

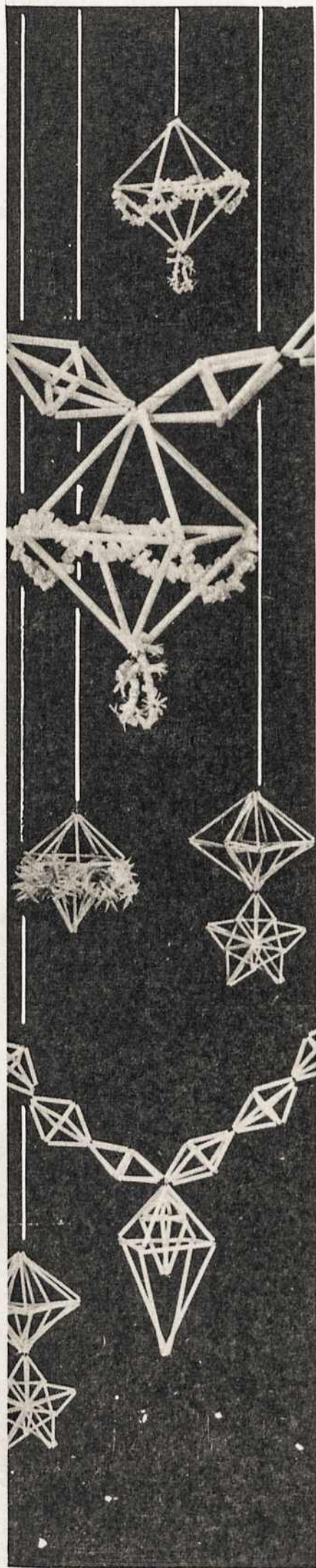
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Kalėdų paslaptis

REV. V. KRIŠČIUNEVIČIUS

Pirmąją Kalėdų naktį, kada tyli nakties ramybė dengė Palestinos žemę, apie Betliejaus tvartelį pasirodė angelų daugybė, kurie garbino Dievą ir sakė: "Garbė Dievui aukštybėse, o žemėje ramybė geros valios žmonėms".

"Ramybė! " Štai ką Jėzus atnešė žmonėms. Neatnešė Jis žemės gėrybių ir turtų, kad alkani turėtų kuo pasisotinti, kad našlaičiai nekęstų bado ir turėtų kuo prisidengti. Jis atnešė ramybę, nestai yra vienintelis turtas, kuris patenkina nepatenkinamą žmogaus širdį. Be to, tai yra turtas, kuris nesugadina žmogaus širdies, kaip tai dažnai atsitinka su kitais žemiškais turtais.

Nieko brangesnio, tapęs žmogumi, Dievas mums atnešti negalėjo už ramybės dovaną. Kas kartą patyrė tos dovanos vertę, tas visą pasaulį atiduotų už ją.

Žmogus gali visko turėti, bet jei jis neturės Kristaus atneštosios ramybės savo širdyje, jis jausis nieko neturįs. Ar betrukko ko nors turtingajam Saliamonui? Jis pats sakosi turėjęs visko, ko tik akys ir širdis gali geisti. O tačiau tas pats turtuolis Saliamonas yra išsitaręs, jog visa tai jam tik "tuštybių tuštybė".

Mes žinome ne vieną atsitikimą, kad milijonieriai savo gyvenimą yra užbaigę savižudybe. Ką? Ar tai jie padarė dėl to, kad juos vargas prispaudė? Ne. Dėl to jie iki tokios niekšybės priejo, kad širdis troško Kristaus ramybės, o jų valia atsisakė tos ramybės ieškoti.

Ir atvirkščiai. Mes rasime vargingai gyvenančių

žmonių, kurie tikrai turėtų kuo nusiskųsti, kurių tačiau lūpose visuomet ramybės šypsena.

Viena jauna prancūzė už savo dideles piktadarybes buvo nuteista mirti. Ji padavė valstybės galvai malonės prašymą ir jai mirties bausmė buvo pakeista kalėjimu ligi gyvos galvos. Būdama kalėjime, ji atsi-verčia. I jos atgailojančią širdį įžengė Kristaus ramybė. Ir kai po keliolikos kalėjimo metų už gerą elgesį jai bausmė buvo sutrumpinta ir ji paleista, iš kalėjimo išeidama, ji pasakė: "Dieve, aš bevelyčiau čia pasilikti su Tavim, negu eiti į tą pasaulį, kur gyvenau be Tavęs". Vadinasi, jai sunkiųjų darbų kalėjimas daug malonesnis už laisvės gyvenimą, bet gyvenimą be Kristaus ramybės širdy.

Ta šventa ramybė turtuolius padaro vargšais ir jie tuo džiaugiasi. 1904 metais Amerikoje vieno turtuolio duktė įsitikino, kad tikrasis Kristaus mokslas yra Katalikų Bažnyčioje. Ji pasiryžta tapti katalike. Sužinojęs tai, tėvas taria: "Dukra, aš tau užrašau 50.000 dolerių, bet jei tu pereisi į Katalikų Bažnyčią, žinok, tu nieko negausi". Tačiau kilniadvasė jaunuolė nė valandėlės nesvyruoja. Ji atsako tėvui: "Mano siela yra brangesnė už 50.000 dolerių". Ji iš turtuolės tampa beturte. Dėl ko? Dėl to, kad jos sielą aplankė Kristaus ramybė, kuri jai buvo brangesnė už dolerių tūkstančius.

Suprantama tad, kad milijonai Kristaus sekėjų netik visų savo turtų nepagailėję dėl savo švento tikėjimo, bet net gyvybę paaukoję. Jiems tai buvo lengva, nes jie buvo pažinę Kristaus ramybę. (next page)

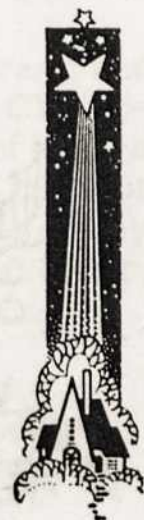


SESĖS IR BROLIAI VYČIAI!

Su giliu tikėjimu ir pilnomis džiaugsmo širdimis atiduokime pagarbą gimusiam Išganytojui. Teskamba mūsų širdyse ir mūsų namuose mielosios giesmės žodžiai: "Linksminkimės ir džiaukimės, Dievui garbę duodami, giedokime!"

Jūsų

Kun. V. Kriščiunevičius



Tačiau tą brangųjį ramybės turtą Kristus atnešė ne visiems, bet tik tai geros valios žmonėms. Tai buvo piemens, kurie iš angelų lūpų girdėjo ramybės giesmę ir kurie pirmi nusilenkė lauktajam žmonijos Gelbėtoji. Nepasikvietė Kristus išrinktosios tautos vadų ir mokytojų, kurie tyrinėjo Šv. Raštą ir aiškino pranašystes, nes tai nebuvo geros valios žmonės ir, pamatę Mesiją gyvulių tvartelyje, jie būtų pasipiktinę ir netikėję.

Ir šiais laikais yra daug širdžių, kurios Kalėdų ramybės nepažįsta, nes toji ramybė skirta tik geros valios žmonėms.

Persikelkime mintimis į anų laikų Šventąją Žemę, išsižiūrėkime į tą šventąjį Vaikelį Jėzų.

Pirmiausia padėkokime Dievui, kad teikėsi atsiųsti Išganytoją šiam pasauliui, kuriame ir mes gyvename ir pergyvename baisius laikus. Paklausykime, ką tas kūdikėlis mums kalba, ko mus moko ir Jo pamokyme ieškokime vaistų savo subargusiai sielai - ramybės.

Tiesa, tasai Vaikelis dabar gyvu žodžiu į mus nekalba, bet pačiu savo gimimu skelbia pasauliui didžias tiesas, mokina visus, kaip reikia gyventi, kad pasiekus savo gyvenimo tikslą.

Ką gi skelbia tasai ką tik gimęs Vaikelis? Sako mums pirmiausia, kad mes Dievą mylėtume. Kodėl? Todėl, kad Dievas taip numylėjo pasaulį, jog vienatinį savo Sūnų mums davė, kad kiekvienas, kuris į Jį tiki, nepražūtų, bet turėtų amžinąjį gyvenimą. Sako, kad mes mylėtume savo artimą, nes jis nešioja savyje Dievo paveikslą. Žodžiu, tasai Kūdikėlis skelbia du didžiausiu Dievo įsakymu: Mylėk savo Viešpatį Dievą visa širdimi, visa siela, visu išmanymu, viso-

mis pajėgomis, o savo artimą, kaip patsai save. Siuose dviejuose įsakymuose glūdi visas įstatymas ir pranašai. Kas tuodu įsakymu laikys, tas išpildys viską.

Kūdikėlis gema labai vargingai. Kodėl taip? Juk tai amžių Karalius, vienatinis Dievo Sūnus. Kodėl Jis negimė Jeruzalėje - šventame mieste, kodėl ne karališkame rūme, bet menkame Betliejaus užmiesčio tvartelyje? Vargingiausių tėvų vaikeliai turi šiokių tokių patogumų: lovelę, pagalvėlę, o tasai dieviškasis Kūdikėlis neturi nieko. Guli gyvulių tvartelyje, paguldytas ant šieno. Ką tai reiškia?

Vaikelis, taip vargingai gimdamas, pašvenčia ir išaukština neturtą. Daugeliui žmonių turtai uždaro vartus į dangų, nes per daug Didelis prie turtų prisirišimas išaušina širdyje artimo meilę ir atitolina mus nuo Dievo. Ta prasme Išganytojas vėliau pasakė: "Iš tikrųjų, sakau jums, turtingam nepigu įeiti į dangaus karalystę. Pigiau kupranugariui išlysti pro adatos ausį, kaip turtingam įeiti į dangaus karalystę" (Mato 19, 23-24).

Toliau, tasai Vaikelis iš savo prakartėlės mokina mus nesikelti į puikybę, mokina nuolankumo. Kas gimė Betliejū? Dangaus ir žemės Valdovas, Visagalis ir neapsakomai didis! Tas, kuriam plačiausios jūros yra kaip vienas vandens lašas, o visos žemės rutulys, kaip viena dulkė! Tas, kurio klauso saulė ir žvaigždės, guli silpno kūdikėlio pavidale, suvystytas vystyklėliais... verkia, kaip paprastas vaikelis... Kodėl taip? Puikybe nusidėjo žmogus, puikybe nutolo nuo Dievo, tad Dievo Sūnus rodo žmogui kelią atgal sugrįžti prie Dievo, mokydamas nusižeminti.

Tiesa, Išganytojas atėjo į pasaulį prieš 1967 metus, bet Jo gimimas visada neša pasauliui naudos - Ramybės, jei tik mes dalyvausime Jo atneštame laiminime, jei Viešpats Jėzus ateis į mūsų širdis, kaip mūsų sielos Išganytojas, jei Jis mūsų širdyse užgims, jei jose gyvens, jei mes būsimės geros valios žmonėmis. Nemanykite, kad tai tik tuščia pasaka tame posakyje, kad Kristus noris gimti mūsų širdyse ir tenai gyventi. Ne, ne tuščia pasaka, bet tikrenybė! Pats Jėzus yra pasakęs: "Jei kas mane myli, tas laikys mano žodžius; ir mano Tėvas jį mylės; mes pas jį ateisime ir padarysime pas jį buveinę" (Jono 14, 23).

Jau devyniolika šimtų ir šešiasdešimt septyneri metai praėjo, kai tolimoje žydų žemėje gimė Kūdikėlis. Gimė Jis vargingai - menkame tvartelyje, tačiau šiandien Jo gimimu džiaugiasi visas pasaulis. Tuomet Jo gimimo vietą aplankė vos keli žmonės - vargšai piemenėliai. Šiandien šimtai milijonų žmonių klaupia prieš Jo altorius. Šiandien kiekviena bažnyčia yra Betliejus, kiekvienas altorius yra toji prakartėlė, kurioje gema Išganytojas, pasislėpęs duonos ir vyno pavidaluose Šv. Mišių aukoje. Duok, Dieve, Sesė ir Broliai Vyčiai, kad Jėzus gimtų ir mūsų širdyse!

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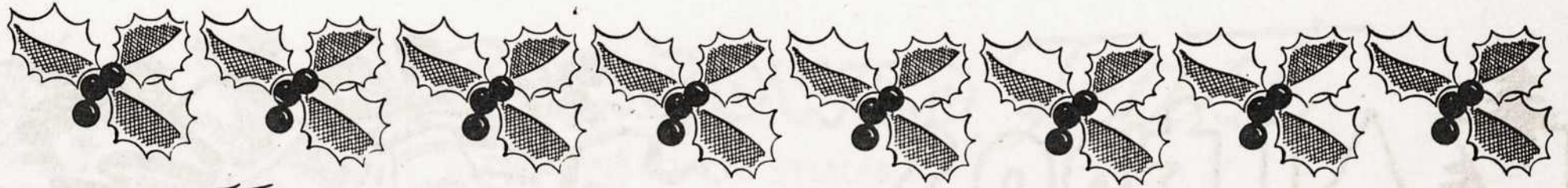
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THE FLOWERS OF CHRISTMAS

According to ancient legend, on the night that Christ was born, trees burst into bloom and bore fruit despite the wintry weather. These days, the transformation in honor of the holy holiday is almost as miraculous as homes throughout the world are trimmed with greens and garlands and set aglow with tiny twinkling lights for the celebration of Christmas.

As with the blooming trees, holly, mistletoe, Poinsettias and scores of other flowers and plants are all part of the glorious history of the Holy Season. The reasons why we celebrate with flowers have been passed down through the ages. Many of the customs and traditions have their origins in ancient pagan rites, yet over the years they have taken on Christian implications of deep significance.

HOLLY A SIGN OF SPRING

Holly was worshipped before the birth of Christ by peoples who considered its greenness in the middle of the winter as a promise of the sun's return to earth for another year. Later, the early French and English hung sprigs of the bright-berried plant on their doors to indicate homes in which Christ dwelled.

