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# PALAIMINTAS VARDAS MOTINA



POV. DIRKIS

Kiek daug tylaus skausmo, kiek gilios meilės, kiek kančios, neįvertinto pasišventimo jis savyje slepia. Kas suskaitys prarymotą, nemigo motinos naktų vargą, kada ji, po dienos sunkių darbų nuilsusi supa, liūliuoja savo klykiantį nenuramą. Kas supras motinos kantrybę, su kuria ji seka kiekvieną savo augančio kūdikio žingsnį. Mažiausias kūdikio skausmas yra ir motinos skausmas, kiekviena jo liga - motinos liga. Užaugome tik savo motinų kraujo ir gyvybės sąskaita. Motina kaip karžygis paaugojo mums sveikiausių savo jėgų dalį ir visą laiką mumstegyvena. Kiek motinų, vos atidavusių pasauliui naują gyvybę, jau skyrės su šiuo pasauliu. Narsiai gina savo vaikus įniršus liūtė, arba išerzintas aras, bet dar daugiau parodo karžygiško pasiaukojimo gamtos karalienė - gynėja motina. Ar tai jau ir viskas, už ką žmonija lenkias prieš motiną? Toli gražu, ne. Motina yra ir visos šeimos siela, namų židinio karalienė. Motina yra bažnyčios pažiba, tautos garbė, visuomenės pasididžiavimas. Tik per ją yra geri krašto ir tautos piliečiai. Ant motinos rankų užaugo visi dabartiniai ir praėjusių amžių šventieji, visi didieji bažnyčios mokytojai ir dva-

sios vadai, visi milžinai bei pasaulinio mąsto ir proto galiūnai. Dideliais žmonėmis liko tik tie, kurie turėjo giliaširdžias ir kilniadvasias motinas. Pasaulis jau ima suprasti, kad valstybės laimėjimai ne ginklų galybėje, ne tūkstantiniuose laivynuose, ne patrankų dūžiuose, bet ramiam šeimynos gyvenime, kur kantri motina, Dievo ir savos Tėvynės meilės šviesoje, ugdo būsimąjį žmogų. Tačiau, už visa tai nieks motinos nevainikuoja lauru vainiku, nestato jai granito paminklų, mažai kas gieda jai padėkos himnus. Nors krikščionė motina to nereikalauja. Ji kantri ir tyli patvariai nešdama savo jungą. Jei vaikai geri, tai ir vaikai laimingi ir jų motina laiminga, patenkinta gyvenimu. Atseit, jai už visa dosniai atsilyginta.

Reikšdama savo motinoms didžius padėkos jausmus turime kasmet švęsti Motinos Dieną. Motinos Diena turi mus papildyti naujais pasiryžimais bei būti pareigos ir kilnių siekimų žmonėmis. Gražiais darbais vainikuota mūsų ateitis - tai geriausia mūsų motinoms padėka. Motinos Dienoje motinos turi pajusti, kad tie, kuriems tiek daug paaukota, nors dalinai moka būti už tai dėkingi. Motina savo dienoje turi tik džiaugtis ir vaikščioti su ramybe saulėtame veide.

Vaikai gyvenantieji toliau turi stengtis tą dieną aplankyti savo motinas ir parodyti joms širdingą meilę, o negalintieji tai padaryti, ypač toliau gyveną, turi mo-

tiną aplankyti bent savo laiškais. Netekusieji tėvo ar motinos tegul neužmiršta tą dieną aplankyti jų kapus ir karštai pasimelsti už jų sielas. Jei kapai apleisti, prieš Motinos Dieną, jie privalo būti apvaisinti ir papuošti.

Daug yra nelaimingų motinų, kurių sūnūs atėmė karas ar išplėšė ankstyva mirtis. O vaikai joms buvo vienintelis turtas. Daug jų dabar gal badauja ir kenčia gyvenime nedateklus bei skurdą. Motinos Dienoje ir tokioms motinoms, kad ir menkom savo aukomis, turime suteikti džiaugsmo valandą.

Reikia manyti, kad yra mūsų tėvynainių tarpe ne viena šeima, kuri nedidžiaugia savo motinos nuoširdumu. Barniai, keiksmi ... Daug mūsų laikais yra moterų, kurioms Dievas žino kas rūpi, bet tik ne kilnus motinos pašaukimas, ne vaikų auginimas bei auklėjimas. Dar liūdniau. Atsiranda išeiivių tarpe ir tokių motinų, kurios jau savo iščiuje vaikus naikina. Tokie reiškiniai - tautos maro sa prieš Dievą ir gamtos įstatymus. Kam tada tos pastangos išlaikyti tautos gyvastį ir ją didinti, jei taip lengvai žudoma jos gyvybė, gašlumui aukojami būsimieji savi piliečiai. Lietuvės motinos turi būti palaiminimo, o ne pamerkimo motinomis.

Lenkime tad Motinos Dienoje savo galvas prieš gerąsias, idealias motinas ir pačios jaunos mergelės ruoškimės toms aukštomis motiniškoms pareigoms.



## THE HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY



May 30th, annually commemorated as Memorial Day, is 100 years old. Following the end of the Civil War in 1865, observance of a day for decorating the graves of the Civil War veterans was proposed, and women in several cities of the South placed flowers on the graves, both Union and Confederate, of those killed in the course of the war.

It was not until May 1868 that the observance took definite form. On May 5th of that year, General

John A. Logan, the head of the Union Army's veterans' organization, The Grand Army of the Republic, issued his famous order: "That every post of the Grand Army should hold suitable exercises and decorate the graves of their dead comrades with flowers. . . . Let no ravages of time testify to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic."

May 30th, a time when flowers are at their best, was chosen as the date, and the first Memorial observance was held in Washington. Ambulances carried flowers to Arlington Cemetery from the Botanic Garden, the Treasury grounds, and the President's conservatory. General Ulysses S. Grant, presidential nominee, was in the stands, and General James A. Garfield, who was then in Congress but was later to become President, gave the oration.

From that year onward, the celebration of May 30th became more general. By 1873 New York State had set the day as an official holiday of memory and decoration. Later other states followed. Today May 30th is a public holiday in nearly all states, except in the South where different days - April 26, May 10, and June 3 - are variously observed as Confederate Memorial Day.

With the passage of time and as a result of Presidential proclamations, the significance of the day has broadened to include not only those who gave their lives to preserve the Union in the Civil War, but all those who have died in arms in the service of American freedom.

## TENE LIEKA LIETUVIO, KURIO RANKOS NE DIRBTŲ LIETUVYBEI IR DIEVUI

GEDIMINAS JANULA

-Mintys iš Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo,  
Dayton, Ohio.

-Ten Lietuvoje... Nemuną  
dabina  
puikesni žiedai, širdį ten  
ramina  
meilesni jausmai. -

Tai - leiskit į Tėvynę dainos  
atgarsys ... skraido tarytum šauk-  
lys pradėti naują dienos darbą.  
Jau ketvirtoji Lietuvos Vyčių Sei-  
mo darbo diena.

Lietuvos vyčiams jų idealus  
vadas yra Kristus. Jų darbai pra-  
dedami malda ir susikaupimu.  
Kristus yra ir L.v. vadovų idealas.  
Juo sekdami jie grindžia visą sa-  
vo asmeninį gyvenimą. Kiekvieną  
dieną jie atnašauja Šv. Mišias už  
Kūrėjo vaikus pasaulyje, steigia  
lietuviškas parapijas, vienuolijas,  
gimnazijas, jaunimo centrus. Pa-  
sišvenčia ir aukojasi darbui, kuris  
nėra pagrįstas materialia nauda,  
bet dvasine. Laimėti žmogų Kris-

tui jie nori tik meilės keliu, tam  
jie buria lietuvius į katalikiškas  
organizacijas, nes per jas tiksliau  
galima pasiruošti ir trumpesniu  
laiku atpažinti tikrąjį kelio tikslą.

Lietuvos vyčiai yra jūdešinioji  
ranka ir pasididžiavimas... Nema-  
rios Lietuvos meilės išlaikymas  
per vyčius vyksta pastoviai, be  
naujų persirikiavimų 54 metus.

Lietuvos vyčių sąjungoje niekas  
nesensta... nei malda, nei papro-  
čiai, nei patys vyčiai - jie ir se-  
natvėje sugeba likti tvirtais dar-  
bingais vyčiais.

Pastoviai tvirtų tradicijų ve-  
dini ir šeštadienio rytą šv. mi-  
šias atnašaujant 5 kunigams, jie  
prašo atleidimo į amžinojo poil-  
sio vietą iškeliavusiems L. vy-  
čiams. Ir sau, stiprybės tęsėti duo-  
tai priesaikai.

Lietuva turi būti laisva! Lietu-  
viškas žodis privalo išlikti grynas  
ir gyvas ir ateities kartose. Lais-  
va Lietuva siekė mokslo šviesos.  
Ji buvo šviesi, dora ir teisinga  
savo kaimynų atžvilgiu ir žmonijos  
kūryboje norėjo būti tauri ir gar-

binga tauta.

Lietuviški knygynai, lietuvių  
kalbos kursai, turi veikti ne tik  
Chicagoj, Putname, ir pas Pran-  
ciškonus, bet ir kiekvienoje pa-  
rapijoje, o taip pat ir nuosavuose  
namuose. Tik tuomet būsime sau-  
gūs ir tikri, kad esam nepražū-  
tingam kelyje.

Lietuvos vyčių sąjunga turi  
apimti visus lietuvius katalikus be  
išimties ir luomo skirtumo ir vei-  
kiai suvienyti visus į vieną lietu-  
višką šeimą. Lietuvos vyčių sąjun-  
ga nori ir pageidauja, kad Lietu-  
vos vyčių šeima pavirstu visų lie-  
tuvių katalikų vieningu kongresu,  
kad vieni kitus paremtume ir prie  
vieno stalo gvildentume bendras  
Lietuvos laisvės problemas.

Laukiame aktyvaus visų katali-  
kiškų organizacijų ir pavienių ka-  
talikų lietuvių įsijungimo į Lietu-  
vos vyčių sąjungą.

Ištiesk, broli, sese, man baltą  
ranką, pakelk žydrias akis gėriui  
ir tik tuomet drauge prisiminę Tė-  
vynę brangią žengsim į laisvės  
kelius!



# Lithuanians in The News



Honorable James J. O'Brien (right), Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Events, New York City, was spontaneously "pinned" with a K of L emblem by Helen V. Kulber (NY Senior Council). Looking on are Mrs. Mary Dushnyck, Ukrainian Women's League of America, - her husband, Dr. Walter Dushnyck, Editor, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, and Dr. Marija Zukauskas, wearing her colorful Lithuanian costume and beautiful amber beads. The occasion was the annual reception hosted by both the Honorable Anicetas Simutis, Consul General of Lithuania, and The Committee For a Free Lithuania to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of Independence to Lithuania. Many representatives of foreign countries were among the guests at the Carnegie Endowment International Center on Feb. 17th. (Photo R. Kisielius)



Following the Chicago TARYBA's observance of the 50th Anniversary, a reception was held at the Jesuit Center. Pictured: (seated) His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys and Charge d'Affaires Juozas Kajeckas of Washington, D.C., (Standing) Frank Savickus, 27th Dist. Rep., Felix Daukus, Barcus Radio, Julius Pakalka, Taryba's Pres., Aldona Daukus, Petras Petrutis, Margutis Radio and John Evans, I-I Dist. Pres. (A. Raubiskis photo)



Mayor Anthony B. Flask of Youngstown, Ohio signed the Lithuanian Independence Day Proclamation while Mrs. Helen Andrews, Mrs. Mary Marks, Vincent Ed. Pavis, M-C Dist. Pres., Mrs. Ona Sabel, Mrs. Loretta Blums and Mrs. Stella Pavis. All are members of C-111 Seniors. (Photo courtesy of Mayor's office)



In observance of the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the independence of the Republic of Lithuania, Mayor Irving E. Kane of the city of Lynn presented a proclamation to leaders of the Lithuanian Naturalization Club, Inc., pictured: Feb. 16, 1968. Front row (l. to r.) Adam Mulkonis, club mgr.; Joseph Putis, Lynn Police Dept, treas.; Simon Vegella, pres. and co-chr., Jubilee Observance in Lynn; Mayor Kane; Mrs. Nellie Sipavis, pres. St. Ann's Lith. Society; John S. Jenerlavitch, super. of weights and measures, city of Lynn, fin. sec. of the club, and co-chr. for the Jubilee; and Stanley Pawlowski, director. Standing, from left, John Krasnauskas, secy.; Peter Bakanduskas, a 45-year member of the club; Joseph Putrius, a 58 year member; Mrs. Amelia Petkowich, and Stella Uzdavinis, both of St. Ann's Society; Alec Akule, Sr., vice-pres. and member of K of L C-17 Seniors; and Joseph Routhouska, director. (Photo - Courtesy of the Lynn Sunday Post, Polonia Media, Robert F. Moody)



## DIDIS LIETUVIS PAMINĖJO SAVO 75 m. GIMTADIENĮ

Pereitais metais, vienas iš žymiausių ir žinomiausių mūsų visos išeivijos veikėjų, organizatorių, redaktorių ir uoliausių kovotojų už savo tėvynės Lietuvos reikalus - Leonardas Šimutis paminėjo savo 75 metų gimtadienį ir ta proga norime jį prisiminti ir pasveikinti.

