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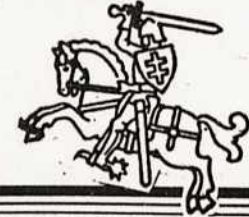
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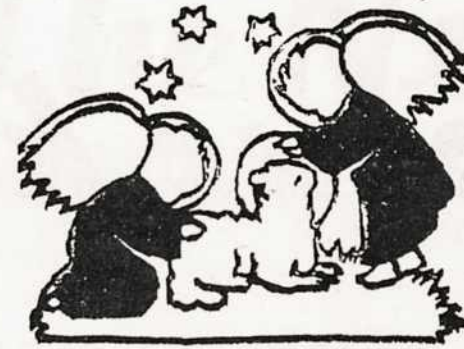
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Christ's Resurrection

DR. A. ŠEŠPLAUKIS



in Lithuanian Church Songs

Christ's Resurrection is of no less importance to the Lithuanian people than Christ's Birth. Both holydays are rare occasions of great spiritual joy. No wonder that Lithuanian Easter church songs are full of enormous joy, first of all because Christ has resurrected from the dead and thus gives hope to the nation's resurrection from the present enslavement. This motif is a result of the long subjugation of the country and is reflected even in recent Lithuanian church songs. The present Communist subjugation is even worse than the earlier ones.

However, everybody knows that a joyous Easter follows a harsh Lent as Spring follows Winter. Christ suffered and resurrected, and the Lithuanian nation, like other subjugated nations, will resurrect to a new life after many sufferings and tortures. "Life has been promised by the Cross," sang the famous Lithuanian national poet, Maironis, in his epic "Out of sufferings to the glory".

Probably there was no church in Lithuania during her independence, in which there didn't sound the most popular Lithuanian Easter church song, "The happy day shines upon us" (Linksma diena mums sušvito).

The happy day shines upon us,
Everybody desired this joy,
Christ has resurrected, death has fallen.
Alleluia!

Death is conquered, the chains of slavery are broken, and new life begins for the soul. A new hope is also born for the poor people who suffered not only from the devil's snares, but also from the hardships of subjugation and oppression. Christ is greeted as the King of Light, as a Mighty Ruler, and He will liberate the Lithuanian people from the darkness, which is not only darkness of the soul because of sin, but also a spiritual darkness because of the inhuman treatment of the Lithuanian people. During the period of forty years they have been forbidden even to print prayer books in their own alphabet!

But now Spring has come, and this motif is very often found in Lithuanian Easter church songs.

The Winter of our condemnation is gone,
The Spring time has come,
Let us sing Alleluia!
The chains of slavery are broken,
The gates of Heaven are open,
Let us sing Alleluia!

Since Easter is a holiday of great joy, the expression of this joy finds its way also into Lithuanian church song. Organs and other musical instruments, choirs and all the people are asked to

sing the solemn Alleluia. Full of spiritual greatness are the processions around the church at sunrise, at the hour of Christ's resurrection, when the church bells ring and the Easter songs are heard.

Ye organs, sing Alleluia,
Ye choirs, pronounce
The great holyday, Alleluia!

The Winter time has been harsh, the slavery and subjugation were almost unbearable, and Easter holydays are like a glimpse into the beatific vision of Heaven. This motif reminds us of the great poet Dante who, after seeing many sufferings in Hell and Purgatory, was finally allowed to see Paradise.

Thanks to you, o Good Jesus,
For the opening of Heaven.
Let us love you always,
Let us see you forever. Alleluia.

Even a short look at the Lithuanian poetry enables us to find that many Lithuanian poets sing in the same way. Many motifs of Easter church songs can be traced in the poems of individual poets as many church song melodies can be heard in Lithuanian folksongs which in fact are prayers, as one literary critic finds.

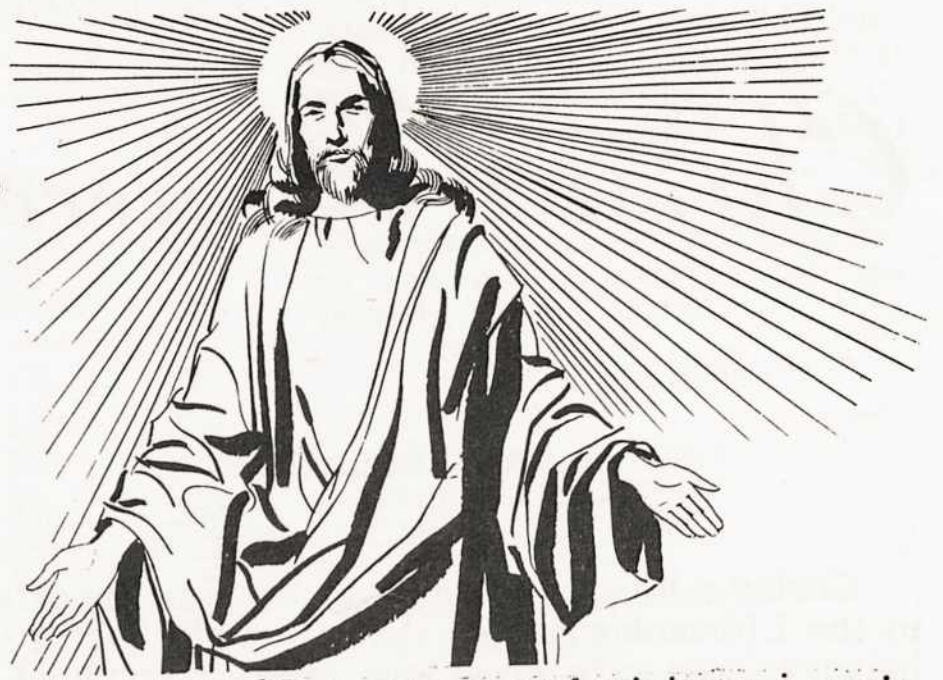
Why to lament and to weep at the sepulchre of
the Messiah?

Be consoled o world!
Who brings life, doesn't fear to die;
This spiritual silence only to His honor!
(Maironis)

("The Marian")



Kristus kėlėsi iš numirusių.



POV. DIRKIS

Ir vėl laukiamos šv. Velykos, kurios džiaugsmu pripildo kiekvieno gero kataliko širdį. Atseit, Velykos katalikams reiškia Kristaus iš numirusių prisikėlimo šventę. Tūkstančiais metų spindi Kristaus mokslo šviesa, kuri per kiekvienas Velykas mums primena meilės didybę ir kančios giliają prasmę. Beveik prieš du tūkstančius metų įvyko didžiausioji žmonijos drama, kai žmogus savo nupuolimo baisume ir pyktyje nužudė iš dangaus žmonijai gelbėt nužengusį Dievo Sūnų, lyg norėdamas perpildyt savo nedorybių saiką. Tačiau Kristus kėlėsi iš numirusių pergalėdamas mirtį ir sulaužydamas pikto galybę. Kristaus prisikėlimas, tai Tiesos ir Meilės pergalė. Velykos - tai iš nuodėmės ir pasmerkimo išvaduotos žmonijos džiaugsmo šventė. Kristus mirė ant kryžiaus, kad žmonija galėtų laimėti prarastąjį dangų ir Dievo Karalystės įpėdinystę. Jis kėlėsi iš numirusių, kad iš mirties mus išvaduotų. Todėl Kristaus mirtis ir prisikėlimas yra reikšmingesnis už visus žmonijos gyvenimo įvykius. Golgotos drama yra nepalyginama su jokiais žmonių gyvenimo dramomis, o Kristaus

prisikėlimo triumfas ir žmonijos iš pikto išsivadavimo džiaugsmas yra didesnis už kiekvieną žemės triumfą ir džiaugsmą.

Suprantama tad, kodėl visa katalikų bažnyčia tuo didžiu džiaugsmu sutinka Velykų šventes, kodėl kiekvieno gero kataliko širdį suvirpina to švento džiaugsmo aidai, kodėl su tokiu maldingu susikauptimu jų laukiama ir kiekvieno geros valios kataliko jos sutinkamos tyra širdžia ir gryna siela.

Mes visi gerai turime suprasti tą tikrąją šv. Velykų džiaugsmo esmę, jų reikšmę ir svarbą. Labai dažnai pasitaiko, kad didžiųjų švenčių šventumas ir kilni reikšmė ne vieno yra nesuprantamos, išniekinamos nešvankiu elgesiu.

Velykos yra džiaugsmo šventė ir mes su prisikėlusiu Kristumi patys pakilę iš nuodėmių, prisikėlę naujam gyvenimui, džiaukimės, linksminkimės, bet mūsų džiaugsmas tebūna tikras, šventas, kilnių Velykų džiaugsmas. Atmeskime visa, kas jį galėtų sudrumsti, kas mūsų sielos pakilimą į gerą krikščionišką gyvenimą nuslopintų. Kristaus prisikėlimo šventė te-

būna mums paskatinimas į naują kilnų gyvenimą. Jo didžioji pikto ir mirties pergalė tebūna mums laidas, kad mūsų tiesos meilė, mūsų pastangos, pasišventimas nebus veltui.

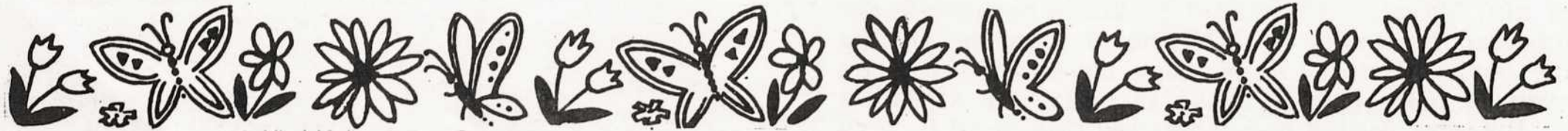
Mes kovojančios katalikų bažnyčios nariai, iš Velykų švenčių savo dieviškojo Vado triumfo turime pasisemti naujų jėgų nugalėti pasaulį.

O tų jėgų mums daug reikia turėti. Tamsybių jėgos telkiasi kovai prieš katalikų bažnyčią ir Kristaus Tiesą. Pasaulis, nusigręžęs nuo Kristaus mokslo didžiųjų tiesų, žengia į pražūtį. Žmonės, kaip kitą kartą prie Babelio bokšto neįstengia vienas kito suprasti, o daugelis savo pyktyje ieško Kristaus, kad dar kartą jį nukryžiuoti.

Pasaulis pats sau rengia pražūtį ir tik Kristaus mokslas jį išgelbėti gali.

Krikščionija žengia gelbėti pasaulį ir mes visi turime pareigą tam žygyje dalyvauti. Tat Velykos tebūna proga apsišarvuoti Kristaus meile, širdies ir sąžinės grynumu, pasišventimu, kad savo didžiąją pareigą ištesėt galėtume.

Sulaukę šv. Velykų giedokime linksmą Aleliuja!



EASTER Greetings

SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICERS - "VYTIS" STAFF

Lithuanians in The News



On Feb. 9th, Eugene P. Ruehlmann, the mayor of Cincinnati, Ohio (center) proclaimed February 16, 1968 as Lithuanian Day in Cincinnati. The proclamation was received by a Lithuanian delegation consisting of (l to r) Rev. S. Sabataitis, S.J., chaplain of Council 134, Mrs. Maezer, Sec'y., the Mayor; Joseph Maezer, Pres., and Dr. V. J. Bieliauskas, Chairman of the Dept. of Psychology, Xavier University. This newly reorganized and enterprising council also received a proclamation from the Governor of Ohio.



CHICAGO KNIGHTS introduce K of L Commemorative Stamp at the Lithuanian philatelic Exhibit. Pictured are: John Evans, I-I District President, Eleanore Laurin, Honorary Member, Stanley Balzekas, C-36 member, and Albert Raubiskis, C-112 member. This Exhibit was held at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago. (Photo J. Kasakaitis)



LITHUANIANS IN BOSTON commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence. The ceremonies were held on Feb. 18th at the John Hancock Hall, Boston, with over 1,000 present and consisted of the St. Peter's Lith. Church Choir and Melrose Symphony under the direction of composer Jeronimas Kacinskas, the Lith. Folk Dance Group (Mrs. Ona Ivaska, director) and the Stephen Darius A.L. Post No. 317. House Speaker John W. McCormack was honored for his contribution to Lithuania's struggle for independence. The Hon. Edward J. McCormack, whose wife Emily, is Lithuanian, accepted the award for his uncle who was unable to attend due to pressing matters in Washington. The Honorary Committee of which Richard Cardinal Cushing was the Honorary Chairman consisted of Hon. John W. McCormack, Sen. Edward W. Brooks, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Gov. John A. Volpe, Mayor Kevin H. White, Lith. Consul Anthony O. Shallna, Rev. A. Baltrushunas, Francis W. Sidlauskas and Alfred W. Archibald. (Left photo) Pictured with Massachusetts Governor Volpe are: Gintaras P. Cepas, Sea Scout; Alexander J. Chaplik, Chr., Amer-Lith Council of Boston; Lith. Consul Anthony O. Shallna; Rita Kapocius, Lith. Ency.; Jackus Sonda, Lith. Press; John J. Grigalus, S.B. Lith. Citizens Assn.; Zigmas Gavelis, American Lith. Eng. & Arch. Assn. of Boston; Juozas Kapocius, General chr.; Algis Martisauskas, Lith-Amer Comm, Youth Section, Boston; Lorraine Harris, K of LC-17; Rita Babravicius, Lith. Folk Dance Group; Anthony J. Young, Amer-Lith Council, Boston; Gerimantas Griauzdė, Korp! Neo-Lithuania and Phyllis Grendal, K of L Honorary Member, C-17 Srs and former "Vytis" Editor.

