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## ON THE FORTIETH DAY AFTER THE INFANT'S BIRTH

ANTONIA M. WACKELL

After Mary gave birth to her first-born son in a secluded, dark and filthy grotto and laid him in a manger attached to the wall, she and Joseph considered themselves settled for a time before Mary's purification and her son's presentation in the Temple. However, the small family did not remain long in the cave. Each day people reported for the census and immediately left for their homes vacating the one room houses in the area.

One of these "houses" Joseph managed to find for his family and here, no doubt, the infant was circumcised eight days after his birth receiving the name of Jesus given him by the angel before he was conceived. Despite the fact that Jesus was the "Son of the Most High," Joseph and Mary fulfilled all legal obligations to him, fulfilling also the laws binding on themselves.

Mary and Joseph knew they would remain in this house for forty days after the birth of a son, since the prescribed Law of Moses required a new mother to keep to herself for 40 days after a son is born, or 80 days after a daughter is born, until she presented herself for purification in the Temple. An offering of a lamb for sacrificial purposes and a turtle-dove or 2 young pigeons were given to the priest in charge who would then pray for the new mother.

A poor woman was expected to make an offer of 2 doves to the priest, and since Joseph and Mary were poor, 2 doves was all that Mary could offer. Mary's first-born was a male and had been dedicated to the service of Yahveh as were the firstlings of flocks and the first fruits of the field. In order to redeem him, Joseph and Mary must offer 5 shekels to the Father in His Temple.

Mary need not have brought her son to the Temple to present him to God but she did so to invoke the blessings of heaven upon him. The birds cost was slight, but the Laws prescription of 5 shekels or 4 gold dollars, reduced Joseph's meager savings to nothing since he had no opportunity to do carpentry during their stay in Bethlehem.

Each day mothers went to the Temple for their purification, but on this one particular day, on the fortieth day after the infant's birth, when Mary arrived, a man named Simeon, very old and very devout, and with the Holy Spirit in him, appeared. It had been revealed to him that he would not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

When Simeon saw Mary and the infant, he embraced the child and gave his prophecy: "Behold this child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted." Turning to Mary he said: "And Your own soul a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Then said, "Now

You dismiss Your servant, o Lord, in peace (Simeon was 300 years old) according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people... a light of revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for Your people Israel."

There was a prophetess in the Temple also, an 84 year old widow Anna who spent her life in the Temple courts in fasting and praying. She, too, "... began to give praise to the Lord and spoke of him to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem."

This fortieth day became to be known as Candlemas Day later. Perhaps, as many believe, it was Simeon's words, that key-noted this days celebration when candles are blessed before the main Mass, distributed, then followed by a procession with the candles. The origin of the candle ceremony is unknown although some think that Simeon's reference to Our Lord as "... a light to lighten the Gentiles..." may be a significant factor in the celebration, while others think it is a Christianization of a pagan feast of lights. Whatever the origin, Candlemas Day commemorates three events: the Purification of Mary; the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple; and the meeting of Jesus with Simeon and Anna.

## A Candle

A candle is a tapered cylinder of wax,  
A length of braided wick in its core.  
Ignite the apex of the core and it will blaze  
Into a golden light,  
Fulfilling one purpose -  
Serving all mankind.

Behold its radiance from afar  
Or stand encircled in its lucent glory...  
Feel its shining strength and know  
The power that is in the candles glow.

A candle is only a column of molded wax,  
But its flaming heart inspires...  
It is a beacon of welcome,  
A blaze of love and veneration.  
It is a symbol of joy and sacrifice,  
A source of promise and consolation.

Antonia M. Wackell

WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER 28, 1967



(Speech of Mr. Ernst Jaakson, Acting Consul General at New York City, in Charge of Legation of Estonia)  
Dear Mr. Kajeckas, Mrs. Kajeckas, Lithuanian friends, ladies and gentlemen!

It is a great pleasure for me to attend tonight's dinner in honor of my dear colleague, Mr. Kajeckas, and to extend to him also my personal greetings and best wishes on the occasion of his recent 70th birthday.

I can look back over a period of about three decades that I have known Mr. Kajeckas and have had the opportunity to work with him in our respective official capacities. These reflections carry with them the most pleasant memories. But this period has also been marked by the serious problems which the Baltic representatives in the United States have had to face in connection with the tragic events in our home countries. The need for mutual collaboration and consultation has been self-evident to the chiefs of the three Baltic diplomatic missions here at the time of the outbreak of the Second World War, as well as now to us who are their successors in office. May I remind you also that this collaboration has been in full accord with the historic foreign policy position of the three Baltic states, as expressed in the respective treaty concluded in 1934 between our governments.

The basic reason for the close cooperation between our three nations lies, of course, in our countries geographic location and in our peoples' constant struggle against our more powerful and ruthless neighbors. This struggle is not over yet and neither can we foresee the end of it.

These conditions are naturally cementing the friendship between the spokesmen of our peoples in the free world. And so it is also when we pay tribute here to one of our colleagues that we are at the same time expressing our unity of purpose and determination to carry on our work under the present extraordinary circumstances.

On a more personal level I would like to say that I have always enjoyed the countless meetings and conversations that I have had with you, dear Mr. Kajeckas, over the many years past. May you always retain your youthful spirit and energy to continue your important work.

On an occasion like this I wish to pay tribute also to Mrs. Kajeckas who stands at the side of her husband with love and understanding that is so necessary to a man who is carrying a burden of responsibilities.

On behalf of Mrs. Jaakson and myself I want to extend to my Lithuanian colleague and Mrs. Kajeckas our best wishes for the future.

(J. Kajeckas responded in Lithuanian and English to the greetings he received. Following is the English portion of this response.)

My dear friends,

I am very grateful to all of you for your kindness. There is really no way for me to thank you enough. It's one thing to have attained my age, but it's absolutely delightful to hear people say that they're glad about it! I am somewhat embarrassed by all the trouble to which you've gone to honor me, but I hope that the great pleasure I also feel will help to conceal my embarrassment.

I will not attempt to prove tonight that I can still make speeches at my age. I would simply like to share with you a few reflections I have about some of things that have happened in my life. Cicero says that "the harvest of old age is the memory and abundance of blessings previously acquired", and I think I should briefly mention just a few of those blessings.

For one thing, I have been very fortunate that my work for nearly forty years has been involved more with people than with pieces of paper, to be involved with human beings is to live constantly in the present. My human relationships have made my life a happy one, and I could not have asked for a grander opportunity than the diplomatic service to meet and befriend people from any nations and many walks of life.

And speaking of people brings me to speaking about places. It would have been a crowning happiness of my life to be able to visit my homeland many times during the past twenty-seven years. Since this was not to be the case, one of the great retrospective blessings I have experienced has been the opportunity to live here in Washington, a city which is so very expressive of the world's power, conscience and

uture. I have lived in a number of the world's capitals, and I think that living in Washington is a continuing adventure. So, just as being a diplomat affords unique opportunities for an exciting life, being a diplomat in such an exciting city is even better. It is through this happy combination of circumstances that I have met most of you who are gathered here tonight. A man could not ask for more.

Finally, one of the more private blessings of my life is the fact that I seem to have grown more idealistic as I have grown older. This perhaps reverses the expectations of some of the sages; Confucius, for example, said that a man in his middle age loves struggle, while an old man loves practi-

cality and practical things. I have not found this to be the case in my own life. Probably because my life has been so fully joined to the life of my country, I have come to realize and accept the fact that Lithuania's glory lies both in the past and in the future. A man who thus treasures the past but whose fondest hopes lie in the future can easily stay young at heart. There is so much to hope for in our world that I have found it easier to be hopeful and optimistic than to be tired. If there is any "secret of survival", that is probably it, and I am more than happy to share it with you.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this wonderful evening and for your continuing friendship.



#### POV. DIRKIS

Seniau ne visai tiksliai buvo skaičiuojami metai, nes nebuvo tinkamo kalendoriaus. Buvo skaičiuojama pagal mėnulį ir saulę. Buvo kalbama, kad mėnulis apsisuka aplink žemę per 30 parų, o tokių kelionių per metus padaro 12. Bet toks skaičiavimas buvo netikslus, nes metai turi ne 360, bet 365 paras, 5 valandas, 48 minutes ir 46 sekundes. Atseit, per tiek laiko žemė apsisuka aplink saulę.

Ziloje senovėje Romos valstybėje kalendorių tvarkė žyniai. Gi prieš Kristaus gimimą 46 metais Romos valdovas Julius Cezaris, sukvietė žynius ir anų laikų astronomus ir sudarė tokių kalendorių, kurių ir dabar vartojame. Cezaris įvedė 7 mėnesius po 31 parą -

sausis, kovas, gegužis, liepa, rugpiūtis, spalio ir gruodis; 4 mėnesius po 30 parų - balandis, birželis, rugsėjis ir lapkritis; vasaris mėnuo paprastaisiais metais turi 28 paras, o kilniaisiais metais 29 paras. Romėnai norėdami Cezarį pagerbti septintą mėnesį - liepos - pavadino Juliaus vardu.

Cezario kalendorių įsivedė daug tautų ir valstybių. Po to kalendoriaus įvedimo Romoje Naujieji Metai buvo švenčiami kovo mėnesio pirmą dieną. O rusai ir graikai šventė rugsėjo mėnesyje. Rusijos caras, Petras Didysis, įsakė Naujus Metus švęsti sausio pirmą dieną. Stačiatikių kunigai laikė šį caro įsakymą bedievišku ir kovojo, kad Naujieji Metai būtų švenčiami rugsėjo mėnesio 1 dieną, bet kovos nelaimėjo. Cezario įsakymas išgaliojo. Tačiau kitų tautybių žmonės Naujus Metus švenčia įvairiai; pavyzdžiui: žydai tebešvenčia rugsėjo mėnesyje, mahometonai - balandžio 18 dieną, o kinai ir japonai - rudeni.

Cezario kalendorius taip pat turįs netikslumų, nes metų laikas jame yra ilgesnis 11 minučių ir 14 sekundžių, negu saulės metai. Tokiu būdu per 14 šimtmečių nuo saulės buvo atsilikta 10 parų. Tad 1582 metais popiežius Grigalius XIII įsakė tų metų spalio 5 paskaityti už spalio 15. Atseit, peršokta 10 parų. Beto, ateityje keturių šimtmečių laikotarpyje, trejus keliamuosius metus prisieina skaityti paprastaisiais metais.

Taip pertvarkytas Cezario kalendorius buvo pavadintas Grigaliaus kalendoriumi ir dabar daugumoje vartojamas. Grigaliaus kalendorius tuo tobulesnis, kad metiniai apskaičiavimai pagal saulės laiką yra tikslesni, nes tik per 3 tūkstančius metų atsilieka nuo saulės viena para. Kultūringos tautos metus skaičiuoja pagal Grigaliaus kalendorių. Tik Rytų Bažnyčia laikosi Cezario kalendoriaus, kuris yra tikresnis, nes 825 metais Nikijos vyskupų suvažiavime buvo patvirtintas.

# PRANEŠIMAS NAUJO MIŠIOLO IR KITŲ LEIDINIŲ REIKALU



Jaučiu didelio malonumo galėdamas pranešti viso pasaulio lietuviams, kad jau išspausdintas ir netrukus bus atiduotas tikintiesiems naudotis lietuvių kalboje pilnas kasdieninis Mišiolas. Tokia pilna Mišiolų laida yra pirmoji mūsų kalbos istorijoje. Mišiu giedamoms dalims yra gaidos. Pabaigoje yra maldų ir giesmių rinkinys. Ši didelį darbą atliko lietuviai Jėzuitai Tėvai Bronius Krištanavičius ir Anicetas Tamošaitis, talkinami kitų lietuvių Jėzuitų.