It is also believed that holly sprang up where the Infant Jesus took His first baby steps. Ironically, this same plant was supposed to have made His crown of thorns - the berries turning from red to white at the Crucifixion.

Holly has grown in this country for hundreds of years. Indeed, the Pilgrim Fathers noted the plant when they landed in America. These days, holly is frequently used for wreaths. The red-berried plant, worked into the circular shape, symbolizes the hope of eternal life, and makes a gift with a warm personal message when sent by wire to friends too far away to share Christmas with you.

FIRST CHRISTMAS TREES

In the 13th century folk tales describe a gigantic tree set in a forest and lit with candles. Some of the candles were straight, others were upside down. At the peak of the tree rested an Infant with a halo around His head. The tree was humanity; the candles, people good and bad; the Child, the Saviour Jesus.

Other stories link the Christmas tree to Germany and Martin Luther who may have trimmed the first tree with candles to show his family the splendor of the night on which Christ was born. Later, apples, candy and colored papers were added to the decorations.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL SYMBOLS

The flower that has virtually become the symbol of the Christmas season is the star-shaped Poinsettia. So popular in the country are these scarlet-leaved blooms, that the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Assn. reports wiring more Poinsettias than any other holiday floral offering. There are many legends surrounding nature's Christmas-colored wonder. One tale relates how a poor Mexican girl was heartbroken because she had nothing of value or beauty to offer the Virgin. In desperation she plucked some scrawny roadside weeds and placed them at the feet of the holy statue. They were immediately transformed into scarlet brilliance. The Poinsettia plant, brought to this country from Mexico over 125 years ago by Dr. Joel Poinsett, is still called by many "Flor de Noche Buena" - flower of the holy night.

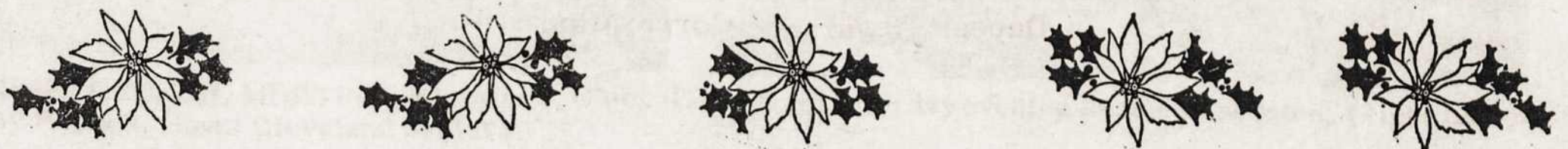
Other lovely blossoms have also played an important role in the Yuletide holiday. The Christmas rose is supposed to have sprung from the bare ground at an angel's bidding. As the years passed, it became the custom to place these blooms at the entrances of cottages so that no harm would befall the occupants.

What is the meaning of floral gift-giving at Christmas? Such gift-giving probably stems from the story of the Three Wise Men. In some countries this custom is still observed on January 5, the Twelfth Night when it is believed that the Wise Men appeared in the Holy Land.

Lassies who get kissed under the mistletoe have an old Scandinavian myth to thank for this charming custom. It was the goddess Friggia who hung mistletoe high and was the first to stand under the glistening plant offering kisses to all who passed beneath it.

Balsam and fir branches, trimmed with bells, are other popular holiday decorations. The greens represent everlasting life. Bells, it is said, tolled ominously for one hour before midnight on the first Christmas to warn Satan of the imminent birth of the Saviour. At the stroke of twelve, the happy pealing began to announce the death of the Devil and the birth of Christ.

Through these many years, flowers, greens and plants have become very much a part of the Christmas celebration. They help make the insides of homes more vibrant; on doors and gate posts they call out the season's joys to passing strangers. They literally change the face of the world in honor of its Creator, in celebration of its Saviour.



KALĖDOS



POV. DIRKIS

Piemenėliai džiaugsmo pagauti skubėjo į Betliejų ir kalbėjo. Vieni sakė, kad tas vaikelis bus labai gražus, geltonais plaukais, garbanos nusvirę ir t.t. Kiti gi kalbėjo, kad gulis šilkais papuoštame lopšelyje. O dar kiti sakė: jo motinai daug angelų tarnaus. Ketvirtas tvirtino, kad to tvartelio sienos bus kilimais išklotos. Šeštas sakė, kad daug šviesų žybs. O septintasis: mes tikrai suplyšusiais rūbais nebūsime vidun įleisti. Paskutinis tarė: rasime minias žmonių, subėgusių ir mums vietos tikrai tame tvartelyje nebebus. Tačiau atbėgę piemenėliai nustebo, išsižiojo ir iškėlę rankutes tik stebėjo. Nebuvo nei šilkų, nei tarnų, nei, pagaliau, jokios minios. Tvirtelyje šiaudų ir šieno pridraikyta. Pelės tik šnara. Vargšas asilas nuošaliai stovėdamas tik nasrus kraipo, o jautis priartėjęs

prie kūdikio pučia savo šiltą kvapą. Kūdikėlis pažvelgė į piemenėlius taip ramiai, taip meiliai. Visokia baimė, visokios svajonės pranyko. Tas kūdikėlio žvilgsnis tikėjimą į jų jaunas sielas įdiegė. Jie pažino jame tikrąjį Dievą. Suklaupę pagarbino naujagimį Kristų ir džiaugdami grįžo atgal. Atseit Kalėdos yra Kristaus gimimo diena, kurios laukia mažas, senas, turtuolis ir vargšas. Tad apdovanokite Kalėdose savo tėvelius ir draugus. Džiaukimės ir linksminkimės bei garbę Dievui giedokime. Bet ir Kristaus neužmirškime. Ir jam šį, tą paieškime. Ką nors tokio, kas visą mūsų asmenybę į Kūdikėlių nukreiptų. Nė auksinį pinigą duokite, ne puokštę gėlių, nes auksas sudils, gėlės nudžius, bet nupinkite jam nedžiustantį vainiką. Vainiką iš visų katalikiškojo jaunimo širdžių. Nupinkim ir papuoškim jotas skurdžias ēdeles. Jau du tūkstančiai metų ta Kristaus šventė kartoja-

si, kurią ir šiais metais būkime pasiruošę džiaugsmingai sutikti.

Kiekvienas varpo skambėjimas garsina: Kristus gimė. Kiekviena bažnyčia šnibžda: Kristus gimė. Kiekviena siela džiūgauja: Kristus gimė. Milijonams krikščionių ši naujiena širdį kutena. Eskimų iš ledo ir sniego supiltuose užuovėjuose, negrų palapinėse, Afrikos smiltynuose, vandenynu plaukiančiuose laivuose - visur ir visiems Kalėdos, visiems džiaugsmo diena. Visų žmonių širdyse džiaugsmas virpėjo nuo pat pirmosios Kristaus gimimo dienos. Piemenėliai, kad ir džiaugsmo dienoje saugojo bandą, ugnį kureno, nes buvo šaltoka naktis. Sušvito padangė. Angelai uždainavo: garbę gimusiam Kristui. Gi vienas iš angelų priskridęs prie degančio lauzelio prakalbėjo: piemenėliai, vargdienėliai, paklausykite - Betliejaus tvartelyje guli užgimęs Kristus. Bėkit, bėkit pažiūrėt ir pagarbint.

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A BORROWED Feast

LORETTA STUKAS

This is the time of year when religiously oriented people get to brooding about what's happened to Christmas. Some raise the perennial cry that commercialization has ruined the great Christian holiday. Others say that pagan customs have obscured its religious significance. Nearly all agree that something must be done to "Put Christ back into Christmas."

But now?

Prof. Winona Morgan, head of the Department of Child Development and Family Relations at the Pennsylvania State University said that childhood memories may well serve as the basis for family Yuletide observances in later years. Holiday traditions and customs descent from one generation to the next, she points out, thus emphasizing the importance of establishing happy Yule patterns for children.

These observances vary with each family, often being influenced by national and religious backgrounds. Special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day rituals are among the observances loved by children which they themselves carry on with their own families in later years.

Dr. Morgan warns parents against over-emphasis on the Santa Claus idea and recommends that as soon as they reach the age of reason, they should begin to learn the real significance of Christmas.

Clementine Paddleford, Home Economics advisor for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, says that Christmas is a borrowed feast. she relates how Santa comes to us thru the Dutch St. Nicholas; the English gave us the Holly Wreaths and Plum Pudding; the Irish, the lighted candle in the window, etc., thereby showing that our American feast has borrowed a little from all countries.

She continues by saying that Christmas in America is the time for a tree-hanging party, but in most homes of Eastern European and Catholic countries, the evening meal is of more importance than that on Christmas Day. The Italian feast on Christmas Eve

is observed as a time of abstinence, and they usually feature five different fishes or seafoods at the meal. Those of Spanish descent prefer a dish prepared from dry salt cod. The Swedish people celebrate their Christmas Eve supper with "lutfisk" as the main dish, a sun-dried cod dried almost as hard as wood, that takes a week of soaking to limber it up. She also mentions the Polish and Czechs who have a similar supper to our "Kūčios".

So we see that knowledgeable people discourage us from abandoning our own particular Christmas customs and urge us to foster our own cultural traditions brought over from Europe by our parents and grandparents of which our Christmas Eve Supper - "Kūčios", outshines many others in the beauty of its significance and enactment. Our "Kūčios" actually goes back to early Christian times and derives from the early Greek "Agape". Let's popularize our own Christmas customs.



RUSČIOS DIENOS

Žmonijos dienos nuodėmingos, rūsčios
Vai, kas atpirks?
Ar amžinai skriaudų pasaulis
Kraujų ir ašarose mirks?

Daug mirė pranašų, poetų,
gyvenusių kadais.
Jie skelbė Dievo karalią žemėj
Vilties nugiedrintais veidais .

O mes pamiršome jų žodį
Ir meilę pakeitėm kerštu.
Prie upės Praradimo nusiminę stovim-
Ir nematyti jos krantų -

Benediktas Rutkūnas



SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Cleveland, Ohio. (Left photo) Saturday evening business session. (Right photo) Sunday Brunch. Hosts Cleveland Seniors.

Lithuanians in The NEWS



AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ TARYBOS 27-JO METINIO SUVAŽIAVIMO, ĮVYKUSIO 1967 M. LAPKRIČIO MĖN. 18 D. CHICAGOJE, BISMARCK HOTEL. (Foto : V. Noreikos)



"RŪTA" LITHUANIAN ENSEMBLE OFFICERS: The 1967-1968 board of directors of the "Rūta" Lithuanian Ensemble of New Jersey includes: seated - Bronė Venckus, Membership Secy; Florence Schirm, Treas.; Louis Stukas, Choirmaster; Algirdas Kacanauskas, Director; Loretta Stukas, Pres.; Dorothy Dutkus, Rec. Secy. and standing - Valentinas Melinis, Trustee; Ona Skurvydas, Publicity Chairman; Martin Rusgi, Trustee; Virginia Dutkus, Trustee; Robert Sinusas, Vice-Pres.; Ann Klem, Historian; Joseph Naiva, Librarian.

"Rūta" just recently presented a very successful concert in Worcester, Mass., under the sponsorship of C-26 of the K of L (Photo: Nagrod Studios)



Mrs. Stanley Balzekas, Jr. Rimas Laniauskas and Mrs. Laima Aleksa are pictured at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago. The Museum recently presented an exhibition of paintings by Mr. Laniauskas, well-known Lithuanian artist from Cleveland, Ohio.



A Christmas Tree

Antonia M. Wackell

Little fir tree ever green
 Growing in the forest and never seen,
 You'll soon be with us on Christmas Day -
 The prettiest guest on that holyday.

We will touch your branches with angel-hair
 Tiny lights and tinsel garlands we'll not spare
 We will crown you with a shimmering star
 That once was seen by the shepherds from afar.

Your lowest branches will embrace
 The roughened stall - His poor birthplace.
 The little lamb and the Three Wise Men
 The shepherds and the folk will be there again.

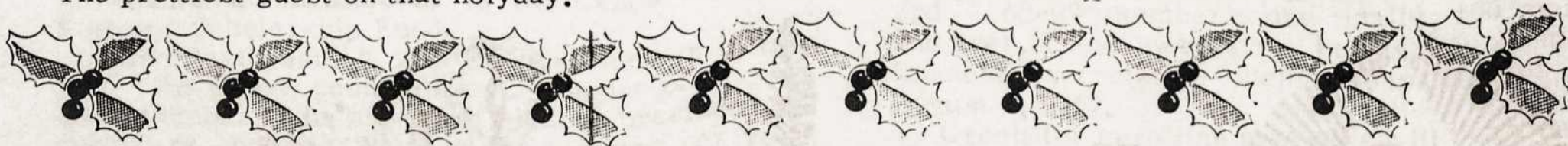
There will be other stars in the children's eyes
 Shining and wide in breathless surprise.
 Childish fingers will yearn to take
 The Little Baby, or the silvered snow-flake.

Surrounded by children and gifts you will stand
 The prettiest tree in a hidden box of sand.
 Your sparkling warmth will draw everyone near,
 For you are the symbol of good will and good cheer.

But, little fir tree, the roughened stall will soon be gone.
 The angel-hair, lights and garlands we hung upon
 Your branches will be laid away
 For it will be the end of the Christmas holiday.

Will you be angry when you are forgotten,
 Once proudly growing and then forsaken?
 Would you rather have stayed in the forest green
 And never the Christmas delights have seen?

Show no anger, little fir tree, and no hatred.
 Remember instead the joy you spread.
 And when the children whisper "good-by"
 Will you hear their wistful hope:
 "Will the Little Jesus and the pretty tree
 Be with us again next year?"



PEACE ON EARTH
 GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN
 JOYOUS HOLIDAYS
 TO ALL

Supreme Council
 and
 "Vytis" Staff



Noblesse Oblige

The words are French, but the meaningful message they impart is universal and has endured through the ages and in all languages. Greek philosopher Aristotle stated it in these words - "dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in deserving them." "Nobility obligates" is Webster's version.