AUGUST 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1968 - - - -
The Bellevue Stratford Hotel has been selected as the site for the 55th National Convention. This hotel has the distinction of hosting the president when he comes to Philly!

COUNCIL 3 A GALAXY



THURS.
For the real early birds, the Philly Good Knights wish to show off their home town by offering a very interesting and enjoyable tour, of some of the more historic spots of Philadelphia.

THURS.
AFTERNOON
Get your bowling arm warmed up. Here is your chance to fill up those empty spaces in your trophy case. The tournament will take place in alleys only minutes away from the hotel.

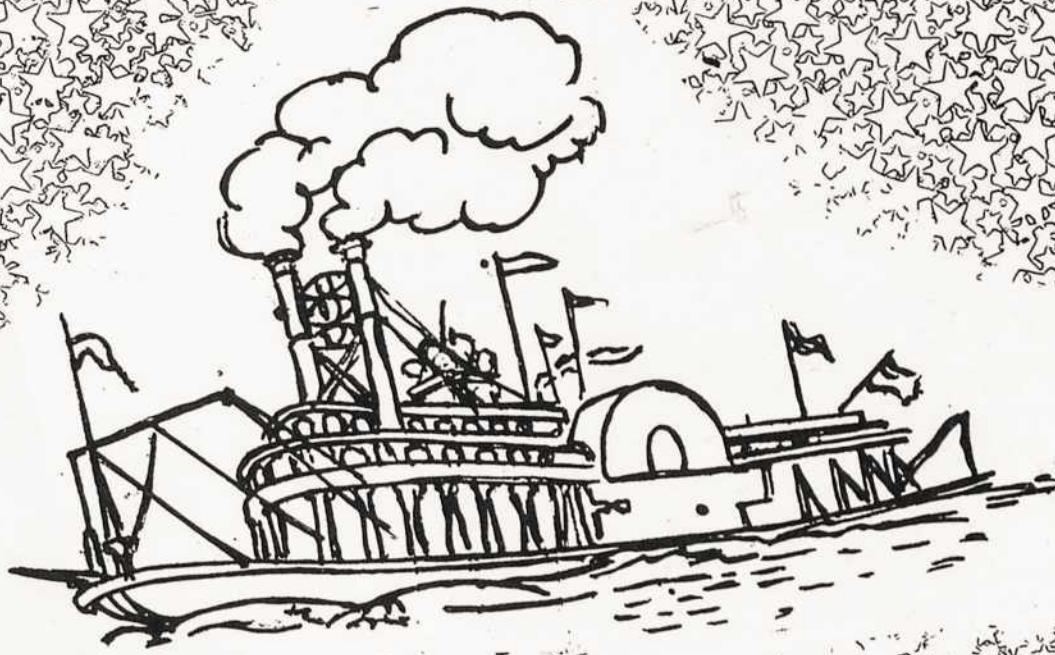
THURS.
EVENING
at 8 P.M. the holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at St. Casimir's church. This is an appropriate opening for our 55th National Convention

THURS.
LATE
EVENING
COME to our old fashioned VAKARUSKAS. The center of all the fun will be at St. Casimir's Hall, which directly adjoins the church. This will take place after the Mass. Here is your chance to make new friends and meet old ones.

Presents OF STARS

AUGUST
22 - 23

Appetizing and interesting luncheons. New
and convenient times for daily Mass,
which will be held at the hotel.
Our committee is planning a
Convention with YOU in
mind.



SATURDAY
INAUGURAL BALL
Dance to the music of Ozzie Walters and his
orchestra at our semi-formal - dedicated
to and honoring our Supreme Council
officers and the coming
K of L Year

FRI.
come and
enjoy
Council 3's
formula for a moonlight cruise. Just add 1
showboat, 1 polka band, entertainment
and refreshments and mix that all
up with lots of K of Lers =
lots of fun!

SUNDAY
Dine at our festive banquet - a meal and
program prepared as a fitting closing
to our convention and to bid our
delegates and friends a fond
farewell!

Honorary

Membership

Mary Jankowski, Anne Bender, Anne Klem, Mary Lucas and Joseph Sakaitis will be introduced in subsequent issues. All seven will be elevated to Honorary Membership during the 55th National Convention.



MARCELLA ANDRIKIS - Waterbury, Conn.

Sponsored for Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania by Council 7, Waterbury and the New England District.

1. Joined the Knights of Lithuania in 1926. To date has served the organization in the performing arts, public liaison, as an officer, committee member and representative.

2. Initial activity was participation in the 14th National K of L Convention (1926) as a delegate and as a soloist in the operetta "Į TĖVYNĖ" presented during the convention. (Waterbury, Conn.)

3. 1926-1941 soloist, leading player, folk dancer and officer of K of L Choir which subsequently became the parish choir and of which she presently is president. (A sum total of 40 years of cultural activity.)

4. Council recording secretary for many years prior to 1941. (All minutes were recorded in Lithuanian.)

5. Lithuanian radio program announcer, singer, speaker and continuity writer for 5 consecutive years (1934-1939) and since then, periodically over radio stations WATR, WIXBS, WBRV and WWCO.

6. Executive secretary of Petras Rimša Sculpture

Exhibit March, 1937 at the Mattatuck Historical Society Museum, Waterbury, Conn.

7. Received the Fourth Degree Oct. 19, 1940.

8. Executive Committee Member of Genocide in Lithuania Exhibit February, 1951 at Silas Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn.

9. Delegate to National Conventions in 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966.

10. National Convention secretary 1957, 1959, 1964.

11. "VYTIS" correspondent and feature writer. Article "JUNE FOURTEENTH" (June "VYTIS" 1958) was reprinted with commendation in the Congressional Record Aug. 21, 1958, at the request of U.S. Representative James T. Patterson (Conn. - Fifth District). "THE GREAT JUNE TRAGEDY" (June "VYTIS" 1965) and other writings have appeared on the front pages, editorial and feature sections of Lithuanian and American publications.

12. Delegate to New England District Conventions.

13. Council, district and national Public Relations Committee member.

14. Contributed and collected sums of money for the "VYTIS" FUND, LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL, SCHOLARSHIP FUND and other projects to enhance K of L prestige.

15. Soloist at K of L religious and social functions. (St. Casimir's, Mother's Day celebrations, etc.)

16. Council, district Lithuanian cultural and

political affairs committee member.

17. Prepared resolutions, sent letters and telegrams to the Pope, U.S. Government officials in behalf of Lithuania. Received acknowledgements, secured statements from the White House, State Department, Senators and Congressmen.

18. Chairman, master of ceremonies, historian, arrangements committee member of concerts, plays, testimonials, joint civic events and patriotic observances involving K of L affairs and personalities.

19. Council financial secretary 1961-1964 when membership hit a record high.

20. K of L representative in the Waterbury chapters of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation (parent organization of the K of L) and the Lithuanian American Council. (Charter member of the latter and its present vice-president - corresponding secretary.)

21. National Board Member of the Lithuanian American Council, Inc. since 1964, representing the K of L organization.

22. Secretary of Lithuanian American Congress June, 1964 - Washington, D.C.

23. Waterbury editor for the Lithuanian World Directory, authored and edited by Anicetas Simutis, Lithuanian Consul General of New York. Published in 1958.

24. Coordinating committee secretary for:

a) Connecticut Baltic Nations Freedom Rally June 20, 1965, Bushnell Memorial, Hartford, Conn.

b) Baltic Freedom Rally November 13, 1965, Madison Square Garden, N.Y.

25. Received Certificate of Merit at the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation's Golden Jubilee Congress in Boston, Mass. in October of 1956 for years of services rendered as officer of Chapter 22.

26. Received Certificate of Merit at the II U.S. and Canada Lithuanian Song Festival in Chicago, Ill., July 2, 1961 for more than 25 years of uninterrupted membership in a Lithuanian choral group.

27. Always mindful, proud and grateful for identification with the Knights of Lithuania organization. Deeply thankful, too, for a long, pleasant and rewarding association with Waterbury Council 7.

STANLEY J. VAITKUS - Dayton, Ohio

Sponsored for Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania by the Mid-Central District. Resolution passed at the Mid-Central District Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, October 29, 1966.

1. Joined the Knights of Lithuania Dec. 6, 1932.
2. Received the Third Degree October 14, 1939.
3. Received the Fourth Degree February 24, 1957.
4. Supreme Council Activities:
 - a) First Vice president 1967-68 term.
 - b) Trustee, 1961-1962.
 - c) Committeeman History Fund, 1959-60-61-62-63.
5. Mid-Central District Activities:
 - a) District President, 1954-55, 1959-60, 1960-61 terms.
 - b) District vice president 1966-67.

- c) Ritual Chairman, 1961-62.
- d) Catholic Action Chairman, 1964-65, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68.
- e) National Convention Delegate, 1960.
- f) Organized Pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio, 1961-62-63-64-65-66-67-68.
- g) Helped organized Junior Rally held in Carey, Ohio, 1961-1968.
- h) Helped to reactivate Cincinnati C-134 1967.

6. Council 96 Activities:

- a) President, 1958-1967.
- b) Vice President, 1952.
- c) Ritual Chairman, 1965-1966-1968.
- d) Trustee, 1956-1960-1962-1963.
- e) "Vytyis" Correspondent, 1937, 1938, 1939.
- f) National Convention Co-Chairman, 1967.
- g) National Convention Delegate, 1937-1938-1946-1948-1952-1954-1961.
- h) District Convention Delegate, 1954, 1955, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1966, 1967.
- i) Cultural Committee, 1962.
- j) Delegate to Sarišys, 1936-1937-1952-1955.
- k) Real Estate Committee, 1958-59-60-61-62.
- l) Helped organize Junior 1952.
- m) Chairman, Pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio, 1961-62-63-64-65-66.
- n) Chairman, St. Casimir's Day, 1941-1958-1964-1967.
- o) Submitted several articles to "Vytyis".
- p) Master of Ceremonies, Mid-Central District Convention Banquet, 1959.
- q) Master of Ceremonies, Mid-Western Bowling Tournament Banquet, 1960.
- r) Wrote letters and assisted Lithuanian Affairs Committee.
- s) Committeeman and Dance Chairman - 50th Jubilee Year Celebration.
- t) Chairman, History Fund
- u) Aided in Membership & Reorganization Work
- v) Assisted Juniors during Week, Camp Dainava, 1966-1967.
- w) Chairman, 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence Program, 1968.
- x) Actively participated in Sports:
 - 1 - Basketball, 1935-36-37-38-39-40
Dayton City Champions 1937-38
 - a) Exhibition games held in various Lithuanian Colonies - Chicago, Cleveland, Gary, Akron & Youngstown, Ohio.
 - b) Organized "Old Timers" Game, 1950
 - 2 - Baseball, 1935-36-37-38-39- Manager, 1938
 - 3 - Bowling, 1958-59-60-61 - Participated in 4 Mid-Western Tournaments
 - 4 - Football, Chairman, Excursions to Ohio State Football games
 - 5 - Golf, 1961 - Mid-Western Golf Tournament, Dayton, Ohio
- y) Served on numerous Council activities committees: annual picnics, dances, plays, sports, reunions, raffles, Bingos and card parties.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

Have you contributed to the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund? Your donation will make it possible to award a \$1000 scholarship at the 55th National Convention to some deserving Knight or Knights. Send your contribution to the Scholarship Treasurer, Joseph Paulukonis, address shown on page 2.

FOUNDERS DAY

55 years ago our organization formally came into being. All Knights should officially commemorate K of L Founders Day on April 27th.

