etc. As a result, many a good member will be prone to shrug off a responsibility, decline an office, dismiss a duty.

Urging blended with a little encouragement at the onset could well be the impetus needed to help swing into action. Cognizant of the fact that it is impossible for everyone to be first in any organization, "last but not least", then, is a far more fitting appraisal.

This, incidentally, brings to mind a story about Dr. Walter Damrosch. It is told that the famed conductor once stopped the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in rehearsal and barked, "Where is the seventh flute?" It may be assumed that the seventh flute was the last man in the section. His contribution to the total effect the maestro had in mind, nonetheless, was as vital as that of the six other flutes.

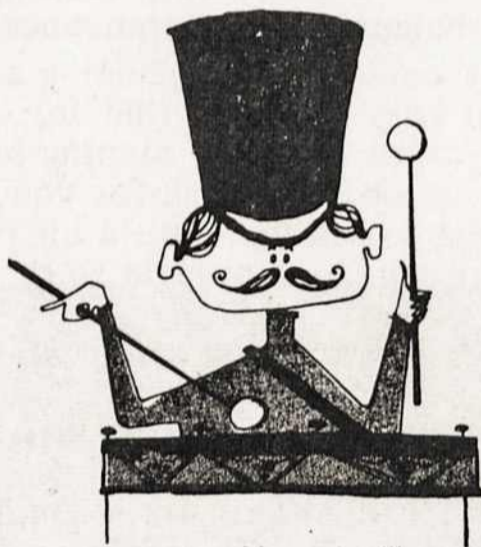
And so it is in any working team. We may consider ourselves or even be inferior to others in education and ability. We may lack the grace of manner or comeliness of others around us. BUT - each has a role to play, a task to do, and no one's honest effort is unimportant.

Take, for instance, the percussionists in an orchestra. They apparently stand idle through much of the music, waiting for the cue to come in with their momentary but indispensable contribution.

Likewise in an organization. It is expected of every member to do just that: add his or her needed touch to the over-all performance. Never think it makes little or no difference whether you do your job well or not. Above all, be a sincere activist, and the end result will be edifying, rewarding and gratifying.

The KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA is a great organization, and so should be our esprit de corps!

MARCELLA ANDRIKIS
Cultural Chairman



ATTENTION !!!

55th

NATIONAL CONVENTION

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

ALL MEMBERS, COUNCILS, DISTRICTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

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Full page	-	\$50.00
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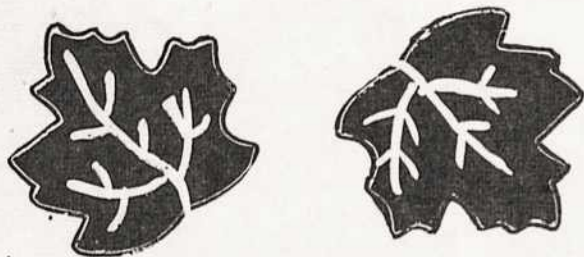
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VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 SOFFI

Old Father Time does have a way of running too fast for us. It seems we were rushed with activities beginning in early spring. First, with a particular approach of May, some of our 79'ers paid homage to Our Lady of Consolation Shrine at the district's annual pilgrimage, at Carey, Ohio. Those who went were O. Walls, V. Chepelonis, P. Medonis, M. Smailis, Cassie Bay, Sophie and Peggy Bitner. Perhaps we should dub them Knights of Bravery for encountering very cold and wet weather going to Carey.

On May 26, a group of eager 79'ers traveled to Cleveland for the Mid-West Bowling tournament. John Kolinske gave this reporter the results. Although C-79 did not end up in the driver's seat, they won a fourth spot, and Ray Lukas took first place trophy in a Hi-

three series. Our current season of bowling which opened on Sept. 1, is well under way.

All of us are well acquainted with the eventful weather of the spring-summer months occurring on our K of L meeting nights. Whenever the First Wednesday of the month rolled around thundershowers or rain popped out like freckles. It poured heavy rain for our June meeting, but something refreshingly pink and white was inside in a way of a centerpiece, bustin' out all over for the social following the meeting. This was arranged by hostesses Adele Vale and Ann Zilvitis. A carving of the Vyčiu Knight was set handsomely highlighting the centerpiece.

For the July meeting, Lillian and Delphine Stepan very graciously served the members a delicious assortment of goodies including blueberry, cherry and apple tarts.

Meanwhile in the warm days Anthony Dainus and his committee worked tirelessly for re-establishment of a Lithuanian church due to the destruction of Divine Providence because of the structure of a new expressway. A committee of four men was chosen. Anthony Dainus, Jos. Chaps, Frank Zager and Ralph Valatka met with

Archbishop John F. Deardon on June 20. He was favorable in preserving the Lithuanian heritage and asserted that word on a new church would be forthcoming as soon as a qualified location was found.