Prieš kelis mėnesius išspausdintas Apeigynas. Ir Mišiolų ir Apeigynų tekstai yra aprobuoti Liturginės Tarybos Romoje. Tik šie tekstai yra autentiški ir negalima vartoti kieno kito pagamintų ar pasigamintų tekstų.

Mišiolų ir Apeigynų spausdinimo išlaidas užmokėjo lietuviai Tėvai Jėzuitai. Kadangi Mišiolų didelių skaičių teks atiduoti jaunimui už Amerikos, kurie nepajėgs užsimokėti jo savikainos, kadangi Apeigynų spausdinimas kainavo daugiau, negu bus gauta atgal jį platinant, prašau lietuvius šį istorinį darbą paremti savo aukomis, siunčiant jas lietuviams Tėvams Jėzuitams Chicagoje.

Po Vatikano II Visuotino Susirinkimo lietuviai ne tik neatsilikome nuo kitų tautų, o daugelį net aplenkėme paruošę savo kalboje Mišiolą, Apeigyną, išvertę Visuotino Susirinkimo nutarimus. Pačioje Lietuvoje rusų valdžia leido išspausdinti ribotą kiekį Apeigynų, kelis šimtus kopijų pasiuntė užsienio lietuviams, o Lietuvoje bažnyčios jį gavo tik praėjusią vasarą, gi laisvai jo gauti negali net kunigai. Mišiolų ir Visuotino Susirinkimo nutarimų vertimų Lietuvoje dar neturi ir Dievas žino, kada turės. Mokėkime naudotis laisve ir savo kalbos teisėmis. Šiuos tris leidinius: Mišiolą, Apeigyną ir Visuotino Susirinkimo nutarimus privalėtų turėti kiekvienas lietuvis. Tokie leidiniai mūsų kalboje yra pirmą kartą ir liks laisvo pasaulio lietuvių religinės ir tautinės kultūros paminklais.

Tikiuosi, kad kartu su manim visi lietuviai reikšią dėkingumą lietuviams Tėvams Jėzuitams, kun. Prof. P. Dambrauskui ir visiems, kurie savo darbu prisidėjo šiais trimis leidiniais praturtinti mūsų religinę ir tautinę gyvenimą.

Vyskupas Vincentas Brizgys.

Chicago, Ill., 1967 m. lapkričio 21 d.

*Sister M. Jurgita*

## LITHUANIA

In our hands lies the black earth  
and the heavy burden of harvest.

The grain of suffering  
scatters and is restless,  
until the seed is sown  
in all the fields...

Until the seed is sown,  
until the fruit is given,  
until the ear becomes  
the daily bread of man.

In our hearts lies the black earth  
and the heavy burden of suffering.

## HOPELESSNESS

Narrow walls  
become smaller  
with every stroke  
and choke with ashes.  
The fire has faded out -  
the ember is but a dream:  
windows are melted  
from the desire to encompass  
worlds, which will not be.

One must not look,  
One must not see  
and be immersed in dreams  
because of the choking  
darkness and cold.

(Translated by: Antanas V. Saulaitis, SJ)

# Lithuanians

# in The NEWS

Robert Novak, Vice President of Brooklyn C-41, and Helen V. Kulber, N.Y. Seniors, at the interesting display of appropriate stamps and cachet covers which Bob loaned for the Captive Nations program sponsored by the St. Michael Forum in July at the Overseas Press Club. Both are also members of the Lithuanian Philatelic Society.

Helen and Mrs. Vince Leskaitis arranged an impressive exhibit from their collections of Lithuanian folk arts, paintings, books newspapers, and other material for the occasion. Mrs. Leskaitis presented a book about Lithuania in behalf of the Federation of Lithuanian Women's Clubs, of which she is President, to Mr. Eugene Lyons, featured speaker at the event. His newest, recently published book, "Workers' Paradise Lost", factually exposes the mythical "Success of the Socialist Revolution" as it is being proclaimed by the Soviet Union 50 years after its inception. The book has been widely commented upon editorially as well as reviewed.

Pretty and talented Vilija Astra Butkus, lyric soprano, was loudly applauded for her entertainment with songs.

Literature pertaining to the tragic situation of those behind the Iron Curtain was distributed to the audience, mainly non-Lithuanians. (Photo - Antanina Binkins)



BALZEKAS MUSEUM OF LITHUANIAN CULTURE. (Left) Pranas Neimanas of Cleveland, an expert in the making of Kanklės, their history and in gathering Lithuanian folklore music, presents a Kanklės to the Museum. Pictured are: Stanley Balzekas, Jr., Eleanor Zapolis, Mr. Neimanas and Frank Zapolis. (Right) Pictured in the new Lithuanian Art Reference Library at the Museum are Ed Bogus and Casimir Baltramaitis.

# LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC CLERGY TODAY

Some five million Roman Catholics live in the Soviet Union today (total population over 230 million). The majority of Catholics are non-Russians and live mainly in the western part of the present Soviet territory. Lithuanians in their Soviet-occupied homeland form the largest group numerically, and Lithuania is almost 85 per cent Catholic. If one adds the basically Catholic East Latvia, it becomes apparent that the southern Baltic area today represents the center of Catholic life in the Soviet-held territory.

## BALTS - IMPORTANT ISSUE IN VATICAN-MOSCOW TALKS

In many Moscow-Vatican negotiations, therefore, the Baltic question will inevitably be on the agenda. When Lithuania regained its independence in 1918, it became, and so did Latvia, an independent church province. The Soviet occupation of 1940 has merely suspended that statehood. The then valid concordats were unilaterally abrogated by the Soviet Union, but the Vatican refuses to recognize that state of affairs.

## LITHUANIAN PRIESTS IN THE WORLD

The organ of the Lithuanian World Community, PASAULIO LIETUVIS (The Lithuanian of the World, Cleveland, No. 25), has recently published data on the Lithuanian Catholic clergy in the entire world. The statistics come mainly from private sources, but can be considered as reliable.

At the end of 1965, there were 1,663 Catholic priests of Lithuanian descent. 935 of them were active in Europe: 864 in Lithuania, 33 in Italy; 22 in West Germany.

643 Lithuanian priests reside in North America: 611 in the United States and 30 in Canada. South America is the home of 56 Lithuanian priests (20 in Brazil, 14 in Argentine, etc.), while 29 priests reside in other continents.

The above figures do not include the members of Lithuanians in monastic orders (in 1940 there were 950 nuns in 85 convents and 580 monks, including 168 priests, in Lithuania alone).

## NUMBER OF PRIESTS IN LITHUANIA DIMINISHES

The number of priests in present day Lithuania (864) may seem extremely high (it encompasses many who are prevented from exercising their duties or are active outside the country). It must be noted here that before the war there were over 1,500 priests in Lithuania.

## 2.5 MILLION CATHOLICS - ONE BISHOP

The church province of Lithuania consists of the Archdiocese of Kaunas, which embraces the four bishoprics of Kairiadorys, Panevezys, Vilkaviskis and Telsiai (including the "Praelatura Nullius Klai-

peda"), and parts of the archdiocese of Vilnius. The Catholic population of that region is ca. 2.5 million. Three archbishops and nine bishops were active here in 1940, today only one bishop remains.

Msgr. Juozas Matulaitis-Labukas, 73, titular bishop of Mopta (b. 1894; cons. as priest 1918; bishop since 1965), now the Apostolic Administrator of the Archbispriic Kaunas and of the diocese of Vilkaviskis.

Two more bishops are at present in Lithuania, but are prevented by Soviet authorities in the exercise of their duties:

Msgr. Julijonas Steponavicius, 56, titular bishop of Antarado (b. 1911, cons. as priest 1938; bishop since 1955), Apostolic Administrator of the Archbispriic Vilnius and of the diocese of Panevezys.

Msgr. Vincentas Sladkevicius, 47, titular bishop of Abora (b. 1920, cons. as priest 1944; bishop since 1957), Apostolic Administrator of the bishopric of Kairiadorys.

Last year saw the death of the Bishop of Telšiai Petras Mazelis, at the age of 72 (b. 1894; cons. as priest 1923; bishop since 1955) who was not able to perform his duties because of illness.

## BISHOPS IN EXILE

One more bishop is at present in exile and active in the religious life of the refugees:

Msgr. Vincentas Brizgys, 64, titular bishop of Bosana and auxilliary bishop of the archbispriic of Kaunas (b. 1903; cons. as priest 1927; bishop since 1940), residing in USA.

1967 saw the death of Msgr. Pranciškus Brazys MIC, at the age of 52. He was the titular bishop of Zella and bishop for the Lithuanian refugees in West Europe (b. 1915; cons. as priest 1942; bishop since 1965), and resided in West Germany.

One may also add here Charles Alexander Salatka, an American-Lithuanian titular bishop of Cariana and auxilliary bishop of Grand Rapids (b. 1918; cons. as priest 1945; bishop since 1962).

(A.C.N.S.)





# IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

## ATSISVEIKINUS SU TRIMIS MŪSŲ TAUTOS SŪNUMIS IR VYČIAIS

Paskutinėmis dienomis, "Drauge", teko skaityti dvi liūdnas žinias, kuriose buvo pranešama, kad kiek anksčiau su šiuo pasauliu ir su mumis persiskyrė a.a. Jonas Kerulis. Tylus, bet Chicagos lietuvių didis visuomenės veikėjas ir nepailstantis vytis, kuris ne tik ankstyvesnėse dienose daug sielojosi vyčių tarpe, bet ir sulaukęs gilesnio amžiaus a.a. Jonulis nesėdėjo nuleidęs rankas, bet nuolat pasireikšdavo su kitais senjorų vyčių skyriuje. Finansiniai daug parėmė L. Vyčių org. geruosius darbus ir sumanymus ir daugiau paaukojo savo ilgų valandų darbo begražinant ir bedinant Chicagos vyčių salę ir visą pastatą. A.a. Jonas Kerulis džiaugėsi, kad jis nors tiek galėjo padaryti savo bendraminčiams vyčiams, kuriuos jau nuo jaunystės mylėjo, su jais bendrai veikė ir aukojosi iki Visagalio Dievas jį pasišaukė amžinybėn.

Didžiausias ačiū Leonardui Šimučiui, kuris taip gražiai ir išsamiai aprašė "Drauge" a.a. J. Kerulį, jo pavizdingą gyvenimą, didžiuosius darbus savo tėvynei ir savo mylimai vyčių org. Džiaukimės, kad šis gražusis prisiminimas "Drauge", supažindino mūsų plačiąją lietuvišką išeiviją su velionies gražiais darbais. Mažai jau mes turime Leonardų Šimučių, Matų Zujų ir kitų mūsų senosios kartos lietuviškos plunksnos artųjų. Be jų mes mažai nežinotumėm kas iš mūsų, nor ir iš didžiųjų praeities veikėjų išsiskiria su mumis. Deja, kai a.a. Jonas Kerulis dar buvo gyvas ir veikė sąvųjų tarpe, apie jį mažai tebūdavo prisiminta mūsų spaudoje. Tai nors jam mus palikus, išeivija sužinojo kas a.a. Jonas Kerulis buvo.