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETINGS

Excerpts from the meeting of the meeting held on Jan. 13, 1968 in Chicago: Juniors V-P reported that only four councils responding to his request for information, a Junior Council was reorganized in Lawrence, Mass., and a Detroit Junior Council will be formed from the three parent councils; the Recording Secretary reported that the Hartford Council 6 has been dissolved; Leonard Simutis, Honorary Membership chairman, announced the appointment of Eleanore Laurin to succeed the late Jack Jatis as secretary of the committee; and suggested that no more than two members be elevated to Honorary Membership each year; and announced that seven persons will receive this honor at the August Convention; in order to further support the youth a motion was accepted that the Supreme Council make an annual donation of \$100.00 to Camp Dainava; the definition of a Council will be submitted to the convention and will read as follows: "An active Council should consist of at least five members, including an elected President and Secretary, holding at least one meeting a year; thereby have one vote at the annual conventions".

Further information will appear in the next S.C. meeting report.

In order to fully discuss and prepare for the 55th National Convention, the Supreme Council held a meeting on March 23, 1968 at the clubrooms of C-3, Philadelphia. A report will follow in a subsequent issue.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our National Financial Secretary Helen Zimmer reminds us that membership dues were 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.

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.

K of L Calendar

APRIL

- 7 - 5th NED BOWLING ROLL-OFF, Maple Alleys, C-1 host, Brockton, Mass.
- 20 - I-I CHOIR DANCE, Pakštas Hall, Chicago, Illinois.
- 21 - NED JUNIOR RALLY, St. Peter's Church, So. Boston, Mass.
- 27 - C-96 Dayton, SPRING FROLIC DANCE, Lithuanian Club Hall, Dayton, Ohio.
- 28 - NED CONVENTION, C-103 host, Providence, R.I.

MAY

- 5 - M-C District JUNIOR RALLY, Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio.
- 14 - C-116 So. Worcester MILITARY WHIST, Our Lady of Vilna church Hall, Worcester, Mass.
- 17 - C-26 Worcester, ANNUAL SPRING DANCE, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.
- 24-26 - MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, C-79 Satellite Bowl, Holiday Inn Motel, Dearborn, Mich.

JUNE

- 15 - C-112 Chicago, GERMAN BEER GARDEN PARTY, K of L Gardens, Chicago, Ill.

JULY

- 3-4 - I-I District Annual JULY 4th PICNIC, K of L Bldg. and Gardens, Chicago, Ill.

AUGUST

- 22-25 - 55th NATIONAL CONVENTION, C-3 host, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.



DUES ROLLING IN BUT SOME COUNCILS STILL DELAY!

Rewards and congratulations are in order at the forthcoming convention to the following councils for being first to achieve 100% dues payments in their respective categories:

- C-41 Brooklyn - 11-29 members
- C-100 Amsterdam - 30-59 members
- C-112 Chicago - 100 and more

Councils 7, Waterbury, 36 Chicago, and 96 Dayton, are making an interesting race of it in the 60-99 member category.

Distinct congratulations to C-134, Cincinnati. Re-organized just last year, they attained 100% paid up members shortly after this year began and are now gaining new members. Their efforts and achievements are exemplary, gratifying, and deserve recognition throughout the K of L.

Have you paid your dues yet? If not, why not? Do you realize how fast time is running out on you? If you have not paid yet you are eligible for suspension from the organization. According to Article VI, Paragraph 10, of the Knights of Lithuania By-Laws: "A member whose dues are unpaid for three months is suspended." As this is the April issue of "Vytis" we are already well into the fourth month of the year, and non-payers may be subject to suspension.

More than that, Paragraph 10 declares: "After six months he is discharged from the organization". If you have not paid this year's dues yet, do you know you are more than half of the way toward being a K of L dropout? Furthermore, this may be one of the last issues of "Vytis" you will receive. Paragraph 10 asserts that, " 'Vytis' is sent only to

fully-paid members". Just get those dues paid - you will no longer have to worry about suspensions, dismissals, or losing your "Vytis" subscription.

Most important perhaps is the fact that if you have not paid your dues yet you have not helped the Knights of Lithuania grow. You have made it that much more difficult for membership to increase. For every delinquent member, your council must enroll a new one just to stay even with last year's membership. Rather than expanding with those new members, your council has barely kept up its old pace because you have not paid your dues.

Another part about dues payments you may not have thought about before is the expense in suspending "Vytis" subscriptions of unpaid members. In a recent communication to all councils, National President Alexander Wesey considered "the immediate payment and collection of dues" an "item of grave importance." When dues are unpaid, your name plate is removed from the "Vytis" mailing list and charges are billed for that extra service. Charges are again added to return the name plates when late dues are received. Correction of name plates thus becomes expensive when a number of members fail to pay dues on time. Emphasizing that "the K of L organization should be operated as a professional organization" President Wesey commented, "Our bookkeeping and record-keeping should be done on a scheduled basis or, at least, payment made within the first month or two of the New Year."

That point in time - a month or two after New Year - was passed more than a couple of months ago. Too many members have failed to pay dues within that reasonable period.

Because the drive for new members is based on net membership gains, Councils that have reached 100% paid up are now striving for the membership awards to be given at the next convention. Present standings in dues payments and new enrollments are shown in the membership chart. You can tell how your own council is doing compared with other councils of its size.