Another gathering buzzing with action was the National K of L Convention, attended by Vicki Chepelonis, Magdalean Smailis, Frank and Sophie Zager, and who served as our delegates. Spirit of '67 was visible (and vocal) on such matters as resolution on non-Lithuanian spouses; stabilizing ritual points; increasing efforts in membership, and reports which have been published in the "Vytis". What a boon it was for our budding "youth" to hear Father Casimir Pugevicius' impressive talk on attracting the young people to join the K of L. Between sessions there were get-togethers and parties. One of those capitol letter ones came off Saturday evening at the "Glitter Ball" which was a night to remember - black ties... dazzling gowns... lively dancing... and the only different note - it ended much too soon. Needless to say it was a well organized convention. And, Daytonites, please take note: After a few years of "rest", if you care to have us back, we'll be more than



C-96 Dayton aids in the reorganization of C-134 Cincinnati. Pictured are: Jean Maezer, Joe Maezer, C134 President, Charles Petkus, Stanley Vaitkus and Frank Gudelis



Cleveland C-25 and Detroit C-79 members enjoyed the Convention Banquet. (Photo A. Buknis)

happy to oblige.

Labor Day Sunday Dorothe Martin's home was the scene for a lovely post camp pool party where the camp staff and counselors had a marvelous time. Dorothe put on a banquet "fit for a king". This concluded the camp Dainava season for our K of L youngsters. The guests especially enjoyed Patocki's "Sweet Ears", an extra delicious corn. An added attraction was Frank Zager's piazza. It was especially needed for the winds occasionally spattered cool breezes. A beautiful cake contributed by Peggy and Sophie Bitner completed the Food Dept., and we couldn't help noticing that nice "Knights of Lithuania" accent in the color scheme.

Among the heartiest of our late summer affairs was that good 'ole annual family picnic held on Sept. 16. Each member was provided with delicious food - hot dogs, casseroles and refreshments as well as a share of entertainment. Games included shoe-kicking for the women; a penny hunt; blowing balloons; and a necktie race for the little people. (Not that there wren't some sore arches at the end, however.) As a result of the horseshoe tournament, John Eizonas emerged as victor and Frank Zager was the runner up. Congratulations to both men! Our Thanks to Betty Petroski and Company for preparing such a tasty treat.

There was additional meaning to "going completely Lola Valley" at that family outing, a mixture of autumny brown and orangey beige! How does that grab you for a color scheme?

Soffi Snooping: Dr. and Mrs. B. Zilvitis are back from a stay at their summer home at Houghton Lake as well as a visit with Ann's mother in Chicago... Andy and Pat Milius enjoyed a trip that took them to Montreal for a visit with Andy's brother, Charles, and the Expo. Meanwhile, Andy's mother embarked on a European tour and a reunion with her mother in Lithuania for the first time in 50 years... The Frank Zagers had a few days to see Expo 67 and a trip via New York for a visit with relatives and friends... It was "Labas... kaip tau... Sveiks" for Vytas and Marytė Gogelis of Argentina at a party, Sept. 9, hosted by Estelle and K. Gogelis. He is the brother



C-139 Lithuanian Wayside Cross Dedication Committee. Theresa Vaitkunas, Rev. Kriščiunevičius and Helen Mallen.

of Kazys (Charlie) Gogelis and they've been visiting hereabouts for the first time in the States... Sophie and George Leskosky enjoyed a motor trip. They went to New England, stopping in Penna., New York, then over to Connecticut for a visit with son, George, Jr., who was stationed there and was leaving for Bermuda... Congratulations to Philip Chaps, son of J. and G. Chaps, who is attending the University of Stockholm on a scholarship. He has been touring Holland, France, England and a few other countries while pursuing his studies in law... Sincere sympathy to Geraldine Chaps, whose brother, Joseph Goodwin, passed away in May; to Frank Janus and George Sinkus upon the loss of their dear mother, Amelia Sinkus; to Patricia Bandza upon loss of her sister; to Monica Salas upon the death of her beloved husband, Adam Salas, and father of Ed and Leonard; and to Dorothe Martin whose Brother-in-law and mother-in-law passed away. Requiescat in pace!

DETROIT, MICH., C-139 Ann

With summer vacations over and sun tans fading, members of C-139 attended Corporate Communion followed by our first meeting of the Fall Season Sun., Sept. 24. This was a special get-together, and after a full course breakfast of juice, sausages, bacon and eggs, piragas, etc., a



Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich and a group of C-139 members.

lighted birthday cake was brought in while the hall rang with "Happy Birthday Father Kris" our Spiritual Advisor, also to our Secretary Helen Gadwell and Treasurer Theresa Vaitkunas. We hope they will be blessed with many, many more years of health and happiness and that they will continue to spend them with us as K of L'ers. The members then got down to business, and plans were laid for a Thanksgiving Feather Party to be held Sun., Nov. 12. Also delegates were elected to the Mid-Central Convention.

On June 18, before the vacation exodus, C-139 celebrated its Fifth Anniversary. On this occasion we formally dedicated our Lithuanian Wayside Cross and presented it to St. Peter's Parish. The blessing of the Cross by Mgr. Kerns and ceremonies following were attended by a number of Lithuanian and other neighboring priests from Detroit and Windsor. A large number of Lithuanian organizations displaying their banners, girls in Lithuanian costumes, and some 400 to 500 persons were on hand to make this an inspiring and colorful event. As this is the first Lithuanian Wayside Cross in Detroit, we were very happy to have so many organizations participate and thank them for their cooperation. Six hundred commemorative booklets containing a short history of "Lithuania - The Land of Crosses" both in English and Lithuanian were

distributed. This was followed by Mass and a very well attended banquet at the Lithuanian Hall. The Cross was designed and built by Artist John Subacius of New York. We received excellent publicity via Radio, Michigan Catholic and Draugas.

