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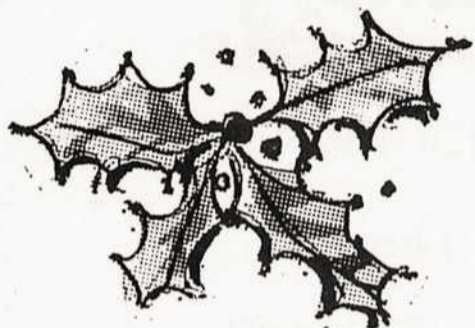
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Už Kūčių stalo



Amerikoj, taip vadinama, Padėkos Diena kaip iriais atžvilgiais kartu panaši į Lietuvių Kūčias. Kaip Padėkos Dienoj visi šeimos nariai stengiasi kartu valgyt Padėkos Dienos pietus, taip nuo senų senovės nariai stengiasi kartu valgyt Kūčias. Jeikartais, kurio dėl svarbios priežasties nėra, tai jis būtinai prisimenamas. Neretai jam net atskira vieta prie stalo paruošiama.

Lietuviui Kūčių stolas, tai lyg šeimos altorius. Kur net valgiai, kaip pašventinta plotkelė, žuvis, kisielius, sližikai, vaisiai, aguonų pienas, ir kita nėra skirta kokiam smaguriavimui, ar girtavimui, bet tai valgiai iš senų senovės šventų puotų - agape.

Mūsų Kūčios kažkas labai panašu su Dievo Ketvirtadienio Paskutine Vakariene. Ten prieš valgant Mokytojas visus apiplovė, panašiai ir Lietuvoj, apie Šakius, visi būdavo išmaudomi, arba patys išsipraudavo. Ten Jis buvo su dvylika apaštalu, čia ant stalo stengiamasi patiekti apie dvylika skirtingų patiekalų.

Paskutinės Vakarienės metu Kristus, mylėjęs savuosius, norėjo tą savo Duonos ir Vyno pavidaluos - Meilės Sakramente. Ragino mylėt viens kitą. Kūčiose, todėl, buvo negalima per visą dieną net užpykti. Reikėjo visiems viską iš širdies atleisti, nes "Koks būsi Kūčiose, toks būsi per visus metus". Okas norės per visus metus būti koku pikčiurna, ar paniurėliu. Iš meilės Kūčiose net elgetaujantys vargšai nebuvo išleidžiami, o sodinami kartu prie Kūčių stalo, net samdiniai galėdavo išeiti tik po Kalėdų.

Kūčios, sužibėjus pirmoms žvaigždelėms, dažniausia tėvo, pradedamos malda. Laužoma ir dalinamasi plotkele. Viens kitam linkima gražiausių, kilniausių dalykų. Juokams, tauskalams - ne vieta. Visos kalbos rimtos, dažniausia apie praėjusius metus, praėjusius laikus, apie tuos, kurių šimet jau prie stalo nėra, apie tai ko sulauksime ateinančiais metais. Jautresnėms širdims, prisiminus mirusius, arba nedalią kažkur kitur esančių artimųjų, net akys pasruva gailia ašarėle. Visus namus, o juo labiau patį Kūčių stalą gaubia rimtis, kažkokia nežemiška,

pakili nuotaika.

Įdomu, kad lietuviai Kūčių stalą sujungia ne tik su Paskutinės Vakarienės stalu, bet ir su Betliejaus prakartėle. Po balta staltiese patarsoma kvepiančio šieno. Kai-kur net ant stalo parengiama maža šieno kupetėlė ant kurios padedama pašventintos plotkeles, it Jėzulis edžiose and šieno. Jei kur yra senelių, tai jie tą šienelį kuo rūpestingiausiai paruošia iš gražiausių žydinčių, bitutėms dūzgiančių, nektaru ir medurn kvepiančių pievų. Lygiai, kaip ir plotkelės iš labiausiai atrinktų kviečių.

Mūsų Kūčios, tai puikus dvasinis lobis išlikęs iš Pirmųjų krikščionių laikų, kai jie prieš didesnes šventes susirinkdavo budėjimui ir maldai - vigilijai. Pareidami parsinešdavo palaimintos duonos, čia broliškai viskuom dalindamiesi sėsdavo kartu prie stalo pasistiprinti. (Va ir mūsų atminime dar turėtas Velyknaktis ar nėra kažkas panašaus).