Antras iš tų mūsų tautos sūnų - a.a. Jonas Juozaitis su mumis ir šiuo pasauliu išsiskyrė lapkričio 16 d., 1967 m., Chicago, Ill. A.a. Jonas Juozaitis - Jack Jatis buvo gimęs Westville, Ill., bet savo gyvenimo dienas leido Chicagoje, daugumos vadinamoje lietuvių sostinėje. Jis čia augo, mokėsi, veikė

lietuviško jaunimo tarpe ir vėliau sukūrė šeimą su Ona Mikužiute ir išaugino vienturtį sūnelį Jonuką. A. a. Jonulis ne tik lietuviškai gražiai kalbėjo, bet skaitė ir rašė, ką ne visi čia gimusieji gali. A.a. Jonas Juozaitis buvo nuo jaunų dienų L. Vyčių org. uolus narys. Už jo didžiuosius darbus, jis buvo pakeltas į garbės narius ir ilgus metus buvo garbės narių kom. raštininku. Buvo vyčių org. centro valdybos vyriausiu vadu - pirm. ir čionykštis vyčių apskrities ir kuopos pirm. A.a. Jonas niekada neapleisdavo L. Vyčių org. visuotinių seimų ir daug kartų buvo jų vyriausiu pravedėju ir naudingu minčių teikėju. Tik liūdna prisiminti, kad "Seneliui" jį atsisveikinant buvusiam vyčių org. visuotiniame seime, Dayton, Ohio žodžiais: "Sudiev Juozaiti, pasimatysiva kitais metais Philadelphiaje", šis didis vytis atsakė: "Vargiai jau mes tenai tepasimatysime". Matyti, kad a.a. Jonas Juozaitis jau jautė savo sveikatos silpnybę.

A.a. Jonas priklausė ne tik vyčių 112-tai kp., Chicagoje, bet buvo Liet. Demokratų lygos pirm. ir jos organizatorius; Liet. Prekybos rūmų narys, 13 Ward'o Liet. Demokratų org., priklausė šv. Vardo draugijai, buvo Don Varno liet. posto organizatorius ir ilgametis komanderis. A.a. Jonas buvo amžinu nariu šv. Kazimiero seselių rėmėjų organizacijos; ilgametis A.L.R.K. Susivienijimo narys.

Lapkričio 20 d., 9-tą val. ryto, iš koplyčios buvo nulydėtas į Šv. P-lės Marijos Gimimo parap. bažnyčią, Marquette Parke, kurioje įvyko gedulingos pamaldos už velionies sielą. Šv. mišias atnašavo ir jausmingą pamokslą pasakė kun. L. Yerkes. Laidotuvių metu, bažnyčia buvo artipilnė žmonių. Iš bažnyčios a.a. Joną lydėjo daugybė mašinų, kurios irgi buvo perpildytos palydovais. Šv. Kazimiero kapinėse paskutines maldas atkalbėjo kun. L. Yerkes. Ne tik bažnyčioje bet ir koplyčioje buvo pasakytos dvi pilnos giūdesio ir vytiškos dvasios kalbos, kurias malonėjo pasakyti "Draugo" red. ir L. Vyčių org. Garbės narys Leonardas Šimutis ir Povilas Dirkis. Kal-

bėtojai prisiminė, kad velionis buvo plačiai žinomas ne tik lietuvių visuomenei, bet ir kitataučiams, ypač demokratams - politikams, nes a.a. Jonas Juozaitis, turėjo Cook County valdžios darbą ir buvo didoko skaičiaus darbininkų vyresnysis, su kuriais visada mokėjo gražiai sugyventi ir buvo susiklausęs. Chicagos lietuviškoji visuomenė ir L. Vyčių org. ilgai prisimins šį darbštųjį amerikietį-lietuvį ir didelį savo tautos idealistą.

Jis paliko nuliūdime savo žmoną Oną, sūnų Joną, marčią Susaną ir anūkutį Jonuką; dvi seseris: Mariją Rudienę, švogerį A. Rudį, Oną Paukštienę, švogerį J. Paukštį, brolių Juozą ir brolienę Emą ir jų šeimas, kurie visi liūdi netekę savo vyro, tėvo, brolio, tėvuko, dėdės ir didelio tautos sūnaus. Didis lietuvi ir vyti, tebūna tau ramybė Viešpatyje.

Clevelando vyčiai senjorai sužinoję, kad mirė jų mylimas ir aukštai gerbiamas bendramintis a.a. J. Juozaitis, užsakė už jo vėlę šv. mišias ir per "Draugą" pareiškė gilią užuojautą. Juozaitis parodė daug lietuviškos širdies Clevelandiečiams. Kai jie a.a. Jonulį paprašydavo pagalbon, tai šis vytis visada atvykdavo iš Chicagos ir clevelandiečiams siūlant atsilyginti už kelionę, niekada neimdavo jokio atlyginimo.

A.a. Aleksas Banys su mumis persiskyrė lapkričio 14 d. Jo karsatas buvo papuoštas Lietuvos vėliava ir daugybe gražių gėlių. Per du vakarus, ypatingai penktadienio vakarą - lapkričio 17 d., buvo perpildyta koplyčia a.a. Alekso atsisveikintojais, draugais ir pažįstamais. Šiame vakare buvo pasakyta ir kelios atsisveikinimo kalbos, kurias pradėjo gražiai ir jausmingai pravedė Lietuvių salės b-vės direktorių pirm. Jurgis Malskis, kuris direktorių vardu pasakė jausmingą kalbą. Kaz. Karpis tarė atsisveikinimo žodį liet. senosios kartos vardu, Pr. Eidimtas - Balfo, Z. Dučmanas kaipo Liet. salės biznio reikalų vyriausias vedėjas, Juozas Sadauskas vyčių senjorų vardu, V. Knystautas karių ramovėnų, o jaunimo vardu - G. Gailiūšytė. Po

visų kalbų, Ciurlionio ansamblio vyrų choras, kuriam vad. muz. Al. Mikulskis, jausmingai sugiedojo "Tėve mūsų". Po visų kalbų ir jausmingo maldos sugiedojimo, kun. K. Žemaitis atkalbėjo rožančių, kurio metu visi gyveno liūdesyje, netekę didelio savo tautos sūnaus.

Nulydėjus a.a. Alekso kūną į Šv. Jurgio parap. bažnyčią, kuri buvo artipilnė, Šv. Mišias atnašavo klebonas kun. B. Ivanauskas, o jam asistavo kun. A. Goldikovskis ir kun. K. Žemaitis. Pamaldų metu, iškiliai ir jausmingai vargonais grojo ir giedojo muz. P. Ambrazas. Po pamaldų palydovai nulydėjo į Kalvarijos kapines, kur paskutines maldas atkalbėjo kun. K. Žemaitis, atsisveikinimo pas-

kutines kalbas pasakė Zenonas Dučmanas, ir inž. A. Pautienis, LB vardu.

A.a. Aleksas Banys, kada buvo jaunas ir pajėgus, dirbo Clevelando liet. visuomenės ir draugijų tarpe. A.a. Aleksą Banį - Banevičių, už didelius pasidarbavimus dėl savo ir mūsų visų tėvynės Lietuvos nepriklausomybės, jis ypač rėmė finansiškai, kada Lietuvai reikėjo būtiniausiai finansinės pagalbos, Nepriklausomosios Lietuvos valdžia šį savo ištikimąjį sūnų papuošė Lietuvos kunigaikščio Gedimino ženklą, kurį Aleksas Banys visada nešiojo didesniuose Lietuvos paminėjimuose. A.a. Aleksas ilgus metus buvo Liet. fondo skyr. pirmininkas ir jame jis įdėjo daug savo uolaus darbo

ir dolerių. A.a. Aleksas Banys, jaunesniuose metuose, priklausė ir Lietuvos Vyčių 25-tai kp. ir čia jis nemažai pasidarbovo rengiamųjų vakarų komisijose, už tai jis buvo pagerbtas L. Vyčių organizacijos trečiojo laipsnio ženklą, kuriuo, kad ir nepriklausydamas daugiau prie L. Vyčių organizacijos, išskilmėse pasipuošdavo. Velionis daug veikė C. L. Draugijų sąryšyje ir nemažai prisidėjo su doleriais ir darbu. A.a. velionis yra pasakęs daug patriotiškų kalbų savo tėvynės Lietuvos naudai ir garbei.

SENELIS



..... the spirit of '68

Here are the people who have been caught up in the spirit of the '68 Convention. C-3's official convention committee is: CHAIRMAN - Helen Shields; SECRETARIES - Agnes Mickunas and Lillian Sasnauskas; TREASURER - Albert Ozalis; AD BOOK - Walter Svekla, Chairman, Dianne Beletsky, John Mickunas; PUBLICITY - Leonora Kaulinis, Chairman, Victor Balten, Dianne Beletsky, Loretta Staniskis, Joseph Yanulaitis; SPORTS - Anthony Burch, Chairman; THURSDAY NIGHT GET TOGETHER - John Mickunas, Chairman, Stanley Kalazinskas, Tom Meron; FRIDAY LUNCHEON - Charles Petronis; FRIDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY - Irene Ozalis, Chairman Albert Ozalis, Leonora Kaulinis, Loretta Staniskis, Tom Meron; SATURDAY LUNCHEON - Alberta Bekeris; SATURDAY NIGHT SEMI-FORMAL - Irene Svekla, Chairman, Walter Svekla; SUNDAY BRUNCH - Ronnie Ozalie; SUNDAY BANQUET - Agnes Mickunas, Chairman, Helen Shields, Alberta Bekeris, Leonora Kaulinas, John Mickunas.

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# LIETUVOS HIMNAS

Žodžius Ir Meliodija Parašė  
D-ras V. Kudirka

Iškilmingai

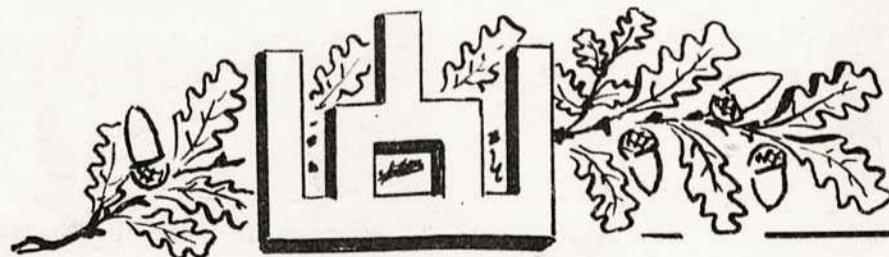
Lie-tu-va Tė - vy-ne mū-sų tu did-vy-rių že - mė, Iš pra-ei-ties

Ta-vo sū-nūs te stip-ry-bę se-mia. Te-gul Ta-vo vai-kai ei-na vien ta-kais do-

ry - bės te-gul dir - ba Ta-vo nau-dai ir žmo-nių gė - ry - bei.