Four of our members received their Third Degrees at this time - Reverend Victor Krisciunevicius, Al Gadwell, first President of our Council, current President Ann Sirvydas, and Treasurer Theresa Vaitkunas. Congratulations. We hope you will continue your good work in C-139.

This Fall our small Council has been able to enter a complete team in the local K of L League for the first time. It is not too early to wish Catherine and Joe Kurpowic, Laura and Andy Kurtinaitis, and Alex Kurpowic loads of luck. Hope you bring the trophy to our Council this coming year.

On Sun., Sept. 17, we were especially honored to have Bishop Vincentas Brizgys of Chicago with us for the closing of our Forty Hours Devotion. His sermon was most stimulating and his friendliness was particularly appealing as he posed in front of our Wayside Cross and chatted with members of our Council. St. Peter's Parish and our members extend a sincere thanks to His Excellency for including us in his very busy schedule.



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

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

The N.Y.-N.J. district meeting was held in Elizabeth, N.J. on Sun., Sept. 24 at Sts. Peter and Paul parish hall. The meeting was called to order by vice-pres. Edward Schmidt and opened with a prayer by Rev. Peter Zemeikis, the district spiritual director, of Bayonne. C-52 president, Ed Sarkus, welcomed the delegates and guests to Elizabeth.

Nancy Kober of Great Neck,

N.Y., the district delegate to the national convention gave a glowing report of the Dayton convention. The Rev. V. Karalavicius of Sts. Peter and Paul parish spoke on junior activities. Kazys Strolis of Newark, chairman of the district Lithuanian Affairs committee congratulated members on their efforts of the past year, and asked them to try even harder in the coming year.

Part of the meeting was given over to discussion the coming 50th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. Each council in the district was asked to plan some event to commemorate the anniversary.

The main item on the agenda was election of officers. The results are as follows: President, Larry Janonis, N.Y.; vice pres., Edward Schmidt, Newark, and Virginia Dutkus, Patterson; secretaries, Nancy Kober and Mrs. Josephine Zukas, both of Great Neck; treasurer, Dorothy Dutkus, Paterson; rituals Mary Stonis, Newark, and Joseph Boley, Brooklyn; Lithuanian Affairs, Kazys Strolis and Kazys Sipaila, both of Newark; trustee, Dorothy Dutkus; publicity, Frank Vaskas, Newark; and Spiritual Director, Rev. Zemeikis. The executive board was sworn in by Father Zemeikis.

Notes off the cuff - Many thanks to C-52 for the hospitality they extended to us during this meeting... Mention of the meeting was made in the Newark Evening News and the Advocate, official organ of the Newark Archdiocese... Congratulations to Harrison-Kearney C-90 on their 50th anniversary... Belated birthday greetings to Kazys Strolis Sept. 21, M. Zujus, honorary member Sept. 14, and Eva Sharon Oct. 1...

Save a Satchel-full
of money ...

Buy just one K of L
Christmas Greeting -

in the VYTIS

(See page 14 for info.)



Congratulations to Dianne Beletsky of C-3, Philadelphia and Ed Daniels of C-26, Worcester on their engagement... Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the members of the Simmons family on the passing of their mother Rose, who was a member of C-29. May she rest in peace.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., C-3

"TWINKLE"

We are happy to announce Council 3's officers for 1967-1968. They are as follows: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Albin J. Neverauskas; President, Albert Ozalis; Vice President, Irene Ozalis; Recording Sec'y, Lillian Sasnauskas; Financial Sec'y, Irene Svekla; Treasurer, Alberta Bekeris and Trustees, James Varevice (2 years) and Agnes Mickunas (1 year).

We are sure that C-3 will thrive and grow under the leadership of these outstanding members. Our very best to them in the coming year.

C-3 is back in the swing of things again. Our Quarterly Communion Breakfast and the Installation of our new officers took place on Sun., Nov. 5. A Traveling Halloween Dinner Party was held on Saturday, October 28.

On Sunday, September 17, C-3 along with their families and friends sponsored a Pilgrimage to the Siluva Shrine in Washington, D.C. At 9:00 A.M. sharp 44 people were happily on their way to the Nation's Capitol. We were fortunate indeed to have Mass offered in the Crypt Church of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral by Rev. Casimir Pugevicius. Afterwards Rev. Pugevicius was kind enough to explain to all present the beautiful mosaic portraits, inscriptions, etc. in the Siluva Shrine. Need-

less to say, all were impressed with the beauty and artistry of the Lithuanian Shrine, and everyone felt great pride in being Lithuanian.

We then went to the Lithuanian Legation where the Lithuanian Consul Mr. Kajeckas and his lovely wife graciously received us. They conducted a tour through their home and showed us all the beautiful Lithuanian articles they have in their possession.

We toured Washington further and then went on to enjoy a delicious dinner at the Continental Hotel. A most enjoyable day!

C-3 wishes good luck to all the new officers of the Supreme Council and committees. We are looking forward to bigger and better things in 1968.