No need to relentlessly reiterate that we are Knights of Lithuania, honor and duty-bound to champion the cause "For God and Country". But, because we are a special segment of society dedicated to Church and Nation, we must ever be pridefully concerned about our prestige. In the past fifty years plus, the Knights of Lithuania record has been brilliant, edifying, laudable and exemplary. How best, then, to perpetuate our good image?

By now it is general knowledge that 1968 will be a most significant year in Lithuanian annals. It will mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Reconstituted Independence February 16, 1918 in Vilnius. Lithuanians everywhere will avail themselves of the golden opportunity by all possible ways and means to make the world Lithuania-conscious. Action will be especially intensified in the political arena seeking the restoration of freedom to Soviet-subjugated Lithuania.

A resolution was passed at the last national convention in Dayton, Ohio committing the Knights of Lithuania to contribute to the historic observance. This will be achievable primarily by an awareness and genuine revival of Lithuanian culture, because

culture is multi-imaged, all-embracing. It is language, religion, patriotism, science, music, literature, folklore, et cetera.

Seeing that both time and climate will be most conducive to cultural activity in 1968, let us, then, sincerely resolve next year to faithfully attend the Lithuanian Mass and other religious services; join Lithuanian choral and folk dance groups; participate in Lithuanian patriotic and cultural events; support the Lithuanian press, radio, religious aid and relief agencies; read books in English about Lithuanian history, religion, folklore; make that honest extra effort to pray, speak, read and write in Lithuanian. Above all else, let us fervently and constantly beseege Divine Providence to take pity on suffering Lithuania and hasten her day of liberation.

By word and deed we must prove that the ancient, cultured and progressive Lithuanian nation - victim of basest political treachery - deserves to be free and will not rest until Lithuania regains her status of sovereign statehood in the world community.

Doing this we shall learn to know, cherish and measure up to our noble, God-willed Lithuanian heritage. We must and will continue to make our mark as Knights of Lithuania in our nation's golden glory.

I žygi, Lietuvos Vyčiai, tautai ir bažnyčiai!

MARCELLA ANDRIKIS
L. Cultural Chairman



TO

ALL

HAPPY HOLIDAY

Illinois - Indiana
District



NEW
ENGLAND
DISTRICT



OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

OFFICIAL NEWS



SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS

An Executive Board meeting was held at the Hollenden House, Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, Oct. 21st with national president Alexander Wesej presiding.

The following Executive Board members attended: Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius, Alexander Wesej, Stanley Vaitkus, Longinas Svelnis, Helen Zimmer, Stella Sankal, Irene Sankus, H.M. Frank Vaskas, H.M. Juozas Sadauskas, Albert Jaritis, Joseph Pauliukonis, and Vincent Ed. Pavis. Nancy Kober attended and acted as the Recording Secretary in place of Mary Kober.

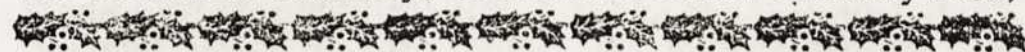
Guests in attendance were: E.P. Kunsitis, Ursula Yankauskas, Stella Pavis, Hedwig Pikturna, Anthony Buknis, Mary Trainy, Margarita Taurutes, Mr. and Mrs. Jurgis Salasciunis.

All of the Executive Officers presented reports, verbally for those present and written reports from those not in attendance.

Old Business: Helen Shields of C-3, the 55th National Convention's Chairman, reported that the convention will take place at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia on August 22-25, 1968. Rev. Kriščiunevičius will contact the local committee regarding the religious activities and suggested that we discuss ways to encourage larger attendance at the religious activities... A letter was received from the attorney handling the estate of the late Simonas Goodas of New Jersey. After the state inheritance tax was paid, a final amount of \$850.00 was turned over to the Canon Fabijonas Kemezis Scholarship Fund.

New Business: It was the consensus of opinion that "An active council should consist of at least five members, including an elected president and Secretary, holding at least one meeting per year; thereby having one vote at the annual convention". The final wording, to be presented at the next convention, will be decided upon at the next S.C. meeting... It was suggested that the K of L issue a sticker in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. The Chicago area officers will report on this at the next meeting... A motion was made, seconded and approved that we sponsor a polka album. Al Wesej will report at the next meeting as to the cost, etc. of this album... Following the suggestion of the Mid-Central District, a motion was made, seconded and approved to donate \$100.00 from the Supreme Council to Camp Dainava thereby authorizing the organization to have a vote in camp matters.

The next meeting will be held in Chicago during the month of January. (Tentative Date: January 13th)



ELECTIONS

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.

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.

Application cards MUST be completed filled out and all questions answered before the cards are sent to the national financial secretary.



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 rejoin 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.



Centro Valdyba nori pranešti, kad pereitą mėnesį gavo čekį - auką iš a.a. Simon Goodis, iš Newark, New Jersey. A.a. Simon Goodis paliko Lietuvoms Vyčiams \$1000.00 savo testamente ir pažymėjo, kad šie pinigai būtų naudojami stipendijų fondui. Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija yra dėkinga a.a. Goodžiui ir jo šeimynai už jų susidomėjimą vyčių organizacijos reikalais ir paskirtą auką.

Sekančiame "Vyties" numeryje bus plačiau aprašyta apie a.a. Goodį ir jo šeimyną.



JUNIOR NEWS



DECORATIONS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

LITHUANIAN STAR

MATERIALS: 10 paper drinking straws, thin red or white cotton string. 20 pieces 6 inches long, 2 pieces 12 inches long - scissors, ruler, ribbon, gold paint or spray. (In Lithuania the stars are made of real straw reeds and tied with red string.)

1. To measure and cut strings: loop at correct length against side of ruler. When you have enough length, hold all loops together, cut off extra, and cut into each loop at top and bottom.

2. Bend each straw in half.

3. To make first half of the star, take 5 of the bent straws and arrange flat on the table, fitting their "V's" into each other.

4. Holding straws flat, pinch their centers together. While pinching, lift all straws at once and slip a 12-inch string under their center. Tie string tightly around center. Spread out arms of star.

5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to make second half of star.

6. Place one half of star exactly on top of the other. Tie them together in the center with the ends

of the long string. Wrap the string around both centers several times before knotting. Cut off extra string.

7. Spread all the arms out evenly, matching those on the top star directly over those of the bottom.

8. Hold one pair of straws (one is from top, one from bottom star). With a short piece of string, tie the arms together about one inch from the center of the star. Pull string tight and tie a double knot.

9. Take next pair of straws and tie as in step 8. Tie all straws exactly same distance from center of star. Repeat all the way around.

10. There should now be a circle of the tied straws. The ends of each pair are free.

11. Tie the tip of a straw from one pair to the tip of a straw from the next pair in line. Continue around whole star this way.

12. When finished you should have a 10-pointed star. Cut off extra bits of string.

13. The star can be left plain, or you can brush or spray on 2 coats of gold paint. When dry, tie a brightly colored ribbon into a loop on top of the star and hang on the Christmas tree. Or, make several stars, with loops of thread instead of ribbon, and hang on a mobile. (Mobiles can be made of practically anything: pencils, sticks, metal rods, stiff wire, etc.)

OLD-FASHIONED CHAINS

To make chains, you need a darning needle, thin string or heavy thread, and just about anything you can find to string on the chain. Thread needle and make a knot in one end of your string. Push the needle through whatever object you are stringing, pull object back along the string and add the next piece. If you run out of string, tie a new piece onto the old with a small knot and thread the needle into the new string. When your chain is long enough, tie a knot in the end and hang it on the Christmas tree. (Hang a popcorn chain on a tree outside for the birds' Christmas.)

1. String popcorn, popcorn, popcorn.

2. String a cranberry, popcorn, cranberry, popcorn.

3. String dry macaroni (elbow type). To color, dip the macaroni quickly into a bowl of vegetable food coloring and dry before stringing.

4. Cut colored plastic drinking straws into short pieces and string with cut colored paper shapes.

5. Make or buy small Christmas candies wrapped in brightly colored papers. String the papers, letting the candies hang down from the chain.

STANLEY J. VAITKUS
JUNIORS VICE PRESIDENT



Wishing all Juniors,

Counselors and Parents

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Stan Vaitkus

DAYTON JUNIORS

Hello again from Dayton Junior Council!

First of all the names of the people that went to camp are: Irene Araminas, Laima Rastikis, Joe Cernevicius, Ray Gecas, Michael Petkus, Jon Prasmantas, Mark Vaitkus, Teresa Vaitkus, Andy Kavy and Janie Petkus.

Joe Prasmantas served as Assistant Sports Counselor and Mike Veigel was House Father for the boys.

We worked hard to go to camp,

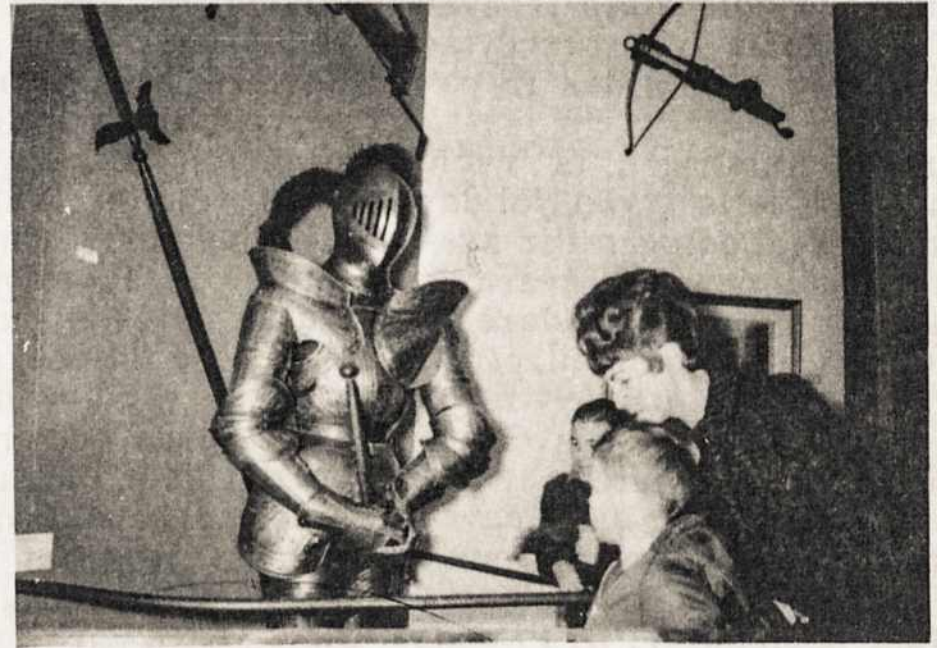
had a monkey booth and ran pop booth at the K of L picnic. At our Garden Party we raffled off an aquarium, sold parish raffle tickets and ran a live goldfish booth. Also we made money for camp by participating in the Charity Bazaar at Salem Mall. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Sinkwitz, who helped decorate the booth. We won third prize for the best decorated booth there.

We made Lithuanian Wayside Crosses for prizes at Camp Dainava.

In June we went swimming and

had a picnic at Cowan Lake. We made prizes and worked at the Garden Party in July. In August we went to Camp Dainava and stopped on the way at Van Buren State Park for a picnic. Thanks to all the drivers who took us and brought us back and the mothers that made food for the picnic. In September after regular meeting we went bowling at Congress Lanes. In October we had a Halloween Party.

Sharon Prasmantas



CHICAGO JUNIORS and their counselors, Helen Pius, Cis Matul, Camilla Bereckis and Leon Pauks-ta visit the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture during the Christmas season. (Photos - A. Raubis-kis)

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

DIDELIS IR DARBINGAS SUVAŽIAVIMAS

Kaip jau buvo minėta "Draugo" L. Vyčių veiklos skyriuje, spalio mėn. 21-22 d.d. Dearborn, Mich., įvyko vidurinių valstijų, L. Vyčių apskrities suvažiavimas - seimelis. Suvažiavime dalyvavo beveik visos kuopos ir senjorų skyriai, išskyrus L. Vyčių 25-tą kp., Cleveland, Ohio. Suvažiavimas buvo skaitlingas delegatais ir svečiais. Detroitiečių vyčių parodytas nuoširdus visų priėmimas ir pavaišinimas.

Vidurinių valstijų, L. Vyčių apskrities seimelis įvyko Holiday Inn motely. Visi delegatai ir svečiai buvo patenkinti jo švara ir žmoniškumu. Seimelį atidarė - Juozas Čapas, rengimokom. pirm. Juozas savo gražiais ir vytiškos dvasios žodžiais visus pasveikino ir džiaugėsi, kad jų darbas ir pastangos atnešė didelę naudą - suvažiavo daug rūpestingų vyčių ir svečių. Po trumpo pareiškimo seimelio vedimą perleido V. E. Paviui, apskrities pirm. Vincas padėkojo ir tuo pačiu paprašė kun. M. Kundrotą, Dievo Apvaizdos liet. parap. kleboną, sukalbėti maldą. Po maldos visi sugiedojo Amerikos himną. Po himno, kun. M. Kundrotas nuoširdžiai visus pasveikino ir džiaugėsi, kad šis seimelis įvyko Detrote. Toliau pirm. pakvietė Juozą Sadauską, garbės narį, targarbės narį Juozą Sadauską tarti žodį, kuris džiaugėsi, kad gavo garbės narį Juozą Sadauską tarti žodį, kuris džiaugėsi, kad turėjo progos šiame seime dalyvauti su kitais bendraminčiais. Antras iš eilės buvo pristatytas žodį tarti

Pranas Gudelis, uolus mūsų veikėjas, bet Pranas visus pasveikino tik atsistojęs ir pareiškęs, kad jo mintis ir žodžius perdavė J. Sadauskas.