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2. Te-gul mei - lė Lie-tu-vos de - ga mu - sų šir - dy - se var - dan - tos

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# LIETUVIŲ TAUTINIS MENAS

## ARCHITEKTURA

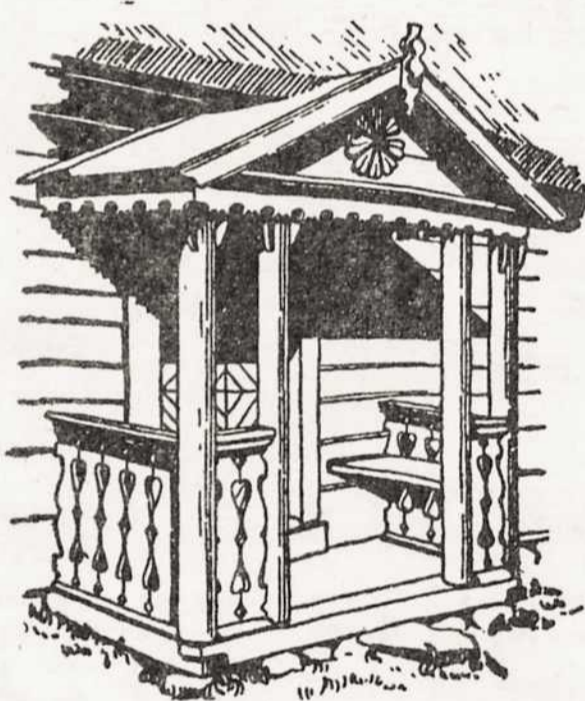
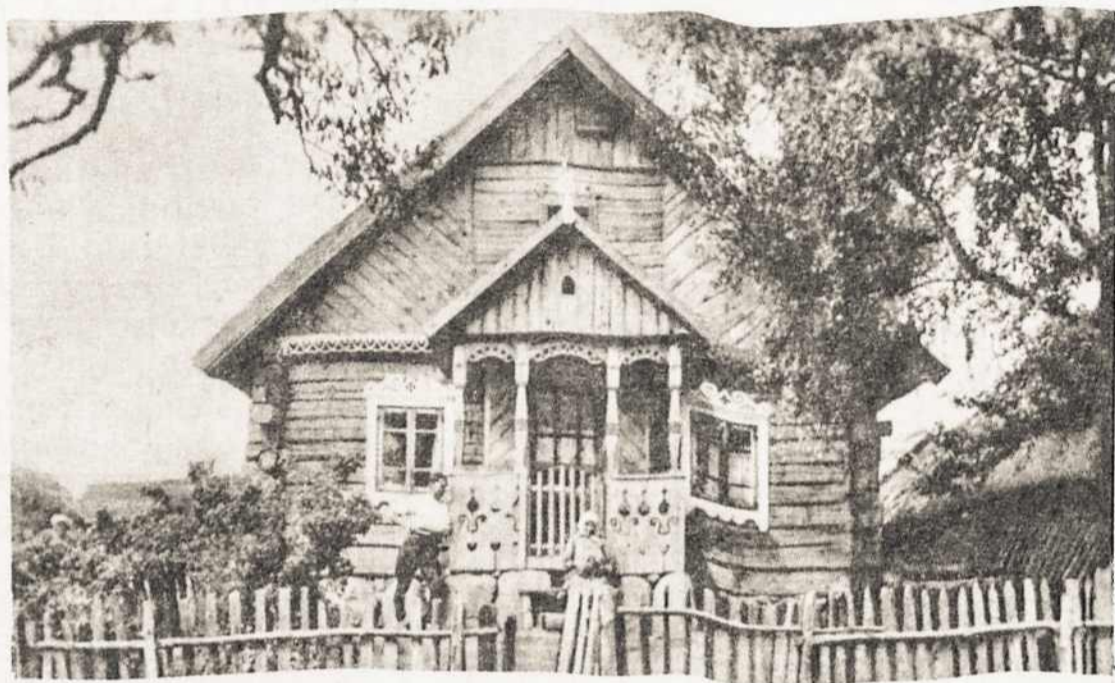
Senovinė lietuvių statyba medinė. Todėl labai senų pavyzdžių nėra išlikę. Atsižvelgiant į tai, kad visa tai buvo sukūrta kaimo statybininko niekad net negirdėjusio apie architektūrą, reikia stebėtis pastatų planavimo logiškumu. Pavyzdžiui, kad ir klėtis labai primena graikų šventyklos planą.

Lietuvio ūkininko sodyboje randame gyvenamąjį namą, klėtį, svirną, gyvulių tvartus. Daugiausia puošybinio dėmesio kreipiama į gyvenamąjį namą ir klėtį. Namas puošiamas gonkomis, langinėmis, žirgeliais. Klėtis visados turi išpiaustytas kolonas.

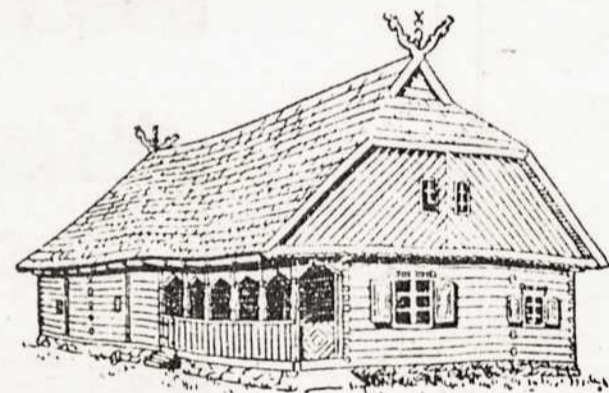
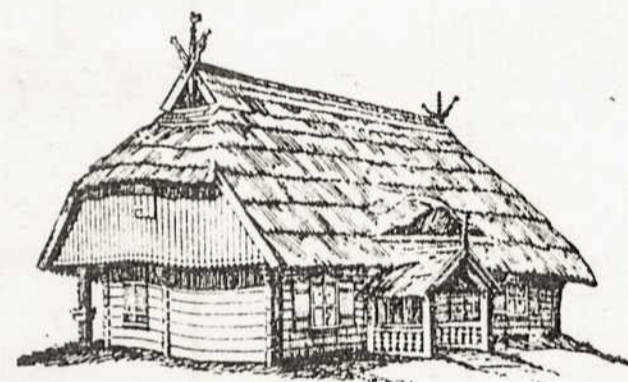
Labai įdomios savo formomis yra varpinės, kurios paprastai būdavo prie bažnyčios ir sudarydavo darnią grupę. Kaimo bažnytėlės savo forma labai paprastos, tačiau proporcingai išplanuotos. Didesnės bažnyčios turi sudėtingesnius planus ir aukštesnius bokštus.

Kaip paprastieji gyvenamieji namai taip ir bažnyčios buvo statomos kaimo neišmokslių statytojų, kurie turėdami igimtą gabumą įvairiai jį pareiškėdavo. Todėl atskirose Lietuvos vietovėse pastatų stilius skiriasi. Net ir gyvenamojo namo pavadinimai įvairūs: namas, troba, pirkia, stuba.

Primityvūs įrankiai labai siaurino galimumus statytojo gabumams pasireikšti. Tačiau ir su labai paprastomis priemonėmis pasiekdavo gražių rezultatų.



Gonkos



Gyvenamieji namai



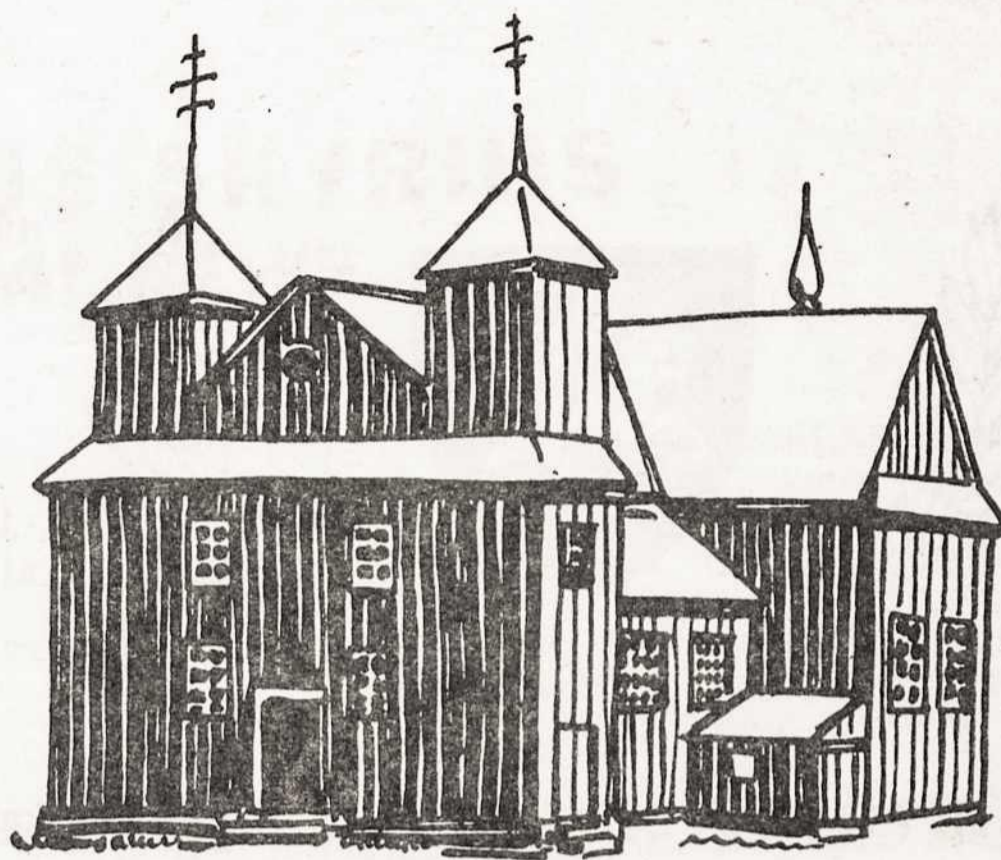
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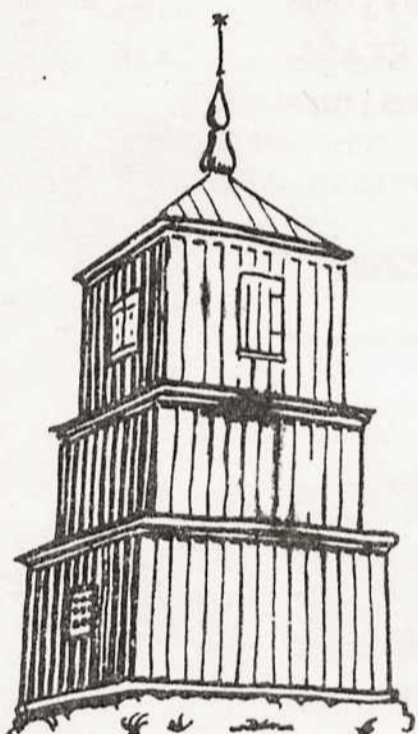
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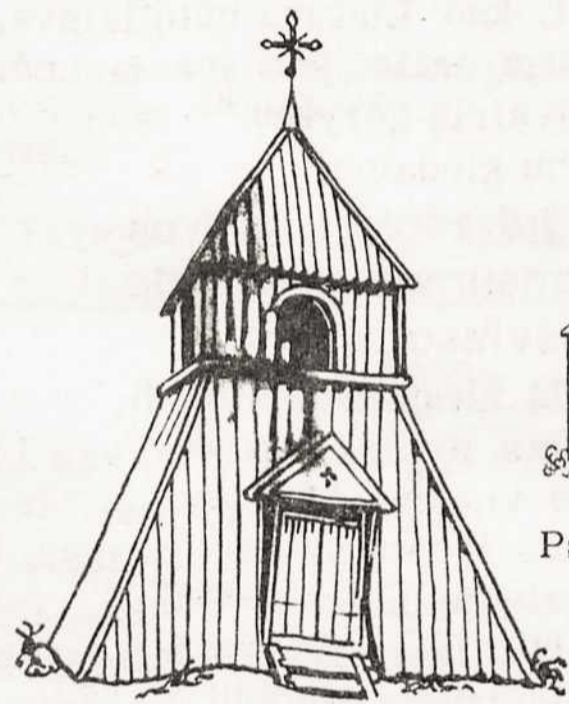
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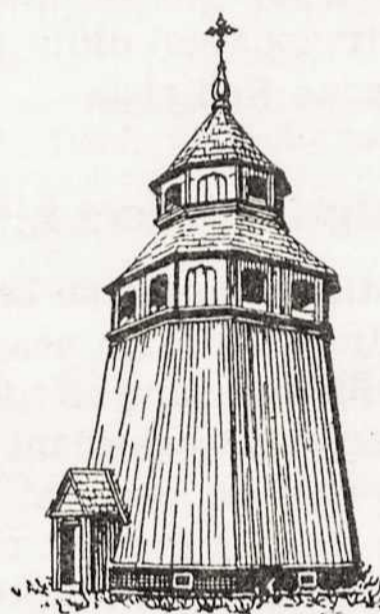
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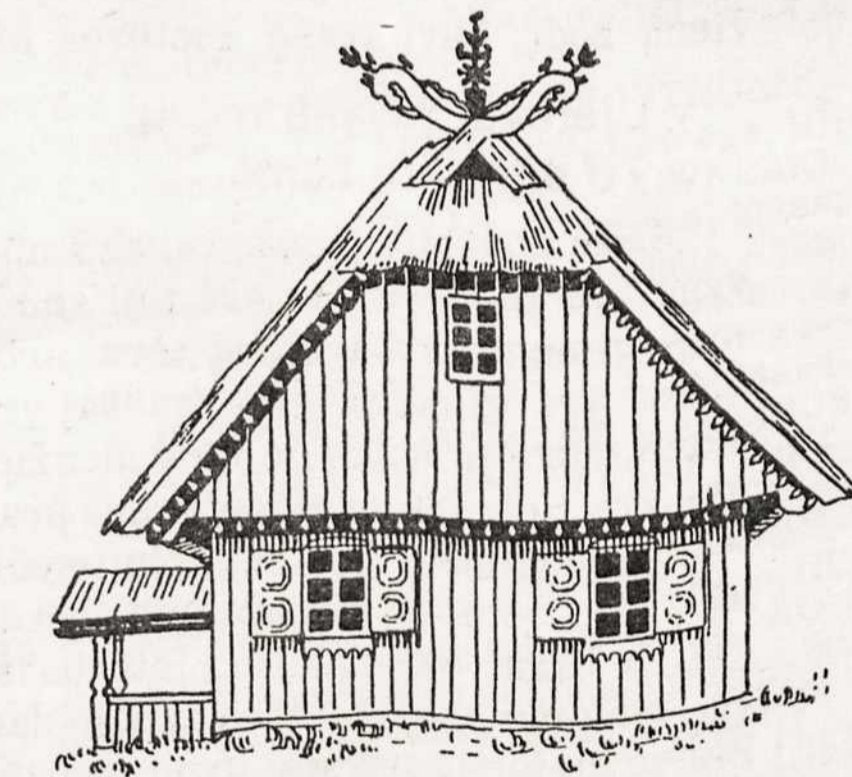
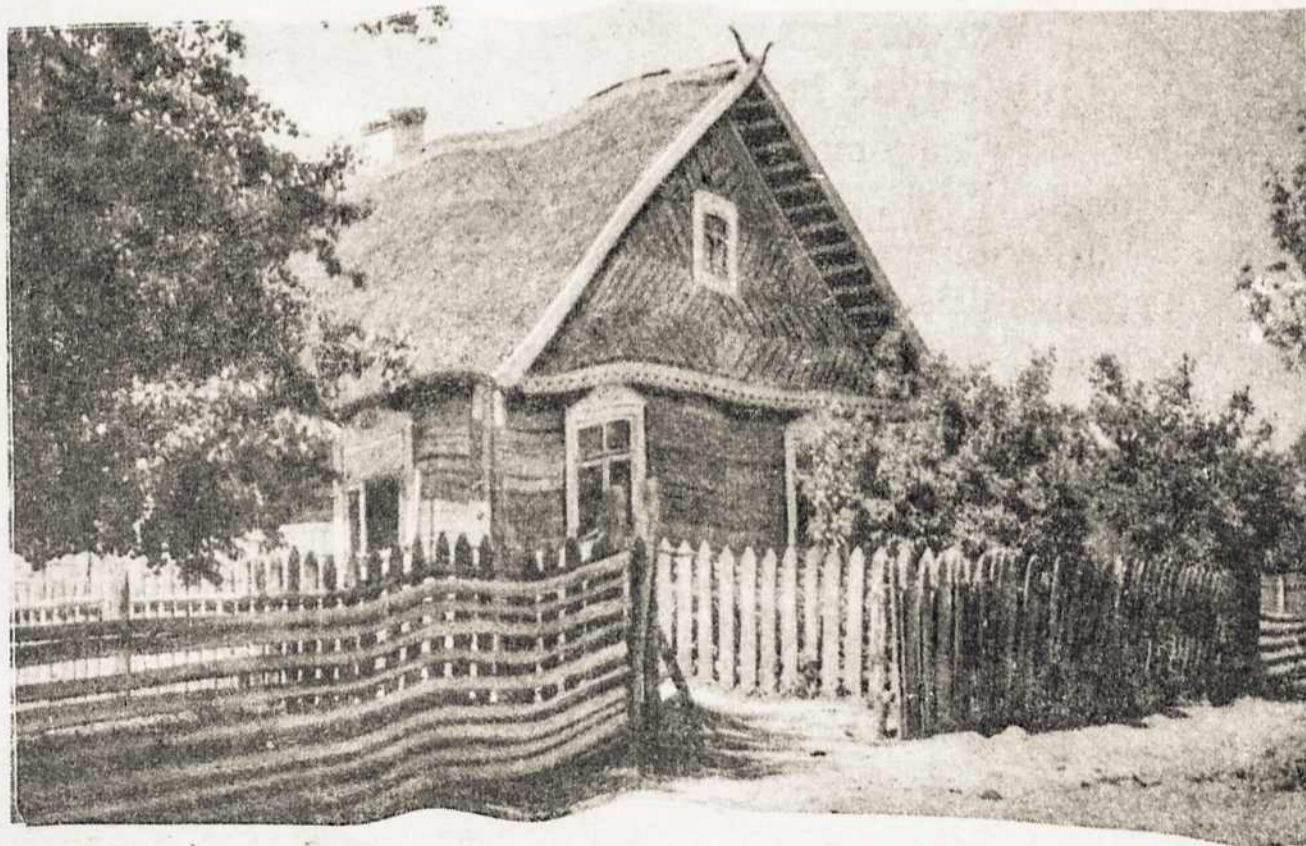
Pavardenės varpinė