Dabar pakalbėsime apie Leonardo jaunystės dieneles. Jis gimė 1892 m. lapkričio 6 d. Šerikų kaime, Šilalės valsčiuje. Pradinį mokslą baigė Šilalėje, iki 1912 m. lankė mokyklą Kaune ir 1913 m. baigė Maskvos gimnaziją. Prieš pat pirmąjį pasaulinį karą atvyko į laisvės šalį - Ameriką.

Leonardas kiek susipažinęs su šios šalies gyvenimu ir norėdamas bei galvodamas apie savo šviesesnę ateitį - 1915 m. įstojo į šv. Bedos kolegiją, Peru, Illinois, o 1917 m. studijavo De Paul ir Loyolos universitetuose. Dar vėliau studijavo Chicagos teisių ir anglų kalbos literatūrą bei žurnalistiką. Fordhamo universitete, New Yorke mokėsi sociologijos.

1916-17 metais, šv. Bedos kolegijoje, jis dėstė lietuvių kalbą ir Lietuvos istoriją. Kiek mes atsimename, tais laikais gyvavo lietuvių katalikų moksleivių organizacija, kuriai priklausė dauguma mūsų moksleivių (kaip priklausė ir šio rašinėlio autorius Valparaiso, Indianoje).

Leonardas Šimutis, keletą metų praleidęs šios šalies universitetuose, pasisėmęs gilesnio mokslo, jautėsi, kad jis gali daug daugiau gero padaryti savo broliškam, vienmintiškam jaunimui ir visai mūsų tuometinei išeivijai, ne tik buvo ir yra plačiamintis plunksnos naudotojas, bet nemažesnis oratorius - kalbėtojas. Kada Leonardas Šimutis, a.a. dr. prof. K. Pakstas arba a.a. dr. Al Račkus lankydavo lietuvių kolonijas, bežadindami ir beorganizuodami tuolaikinių patriotišką jaunimą stoti į Lietuvos vyčių organizacijos eiles, tai svetainės visada būdavo perpildytos jaunimu ir patriotiška lietuviška visuomene. Tų laikų auksaburniai ir jaunų lietuvių žavėtojai, ne tik savo išvaizda, bet ir menišku pasipuošimu daugiau patraukdavo visus į save.

L. Šimutis, visais laikais, nebuvo eilinis veikėjas, bet vadas, visuomenininkas; ypatingai 1918 m., kai Lietuva pradėjo kovą dėl savo laisvės ir nepriklausomybės. Bet dar ir prieš tai, jis buvo įsijungęs į A.L.R.K. Federaciją, kurioje nuo 1932 m. buvo generaliniu raštininku. Vėliau pirmininkavo šiai organizacijai. Leonardas daug veikė ir Lietuvių Tautos Fonde. Nuo 1918-1919 metų buvo sekretorium ir vyriausiu vajaus vadovu. Nepailstančiu savo pašventimu ir didingaisiais savo darbais ir puoselėjimais teko surinkti šimtus tūkstančių dolerių fondui.

Nors mūsų Leonardas ir turėjo darbą savo mylimoje profesijoje, jį paliko ir išvyko į numylėtą tėvynę Lietuvą. Ten krikščionių demokratų sąrašė buvo išrinktas į Lietuvos trečiąją seimą. Bet, išbuvęs vienus metus, jis grįžo vėl į Ameriką, tęsti savo darbus.



Rusams komunistams okupavus Lietuvą, jis čia ir vėl pradėjo organizuoti ir burti organizacijas bei draugas, kurios įsijungtų į kovingą Lietuvos išlaisvinimo organizaciją. Ši organizacija ir buvo A.L. Taryba. Su kitų pagalba, jis pajėgė sujungti visas keturias sroves - katalikus, tautininkus, sandariečius ir socialistus į vieną lietuvišką kūną - A.L. Tarybą, kurioje ir pats Leonardas išbuvo pirmininku nuo 1940 iki 1966 m. Dabar yra šios vadovujančios organizacijos garbės pirmininkas.

Jis nuo 1927 metų eina dienraščio "Draugo" redaktoriaus pareigas. Ligi šių dienų yra A.L.K. Susivienijimo pirmininkas. Matyti, kad Leonardas Šimutis savo pareigas atlieka kuo puikiausiai ir teisingiausiai.

O kiek kartų jis su savo bendraminčiais, beldėsi Washingtone į baltųjų rūmų duris, prašydamas šios šalies prezidentus, senatorius, kongresmanus ir net gubernatorius, kad tik Lietuva atgautų nepriklausomybę ir, kad šios šalies valdžia nepripažintų Lietuvos užgrobito bei jos pavergimo.

Visi Leonardo Šimučio raštai, kūriniai ir eilės puoselėja ir liepsnoja Lietuvos meilę, mūsų išeivijos raginimu prie vienybės, lietuviybės ir katalikų bažnyčios. Jo širdyje nuo jaunystės dienelių šis žibintuvėlis tebedega.

Gal mažai mes turime tokių asmenybių, kurie tiek būtų pasidarbavę jaunimui, vyčiams, savo tautai ir pačiai Lietuvai, kaip Leonardas Šimutis. Jis tankiai yra gerbiamas už jo pasišventusius darbus. Buvusioji Lietuvos valdžia jį papuošė Gedimino ordinu, Šv. Tėvas Pijus XII apdovanojo "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" ordinu, ir vyčių organizacija yra papuošusi aukščiausiu pažymėjimu - garbės naryste.

Šimučių šeima yra Lietuvos vyčių organizacijos ir lietuviška šeima. Tai matoma iš Leonardo nuveiktų ir dabar dirbamų darbų mylimajai Lietuvai. Nuo to laiko, kai jis susituokė su Angele Evaldaite, be abejonės ir Angelės širdelė degė ta pačia meile lietuviybei ir pačiai Lietuvai. Juodu išauklėjo gražią lietuvišką šeimą su ta pačia tėvynės meile. Jų sūnus Leonardas, Jr. yra pasižymėjęs savo darbu vyčiuose, kai jis ilgus metus vadovavo vyčių chorui Chicagoje.

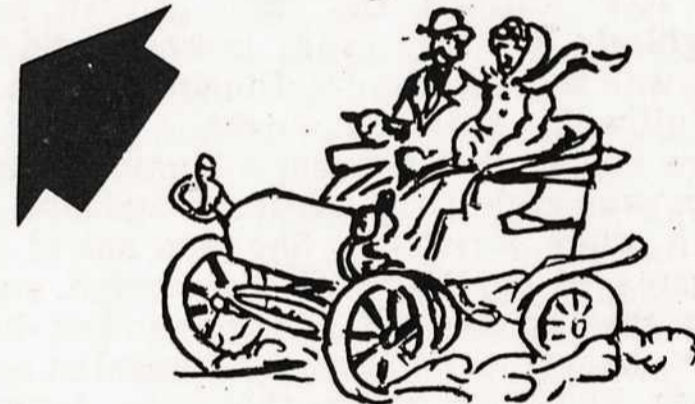
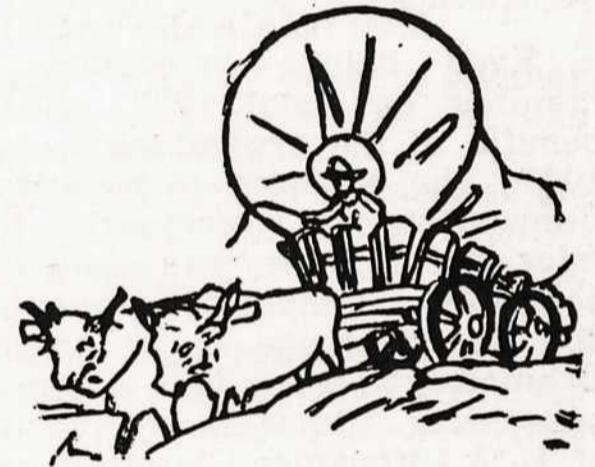
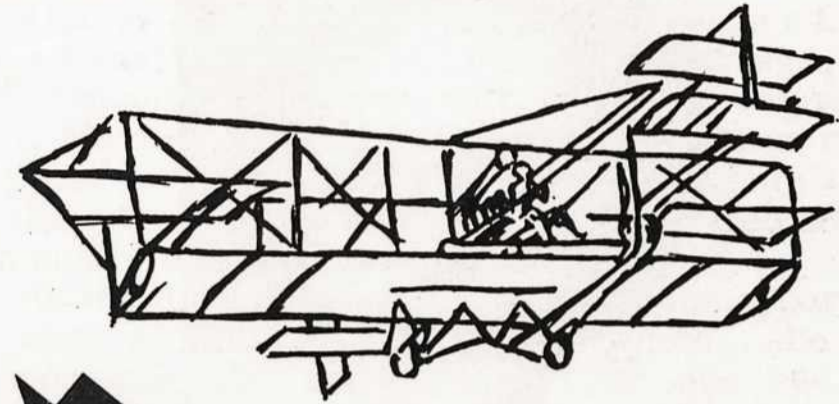
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From August 22nd to the 25th you will find that ALL ROADS LEAD TO PHILADELPHIA.

Remember Westerners, think EAST; all our friends from the North think SOUTH, and everybody else think "PHILLY"!

A hint from the Convention Committee - bring your dancing shoes, your singing voice and lots of K of L's. We would especially like to see all our friends who we have missed for the past several years. Let's make this 55th Knights of Lithuania National Convention the biggest and best yet!



## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY - August 22, 1968**

- a.m. - Historic Tour of the City
- 2:30 p.m. - Bowling
- 8:00 p.m. - Opening Mass - St. Casimir's Church
- 9:00 p.m. - Vakaruškos / Hospitality Evening

**FRIDAY - August 23, 1968**

- 9:30 a.m. - Session
- 11:45 a.m. - Mass (Hotel)
- 12:30 p.m. - Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m. - Session
- 9:00 p.m. - Moonlight Cruise aboard the Showboat

**SATURDAY - August 24, 1968**

- 9:30 a.m. - Session
- 11:45 a.m. - Mass (Hotel)
- 12:30 p.m. - Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m. - Session
- 9:00 p.m. - New Officers' Inaugural Bal.

**SUNDAY - August 25, 1968**

- 10:30 a.m. - Mass (St. Casimir's Church)
- 11:30 a.m. - Picture
- 12:00 noon - Brunch
- 1:45 p.m. - Memorial Service
- 3:00 p.m. - Session
- 6:30 p.m. - Farewell Banquet



# Honorary Membership



ANN (LUCKASAVAGE) BENDER

Even before Ann became an official K of L member on April 1937, she was working for the benefit of the organization. As a new member, in 1937, she accepted to be a delegate at the N.E.D. Convention and volunteered to work at the District Picnic. She was also, either a chairman or committee member for numerous council activities. She was also one of the organizers of the K of L Dramatic Circle. This group was responsible for presenting Lithuanian plays in the name of the K of L. A Lithuanian Choral group was also organized this year under the directorship of Ann.

In 1938, she continued working on these projects and assisted on the various other committees.

The year 1939 followed the same pattern, however, the highlight for this year, in which she was instrumental was a Testimonial Dinner for the All American Fullback, Bill Osmanski.

In 1940, we ventured to present a Musical Revue of which Ann was again the director and she did not subside in other activities. She was one of our council delegates to the National Convention. Anyone attending this convention will remember her, as the girl at the piano for every Lithuanian song that was sung and folk dance that was danced.

From 1941 to 1945 she undertook chairmanship of many committees and continued her work for the musical presentations.

In 1945, when the council had dropped down to seven members due to the war, and the future of our council appeared doomed, it was Ann who accepted to be our President, it was through her untiring efforts that the council remained intact and grew to a membership of 50 members and has never since stopped increasing in membership. She was also instrumental in obtaining the use of our former clubrooms, also in sending food packages, made up of donations, to Lithuanians in various concentration camps.

She was elected president again for 1946, but resigned later due to her doctor's orders. In this year she was the proud recipient of her Fourth

degree, however, her work did not stop. She continued to make herself available as often as possible. As she regained her strength and her zeal and even after her marriage, she continued working in her usual manner, in the years ahead.