And speaking of 1968, Our Convention Committee is in full swing and already the wheels are turning to make the 1968 Philly Convention a howling success. The "Philly Good Guys" are tickled pink that all you K of L'ers accepted our invitation to come to "The City of Brotherly Love" in 1968. We hope ALL of you will be there next August. You'll be hearing lots more of what will be in store for you.

DIBS 'N DABS Dianne beletsky and Eddie Daniels have set the date - May 11, 1968. We wish these two very fine people all the happiness in the world... Wedding bells will peal on April 27, 1968

when Diana Varevice and Frank De Felice will be joined together in Holy Matrimony. We are sure they will enjoy God's many blessings in their wedded life... Happy second Anniversary to our two good friends, Margie and Charlie Petronis - November 20... We con-

gratulate the new officers of the N.Y.-N.J. District. We are certain all these fine people will contribute tremendously to the welfare of the District... We wish all our K of L friends a "Happy Thanksgiving".

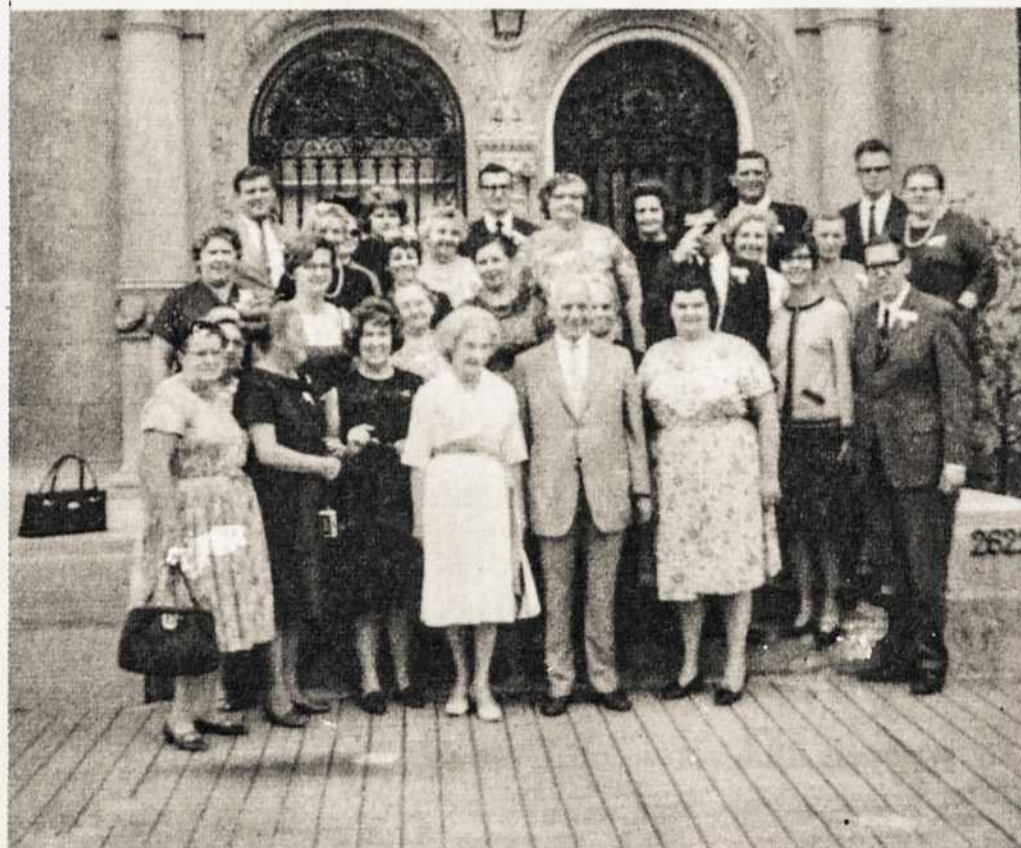
NEW YORK, N.Y., C-12

Good Luck to Stella and Mitchell Marcinauskas who will shortly be moving in to their new home... Our heartfelt sympathy to Helen Yocis on the loss of her brother, Zygmund... Congratulations to our Third Degree members - Steve Montvidas, Helen Cuprewich, and Edward Senken. This was long overdue. Congratulations, too, to Larry Janonis, on his Fourth Degree presented to him during the National Convention. Larry represented our Council at the Convention, and was also elected President of the Convention Presidium. He sure is an active one! ... John Genis is back to work after being hospitalized... George Yatkaukas is heading for Vietnam Sept. 17th. May the Good Lord watch over you... Marianne Bell, born June 1st, doing well - and so are her

parents, Evelyn and John Bell. Much happiness with your new addition... Our beloved Father George Gurinkas is celebrating his 25th year as Pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church. The parishioners honored Father at a dinner on Oct. 29th... Speedy recovery to Ona Rugys who has been chief cook for so many years during our "Father's Dinners". Ona had a knee injury... Anne and Helen Yorkus are back from Sioux City after visiting with their dad who was hospitalized... Jovita and Joe Sleder enjoyed their summer home in Warwick, N.Y... Steve and Ann Montvidas enjoyed their 18' x 3-1/2' pool which took 7,500 gals. of water. Luckily they had a good drain, but it was sure funny to see them sweeping the water out of their neighbor's driveway! ... Former member, Anne Schwabas will be getting married to Thomas Tarmey on September 30th, - and Charlie Sinkevich will be "tying the knot" on Nov. 12th. Our very best to the lucky couples.