Toliau, seimelio vedėjas, Vincas Pavis, visų delegatų paprašė, kad kiekvienas prisistatytų ir pasakytų kokią vyčių kp. ar senjorų skyrių atstovauja. Po šio susipažinimo, sekė praėjusio seimelio nutarimų skaitymas, kuriuos perskaitė apskrities nut. rašt. Stasė Pavienė. Nutarimai buvo priimti su pagyrimais ir aploдиментаis. Sekė pirm. Vinco PAVIO bendras visų metų veiklos pranešimas, ilgiau sustojus prie jaunučių atostogų Dainavoje. Po to buvo trumpa pertrauka, kurios metu St. Pavienė, skaidrėse (slides) parodė Dainavos ir kitus vyčių veiklos vaizdelius, kurie visus sudomino ir davė suprasti, kaip Dainavoje viskas atrodo. Jaunučių atostogomis daugiausiai rūpinasi Sofija Zagarienė, J. Kazlauskas ir P. Gudelis. Jiems buvo pareikšta nuoširdi padėka. Ir šį kartą į posėdį atsilankė kun. V. Stanevičius, buvęs dvasios vadas, kuris irgitrumpais vyčių dvasios žodžiais pasveikino visus delegatus, svečius bei vietinius vyčius ir palinkėjo seimeliui geriausių pasekmių.

Toliau sekė kitų valdybos narių ir komisijų pranešimai. Pirmas vicepirm. - F. Zagaras ir padarė platų pranešimą iš jaunučių atostogų Dainavoje. Toliau kalbėjo Pranas Gudelis, kuris rūpinosi lėšų kėlimu jaunučių atostogoms Dainavoje. Jis dar pastebėjo, kad tos jaunučių atostogos apskričiai padarė virš tūkstančio do-



Juozas Sadauskas, Rose Sankal and Charlotte Petkunas, all delegates, at the M-C District Convention held in Detroit. (Photo - S. Sankal)

lerių išlaidų. Nors vidurinių valstijų, L. Vyčių apskritis ir turėjo didelių išlaidų, bet išde dar yra pasilikę virš trijų šimtų dolerių.

Stasys Vaitkus, katalikiškos akcijos vadovas irgi pateikė nuoseklių raportą iš savo darbų, bet jis ir nusiskundė, kad per mažas vyčių skaičius dalyvauja jo rengiamose dvasiškose išvykose - Cary, Ohio. Visi delegatai davė garbės žodį ir pasižadėjimą St. Vaitkui ateiti į pagalbą, kada jis ruoš bent koki dvasišką suvažiavimą kitais metais.

Iš visuotino L. Vyčių org. seimo pranešimą padarė Vincas Pavis, apskrities pirm.

Dėl jaunučių atostogų Dainavoje kitais metais buvo sudaryta komisija iš šių apskrities veikėjų: Sof. Zagarienės, Kazlausko ir P. Gudelio. Dainavos reikalams paskirta iš išdo \$100.00.

Naujuose sumanymuose buvo nutarta ir kitais metais turėti

LINKIME JUMS ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ

ir

LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ

Cleveland Vyčių
Senjorų Kuopa






TO OUR FELLOW KNIGHTS AND LADIES

SEASONS GREETINGS

K of L Seniors Council 111 - Youngstown, Ohio



bowling turnamentą ir jį apsiėmė globoti L. Vyčių 79-ta kp., Detroit, Mich. Antras nutarimas buvo padarytas - visiems dėti pastangas jaunamečių vyčių organizavime, nes be jaunučių vyčių, L. Vyčių org. gali ištikti tamsesnė ateitis. Šiuo darbu reikėtų daugiau susirūpinti ne tik vyčių nariams, bet ir mūsų dvasiškijai, nes L. Vyčių org. dabar priklauso daugiausiai vidurinio ir senyvesnio amžiaus nariai, o jaunučių visai mažas skaičius.

Beje, paskutinis klausymas dar buvo iškeltas, kad patys vyčiai daugiau rašytų iš savo veiklos į lietuvišką spaudą, nes kiek yra žinoma, L. Vyčių org. daug veikia ne tik savo reikaluose, bet ir Lietuvos laisvinime. Seimelyje buvo kalbėta ir įgalioti nariai prisidėti prie veikimo kitais metais, kada bus Lietuvos nepriklausomybės 50 metų minėjimas.

Baigus seimelio bėgamuosius darbus, buvo eita prie naujos valdybos rinkimo kitiems metams. Išrinkti: kun. B. Ivanauskas dvasios vadas, V. Pavis, pirm.; 1 vice pirm. - J. Kazlauskas, 2 vice pirm. - J. Čapas, nut. rašt. - St. Pavienė, izd. - M. Petkus, izdo globėjai - J. Karpavičius ir vyte Alešiūnaitė, ritualų kom. Pranas Gudelis, o spaudos ir liet. reikalų kom. - J. Sadauskas. Išrinkus valdybą, nesant dvasios vado, priesaiką priėmė Juozas Sadauskas, L. Vyčių org. garbės narys, o maldą sukalbėjo V. Pavis naujai perrinktas pirm. ir seimelis buvo baigtas Lietuvos ir L. Vyčių org. himnais.

Šeštadienio vakarą, Lietuvių Klubu namų patalpose, įvyko iškilmingi šokiai, kuriuose mėgstantieji pasišoko, ypatingai Juozas Kazlauskas, o nenorintieji - vedė savytarpyje draugiškus pasikalbė-

jimus. Į šį pobūvį atsilankė ir visi trys dvasios vadai - L. Vyčių org. centro dvasios vadas - kun. V. Kriščiūnevičius, kun. M. Kundrotas ir buvęs L. Vyčių org. centro valdybos dvasios vadas - kun. V. Stanevičius. Kiek teko pastebėti, tai visi trys dvasios vadai stengėsi praleisti valandėlę, kitą savo laisvalaikio su vietiniais ir svečiais vyčiais. Šiuose šokiuose visi ne tik linksmi pasišoko, draugiškai pasikalbėjo, bet ir skaniai, lietuviškai pasivaišino.

Sekmadienio rytą, Dievo Apvaizdos liet. parap. bažnyčioje, visi delegatai, svečiai ir vietiniai vyčiai, išklusė šv. mišių dauguma priėmė į savo širdis šv. Komuniją, pasiklausė gražaus giedojimo ir tėvelio M. Kundroto pamokslo. Kun. M. Kundrotas, pašventino L. Vyčių org. ketvirto laipsnio ženklus ir jais papuošė Juozą Čapą ir jo mielą žmonelę L. Vyčių 79-tos kp. uolius veikėjus. Vytis J. Čapas veikia ir kituose savo parap. darbuose, bet daugiausia vyčiuose. Jo vadovaujama šio seimelio rengimo komisija, labai garbingai, svetingai ir vaišingai priėmė visus delegatus, svečius ir vyčių mylėtojus. Tiesa, Juozui daug pagelbėjo jo antrininkas L. Galinskas, kuris irgi yra didelis ir uolus vyčių ir liet. visuomenės veikėjas. tikrai pasakius, kad 79-tos kp. nariai ir 139 tos kp. kai kurie nariai, ypatingai vyte Juozas Karpavičius ir jo žmona, svečiams iš kitų kolonijų parodė savo jausmingas širdis.

Rašančiajam šią žinėlę teko susitikti su didele ir visoje mūsų išėivijoje plačiai žinoma veikėja - vyte ir buvusia A.L.R.K.M. Sąjungos ilgamete centro pirm. Elžbieta Pauraziene. Ji savo mintis ir sumanymą daug kartų panaudojo

šio seimelio sesijose. Ypatingai vyte E. Paurazienė svetingai ir vytiškai pasveikino "Senelį", už jo žineles ir kitus rašinėlius, kuriuos ši uoli veikėja ir gerų darbų rėmėja mielai visada perskaito.

Kita vyte, sąjungietė ir buvusi mūsų lietuviškų laikraščių bendradarbė - Patricija Bandz - Bandzienė susitiko "Senelį", kurioniekada nebuvo sutikusi ir kalbėjusi. Miela Patricija "Seneliui" pareiškė nuoširdžią padėką už jo visas žineles ir rašinius, kuriuos vyte P. Bandzienė visada pirmiausiai perskaito. Ir daugiau "Senelis" sutiko tokių jo rašinių mylėtojų bei skaitytojų, bet gaila, kad jis nepasižymėjo jų vardų. O kaip būtų gera ir garbinga, kad vyte Elžbieta Paurazienė ir vyte P. Bandzienė, kitus pakvietusios į pagalbą, suorganizuotų Detroite senjorų vyčių skyrių. Tada "Senelis" parašytų į "Vytį" ir kitus lietuviškus laikraščius apie jų gražuosius darbus. Na, miela Elžbieta ir Patricija, pajudinkite ir pradėkite ar ti vyčių senjorų dirvą, kuri Detroite yra labai plati ir gali būti viena iš derlingiausių.

Po bažnytinių pamaldų, Columbo vyčių klubo patalpose, įvyko poseiminė puota-pietūs, kuriuose dalyvavo visi delegatai, svečiai ir vietinių vyčių nariai. Pietus pradėjo maldą kun. M. Kundrotas, Dievo Apvaizdos parap. klebonas. Visiems gerokai pasistiprinus, seimelio rengimo komisijos vyriausias vadovas - J. Čapas, visus vytiškai ir džiaugsmingai pasveikino, kad taip skaitlingai dalyvauja šiuose pietuose ir pristatė programos vedėją - Praną Zagarą, L. vyčių 79-tos kp. naujai išrinktą (1968 m.) pirm., kuris priėmęs šią garbę, padėkojo svečiams, už

toki parodytą vyčiams prielankumą, dalyvaujant taip gausiai šiuose pietuose ir baigęs savo trumpus pareiškimus - jis pristatė centro valdybos dvasios vadą, didį mūsų išeivijos gražiakalbį - kun. V. Kriščiunevičių, kuris savo trumpoje kalboje palietė daug organizacinių ir tikybinių klausimų. Tėvelis V. Kriščiunevičius, savo pirmuose žodžiuose pareiškė, kad nesveikina delegatų, svečių ir visų pietų dalyvių, bet atsisveikina, nes po šių pietų visi grįš namo. Tėvelio V. Kriščiunevičiaus kalba buvo trumpa, bet iškelianti daug dvasiškų ir vytiškų minčių. Toliau buvo pristatyti dar šie mūsų organizacijos vadai - Vincas Pavis, šios apskrities pirm., kuris irgi kalbėjo apskrities ir visos L. Vyčių org. klausimais. Dar kalbėjo L. Vyčių org. centro valdybos 1 vice pirm. - Stasys Vaitkus, Pranas Gudelis, garbės narys ir apskrities ritualų kom. ir jaunučių atostogų Dainavoje narys. Dar keletą jausmingų žodžių tarė kun. V. Štanevičius, šv. Antano liet. parap. klebonas ir L. Vyčių org. centro valdybos buvęs dvasios vadas. Buvo dar pristatyta St. Sankalaitė, centro valdybos ižd. ir J. Sadauskas, garbės narys ir apskrities liet. reikalų kom. narys bei lietuvių spaudos bendradarbis. Programėlės pravedėjas - Pranas Zagaras, paprašė kun. V. Kriščiunevičių baigti šiuos iškiluosius pietus malda.

"Senelis" irgi taria ačiū 79-tai kp., ypatingai seimelio komisijos nariams ir narėms, už parodytą visiems tokį svetingumą ir vytiškumą.

SENELIS



LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ
LAIMINGIAUSIŲ NAUJŲ METŲ
visiems vyčiams nuo

Chicagos Sendraugių



CHICAGOŠ VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ UŽSIMOJIMAI

Nors Chicagos Vyčių sendraugių eilės smarkiai retėja, bet kuopos organizacinis darbas nesustoja. Kiekviename kuopos mėnesiniame susirinkime iškeliami nauji sumanymai ir pageidavimai. Paskutiniame kuopos susirinkime iškilo būtinas reikalas pagerbti tuos vyčius, kurie ištisą laiką be pertraukos darbuojasi prie vyčių buveinės-namų remonto ir tobulinimo. Iš nusipelnusių vyrų pagerbimui pirmose eilėse stovi: A. Budris, A. Petrulis, J. Perulis ir kt. O iš moterų: K. Petrulienė, T. Narbutienė, Žemaitienė ir kt. Apgailėtina, kad daugumoje, čia išvardytų yra gyvenimo pakirsti, kaip tai J. Kerulis - ligonis ir Žemaitienė atsidurė prieglaudoje. Kurį laiką sirgo Petrulis ir Narbutienė gulėjo ligoninėje. Sveikiausiai laikosi, kaip ažuolas prie Nemunėlio, tai A. Budris. Jis ne tik visų komisijų pirmininkas, bet ir nuolatinis vyčių namo tarybos pirkas. Paskutiniu laiku sunegalavo ilgametė sendraugių kuopos sekretorė O. Aleliūnienė.

Kadangi Chicagos sendraugių kuopos nariai yra pasižymėję ir spaudos reikaluose, būtent: kuopos p-kas Ig. Sakalas parašė vyčių istoriją, K. Jonaitis - eilių rinkinį "Tautos Žiedai" ir Z. Gedvila - Labdarių Sąjungą, tai Pov.

LINKSMŲ ŠVENČIŲ

Tekle Norbut
Chicagos senjore



Dirkis pasiūlė suruošti artimoje ateityje pobūvį ir išvardintas knygas draug su autoriais pristatyti visuomenei. Išplatintų veikalų pinigai būtų paskirti mokykliniam fondui. Kuopos susirinkimas tam P. Dirchio sumanymui vienbalsiai pritarė. Apgailėtina, kad vienas iš autorių Z. Gedvila jau antri metai ilsisi po žeme, šv. Kazimiero kapinėse. Mat, laikymas tų knugų sandėlyje jokios naudos neduoda, o tik genda pati knyga ir liaudis nežino apie esamus veikalus.

Be to, susirinkimas išnešė pageidavimą, kad kituose kuopose senyvo amžiaus vyčiai pereitų į sendraugius. Čia padidėjus kuopos narių skaičiui pagyvėtų kuopos viakeriopa veikla.