Kyla klausimas kaip Lietuvoj toji Kalėdų vigilija - Kūčios išsilaikė iki mūsų laikų, tuo tarpu kai kitose krikščioniškose šalyse, jau tuo laiku kai į Lietuvą pradėjo ateiti krikščionybė, Kūčios jai jau nebuvo išnykę, tai labai nyko?

Kai kurie mokslo vyrai mano, kad lietuvių Kūčioms išsilaikyti daug padėjo pagoniškosios Lietuvos mirusiųjų paminėjimas (Juk ir dabar dar daug kur Kūčių valgiai paliekami ant stalo - "Tegu ir sugrįžusios dūšėlės pasivaišina". Kiti aiškina, kad labai pagelbėjo pagoniškosios Lietuvos Derliaus šventė, iš čia toji gausybė Kūčių stalo valgių! Kiti dar kitaip aiškina. Gal šie, o gal ir kiti pagoniškosios Lietuvos papročiai, šventės, kurias tik krikščioniškoji Lietuva sukrikščionino, davė krikščionišką prasmę ir buvo priežastys, kad Lietuvoj Kūčios ne tik išsilaikė, bet dar kiekvienos kartos išgražintos, apgaubtos įvairiomis paslaptimis, burtais, prietaisais, pasiekė mūsų laikus.

Ir dabar Kūčios, turėjusiems tikras Kūčias, mena kažką brangaus, dvasiniai malonaus. Kas Kūčių prasmės nesupranta, ar dalyvauja ten kur Kūčios tik pa-

mėgdžiojama, tam Kūčios kažkas archaiško, net juokinga. Tikrai bet kuriam amerikoniui gali atrodyti keista, kad Kūčiose nėra Kalėdų Eglutės. Juk čia kur tai dar prieš Adventus, net nuo Padėkos Dienos jau visur tik skamba, žvanga, spindi. Bet kad išsigilintų į Advento prasmę, į Bažnyčios mokymą, į Advento apeigas - liturgija - rasti bažnyčias be papuošalų, be blizgučių, be "Angelų GLORIJOS" rastu atgailą, rimtį, pasiruošimą. Tada visai nebūt keista, kodėl Kūčiose nėra Kalėdų Eglutės, arba jei ji jau kur nors ir yra, kodėl nespindi.

Juk žerinti Kalėdų Eglutė reiškia šviesų Kūdikelį. O Jis dar negimęs. Kūčios dar tik pats kulminacinis punktas to ilgo jo laukimo, Jam sutikti ruošimosi. Ruošimosi bei dainų, muzikos, šokių, linksmybių, be spindinčių, akinančių šviesų.

Kūčiose visko centras yra prasmingas Kūčių stas. Už kurio sėdėdami, viens kitam iš širdies viską atleisdami, viens kitam belinkėdami gražiausių dalykų išsipildymo, apie vens kitą begalvodami žmonės vieni su kitais labai suartėja. I visų, net toliausiai esančių brolių širdis tiesias nematomi tiltai. Visur, visam pasauly esą lietuviai vėl, tarsi, grįžta Lietuvos pastogėn. Viskas tada taip arti rodos, gali matyt, pasiekt. O tada ir Kūdikelis Jėzus jau arti. Padangėmis jau skrieja angelas skelbdamas "Garbė Dievui aukštybėse", o žemėje, kad gimė Jėzus. Su Bernelių Mišiomis prasideda didžioji linksmybė. Tada ir eglutės suspindi visam savo grožy, skamba ne tik sidabriniai, bet ir širdžių varpai, iš visų širdžių džiaugsmas liejas tiesiai Nemunais.

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Our Very Best Wishes For,

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Lietuvos Vyčiai!

Sveikinu Jus Šv. Kalėdoms artėjant ir Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės atkūrimo penkiasdešimtmečio sukakties minėjimo laikui baigiantis.

Jūs daug dirbot Lietuvos valstybės atkūrimui ir daug dirbat dėl jos išlaisvinimo iš Rusijos imperijos nelaisvės. Stiprinkit ir plėskit tą darbą ateinančiais metais. Lietuva ir pavergtą lietuvių tauta prašo Jus ir visus laisvus lietuvius dėti visas pastangas Lietuvą išlaisvinti ir į laisvųjų valstybių šeimą gražinti.