NEWARK, N.J., C-29

Heartiest good wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Verba who celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 27th. A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in our Holy Trinity Church by Rev. Peter Totoraitis... Birthday greetings to Charles Strolis who celebrated on Sept. 21st and to Frank Vaskas on Sept. 14th. Frank tells



C-3 Philadelphia members with their families and friends recently enjoyed a stay in Washington, D.C. Left: in front of the Lithuanian Legation with Mr. and Mrs. J. Kajeckas. Right: Our Lady of Siluva Shrine in the National Cathedral

us that he sure did have a rough time of it getting to the National Convention in Dayton. He had to make three plane changes before finally arriving at his destination, which took some five hours. We understand quite a few others had some nerve-wracking experiences, also... C-29 was well represented at the Convention with the following delegates present: Kazys Sipaila, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Jack Remeika, Mary Stonis, Frank Vaskas and Charles Strolis. Kazys Sipaila was elected Co-chairman of the Convention Presidium and Mary Stonis elected to the Resolutions Committee.

ELIZABETH, N.J., C-52

Our Curate, Rev. Vincent Svirnelis, is recovering from a serious operation at his father's home in Kearny, N.J. He's doing very well... Mrs. Frances Milewski spent a week at Wildwood and got herself a nice tan, looking like a foreigner... Charles Rusteika and Norbey Wycosky saw the other side of the world - i.e., Denmark, Holland, Germany and Switzerland. Said it was nice, but certainly good to be back home... Vincent Mackelis is on the high seas for another few month's trip... Europe seems to appeal to Ann Baronas. She went back again this year... Mary Motecus is now driving her own car and playing chauffeur to her Dad and brother... Peter Kasilionis visited Expo 67. Said you need a couple of weeks to see everything... Leah and Tony Papalis spent their vacation celebrating their daughter's wedding. Will make up for it next year... Edward Sharkus, our President, spent a great deal of time at the seashore this year. Could it be he was bitten by the love bug? Come, do tell us, Sharkey... The National Convention proved profitable for Charles Oskutis. He won the "50-50 raffle at the Get-Together Social, then took a little trip with Teddy Pinkus of Worcester to the horse show the next day and won a little more green paper. Our sincere congratulations to Gerri Kern who was married on September 9th. Much happiness to you and your spouse... Our parish hall is being remodeled and is shaping up pretty well. Many of you will not recognize it when you come out to visit... Rev. Vladas Karale-

vicius spent three enjoyable weeks at Kennebunkport, Maine.

BAYONNE, N.J., C-67

Marty Rusgi finally took it easy for a few weeks to recover from an illness. Hope all is well now...

Father Peter Zemeikis, his brother, Father Alfred, and Father John Netta took a motor trip to Expo 67 and a tour of the Thousand Islands.

HARRISON-KEARNY, N.J., C-90

C-90 celebrated its 50th Anniversary on Oct. 7th with a gala dinner... Our sincere condolences to the Grinewich family who recently lost their mother. Say a prayer for a very wonderful mom.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100

Smile & Sparkle

Peter Hayes was our host for our June meeting. He planned a hot dog roast with all kinds of goodies. Pete has a lovely home located a few miles outside of Amsterdam.

Aldona Abeling surprised Gene Gobis with a birthday cake and a gift - June 1. The members raised their voices in song. Natch, it was the Happy Birthday number. Matt Orante told us he was a Gemini - June 4, Isabelle Orange - May 25, Tony Radzevich - June 11, Peter Hayes - June 29. Each was wished a happy birthday individually in song by all present.

Father Baltch was asked to play a few selections on Pete's electric organ. Lithuanian folk songs were next on the program with Father at the organ and Prof. Olsauskas leading us all in song.

Our summer outing was held on June 25 at Dr. Adam Kindar's

summer home at Lake Galway.

Our council was very disappointed in not being able to invite the K of L'ers to our city for 1968. Possibly in a few years we may get a Holiday Inn in Amsterdam and then we will be putting out the "Red Carpet" to you all.

Present at the meeting were: Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Peter Hayes, Sophie Olbie, Eleanor Olechowski, Matt and Isabelle Orante, Aldona Abeling, Gene Gobis, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Matthew Kazlauskas, and Tony Radzevich.

Members on our sick list in June were: Michael Kerbelis, Polly Ziausys, Bill McCune and Charles Maldutis. We miss you and may God grant you all a speedy recovery.

GREAT NECK, L.I., N.Y., C-109

Ricky Marks and the former Beverly Smith are now honeymooning in Jamaica, having been married on Sept. 10th. A world of happiness to two fine people... We were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our Council's charter members and a very popular K of L individual at that time, John J. Zorski... Sincere condolences to Starsy Sesey on the loss of her aunt, Petronella Lepeska... Mary and Julius Picardi spent their vacation in the Amish Pennsylvania Dutch Country in Lancaster, Pa... The Zukas' journeyed to Expo 67... A hearty handshake to Al Wesey who was elected National President for the third time and to Mary Kober who was elected National Secretary. Nancy Kober was kept busy, too, having been elected Secretary of the Convention Presidium and delegate of the N.Y.-N.J. District. And not to forget Tony Kober, he was elected Master of Ceremonies at Philly's Convention Party. Even