In 1954 and 55 she was recording secretary for the council and resumed all activities in full force. Not only did she hold office in our council but was also active in the District. She was a trustee, and also was recording secretary for 3 1/2 years, keeping the minutes in both Lithuanian and English. Since Ann has vacated the office of secretary there has been no Lithuanian minutes for either District or local council.

In 1956 she was chairman of the 40th anniversary celebration and represented our council at the District Conventions.

In 1957 she was an active member for the arrangements in hosting the district convention and because of the ardent work was again elected president for 1958.

As President she served on every committee and was responsible for arranging a combined Communion Breakfast for all the youth organizations in the Parish, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of St. Casimir's birth.

In 1959, she was again council secretary and continued actively participating on committees. Our Musical Revues were resumed this year and again Ann was one of the accompanists. Lithuanian numbers were all under her direction and if not for her determination there would have been no Lithuanian in the show.

In 1960, all efforts were concentrated on the convention plans and Ann played an important part. Not only was she a secretary to the general committee but was active on various other committees, such as the program book, co-chairman of the banquet, co-chairman of the typing pool.

In 1961, she was again working on a Musical show which was an annual affair for the Parish. She also worked with Mary Jankowski on the N.E.D. Cultural Concert.

In 1962, Ann was one of three members honored with a testimonial dinner for 25 years active membership in the council. However, it was just another year to her, she was on the executive board as 2nd vice-president, in charge of ritual committee.

The following year she was our recording secretary again, and became the leader of the newly formed C.C.D. discussion club, which is still active.

She has worked for every Junior Rally the council has sponsored, both on the program and in the kitchen and has worked with the Junior K of L'ers in many ways.

In 1966, she actively worked for another National Convention of which our Council was host. You saw Ann on various committees as we believe the word "NO" is not in her vocabulary. In the meantime, we had our Golden Jubilee banquet to which she devoted much time.



Her activities in 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968 continue in all phases and we are certain this is not the end of her history with the K of L for as long as she is able she will continue working for the betterment of the organization, and we trust you will agree that there are not many members who have devoted as much time as Ann. We feel she is a most worthy of Honorary Membership in our organization.



MARY (THOMPSON) JANKOWSKI

In presenting Mary for consideration to Honorary Membership, we find in reviewing the records that for many years her history is very much like Ann Benders.

She became a member of the K of L in April of 1937 and before this she had accepted a major role in a Lithuanian play in the N.E.D.

The fact that Mary and Ann shared a close friendship, it was seldom they did not serve on the same committees whether as chairman or committee member. The friendship never ceased and you will still find them assisting one another on various projects.

At the 1964 convention in Chicago, Mary was one of the speakers, her topic covered the Junior K of L as she has been active in this field.

She has coordinated three Junior rallies and was featured speaker at two others. She re-organized the Junior council in C-26 and has been their counsellor for the past years. She has devoted 2 and 3 nights a week to this group which now has a membership of 50, and her program includes Lithuanian songs and dances. Together with this, the group participated in parish functions and they also have a good spiritual program.

Mary has also taken an active part in the cultural program. She has been a member of the Supreme Council Cultural committee for 2 years, the chairman for both the N.E.D. and her local Council.

She was the coordinator of the N.E.D. Concert of Lithuanian Music, in which most councils took active participation. We would like to mention that both Mary and Ann Bender proved that all members could learn the Lithuanian Language. They worked with two sisters (3rd generation) of mixed parentage, who never spoke the language, but who sang in Lithuanian just as though they were natives of Lithuania, this was accomplished through their efforts

At one N.E.D. convention a proposal was made to sponsor a play and the concensus of the group was, to have it in English, however, Mary insisted that as K of L members it should be in Lithuanian. As a result, she became chairman and traveled to various councils with an original Lithuanian Musical.

She has always assumed a responsible position on all council presentations either as director, mistress of ceremonies or participant.

Also at a District Convention Mary was a Leader for a Panel discussion on Lithuanian Language, songs and dances. Here again with complete determination, Mary proved her belief that there is no reason why our language and culture should become a thing of the past and firm conviction illustrated how one can easily learn the language.

At the 1966 Convention, you had the opportunity to view a cultural display for which she was responsible, the same as the one she had for a District convention, it was the largest presented.

The Jubilee History Committee will remember her efforts in obtaining financial donations for the book as her council place 2nd in contributions. She is also a constant reminder of our obligations to the scholarship fund.

The 1960 convention Program Book is another good example of her untiring efforts as she was the chairman of this project.

She is an active member on the Lithuanian affairs committee and past chairman for the council. The discussion club is also one of her favorite activities.

Mary has held offices in previous years of President, Vice President, recording secretary and Marshall. She has been our Vice-President the past years in charge of Juniors.

To list all of the committees she has served on, either as a chairman or member would be too numerous, however, the fact that she received her 4th degree in 1946, we believe is self explanatory.

However, the following is a partial list of the more important ones - Assisted in reorganizing C-26, when they were considering liquidation, Testimonial for Bill Osanski, Dramatic Group of C-26 active in all presentations, 25th anniversary of council, as well as the 50th and some in between, mittee, Chairman of Program Book, Mistress of Ceremony for Banquet, Cultural, Dances, picnics, Military whist, junior rallies, bowling, communion breakfasts, testimonial for Rev. M. Tamulevicius, District conventions, also committees when C-26 was host, District: Cultural, Junior Rallies, dances, picnics, card parties, at Conventions - Resolution and Mandate Committees.

In as much as we have not had the pleasure of the same years of membership, we sincerely hope we have done justice in presenting a summary of Mary's work in behalf of the K of L.

We trust you will agree with C-26 that Mary merits Honorary Membership.

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The above two resumes were submitted by C-26, Worcester, Mass. and were prepared by Rev. Al Volungis, Spiritual Advisor, and Helen Gillus.



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## OFFICIAL NEWS

### DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Members whose dues are not paid for the year 1968 by July 1, 1968 and received by the national financial secretary by July 15, 1968 will be dropped from the "Vytis" mailing list.

### RITUAL

All candidates for the Fourth Degree to be presented at the Philadelphia convention, must submit their applications to the national ritual committee no later than July 1, 1968.

### 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. 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.



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA COMMEMORATIVE STAMP. On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence the Supreme Council issued a commemorative tri-color stamp. Available at \$1.00 per sheet from your council president or Mary Kober, national secretary. Chicago area, from Irene Sankus. Addresses on page two.

### 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.

## K of L Calendar

### MAY

- 5 - RITA GORB COMMEMORATIVE MASS, I-I District and K of L Choir, Our Lady of Vilna Church, Chicago, Illinois.
- 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 Detroit host, Satelite Bowl, Holiday Inn Motel, Dearborn, Mich.

### JUNE

- 2 - NY-NJ DISTRICT MEETING, C-61 Paterson host, Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N.J.
- 9 - C-96 Dayton, FAMILY PICNIC, Dayton, Ohio
- 15 - C-112 Chicago, "A NIGHT IN HEIDELBERG", K of L Gardens, Chicago, Ill.
- 16 - CAPTIVE NATIONS DAY, Dayton, Ohio.
- 22-23 - AMERICAN LITHUANIAN CONGRESS, Washington, D.C.
- 30 - C-100 Amsterdam, ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING, Lake Galway, N.Y.

### JULY

- 3- 4 - I-I District Annual JULY 4th PICNIC, K of L Bldg. and Gardens, Chicago, Ill.
- 7 - THIRD NATIONAL LITHUANIAN FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL, Chicago, Ill.
- 16 - DARIUS-GIRENAS A.M. LEGION PARADE, 35th Anniversary, Chicago, Ill.
- 26 - C-96 Dayton, LUAU, Lucas Residence, Dayton, Ohio.
- 28 - C-96 Dayton, PARISH PICNIC, Eintracht Park, Ohio.

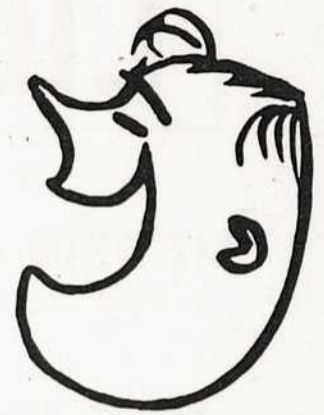
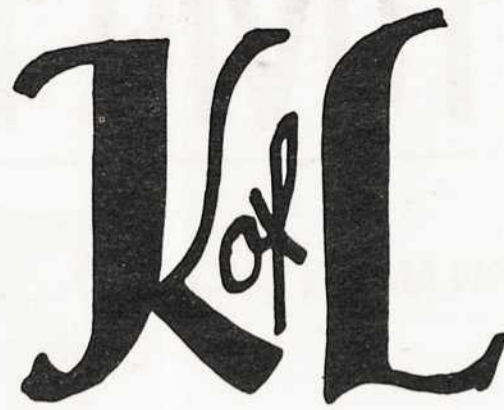
### AUGUST

- 4 - I-I District GOLF TOURNAMENT, Acadia Country Club, Chicago, Ill.
- 11-18 - K of L CAMP DAINAVA WEEK. (See Junior News for information)
- 22-25 - 55th NATIONAL CONVENTION, C-3 host, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 31-9/2- CONGRESS of the WORLD LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY, New York.





# TAKE TIME TO TALK UP THE



With the national convention only three months away every council should be up-to-date in dues payments. By now it's time to be adding new members to council rosters. A hard working example is C-79, Detroit, who have just achieved the 200-member mark. Well deserved congratulations go to them. They are the first council in some years to obtain that large a membership.

But, one membership category - 60 to 99 members - has failed to get even one council fully paid. Let's get on the ball C-96 Dayton, C-7 Waterbury, and C-36, Chicago. Last month each of those three councils were so close to 100% status there is no longer time left for excusing failure to reach that goal. Because those three councils comprise the second largest membership category in the K of L, they are important to the lifeblood of the organization. Some cooperative efforts toward teamwork within these councils could spur them on to keeping up with the rest of the K of L in dues payments and new enrollments.

Meanwhile, each member of every council must "Take the Time to Talk Up the K of L!" This is what arouses the interest of non-members. Who would want to belong to an organization with members not interested enough to talk about their own activities? Who would join an organization not important enough to be talked about during daily conversation? No one else will promote the K of L if we do not take the time to do so ourselves. No one else cares to join us if we don't take the time to talk about what we are doing, what we have planned for the future, what we are all about. If we are not interested enough to talk about what is happening

in the K of L, no one will be interested in us either.

Remember that there is recognition for you and your council too! Special awards will be presented for membership at the next convention. The first councils in the four categories to be 100% paid up will get awards. And there will be awards for the new-member drive. The drive for new members is based on net membership gains. In other words, your council must have the same amount of paid-up members as it did last year at convention time, before it will be considered as having added to its membership rolls.

One award will go to councils in each of the following categories for being the first to be 100% paid-up and another award will be presented to each council in those categories with the greatest percentage net membership increase:

First category - 11-29 members; Second - 30-59 members; Third 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.

For individual membership awards, the following rules and dates must be observed:

TEN points were earned for each new or rejoin member enrolled from August until April 1, 1968.

FIVE can be earned for each new or rejoining member you enroll thereafter until July 10, 1968.

But, you must remember: "TAKE THE TIME TO TALK UP THE K OF L!"