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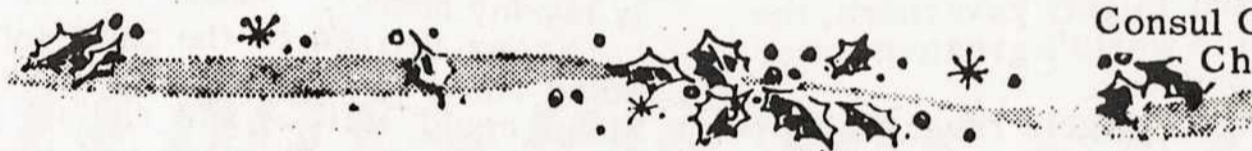
Knights of Lithuania:

My sincere greetings to you as Christmas approaches and as the year marking the 50th anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania's Independence draws to a close.

You did much for the restoration of the Lithuanian State and are doing much for the liberation of Lithuania from serfdom in the Russian empire. Keep up the good work in the year ahead! Lithuania and the oppressed Lithuanian people appeal to you and to all free Lithuanians to do everything possible to liberate Lithuania and to restore her to the community of free nations.

Best wishes for your success and for your continued efforts on behalf of Lithuania.

Petras P. Daužvardis
Consul General of Lithuania
Chicago, Illinois



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A BLESSED

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and a

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Jack and Loretta STUKAS

TWO GOOD FRIENDS AND THEIR CHRISTMAS CAROL

VINCENT EDWARDS



There never were two better friends than Father Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber. More than one hundred years ago both were living in the little town of Oberndorf in Austria; Father Mohr was the assistant pastor of the Church of St. Nicholas, while Franz was the organist and choirmaster.

The priest took a deep interest in his friend's efforts to furnish the best music for the holy day services. Often, in his study, he would pause while reading his Bible or preparing a sermon, to listen to the singing as Franz was drilling the young people of the choir.

Early one Christmas Eve, after returning from a long walk into the hills where he had gone to bless the newly-born son of a poor charcoal-maker and his wife, Father Mohr was in a state of rapture.

He remembered that other Babe who had been born nearly two thousand years ago to a lowly couple who were so lacking in this world's goods that they had to find quarters in the bare stable of Bethlehem's only inn.

Nobody around knew that Mary was to be delivered of the little Son of God. The event was wrapped in deep mystery. The high and mighty governors, the overlords of Rome - then the world's greatest power - certainly knew nothing about it.

And yet, through a miracle, angels revealed it all to some poor shepherds, the humblest of all folk of those times, who rushed to Bethlehem to see the Holy Child. Also, a strange star had appeared in the heavens which led some wealthy, wandering seers from the Orient to the abode of the Holy Family.

What a time of amazing wonder that must have been - that night when Christ was born! Father Mohr felt its ecstasy so strongly that he was moved to write some verses. Taking his pen, he put down these lines:

"Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

"Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

"Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth."

When Father Mohr had finished his stanzas, he was sure they would make a very good Christmas carol. Perhaps - Yes, why not? - it could be sung tonight at the midnight Christmas Eve service.

But then he remembered. He had no music! He must have a tune to go with the words. Now whom could he get to write one?

And then, quick as a flash, he thought of Franz - his very best friend. Of course, he hadn't much time, but he would see what could be done.

He rushed at once to find Franz Gruber. He found him by the organ, looking very glum and downhearted. As Father Mohr well knew, no music would come from that instrument tonight, for the bellows had been badly eaten by mice.

"Here, good friend," said the priest, handing over his verses, "is a carol for our midnight service. I've written the words. Now can you write the music?"

Franz took the paper, and read the lovely verses. He was so impressed with their beauty that he felt he could not disappoint his old comrade.

"For you, dear Father," he replied, "I will surely try my best!"

Franz retired to the choir loft and was gone for some time. But after a while he returned. Father Mohr could tell by his radiant look that he must have succeeded. He also had been inspired on this same Christmas Eve!