Dear Santa:

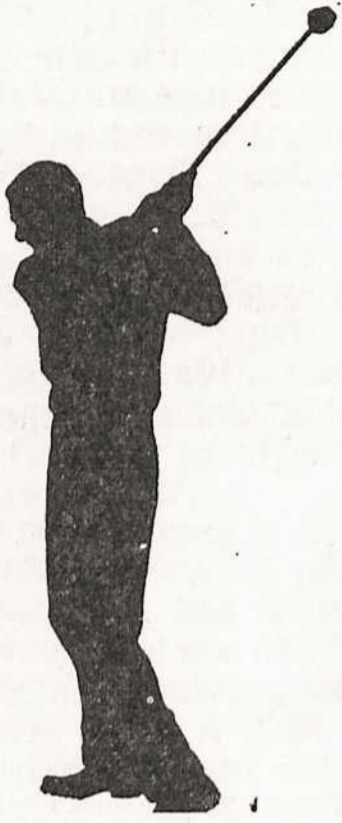
Don't bring me any corn plaster this year. I did all my K of L Christmas Card shopping with one Greeting in the VYTIS.

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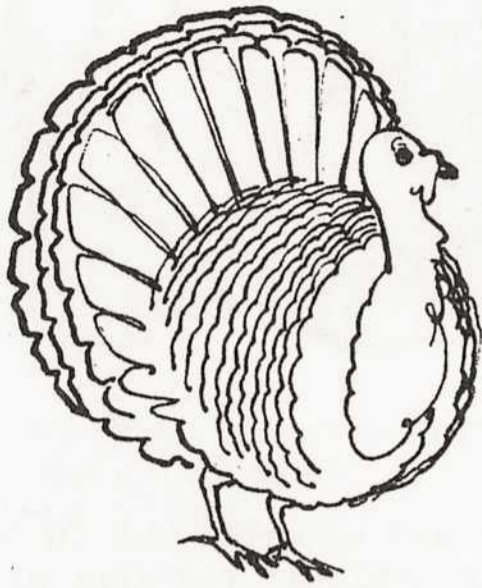


GOLF



The Illinois-Indiana District Golf Tournament was held at the Cog Hill Country Club with C-112 as sponsors. Chairmen were: John Evans, Al Brazis, Frank Savickus, Joe Nauseda and Leon Pauksta. (Photos: A. Raubiskis)

though our Council is a small one, it's nice to be represented on the Supreme Council level.



ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

I-I DISTRICT "Taitytè"

The new K of L year in the District began with the election of the new Officers. Rev. John Savukynas agreed to remain as our Spiritual Advisor and John Evans (C-112) was elected President. Others chosen were Helen Pius (C36) 1st Vice pres.; Leon Pauksta (C112) 2nd Vice Pres.; Alex Budris (Srs.) 3rd Vice Pres.; Milda Pakalniskis (C112) Secretary; Harry Petraitis (C112) Treasurer; Cecelia Matul (C14) Trustee; Albert Raubiskis (C112) Trustee; Jerome Jankus (C36) Sgt-at-Arms; Napoleonas Sapkus (C-36) Sgt-at-Arms; Eleanore Laurin (C13) Board chairman; Albina Gaides (C112) Assoc. (Board) Secretary.

Among the many items of New Business on the agenda was the 1968 Memories of Lithuania Banquet which will be held Saturday, February 10th. with Vince Samaska as Chairman.

In the more immediate future, other events will include the Seniors Testimonial Dinner, Sunday November 12th., honoring the members who deserve to be recognized for their work in the Garden and Building remodelling project; the annual C112 Thanksgiving Dance, to be held Saturday, November 18th and the second quarterly District meeting, Sunday, December 10th, at which time 1st and 2nd Degrees will be conferred and the members will enjoy



GIVING WITH A SMILE. Co-chairmen of the Illinois-Indiana District's Special K of L Building Fund Drive Vladas Paliulionis and Leon Pauksta, also with smiles, look on as John Evans writes out a check for \$100 as his contribution.

a Christmas Social.

The District Juniors, with coordinator Helen Pius and counselors Cis Matul, Camilla Bereckis and Ray Samoska, with assistance from Leon Pauksta and Albert Raubiskis, began a new year of activity in October. The attendance at the beginning sessions Saturday mornings was quite good and all members, as well as the parents of the present group are urged to enroll new youngsters for this new season.

The 1967 Membership Drive ended with the September District meeting and the winner of the John G. Evans Special Award (wrist watch) will be announced and presented with the gift at the Seniors November dinner. Plans and rules for the 1968 drive will be announced shortly by this year's District Membership V.P. Leon Pauksta.

Of course, Mr. Pauksta is also urging every council Financial Secretary and Membership V.P. or Chairman in the District to start strong and push hard for the National Dues and New Member Drives.

The K of L Choir also held its election of Officers for the coming year. Of course, Faustas Strolia is the Director. Vladas Paliulionis was re-elected President; Vice Presidents are Loretta Macekonis and Vytautas Bilitavicius; Secretary is Jean Korsak and Leon

Pauksta is Treasurer.