LIETUVIŲ TAUTINIS MENAS

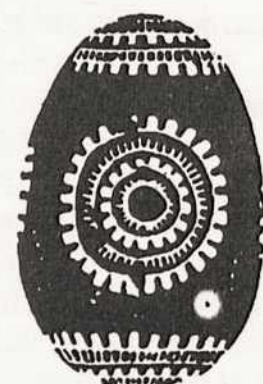
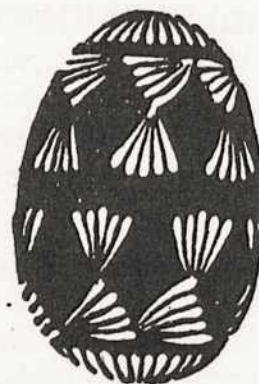
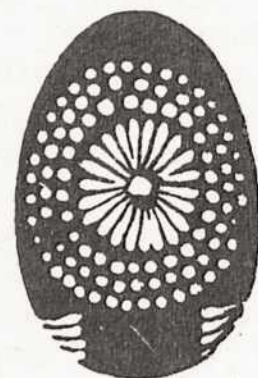
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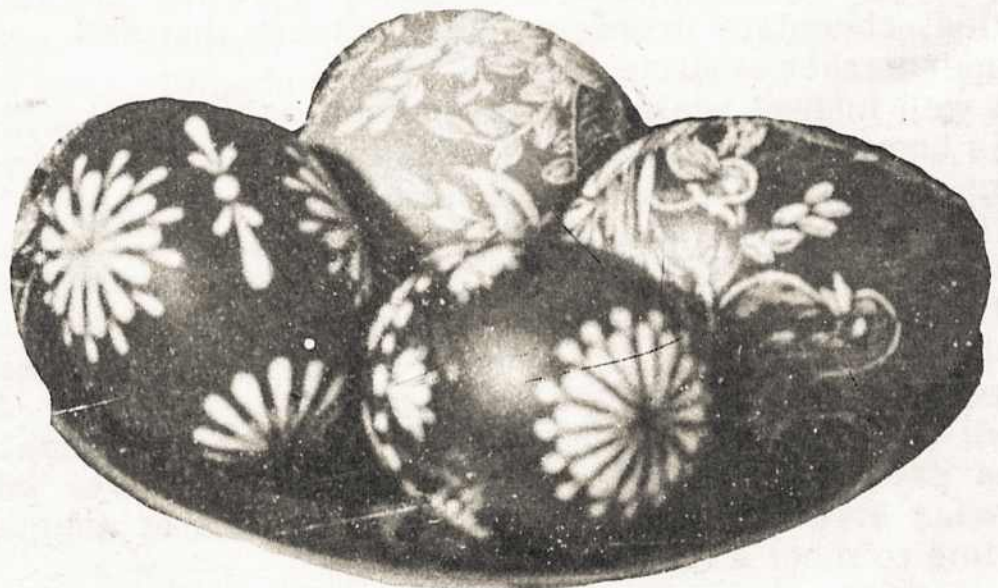
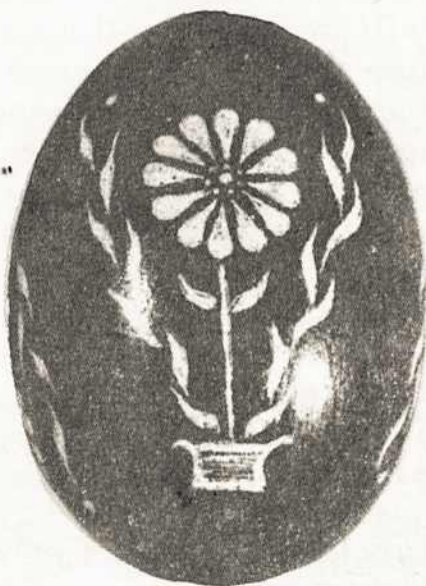
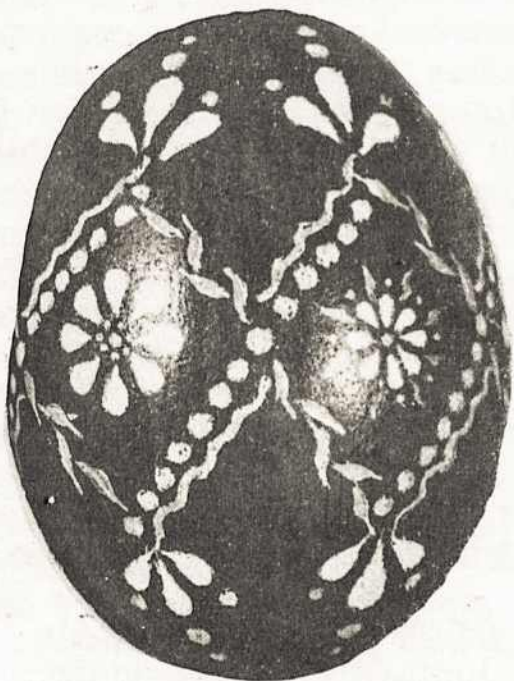
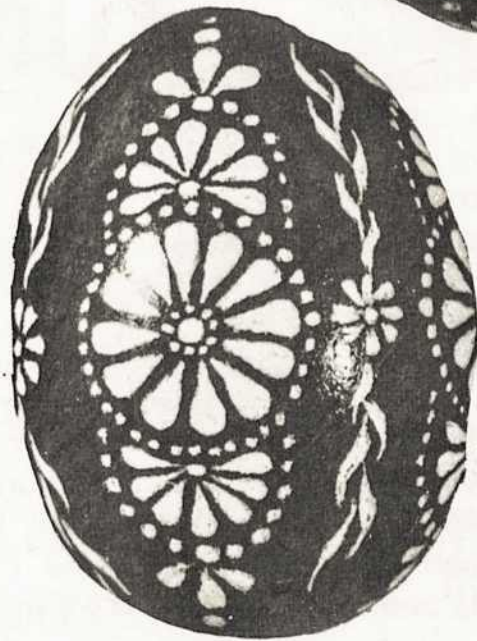
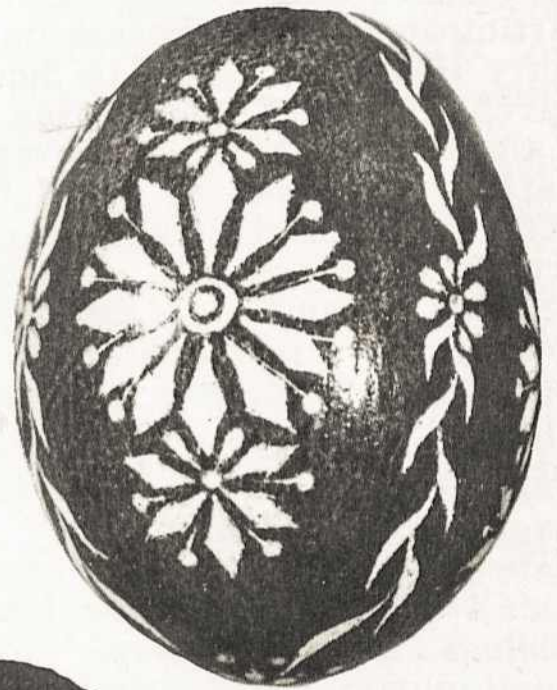
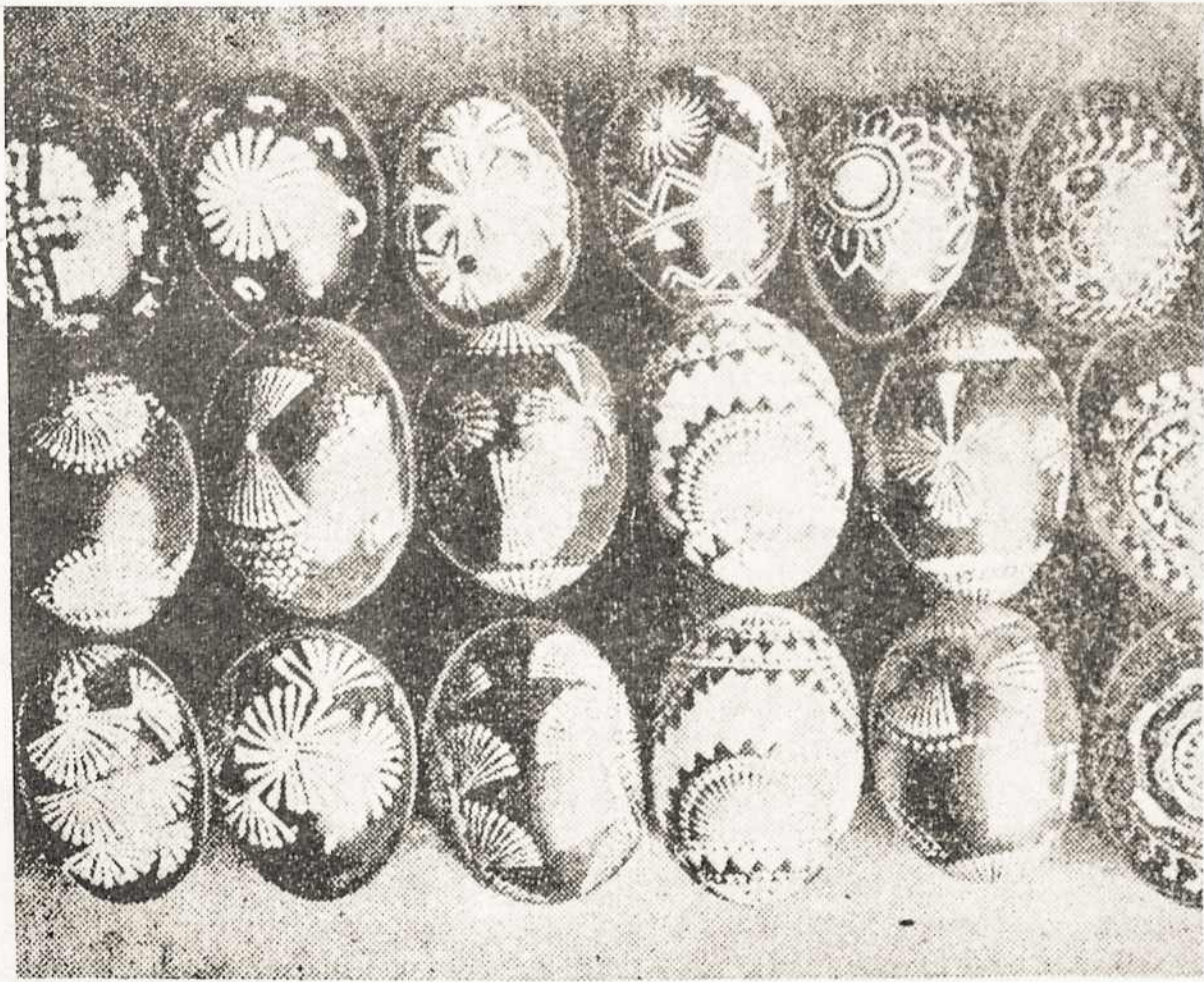
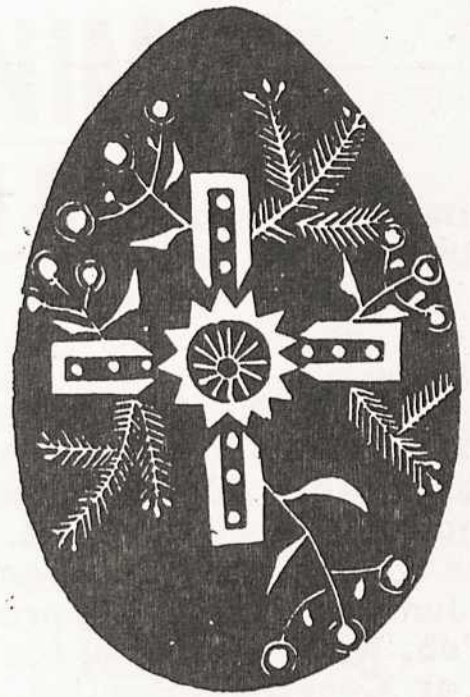
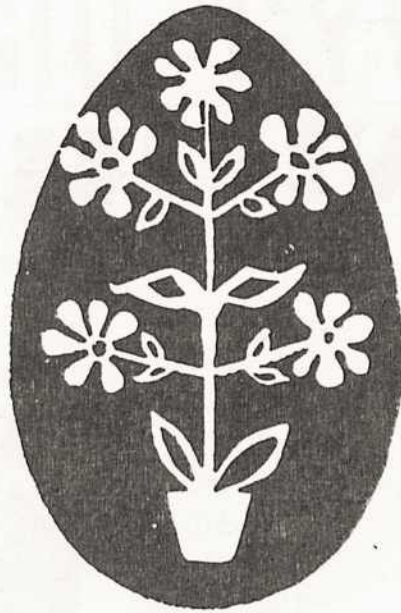
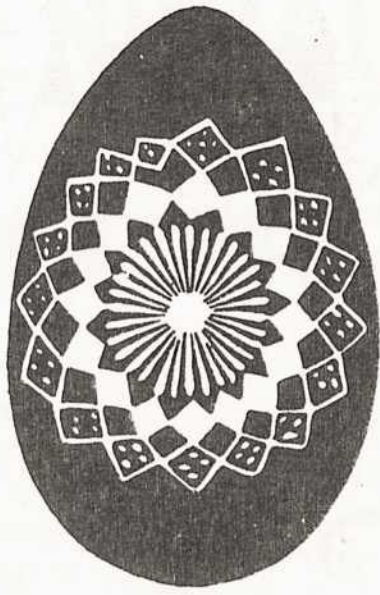
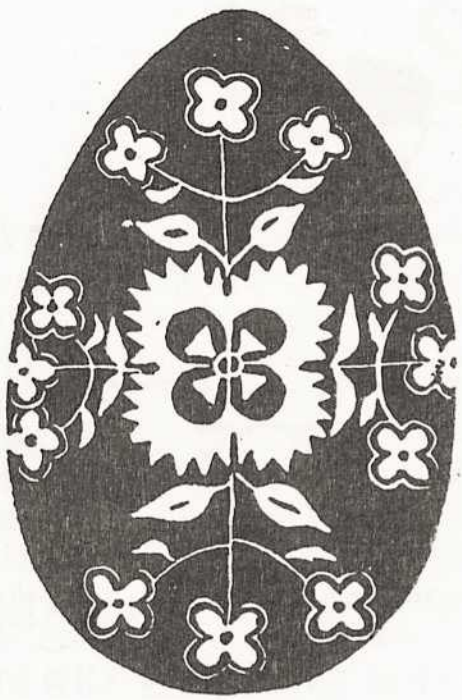
Senovės Lietuvoje Velykos švenčiamos linksmai. Pasibaigia kieta gavėnia, atgimsta gamta, ir visoje aplinkoje jaučiamas prisikėlimo džiaugsmas. Tad visi nori, kad Velykos būtų jaukios ir gražios. Ir niekas net neįsivaizduoja Velykų be margučių. Jau iš ankčiau šeiminkė parenka gražesnius kiaušinius, apžiūri ar jie bus tinkami dažymui. Kiaušinius nudažyti gali kiekvienas, bet juos numarginti, kad jie būtų verti margučių vardo, jau reikia gabumo. Tad ne kiekvienas drįsta imtis šio meno. Gaspadorius retai ima į rankas trapų kiaušinių. Kur jam savo stipriomis nuo plugo sukietėjusiomis rankomis vartyti taip nestiprų daiktą. Žiūrėk taip atsargiai ėmė raižyti su peiliuku gėles, o kiaušinis triaukšt... ir sutrupėjo. Tiek laiko nuėjo niekais. Taigi, tam darbui reikia švelnių rankų ir geros akies.

Margučius dažė ir margino dvejopai: dažė ir skutinėjo, arba piešė su vašku, o paskui dažė. Ir vienas ir kitas būdas įgudusio margintojo rankose stebūklus darė.

Velykų dieną margučius ritinėjo, stengėsi išlošti vienas iš kito. Arba bandė tvirtumą dauždami. Kas turėjo gražesnius margučius, tas buvo pageidaujamas tokių rungtynių dalyvis.

Ir svečiose šalyse begyvendami lietuviai neužmiršta margučių meno. Stai Balzeko muziejuje Chicagoje Velykų proga netik margučių paroda rengiama, bet taip pat šio meno žinovai pamoko kaip reikia margučius marginti.



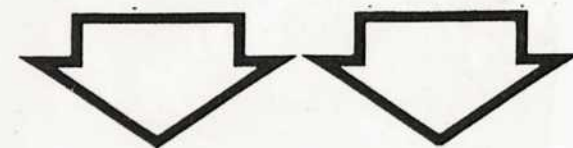


JUNIOR NEWS

DAYTON JUNIORS

Saint Casimer's Day was celebrated with 8:00 Mass and Holy Communion on March 3rd. After Mass we had a breakfast and then the Juniors had a small program. In Feb. we had a lot of fun bowling at Congress Bowling Alley. March 17th, Saint Patrick's Day, the Juniors held a bake sale. We participated in the procession for Forty Hours Adoration on Sunday March 17th after 10:00 Mass and at the closing on Tuesday evening March 19th. One of our Junior members Michael Petkus was confirmed on March 28th by Bishop McCarty, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. May the Holy Spirit bless your heart with perfect happiness, Mikel Meet you all at the Rally in Carey.

Mary



JUNIOR ANNOUNCEMENT

ALL JUNIOR COUNCILS ARE REQUESTED TO SEND NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OFFICERS RECENTLY ELECTED TO:

STANLEY J. VAITKUS,
(Address Inside Cover)

JUNIOR COUNCIL DUES

\$5.00

Send to Nat'l Fin. Secy.
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FUND RAISING

AMERICA'S MOST POPULAR FUND RAISING PLAN

Last month I promised you another plan other than selling Light Bulbs to help build up your council treasury. Here it is, KATHRYN BEICH CANDIES.

First of all, Kathryn Beich confections are created especially for the fund-raising needs of groups like yours. Kathryn Beich has never cut corners by using other than the finest ingredients. When any of the hermetically sealed tins are opened the taste and aroma reflect fresh-roasted nuts, fine chocolate, and "old-fashioned" country butter freshness that is wonderful.

No one will compare this candy with the nut brittles, chocolate drops, or hard candies that sell in supermarket or dime stores.

A well known, really good product is easy to sell, and is one workers can proudly and honestly recommend.

This plan is simple: Without any investment on your part, you will receive enough Kathryn Beich Candies to raise the money you need. Send no money until candy is sold. Take as long as two months if needed. Kathryn Beich will even pay the shipping costs. You may order any mixed case combination of the products as long as the order is for twelve cases or more. Shipment can be made now or at any time to meet a future starting date.

And very profitable ... You can raise \$50 to \$100 even \$500 this simple easy way. For example, if only 24 members of your group sell 12 tins of Katydid's (one of the most popular Kathryn Beich chocolate candies) your profit would be \$144.

Remember, everyone is a prospect ... You alone will probably sell a case in your own block - everyone likes really good candy. In addition, there are bazaars, fairs, banquets and group meetings. Also, many industrial plants, stores and banks allow you to set up a display and selling stand in their lobby - even buy several items for you to use as samples if you offer to pass them out with the explanation "this is a treat from the City Bank" or whoever the donor.

Nine Old-fashioned Kathryn Beich Candies - Mint Wafers, Milk Chocolate, Golden Crumbles, Butter Toffee, Butter Mints, Katydid's, Krumble Krunch, Almonds 'N' Chocolate and Heirloom Squares.

You will never have to apologize for any Kathryn Beich product. Over 110 Years of Fine Candy Making.

Write for your Kathryn Beich Candies Fund - Raising booklet NOW. Address inside cover page.