Saukėnų varpinė



Rozalimo varpinė



Žvejo namas Nidoje

Gyvenamasis namas



## LIETUVOS HIMNO PRASMĖ

Kiekviena tauta ir valstybė turi savo himną, kuris giedamas iškilmingais momentais. Ir Lietuva turi savo himną, kurį parašė (muziką ir žodžius) didis Lietuvos vyras dr. Vincas Kudirka.

### Kaip reikia elgtis giedant himną

Reikia atsistoti. Jei esate su kepure, tai reikia ją nusiimti. Uniforminės kepurės (skautų, šaulių, veteranų ir t.t.) nenimamos, bet gerbiama pakeliant ranką prie kepurės. Mergaitės taip pat kepuraičių nenusiima. Himną giedant reikia stovėti ramiai, nesikraipyti į šalis, nekalbėti su kaimynais, bet stengtis kartu giedoti. Pabaigus himną nereikia ploti.

Lietuvos himnas turi gilią prasmę. Dr. Vincas Kudirka gerai apgalvojo kiekvieną žodį, kurį įrašė Lietuvos himne.

**Lietuva, tėvynė mūsų,  
Tu didvyrių žemė.**

Šiais žodžiais pasakyta, kad mūsų tėvynė yra Lietuva. Tai yra toji žemė, kur mes gimėme arba mūsų tėvai arba senoliai yra gimę ir gyvenę. Tai yra toji žemė, kurioje mūsų šeimos medžio šaknys yra įleistos. O mūsų šeima prasideda ne nuo mūsų, bet daug šimtmečių atgal. Toji žemė nėra paprasta, bet didvyrių. Ir tikrai. Skaitydami Lietuvos istoriją, matome, kad Lietuva turėjo daugybę didvyrių, kurie narsiai gynė savo tėvynę, nesigailėdami dėl jos ir savo gyvybę pa-

aukoti. Lietuva turėjo gražią ir garbingą praeitį. Todėl toliau sakoma:

**Iš praeities tavo sūnūs  
Te stiprybę semia.**

Sunkiose lietuvių tautai dienose lietuviai semia sau stiprybės iš praeities garsiųjų žygių. Toliau giedame:

**Tegul tavo vaikai eina  
Vien takais dorybės**

Vincas Kudirka nori, kad Lietuvos vaikai būtų dori, kad jie nieko neskriaustų, kad niekam nedarytų nieko pikto.

**Tegul dirba tavo naudai  
Ir žmonių gėrybei.**

Himnas šaukia lietuvius dirbti tėvynės gerovei, kad Lietuva būtų laisva, graži, kultūringa šalis, kad jos žmonėms netrūktų įvairių gėrybių.

Toliau giedama:

**Tegul saulė Lietuvos  
Tamsumus prašalina  
Ir šviesa, ir tiesa  
Mūs žingsnius telydi.**

Vincas Kudirka troško, kad Lietuvos padangė visados būtų šviesi, kad mūsų žingsnius lydėtų šviesa ir tiesa. Čia turima galvoje mokslo šviesa. Toliau jis ragina būti teisingu, nes teisingumas yra viena didžiausių žmonių dorybių. Paskutiniai himno žodžiai:

**Tegul meilė Lietuvos  
Dega mūsų širdyse,  
Vardan tos Lietuvos  
Vienybė težydi.**

Čia sakoma, kad Lietuvos meilė turi degte degti mūsų širdyse ir raginama būti vieningais. Kada sėmsime stiprybę iš praeities, kada mylėsime savo kraštą, kada būsime apsišvietę, teisingi ir dori, tai savaimė aišku, kad vardan Lietuvos būsime ir vieningi. Vienybė yra didžiausias pagrindas dideliems darbams atlikti. Vienybė yra būtinausia sąlyga tautos vei iškovoti.

# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### 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.

### RULES FOR THE 1967 - 68 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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

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

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

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

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

### DUES PAYMENTS RECEIVED BEFORE JANUARY - 1968

C#	City	% Pd	1967	12/67
7	Waterbury	10%	96	10
10	Athol	67%	21	14
17S	So. Boston	25%	32	8
19	Pittsburgh	5%	39	2
25	Cleveland	11%	28	3
26	Worcester	3%	145	4
36	Chicago	11%	74	8
79	Detroit	2%	181	4
100	Amsterdam	41%	37	15
112	Chicago	56%	156	87
133S	Los Angeles	3%	33	1

### RITUAL DEGREES

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

### SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

The Officers and Chairmen of the Supreme Council meet at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel on January 13th. A report to the members will appear in a subsequent issue.

## K of L Calendar

- JAN. 1968
  - 13 SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Chicago, Ill.
  - 19-21 C-3 Philadelphia, WINTER WEEKEND, Lake Harmony Lodge, Pa.
  - 21 NED BOWLING ROLLOFF, Cambridge, Mass.
  - 28 C-112 Chicago, BOWLING SOCIAL, Wood MAac Lanes, Chicago, Ill.
- FEB.
  - 8 C-36 Chicago, HAWAIIAN NIGHT, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
  - 10 I-I District MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA BANQUET, The Farm Club, Chicago, Ill.
  - 10 C-1 Brockton, Annual SNOWFLAKE BALL, Walkover Club, Brockton, Mass.
  - 25 CULTURAL PROGRAM, Golden Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence, sponsored by the Worcester Lith. organization, TARYBA, Worcester, Mass.
- MAR.
  - 3 C-3 Philadelphia, Annual ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMUNION BREAKFAST, Philadelphia, Pa.
  - 3 I-I District, ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION, Hosts C-36, Chicago, Ill.
  - 10 NY-NJ District's Annual COMMUNION RECEPTION at Mass Commemorating St. Casimer with breakfast and district meeting following, Hosts C-26 Newark, N.J.
- APR.
  - 21 NED JUNIOR RALLY, St. Peter's Church, So. Boston, Mass.
- MAY
  - 5 M-C District JUNIOR RALLY, Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio.