When the priest heard the music, he knew Franz had found the perfect melody for his words. The carol "Silent Night" was sung that same night. The accompaniment was on a guitar which Franz played, with Father Mohr singing the air in his tenor part, while his friend sang the bass part, with the choir joining in.

Those who heard it never forgot it. And well might they remember it! It was not too long before "Silent Night" was known and loved all over Austria and Germany - and in a few years more, all over the world. Today it is in practically every church hymnal that has ever been published.

Those two good friends, Father Mohr and Franz Gruber, had produced the carol that is probably a greater favorite than any other in the Yule season. The priest's verses are a perfect match for the organist's tune. The universal appeal of "Silent Night" to those who revere and love Christmas will never die.

(The Marian)

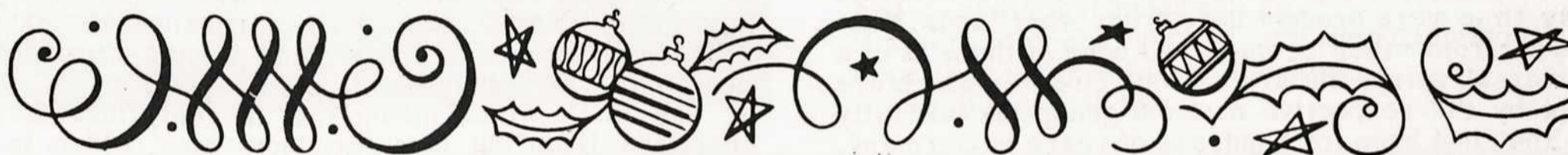


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MIELIEMS VYČIAMS

MARIA ir ANTANAS RUDIS

**KALĖDOS ~ KŪČIOS ~ EGLUTĖ**

POV. DIRKIS

"Kalėdos, Kalėdos, kas Jūsų nelaukia!" - tai vieno lietuvių poeto žodžiai, kuriais išreiškiamas džiaugsmas sutinkant šias šaunias ir reikšmingas šventes. Kalėdos tikrai yra viena iš didžiųjų metinių švenčių. Kalėdų šventė sena. Ji minima dar lietuviams esant pagonims ir buvo švenčiama šviesos, šilumos ir gyvybės dievaičiui Kalėdai. Tas dievaitis buvo žinomas ir rusuose vardu Kaliados, kurio vardą ir lietuviai pasisavino. Tačiau žodis Kalėdos pareina iš lotinų kalbos žodžio "Calendae" - tai reiškia pirmoji naujo mėn. diena. Mūsų laikais čios šventės yra skiriamos paminėjimui užgimimo Kristaus - Pasaulio Išganytojo. Jo garbei tapo sukurtos giesmės, apeigos ir iškilmės, o Kristui užgimstant angelai paskelbė šūkį: "Taika ir ramybė žemėje geros valios žmonėms", kuris lietuvių tautoje ir šiandieną gyvas. Tikrai, kad Kalėdų anktį, tą tyliąją naktį, kai gimė Kristus, angelai dangiš-

kais balsais giedojo apie Dievo garbę ir skelbė žemėje ramybę geros valios žmonėms. Tačiau, kaip istorija liudija, kad tos ramybės žemėje nebuvo anuomet, nėra šiandieną. Žmonija gyvena viltimi, nes Kalėdos yra vilties simbolis. Užtat gyvendami laukiame Kalėdų su didele viltimi, tikėdamiesi, kad, kartu su gimstančiuoju Kristumi atgims ir žmonijos sudrumstoji sąžinė ir išriškės mūsų Tėvynės Lietuvos laisvės perspektyvos.

Kalėdų šventė yra susijusi su Kristaus laukimu ir atėjimu. Ji yra sutapusi su gerosios naujienos viltimi, kurią paskelbė angelai viršum Betliejaus tvartelio. Kristus į pasaulį atėjo per šeimą. Dėl to Kalėdos yra ir šeimos šventė. Tai ypač gerai supranta lietuvių tauta. Kūčių vakaras - tai tas laikas, kada visi buriasi prie bendro stalo ir su brangiausiomis savo dovanomis - su nuoširdumu, su tarpusavio pagarbos bei atlaidumo jausmais,

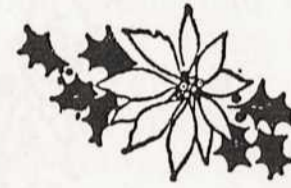
su geriausiais linkėjimais, kurie kitiems paguodos ir džiaugsmo teikia. Kuklus bet jaukus šeimos laimės pripildytas Kūčių stalas pasidarydavo maloniausiu ir turtingiausiu. Todėl ir buvo sakoma Kūčių vakaras - šventas vakaras.