LEON PAUKSTA  
Membership Vice President

## MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

C#	% Pd	8/67	4/68	C#	% Pd	8/67	4/68	C#	% Pd	8/67	4/68
41	154%	28	43	25S	95%	40	38	133S	61%	33	20
90	139%	18	25	7	93%	96	89	14	60%	10	'
67	125%	4	5	25	93%	28	26	17S	59%	32	1
139	115%	27	31	96	92%	93	87	30	59%	29	17
134	111%	18	20	3	89%	44	39	102	59%	41	24
79	110%	181	200	Chgo Sr.	87%	39	34	1	58%	19	11
52	104%	23	24	10	86%	21	18	Pgh Sr.	50%	2	1
100	103%	37	38	36	86%	72	64	26	49%	145	71
112	102%	156	159	109	86%	21	18	17	39%	41	16
135	102%	50	51	NY Sr.	80%	25	20	13	33%	12	4
61	100%	4	4	19	79%	39	31	113	30%	23	7
103S	100%	14	14	12	77%	31	24	27	0%	8	0
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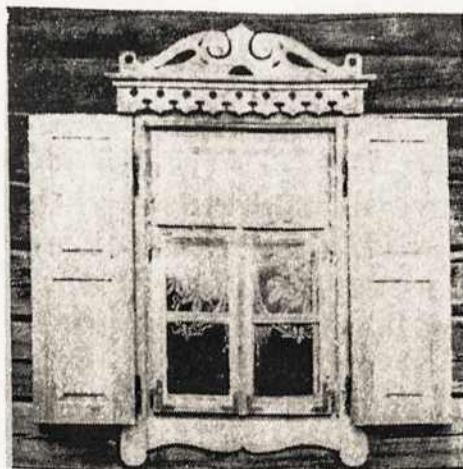
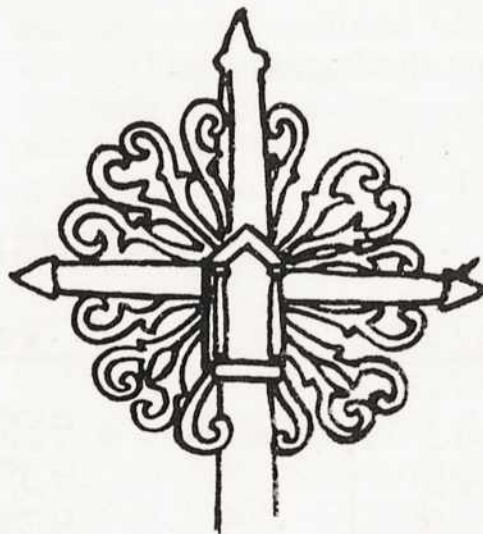
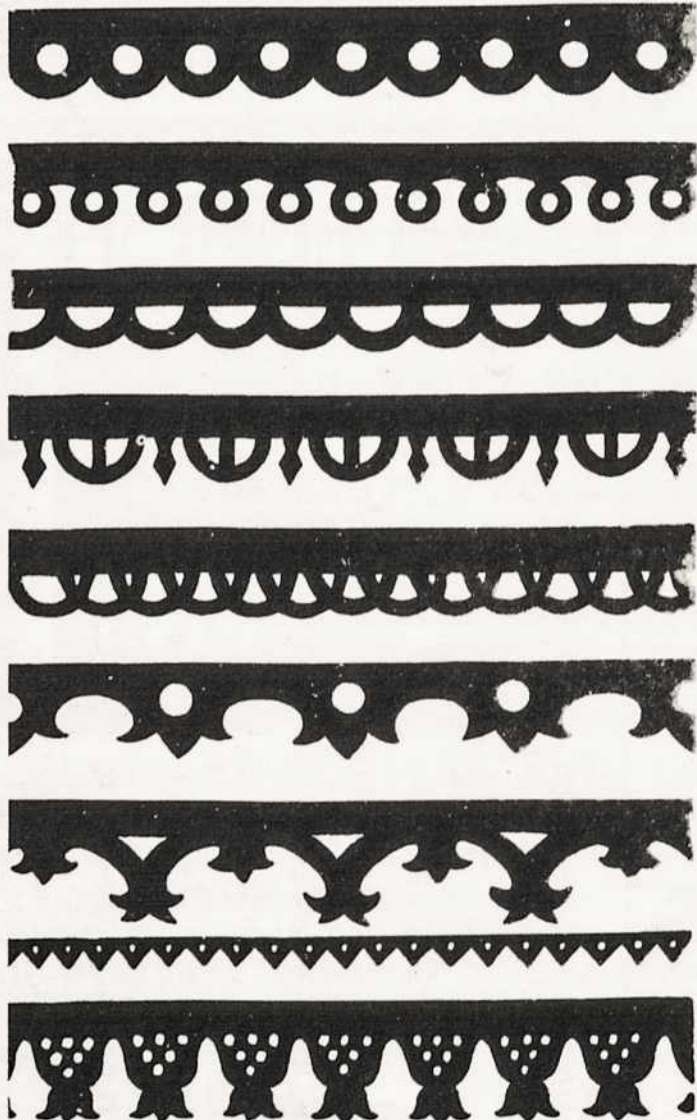
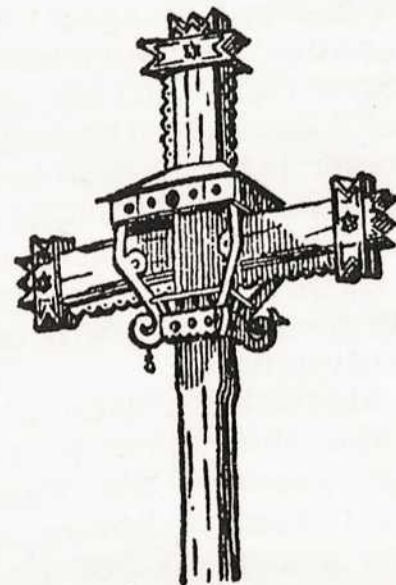
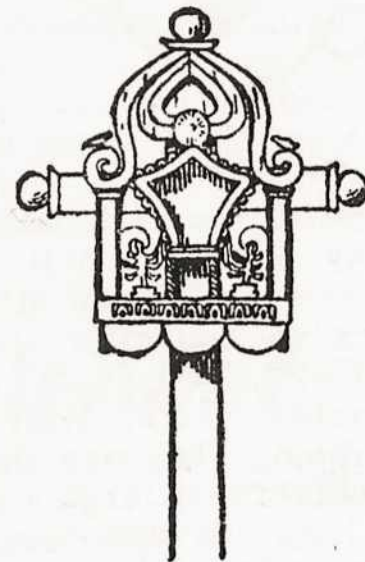
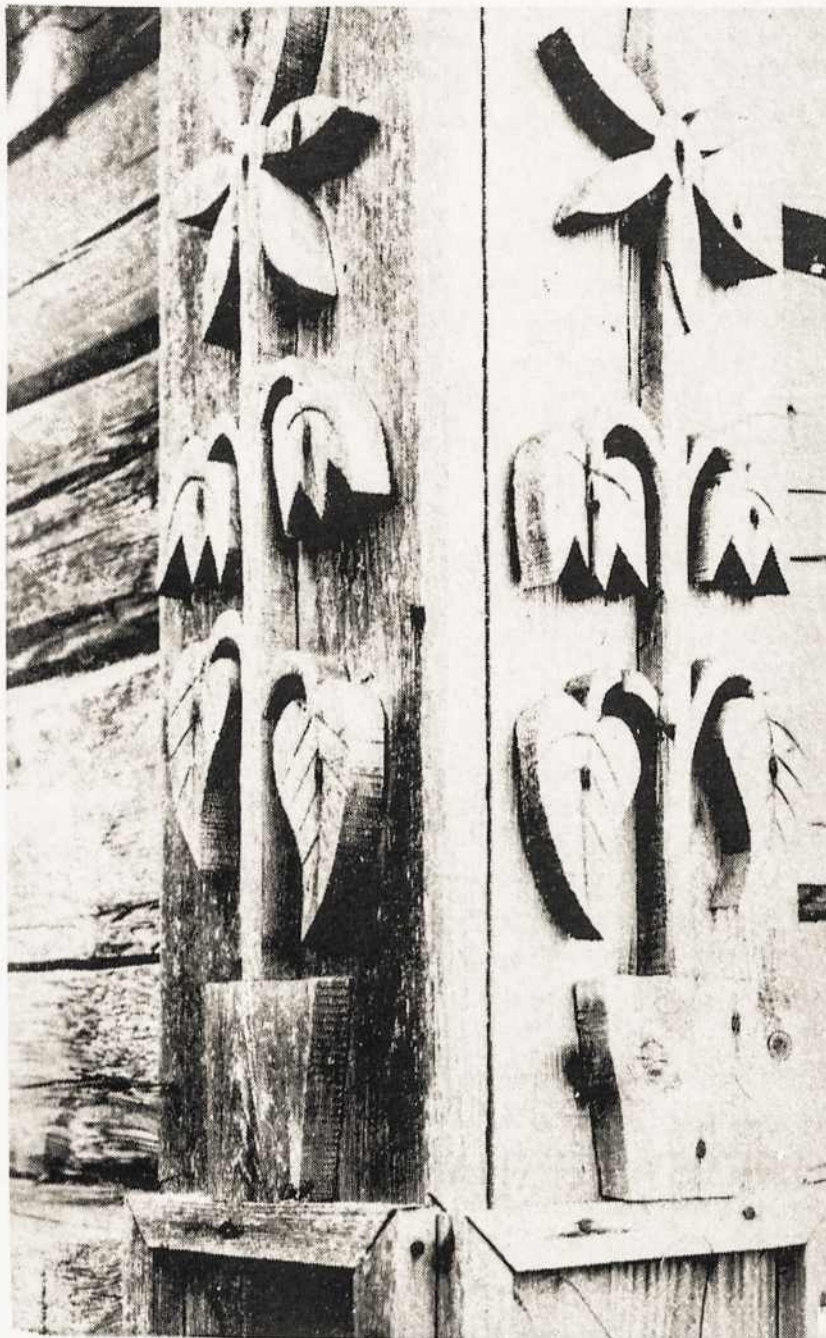


# LIETUVIŲ TAUTINIS MENAS

## MEDŽIO ORNAMENTIKA

Bepigu dabar, paėmus elektrinį piūklą, išpiauti iš lentos kokius tik nori papuošimus. Bet anais laikais, kai viską tekdavo su paprastu piūkle ar peiliu pagaminti, nemažai prakaito tekdavo išlieti. Todėl žiūrint į lietuviškas bažnyčias, namus, kryžius, tenka stebėtis ornamentų gausumu ir įvairumu. Tie ornamentai detalėse labai gražiai sukomponuoti, nors retai kas juos atskirai pastebi. Jie susilieja su pastato visuma ir sudaro vieną kūrinį. Be jų pastatas netektų savo žaismingumo. Iš lentos piautų ornamentų užtiksi palangėse, pastogėse ir ypatingai kryžiuose ir koplytėlėse. Čia jie sudaro kuo ne svarbiausią kūrinio dalį.

Kairėje yra sutalpinta visa eilė medžio ornamentų surastų įvairiuose senuose pastatuose. Pastebėsite, kad ir dabar jie naudojami įvairiems papuošimams lietuviškame stiliuje gaminti.









# JUNIOR NEWS

DEAR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA JUNIORS,

First of all, let me introduce myself. I am the national Lithuanian Cultural Chairman of the Knights of Lithuania organization and I wish to get acquainted with you. Working together is one of the best proven ways of getting to know each other, so here is what I want you to know and do.

Everybody with Lithuanian blood in their veins will try to do something for Lithuania this year, because 1968 is a very significant anniversary in Lithuanian history. It reminds us that fifty years ago, February 16, 1918, a small but courageous country dared to declare itself a free and independent nation after 123 years of cruel Russian rule. Again, today, Lithuania is not free, but a slave state in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics - helpless victim of Russian communism. All Lithuania's loyal sons and daughters must keep doing everything possible to help liberate her.

All eyes are on youth today, likewise on you. We, your K of L elders, are sincerely concerned with what you think and feel about the goals of our wonderful organization. Don't you think that writing an essay on "What Lithuania Means to a Knights of Lithuania Junior" is a pretty good way of letting us know.

Don't let the word "essay" frighten you. Consider it a proud and pleasant task and let your young hearts and minds speak out freely. Because "the pen is mightier than the sword" your essays will contribute much to Lithuania's freedom cause. Who knows how many readers will catch a thought and will be inspired to action because of what you wrote?

The prize for the winning essay is a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond. The runner-up will receive a surprise prize. You may choose to write in Lithuanian or English. With a fervent prayer to St. Casimer for inspiration - let's get writing and GOOD LUCK to you.

Very truly yours,

MISS MARCELLA ANDRIKIS

P.S. DEADLINE for all essays - AUGUST 1, 1968

And - please be sure to include your name, address and your age.

Mail them to: Stanley Vaitkus

## CHICAGO JUNIORS

The K of L Juniors have been very busy this past year with dancing and singing, performing on stage, and making crafts. Of course, we try always to do our best in the K of L tradition.

In January, we had our new officers elected as follows: Christine Giedraitis, President; Sandra Juris, Vice President; Marie Giedraitis, Secretary; Francine Klatt, Treasurer; Richard Richkus and Christine Juris, Sgts. at Arms; Sandie Juris, "Vytis" Correspondent. We hope our new officers will serve us as well as the ones in the past.

Again, we want to thank our counselors, Helen Pius, Cis Matul and Ray Samoska, for making the years with the K of L Juniors, ones to remember always, and

we hope they will be with us next year.

Sandra Juris

Yes, the Juniors have been busy this '67-'68 season. Christmas once again found us making Lithuanian Christmas ornaments out of straw for entry in Frank Zapolis' Annual Contest. Frank, of C-36, generously awards a prize every year to the best Junior's ornament and this year Donna Bartkus' efforts were rewarded.