# JUNIOR NEWS

## AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL K OF L JUNIOR COUNCILS FROM YOUR SUPREME COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Juniors :

The New Year was heralded in with the ringing of bells. You now live in a world controlled principally by the school bell. The bell tells you when to arrive at school, when to change classes, and when you are able to leave for home. This is a world to which you must adjust yourself by properly managing your time. Time must be allocated for home study, for school events, extra-curricular activities, neighborhood and church affairs, and your Junior K of L.

How much TIME did you devote to your Junior Council last year?

Did you attend meetings?

Did you keep up your work as an officer?

Are you participating in Council activities?

Are you working closely with counselors?

Have you invited friends to join your Council?

Have you lived up to your motto?

If your total time adds up to less than TWELVE hours per year, then you definitely need help from your counselors.

Let us begin the New Year with a solid program:

Better Catholics

Stronger American Lithuanians

Double Membership

Constructive Meetings

Qualified Counselors

If each Junior Council institutes the above program with teamwork, they will have a formula for a successful council.

In closing may I wish you health, happiness and success in all your activities.

Vytiškai

STANLEY J. VAITKUS  
Juniors Vice President

## REGISTRATION OF A JUNIOR COUNCIL WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL

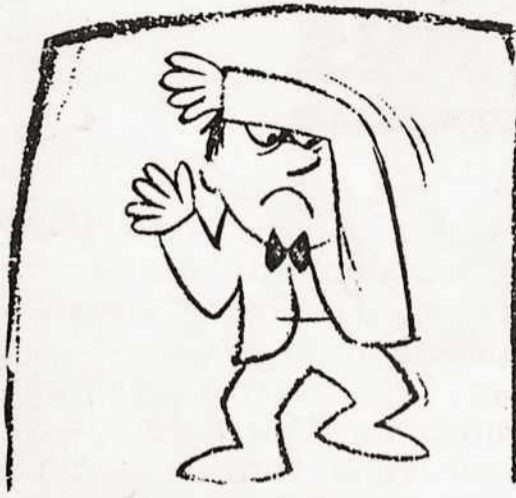
1. As soon as a Junior Council is organized, notification should be sent to the Supreme Council 1st Vice President.
2. Dues of \$5.00 per year for Junior Council should be sent to the Supreme Council Financial Secretary. Dues are payable in January (if the Junior Council is organized during another month,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

JUNIOR ANNOUNCEMENT  
ALL JUNIOR COUNCILS ARE REQUESTED TO SEND  
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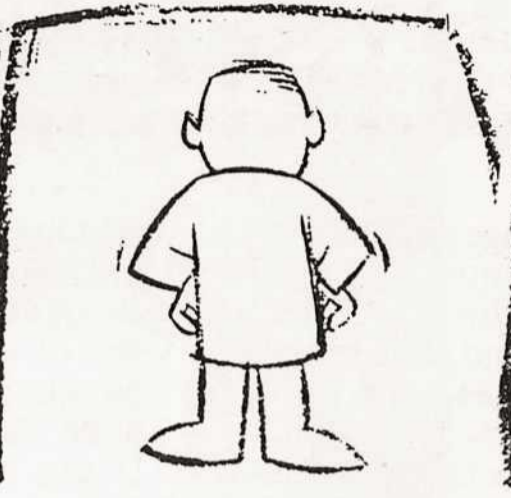
STANLEY J. VAITKUS,  
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## A FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S YEARLY PROBLEM!



Don't fight it



Face the job



Send statements



Contact counts

### DUES ARE DUE!

Yes, it's that time again! As a year begins anew so must we. It's the time for all of us to renew our memberships. We have all just been through costly Christmas shopping and, more than likely, expensive New Year entertainment. But, K of L dues payments surely will not bring any of us to public aid enrollments as well.

At this time of year, as far as the K of L is concerned, the important thing is getting those dues in. In fact, they are overdue. Some councils last year were 100% paid up before that year began. Current figures are not complete yet. But, you had better believe those first place councils of last year are trying to do the same.

To many of us dues are mainly a matter of just making the payment. How about the guy or gal who collects them? On the average, he's contacted you a number of times. He's probably sent out more than one dues notice to slower payers by now. He's made countless telephone calls. He's made personal reminders wherever K of L'ers may meet. That's your council financial secretary. Then, when he gets your dues, his other jobs begin. He must keep council records up-to-date, notify the supreme council financial secretary of payments, arrange for proper distribution of dues, confirm "Vytis" renewals and mailing list additions. Your prompt dues payment is always gratefully appreciated. But, for financial secretaries, it is more difficult receiving than giving. Now that Holiday socializing has passed, many of us should find time to assist those always-working financial secretaries.

One easy, but important way, is to remind fellow members about dues payments. If you think back just a couple of short weeks, you probably met most of your council members at various Christmas or New Year parties, dances, banquets. But, during the casual conversations, did you mention dues? How many K of Lers are greatly concerned whether others remain with the organization? Most may be concerned. But, a lot of them want only to belong to a good group. What percentage take time to assure that a good group exists? How many take time for some simple comment to others? "Say, have you paid your dues yet? Hasn't anyone told you we want to keep you as a member? Well, man, we sure do." Have any of us heard those words. Better yet, have any of us

tried to say that to others. Or, even something similar. Not eloquent words surely. But, we all want to belong to some group - to be asked to belong - to be accepted.

Even today's most noticeable social dropouts seek friends. A hippie wants to be as hippie-dippie as any other hippie and accepted as a hippie by other hippies. On a more sensible level, any K of L'er want to hear once in awhile that he is needed in the K of L. No matter who we are certain basic needs do exist. One is social approval. - We want to belong. If we can not make present members feel this, how can we look for new members? Those three sentences in the paragraph above aren't much. You can probably make a better appeal. How about trying it?

Like that old saying, "Good financial secretaries don't fade away. But, why should they overwork another day?" You can provide the reason. Help to remind others about dues payments, that way you'll be helping the K of L and at least three others. You are remaining active. Someone else will stay a member. And a financial secretary knows he has help. He's a little bit happier with his job. You're a better K of L'er. That other member still feels welcome.

Meanwhile, there is recognition for you and your council too. Special awards will be presented again for membership at the next convention. The first councils in the four categories to be 100% paid up will get awards. There will also be awards for the new-member drive. But, do not forget those are based on net membership gains. In other words, you may have signed up quite a few members. But, it is also possible for your council to lose just as many because dues have not been received. Your council did not gain a thing. It barely managed to keep even. First, be sure that previous members are still K of Lers. There is only one way to do that. Help get those dues in. But, do not let up. Then will be the time to get the new ones.

By the way fellow Vyčiai, have YOU paid your dues yet? Hasn't anyone reminded you you're one of us? Hasn't anyone told you we want you as a member this year? Well, you sure are one of us. And, we sure want you to stay with us.

LEON PAUKSTA  
Membership Vice President

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

### I-I DISTRICT "Taitytė"

The District appointment calendar is always quite filled with dates and names. At the Board meeting, Nov. 22nd, Pres. John Evans announced the Committee Chairman for the 1967-68 term: Lithuanian Affairs - Frank Svelnis; Cultural - Frank Zopolis; Ritual - Irene Sankus; Scholarship - Eleanore Laurin; Sports - Al Raubiskis and Joe Nausedas; Public Relations - Dolores Yuknis; Social Secy. and Rememberance Com-

mittee - Estelle Rogers; Publicity - English, Helen Zimmer; Lithuanian, Balys Brazdžionis; "Vytis", Eleanore Laurin and "Trumpet" Editor, Loretta Macekonis.

Another big day on the calendar was Dec. 10th when the Quarterly District meeting was held, preceded by the conferring of Degrees and followed by a Christmas Social.

At the Ritual ceremonies, the 2nd Degree was conferred upon Milda Pakalniskis, Albina Gaides and Harry Petraitis, all of C-112. C-36 members, Thomas Mortell, Stella Ulevicius and Walter Zemgulis, and C-112 members, John Evans, Joseph Juska, Jean Korsak, Adele Latonas, Joseph Nausedas, Estelle Pagois, Helen Pauksta, Mirga Pakalniskis and

Aldona Sugar all received their 1st Degree. Congratulations are in order for all. The ceremonies were conducted by Father John Savukynas, Dist. Spir. Adv.; Eleanore Laurin as Chairman; Ruth Dagus and Irene Sankus as Secretaries; Leon Pauksta as Preparation Chm.; Edward Pocius as Questioning Chm; and Albert Dagus as Sgt-at-Arms.

Hostess Irene Sankus assisted by Helen Zimmer prepared a little Holiday feast for the members who were able to remain and enjoy a little socializing. Public Relations "Ace" Estelle Rogers and a number of other members had to dash off to the Nativity parish, "Magic Show" at Maria High Auditorium to represent the K of L there.



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT and the CHICAGO SENIORS HONOR members. (Upper) Leon Pauksta, runner-up, John Evans, District Pres. and award presenter, Vladas Paliulionis, winner of I-I Membership Drive. (Lower) Building remodellers Alphonse Plienaitis, Alex Budris and Al Matulis. (Photos A. Raubiskis)




**LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ,**

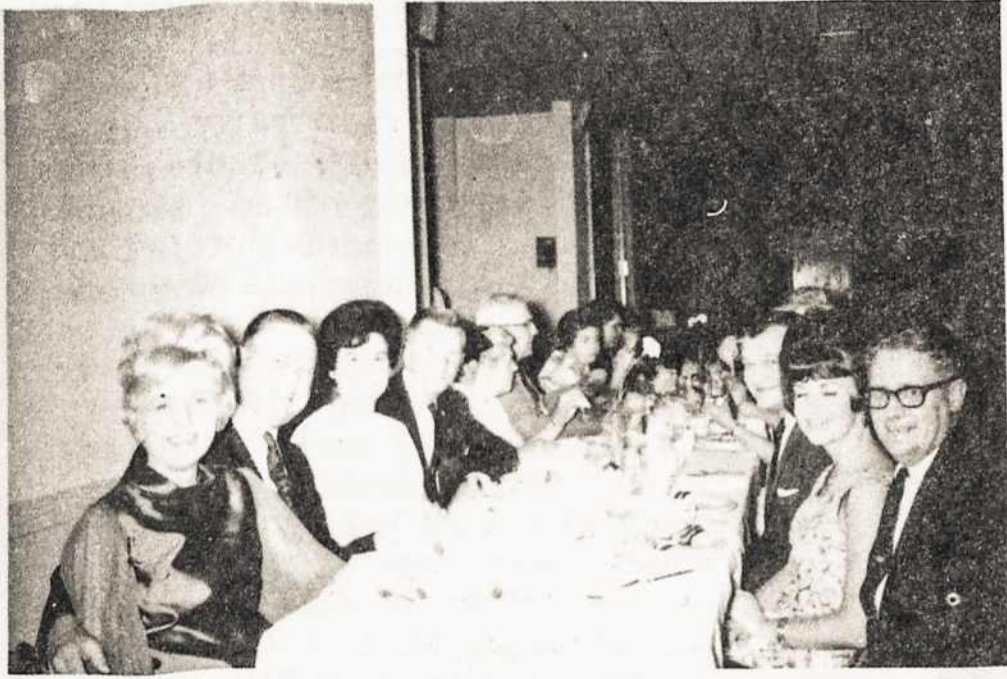


**BEST WISHES FOR A  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

to our many  
**Friends and Supporters**

**K of L Council 17  
South Boston, Mass.**





Pictured at a recent K of L wedding (Bernadine Lazicky and Louis Rogers are: (Upper left) 112ers, Dolores and Andy Yuknis, Betty and Jim Bozec, Al Shulicke, Ruth and Al Dagus. (Upper right) Julie Zarkarka and daughter, Prudencija Bičkus, Estelle Rogers, mother of the groom, and Mr. Bičkus. (Lower right) Ed Krivickis, Monica Kasper, Al Raubiskis, Dolores Wainauskas, Frank Svelnis, Irene Rakaitis. Rear - Al Shulicke and Cis Matul.