STANLEY J. VAITKUS
Juniors Vice President

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

CHICAGOS SENRAUGIAI

Vasario mėn 21 d. Vyčių namuose Chicagoje įvyko mėnesinis Chicagos sendraugių vyčių kuopos narių susirinkimas, kuriame buvo perrinkta 1968 metams kuopos valdyba ir kiti pareigūnai. Kuopos valdybą sudaro: Ignas Sakalas - pirm., Antanas Budrys - vicepirm., Ona Aleliūnienė - sekr., Stefanija Jonutienė - fin. sekr., Antanas Jonutis ir Nikodemus Karlevičius - kasos globėjai.

Be to, buvo išrinti atstovai į apskrities valdybą ir į Vyčių namo tarybą: Kaz. Petrulienė, Ant. Budrys, Teklė Norbutienė ir Ant. Jonutis.

Po rinkimų buvo aptarti kuopos bėgamieji reikalai ir paminėta Vasario 16, kurios proga buvo išklausyta Povilo Dirčio paskaita apie tos šventės reikšmę.

P.E.D.

NEW YORK SENIOR COUNCIL

Anthony Mazeika, Sr., President, was in the fabulous city of Atlanta in conjunction with his work. His visit included a tour of Georgia Tech.

Joseph Boley, Secretary and Treasurer, is still at Purdue University in conjunction with theatrical commitments.

Our Council joined the Pacem in Terris Library of the Holy Family Church, near the United Nations. Several books, including "Photographs" by Algimantas Kezys, S.J. which he donated, will be presented to the library. An appropriate bookplate is ready for printing.

Helen Kulber brought souvenirs and many booklets from the Russian Pavilion at Expo 67 to a meeting to show how thoroughly the Communists presented their propaganda in French, English and Russian. Again, she stressed our failure to take full advantage of publicity and public relation opportunities by having posters and programs for more important events printed exclusively in Lithuanian. She also told of the interesting discussions with several persons from occupied Lithuania who worked at the Pavilion.

We are very happy that Ed Ge-

nevich has successfully overcome a severe heart attack although he still has to go easy.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., C-103 Seniors Jonas

The NED will hold it's annual spring convention in Providence on Sun. Apr. 28. Mass will be said for the delegates at St. Casimir's church at 5:00 p.m. A buffet supper will be served the delegates and guests after the church services.

In lieu of a regular council meeting in February the members were encouraged to attend the local communities' observance of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence. Our council was represented on the committee by Father Martinkus, Father Jurgelaitis, O. P., Aldona Kairys and Beatrice Mathieu. The resolution submitted to the forum was prepared by our council president.

St. Casimir's day, was observed on Mar. 3 with the members attending Mass at St. Casimir's church, and a Communion Breakfast at the home of John and Bertha Stoskus. The regular March meeting took place after the breakfast.

The council members expressed their appreciation to Matthew and Aldona Kairys for hosting the January meeting at their home in North Providence.

Ruta Krecioch, Aldona Kairys and Mildred Seraichekas were empowered to reorganize the K of L juniors in Providence. The council members also voted to pay the required dues for the juniors to the Supreme Council.

A letter from Father S. Raila of the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc., was read to the membership, and the members responded warmly by subscribing for the book "War Against God".

The Lithuanian Cultural Chairman's outline of activity for the councils was read, and noted that C-103 has followed it's guidelines for the months of February and March of 1968.

John Walaska is a regular member of St. Casimir's parish choir, although he and his wife Irene live a distance from the

parish. We hope their new station wagon will enable them to attend more K of L functions.

J.J. the son of Vyto and Sheila Savickis' will have a new playmate comes August.

The mother of Helen and Mildred Seraichekas was hospitalized on two separate occasions, and is now recuperating at home.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO IŠKILMINGAS DVIEJŲ ŠVENČIŲ MINĖJIMAS

Mūsų tautai šie du mėnesiai yra svarbiausieji - vasaris ir kovas, nes vieno viduryje yra Lietuvos nepriklausomybės šventė, o antro - pradžioje yra šv. Kazimiero šventė, kurią iškilmingai kas metai prisimena L. vyčių organizacija, nežiūrint oro sąlygų, atstumų ir kitų aplinkybių. Vyčiai viską stengiasi nugalėti. Čia dėl to prisimenu aplinkybių nugalėjimą, kad clevelandiečiams vyčiams jau trečią kartą teko keliauti į Youngstowną šv. Kazimiero šventės minėjimui. Kartais visą savaitę snigdavo, bet šv. Kazimiero šventei visada saulutė skaisčiai užtekėdavo, tartum liepte liepė vyčiams minėti savo organizacijos globėjo šventę ir jo garbei priimti šv. Komuniją. Tik šiais metais buvo kiek skirtingesnis minėjimas, nes joje dalyvavo ir Pittsburgh, Pa. 19-ta kp., bei jų dvasios vadas kun. Vladas Karaveckas.

Tiesa, kad Youngstowno vyčių senjorų skyrius, nei neklysiu sakdamas, yra mažiausias visoje vidurinių valstijų vyčių apygardoje, bet savo darbuose gal nėra mažesnis, nes tą visi svečiai patyrė kovo 3 d. 11 val. ryto pripildę šv. Pranciškaus parap. salę, kurioje visi gražiai susitvarkę, o paaukštintieji nariai pasipuošę garbingais ženklais, sustojo į eilę. Vėliavas nešė J. Sadauskas (Lietuvos), Ant. Radžius (Amerikos) ir Mart. Sabonis (L. vyčių apskrities). Jiems vedant visi išgyiavo į bažnyčią, kuri bematant buvo pilnai pripildyta, daugiausiai vyčių nariais. Visiems susėdus org. garbės narys Vincas Pavis, perskaitė lietuvių kalba šv. evangeliją ir vargonams palydint



YOUNGSTOWN'S LITHUANIAN DAY COMMEMORATION. (Left photo) Honor table - V. Ed. Pavis, M-C District Pres., Rev. Stanley Bakos, pastor, Msgr. P. O'Connor, Bishop's rep., V. Darzniks, Latvian rep. (right photo) Ignas Visockas, 3rd Degree rec., Stella Sankal, 2nd Degree rec. and Mr. Pavis.

šių pamaldų klausytojai užtraukė "Pulkim ant kelių", kad net visa mažutė bažnyčia sudrebėjo. Nors dauguma vyčių yra čia gimę ir augę, bet vytei M. Činikienei savo gražiu balsu vadovaujant, o Ignui Visockui prie vargonų giedant, kilte kilo balsai, giedant šią gražią ir mylimą savo tautos giesmę. Šios parap. klebonas kun. St. Bakos atnašavo šv. mišias, kurių metu skambėjo giesmės. Pamaldose dalyvavo ir Youngstowno vyskupijos administratorius - prelatas Povilas O'Connor. Pats vyskupas negalėjo iškilmėse dalyvauti, nes sirgo, gulėjo ligoninėje. Pamokslą pasakė pats klebonas kun. St. Bakos. Jo pamoksle daugiausiai pynėsi Lietuvos istorija net nuo Gedimino laikų ir šv. Kazimiero padrašinimas Lietuvos mažai kariuomenei pulti rusus, kurie buvo nugalėti. Kun. St. Bakos garbingai ir patriotiškai prisiminė Lietuvą, kada ji buvo laisva ir nepriklausoma ir kokias kančias ji nūnai kenčia bolševikų pavergta, ypač lietuvių dvasiškija. Jis prisiminė ir šv. Kazimierą, kad jis esąs vyčių org. ir pačios Lietuvos globėjas ir kad šv. Kazimieras buvo lietuvis. Pamokslu visi buvo sujaudinti.

Šv. mišiom besitęsiant, Julija Alešiūnaitė ir Juozas Sadauskas, kuriems buvo suteikta garbė, nešė taurę, vyną ir vandenį aukojimui ir perdavė kun. St. Bakos. Visi vyčiai, savo organizacijos globėjo šventėje priėmė šv. Komuniją į savo širdis. Pasibaigus šv. mišioms, visi užtraukė vyčių himną "Nuženk galybę iš dangaus, sustiprink jauną vyčių dvasią".

Po bažnytinių pamaldų, visi

dalyviai skubiai vyko į Gondolier restoraną, kuriame įvyko šių iškilmių bendri pusryčiai. Juose dalyvavo net 120 svečių, kurių tarpe buvo didelis skaičius mūsų brolių latvių, Youngstowno miesto mėras Ant. B. Flasak su žmona, prelatas P. O'Connor, parap. klebonas kun. St. Bakos ir kun. Vladas Karaveckas, šv. Kazimiero liet. parap. klebonas iš Pittsburgh, Pa. Su jais prie garbės stalo dar sėdėjo latvių org. pirm. Valdas Darzniks, E. Kunsaitis, vyčių 25 kp. pirm., J. Sadauskas, C. vyčių senjorų pirm., Youngstowno senjorų vyčių pirm. V. Pavis ir jų pirmoji vice-pirm. Ona Sabaliauskienė, šių iškilmių rengimo kom. pirm. Pradedant pusryčius, vyriausias pravedėjas Vincas Pavis, org. garbės narys, visus paprašė atsistojus sugiedoti Amerikos ir Lietuvos himnus, sukalbėti priešai šios šalies vėliavai ir prelatą P. O'Connor paprašė sukalbėti maldą.

Visiems skaniai užkandus ir kiek pailsėjus, pasigirdo iškilmių pravedėjo žodžiai, kuriais jis supažindino vyčius su miesto mėru Ant. B. Flasak ir jo žmona, su prelatu P. O'Connor, vyčių org. centro valdybos išd. Stase Sankalaitė, 19-tos kp. pirm. Albina Onaičiu ir su visais kitais, įskaitant ir mūsų brolius latvius, kurių irgi buvo didelis skaičius. Mūsų Vincas Pavis ne tik mokėjo vienus su kitais supažindinti, bet ir savo įžanginėje patriotiškoje kalboje, jis sugėbėjo apibėgti laikus, kada Lietuva buvo laisva ir galinga. Užgrobus rusų carams, mūsų tėvų gimtinė turėjo ilgus metus kentėti ir

nešti vergijos jungą. Atgavus laisvę, ji augo ir klestėjo. Nūnai jos laisvė ar aršiau suvaržyta negu anksčiau, nes tie patys rusai ją užgrobė, tik dabar gal žiauresni komunistai. Už šią idealią kalbą, Vincas buvo apdovanotas gausiomis katutėmis.

Toliau sekė meninė programa, kurią pradėjo clevelandiečiai menininkai - solistas Julius Kazėnas su mokiniais - Š. Stempužiu, B. Kazėnu ir B. Strimaičiu, kurie akordeonais sugrojo šiuos kurinius - "Malūną", "Kepurinę", "Melodijas iš Lietuvos" ir "Lietuvišką polką" - solo Š. Stempužis. Pats vadovas sudainavo: "Tris dienas", "Rudenėlis", "Kam šėrei žirgelį" ir "Mūsų kuopa", kuri yra jo paties sukurta. Ši programa visus labai sužavėjo, ypatingai daina "Kam šėrei žirgelį". Publika kėlė dideles ovacijas, ir miesto mėras pareiškė arčiau sėdintiems komplimentą J. Kazėno gražiam dainavimui. Šiame tarpe programos pravedėjas garbės ženklais papuošė vyčius veikėjus - kun. Vladą Karavecką, ketvirto laipsnio ženklu, clevelandiečius - Igną Visocką ir Petrą Luizą trečio laipsnio ženklais, o Stasę Sankalaitę pakėlė į antrą laipsnį ir jai prisegė senjorų dovanėlę vyčių org. ženkleli ir Youngstowno senjorų vyčių 2 vice-pirm. Mart. Sabonį pakėlė į antrą laipsnį. Po šių ceremonijų vėl vyko programa, kurią išpildė pittsburghiečiai Vytautas Jucus su jaunutėm dukrelėm - Dalia -Maria 11 m. ir Daiva Aidria 8 metų. Tėveliui lydinti akordeonu, juodvi padainavo "Šaltyšius", "Ridikėlis", "Džium

Džium" ir "Ant kalno gluosnis". Tėvelį ir dukreles klausytojai padėjo gausiomis katutėmis. Toliau buvo pristatyti šie kalbėtojai ir sveikintojai: E. Kunsaitis, L. vyčių 25 kp. pirm., kurio žodžiai buvo trumpi, bet vytiški, Albinas Onaitis, 19-tos kp. pirm., kurio atsiliepimas į savo bendraminčius buvo trumpas, bet pilnas vytiškos dvasios, dalis buvo liet. kalboje, dalis - anglų. Dar buvo pristatytas prelatas P. O'Connor, kurio kalba irgi buvo trumpa, bet giliai užjaučianti Lietuvą ir lietuvius. Latvių org. pirm. Valdas Daržniks netik sveikino vyčius šių iškilnių proga, bet ir su savo bendraminčiais latviais padainavo dvi liaudies dainas. Kalbėjo ir nuoširdžiai visus vyčius ir svečius pasveikino vyčių org. centro valdybos išd. Stasė Sankalaitė. Ona Sabaliauskienė, youngstowniečių vyčių senjorų 1 vice-pirm. savo šiltuose žodžiuose reiškė tik džiaugsmą ir didelį pasitenkinimą, kad tiek suplaukė vyčių ir svečių pagerbti savo tautos ir org. globėją šv. Ka-

zimierą jo šventės proga ir, kad kartu galėjo paminėti Lietuvos 50 m. nepriklausomybės sukaktį. Šiame tarpe p-lė Audra Blumaitė, anglų kalba, bet lietuviškoje dvasioje pasakė eiles.