Of course, each holiday is a good excuse for a party with the appropriate decorations to be made - spooks, witches and spider webs for Halloween, snow flakes for Christmas and hearts and cupids for Valentine's Day. President, Chris Giedraitis, and her committee plan out the entertainment and games

In between parties, we're able to fit in some pretty strenuous dance rehearsals in preparation for the programs we have participated in. The St. Casimir's Day Commemoration, March 3rd, hosted by C-36, was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church with Juniors Francine Klatt and Anthony Giedraitis presenting flowers to the altar. Breakfast at the District Youth Center followed the mass, with the Juniors performing several folk dances on the program following the breakfast.

AND because the next day was to be our lovely accordionist's birthday, Donna Bartkus was surprised with a cake to help celebrate her Sweet 16th Birthday. Atop the cake was a lone "16-inch" candle - guaranteed to make wishes come true!

The Juniors have also been creating mosaic-type pictures of Lithuanian houses using various shades of wood-like cutouts of Contact Paper. When finished, these pictures will make lovely wall plaques. Our thanks to Irene Sankus, "Vytis" Editor, for featuring examples of Lithuanian architecture and giving us samples to work from.

Plans for the months ahead include Soccer for the boys, apron embroidery for the girls, a Chance Booth during the I-I District Fourth of July two-day celebration at the Youth Center, participation in the forthcoming 3rd National Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival in Chicago - July 7th, and the Darius-Girenas A.L. Parade, also in July.

Cis Matul

I-I District Juniors

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# Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

## CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIAI

Kovo 19 dieną Vyčių salėje sendraugių kuopa turėjo mėnesinį narių susirinkimą. Kadangi keletas veiklių narių serga, tai susirinkimas nebuvo skaitlingas, bet buvo darbingas, nes išnagrino gautą iš vyčių namo Tarybos darbų apyskaitą, aptarė kuopos būtiniausias veiklos reikalus ir padarė du svarbius nutarimus, būtent: visus tuos narius, kurie yra kuopos pasitarnavę vyčių organizacijai darbais, aukomis ir palikę palikimus, pagerbti, tai yra suruošti prisiminimo pobūvius, pavidale koncerto su vakariene. Ir antra, kuopos narė mokytoja Adelė Gabaliauskienė - Rubliauskaitė, kuri 1927 m. drauge su kitais atstovavo Lietuvos vyčius didžiuliam Pavasarininkų kongrese Kaune, kur kartu su p. Stašaitė ir K. Vesulu įteikė Lietuvos kariuomenės vadui gen. Silvestrui Žukauskui aukso kardą, ir kaip savo jaunystėje nudirbusiai daug Amerikos vyčiams, suruošti atskirą pagerbimą su koncertine dalimi.

Be to susirinkę išklaušė labai reikšmingos paskaitos "kas slepiasi šv. Kazimiero karste", kurią skaitė vyčių nuolatinis paskaitininkas Pov. Dirkis ir kuris supažindino su šv. Kazimiero kanonizacija ir padarytais stebuklais, iš kurių pats reikšmingiausias tai jo pasirodymas 1518 m. lietuvių kariams prie Dauguvos ir, kuris yra atvaizduotas Panevėžio katedroje, Washington, D.C. bazilikos lietuvių koplyčioje ir net Chicagos Marquette parko lietuvių katalikų naujoje bažnyčioje.

Susirinkimą aplankė 17 romano "Draugo" premijos mecenatas Gediminas Janula, Dariaus-Girėno kultūros fondonarys ir Worcesterio vyčių 26-tos kuopos narys, kuris susirinkimą pasveikino savo dalinio vardu ir atminčiai įteikė kuopai dail Jurgio Juodžio vertingą pieštų paveikslų albumą. Taip pat pakvietė šią vasarą atvykti daugiau atstovų į Philadelphia dalyvauti vyčių seime.

Pabaigoje P. Dirkis su dideliu apgailėstaviu painformavo susirinkusius apie sergantį Karių Veteranų ligoninėje gulintį, esantį kritiškoje padėtyje vyčių pirmūną Antaną Petrulį. Susirinkimas išreiškė ligoniui užuojautą ir šeimai apgailėstavimą. Ant. Petrulis vy-

čių organizacijoje nebuvo eilinis. Virš 50 metų bėgyje Chicagos kuopose yra išvaręs plačią ir gilią vagą ne tik savo darbais, bet ir aukomis. Jis yra ilametis vyčių tarybos narys, namų saugotojas ir nuolatinis prižiūrėtojas.

Susirinkimą pravedė Ig. Sakalas ir O. Aleliūnienė.

P. Erdvys

(REDAKTORES PASTABA: Balandžio 2, 1968 m. Veteranų Ligoninėje mirė Čikagos sendraugis Antanas Petrulis. Giliausią užuojautą reiškiamo Poniai Kazimierai Petrulienei ir jos šeimai. Ponas Petrulis visuomet buvo mums visiems šviesūs pavyzdys ir mes jo labai pasigesime.)

## PROVIDENCE, R. I., C-103 SENIORS

Jonas

Irene Landanski is a buyer for a number of leading Boston department stores. Her duties necessitate frequent trips to New York City.

Beatrice and Victor Mathieu attended the Flower show in New York. Their garden at their summer home in Bristol will profit by the new seeds purchased at the show. During the summer months the Lithuanian flag could be seen for miles around atop his high flag pole.

Paul Stoskus a freshman at St. Anthony's high school in Kennebunkport, Maine spent his Easter vacation with his parents. He has been first in his class of 21 for three quarters of this academic year, and has also received high honors for three quarters. The school is operated by the Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers.

Father Martinkus our pastor attended a testimonial dinner in honor of Ivaskienė of Boston. Her dedication in teaching our youth Lithuanian folk-dances is indeed commendable.

Rūta Krecioch's daughter Regina received the sacrament of Confirmation, and her twins Katherine and Marcella received their First Holy Communion.

Via the grape-vine we are told Aldona Kairys is finishing a book of Lithuanian poetry. Matthew and Aldona have three lovely children; two boys and a girl. Their children are well instructed in the use of the Lithuanian language.

Mildred Seraichekas is continuing her studies of the Russian language in Boston. Mildred has made two trips to Lithuania by way of Russia. Anyone interested in oceanography might obtain valuable literature from Helen Seraichekas. She is a lab technician at the Oceanographic Institute in Saunderstown, R.I.

Father Jurgelaitis, O.P., is dean of the foreign language department at Providence College. He is a frequent guest preacher at St. Casimir's Church in Providence.

Flood waters played havoc with Vyto Savickis' heating unit. Loss of heat forced Vyto to use an electric blanket, while his wife and son J.J. took comfort at her parents home in Portsmouth, N. H.

Father Martinkus had a most pleasant rectory guest, his sister from Chicago. As national president of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, he is compelled to make trips to various parts of the world in behalf of the organizations needs.

Bertha Stoskus has recently been appointed a supervisor in the IBM section of Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank.

## CLEVELAND, OHIO, 25 kp. SENJORAI.

Prieš kuri laiką "Drauge" tilpo "Jaunuolio" žinėlė, kad vyčiai senjorai ruošiasi surengti "card party" ir visą jame uždirbtą pelną paskirti šv. Kazimiero seminarijai Romoje ir Lietuvos dvasiškiai. Dabar malonu čia prisiminti, kad kortų pobūvis jau įvyko, kovo 31 d., šv. P-lės N. Pagalbos parap. salėje. Publikos atsilankė gana didokas skaičius, nors buvo tikėtasi kiek daugiau, nes šis parengimas buvo rengiamas ne senjorų pelnui, bet labdarybei. Paaškęjo, kad mūsų tautiečius mažai tedomina tokie parengimai, ypač katalikams reikėjo parodyti daugiau savo širdies katalikiškos labdarybės labui.

Kaip ten bebūtų, bet vyčiai senjorai, su savo darbščiaja komisija padarė apie \$380.00 pelno. Priešios sumos, senjorų dvasios vadas kun. J. Angelaitis dar prisidėjo su penkiais šimtais dolerių. Bernardas Karklius tam tikslui



paaukojo \$10.00 ir kiek teko girdėti iš pačios komisijos ir kitų narių, tai jie žada sukelti ligitūkstantis dolerių šiam geram ir būtinam tikslui Didelė padėka tebūna šios parap. klebonui ir senjorų vyčių dvasios vadui - kun. J. Angelaičiui, kuris ne tik padarė didelę auką, bet ir leido veltui naudotis sale, už didelį darbą besirūpinant daugybe vertingų dovanų. Ypatingai Rožei Sankalienei, už rankų darbų. Ji pašventė daug brangaus savo laiko bedarydama 10 gražių lėlių. Jas visas pardavė. Pinigus paaukojo šiam labdarybės tikslui, o Kazimierai Sadauskienėi tebūna didelis ačiū, už pardavimo įėjimo bilietų. Žinoma, visu darbu uoliausiai rūpinosi visa veikiančioji komisija ir josios pagalbininkai: M. Tarutienė, K. Sadauskienė, A. Karklienė, R. Sadauskienė, U. Gaižutienė, A. Gaižutis ir jų sūnelis, kuris savo muzikiniais įrankiais - juostelių ir plokštelių griežimu pobūvį darė gyvesnį ir jautresnį. Taip pat tebūna vitiškas ačiū ir šioms vyčioms ir vyčiams - B. Karkliui, Ignui Visockui, P. Zigmui, M. Yešmantienei, K. Petkunienei, Titenienei, St. Sankalaitei (už jos gautas vertingas dovanas ir pasirūpinimą skelbimo iškaba), J. Salasevičienei, M. Trainauskaitei, A. Grybauskaitei ir kitiems. O nemažesnis ačiū ir L. vyčių 25-tai kp., kuri ne tik davė dvi dovanas, bet ir didokas skaičius pačių narių atsilankė ir gausiai parėmė šią "Card party". Ypatingai buvoma lonu susitikti su buvusiu ilgame vyte - Alese Baltrušaitė-Mažiene, kuri savo jaunystėje buvo viso Clevelando liet. visuomenės pripažinta kaip geriausia ir gambiausia deklamatorė lietuvių tarpe visame Clevelande, o gal ir visoje Amerikoje. Vėliau ji buvo viena iš įžymiausių ir gambiausių scenos vaidintojų, o juo labiau Alesė mokėjo giliai išgyventi Lietuvos istoriškuose veikaluose, bet žinoma, ji visada žavėjo publiką ir savo veilės vaidinimais. Alesės vaidyba visi gėrėjosi. Tik gaila, kad Alesė apleido L. Vyčių org. eiles, į kur savo jaunystėje buvo įdėjusi visą savo širdį ir ilgus metus bebūdama L. Vyčių 25-tos kp. met. rašt. ir kitų savo tautos ir katalikų bažnyčios gerųjų darbų didinga rėmėja. Alese, senjorai vyčiai vėl norėtų, kad tu stotum į jų gretas - eiles! Laukiame! Senelis

## "SENELIUI" - gimtadienio proga



Juozai, ar atsimeni  
Savo jaunystės dienas?  
Kur augai, su viltimi  
Dainuot Lietuvos dainas.  
Tą Kudrenėlių kaimą,  
Kuriame gimei, augai  
Ir tą gražų beržyną  
Ir alksnyną, kur žaidei . . .  
Ar tav nebuvo gaila  
Gražią Dzūkiją palikt?  
Su jos puikiausia gamta  
Ant visad atsisveikint . . .  
Gal norėtai dar grįžti  
Į tą gražiausią šalį?  
Ir ten lankyti, puošti  
Protėvių, tėvų kapą . . .  
Daug metelių praėjo,  
Šis vienu padaugėjo . . .  
Sveikatos ir ilgiausių  
Metų sulaukti linkiu!

J. Kuzas

### K OF L SPOTLIGHTS DUAL COMMEMORATION IN YOUNGSTOWN

Sunday, Mar. 3, 1968, historically marked the greatest event that ever was sponsored in the City of Youngstown, Ohio, by the Lithuanian-Americans. For on that day Knights and Ladies from four K of L Councils, for the first time, gathered together and commemorated two great occasions, namely - their own Order's traditional St. Casimir Day and the 50th Golden Anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence. First, in solemn and impressive religious rites in St. Francis (Lithuanian) Church, and later at the Gondolier restaurant, after a sumptuous luncheon where an appropriate program was presented, the day was crowned by the Good Lord with unusual success and a day that will long remain in the fond memories of all those that participated.

The fine weather drew an unusually large participation of members from the Cleveland's C-25 and Seniors C-25, and a large number from Pittsburgh's C-19. The local Youngstown Seniors C-111, played Hosts. Since this was a dual commemoration local Latvian-Americans, with a fine representation, also participated greatly honoring their brother na-

tionals on this occasion.