Pereinant iš senovinių Kalėdų į naująsias, vidurį lyg užima Kalėdų eglutė. Kalėdų eglutė lietuviams yra visai naujas dalykas. Jos tėviškė laikoma Vokietija. Ten Kalėdų eglutė atsirado apie 16 a. vidurį. Paskui paplito ir Skandinavijoje, o 19 a. antroje pusėje Kalėdų eglutė išviešpatavo visame pasaulyje. Lietuvoje Kalėdų eglutė atsirado tik šio amžiaus pradžioje. Tačiau, kaip nekalbėtume ir nerašytume apie Kalėdas, vis vien neįstengtume atpasakoti jų pilnos ir gilesnės prasmės. Tai yra didžiulė, išpūdinga drama, kuri buvo ir yra kuriama amžių eigoje. Kiekviena tauta, kiekviena gentkartė yra įdėjusi į Kalėdų šventes ką nors naujo ir skirtingo.



CHRISTMAS

CUSTOMS



"The observance of sobriety on vigils disposes the soul to the spiritual joys of the morrow."

A visitor to America would be hard-pressed to find a custom characteristic of all Americans at Christmas time. The only possible common denominator may be the mad scramble of Christmas shoppers or the blaring sound of Christmas carols from the radio. But there is no single religious activity of which we can say: this is purely American, instituted by Americans, and practised by all Catholic Americans. The traditions that we do observe at this holy time were brought here from other lands, borrowed from other peoples and none of these is of a universal nature but are various customs which are kept by the respective national groups as faithfully as they had been for hundreds of years in Germany, Italy, France, Poland, etc.

Perhaps there will come a day in the Utopian future when these various customs will be synthesized into something, at least synthetically American. But until that day arrives strange and touching observances will take place in Catholic homes throughout the land. Among these is our "Kūčios", the Christmas Eve Supper.

Kūčios, reminds us of the early Christian love-feasts called in Greek, Agape. The Agape or "love feast," was for believers only, it was an evening meal in which all present shared, and during which a brief ceremony, recalling the Last Supper, commemorated the sacrifice of Jesus' body and blood. Since this ceremony was couched in terms of thanksgiving, the Greek name for it was Eucharist (The Giving of Thanks). The modern Greek word for thank you, is efcharisto.

The custom of eating a Christmas Eve supper will not be found anywhere else in the world except among us Lithuanians and our near neighbors: the Poles, Czechs, Russians, Ukrainians and Slavs. Somebody at some distant time transferred it from early Christian times to Eastern Europe and there it has been kept to this day. Many a devout Christian regrets the fact that their culture has not been able to keep such a deeply significant custom which ties both the early Christian Agape with a present day family reunion that we have in our custom of Kūčios.

The Christmas Eve supper is the only festival which unites both the Last Supper theme with that of Bethlehem's manger. Food for the cattle was placed in the manger, and Mary laid Jesus in the manger

when he was born. We place the plotkelės (blessed wafers) upon the hay in the center of our tables which reminds us of the Christ Child lying in the manger.

Today, certain aspects of the day are impractical if not impossible to keep, although the central feature of the day, the meal itself, is kept even in the dingiest flat or the poorest dwelling.

After keeping a strict fast all day usually abstaining from meat and dairy products, the family meets for the evening meal when the first star appears in the heavens.

Especially significant to us moderns who are allowed to choose our form of penance now that Friday abstinence is abolished, we are reminded that the day was observed by keeping a strict "black or dry fast" which meant that not only meat was abstained from but meat products also, which included such things as butter, eggs, cheese, milk, lard or any meat product. Then after keeping this strict fast all day, the family gathered in the evening for the Christmas Eve Supper which consisted of 12 different courses in memory of 12 Apostles. Recipes can be found in the Lithuanian Cook Book by Josephine Dauzvardis or back copies of the Vytis.