A few of the other marks, though not the least in importance, on the calendar are the "Memories of Lithuania" Commemoration committee meetings. The event itself, on Feb. 10th at the Farm Club, should be one of the most successful, with such "know-how" committee members as Vince Samaska, Leon Pauksta, Loretta Macekonis, Al Brazis, Irene Sankus, John Evans, Estelle Rogers, Vladas Paliulionis, Eleanore Laurin, Frank Zapolis, Emilija Pakalniškis, Helen Zimmer, Balys Brazdžionis, Faustas Strolia, Cis Matul, Helen Gudauskas, Frank Svelnis, Joe Nausedas and Al Raubiskis. Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, wife of Consul General Petras Dauzvardis, is an advisor to the committee. Stanley Balzekas, Jr. of the Balzekas Cultural Museum, Tolius Slutas of the Lithuanian TV, Felix and Aldona Daukus of the Sophie Barcus Radio Family, P. Petrutis of the Margutis Radio program, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pieza agreed to work with the publicity group in order to fully cover the 50th Commemoration in both the Lithuanian and English press, radio and television.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 Slim

Now that all of the holidays have passed, we can let out our belts another notch and start counting all of those calories that we forgot to watch the past couple of weeks. We certainly hope that all of yours was as great as ours.

After our November business meeting for the social fun of it we had "old time movies" through the compliments of: Andy Tatusko, who entertained the members with the Unique Fashion Show; Al Raubiskis, with the council's production of a Mock Wedding with the bride being (none other than) Al "The Bachelor" Schulicke: Dolores Yuknis, with K of L dancing instructions, a council outing to Starved Rock and numerous picnics, some of which (would you believe) were 15 years old. Laughs by the barrel were had by all remembering how different the styles were way back when...

Our one and only Vladas Paliulionis received a beautiful watch for first place in the District's Membership Drive. The gift was presented by John Evans at the Workers' Dinner which was given to honor all the committee work-

ers of the building. The second runner-up was Leon "The Sheik" Pauksta.

Since we are on the subject of winners, we had three lucky ones from one raffle at the Harvest Moon Dance. The first prize, won by Estelle Pagois, was a half-gallon of (joy Juice) whiskey. The second prize winners were Bernadine and Louis Rogers who became the proud parents of a 12 pound fresh frozen turkey. The third prize winner, also of a turkey bird, was Mr. Labanauskas.

The council members attended their quarterly Communion Sunday and afterwards had an enjoyable brunch with much conversation at the Franklin House.

We would all like to wish Eleanore Laurin a speedy recovery.

Peter Gagle is having himself a grand old time (two-week vacation) in California and Nevada. How can he do it after all that Christmas shopping.

The Christmas Party was a great success with due thanks to Chairman Lorraine Wainauskas and her committee helpers. Many of the members hated to leave the party at the Franklin House.



Pictured at the I-I Picnic are: Mrs. Frank Svelnis, Sr., Mr. Svelnis, winner of the Grand Prize - a wristwatch, Eleanore Laurin, Estelle Rogers and Frank Svelnis, Jr. (Photo - A. Raubiskis)

Our Council will be starting the New Year by sponsoring a District bowling social and dinner on Jan. 28th at Woodmac Lanes with dinner at the K of L Building.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

**BROCKTON, MASS., C-1** Patti Council 1 does it again! A MINI COLUMN!!! Our main project is our Annual Snowflake Ball, of which plans are now underway. Four things to remember: February 10, 1968 - 8-12 pm - Walkover Club, Brockton - Dick Pillar's Orchestra. More to come - later!

**WATERBURY, CONN., C-7** WJS The newly elected officers of C-7 held their meeting Fri., Nov. 17, and discussed the Children's Christmas party which was held on Dec. 17, at 2:00 P.M.

The new officers are: Jim Valaitis, president; John Alauskas, treasurer; Joe Samoska, Jr., vice-president; Nell Diggles, financial secretary; and Lillian Paulauskas, recording secretary.

The board of directors are Dr. William Shukaitis, Ed White, Carl Barzilauskas, Joe Rutkauskas, Bill Gervickas, Otto Shatas, and Kate Sulauskas.

**SO. WORCESTER, MASS., C-116** Onytė

A cultural program commemorating the Golden Jubilee of Lithuania's Independence on Feb. 25, will be held at Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall. The impetus behind this program is the Worcester Lietuvių Organizacijos Taryba. Ann Miller is on the committee planning the cultural program for the young people. Mrs. John Adamaitis is on the committee that will plan the political program to be held at the Lithuanian club, Vernon St., on Feb. 18. Anthony Miner, our newly elected president, is secretary to the Worcester Lithuanian Organizations Group. We are all looking forward to these memorable celebrations.

Dorothy Sinkavitch attended the program at the Lith. Club, on Nov. 12, honoring the first Lithuanians who settled in Worcester

The 2nd NED bowling roll-off was held in Worcester on Nov. 19, at the T-Bird Alleys in Auburn. C-26 hosted the social after the bowling session. The roll-off was very well attended, especially by C-17 South Boston. Juniors were invited to participate. - They certainly made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in skill. We are grateful to the South Boston K of L's who caravanned to Worcester with such a nice group of young people. Our own juniors are eagerly looking forward to the next roll-

off which will be held in Cambridge Jan. 21.

Our Councils annual Turkey Military Whist card party was a tremendous success. Thanks to the hardworking committee we realized a nice financial profit. We don't know what we would have done without the help of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lapinskas. They certainly kept things rolling along very smoothly. They are old hands at running these card parties. Congratulations on your good luck at your Parish card party. That was a nice prize to win just before Christmas... Marion Lukason as usual did a good job in the refreshment department. Trudy Zibinskas was a lucky winner of a nice fat turkey... Ann Yurkinas and Trudy did an outstanding job rounding up all those table favors... Joe Krasinskas drew the beautiful fruit basket. It was so heavy he could hardly lift it. He must have been tired out after selling all those raffle tickets. We were lucky when we won the bottle of good cheer... Julia Krasinskas was the happy recipient of the late President John Kennedy Flame of Hope Candles... Rita Paluses and Irene Ostrowski came in from the suburbs of Millbury to help out... John Andruska came early to set up the tables... and we are grateful to Stanley Garbauskas and Stanley Grigas for all that help cleaning up afterwards... Miss Irene Adamaitis took time out from her studies to help sell tickets and serve the refreshments... We certainly appreciate all that help... We had some very lovely prizes and many people went home happy... Besides, being a financial success it made a very nice social evening... Sirdingai aciū visiems.

We wish Rita Skamarock's mother a speedy recovery from her recent eye operation.

We congratulate Kasty Yonika, of South Boston, on his promotion and transfer to Washington, D.C. We certainly will miss all those parties at his house.

We are grateful to Al Jaritis for those tickets to the Boston Bruins hockey game. We enjoyed it very much. Hope we didn't ruin the game for you, Al, with all those stupid questions. But now we are sold on that wild and exciting game.

We wish all our K of L friends a very happy and prosperous New Year!

## MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 Soffi

A lot of the seventy-niners wished that the weatherman could have pulled some strings on November first to turn off the rain for our meeting night and the installation of officers. The shrouded heavens, however, did not dampen the meeting goers. Everyone entered into the spirit of the thing and all enjoyed themselves at the social that followed. Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas and Mrs. Valeria Kundrotas were the hostesses.

A Christmas motif was capably arranged by Vicki Chepelonis and Ann Calvin, who were hostesses for the Dec. 6 meeting. Highlighting the meeting were future plans for organizing a young adults group of Divine Providence parish. President Frank Zager invited Dan Zinikas and Gerald Zager who introduced some new ideas on the formation of the young group. Father V. Kriščiunevičius of St. Peter's was our special guest that evening.

Our current Synod series, proclaimed by Archbishop John Darden have come to a close, and among the avid 79'ers who participated weekly for past several months were Anthony Dainus, Joe Chaps, and Frank Zager.

With the approach of the com-

memoration of the 50th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence, C-79 urges that all members put on their thinking caps as well as effort and participate in some way, shape or form to observe this occasion. Lithuanian Affairs, for instance, is one media you can participate. You don't need to be the best writer in order to grab a pen and jot a line or two to your congressmen, mayor, T.V. station or newspaper, thanking them or rejecting specifically for whatever publicity is furnished. It is also a desire of the Lithuanian Affairs committee of celebrating this event by having our Government issue a special postage stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Baltic Independence. Congressman Derwinski has therefore introduced House Resolution 11352 specifically for this purpose. You must remember that this bill will pass only if our government is bombarded with letters.

Soffi snooping: Women are supposed to be "masters" of the kitchen, but here's one master that doesn't get lost in one - Joe Kazlauskas, as chairman, who made a great success of our annual fall card party... The last thing we expected was Fran Brown winning prizes in all three categories - the table, door and raffle prize at the card party... Have you noticed that Helen Patocki is never around on Wednesdays? No, she's not home sick, she's not home doing the



RAY SHIGO, a member of Cleveland C-25, enlisted in the U.S. Marines in July 1967 thereby following in the footsteps of his father, Al Shigo, and his brother who has just completed 9 years of service in the USMC. Before his enlistment, Ray acquired an Associate Degree, majoring in Law Enforcement. After completing his boot camp training, he was promoted to Private First Class and is now attending the Communications and Electronics School at San Diego, Calif.

washing, nor is she off galavanting. We hear from the grapevine that she makes a wonderful babysitter. One more of her accomplishments... We missed seeing Geraldine Chaps around. And among others we hadn't seen for a while are Betty and Frank Petroski, Charlie and Estelle Goge-



Lithuanian Booth at International Festival in Northland Center, Detroit. Main feature - Christmas Tree, decorated with handmade, straw ornaments by Mrs. U. Astras of Grand Rapids. Exhibit table arranged by Stella Hotra, chairman - standing right. Sophie Zager, a worker, on left.



At the recent Supreme Council meeting held in Cleveland were: Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius, Stan Vaitkus, Gene Kunsitis, Ursula Yankauskas and Juozas Sadauskas, all of the M-C District. (Photo - A. Buknis)

lis and Pat and Andy Milius... Did we mention that our ex-president Leon Galinkas had left for a vacation in the warm climate of Florida as soon as his term was up? ... A new addition, a son, Daniel David, was born to Irene and Casey Ambrose, making seven young ones at the Ambrose House. Dust off the high chair, Mother, Dad can rock the cradle. Many happy days to all of the Ambroses!... After a brief visit with his parents, Emil and Phyllis Byville, son William returned to his Army duty and a tour of Vietnam. Our blessings to Private William.

### NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

#### PHILADELPHIA, PA., C-3

Lakštingala

C-3 is happy to announce their new officers for 1967-68: Spir. Adv., Rev. A. Neverauskas; Pres., Albert Ozalis; V-P, Irene Ozalis; Rec. Secy., Lillian Sasnauskas; Fin. Secy., Irene Svekla; Treas., Alberta Bekeris; Trustees, Julian Greymas and Agnes Mickunas. On Sun., Nov. 5th, our new officers were officially installed at a combination Quarterly Communion - Installation Brunch in the presence of C-3 members, families and friends. Preceding the brunch, everyone attended 10:30 Mass and ALL received Holy Communion. On Sat., Oct. 28th, the social for the month was a Traveling Halloween Dinner Party. We met at 6:00 p.m. on the dot at Joe Petkunas' place in Jersey where

we started off the evening with some "pre-dinner mixings". Then trekked back over to South Philly where we stuffed ourselves with delicious appetizers, soup and chicken and then went on to North Philly for some mouth-watering desserts. We finished off the evening (in the wee hours of the morning, too) at Al & Irene Ozalis' home. Needless to say - a gay time was had by all.