K of L members and their guests gathered in the church hall where the procession was formed. At 11:00 a.m. the line of procession began entering the church to the strains of the St. Casimir hymn. Preceded by the Rev. Father Stephen Bakos, (recently appointed as the new administrator of St. Francis parish), and three altar boys bearing the cross and two candles, the procession was headed by the flag bearers carrying the United States, the Lithuanian and the Mid-Central District flag. After them followed Mrs. Loretta Blums and her lovely daughter Audra - dressed in traditional Lithuanian costumes. Then followed Honorary members: Joseph Sadauskas and Vincent Ed Pavis accompanied by Mrs. Stella Pavis, fourth degree member and M - C secretary. Fourth degree members, followed by third, second, and first degree'ers and the guests of the day completed the line of procession.

To the strains of the church organ, voices were raised in song "Pulkim Ant Kelių" was heard for the first time in this church in more than thirty years. During the Offertory, Joseph Sadauskas, representing the Cleveland and Julia Aleshunas, representing the



Pittsburgh presented the symbolic gifts of the Mass. The Rev. Father Stephen Bakos, a refugee priest from his native Hungary, rendered an impressive Sermon, that was well intertwined with historical date on the life of St. Casimir and the history and plight of present-day Lithuania. St. Casimir's Hymn was sung by the congregation and at the close of services, the Church just literally lifted to the words and refrain of our K of L Hymn.

After church services, all then left for the Gondolier Restaurant, where sumptuous Luncheon and an appropriate program of the day awaited them. M-C Vincent Ed. Pavis, local Council president and M-C District President, requested the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Paul O'Connor, Chancellor of our Youngstown diocese (who was representing our bishop - Very Reverend James A. Malone), for a prayer of Invocation and blessing of the food before us. After the luncheon, the program began with the singing of the Lithuanian Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, and the Star Spangled Banner.

Mrs. Ona Sabel, Chairlady of the Commemoration's preparations, presented Mr. Pavis as the Ritual Master. From Youngstown Martin Sabonis and Mrs. Ona Sabel were elevated into the Second Degree. From the Cleveland Seniors Miss Stella Sankal was also inducted into her Second Degree. Into the Third Degree, from Cleveland Peter Luiza and Ignas Visockas, were both elevated. For many years they have distinguished themselves greatly in their K of L activities, and have more than earned their right to receive this high honor.

The surprise of the day was when Mr. Pavis, after extolling the many K of L virtues of the eminent recipient, requested the Rev. Father Walter Karaveckas, pastor of St. Casimir Church (Lithuanian) in Pittsburgh and Spiritual Director of C-19, to step forward and receive his Fourth Degree, an honor that he had earned many years ago but had failed to appear at induction ceremonies either during our Order's National Conventions or District functions, to receive it. It was quite apparent that Father Karaveckas was moved by this highest degree honor and ex-

pressed his sincere thanks.

Following the presentation of degrees the program moved to the observance of Lithuania's 50th anniversary of its Declaration of Independence, which was begun with the reading by Mr. Pavis of the Lithuanian Independence Year Proclamation, issued by His Honor James A. Rhodes, Governor of the State of Ohio, and the reading of the Lithuanian Independence Day Proclamation, issued by Mayor Anthony B. Flask, Mayor of the City of Youngstown read by Mrs. Ona Sabel. Mr. Pavis for the high-light of the theme then presented his "Appeal to the Free World in Behalf of Lithuania's Freedom", closing his remarks with an announcement that all those wishing to contribute to the cause of Lithuania's liberation may do so by contacting Mrs. Loretta Blums with their donations. All such collected donations to be forwarded to the Lithuanian-American Council, Inc., in Chicago, Ill.

Bronius Kazenas of Cleveland with his group of accordion students then entertained the gathering with Lithuanian songs and melodies. Mr. Kazenas with his beautiful baritone voice sang accompanied by the music of his students. Rev. Father Stephen Bakos extended his kind wishes. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Paul O'Connor then expressed his felicitations and also those of our Bishop James A. Malone, and expressed his fervent hope that Lithuania will once again rise from bondage.

Miss Audra Blums, a third year student at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., presented her Recitation dedicated to Lithuania, in English, that she had herself composed and prepared. His Honor Anthony B. Flask, Mayor of the City of Youngstown, in his address expressed his many kind thoughts on the occasion and urged all present in remembering the Land of their Fathers to exert their efforts in promoting the ideals and purposes of America. Mrs. Flask was also presented.

Vytautas Jucius and his two little daughters, Dalia Maria, age 11, and Daina Adria, age 8, from Pittsburgh, then presented several musical and vocal renditions. Mr. Jucius, (4th degree member) promoter of a popular Lithuanian

Radio program in Pittsburgh, is an accomplished accordionist and his daughters sang several numbers to his accompaniment.

All the Presidents of the visiting Councils were presented: Alvin Onaitis, C-19; Eugene Kunsaitis, C-25 and Joseph Sadauskas, Cleveland Seniors.

Voldemars Darznieks, President of the local Latvian-American organization was presented. After his address, all the Latvians arose and serenaded our Lithuanians with several numbers sung in Latvian, one especially dedicated for our Lithuanian occasion.

Miss Stella Sankal, S.C. Treasurer greeted the assembly in behalf of the Supreme Council.

To climax the occasion Father Karaveckas was presented. In his address he expressed his warm thanks to the Youngstowners for their efforts in organizing and preparing this event, his sincere delight in being present and his unexpected pleasure at receiving his Fourth Degree, and then urged our membership to ever higher goals in achieving the lofty purposes not only for our beloved Order but also in behalf of our Lithuanian people and Lithuania's freedom.

The program of the day was closed with the harmonious and fervent singing of our K of L Hymn. It was apparent that throughout the whole program many hearts were touched by the wonderful traditions and rites of our Lithuanian People.

After all the festivities a group of Pittsburghers and some Youngstowners gathered at the residence of Vincent Ed. and Stella Pavis for a small reception. The Clevelanders had been invited but for fear of foreboding weather conditions hurried back to their homes.

All in all, this was an occasion that will long remain in the memories of all those that participated. One that had attended many St. Casimir Day affairs, remarked, "This was the best and greatest I have ever witnessed". The K of L'ers can take great credit for the presentation of this affair and their efforts not only crowned their observance of St. Casimir Day but also the 50th Golden Anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence.

V.E.P.



# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

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

C-7 of Waterbury celebrated St. Casimir's Day on Mar. 3 with an 8:05 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Church and breakfast afterwards. The Knights were treated to a talk by Brother Robert Fontaine of the Brothers of the Holy Cross who will establish a high school in Waterbury.

There were approximately 150 guests present who heard Reverend Edward Gradeck, Pastor of St. Joseph's, who spoke briefly welcoming the guests and greeting the people. Among the guests were the Knights of Columbus whose honor guard added color to the entire proceedings. Alexander Aleksis, choirmaster of St. Joseph's, directed the congregation in singing the national anthem and the Lithuanian national hymn. One notable absentee was Marcella Andrikis, the cultural chairman who was in the hospital recuperating from a broken leg. We all missed her fine solo renditions.

Dr. William Shukaitis was chairman and Frank Shaknaitis was master of ceremonies.

Member of the committee included James Valaitis, Lillian Paulauskas, Nell Diggles, John Alanskas, Joseph Samoska, Jr., Reverend Paul Sabulis, Locadia Sulauskas, William Gervickas, Otto Shatas, and Joseph Ruhauskas.

(Editor's Note: While returning from the 50th anniversary commemoration, Marcella Andrikis slipped on ice and broke her ankle. She is currently on a long recovery process with a leg cast. Get well wishes to this staunch K of L'er should be sent in care of: John Andrikis, 11 Wilson Road, Wolcott, Conn. 06716)

### SO. BOSTON, MASS., C-17

St. Casimir's Day was commemorated on Sun., Mar. 3, by a special Mass held at St. Peter's by Father Al Janiunas, spiritual advisor followed by a Communion Breakfast in the church hall. Attending the K of L Flag were Al Jaritis, president, Frank Sabiski and Larry Svelnis. Also participating were the Stephen Darius Color Guard. Head table guests included - Father Anthony Baltrushunas, pastor; Dr. Petras Kaladė (Ateitininkai); Ceslovas Kiliulis (Lithuanian Boy Scouts); Father Budzeika (Marion priest from London, England); Phyllis Grendal (Hon. Member); Mrs. Lillian Obukavich Bazzinoti (St. Peter's Ladies Sodality); Al Jaritis (N.E. D. president); Bronis Kovas (Sea Scouts); Albin P. Neviera (4th degree member); Father J. Klimas; Anthony Shalna, toastmaster; and Father Albert Contons, professor at St. Sebastian's and past spiritual director, who was the principal speaker. Many thanks to the hard-working committee for all their efforts: chairman, Al Jaritis

Lorraine Harris, Julie Dabriskis, Ruth Stankus, Jerry and Rita Venis, John and Alice Olevitz, Jackie Burke, Carol Wisotsky, Eleanor Sanda, and all the Juniors who helped before and after the breakfast.

The annual ski-weekend was a big success. I am glad to report that there were no casualties on the slopes and everyone made their way home without any accidents.

Vacationers - Ed Rudistouring Greece, Turkey, No. Africa, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. Rudy is still working in Germany ... Bill Gorski and Father John Zurromskis spent some time at a Dude Ranch in New York. Both are avid horsemen... Al Jaritis spent a couple of days resting in upstate New York ... John Daniels crosses the country these days like a commuter... Alice Olevitz spent a few days in the hospital accompanying her daughter, Valerie, who was in for a checkup.

Among the vacationers, Jean Pasakarnis has been very busy. She made a trip to Europe, is now chairman of a medical seminar, and is also making plans for a short course at the University of Chicago in May. Jean had to retire her "Freddie". It went the way of all old cars. She bought another VW. Vytautas Bruzgys took a leisurely cruise in the southern waters while we in the north were freezing. Adele Martis, Mary Martis and daughter Adele Nancy went to Florida, but found cold weather.



Waterbury Council 7 celebrating St. Casimir's Day. (Photo - David Richard Marselinas)



Don and Loretta (Kontrim) Martell have been transferred to Arlington, Va. from Florida. We now have so many members in Washington area that they could start their own council.

Rita Waitkunas is very busy getting her thesis into shape. When it is finished Rita will have earned her master's degree. Jacqueline Burke has received high honors from the New England School of Pharmacy. Ruth Stankevicius made the Dean's List at the Boston State. Joe Naujokas has been promoted by Uncle Sam to S/4. Bill Zaremba has finished one course and is still pursuing his education. Father Mykolas of St. Casimir's church Brockton, Mass. has celebrated his fortieth anniversary in the priesthood.

Larry Svelnis is heading a drive to raise funds for an elevator for our Lithuanian Club. Hurry the project along, Larry. Those stairs are much to much.

C-17 Seniors held their first annual Scholarship Fund-raising dinner at the Milton House. A smorgasbord was the main event. They had a fine turnout, which shows that people will support a good cause. The committee was composed of Longinas Svelnis, Mrs. Madeline Druzdis, Mrs. Ann Antonelis, and Miss Phyllis Grendal. Many thanks to those who were able to participate.

Engagement - Paul Neviera and Virginia Druzdis, a summer wedding is planned... Bill Gorski and Lillian Kasauskas ... Vyto Ulevicius and Dorothy Hunter were recently wed. Good Luck to all.

Please remember in your prayers the mother of Bob Gendreau, who is seriously sick.

Remember These souls in your prayers, Stanley Daniels, father of John and Frances Mattson, and Atty. Constantine Aksten, a friend of the K of L.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26

Dzūkelė

A MONTHLY OCCURENCE: A hush spreads over the group as Jack Mattrick's voice is heard, "Meeting called to order". Father Jutt offers a prayer, all join in singing the K of L Hymn, and the meeting is underway. A similar scene most certainly takes place in every council. It's as though each council assumes the identity of a particular note in an arpeggio.

When played together, it becomes a beautiful chord - our Knights of Lithuania.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE: Mary Jankowski, chairman, tells us that Charles Glodas, Wanda Pajeda and Charles Grigaitis are to be commended for the efforts put into the cultural display which appeared for several weeks in the window of the Mechanics National Bank. It was a joy to observe passersby admiring the fine amber articles, the woven scarves, and the delicate wayside crosses.

SPORTS: Bowling is a routine with many of our members, but we think this tidbit is indeed worthy of mention. The very evening Alana Pinkus scored the high single of 124 for the women, her brother, Ted, Jr., scored a high single of 169 for the men. Oh, my!

KNIGHT NOTES: Three weeks at St. Vincent Hospital is all that was necessary to put Joseph Sakaitis in A-1 condition again. It's good to see Joe looking "good as new".

We do hope Father Jutt will put together, and soon, those facts he has discovered about St. Casimir. We are grateful for the friendship our Frannie Grigas has with the family who allowed us the use of their barn for a skating party. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tagman and Mr. and Mrs. James Sanders have returned recently from a vacation in the Hawaiian Islands. They spent some time on the west coast and have delightful tales to tell. Joan (Steele) and Bob Krusas are happy to announce the arrival of their second son and we all extend sincere congratulations to the happy family. If ever you notice a motorcycle policeman pulling alongside your automobile, don't be frightened. It may be no one else but Bob saying a "vytiška" hello. They tell us this very thing has happened to not a few!