Fresh hay was spread under the table cloth and candles spread their glow over the table and the assembled family reverently gathered round the table and waited for the head of the house, who with great dignity takes a blessed wafer into his hands, makes the sign of the cross over it and says: "This Holy Bread, represents Our Lord Jesus Christ. It was on a night such as this that He was born in a stable in Bethlehem, and since His Mother had no place to lay Him, she placed him in a manger. He came to us to unite us all and to bring us peace. May this blessed wafer remind us to forgive each other whatever wrongs have been committed and unite us, not just for this day, but for all the days of our life." The host then approaches his wife and breaks the wafer with her, greeting her and wishing her God's blessing throughout the coming year. Then he goes to each of his children and they in turn break bread with each other in greeting. Our English word companion comes from two Latin words: com, meaning with; and panis, which means bread. Therefore, he who breaks bread with you is your companion.

There is nothing hurried about the meal. Everything proceeds at a leisurely pace; there is much lighthearted conversation and fine spirit. When all

A CHRISTMAS LEGACY

Antonia M. Wackell

A dazzling vision in the sky
Angel envoys with glad tidings
Awoke the weary shepherds near -
Heavy with sleep, trembling with fear.

Bewildered by the mysterious light
They followed the course led by a star
To the lowly quarters - the crumbling stall
Where they saw a wondrous sight.

There a little Child was born
In the stillness of the night
Bringing with Him gifts combined
For all the world's mankind.

His birth was in the animals' stable
His crib - a wooden, straw-filled manger
But the legacy left by the blessed Stranger
Were heavenly gifts for all . . .

And so again on Christmas Day
His gifts of peace, joy and love He will bestow
Upon the universe for all mankind
As He did so long ago.



seem to have their fill of the presented portions, the host of the household intones the first phrase of the carol "Gul Šiandieną", (today He Lies Upon the Hay), and all join in so that the room is filled with voices singing heartily and joyously - for Christ is born.

The host then invites everyone into the parlor where the tree is lighted for the first time. Under the tree, of course is a replica of the stable, in which are hand carved statuettes of the Holy Family, shepherds and animals.

He then tells the gathering that the tree reminds us of the tree of good and evil in the Garden of Paradise, (this is why so many of the ornaments are shaped like apples or other fruit,) from which Adam and Eve had taken and eaten of the forbidden fruit, which of course necessitated the coming of the Messiah to redeem us. It was the tree, that was instrumental in our original downfall and the tree of the Cross of our eventual salvation. We therefore rejoice about the tree tonight, singing carols and lullabies in honor of the Infant - Our Saviour. The day, December 24th is called Adam and Eve's day and in the old Lithuanian hymn books called Kantičkos (canticles?) hymns about the expulsion from Eden which were sung on this day.

The members of the family exchange gifts, the children are shuffled off to bed after night prayers before the manger while the women clean up in the kitchen.

Being peasant farmers and mostly all living far from the towns where the churches were located, it was the second Mass of Christmas Day that they

all got up to attend. This is called the Shepherd's Mass and being farmers, it is easy to understand why they felt such a close association to it.

Christmas Eve to most Americans is the time for a tree-hanging party, but in most countries the evening supper has religious significance, a meal of more importance than that of the Christmas dinner.

JOSEPH YANULAITIS



To My

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NEW YEAR

Irene Sankus

"VYTIS" Editor

Lithuanians in The NEWS



The Lithuanian Consul General in New York and the Committee for the Third Lithuanian World Congress had a reception at the Statler Hilton in honor of His Excellency, Stasys Lozoraitis, Chief of the Lithuanian Diplomatic Service. Pictured at the reception are l. to r.: our very active K of L member of C-112, the Hon. Dr. Petras Dauzvardis, Consul General in Chicago; the Guest of Honor, Mr. Lozoraitis; Helen V. Kulber of the N.Y. Seniors; Hon. Anicetas Simutis, Consul General in New York; and the Hon. Jonas Zmuidzinas, Consul General in Canada. (Photo - L. Tamosaitis)

THIRD LITHUANIAN WORLD CONGRESS CONVENES IN NEW YORK

Representatives of the Lithuanian World Community gathered in New York for the Third Lithuanian World Congress on August 29 - September 2. There were 89 delegates from 14 countries: USA, Canada, Australia, Argentina, Germany, Columbia, Venezuela, Brazil, Great Britain, Italy, France, Uruguay, New Zealand, and Switzerland.