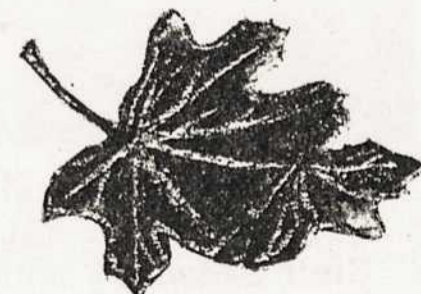
The Councils in the District will hold their respective elections in October and November and we should all be ready to start the new K of L year without delay.

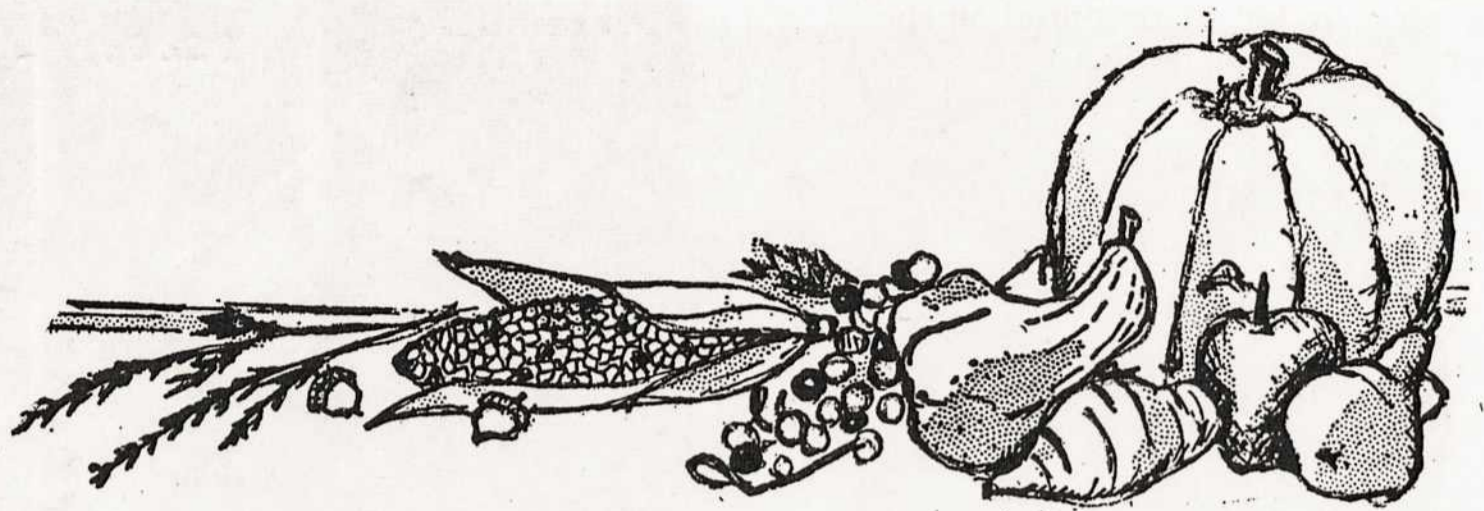
CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 Slim

We certainly had a fast summer (what summer) and before you know it another season for the election of officers is here.

Our President is Leon "The Sheik" Pauksta; Vice-Pres., Lorraine Wainauskas; Recording Secy. Irene Rakaitis; Treasurer, none other than Monica Kasper; Financial Sec'y., Al "Sexy Leg" Dagis; (I mean the knee he fractured while doing the twist. Wished you could have seen how we dressed up his cast.); Corresponding Secy., Geraldine Mockus; Sgts-at-Arms, Al "Shoe" Shulicke, Vladas Paliulionis and Ed Krivickas; Trustees Al Mockus and Joseph Nauveda.

For important dates to keep in mind see the K of L Calendar.





NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

LAWRENCE, MASS., C-78 Angel
Quite a bit of exciting things have been happening to C-78. Our membership is increasing by leaps and bounds. Hopefully, we will double and triple our present membership.

In August, C-78 participated in our parish picnic, by having a penny toss booth. We also had a group of strolling minstrels and singers harmonizing quite a few Lithuanian folk songs. We certainly appreciate all the help we had from George Barton, from Father Bill Wol-

kevich who popped in rather unexpectedly to help us with the singing and from Di and Joe Doherty who worked with the booth while we sang. Much rehearsal went into the formation of C-78's folk singing group, but it was well worth it for the tremendous response it incurred! A lot of hard work combined with a lot of fun made this year's picnic the success it was.

In September, C-78 attended the N E D dance prior to the Convention, and then on Sunday, attended the Convention at Our Lady of Vilna Parish in Worcester. The guest speaker at this Convention was Prof. Zaleskas from Boston State College, who gave a rather

timely and effective talk on leadership, and the qualities which pertain to an effective leader. He was, in a word, tremendous! This talk set rather a lively pace for the Convention, making it one of the best we have ever attended. Congratulations to all the newly elected district officers. Special congratulations to three C-78 members who were elected to District offices this year: Shirley Gobush, Trustee; and Emil Grenda and Dorothy blazevich, Cultural Chairmen.

We know Shirley will do well in her position as Trustee, since Accounting is her specialty. As for our Cultural Chairmen, they



C-78 Lawrence participated in the St. Frances Parish Picnic, held on the parish grounds at Forest Lake, Methuen. (Left: K of L Booth, standing George Barton, Dañ Grudzinski and Emil Grenda. Kneeling Dot Blazevich, Shirley Gobush, Joan Lisauskas, Mary Blazevich and Irene Baublys.