Paskutiniaisiais kalbėtojais buvo šv. Pranciškaus parap. klebonas kun. St. Bakos, miesto mēras Ant. B. Flasak, kun. Vladas Karaveckas, kurie pasakė ilgesnes kalbas, daugiau susirišusias su Lietuvos išlaisvinimu, bet ir paaukojo A. L. Tarybai po \$5.00. Kun. V. Karaveckas netik plačiau prisiminė apie savo tėvelių gimtinę kraštą Lietuvą, bet padėkojo vyčių org. ir vidurinių valstijų apskričiai už suteikimą jam ketvirto laipsnio. Kalbėjo ir Juozas Sadauskas, org. garbės narys, kuris skatino visus vyčius didžiūotis, kad L. vyčių org. pasirinko savo globėju šv. Kazimierą, nes tik jį mylėdami vyčiai keliauja tokius atstumus, kad tik būtų skaitlingesni būriai priimant šv. Komuniją, bendrai pusryčiaujant. Jie rodo visiems, kad org. dar gyva ir katalikiška.

Po šių žodžių Juozas dar perskaitė Bernardo Brazdžionio eiles: "Šiaurės Pašvaistė". Ir šiuo baigėsi šv. Kazimiero šventė ir Lietuvos nepriklausomybės minėjimas vyčiu org. himnu "Nuženk, Galybe, iš dangaus".

Už šių švenčių surengimą ir visus rūpesčius, tebūna didingas ir bytiškas ačiū šių iškilnių rengimo komisijos pirm. Onai Sabaliauskienei, kuri parodė daug sumanumo šiame darbe, Vincui Paviui, jo žmonai Stasei, kuri netik, kad senjoruose darbuojasi, bet yra ir vidurinių valstijų apskrities met. rašt. Ji daug dirbo ir rūpinosi su įėjimo bilietėliais ir nuoširdžiu svečių priėmimu. Vytei Lauredai Blumienei, kad nor ji ir toliau gyvena nuo youngstowno, bet visada suranda laiko su vyčiais darbuotis ir jiems padėti didesniuose darbuose. Ji ir šioje šventėje rinko aukad A.L. Tarybai ir abi su dukrele ir Ona Sabaliauskiene dėvėjo tautinius drabužius, kas daug prisidėjo prie šių iškilnių lietuviškumo. SENELIS

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS as of 3/10/68

<u>100 and Over</u>	<u>% Pd</u>	<u>8/67</u>	<u>3/68</u>	<u>11 - 29</u>	<u>% Pd</u>	<u>8/67</u>	<u>3/68</u>
* 112 Chicago	102%	156	159	* 41 Brooklyn	154%	28	43
79 Detroit	102%	181	184	139 Detroit	130%	27	35
26 Worcester	47%	145	68	134 Cincinnati	111%	18	20
29 Newark	34%	100	34	90 Kearny	111%	18	20
				103S Providence	100%	14	14
				111S Youngstown	100%	17	17
<u>60 - 99</u>				25 Cleveland	93%	28	26
96 Dayton	91%	93	85	10 Athol	81%	21	17
7 Waterbury	74%	96	71	New York Seniors	80%	25	20
36 Chicago	72%	74	53	109 Great Neck	76%	21	16
				30 Westfield	55%	29	16
				13 Chicago	33%	12	4
<u>30 - 59</u>				1 Brockton	0%	19	0
* 100 Amsterdam	103%	37	38	52 Elizabeth	0%	23	0
135 Ansonia	102%	50	51	78 Lawrence	0%	11	0
25S Cleveland	95%	40	38	113 Linden	0%	23	0
116 So. Worcester	94%	52	49				
Chicago Seniors	82%	39	32	<u>10 and Under (No Contest)</u>			
19 Pittsburgh	79%	39	31	61 Paterson	100%	4	4
12 New York	77%	31	24	5 Chicago	70%	10	7
3 Philadelphia	61%	44	27	14 Cicero	60%	10	6
133S Los Angeles	61%	33	20	Pittsburgh Seniors	50%	2	1
17S So. Boston	59%	32	19	27 Norwood	0%	8	0
17 So. Boston	39%	41	16	67 Bayonne	0%	4	0
102 Detroit	34%	41	14	82 Gary	0%	2	0
				133 Los Angeles	0%	5	0

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

I-I DISTRICT "Taitytė"

After the District's own annual commemoration of Lithuania's Independence, the members attended the various commemorative events sponsored by the other organizations, such as the Lithuanian Council of Chicago (Taryba) program which was held at the Civic Opera House. The K of L was very well represented, not only in the audience, but also by some of the Choir members who participated with the "Dainava" Ensemble in the premiere performance of the Cantata "The Freedom Fighters". Addresses were made by His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys; Julius Pakalka, President of the Chicago Taryba; The Honorable Joseph Kajeckas, Charge d'Affaires of Lithuania, Washington, D.C.; various civic leaders and state officials from the State of Illinois, as introduced by our own Frank Savickas, 27th Dist. Representative in Illinois and the Guest Speaker, The Honorable Vance Hartke, U.S. Senator from Indiana, who was introduced by Anthony J. Rudis.

A reception, at the Jesuit Center after the program, included an address by Petras P. Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania and a presentation of commemorative plaques to various organizations, with one presented to the Illinois-Indiana District K of L and accepted by President John Evans. Irene Sankus, Eleanore Laurin and Frank Zapolis also represented the K of L on the Committee for the event.

In preparation for the Midwest Bowling Tournament, two successful and very enjoyable Bowling Socials were held; one sponsored by Council 112, with Al Raubiskis as Chairman and the other hosted by Council 5, Al Manst, Chairman. Now that Joe Nausedas is back from Amsterdam (Holland), he and Al Raubiskis, our Sports Co-Chairmen, are busy formulating

plans for another bowling social or two and at least one good golf tournament.

Congratulations are extended to Vince Samaska and Council 36 for the impressive St. Casimer Day Commemoration they hosted this year. The day began with a Solemn High Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church with Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Celebrant; Reverend Paul Juknevicius, C-36 Spiritual Advisor and Reverend John Savukynas, District Spiritual Advisor, Assistants, and Father Savukynas giving the sermon. The brunch and program followed at the K of L building, beginning with the National Anthems led by Alvin Giedraitis with accompaniment by Tony Giedraitis.

Later, Father Anthony Zakarauskas, former District Spiritual Advisor, as Master of Ceremonies introduced our participating guests - the Color Guards of the Darius-Girenas and the Don Varnas American Legion Posts; the Ateitininkų Studentų Korpl Giedrininkės and Emilija Vilimaitė; the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation members and Albinas Dzirvonas, Chicago area President; the Ateitininkų Studentų Sąjunga and Milda Pakalniškis; the Ateitininkų Moksleivių Dielininkaičio Kuopa; the Moterų Sąjungos members and national secretary Donna Zilius and the Ateitininkų Sendraugių members with Chicago Chapter President Vladas Soliūnas.

Brief remarks were made by Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Consul Petras Dauzvardis, "Draugas" Editor Leonardas Simutis, Father Paul Juknevicius and Chairman Vince Samaska. The capacity audience was truly entertained by a short performance of Lithuanian folk dances by our District Juniors, taught by Counsellors Helen Pius, Cis Matul and Ray Samoska. A big round of applause went to mighty little but mighty good accordion accompanist Donna Bartkus.

As is done annually, the Dis-

trict's "K of L'er of the Year" Award was made. This year it was made to two who deserve this recognition for unselfish continuous service to the K of L; Irene Sankus, our "Vytis" Editor and Vladas Paliulionis, Choir President. The presentations were made by District President John Evans. In addition, Council 36 made a special award to Frank Svelnis, Jr., past Supreme Council Treasurer and past C-36 and District President for his activities with and for the K of L. The Third Degree was also conferred upon two dedicated K of L'ers: Vladas Paliulionis and Al Shulicke, both of C-112. These presentations were made by Irene Sankus, District Ritual Chairman.

The program of the day ended with a premiere showing of the Siluva Chapel Dedication in Washington, D.C. last year. Needless to say, the audience found this most interesting and a most delightful finish. Many thanks to Bishop Brizgys, Father Anthony Zakarauskas and the others through whose efforts that occasion was made permanently available for this and future generations.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 Slim

A number of our members went to a bowling social held by C-5 on Feb. 3. Alice Tomczak and Al Raubiskis took the first prize. Rita Tomczak and Frank Svelnis took the second prize. Al Raubiskis was lucky enough to take part in the pot game and the series.

At the St. Casimir's Day breakfast, we were very proud to have two of our members honored for all of the marvelous work that they put in for the Knights of Lithuania. Irene Sankus received her award for her never endless work with the "Vytis". Vladas Paliulionis received his award for all his efforts put in being Chairman of the Building fund. We are certainly very fortunate to have both of these members in our council. Congratulations to you both.

We would also like to felicitate

our Third Degree members. The presentation was made by District Ritual Chairman Irene Sankus and the award medal was pinned on by the District President, John Evans to Alexander Shulicke and Vladas Paliulionis.

We would like to wish the following members a belated Happy Birthday: John Evans, Al Raubiskis, Gerry Mack, Prudy Bickus, Estelle Rogers, Al Brazis, and Sophie Bockus, who had birthdays in January and February. Hope you all had a happy day and an even happier year to follow.

There are two new members that we would like to welcome aboard and they are Mr. & Mrs. Ben Zilius.

On March 17 (Happy St. Patrick's Day) our council had their monthly social at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse. Twenty-five members enjoyed dinner and a play entitled "Mac Bird."

We are sorry to say that there will not be an Easter Dance this year. Instead, it was motioned that since every one enjoys this day with their families, we would have a social later in the year. Well, just wait till you hear what we have got planned for your enjoy-

ment... A German Beer Party. It will be on June 15, in the Knights of Lithuania Garden with a real, live, authentic, German Band.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

BROCKTON, MASS., C-1 Patti Council 1 elected officers for the year 1968. They are: President-Treasurer, Albert Skirius and Vice President-Secretary, Robert Dillis. Congratulations!

ON Feb. 17, with guests enjoying an "ice palace" setting of blue and silver, our Council held its 24th annual Snowflake Ball at the Walkover Club. From Connecticut, we had Dick Pillar's Orchestra who was surely at his best that night! Each year, following a traditional custom, a King and queen is chosen and crowned during the dance and the royal couple selected by five judges (Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carleton, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Tautkus and Mrs. "Ronnie" Bizinkauskas) were Irene Baublis and Daniel Grudzinski of Council 78! - - It surely was a night of nights and proved to be one of the most suc-

cessful dances in quite some time! Proceeds from the "Ball" are donated to missionary programs in Europe and Asia. Rev. Joseph Petrauskas was Honorary Chairman and Rev. William Wolkovich, K of L director assisted the committee of which Patricia Miskinis and Al Skirius were co-chairmen; Tickets, Pauline Pigeon; Orchestra, Sylvia Shukis; Decorations, Anne Yakavonis and Tony Skirius; and Publicity, Marilyn Yuskaitis -- we would like to say that we missed Marilyn at the "Ball". Council 1 is lucky to have Marilyn, she is one of the best K of L workers we have! She had given birth to her 5th son two days before! Congratulations to John and Marilyn!

Congratulations also go out to Andy and Connie Grein on the birth of their second child - a daughter! Sue Boroskas is the happy Grandma!

C-1 welcomes a new member, Anne Yakavonis. Anne graduated from the University of Massachusetts last June and is now associated with The Foxboro Company, Foxboro, Mass.