Taip pat susirinkimas iškėlė klausimą suvienodinti sendraugių vyčių vardą. Pavyzdžiui: Chicagoje Sendraugių Vyčių Kuopa, o Clevelande "senjorų". Išeina, kad dvi skirtingos kuopos su skirtingais vardais. Turime lietuvišką vardą, tai kam amerikietinti arba angliškai vadinto. Chicagos sendraugiai vyčiai nustatė Lietuvos 50 m. nepriklausomybės sukaktį paminėti kuo iškilmingiausiai.

P. Erdvys

(Redaktorės pastaba: Parašius šį straipsnį sužinojome, kad 28-to spalio po ilgos ligos mirė Jonas Kerulis. Šv. Mišios už velionės sielą buvo atnašautos Nekalto Prasiidėjimo bažnyčioje (Brighton Park'e) Chicagoje. Buvo palaidotas šv. Kazimiero kapinėse. Už savo pasišventimą ir nenykstančias pastangas Lietuvos Vyčiams ir visiems katalikiškiems reikalams bei organizacijoms, velionis bus ilgai minimas.



**IT DOESN'T COST
MUCH to give the
VERY BEST!**

Here it is the middle of December and everyone's starting the cleanup for Christmas and new Year's parties - last week I cleaned out my checking account, this week it was the savings account, and I've already bought this year's presents with next year's money. But there are all kinds of gifts.

What with all the usual brimful cups of Holiday cheer, I find it somewhat embarrassing getting happy on eggnog. What can you say to people - you're under the influence of cinnamon? More seriously though, are you hard pressed for appropriate Christmas gifts? You can solve this problem simply. Ease your end-of-the-year Christmas rush by arranging for gift memberships now. There is still time. Write the names and addresses of those hard-to-choose-for people on the regular membership application forms and send their dues along with yours.

Traditionally this is the time for afterthought about our shortcomings during the year just passed and resolving how to cope with them in the future. During these reappraisals do not forget the Knights of Lithuania. There have been some things this column has asked of you. Those requests were so few they should be lonesome. But, rather than attempting to hammer them home to you harrassingly, consider this reminder meant only in keeping within the spirit of the season (I would much rather remind you that there are only a few shopping days till Christmas and I take a size 15 1/2 shirt; 11 1/2 socks; I like Foulard ties, Petrocelli suits - and my hand grip fits the wheel of an Eldorado). During your Holiday socializing do not forget that the dues drive is in full swing - last year's first fully paid up council accomplished the task BEFORE the beginning of the new year. Considering that pace, there is barely time remaining to bring your council across the finish line first in that category.

Remind your fellow members about dues payments. At the same time you can reduce your council financial secretary's burden of dues notice mailings. Again, do not forget that special awards will be presented at the next convention to the first councils in the four categories to be 100% paid up. Remember that the drive for new members is based on net membership. Therefore, going all out to gain new members before being assured that those previously in the fold are up-to-date in dues is not the most sound approach. Do not let up. Now, during Holiday good-fellowship and comraderie, is the most appropriate time to make those contacts for dues payments and membership enrollments.

The best wishes to you all in whatever endeavors you may pursue this coming year - whether personal, K of L, social, or business.

LEON PAUKSTA
Membership Vice President

PAID MEMBERSHIP - Final 1966-1967

<u>C#</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>% Pd</u>	<u>9/66</u>	<u>8/67</u>
1	Brockton	91%	21	19
3	Philadelphia	122%	36	44
5	Chicago	71%	14	10
6	Hartford	100%	2	2
7	Waterbury	99%	97	96
10	Athol	100%	21	21
12	New York	94%	33	31
13	Chicago	44%	27	12
14	Cicero	91%	11	10
17	So. Boston	72%	57	41
17S	So. Boston	100%	0	32
18	Cambridge	0%	14	0
19	Pittsburgh	95%	41	39
24	Chicago	100%	1	1
25	Cleveland	104%	27	28
25S	Cleveland	105%	38	40
26	Worcester	79%	183	145
27	Norwood	50%	16	8
29	Newark	139%	72	100
30	Westfield	94%	31	29
36	Chicago	115%	64	74
41	Brooklyn	165%	17	28
41S	Brooklyn	104%	24	25
52	Elizabeth	85%	27	23
61	Paterson	80%	5	4
67	Bayonne	80%	5	4
78	Lawrence	92%	12	11
79	Detroit	108%	167	181
82	Gary	13%	16	2
90	Kearny	69%	26	18
96	Dayton	122%	76	93
100	Amsterdam	164%	27	37
102	Detroit	100%	41	41
103S	Providence	100%	0	14
109	Great Neck	100%	21	21
111S	Youngstown	100%	17	17
112	Chicago	128%	122	156
113	Lindon	100%	23	23
116	So. Worcester	116%	45	52
133	Los Angeles	71%	7	5
133S	Los Angeles	107%	31	33
135	Ansonia	106%	47	50
139	Detroit	123%	22	27
	Chicago Seniors	91%	43	39
	Pittsburgh Seniors	100%	2	2

SVEIKAS JĒZAU GIMUSIS

No. 27

J. NAUJALIS

Linksmi

1. Svei-kas Jē-zau gi-mu-sis, Šven-tas Die-vo Kū-di-ki
 2. Kank-lē-mis kank-liuo-ki-me, Šu-tar-ti-ņe leis-ki-me,
 3. Dan-gus mums jau ar-ti-nas, Že-mēj žmo-nēs links-mi-nas

Bran-giā die-ņā švēs-da-mi Už-gi-mi-mo

Vieš-pa-ties Links-min-ki-mēs ir džiau-ki-mēs,

Die-vui gar-bē duo-da-mi gie-do-ki-me.

Nakties tyloj

Žodž. Alg. Kačanausko

Muz. Liudo Stuko

1. Nak - ties ty - loj su - skam - ba bal - sai Is
 mei - go ke - lias pie - me - nys ir re - gi an - ge - lus Lai -
 min - ga nak - ti jie skel - bia Ir guo - dzia jie varg - sus.

2. Nakties tyloj
 Stai skuba ir jie.
 Ir mato kudikeli
 Tvirtely gulinti.
 Suklumpa jie ant kelio
 Dievulio garbinti.

3. Nakties tyloj
 Karsta malda.
 Jie sveikina stai Viespati
 Skaisciu sirdziu auka.
 Palaimink mus, Dievuli,
 Rankute dieviska.

(The songs reproduced on these two pages can be heard on the new album of the Ruta Ensemble, "Linksmu Kaledu - Christmas in Lithuania.")



**COUNCIL THREE
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.**

Linki visiems vyčiams

Linksmų, Šventų Kalėdų

Laimingų, Sekmingų 1968 Metų

We are looking forward to meeting the K of L'ers August 22 to 25, 1967 at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel for the 55th National Knights of Lithuania Coonvention.

"Vyčių Stiprybė - Lietuvos Viltis!" - "K of L Strength is Lithuania's Hope!"

Let's have Every Council Represented

The big jets from Dayton had barely touched the ground, the buses had turned into their terminals and the cars had found their parking spaces, when the official and most enthusiastic WORD got out that Council Three was hosting the Knights of Lithuania - Event of the Year, the National Convention in 1968. The Vyčiai in the city of Brotherly Love are burning the midnight oil by planning, planning and more planning to make the 1968 Convention the best and most informative and unforgettable one of all.

We will keep you informed on all events referring to the Convention in the future issues of the "Vytis". At this time however, we have only one, but a most sincere request: Put a circle around AUGUST 22-25, 1968 on your calendar and PHILADELPHIA on your map. Come see what the Vyčiai of Council 3 have planned to inspire you... to teach you... to amuse you... you'll never know what you'll miss if you don't come. We had you in '58 we welcome you in '68.



INDEPENDENCE HALL
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

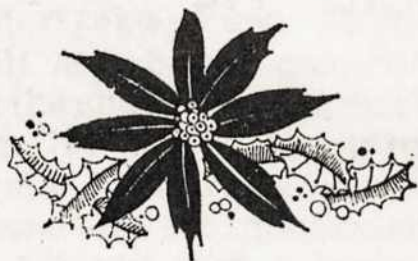


VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT



NEWARK, N.J., C-29

The Wanderer C-29 resumed regular monthly meetings in September at St. George's Hall. The yearly elections took place at the October meeting with the following being named to executive board: President Kazys Strolis, Vice president Edward Schmidt, Secretaries the Misses Mary Stonis and Judy Stukas, Treasurer Eva Sharon, and Rev. Petras Totoraitis, Spiritual Advisor.

A sincere note of thanks to former president Kazys Sipaila and to Jack Remeika and Peter Podgalsky who served as vice president and treasurer, resp., for several terms, for their very fine endeavors during their term in office.

C-29 held a card party in St. George's Hall on Sunday, November 5th.

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences are offered to Mrs. Martha Stukas, Jack, Louis, and others of Stukas family in the passing of husband and father, Jacob Stukas, on November 1st. A Solemn Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of his soul on Saturday November 4th in Holy Trinity Church with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100

Smile and Sparkle

The fall meeting was held Sept. 12th at the home of Paul and Aldona Abeling, in Perth, New York.

A report on the 54th national

convention was given by local delegate, Gene Gobis.

Movies were shown by Rev. Robert K. Baltch of EXPO 67, Lisbon, Portugal, and Madeira Island.

A clam sear was held at Dr. Adam Kindar's summer home in Galway, New York. Planning the affair were Paul and Aldona Abeling, Sophie Olbie, and Gene Gobis. The special prize was won by Frank Coombs, 121 Lakehill Rd., Burnt Hills, New York. A buffet was served by Aldona. Those who attended were Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Mrs. Eleanor Olechowski, Mrs. Irene Wood, Gene Gobis, Matthew and Nancy Kazlauskas, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Peter Hayes and Paul and Aldona Abeling. NEWS BITS. Although the crowd was not as large as last year, the outing at Dr. Kindar's camp was most enjoyable. Matt and Nancy's son, Dr. Matthew Kazlauskas (California) attended the doings. Prof. Olsauskas gave him a few lessons on the Kankles. Matthew Orante presented Dr. Kindar with a Wayside Shrine which he personally made. It was beautiful.

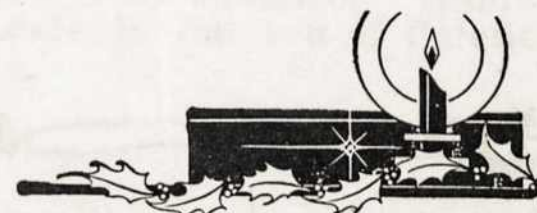
Present at the outing were Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar, Charles Karbus, Tony Kissel, Tony and Ann Beleckas and daughters, Don and Marian Nikstenas and son, Matt and Isabelle Orante, Matthew and Nancy Kazlauskas, Dr. Matthew Kazlauskas, Michael Kindar and friends, Aldona and Paul Abeling and children, Peter Bobinas, Prof. Olsauskas, Peter Hayes, Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Eleanor Olechowski, Polly Ziausys, Edward Ziausys, Gene Gobis, Anna Yunker, Ann Kutchis, Virginia Miciulis, Irene Wood, and Rev. Kulbis, Montreal, Canada.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Jean Maldutis in the loss of her beloved husband, Charles, on Sept. 28th. Our very first K of L member to leave us will always be

remembered in our prayers. Chuck was the proprietor of the Maldutis Bakery ... a devoted husband... a most likeable person.

The Supreme Officers and "Vytis" staff extend condolences to Jack and Louis Stukas and the entire Stukas family on the death of their father, Jacob Stukas.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT



I-I DISTRICT

"Taitytė"

There were many "BIG EVENTS" in the past few weeks out our way. One was the presentation of a wrist watch by the new District President John Evans to Vladas Paliulionis, winner of the District's 1967 Membership Drive. The presentation was made at the dinner honoring the members who contributed so much to the successful conclusion of the garden and building remodeling projects. Another special treat was the menu prepared by Mrs. Sophia Sakalas and her daughter, Aldona, and Mrs. Josephine Klikunas and her daughter, Fabonia. The most able chairman and the "host with the most" was our own building manager, Ignas Sakalas.

Another Big Event was the wedding of Bernadine Lazisky and Louis Rogers, both of C-112. The bridal party included K of L members Leon Pauksta, Cis Matul, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Tatusko, and Maria Zakarka, daughter of Al and Julie.

Other big events were the births: of Christina, first daughter of Joyce and Jurgis Paliolionis and



On Earth Peace,

Good Will Toward Men

COUNCIL 112

(Marquette Park)

Chicago

Illinois

the first granddaughter of District prexy, John Evans; and of Brian William, first son of Carole and Wally Tenclinger. Congratulations to all.

With all this going on - only Irene Sankus and Helen Zimmer were able to attend the Supreme Council meeting in Cleveland on Oct. 21st. But the Chicago Bear football team filled in the vacancies from Chicago on the Hollenden House guest list, adding extra whipped cream topping to an already perfectly enjoyable weekend. Juozas Sadauskas and Stella Sankal of the Cleveland Seniors hosted the out-of-town guests. The Saturday evening business session was followed by a late evening buffet supper at the hotel. Later the hosts, Mary Trainy and other Clevelandites entertained the guests.

After the Sunday Mass, the members were again the guests of the Cleveland Seniors and Father Ivan at a brunch which was transformed into a banquet by the Cleveland ladies with everything from Turkey to Lithuanian Tortes served.

The big game between the

Chicago Bears and the Cleveland Browns was an unexpected and a grand finale for the out-of-towners. Frank Vaskas from Newark, Charlie Petkus and Stan Vaitkus from Dayton, Al Jaritis and Larry Svelnis from Boston, Jay Paliukonis from Worcester - Cleveland - and now - Chicago and of course the two "indifferent" fans from Chicago - Helen and Irene.

The next Supreme Council meeting will be held in Chicago during the month of January. All Board members will be informed of the exact date.