I don't mind the bad weather any more - I just stay at home and relax.

The VYTIS now sends my Christmas Greetings to all my K of L Friends.

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will have quite a hard job in store for them.

Plans are presently being formulated by the Cultural Chairmen for a program to be put on in the Spring, commemorating the 50th Anniversary Year of Lithuanian Independence. As to what is going on concerning this activity - no one is at liberty to say. However, much time and effort is being put into it even at these early stages. We will keep you posted with further information on this program as the months progress.

News Notes. We want to welcome Carol and Michael Flathers and Ann Marie Grenda into our council. .. De colores to Dot Blazeovich who recently made her cursillo in Manchester, N.H. We expect that quite a few more members of C-78 will join the "in" crowd, and become cursillistas! ...Irene Baublis recently returned from Los Angeles, where she visited with her sister Janet, a former C-78 member... Sister Joan Marie Blazeovich, also a former member of our council, took her vows in August at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified in

Brockton and is presently teaching in Frackville, Pa.

The N E D Bowling Rolloffs began Oct. 8 in South Boston.

Most of us attended the Masquerade Madcap, put on by C-26, Worcester on Oct. 28.

As of Oct., C-78 began Lithuanian Language classes for all those in our parish and in our council, who are interested in learning Lithuanian. We are privileged to have as our teacher, Professor Alphonse Lesinskas of Merrimack College, and we are deeply appreciative of his warm-hearted response to this endeavor.

On November 12, C-78 will have a Bakery Sale with the proceeds going to our council. Due to the absolute depletion of our treasury, this is a necessity.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-116
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The following officers elected to serve for the 1967-68 term were installed during our November meeting: Anthony Miner, Pres; Mrs. Irene Adamaitis, 1st Vice Pres; Miss Irene Adamaitis, 2nd Vice Pres; Ann Miller, Rec. Sec. Dorothy Sinkavitch, Fin. Sec.;

Charles Lapinskas, Treasurer. The various Committee Chairmen will be selected at the next meeting. Mrs. Irene Adamaitis will remain as Editor-in Chief of the "Equestrian" the monthly bulletin. Thanks to the Adamaitis family's their dedicated efforts and artistic talent our bulletin is now in its 19th year of continuous printing.

On September 24 we hosted the semi-annual N E D Convention, there was a pre-convention dance at the Lithuanian Club on Saturday night. Sunday morning, the members attended the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The convention proper opened in the parish hall at 2:00 p.m., and we were glad to see so many faithful delegates attending the sessions. Professor Edward Zaleskas, assistant Dean of Admissions of Boston State College gave

a very interesting talk on "Leadership". Father John Jutt, our guest speaker, gave one of his famous rousing speeches. Father Janiunas, District Spiritual Advisor, conducted the Holy Hour, in addition to urging all members to write more letters, especially as individuals, to help Lithuania get her freedom. We were pleased that Father Martinkus and Mr. & Mrs. John Stoskus, of Providence attended. Providence will host the convention in April of 1968. A very special thank you is extended to C-7 of Waterbury, Conn. for their generous donation.

We are pleased to say that all Councils were very well represented - there was plenty of food and everyone enjoyed the songs and music and good K of L fellowship. We have Charlie "Chuck" Unick of Lawrence to thank for that spirited piano playing. We are sorry we didn't get the name of the fellow who came with his accordion which added so much to the enjoyment of the evening. The Committee responsible for this very successful Convention deserve a fine hand of applause for their efforts. Ann Miller was General Chairman. She was assisted by Mrs. and Miss Irene Adamaitis; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lapinskas, who donated all that scrumptious kugelis; Dorothy Sinkavitch, Anthony Miner, Alex Kardokas, Marion Lukason; Mary Mrozinski, Grace Balukonis and Irene Ostrowski, these gals sure

can sell raffle tickets. They wow 'em with their charm. Trudy Zibinskas was rewarded for all her hard work by winning \$100.00 worth of merchandise from a local department store. Our hats are off to Anna Miller, from Paxton, Helen Daltwas and Danny Nichols for doing such a tremendous job of cleaning up afterwards - that KP duty of washing dishes is just about the worst job - but these people didn't seem to mind it a bit - So once again, many, many thanks to everyone who helped make the fall convention a success.



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- NOV. 12 - C-139 Detroit, THANKSGIVING FEATHER PARTY, Detroit, Mich.
12 - I-I District BUILDING WORKERS TESTIMONIAL DINNER, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
12 - C-78 Lawrence, BAKERY SALE, Lawrence, Mass.
18 - C-112 Chicago, ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DANCE, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
25 - C-17 So. Boston, FALL DANCE, S.B. Lithuanian Citizens Club, So. Boston, Mass.
- DEC. 10 - I-I DISTRICT MEETING and CHRISTMAS PARTY, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill. (Ritual Degrees will be presented before the meeting)
16 - C-112 Chicago, CHRISTMAS PARTY, Franklin House, Chicago, Ill.
31 - I-I District Choir's NEW YEARS EVE PARTY, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 1968
FEB. 10 - I-I District MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA BANQUET, Chicago, Ill.
AUGUST - 55th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

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