At our Dec. 3 meeting we were pleased to have as a special guest and speaker, Mr. Gabe Mironas, Publicity Chairman on the 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of Freedom to Lithuania Committee. Mr. Mironas brought our members up to date on the activities of this committee, of which C-3 is a part.

Immediately following the meeting, our annual Lithuanian Christmas tree decoration contest was held. It was a difficult task for our very gracious Judge, Mr. Mironas, for there was quite a creative selection - but alas a winner was chosen - Dianne Beletsky, who presented with a lovely gift.

By the way, these decorations are being given to the Lithuanian Scouts to decorate their tree for a Kūčios Supper they are hosting - which will be given TV coverage.

Our thanks to Irene Ozalis and Vic Balten for preparing the tasty barbeque and jelly roll dessert for the social after such a busy day.

Plans are now underway for our Annual St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast on March 3. We hope it will be better and bigger than ever. We intend to have an interesting program, including a Commemoration of the 50th An-

niversary of Lithuanian Independence and the Grand Drawing for C-3's raffle of a basket of cheer.

A Great Success is the "Fun to Learn Lithuanian Class" which gets together every other Wednesday at the home of our teacher, Helen Shields. The studentai will hold a demonstration of what they have learned at our Jan. 7 meeting.

It seems that neither snow, nor sleet, nor freezing rain can keep us away, for C-3 is once again Mountain Bound. Reservations have been made to spend the winter weekend of Jan. 19, 20 and 21 at Lake Harmony Lodge, Lake Harmony, Pa.

DIBS 'N DABS. Congratulations to Vic Balten who is now a landlord of a four-unit apartment building. Good Luck! ... C-3 hunters, Al Ozalis and Tom Meron spent a week in Weikert, Pa. looking for a deer and once again returned empty-handed ... Best wishes to Margie and Charlie Petronis who have recently moved into their own home... Also joining the group of proud home owners are John and Agnes Mickunas. It looks as though there'll be some house warming parties in the future... Another member to have recently moved is Leonora Kaulinis, whose parents have bought a home in Northeast Philly ... Missed at meetings lately is Julian Greymas - what or who is keeping you away? ... Belated Birthday Greetings: Alberta Bekeris and Joe Yanulaitis (Dec.)... Ilgiausią Metų! Ronnie Ozalis and Al Ozalis (Jan.).

CONVENTION NEWS: The dates are finalized - August 22, 23, 24 and 25 at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. We have many plans for the 1968 Convention. Our membership is showing a wonderful spirit of cooperation and effort directed toward a successful annual reunion of all K of L'ers. We do hope all of our friends plan to "come on down" to Philly in August. We'll show you "Hospitality Plus" and will throw in a "Golden Slipper" or two. You'll be hearing more about the '68 Convention as our plans are finalized.

#### NEW YORK, N.Y., C-12

We're happy to report that Al Monckawitch's mom is now home after being hospitalized with a

fractured cervical. We wish her a very speedy and complete recovery. Sincere condolences to Nell (Zalis) Genis on the passing of her husband John. He leaves his son Glenn, his mother and brother. May he rest in peace. We'll soon be hearing "happy news" from the household of Ed and Irene Senken who are awaiting their fifth child in January. Much happiness. Anniversary greetings to Helen and Vinnie Cuprewich who celebrated seven years of marital bliss on Nov. 19th and to Helen and Walter Yurkus who commemorated on Dec. 17th. A Happy Birthday to Emmy Yatkuskas who became a year older on Nov. 16th and to Steve Montvidas who blew out candles on Dec. 26th. C-12 had a better-than-ever Christmas Party this year, with some of our former members attending with their families. After quite a few years, Vincent Yatkuskas has now turned over the reins of the President of our Council to Joseph Sleder. V-P is John Yorkus, Secy., Betty Waskiewicz, and Treas. and Fin. Secy., Steve Montvidas. Our very best to the new Executive Board. Our congratulations, too, to Larry Janonis who was elected President of the NY-NJ District. Larry has again "taken over" after a brief respite.

#### NEWARK, N.J., C-29

The Council will be hosting the District's St. Casimir's Commemoration to be held in March - Mass, Communion Breakfast, and District Meeting. We are also planning a St. Patrick's Day affair, but complete arrangements have not as yet been finalized. Dr. Jack J. Stukas attended the University of Pittsburgh's Education and World Affairs Conference as representative for Bishop John J. Dougherty, President of Seton Hall University. He also attended the annual meeting of the National Lithuanian American Council (Taryba) which was held in Chicago, Ill. Best wishes and every happiness to our new member, Mary Melinis, on her marriage and also to Ed Schmidt who was married to Joann Stulpin on Nov. 25th. Our sympathies are extended to Mrs. Julia Verba on the passing of her husband Anthony. He leaves a son and daughter. God grant him eternal rest. We have been informed that the late Charlie Bason's mother, Mary Bason, passed away Nov. 18th at the age of 78. Funeral Mass was offered by Rev. Dominic Pocius at St. Ann's Church in Jersey City, with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington, N.J. May she rest in peace. It was a great shock to receive the news

from Chicago of the passing of Jack J. Jatis (Juozaitis) on Nov. 16th. Jack was an Honorary Member of the K of L, did much for our organization, was a familiar figure at all our National Conventions, and will be greatly missed. Say a prayer for a fine gentleman.

#### BROOKLYN, N.Y., C-41 Marytė

After a summer of beach parties, picnics, dances, Fordham Lithuanian courses, C-41, resumed enthusiastic activity. Having sent our former president, Dennis Mažeika, to medical school, the council elected a new executive board, made up of the following: Pres. Ray Fitzgerald; V.P., Robert Novak; Rec. Secy., Kazytė Visockaitė; Corres. Secy., Marytė Sandanevičiūtė; Treas., Vytas Radzivanas and Sgt-at-Arms, Louis Piro.

Besides regular council activities a K of L dance group was formed under the incessant efforts of Joan Mažeika. Instructed by Mrs. J. Matulaitienė, the new dance group meets frequently and hopes to become expert by this summer in order to participate in the Lithuanian Dance Festival in Chicago.

The Council has recruited an entire crew of new members, who are working diligently. One of the new members, Birutė Liobis, held a Halloween party, in which the K of L participated. Everyone had a great time.

The Council held a Christmas dance at the Club 880.

#### PATERSON, N.J., C-61

We were pleased to hear of the engagement of our District's V-P, Virginia Dutkus, to Joseph Drumstas, member of Worcester C-26 and past Trustee of the Supreme Council. It is certainly welcome news and we wish both of them all the luck and happiness that life can offer.

#### AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100

Smile and Sparkle

The October gathering was held at the parish meeting rooms. In the absence of our secretary, President Don Nikstenas read the minutes. A letter from our national president, Al Wesey was also read



Members of C-3 at their Travelling Halloween Party.

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and discussions followed. Every council was asked to plan large doings for the coming 50th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence.

Slides were shown by Father Baltch on the Madeira Islands.

Sandwiches and dessert were served by Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis.

In attendance: Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Polly Ziausys, Anna Yunker, Sadie Karbus, Tony and Ann Radzevich, Helen Radzevich, Virginia Miciulis, Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis, and Don Nikstenas.

The November meeting was also held at the church meeting rooms. The Christmas banquet was held at the Chelsea House, Tribes Hill, New York on Sun., Dec. 17 at 6:00 P.M. The committee was made up of the following: Don Nikstenas, Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis, Eleanor Olechowski and Aldona Abeling.

A discussion on amber followed. Father referred to the article in last month's "Vytis". This was followed with a continuation in the showing of slides by Father Baltch.

The dessert was served by Sadie Karbus.

Members attending were: Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Charles and Sadie Karbus, Michael & Louise Kerbelis, Polly Ziausys, Anna Yunker, Eleanor Olechowski, Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis, Don Nikstenas, and Bill McCune.

NEWS BITS: A clambake which was to have been sponsored by our council was no more. Instead, Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar played hosts to the members of the Knights of Lithuania at a clambake which took place for two days, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. It was one of the grandest parties that we ever attended. Matt and Nancy Kazlauskas' son, Dr. Matthew Kayson, Santa Cruz, California, attended. Badminton and volleyball were played. Of course, there were the usual "card sharks". As evening set in, voices

singing Lithuanian folk songs could be heard for miles around Dr. Kindars summer home in Galway, New York.

The Knights will never forget the wonderful hospitality that Dr. and Mrs. Kindar and son, Michael showed to all our members and friends.

"Western Round-Up Dinner-Dance" was held by the A.L.C. Ladies Auxiliary on Nov. 11. A comedy depicting the doings in a Western Saloon going back to the early forties, was written by our own Ginny Miciulis. She acted as narrator during the performance. It was a smashing success". Many K of L'ers attended. Gene Gobis had a cocktail party prior to the dinner. Attending were Matt and Isabelle Orante, Don Holleran, and Tony and Eleanor Re. Other members at the dance were Charles and Sadie (Auxiliary president) Karbus, Michael and Louise Kerbelis, Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Tony and Ann Radzevich, Helen Radzevich, Polly and Ed Ziausys, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Peter Hayes, Eleanor and Lenny Olechowski, Edna (HOT LIPS) Stokna. Edna, that was a very good performance.

Birthday greetings to Ginny Miciulis (Nov. 9). Eleanor olechowski and Gene Gobis took here out for lunch at the Sleepy Dutchman. No one felt like going back to work, but alas, one must work!

Dec. 5... Happy Birthday to our treasurer, Sophie Olbie!

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

Al Wesey has again been re-elected President of C-109. Al is never failing in his devotion to our organization and we are grateful for his leadership. Lou Ann and Phil Rutha have been doing some traveling - having attended the National Veterans Boxer's Association Convention in Atlantic City, N.J. and spending some time in Florida. While in Miami Beach, they visited with our former very active K of L members, Lillian and Joe Remenchus, who send their

very best regards to all "up North". Joe celebrated his birthday on Nov. 28th. Ann Martens is sporting a new blue Buick. Keep away from those "new drivers". What with Nancy Kober traveling to K of L dances in Worcester, a Supreme Council meeting in Cleveland, football games in New Haven, attending to her duties as Secretary of the District, etc. etc., we congratulate her on not being too busy to being named on the Dean's List at Marymount College, Tarrytown, N.Y. Keep up the good work, Nancy! Birthday greetings to Lou Ann Rutha, Nov. 16th; Beruta Gonzalez, Nov. 23rd; Stacia Wain, Nov. 27th; Bertha Saltanis, Dec. 5th; Nancy Kober, Dec. 27th; Mary Kober, Jan. 4th; Josephine Zukas, Jan. 14th; Ricky Marks, Jan. 15th; Al Wesey, Jan. 17th; and Marian Kurila, Jan. 21st. Gosh, that's a lot of Christmas and New Year babies!

LINDEN, N.J., C-113

With most of our members away on vacation during the summer, it was difficult to get too much accomplished, but we're all now back waiting to get in the "swing of things". Expo '67 in Montreal, Canada was visited by Mary and Ed Pribush, Julia and John Bartus, Mary and Andrew Yorke, Sally and John Ashmont, Adele Leraitis and Joe Sable. Mary and Ed Pribush completed the last of their vacation by touring the state of Virginia. All of our members congregated together one Sunday evening for a film shown by John Bartus on the various trips he enjoyed - Expo 67, Hawaii, California and Niagara Falls. It was thoroughly enjoyable. We are planning a Christmas Party in January for all paid-up members (so a word to the wise is sufficient)! We do hope that more of our members would attend the meetings so that we can plan some activity for the winter months - which, somehow, always seems to be s-l-o-n-g!