All members in the Illinois-Indiana, the Mid-Central, the New York-New Jersey, the New England and the California Districts are invited to spend NEW YEAR'S EVE in Chicago. The Choir is hosting this year's gala, gigantic, frantic celebration at the K of L Building. It will be just \$7.50 per person for the Champagne Dinner Dance - so reservations should be made in advance by contacting Leon Pauksta (Area 312-WA 5-0853), Al or Julie Zakarka (Area 312-He 4-7785) or Ignas Sakalas (Area - GR 6-4095). The fun starts

at 8:30 P.M.

Invitations are being prepared for the Annual Memories of Lithuania Dinner. Vince Samaska and the committee are working well in advance because it will be an especially significant event in 1968 - the 50th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. The affair will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10th at the Farm Club in Chicago.

(Editor's Note: Send "speedy recovery" wishes to "Taitytė" better known as Eleanor Laurin, 6800 So. Rockwell St., Chicago, Ill., 60629. After a stay at Holy Cross Hospital, she is now recuperating at home.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-36 V.S.

The "Kodėl Ne" Council is proud to announce their new officers: Pres. Vincent Samaska; 1st V-P. Helen Pius; 2nd V-P. Walter Zemgulis; 3rd V-P. Peggy Zakaras; Frank Svelnis, Jr.; Fin. Secy. Lillian Kodis; Corres. Secy. Albina Kodis; Sgts-at-Arms Jerome Jankus and Napoleonas Sapkus; Trustees Lucille Kilkus and Anthony Walunas.

The new officers have started off with a "bang" with a Bowling Party held on Saturday evening, Dec. 9th. Refreshments after bowling will be served at the K of L Bldg. More details in the next issue.

Among the scheduled events for 1968 will be a "Hawaiian Night" on Feb. 3rd. To warm up the cold winter, a Hawaiian orchestra and hula dancers will be featured. A "king-size" raffle will be held during the evening with all of the proceeds going to the K of L Building Mortgage Fund Drive.

1968 will also be the council's turn to host the annual I-I District's St. Casimir Day Commemoration. Arrangements have already been made to attend Mass at Immaculate Conception Church with a brunch following at the K of L Bldg. The Lithuanian Catholic Federation will join the Knights of Lithuania for this commemoration.

Past President Wally Tenclinger and his wife, Carole, are the proud parents of their first child, Brian William was born on Oct. 3rd. Leonard and Mary Ann Mallis are now the proud parents of their second child - a girl. Their first

was a boy.

The council members were saddened to hear of the death of long-time K of L member, John Kerulis, who passed away after a long illness on Nov. 2nd. John spent many hours with the Chicago Seniors and his friends in C-36. In addition, he did much of the original carpentry and plumbing work in the K of L Building. His pleasant disposition and enthusiasm in the K of L and all Catholic organization will long be remembered.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 Slim

At our October meeting, our special guest speaker was Faustas Strolia, I-I Choir Director and member of our fellow council 36. He presented a talk on Lithuanian Culture in Music and was as warmly received in our council as he was at the national convention.

The council's annual Halloween Party was held on Oct. 27th in Ed Krivickas' Lower Level. Over 30 persons attended in costume. One of the prize winners was C-14 member Cis Matul who appeared as a lady fireman. Joining the wild crowd were the Dagens' and



Bernadine Lazisky and Louis Rogers dance at their wedding reception which was held at the K of L Bldg. Both are members of C-112, Chicago. Bernadine is the council's correspondent "Slim" and Louis is the son of Estelle Rogers.



SEASONS GREETINGS

JOHN G. EVANS

Illinois - Indiana
District
President



Mockus' who came a way-out hippies. Loads of fun was had by all. Lorraine Wainauskas did her bit and steered us all through the square dancing.

Al Daxis, the congenial one, was the go-go chairman of our annual Thanksgiving Dance - The Harvest Moon Dance on Nov. 18th at the K of L Bldg. A good time was had by all.

Now we are all looking forward to our Christmas Party to be held on Dec. 16th at the Franklin House and to the I-I New Year's Eve Party which will be hosted by our District Choir. With Vladas Paliulionis as the leader, we know it will be a great one - so, place your reservation NOW!

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



N.E. DISTRICT

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The District Convention was held in Worcester, hosted by C-



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JACK L. JATIS
(Jonas Juozaitis)

K of L Honorary Member and member of C-24 and the Chicago Seniors, formerly with C-112 (Marquette Park) Chicago, passed away from a heart ailment on Thursday, Nov. 16, 1967.

At the time of his death, he was the Chief Deputy in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois and resided with his family in Mar-

116, Our Lady of Vilna parish in So. Worcester.

A dance preceded the convention on Sat. night at the L.N.C. The music was good and a happy evening was had by all.

The Convention Mass was held at 11 A.M. on Sunday for the intention of the K of L with Father Albin Yankauskas officiating.

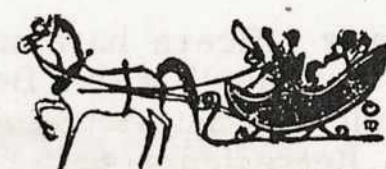
Official sessions begin in the afternoon at the Parish Hall. The meeting was opened with a prayer by N.E.D. Spiritual Advisor Father Albin Janiunas after the president Albert Jaritis called the meeting to order. Greetings to the delegates were extended by the parish pastor, Msgr. Constantine Basys, Father Janiunas and C-116 President Mildred Lapinskas. Father John Jutt gave a most inspiring and encouraging talk about the part the K of L has played and will play in Lithuanian Affairs. The guest speaker was Professor Edward Zaletskas, Asst. Director Dean of Admissions at Boston State College. He presented their reports for the year. The Mandate committee reported that 10 councils were represented with 51 delegates, 8 guests and 7 priests in attendance.

Several important resolutions were passed and the following officers were elected for the coming term: Pres. Albert Jaritis; 1st V-P, Patricia Miskinis; 2nd

quette Park (Chicago).

Jack was a K of L member of long standing. He was elevated to Honorary Membership during the 1945 convention held in Cicero, Ill. In 1951, he served as the national president. In addition to his many years of activity on the national ritual committee, he was, at the time of his death, the secretary of the national Honorary Membership Committee. An organizer of the Illinois-Indiana District, who served as its president and was extremely active in the Chicago area. Included in his many activities was directorship and management of the K of L building located in Chicago. It is difficult to find an aspect of our organization in which the deceased was not active at one time or another.

Besides his activities in the K of L, Jack was a charter member of the American Legion Don Varnas Post #986, where he was the first commander and was instrum-

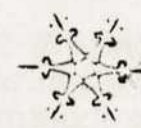


HAPPY HOLIDAY

to our

K of L FRIENDS

Council 41, Brooklyn
Council 78, Lawrence
Frank Vaskas, H.M., Newark
Stella Zielnis, C-6
Peter J. Kasilionis, C-52
John & Alice Mickunas, C-3
John, Alice, Valerie and
John Casimir Olevitz, C-17
Gordon P. Nelson & Family
C-17 Jamestown, N.Y.
Theresa Vaitkunas, C-139



ental in purchasing the current post headquarters building; the Chicago Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce; the 13th Ward Regular Democratic Organization; the Holy Name Society of the Nativity BVM Parish; the Lithuanian Democratic League president and organizer; and a perpetual member of the St. Casimir Sisters Auxiliary.

Members of all of the organizations paid their last respects to Jack and attended the Services held Nov. 20th at Nativity BVM Church and escorted his remains to their final resting place in St. Casimir Cemetery.

In addition to his bereaved family, wife, Ann, son, John and his family, sister, Mrs. Anthony Rudis and her family and all of the other family members, Jack left behind scores of K of L members who will always remember him for his untiring efforts and undiminished spirit in the Knights of Lithuania. May God grant him eternal happiness.

SEASONS GREETINGS



Al Jaritis
C-17
NED President

LONGINAS

ŠVELNIS -

Seniors V-P

extends

GREETINGS



COUNCIL 7 - WATERBURY

WELL WISHERS

	Rev. Paul Sabulis
Nell Diggles	Mr. & Mrs. J. Samoska, Jr.
James Valaitis	Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Rutkauskas
John Alanskas	Lillian Paulauskas
Otto Shatas	Bruno Rickevicius
Leocadia Sulauskas	Carl Barzilauskas
Prof. A. Aleksis	Marcella Andrikis

V-P. Miss Irene Adamaitis; Secy. Mrs. Irene Adamaitis; Secy. Sylvia Shukis; Treas. Benedict Coach; Trustees Bill Wisnauskas and Shirley Gobush; Ritual, Rita Pinikus; Sports, Anne Miller and Helen Gillis; Lithuanian Affairs Alex Kardokas; Cultural Emil Grenda and Dorothy Blazavich and Public Relations Susan K. Boroskas. Father Albin Janionas will remain as the District's Spiritual Advisor.

During the afternoon, a recess was called in order to enable the delegates to attend a Holy Hour conducted by Father Janionas.

After the business sessions, a delicious buffet was served and a social hour with a youth band and community singing was held. Chuck Feeney entertained at the piano and Emil Grenda, on the accordion. A great day!

The N.E.D. Spring Convention will be held at Providence in April, 1968.

This Convention was probably the best attended and the most enthusiastic meeting held in a long time. Great things appear to be in store for the N.E.D. K of Lers.

WATERBURY, CONN., C-7 W.J.S.

On Saturday evening, October 21, amid a cabaret atmosphere, the K of L entertained the Knights and their friends. Approximately 75 people marked the yearly gathering in a nostalgic union of the past and future. The decorative atmosphere of pumpkins, scarecrows, and fall corn, arranged by Lillian Paulauskas and Nell Diggles, blended well with the Polkas and Bunny Hop. There was a zestful partaking of Lithuanian food, and the caterer, Mrs. Catherine White, was rewarded with cleaned out plates and numerous compliments.

Door prizes were drawn representing the seasons by our chaplain Father Paul Sabulis, and candidates of both political factions.

Dr. William Shukaitis, chairman, and the committee members, John Alanskas, Nell Diggles, Lillian Paulauskas, Ed White, Joseph Samoska Jr., Joe Karmuza, Jimmy Valaitis, and Joe Rutkauskas expressed their delight in serving as hosts of the party.

Merry
Christmas

A HAPPY
YEAR!

FROM CHICAGO

Marian Fathers
Council 13 (Town of Lake)
Leon Pauksta, C-112
Helen Zimmer, C-36
Gerry Mack, C-112
Vince Samaska
Joseph Nauseda, C-112
Aldona Sugar, C-112
Marilyn Kareiva, C-112
Theresa & Faustas Strolia,
C-36
Mr. & Mrs. A. Petrulis,
Chgo. Srs.
Albert A. Raubiskis, C-112
Dr. & Mrs. Atkociunas,
Chgo. Srs.



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JOHN SPRAINAITIS

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ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10
Vincukas

Dr. Henry Gailiunas is building a new ranch home next door to his dental office on Exchange St., Athol.

A group from Gardner and Athol enjoyed the concert presented by the Ruta Choir of New Jersey on Oct. 14 in Worcester.

Again on Oct. 22 K of L'ers from C-10 attended C-26's Halloween dance held at the L.N.C. Hall, Worcester. The costumes were really something to behold.

Congratulations to Eddie Daniels on his recent engagement to Diane Beletsky, a nice K of L'er from Phillie... and to John D., who also presented a diamond to his sweetie from New Jersey. The love bug has really hit C-26.

Former council spiritual advisor, Rev. A. Volungis has received his first pastorate. He was recently named pastor of St. Joseph's parish, So. Barre.

The Lithuanian Outing Association of Gardner started its fourth season with forty bowlers. Team names are Vytis, Perkūnas, Audra, Neris, Agurkai, Kovas, Paukštis, Riešutai, and Gaidžiukai.

Our sympathy is extended to Lennie Davidonis and the Sienkiewicz families on the recent tragic death of Lennie's nephew, Donald Sienkiewicz, 31, formerly of Athol. Donald, the father of three young children, was killed in an automobile accident in Livingston, N.Y.

Dick Genaitis, currently at Fort Dix, N.J. was hospitalized for a time, but is now back in shape and wrote in a letter home recently that "our country is once again safe."

Recently Charles Genaitis' picture appeared on the front page of the "Gardner News". Charles was pictured with our teachers completing preparations for Conference Month, in observance of American Education Week.

Fran Milosh took a fall vacation, and in her travels visited New York, Washington, and Expo '67.

I extend a happy and holy Christmas to all readers of the "Vytis", the staff, and to all my brother Lithuanians.

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

As the last days of summer fade away and introduce autumn,

SEASON'S GREETINGS

SEASONS GREETINGS
TO ALL K of L'ERS...

FROM NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT

Especially to the following who have donated so much of their time and effort through the years to the organization:

Joseph Boley
Phyllis Grendal
Larry Svelnis
"Pop" Sakaitis
Frank Vaskas

Margie A. (Davidonis) Senk
Member of C-10 Athol, Mass.



our council slowly awakens with new activities. The following represented the council at the national convention that was held in Dayton (which was, incidentally, a very good convention.): Al Jaritis, Phyllis Grendal, and Larry Svelnis. Larry was re-elected as third vice-president. One of the party almost made the others miss the return plane. We will not mention the culprit's name.

The NED District convention was held at Worcester, Mass., and C-116 was the host. Election of officers were held, and Al Jaritis was re-elected to the office of president. The delegates were Eleanor Sanda, Jacqueline Burke, Frank Grigas, and Rev. Albin Janionas, who was also re-elected as spiritual advisor of the district. The senior council of So. Boston was also represented by Mr. and Mrs. John Norenkevich, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mickevich, Mrs. Eva Sakevich, and Larry Svelnis. The host council gave a wonderful buffet, and if anyone went away hungry they can only blame themselves.

The first NED Bowling rolloff was held with our council as host.

Even though the world series was on the video a large number of members made their way to the bowling alleys for some exercise and then stopped at the clubrooms for a little food and sociability. The hard working committee was made up of Frank And Joana Grigas, Al Jaritis, Frank and Helen Sabiski, and Bill Zarembo.