MAY EVENTS: May promises to be an active month for our council. Our annual spring dance will take place at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury, Mass. on May 17. The annual Mother's Day tribute will take place on May 12 with Mass and Holy Communion. Our members will attend Mass with their mothers after which a breakfast will be served in the parish hall.

Happy springtime . . . congratulations to mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers . . .

SO. WORCESTER, MASS., C-116  
Ramblina

On Sun. Mar. 24, the fourth N. E. D Bowling Roll-off took place and was hosted by C-116. Miss Anne Miller, chairman of the sports committee, headed the group at Our Lady of Vilna which played host during the afternoon and evening program. Anne and Dot Sinkavich took two carloads of juniors, and they sure did pack them in - on the roof and under the floor - to get them to the alleys. The juniors have showed a great deal of enthusiasm for these monthly N. E. D. bowling matches in different cities. They have made friends with one another and have carried this spirit on to other important activities of the K of L. Mrs. John Adamaitis and daughter Irene were left in charge of the kitchen to have a hot spaghetti and meatball supper ready for the group when they returned to the clubrooms after bowling. Others who were a big help were Rita Skamrock, John Andruski and Trudy Zibinskas. Around 5:00 about 60 hungry people converged on the clubrooms and enjoyed this Italian-Lithuanian supper.

It was such a delight to see so many youngsters at this affair. The youngest was fourteen months old and the oldest? There were young people swarming everywhere, and we felt that truly the K of L will not die with all these young people ready to take over. After the delicious meal, the younger members went upstairs to the church hall for singing and dancing, some of the other members played cards, and a short District Officers meeting took place. Al Jaritis, president, was there, as was Father Al Janiunas, District spiritual advisor, also, Miss Irene Adamaitis, vice president, Mrs. John Adamaitis, recording secretary, and Tony Miner, president of C-116.

On Mon., Apr. 1, C-116 was treated to an unusual experience - participation in "folk Mass". Father Al Yankauskas was celebrant and Tony Miner was lector. I must add that our spiritual committee is very much "on the ball" and Dot Glaster and Ann Markvenas arranged this unusual Mass. This was a very personal, intimate experience for all of us, as we went up inside altar rail and took a host from one paten and placed it on



another and then after it was consecrated, went inside again to receive Holy Communion. This was an unusual preliminary to our regular monthly meeting which took place in the clubrooms afterwards.

### MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT

CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25 Irene II

When Gene Kunsitis, Helen Jakubs and Ursula Yankauskas close their eyes at night they don't see sheep but tons of COKE caps, FRESCA caps, TAB caps, Pick-N-Pay receipts - Potato chip bags, bakery receipts - cleaning receipts, etc., etc. - NO, they haven't flipped - this is all in connection with the C.C.A. Contest (WIXY-WDOK Community Club Awards) C-25 has entered. To date we have come in third (\$50) for one of the bi-weekly awards. The Council and our friends have been great in turning in all the needed material. The contest was OVER May 1. Hal-lalujah!

WELCOME to Al and Eleanor Bendokas and Gil and Nancy Richmond who rejoined our Council

Out-of-Commission C-25'ers include Vi Skarnus who slipped and fell and disabled her arm and John Andrulis who just returned home from the hospital after surgery.

Nellie Arunski, Ruth Guzauskas, Gene Kunsitis, Pete and Alvina Luiza, Al and Joanna Shigo and Ursula Yankauskas travelled to Youngstown on Mar. 3 to join the Youngstown Seniors in their St. Casimir's Day and 50th Year Independence Day Celebration. We were all impressed with the committee's hard work and effort. It was also good to see so many familiar faces from Pittsburgh.

Our Mar. 17 Benefit Card Party was a great success. Thank you again Mrs. Yankauskas for turning



Peter Luiza, C-25, received his Third Degree Medal at Youngstown.

over your home for this event - we certainly appreciate it. The committee of Ruth Guzauskas, Gene Kunsitis, John Andrulis, Helen Jakubs, Nelda Machutas, Joanna Shigo and Nellie Arunski deserve a big hand. Thanks also to all our wonderful bakers and donaters. Congratulations to Jennifer Burke, daughter of Mike and Juliann and granddaughter of Pete and Alvina Luiza upon winning the 50-50 Raffle that night.

We hear Marine L/SCP Raymond Shigo is now in Okinawa awaiting orders to DaNang. Good luck Ray - drop us a line

The Machutas', your President and Secretary and Nellie Arunski agreed that it was FUN to just relax and play cards and socialize for a change instead of running around like mad - Place - Cleveland Seniors Card Party at OLPH Church Sunday March 31.

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 Soffi

With the arrival of March it was time to consider at our meeting ways and means to insure a continuing interest in our organization. Members discussed the problems facing all councils and decided to send out some form of correspondence to each and every member of C-79, since the "Patter" was not being printed. Fortunately, we have come to a solution in the person of Dorothe Martin who will continue the Patter News with an assist from Miss Peggy Bitner.

Incidentally, Peggy reported a very successful M-C District Raffle sale. This young lady is a good promoter, selling over 50 books, and we express our deep gratitude for her wonderful effort. The raffle was conducted to subsidize funds for the K of L Camp Week for our juniors at Dainava. The camp date for this year is scheduled on August 10 to 17. Your 1st V.P. of M-C district, Jos. Kazlauskas has begun formulating plans with hopes of a very successful camp week. Joe continues a need for committee members, counselors and camp leaders as well as other volunteers. Please give him a call at KE 5-8455.

On Mar. 7, the Golden Age Club and its members hosted a birthday party for Father M. Kundrat. Vicki Chepelonis, who is a gourmet connoisseur, did a fabulous

job of baking a cake with all the fancy trimmings. The success with which this event was acclaimed indicates that "it's a must" in making it a yearly affair. Our thanks to Mrs. Pat. Bandza whose leadership provides untiring efforts in the club.

Our council joined the traditional Holy Thursday pilgrimage with visits to the 3 Lithuanian parishes, starting at Divine Providence, then to St. Peter's and concluding at St. Anthony's where refreshments were served by C-102 at the rectory recreation room, with typical warm vyčiu hospitality.

Soffi Snooping - Congratulations to Joanne Marshall, daughter of Aldona and Frank Marshall, who participated in the Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Festival sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit in which she secured a trophy and 3 medals . . . Mary Saltis traded snow for a delightful vacation to Hawaii. . . Algis Zaparackas who occasionally gives a hand on WJBK's Lithuanian Hour had "deserted" the station's host, Ralph Valatka, for a "temporary" vacation in Florida . . . Some pleasant moments were enjoyed at the bridal shower of Phyllis Martin. Though she still does not feel up to par from a tobaggoning accident suffered in January, her progress has been good so that she'll be able to tie that knot on June 29. . . . The 79'ers were sorry to learn the death of Walter Mikelauskas, father of Ann (Mickey) and Al Petroski, and Joe and Eleanor Mickey. . . . Our sympathy to Vince and George Sherman upon the death of their father. . . . We almost neglected to thank Jerry Zager, of IRS, for his very interesting income-tax talk at the March meeting

Our prayers are with Bill Byville in Saigon; Bob Petroski in the Navy; George Leskosky with the submarine service and, Leonard Vitichus who completed his service in Vietnam and is stationed in the states.

Though April showers greeted us for our meeting of last month we were very pleased with a nice turnout of our members. Some

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old time pictures were shown by Mr. Joe Doble of St. George's and the ground breaking of Divine Providence. The hostesses, Dorothe Martin and Sophie Zager served a variety of "decalorized" donuts and coffee during the movies.

There has been a lack of bowling news on our Friday Night Bowling League of K of L. The bowling league is in its last stages of the 18-team league and Roxy Bar #2 and No. 10 Blatz are in a torrid race for first place.

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 Alesei May is such a beautiful month. Lent and Easter have passed and now we are turning to Our Blessed Lady. Place all of your needs both spiritual and temporal in the powerful and loving hands of Mary. May is also the month honoring our own Mother, living or dead. The beautiful flowers of Spring are presented joyfully and lovingly to her praying that God may bless her and keep her in His care. Our religious discussions are gaining strength in number each month. We were privileged to have Monsignor Leonard C. Gizinskas, L.D. at our last discussion. His comments, "that the most blessed gift to Christ of all is the man, woman, or child who gives her or his life to the constructive service of his fellowman," instilled in us something to think about.

The members of the Dayton Council are looking forward to a very busy aggregation of social activities. Our social chairman, Mary Lucas, announced the plans

Speaking of wonderful times, visualize exhilarating sunshine, crystal clear sand, graceful palm trees, and you will see Amelia and Joe August relaxing in the beautiful island of Porto Rico, Irene and John Veigel doing the same in Tahiti and Sarah and Charles Petkus enjoying beautiful Nassau and cruising in the Caribbeans. Fran Petkus drove to New York to visit her ill father recently.

A commemorative program calling attention of the public to Lithuanian history was held in Dayton, Feb. 18, under the sponsorship of the Federation of Lithuanian Roman Catholic Societies. The program began with Mass in Holy Cross church, following by a program in the Lithuanian Hall. The principal speaker was Father Gintautas Z. Sabataitis, S. J., a member of the faculty of Xavier University, Cincinnati. The "Grandinėlė" Dancers of Cleveland, a 52-member folk dancing group which has gained wide acclaim provided the entertainment. The day's activities came to a close with a dinner in Holy Cross parish hall.

The committee in charge included Father Titas Narbutas, pastor, Holy Cross church and C-96 spiritual advisor; Leo Razauskas, Federation of LRC Societies; Stanley Vaitkus, K of L; Lionginas Prasmantas, Lithuanian Social Club; and Karl Keivel, Lithuanian Anglers club.

DETROIT, MICH., C-102

Dvynukės  
In the spirit of Ecumenism,

C-102 hosted the annual tri-council St. Casimers Day Commemoration jointly with their fellow parish groups, the Ateitininkai and the Lithuanian Scouts. It was a truly auspicious occasion beginning with a con-celebrated Mass. The three organizations marched into Mass in a body led by their individual flag bearers. Carrying the colors for C-102 was Vice-President Tim Balbak, flanked by Kathy Medonis and Mary Bunikis resplendent in Lithuanian costumes. One member of each organization partook in the offertory procession with Kathy Medonis doing the honors for K of L. Father Chris' homily was most inspiring and befitting to the occasion.

After Mass the participants went to the Lithuanian Hall for a short commemorative program, opened by Mr. B. Brizgys of the Ateitininkai. Our own Bob Boris took over and did his usual splendid job as Master of ceremonies. The program included an informative talk on the history of the time of St. Casimer by an eloquent Dr. Majauskas. This was followed by a skit written and directed by Indre Damušytė of the ateitininkai and then folk dances directed by G. Gobienė of Ateitininkai and R. Zotovienė of the Scouts.

A typically bountiful Lithuanian banquet was waiting for us on tables dressed up with lovely floral contributions by Vicky Dambrauskas. As guest speaker we were honored to have newly appointed auxilliary Bishop W. J. Schoenherr,



(Left) DETROIT Lietuviai Kovo 10 dieną Šv. Kazimiero Šventę pradėjo Šv. Mišiomis Šv. Antano bažnyčioje. Mišias atnašavo Amerikos Vyčių Dvasios Vadas kun. Viktoras Kriščiunevičius, Šv. Antano parapijos klebonas kun. J. W. Stanievich ir Dievo Apvaizdos par. klebonas kun. M. Kundrat. (Right) guest speaker, Father Titus Narbutas, pastor Holy Cross Church, Mrs. George Barmann, "Catholic Telegraph" representative and Stanley Vaitkus, chairman.



# MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

On behalf of Council - 79, we would like to invite you to attend the Annual Midwest Bowling Tournament to be held in Detroit, Michigan, May 24-26, 1968. Tournament headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn Motel of Dearborn, 22900 Michigan Avenue near Outer Drive, less than five minutes from Telegraph Road. Registration for Bowlers \$14.00; Non-Bowlers \$10.00.

Our schedule of events is as follows:

**FRIDAY**  
May 24 - 9:00 P.M. - Early 'Maple Spiller' Get-to-Gether - K of L Suite - Holiday Inn Motel

**SATURDAY**  
May 25 - 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. - Registration and Brunch - K of L Room - Basement Annex - Holiday Inn Motel  
- 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 and Grand River  
- 1:45 P.M. - Bowling Awards Banquet - K of C Club Rooms - 13530 Lesure near Schaefer

Team Line-Up Forms and Rules for the Tournament were mailed to Council presidents.  
Come to DETROIT May 24-26! You've never been disappointed yet! We look forward to seeing YOU!

THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA  
Midwest Bowling Tournament Committee

Leon Galinskas, Chairman  
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We congratulate the hard working committee headed by Vince and Charlotte Ruseckas, Grace Vaskelis and Bob Boris who worked so harmoniously with leaders of the other two organizations to make this a memorable occasion in a Christian and Lithuanian manner.

All members of C-102 offer their deepest sympathy to the Sherman family upon the loss of their father. We will all miss his presence around St. Anthony's.

Good News Dept: Glad to hear that Donna Pluto is on the mend after a recent hospitalization ... Best wishes for a quick recovery to fellow knight Ann Shirvaitis of C-139... A future new member has been added to the Juodwalkis family - mother and daughter are doing fine. Congratulations!

## NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT F. V.  
The N.Y. - N.J. District K of L commemorated the feast of their patron St. Casimir in this city on Sun., Mar. 10th, with C-29 as hosts. High Mass was offered at 12 noon in Holy Trinity Church celebrant being the Rev. Casimir Virblis O.P. of Washington, D.C.,

also assisting at the Mass was Rev. Peter Totoraitis, Spiritual director of C-29.

Membership marched from parish hall behind the color guard and auxiliary of the Lithuanian-American Veterans Post. Before Mass there was the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Rev. Zvirblis delivered a sermon both in Lithuanian and English which was appropriate for the day. At the end of the Mass there was the singing of the Knights of Lithuania Hymn and the Lithuanian National Anthem.

Brunch followed immediately at St. George's Hall where toastmaster was Al. Janks, and the invocation was given by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Ignatius Kelmelis, pastor of Holy Trinity Church. Guest speaker was the Rev. James A. Pindar of Seton Hall University. He is also director of Station WSOU of said university and Archdiocesan director of radio and TV. C-29 president Kazys Strolis gave an address of welcome on behalf of council.

In the afternoon at same hall there was a business session which was called to order by district president Larry Janonis, greetings on behalf of host for day were

extended by president Strolis. Minutes of meeting held in December at Our Lady of Vilna Hall New York were read and accepted. Reports were given by various officers and committees, the mandate committee reported that nine councils were represented at session. President Janonis reported that he was starting to visit various councils and reported that two councils in district were back into activity once more. For his spiritual talk our spiritual director Rev. Peter Zemeikis chose as his theme excerpts from the book "War against God in Lithuania". Kazys Sipaila and Kazys Strolis gave excellent reports re Lithuanian affairs endeavors.

Notes on the Cuff: It sure was a wonderful turnout of membership on this day one of the best in quite some time, they gave a wonderful display of Catholic Action and Faith in their approach to the Altar rail at Communion time. The St. Cecilia Choir under the direction of Clement Bagdonavicius sang during Mass.

Called for a bow were past C-29 presidents Peter Podgalsky, Edward Thompson, and Kazys Sipaila. Loretta Stukas made a presentation of book "Awakening Lithuania" by Dr. Stukas



to Rev. Pindar. Former Supreme Council presidents on hand were A. J. Mazeika Sr., Helen Shields and Joseph Sakevich who were called to take a bow. Mr. Sakevich was also a past president of C-29. Others who spoke at breakfast were Rev. Zvirblis, East Ward Councilman Philip E. Gordon, Supreme Council president Al. Wesey and Loretta Stukas.

Third degrees certificates were presented to Eva Sharon, Eva Coll and Anthony B. Mazeika Jr.

We doff our chapeaus and take a low bow to Kazys Sipaila for his most generous act of covering the cost of March issue of the "Vytis". Would that we had more in our organization who would follow in his footsteps.

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

Lakštingala

On Mar. 3, 155 members, parents and friends gathered together to observe the feast of our Patron, St. Casimir. We attended 10:30 Mass, followed by a delicious brunch and interesting program emceed by Vic Balten. Rev. Mazeika offered the opening prayer and Rev. C. Batutis the closing prayer. Our guest speaker, Rev. James Shields of St. Barnabas Church, enlightened everyone with his talk on reverence for the name of Jesus and the younger generation. Lillian Sasnauskas, Ritual Chairman, announced the names of those members who were eligible for the 1st and 2nd Degrees.

C-3 had a fine representation at Banquet commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Re-Establishment of Baltic Independence held on Mar. 9 at the Sheraton Hotel. It was quite an impressive affair with many City and State dignitaries present. Among those honored for their helping hand were: Cardinal John Kroll and Congressman Daniel Flood.

A dozen of our members drove to Newark on Mar. 10 to attend the NY-NJ District St. Casimir's Day Commemoration and District Meeting. Attendance was good and the meeting proceeded with usual reports of officers and committees. Since there will not be a District Picnic this year, it was decided that the members get together and put on a show in the fall to raise needed funds for the Treasury.

**EDITOR'S NOTE.** During the summer months, only two issues of the "Vytis" are published: June-July issue, deadline May 5th and August-September (Pre-Convention) issue, deadline July 5th. The October issue will be the official convention issue and no council, junior, senior news or other articles will be accepted.

C-3 was very pleased and honored to host the Supreme Council Meeting on Mar. 23 at our clubroom. The visitors were: President Al Wesey, 3rd Vice Pres. Larry Svelnis, Recording Sec. Mary Kober, Treasurer Stella Sankal, Public Relations - Frank Vaskas, Scholarship Treasurer Jay Paulukonis, NY-NJ District Pres. Larry Janonis, and guests Nancy Kober and Tony Kober. The meeting was opened with a prayer by our Spiritual Director, Rev. Neverauskas, and greetings from our Pres. Al Ozalis. It was quite a lengthy and fruitful meeting, which was interrupted midway so that everyone could enjoy the dinner prepared by our girls. After resuming the meeting, C-3 members, Helen Shields and Walter Svekla presented an up-to-date progress report on the convention. Since the meeting ran a little late, it didn't leave us much time for socializing with our K of L friends, but I guess there's always next time.

**DIBS 'N DABS.** Recipients of the First Degree at our March Meeting were: Michael Krivinskas, James Varevice and Richard Varevice. Congratulations! The Welcome Wagon is out to Ann Danicarte and Al and Felicia Rupsis who have decided to become Knights of C-3. A warm welcome to all! Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to two of our members on their becoming engaged. The happy couple are Leonora Kaulinis and Vic Balten - the Wedding date, July 13. Glad to see that Rev. Neverauskas, our Spiritual Director, is looking so well after his stay in the hospital. Get Well wishes are also being sent to Ed Daniels of C-26 Worcester, who is now recuperating after his illness. Best of Luck to Walter Svekla who recently received a job promotion. He is now working at the Phila. Naval Yard. Much Happiness and all life's best to Diana Varevice and Frank DeFelicce who tied the knot on April 27; and to Pete Shelus and Peggyann

Stuhl for whom the bells will peal on June 15. Belated Birthday Wishes to Richard Varevice, Joseph Simmons, Jim Varevice (Mar.) Tony Burch, Irene Ozalis and Agnes Mickunas (Apr.) and Many Happy returns of the day to Rev. Neverauskas, Trudi Simmons and Max Karaska (May).

**CONVENTION NEWS:** We hope that all fellow knights will be "Philly Pals" and put the convention on their "MUST" list for this summer. We have a wonderful recipe but we need only one more ingredient - and that is YOU!

#### HARRISON-KEARNY, N.J., C-90 Dot M.

Our patron saint, St. Casimir, was honored on Mar. 4, 1968 by an evening Mass in Lithuanian. The Communion Dinner that followed was well attended.

C-90's recent contribution to the spread of Lithuanian culture consisted of the donation of Dr. Jack J. Stukas' book "Awakening Lithuania" to the public libraries of the surrounding communities, as well as to the local high school libraries. We hope that the newly acquired books will be well read.

Right now, we are hard at work planning for our Cocktail Party to be held on Sun. May 19, 3:00 to 8:00 P.M., Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, 6 Davis Ave., Kearny, N.J. Music will be by Stan Kerke and his orchestra. Come on down and enjoy our music, cocktails, and delicious hors d'oeuvres! Hope to see you there!

#### ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

##### I-I DISTRICT "Taitytė"

Our Juniors were on a stop watch schedule Saturday mornings, with Helen Pius, Cis Matul and Ray Samoska rehearsing them for their appearances! Donna Bartkus, their accompanist with a lot talent, could use a little help and rest on occasion, so Leon Pauks-ta and the counselors are looking for some generous soul who will



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give them a phonograph. Let's all check our "Fibber McGee" closets. After a leave of absence to attend a special art course at the Institute, Camilla Bereckis rejoined the fold of counselors just in time to help conduct the Easter Egg decorating, one of the many Junior art projects.

All five of the Giedraitis youngsters belong to our Junior Council and now one more prospective member has come upon the scene . . . Patricia Elizabeth - 10 pounds of joy for proud parents Alvina and Tony. Congratulations!

Regina Endriukaitis, our C-14 member and previously a long time member of the K of L choir, presented her husband George, her four sons and daughter with another son - Joseph Anthony - with red hair, weighing ten pounds eleven ounces to outdo her sister Alvina Giedraitis. Congratulations!

And, in the order of occurrence, Easter Sunday morning Genevieve Maluska, (Genevieve Giedraitis - who reorganized our District Junior Council) gave birth to the third daughter in the Maluska family. Hello, Anne, and Congratulations, Genevieve and John.

The next time we see Helen Zimmer, our S.C. Financial Secretary and one of the Chicago Lithuanian TV hour directors, etc., etc., we must congratulate her on the loss of about ten ounces in weight - her tonsils. Don't send ice cream, cards and flowers will suffice.

It's a good thing Dr. Kildare is syndicated, because he had to get around not only in the Chicago area, but also out East. We hear he will be soon cutting off the cast of iron from the leg of Marcella Andrikis of Waterbury, who must surely be of cast iron herself, to endure the months of "companionship" with that "thing" from the tip of her toes to the tip of her hip. But we know she'll be O.K. - because her endurance and spirit are like her personality -

We also hear from someone who talked to the head nurse, whose

name is the same as of a certain ancient goddess, that our buddy from "Woostah", Eddy Daniels, is also on the road to recovery.

We have a number of members in the District area who may not be up to bowling, but this is no deterrent to our Sports Co-chairmen Joe Nausedas and Al Raubiskis, with the "pro" assistant Leon Pauksta. They're all pretty good sports about visiting the various establishments and social functions to sign up, not only the bowling enthusiasts, but also some spectators for the Midwest Bowling Tournament in Detroit.

Mr. President - John Evans - hosted the first District July 4th Picnic Committee meeting, during which, under the influence of the proper spirit, everybody present volunteered for at least one of the many activities planned for this two-day event. And, if the turnout the evening of July 3rd and the entire day of July 4th will equal or surpass last year, the K of L hall and garden should be the scene for plenty of activity. All helping hands will be welcome and so will any out-of-town guests who wish to join us on this tradi-



FRANK SAVICKAS, State Representative, 27th District Illinois and member of C-112 Chicago, is now associated with and serving as a consultant to the FOUR-WAY TRAVEL SERVICE, 3455 1/2 W. 63rd St., Chicago, #476-3062. (Photo - Lewellyn Studio)

tional occasion which is just about as old as the K of L itself out our way.

We wish to express our sympathy to Walter "Red" Cibulskis and members of his family, on the recent loss of their mother. Our hearts and deepest sympathies also go out to Kazimiera Petrulis and her family on the death of Anton Petrulis, who was well known to K of L members from the beginning to the present.

It's a paradox. It is most unfortunate that we have lost members like Jack Jatis, Stanley Simulis, Antanas Petrulis and many others, yet - if we had not had this active Senior Council in our midst, if we had not known them - we might, on occasion, not pick up and carry on for the Lithuanian cause, in the name of the K of L, as they did, all the days of their lives. Amžina Jūsų šviesa duk jiems, Viešpatiel!

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 Slim

On May 5th, our council joined the K of L Choir, the I-I District and the other Chicago councils for a special Commemorative Anniversary Mass for our deceased member, Rita Gorb, who was tragically killed in a auto accident five years ago.

On June 15, we will present a "Night in Heidelberg" in the K of L Gardens. Anthony Geiselhart's International Orchestra will be setting the mood for the evening with his German-style music. It all adds up to a fun-filled evening with steins, food, costumed waitresses, entertainment and good friends. Don't miss it!

Bldg. Trustee and treasurer, Al Zakarka, his wife Julie, and their two daughters will be going on a business and semi-vacation tripto New York this June. We hope they all enjoy themselves.

Welcome back to the traveler - Joe Nausedas, who has returned safe and sound from a business trip to Europe. How wonderful to have had the opportunity to have visited Holland and England.