C-1 will be saying "Bon Voyage" soon to Patricia Miskinis who is heading for Europe! Italy and

INTRODUCING . . . the K of L COMMEMORATIVE STAMP



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA COMMEMORATIVE STAMP. The Supreme Council on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence issued a tri-color commemorative stamp. The talented commercial artist, Anthony Yuknis, C-112 Chicago, was the creator, designer and artist. Order stamp from Mary Kober. Chicago area, from Irene Sankus. See page 2 for addresses.

Switzerland are on the agenda ---

C-1's Communion Breakfast in observance of St. Casimir's Day began with the K of L attending 8:30 Mass and then proceeding to the Pancake House in Brockton for a delicious breakfast. A general business meeting was held after the breakfast.

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10
Vincukas

Our council commemorated the feast of St. Casimir, patron of the K of L on Sun., Mar. 3. We attended the 10:30 mass at St. Francis church. The Rev. Michael Tamulevičius, pastor and council spiritual director celebrated the mass and preached the sermon. After mass we all enjoyed coffee and doughnuts at the home of Anne Novack in Orange. Following this we travelled to the Cedar Lodge in Templeton for dinner. All in all it was a day well spent for "God and Country".

Our condolences are extended to the Melaika family on the recent death of their father, Mr. Charles Melaika.

Ann Novack recently did a beautiful job of renovating her home. Ann also plans on retiring from her duties as teacher in the Gardner School System.

The entire council were saddened to hear of Eddie Daniels' recent illness. A sincere Get well soon, Ed.

Father Tamulevičius will soon celebrate his 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Frances Milosh is attending a seven week course in Boston sponsored by the American Telephone Co.

Dick Genaitis recently completed a six month tour of duty in the army reserves and has returned to his position in White Plains, N.Y.

Former curates at Sacred Heart parish, Gardner have been transferred, Rev. Donald Rebokas to St. Stephen's Worcester and Rev. John Liubauskas to St. Leo's Leominster.

A group from Gardner attended the 50th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence held Feb. 24 at Our Lady of Vilna church, Worcester.

SO. BOSTON, MASS., C-17

The ground hog poked his head out of his hideaway and didn't see his shadow, which means an early spring, if you believe that. Our council has also come out of its hideaway, and we had a large turnout at our St. Casimir's day Communion-Breakfast. This was one of the best that C-17 has had in years. The food was superb, the speaking program was fine, and we had the privilege of hearing Rev. Albert Contons, former National Spiritual Advisor as guest speaker. Tony Shallna was the toastmaster of the affair. We were privileged to also have Father Budrewitz, MIC, visiting from London. Many thanks to the following hard-working people: Rita and Jerry Venis, John Olevitz, Al Jaritis, Ruth Stankus, Julie Dabrinski, Lorraine Harris, Eleanor Sanda, Jackie Burke, and the juniors, Meg Balaconis, Roy, George, and Danny Chapin, and others who deserve much credit.

The Amber Ball was very successful thanks to the following: Lorraine Harris, Julie Dabriskie, Ruth Stankus, Jackie Burke, John Olevitz, Carol Wisotsky, Al Jaritis, Bill Zarembo, Frank Grigas, and John Semchenko. John is not of Lithuanian descent, but is Ukrainian. He was a big help with the decorating of the hall. Many thanks, John.

From Cupid's korner we would like to announce the following engagements: Virginia Druzdis and Paul Neviera - this wedding is slated for this summer; Vyto Ulevicius and Dorothy Hunter, and this lovely couple will be married by the time you read this; Kasty Yonika and Bertha Sauciunas, no announcement of the date; (Kasty received a transfer to Washington and a promotion.) Frances Sumski and Robert Methelis became husband and wife.

At the juniors' Valentine party everyone had a grand time. They gave Johnnie O. a valentine. Now they are selling coffee and doughnuts after every Mass at the Seventh Street Chapel to raise funds for their coming rally, Apr. 21.

Gus Uselis became the father

of twin girls. Imagine all those diapers!

Vermont must be the place for a holiday these days. Leo and Albina Rudziunas rented a chalet and skied down the slopes. We heard from the underground that Bob and Phyllis Gendreau and family spend a fortnight skiing, and from all reports they had a ball.

In your prayers remember the souls of William Zarembo, husband of Helen and father of William and Anthony and Alice Olevitz. We lost a staunch supporter of the K of L; also Catherine Bernotas, mother of Paula Slinger and Victor.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26

Dzūkelė

Each one of us has a certain amount of ability and a desire for work of a special sort. Countless Lithuanians have found this fulfillment in the K of L. Some of us advance by self-study, while others are guided by the advice of the more knowledgeable, but together we make up our great big organization, the K of L. Why this mood? We've just completed our participation in Worcester's commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. Both our City of Worcester and local newspapers cooperated beautifully in informing our citizens of what was taking place. Both St. Casimir's and our Lady of Vilna Churches held special Masses commemorating this event. Each year two events are held. The first is called Political and is held each year at the Lithuanian Naturalization and Social Club. The second is called Cultural and is held at one of the two Lithuanian parishes. This year it took place at Our Lady of Vilna.

The Political commemoration was held at the L.N.C. on Feb. 18, and Father John C. Jutt, pastor of St. Casimir's and Council 26's spiritual director, gave the Invocation. Mistress of Ceremonies was Saulutė Staska and the musical accompaniment was provided by Olga Kersis, both of C-26. The Resolutions were read by Anthony Miner, president of C-116.

The Cultural Commemoration was held at Our Lady of Vilna parish hall this year on Feb. 25. Again C-26 was well represented. Here is but a partial list of C-26's participants: Mary Jankowski was

ARE YOUR 1968 DUES PAID ?

Mistress of Ceremonies. Marilyn Virbasius and Donna Jankowski performed in the program. Other names will be added in the next issue of the "Vytis". We were proud of our parish school, St. Casimir's, whose school children performed with song and dance.

Our Lady of Vilna's participation was very lovely and it will probably be described in C-116's column here in the Council News. We would like to add that Bill Grigas, past president of C-26, gave the English talk at the Cultural commemoration, while Raymond Jakubauskas also of C-26 gave the Lithuanian talk. Many more individuals and groups participated. These commemorations were planned and presented by the Council of Lithuanian Organizations of Worcester and the cooperation of every participant really proved that we Lithuanians do have this desire for work of a special sort. Need we explain further? It's somehow ironic that Feb. 16, Lithuania's Independence Day, falls between the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. It adds to the intensity of our desire to see Lithuania a free nation.

St. Casimir's Day - patron of our Knights of Lithuania and our parish, too - was celebrated with Mass and Holy Communion on Sun., Mar. 3. A lovely breakfast was enjoyed in the church hall following Mass.

May we add to the list of our Executive Board members: Auditors: Charles Kerbel and Janice Tagman; Sargeant-at-Arms: Mary Ann Roland and Judy Maleskas; Lithuanian Affairs: Janet Ginkus, and Cultural Chairman: Mary Jankowski.

Knight notes: Eleanor and John Carmody have a second baby, and now their little family has moved into a brand new home. Donna Jankowski has been accepted by the School of Nursing at Hahnemann Hospital. Nancy Degnis has a lovely diamond ring, signifying a happy engaged young lady. Mary Zaleskas was married in January. Congratulations to all! Father Jutt is home after spending several weeks in South America and we are looking forward to viewing Father's slide of his trip. Claire Grigaitis has returned after a skiing vacation in the Alps of Europe.

Eddie Daniels spent some time at St. Vincent Hospital but by the time you read this, he will be recovered, we're certain, and busy with his Diane making final plans for their wedding

Saulutė Staska is back home after spending several months teaching in Germany. Speaking of the musical, ask our shutter-bug Francis (Algis) Glodas to show you the pictures that he took of the show. They are really very good. As a matter of fact, Frannie has many pictures of the various affairs and it's good to have these remembrances of special events of C-26.

All of us know Kazys Adomavicius who is the president of Maironis Park and the Lithuanian Charitable Society. Kazys has recently been confined at the Worcester County Sanatorium in Boylston, Massachusetts, and our sincere best wishes for a rapid recovery go out to him.

A Happy Easter to all ...

LAWRENCE, MASS., C-78 Angel

Seven members from C-78 attended the annual N.E.D. ski weekend at King Pine in East Madison, N.H. The entire weekend was one hilarious event of chain reactions from Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Saturday's skiing was a comedy in itself. Neither Carol nor Mike Flathers had even been on skis before. Looking at the form the rest of us displayed, you couldn't really prove we had either. Irene dressed for the slopes as though she were expecting a photographer from "Vogue" magazine any minute to capture a true beauty for the cover. All kidding aside, she did look lovely. No one really appreciated all the trouble she went through, and the men in the crew kept calling her "Nanook of the North". C-78 took so long getting ready for skiing after breakfast that after two runs (on the little hill, of course), it was time for lunch. Most of us spent the afternoon on the slopes in a horizontal position. Every one of us fell, some more than others. Carol was the only one who fell in every con-

ceivable position known. Of her brother, Mike, she kept saying, "He hasn't got the humility to fall". Somehow I can't believe that's what it takes. It's easy. Just ask Dot. She racked up quite a few people on the hill, by running over Dan's skis. Most of the time she just yelled, "Get out of the way, here I come." The sad part about it was, she really meant it, and no one heeded the warning. Saturday evening was quite eventful. After cleaning up the dinner dishes Carol dropped all over the floor, we took her to No. Conway for some dancing. On Sunday, four people from C-78 went up to King Pine on the chair lift for the first time to find out what it feels like falling on a big hill. Mary, Irene, Bill and Dan were the only brave ones. From all reports they did quite well. The most tremendous person on this entire weekend was Jack Mattrick (C-26). Friday night he literally broke up the party with his classical rendition of "Hamlet" or was it "Macbeth"?

Mike Flathers wound up in the hospital a few days after the ski weekend. We hope it's nothing serious. Carol Flathers sprained her ankle on the weekend. Dot kept losing things all weekend, which is only normal for her. She brought her guitar (again!), while Dan brought the latest issue of "Mad" magazine. The food was great again as ever, and we ran a little contest to see who ate more, Carol or Irene. It's still undecided.

On Sunday, Mar. 3, C-78 attended the 8:30 Mass in honor of the feast of St. Casimir and received Holy Communion in a body. Our thanks to Anna Svenchonis for making the arrangements.

Six of us attended C-1's "Snowflake Ball" at the Walkover Club in Brockton. Congratulations, C-1, on a wonderful dance. We all had a great time. Congratulations also to Irene Baublis and Dan Grudzinski, who were crowned King and Queen of the ball. This has never happened to C-78 in all the years we've been attending the Snowflake Ball and we're certainly proud of the recognition.

OUR APOLOGIES!

In reproducing "Vyčių Daina" in our February issue, we inadvertently omitted the name of L. Sileikis, who wrote the poem (lyrics) for the song.

Editor

WORCESTER, MASS., C-116

Onytė

Feb. 25 was a very auspicious and memorable day for the Worcester Lithuanian's. It was a day for spiritual and cultural activity to Commemorate the 50th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. The day's ceremonies began with a Solemn High Mass at 11 a.m., in Our Lady of Vilna Church, celebrated by Rev. Justin Steponaitis. Both the American and Lithuanian hymns were sung at the Mass led by C-116's K of L Choir.

A cultural program highlighted by folk dancing and group singing was held at 3 p.m. in the parish hall. Both Worcester Councils - 26 and 116, actively participated in this event sponsored by the Worcester Area Council of Lithuanian Organizations. Third generation children from ages five to fifteen from St. Casimir's and Our Lady of Vilna parishes presented the Youth Program. We were aided by the elements of nature with a bright clear sky. The hall was filled to capacity with Standing Room Only for late-comers.

Mrs. Mary Jankowski, C-26, was mistress of ceremonies. William Grigas, member and past president of C-26 spoke briefly on the importance of keeping Lithuania's plight before the public eye. We must add that the local newspapers gave this event excellent front-page coverage. Anthony Minor, President of C-116, read Mayor Casdin's Proclamation and the Resolution that was forwarded to the President of the United States and United Nations. The entire John Adamaitis family must be commended for the wonderful job they did in decorating the hall. Peter Molis was chairman of the event.

St. Casimir must have beamed from on high as he observed all the celebrations in his honor on Mar. 3. Led by the color guard carrying the American, Lithuanian and K of L District flags, we made an impressive sight as we paraded into church for the 9:30 Mass to the strains of some very stirring music played by Bill Burdulis. At the conclusion of the Mass we sang the beloved St. Casimir's Hymn.

Following Mass breakfast was served in the church hall. Our

Guest Speaker was Anthony Auktikalnis, who is presently President of the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Board. He gave a most interesting talk on layman's responsibility to his church and fellow man.

Anthony Minor served as master of ceremonies and presented the K of L's annual gift to the parish.