The following week was the Octoberfest, and with good international relations we gave a traditional German supper including "alus" with the meal and the singing of popular German and Lithuanian songs. The names of the best costume winners were not available, but will appear in the next issue. The committee which worked so hard to make it a success were as follows: Lorraine Harris; Julie Dabriskie; Ruth Stankus; Frank Grigas; Al Jaritis; Jackie Burke; Carol Witosky; Alice Olevitz; Helen Zarembo; and Angie Yelmokas. I'm sure their greatest reward is knowing that they have done the job well.

Congrats are in the offing on the following engagements: Ginny Druzdis and Paul Neviera; "bachelor" Eddie Daniels and Diane Beletsky; Bill Gorski and Lil Ka-

sauskas; and Joe Drumstas and Ginny Dutkus.

The student members of our council are now back in school. Mike Zaikis went to Rensselaer Poly Institute on a scholarship and Johnny Markuns to Boston College also on a scholarship; Ruthie Stankus to Boston State College; Jackie Burke to the New England College of Pharmacy; Eleanor Sanda to Boston College; Bob Gendreau to Northeastern; Bill Zarembo to Northeastern; Vic Bernotas to Merrimac College; and Gerry Marcinowski to Suffolk University.

Get well wishes for those who are on the sick list: Charlie Marcinkevicius had a slight stroke and is on the way to recovery; Zibby Zarembo has been hospitalized and so has the father of our pastor, Rev. Baltrashunas; Ruth Stankevicius injured her finger in an accident and had to have stitches; and many members of our council who were struck down by the flu bug.

Vacationers Ann, Mary, and Joan Kleponis visited Yellowstone National Park and the western part of the country via train. Lorraine Haris and Ruthie Stankus visited

Expo '67 on Lithuanian Day. Ed Rudis, although he is working in Europe, is taking advantage of it by vacationing in Scandinavia. We are expecting Rudy home for the holidays. Father Al Contons and a group of students toured Europe. Claire Sawiski and Leo and Albina Rudziunas also went to Europe. Leo and Albina were able to visit Lithuania, their place of birth. They have some movies of their adventures behind the Iron Curtain which they promised to show to our council. Bob and Phyllis Gendreau and family spent their vacation in Vermont, Bob's 'homeland.' Claire Sawiski spent a fortnight in Pennsylvania Dutch country. John Daniels is still traveling all over the country, El Paso, San Francisco, Virginia and other places.

We are losing one of our members, Kasy Yonika, who has received a promotion and a transfer to Washington, D.C. He will join his brother who is also working down there.

Remember that our annual ski weekend is coming up, and those who are interested should get in touch with Bill Zarembo. Don't wait and be left out in the cold.

Larry Svelnis and Al Jaritis,



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GREAT NECK, N.Y.

COUNCIL 30
WESTFIELD, MASS.

wishes everyone

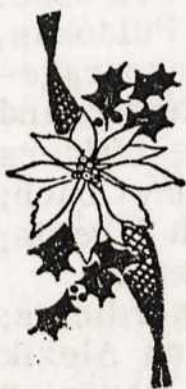
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR



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Vyčių 116-ta kuopa
SO. WORCESTER, MASS.



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

COUNCIL
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ANSONIA,
CONN.



to all our friends and members
of the Knights of Lithuania

from

COUNCIL 7

WATERBURY, CONN.

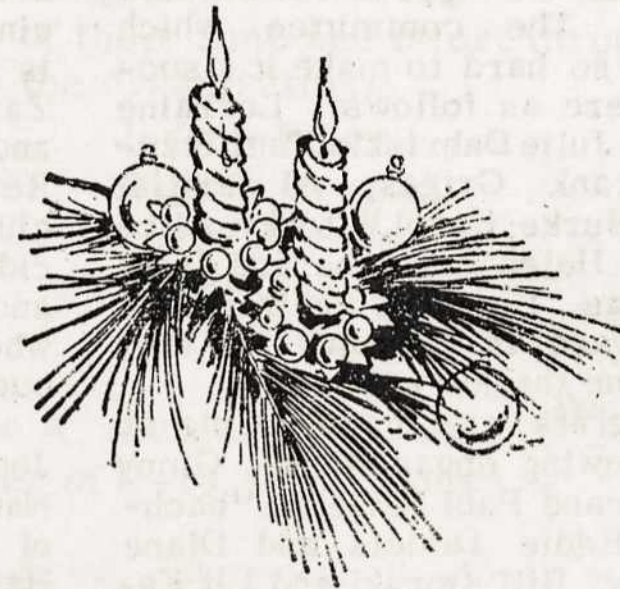


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COUNCIL 36

CHICAGO, ILL.



in Cleveland for a Supreme Council meeting, were able to get tickets for a Browns vs. Bears game. Irene Sankus and Helen Zimmer of the Windy City cheered the Bears to the bitter end, but, needless to say, all in vain. Better luck next time, girls.

Remember in your prayers Right Rev. Francis Virmauskas, former pastor of St. Peter's Church, honorary member, and hard worker. Father Virmauskas passed away after a short illness at the Carney Hospital.

The second NED Bowling roll-off took place in Worcester and a good crowd attended. An officers meeting was held to make plans for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Lithuania's independence. All councils should make some plans to make this celebration a great one and to let the world know about the plight of Lithuania under the yoke of communism. The council took part in a memorial Mass with the Lithuanian War Veterans and also went to their program in the afternoon.

Plans are underway to erect an elevator in our Lithuanian Club, which should be good news to those

people who refuse to climb the three flights of stairs to our dances and other activities. Larry Svelnis is in charge of this project.

There are many members of our council who are engaged in the Cardinal Cushing Memorial Drive. The Cardinal is trying to raise some fifty-three million dollars over the next three years, so that when he retires he will leave his successor debt free. If you have some spare cash and don't know what to do with it send it to the Cardinal's Fund, Brighton, Mass. 02135

The Sisters of Jesus Crucified, to show their appreciation to the workers at their Labor Day Picnic, gave them a dinner and then announced the profits of the day. They also want to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the day a success.

The juniors are making plans to serenade the old folks at St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Brockton, and there is talk that the seniors will make an attempt to exercise their vocal chords and help. The juniors are now serving coffee after every Mass at the chapel to make a few dollars for their treas-

ury for the coming Junior Rally at which they'll be the host council. Don't forget to stop and chat awhile and help out the juniors.

This coming year should be a very good one with activities. Take part by working, attending, and coming to a meeting or two. Remember this is your council, and how it runs is up to you.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

WESTFIELD, MASS., C-30 Kukuti

Election of officers brought us a new executive board - many thanks and orchids to retiring president Frank Bernardicius and his able officers for job well done. Thank you, too, Father Puidokas, for your guidance and encouragement. Sincere congratulations and a hearty welcome to the officers for 1968: President - Benny Coach; Vice President - Joseph Sabonis; Secretary - Sophie Kucharski; Treasurer - Frank Bernardicius; Ritual Committee - Helen Alexik and Cooky Coach; and Lithuanian Affairs - Benny Coach.

Our tired treasury will soon get a lift through the efforts of Marcia Rogers and Ann Kylis, busy

taking orders for those delicious holiday fruitcakes.

Our Christmas party on Dec. 16 promises to be a "real" affair, orchestra, dinner and all the trimmings. All this is possible through the cooperative efforts of several of our parish organizations. Vibrations indicate that Santa is combing his beard and plans to make this party a must.

On Nov. 18 many of our K of L members were again working out front and behind the scenes (K.P.) to help make our parish Smorgasboard a tremendous Success. Those young gaspadingers are stepping right into the footsteps of the not so young.

Wishes for a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season and all good things for the New Year.

LAWRENCE, MASS., C-78 Angel

On Oct. 14, three members from our council, Chuck Feeney, and Emil and Ann-Marie Grenda attended the Concert in Worcester initiated by our past N.E.D. Cultural Chairman. From all reports, this was a tremendous event. It is unfortunate that more of our council could not attend.

Quite a few of the girls from C-78 participated in a Fashion Show sponsored by St. Francis Parish on Oct. 22. It was both enjoyable and successful. The show featured gowns and furs by two exclusive stores in town.

The most fun-filled dance we have ever attended in Worcester, was put on by C-26 on Oct. 28. It was quite apparent that a lot of planning by Jack Mattrick and his committee, went into this "Masquerade Madcap". C-78 congratulates you on a job extremely well done. Most of us thought of costumes and wracked our brains for a month trying to come up with

something original in order to come home with a prize for our council, but unfortunately there were people there with definitely unusual costumes. Bill Grigas looks extremely well as a knight in shining armor. A lot of thought must have gone into that, along with a lot of aluminum foil. Two drop-outs from dieters anonymous also came down to the dance. These refugees from the weight-war looked as though they hadn't seen a decent diet in months - maybe years. Paula Bunevith of C-116 looked like our protest to "Twiggy" - as for Joe, that was obesity in its most glorious moment. Things noted - Irene Baublis will never replace Shirley Temple, not even with those beautiful (ugh!) golden locks! Marian Hebsch's version of Madame Butterfly, could set Japan back 1,000 years and make geisha girls totally extinct! Carol Flathers made a tremendous Popeye the Sailor but we'd hate to think where the U.S. Navy would be today with her in the ranks! Mary Ann Derbyshire was an original hobo, and we won't even talk about our Fairy Godmother. One picture is worth a thousand words. This "Masquerade Madcap" was more than just a dance, it was more like, well - LSD - inconceivable and unbelievable!

WORCESTER, MASS., C-116 Onytl

For a while it looked as if our bowlers would silently fade away, but we finally rallied and now we are merrily rolling along. We bowl every Friday night, at the T-Bird Alleys in Auburn. If you're looking for something to do some Friday evening come down and give us your moral support.

Mrs. John Adamaitis and Ann Miller attended as delegates from C-116 a meeting of all Worcester



C-26's "Masquerade Madcap" party. (Kneeling) Carol Ann Flathers, Marian Hebsch. (St) Irene Baublis, Mary Ann Berbyshire, Dorothy Blazeovich.

Lithuanian Organizations in the Lithuanian Club on Sun. Oct. 15th. This meeting was called to plan the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Lithuania's Independence in February of 1968. Celebrations will be planned for the whole Jubilee Year, but in February there will be two programs - one at the Lithuanian Club and then another possibly in Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall for the young people. Ann Miller will help to plan the program for the young people. A strictly cultural program is planned.

First it was Trudy Zibinskas now it is Irene Ostrowski who won \$98.00 in a contest sponsored by the local radio station WORC... Congratulations...

November was moving day among our members - first it was the Paluses family that moved to the suburbs, Millbury to be exact, and their new address will be 43 Carousel Drive. They will be neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bunevith and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ostrowski, all K of L'ers. Trudy Zibinskas' new address is 13 Sterling Street... Barbara Mazeika has just come back from a wonderful vacation in the West Indies and moved into a new apartment on Vernon Street... And speaking of vacations Mary and Vic Mrozinski are off to Miami, Florida for two weeks. Joining them on the sands of Miami are Joe and Grace Balu-

To all K of L Members and their friends

the Divine child's choicest blessings for a very Holy and Merry Christmas. Let us think of those in Lithuania who cannot celebrate this great feast as we do-all because of Soviet subjugation.

Rev. John C. Jutt
Honorary Member



konis. This is an annual trip for these two couples... It was nice to have Ralph Simkonis around for 30 days. Ralph was home on leave before departing for Germany for a three year tour of duty... This season we have four newcomers to our bowling league, Grace and Joe Balukonis, Helen Daltwas, who is one of our most enthusiastic bowlers, and Joan Treinas. Joan did very well her first night. She had a 113 string, which is second highest for the women. Grace has improved considerably these past few weeks. Could it be due to the lessons from the old pro Bob Paluses? The most improved bowler over last year is Bill Simkonis. Good luck Bill... During the New England District Bowling Roll-off, in Boston, Ann Miller was surprised with a birthday cake. And a nice extra touch was the champagne... But we wonder who was more surprised Helen Gillus or Ann... Seems like Helen went through a lot of sneaky maneuvers to get a cake to Boston from Worcester without letting Ann know - only to find out that Al Jaritis also arranged to have a cake... Thanks folks, we appreciate the gesture... Congratulations to John

Yurkinas on his promotion as department head of the Math Department at Providence St. Jr. High School... It was nice to see Mrs. Wackell at our November meeting... Ditto Danny Nichols... Danny has the distinction of being the first one to pay for his 1968 dues... TO ALL K OF L'ers and their friends we say LINKSMUKALĖDU IR LAIMINGU NAUJU METU.

open with a specially appropriate prayer. Then followed the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and welcoming address by Mr. Chaps. Afterwards Mr. Chaps introduced Vincent Ed. Pavis, District President, and turned over the gavel to him to preside over the convention.

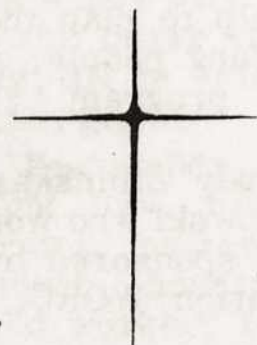
THE HIGH-LIGHTS OF THE SESSION WAS AS FOLLOW: The Convention authorized the establishment of a special Camp Dainava Fund, the purpose being to create a fund from which necessary expenses each year incurred in promoting and sponsoring our District's K of L Camp Dainava Week would be subsidized, whenever not enough income was derived from fees collected from the campers. This special fund would consist of donations from our Councils on profits that they would derive from their various promotions, outright gift-donations from Council treasuries and also from individual member donations. The District this year will sponsor a special Raffle especially for the benefit of the above fund. This was decided upon during the Executive session of the District Board that met the following morning after

MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT



M-C DISTRICT V.E.P.

The Mid-Central District 20th Annual Convention convened Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, at the Holiday Inn Motel, Dearborn, Mich. Joseph C. Chaps, as Chairman of Host Committee, opened the Convention inviting Father Michael J. Kundrat to



OUR BEST WISHES FOR A BLESSED CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR to all the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA



from COUNCIL 96 DAYTON, OHIO

MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR

and may it's wonderful spirit stay with you through all of the coming '68 year.

COUNCIL 79 DETROIT, MICH.

the convention. Frank Gudelis was appointed in charge of this Raffle.

The Convention approved placing a Christmas Greeting in this year's Christmas issue of the "VYTIS" - one-half page. It also decided to sponsor next year another Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio, probably the first Sunday in May, 1968. On the question of how to fittingly observe Lithuania's 50th Anniversary, it was decided that all affiliating Councils make every effort within their own communities to prepare properly and observe fittingly this great commemoration.

The District approved a Resolution whereby it pledged \$100.00 to become a Share-holder in Camp Dainava. \$50.00 to be turned over this year and the other \$50.00 the next year. In K of L circles this makes three units that became \$100.00 Share-holders of Camp Dainava - 79 of Detroit, C-96 of Dayton and now our District. All other Councils within our District were urged also to invest as share-holders.

During the election of Officers the following were elected: Vincent Ed. Pavis - re-elected unanimous-

ly for his third term as District President; Joseph Kazlauskas and Joseph C. Chaps, elected as 1st and 2nd vice-presidents, respectively; Mrs. Stella F. Pavis, re-elected for her third term as District Secretary; Michael Petkus, re-elected District Treasurer; Joseph Kurpovic and Miss Julia Aleshunas, re-elected as Trustees; George Kase was elected as Sargeant -at Arms. Frank Gudelis was re-elected as District Ritual Committee Chairman; Stanley Vaitkus, Catholic Action Committee Chairman; Joseph Sadauskas, Dist. Lithuanian Affair Committee chairman. Mr. Gudelis remains our District representative to the "VYTIS".

The convention delegates were treated to a special color-slide presentation of Camp Dainava, in order to better acquaint the gathering with Camp Dainava. These were prepared and presented by Vincent Ed. and Stella Pavis.

C-79 requested the privilege of hosting next year's K of L Mid-West Bowling Tournament. The convention accepted the kind invitation of C-96, Dayton, to hold next year's District Convention in their fair city.



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Julė & Jurgis Salasavičius
Stella Sankal
Mrs. Rose Sankal
Ben & Alice Kerklius
Ignas & Antoinette Visockas
Jurgis Kuzas
Charlotte Petkunas
Mary Trainy
Joseph & Rose Sadauskas

Clevelando Senjorai

LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ ir LAIMINGIAUSIŲ 1968 NAUJŲ METŲ
Linkejimai Visiems "Geros Valios" Lietuviams ir
Ypatingai Visiems Vyčiams!



LIETUVOS VYČIŲ VIDUR-CENTRINĖ APSKRITIS K O F L M I D - C E N T R A L D I S T R I C T 1967 - 1968 VALDYBA

Rev. Father Balys C. Ivanauskas, Spiritual Director
Vincent Ed. Pavis, President

Joseph Kazlauskas, First Vice-President

Joseph P. Chaps, Second Vice-President

Mrs. Stella F. Pavis, Secretary

Michael Petkus, Treasurer

Miss Julia Aleshunas and Joseph Kurpovic, Trustees

George Kase, Sargeant-at-Arms

Frank Gudelis, Ritual Committee Chairman

Stanley Vaitkus, Catholic Action Committee Chairman

Joseph Sadauskas, Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman

Before the convention, the delegates and guests enjoyed a Brunch. In the evening, all gathered at the Lithuanian-American Veterans Memorial Home, where really a good old Lithuanian-style Re-union took place. The food was out of this world, but the "alutis" and in pitcher after pitcher of it, was something to really marvel about. The combo outdid itself in modern and good old Lithuanian dance tunes, and the crowd whopped it up.

The next morning, all gathered at the Lithuanian Church of Divine Providence, for Holy Mass, for the intention of all living and departed K of L'ers within our District. The delegates, members of Detroit Councils and their guests entered into the church in formal procession, led by the American and Lithuanian flags and our District Banner. Just before Mass, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Chaps, were inducted into the Fourth Degree. Most of the delegates and guests in fitting tribute, received Holy Communion. At the conclusion of the Mass, it was indeed beautiful when the whole congregation joined in singing our K of L Hymn.

After church services, at the K.C. Monaghan Council, the conventioners and their guests gathered for the District Convention Banquet. Fitting addresses were made by Father Kundrat, Father Kriščiunevičius, our National Spiritual Director, and Father Stanievičius, Frank Zager, C-79 president-elect, and Stanley Vaitkus, National 1st Vice-president, who greeted the assembly from the Supreme Council. Vincent Ed. Pavis, our re-elected District President, gave his inaugural address. Joseph Chaps was the worthy Master of Ceremonies.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25 Irene II

We were glad to see Al Shigo, Joanna Shigo and Peter Luiza back on their feet. All three underwent surgery recently and are doing nicely. In fact, they all attended our November meeting. Please stay "hale and hearty" folks!

When our Supreme Council met in Cleveland in October, our President and his new Recording Secretary attended their meeting and found it most enjoyable and enlightening. It was good to see our Supreme Council in action!

Understand the Andrus' are running neck to neck in bowling averages. Wonder who will be "top dog" by the end of the season?

OUR OFFICERS FOR 1968 ARE: Rev. Balys Ivanauskas - Spiritual Advisor; E. P. Kunsitis - President; Charles Machutas - Vice President; Ursula Yankauskas - Recording Secretary; Ruth Guzauskas - Financial Secretary; Al Shigo - Treasurer; John Andrus - Sgt. -at-Arms; Bruno Bartkus and Peter Luiza - Trustees; Adele Svet - Sunshine Girl; Nellie Arunski and Ursula Yankauskas - Ritual Committee and Nelda Machutas and Ursula - Correspondents. All our officers were re-elected except for our past Recording Secretary, Mrs. Antoinette Louis, who was unable to hold office again. Best of luck to all and a successful year ahead.

REMINDER: Save those Pick-N-Pay Cash Receipts. Bring them on to the next meeting or mail them to Nelda Machutas.

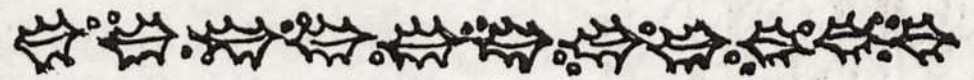
DECEMBER 16 - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - Hosts: Helen and Bill Jakubs. Keep this date open for a Gala Time!

To all, a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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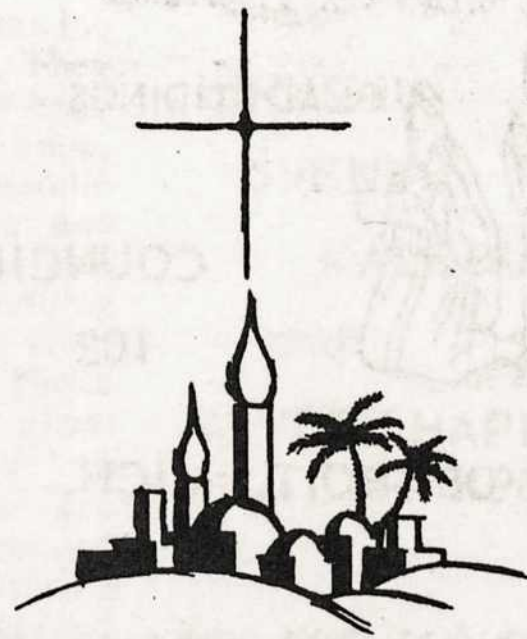
FRANK GUDELIS
Dayton, Ohio



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT CONVENTION. (Upper photo) Convention Banquet (l. to r.) Frank Zager, M. C., Stanley Vaitkus, Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius, V. Ed. Pavis, Frank Gudelis, Joe Chaps. (Lower photo) 4th degree recipients Geraldine and Joseph Chaps with Rev. Kundrat.

K of L Calendar

- 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-25 Cleveland, ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY. Hosts: The Jacobs
- 16 - C-30 Westfield, CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 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.
- 31 - C-79 Detroit, NEW YEARSEVE PARTY, Detroit, Mich.
- JAN. 1968
- 19-21 - C-3 Philadelphia, WINTER WEEKEND, Lake Harmony Lodge
- 21 - C-112 Chicago, BOWLING SOCIAL, WoodMac Lanes, Chicago, Ill.
- FEB. 3 - C-36 Chicago, HAWAIIAN NIGHT, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 10 - I-I District MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA BANQUET, The Farm Club, Chicago,
- AUGUST
- 22-25 - 55th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Hosts C-3, Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.



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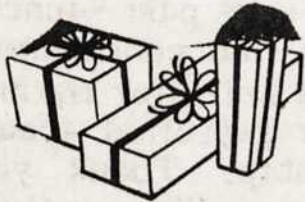
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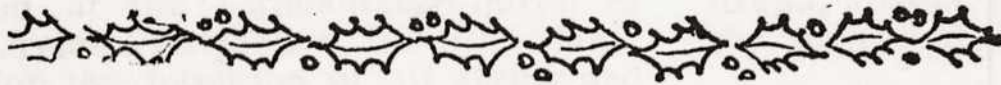


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Honorary Member

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 SOFFI
Along with leaves, autumn always brings a rash of annual meetings.

After seeing old friends from Cleveland, Dayton, Pittsburgh and Youngstown and meeting new ones an end came to our 20th annual Mid-Central District convention, on Oct. 13-15, with our looking forward with great enthusiasm to our 21st in Dayton next year.

Chairman, Joe Chaps, with his cochairman, Leon Galinskas, and their committee worked tirelessly and splendidly to host a fine convention. For Saturday's brunch, Ann Zilvitis and Adele Vale prepared a buffet table "fit for a king". The Vitchus, Betty Petroski, Cel Yunck and crew really outdid themselves for the evening's Dinner-Dance. Pumpkins, alternately with baskets of fresh fruit, decorated the tables where delegates and guests found fun in the traditional Lithuanian style.

Although the weather couldn't have been much worse for the convention's Sunday banquet - fog, drizzle and, finally, a walloping downpour - those who did come seemed to have a grand time. As

it turned out, more attended the banquet than expected. Father V. Krisciunevicius of St. Peter's was our most interesting guest speaker.

Congratulations to Joe and Gerry Chaps who received their fourth degrees at this convention. They are the first members of council 79 to be so honored and it couldn't have been bestowed to a more deserving couple.

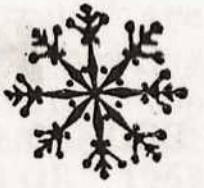
The following fine new officers were elected in October to serve our council: president - Frank Zager; 1st V. pres. - Vicki Chepelonis; 2nd V. pres. - Violet Panavas; recording sec. - Magdalean Smailis; treasurer - Leon Galinskas; financial sec. - Joe Chaps and trustees - Mary and Joe Kazlauskas and Bill Walls. May we offer our congratulations to these new mainstays of our council, wish them great success, and assure them of our whole-hearted support next year. The biggest Kudos, of course, is for retiring president, Leon Galinskas. His tremendous dedication, and his cheerful endurance have given Mr. G. our great appreciation. Literally hundreds of other bouquets could be

presented, however; to all the outgoing officers, board members, committee chairmen and social hostesses; to committee members and those who contributed donations at our past functions; to everyone who contributed time, a cake or a prize for the annual card party, or patrolled areas for new membership. Thank you all for your help. We surely hope we may count on you, again!

The October meeting was carried away with Estelle Gogelis' and Sophie Zager's cider and bagel treat. The centerpiece was in a Halloween motif.

Installation of officers took place at the Nov. 1 meeting with Father M. Kundrat presiding. Hostesses E. Paurazas and V. Kundrotas concocted a "happily-ever-after" social with some refreshments and coziness even though there was rainy weather outside.

Another very interesting fall event was the Lithuanian Exhibit of the International Festival in the Northland Center, on Oct. 23 to 28. Many interesting viewers stopped to look at the beautiful display, including this year a Christmas



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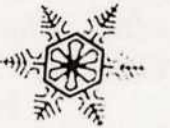
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tree decorated with traditional straw ornaments - thanks to the arduous collection and appealing organizational work of Stella Hotra. Among some of the 79'ers helping her in the booth were daughter Tina, Julia and Pauline Belickas, Bertha Janus, P. Bandza, Pat Medonis, Jody Step and Sophie Zager. Also giving a hand was Mr. Anthony Mameniskas, father of Stella Hotra, who helped set up the display (and did some of the hammering for his daughter).

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Medonis who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Oct. 22, with Mass at Divine Providence church. Many friends and relatives gathered for the ceremony. They were honored by the Golden Agers, of which they are members, with a party and a gift of money, on Oct. 26. However streaks of bad luck have hit the Medonis' family. Their oldest son, Peter was hospitalized after a serious illness which necessitated cancellation of a planned anniversary party for the Medonis'. Another son, Vincent, while coming in with his family from Kalamazoo to be present for the golden

anniversary of his parents was involved in a bad car accident. They were all hospitalized, but we hope they will be on the mend soon.

Soffi Snooping: It's a gladsome thing to report that Bertha and Frank Janus have become in-laws for the first time with the wedding of their daughter, Nancy to Cliff Anglewicz, on Nov. 24. Those 79'ers who attended had a great time and congratulations to them... Popular Patockis' are happily anticipating their second grandchild. At this writing daughter, Elaine Redmond, already may have presented the family with the addition. It may be some sort of a record - second birth in a year! ... Although Eleanor Waszkiewicz has not been around the K of L activities due to surgery, she reports that she is betting back on her feet... Mending at ease following a surgery is Albina "Bingo" Stanulis... Our sympathy to Leonard Balkus and the Balkus family on the death of their mother, Mrs. A. Balkus... Capitol tour highlighted a weekend in Washington, D.C., for Billy Lambrose, a Detroit News carrier honored by the newspaper. Good job, Bill! And, congratula-

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See you in August

Helen T. Shields



tions to Cel Yunk who was the "lone" recipient of the third degree during the M.C. District convention.

Our New Year's Eve party is coming up soon. We hope all our members will pitch in and help make this a successful affair. In the past, we have had some very good turn-outs. So, let's all get working and make it a hit. A very Merry Christmas to all!

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