First Degrees were presented to Miss Irene Adamaitis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balukonis, Stanley Garbauskas and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wackell.

By their large turnout, the members gave a very edifying demonstration of their catholic action and support of this very popular annual affair. We were encouraged and delighted by the turnout of the Juniors. We foresee a bright and long future for our K of L. Our thanks to the Spiritual Committee, Ann Markvenas and Dorothy Glaster, who did such a fine job in making the arrangements for this inspirational observance. Other committee members were Ann Yurkinas and Helen Daltwas. And once again Ann Miller, from Paxton and Helen Daltwas did a tremendous job on the KP duties long after everyone had departed. Many, many thanks to all of you.

Our heartfelt sorrow is extended to Barbara Mazeika on the death of her mother. Before her long illness Mrs. Mazeika was past president of several organizations and was an active and diligent parish worker.

We also extend condolences to John Adamaitis and his family on the recent sudden death of his brother, Bill Adamaitis. Bill was an outstanding all city and Catholic Univ. athlete. His untimely death was deeply mourned in the Worcester sporting circle.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 Soffi

C-79 membership is nearing 200 as reported by Joseph Chaps, treasurer, at the meeting on Feb. 7, which was well attended and featured a talk by Miss Rasa Kairelis of Argentina and slides about South America with commentary by Algis Zaparackas. The details were so interesting and pre-

sented in such a fine manner it made us feel that we were with her making the trip. Miss Kairelis informed us that they have K of L members there, too, and that the Marian Fathers were instrumental in organizing their group. Mrs. Sophie Bitner and her daughter Peggy served coffee and delicious home made pastries after the meeting. We'd like to thank Stella Hotra for being instrumental in arranging the program for the February meeting.

The 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Lithuania's Independence was commemorated on Feb. 16, with Mass at Divine Providence by Msgr. Jonas Balkunas of New York. A commemorative program took place at McAuley auditorium, at Mercy College, Sunday afternoon. Msgr. Balkunas of New York and Sen. Philip Hart were featured speakers. Our pastor, Rev. Michael Kundrat gave the invocation. Master of ceremonies was Ralph Valatka who capably handled the program to a capacity crowd, and there was a nice representation of 79'ers.

On Friday preceding this event, Mrs. E. Paurazas led a delegation to Lansing to receive the proclamation designating Feb. 11-17 as "Republic of Lithuania" week in Michigan.

Various activities were scheduled for Mar. 10. After participating in St. Casimir's Day services at St. Anthony's a goodly number of 79'ers rushed to Divine Providence church to attend services by Rev. Eugene Lefebvre, of St. Anne Shrine in Quebec, Canada, who conducted a service similar to those held at the shrine including a candlelight procession and veneration of the relic of St. Anne. Arranging for this pilgrimage was Ann Valatka.

Our Tuesday evenings during Lent were both pleasurable and informative. Rev. Victor Kristy of St. Peter's celebrated Mass in Lithuanian with a Lithuanian sermon each Tuesday of Lent at Divine Providence. As always Father presented his talk with wit and humor, and eloquently tied in his inspirational thinking. No one ever tires of his lively sermons, and it was over all too soon.

Soffi Snooping - We are very sorry to hear that Gerry Chaps has been ill and we hope that by the

time this "Vytis" is in print she will have completely recovered... Estelle Gogelis has been hospitalized for some hand surgery. Also, recovering from emergency surgery at Providence hospital is Bertha Janus' father, P. Rantkella... Bill Lambrose had his 14th leg operation in January. It was a painful operation and he will have his leg in a cast for nearly 5 months. But he has been very courageous and it is hoped that this will be his last surgery... Dorothe Martin's daughter, Phyllis, has been convalescing at home from Northern U. due to a tobogganing accident. ... Enjoying a go-go-go jet set pace, first the Mauna Loa and then Latin Quarter for a fashion show were many club ladies. Hawaii must have great attraction for Dr. Bruno and Ann Zilvitis. We hear they were so impressed that Ann has convinced her husband that that's the only place for them from now on. Can't blame them, it's been so cold in Michigan ... Santa Claus worked so well that he squeezed an organ down the Mike Vale chimney. Now, Addie is busy every Wednesday taking lessons. We hope one of these last Wednesdays of the month she can make a board meeting ... Frank and Sophie Zager (yours truly) had a memorable silver wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Medonis and Vicki Chepelonis and her mother were amongst the friends and family who gathered at the Providence church to witness Fr. M. Kundrat officiate at the renewal of their marriage vows. The Mass was very impressive and it was greatly appreciated of those who attended. A dinner-reception was held in the evening and highlight of the affair was the bestowal of a Papal blessing on Frank and Sophie. Making the presentation was Father V. Krisciunevicius, Nat'l. Spiritual advisor of K. of L.

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 Alese
 "We offer our prayer to the Almighty," Father Gintautas Sabataitis, S.J. of Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio said, "that Lithuania may be free again, that we may invest our Lithuanian needs of a better tomorrow, and that we use our knowledge and experience of Communism to build a stronger and

MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT



- Friday, May 24 - 9:00 P.M. - Early Pin Spillers' Get-to-Gether - K of L Suite - Holiday Inn Motel
 22900 Michigan Dearborn, Mich
- Saturday, May 25 - 11:00 A.M. - Registration - K of L Room - Basement Annex - Holiday Inn
 12:00 Noon - Brunch
 2:00 P.M. - Bowling Tournament - Satellite Bowl - Michigan at Gulley (3/4 mile from motel).
 9:30 P.M. - 'Strike 'n Spare Swing-In' - Holiday Inn Motel
- Sunday, May 26 - 12:45 P.M. - K of L Mass - Divine Providence Church - 13100 Schaefer
 1:45 P.M. - Bowling Awards Banquet - K of L Club Rooms - 13530 Lesure

COST TO TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS: \$14.00 - Complete

COST TO NON-BOWLERS: \$10.00

Room Reservation Cards and Rules of the Tournament are being mailed to all Councils in the Midwest area.

better America, that she will continue to be a constant hope for those who wish to be free and a vital inspiration for the oppressed." The Catholic Telegraph and Dayton newspapers gave very good coverage speaking "of the dancing feet and swirling gowns of the 'Grandinêlê' dancers, and the people's yearning for freedom." Frank Gudelis also had an article in the newspaper. Over 500 Lithuanians from Dayton, Xenia, Piqua, Cincinnati, Columbus, Lima and Cleveland gathered together in the Lithuanian Club hall. We are proud that our council was so well represented.

St. Casimer's Day, too, was represented with approximately 80 seniors and juniors attending the 8:00 A.M. Mass and receiving Holy Communion and then enjoying the very delicious breakfast prepared by Ada Sinkwitz and Mary Lucas. The Junior's program was very nicely arranged by Kitty Prasmantas and Elinor Sluzas.

We are very happy to report that Mary Miller is continuing to

progress very nicely. Anne and Joe Boeke were proud parents of a darling baby girl and proud grandparents, Ada and Joe Sinkwitz, have been wearing a path from Dayton to Grand Rapids, Mich. to see their little granddaughter. Our sympathy to Gus Blum, who lost his father. Gus is added on to our previous list of those praying for their departed parents.

Has the flu bug bit you yet? It has been making the "rounds" in Dayton! But stop worrying, Spring is just around the corner. Lent will soon be over. Our very successful religious discussions in the members' homes and the Spiritual Renewal Days which were held in our church on March 14-19 with sermons preached by Father Joseph Venckus, S.J. from Montreal, Que. Canada will help prepare us to a much better appreciation of Easter Sunday, the holiest of holidays. During these Renewal Days on Mar. 17-19 we had 40 Hours Devotion. Father Titas Narbutas reminded us to deepen and strengthen our faith during this Year of Faith.

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DETROIT, MICH., C-102

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The drop-outs are finally drop-pin' in - Surprisingly enough, our active handful have kept 102 on the move.

The "Happening" hosted by the Guerrieros' was a real fun nite, thanks to Joe and Maryanne for their wonderful hospitality. Readings from the good book by George Kayganich, Joe Guerriero and Frank Bunikis were most laughable. We still think Ray Medonis should open his own spot on Plum Street. He'd have quite a following with flower girls Donna B., Maryanne G., Ann Uznis and his own missus, Terry!

Our annual pool-meeting at the Yokins is one of the most looked forward to events of the summer. What a way to have a meeting - dips in the cool blue waters, sipping on cool beverages, basking in the sun, and indulging in good friendly conversation, plus luscious refreshments! Not only a refresher for the grown-ups, but their children as well. Sirdingai ačiū Vic and Marie.

Edna Klucens' excellent job as Council correspondent is only excelled by the dee-licious rolls she prepared at our last breakfast-meeting.

Where oh where are Bob Boris, Chris and Chuck Mishakis, Clem and Evelyn Galinas, Ann Uznis, Maryanne and Bill Juodwalkis?

Another retreat from our usual monthly meetings was the family picnic at Hemlock Park this past summer.

Welcome back to 102-Donna and Bill Pluto, and a belated congratulations on the new addition to your family, Billy Scott.

Now for some more recent happenings - 20 of us dined at our annual after holidays nite-on-the-town at the 24 Karat Club, which featured a most enjoyable floor show. Nice to see members such as Aldona and Vytas Biliunas, Lillian and Frank Petravicius, Ruth and Mart Wagster (who seem much

too young to be grandparents, but are mighty proud ones), Helen and Tony Smolek, Ann Aleks, Donna and John Stanievich, plus the rest of the lively group.

C-102 was well represented in the Detroit commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. Vince Klucens was our flag bearer in the procession at Mass, and his very charming cohorts were Mary Bunikis and Kathy Medonis. Later that afternoon, they participated in the commemorative ceremonies at Mercy College. Also on hand and holding out their hands were our newly elected President, Grace Vaskelis with side-kick Vice Pres. Tim Baibak and sister Jerry.

We hope to encourage more of our members to attend our monthly breakfast-meetings, following 9:15 Corporate Mass.

DETROIT, MICH., C-139 Ann

Sun., Feb. 18. On this beautiful but cold Sunday parishioners and guests gathered at St. Peter's Parish to commemorate the 50th Anniversary (Feb. 16) of Lithuania's Independence. Again this year C-139 joined the Ladies Alliance in planning a little program to precede the major Detroit Lithuanian ceremony at Mercy College.

Fr. Victor Krisciunevicius recited a prayer at our Lithuanian Wayside Cross and a wreath was placed in commemoration of those who died for the cause of Lithuania's independence. St. Peter's choir lead the assembly in singing "Maria, Maria". Then the procession entered the church to join in prayer for their homeland - prayer which is so sorely needed if Lithuania is ever to stand free again. Many were seen wiping a tear as Fr. Kris gave his stirring sermon. After Mass, all parishioners and guests were invited to the Parish Hall for coffee and goodies.

If some of our members were seen sort of jumping and shaking during February, it was not just the

extremely cold weather. They were merely practicing for the waltz and polka contest which was held during our Pre-Lenten Polka Party, Sun., Feb. 25. Proceeds will go toward the renovation of our church interior. All St. Peter's organizations combined in this effort, and it was a pleasure to work with such a genial group. The Party was a huge success with a few little minor incidents such as: one pair split pants - W. Mallen; one hoarse voice, too much singing between announcements - S. Wesley; one lost sweater, recovered - V. Cheloniš, C-79; some sore arms from LIFTING: and quite a bit of limping. The crowd was merry. There were American born Lithuanians, "Ateitininkai", Germans, Italians, Irish, Polish, etc. If you spoke to someone in Lithuanian and they didn't answer, you just tried another language.

Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Theresa Vaitkunas and Stan Wesley were excellent judges for the Waltz contest. Rev. D. Lengvinas brought a nice group from Windsor, Canada. He also acted as one of the judges for the Polka Contest. Fr. Kris drew the lucky numbers for our raffle. Thank you, Fathers Stan, Kris and Lengvinas for your cooperation and joining in the fun.

Miss Theresa Vaitkunas set up our "Loterija" booth with a beautiful array of prizes. She and her handsome blond assistant, Bruno Jasevicius, were so rushed there wasn't even time to hold hands. Our excellent cooks provided a varied menu - Everyone did a marvelous job, ticket sellers, bartenders, cooks and particularly our harrassed Treasurer, Joe Kurpowic. Congratulations to Chairman, Mrs. Helen Mallen and Co-Chairman, Mrs. Ann Sirvydas, who spent so much time planning the affair.

We missed seeing the Waitkus' family. Ed is in the hospital and has undergone an operation and wife, Mary, is getting over an illness at home. We all wish you both a speedy recovery.