The discussions at the Congress centered on the struggle for the restoration of Lithuania's independence. In rededicating themselves to that paramount goal, the delegates eloquently demonstrated the unity of Lithuanians everywhere.

U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk, U.S. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, and Governor Nelson C. Rockefeller headed the list of notables who sent greetings to the Congress and expressed sympathy with its goals.

The rich and varied cultural program of the Congress included literary readings, a chamber music concert, and a gala concert of Lithuanian symphonic music and folk song at Lincoln Center's Philharmonic Hall.

A delegation of the World Congress paid a visit to the United States Department of State in Washington, D.C. The delegates were received by THE HON. RAYMOND E. LISLE, Director of the Office

of Eastern European Affairs.

The Lithuanian delegation was composed of MR. SIMAS NARUSIS (Sidney, Australia), REV. JOSEPH MARGIS, MIC (Rosario, Argentina), and MR. KESTUTIS J. VALINAS (Heidelberg, Germany). The delegates were accompanied by MR. J. KAJECKAS, Charge d'Affaires of Lithuania, DR. J. K. VALIUNAS, President of the Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania (New York, N.Y.), and MR. EUGENE A. BARTKUS, President of the Lithuanian American Council (Chicago, Ill.).

The delegates submitted a Memorandum to the U.S. State Department. Highlights of the Memorandum are presented below:

"(1) The Lithuanian World Congress, which represents the will of twenty Lithuanian communities in the twenty countries of the free world takes this opportunity to thank the Government of the United States for its continued policy of non recognition of the forced incorporation of the Republic of Lithuania into the Soviet Union and for its steadfast and unequivocal application of this policy.

"(2) The Congress, expressing the sentiment and will of all free Lithuanians, declares its appreciation of the United States stand against Communist aggression, and support of the aspirations of all peoples to national self-determination and fundamental human rights.

"(3) The Lithuanian World Congress also voices its appreciation of all genuine efforts by the United States to expand direct contacts with the oppressed peoples of Eastern Europe and to foster better understanding of developments in the free world. Increased contacts with the peoples of Communist dominated Eastern Europe should also include expanded radio broadcasts to Lithuania, featuring information about the cultural activities of free Lithuanians and their accomplishments ... In short the Lithuanian World Congress respectfully urges the United States to foster all measures which would bolster the hopes and aspirations of the Lithuanian people to resist russification and to regain their exercise of the right of self-determination.

"(4) The Lithuanian World Congress, as spokesman for all free Lithuanians, pledges to continue its efforts to restore the national sovereignty of the Lithuanian nation and fundamental human rights to all the inhabitants of Lithuania."



Nuoširdūs žodžiai mūsų jaunimui

Velionies vysk. Pr. Brazio žodžiai ilgai pasiliks Chicagos jaunime, kai jis čia lankėsi 1965 m. ir juos pasakė Kr. Duonelaičio mokyklos pabaigtuvių šventėje Tėvų Marijonų ūkyje. Iš arti stebėjau ir išrašiau į juostelę jo dalyvavimą šioj šventėj, turiu dabar gyvą žodį, kuris toks nuoširdus, tikslus ir lietuviškai palaikyti skirtas. Vysk. Brazys buvo nors jaunas amžiumi, tačiau jis skleidė didelę tikėjimo ir patriotizmo viltį ir tyžtą jame pasilikti. Mūsų išėvijos jaunimui visad reikia suteikti aiškų idealą, pavyzdį ir kelią. Štai jo tarti žodžiai:

"Brangūs Broliai ir Sesės, lietuviai, brangūs vaikučiai! Šiandien Jūs išėjote mokslo metus baigiant į laukus, pasidžiaugti laimėjimais, tai ką Jūs įgijote mokykloje. Čia Jūs kartu šioj šventėj pajusite, kaip visa tai atrodo gyvenime, pasvarsysite apie ateitį, apie prasmę svetimame krašte išlikti lietuviams.

Senai yra sakoma, kad žmogus yra kuriamas per tūkstančius metų, žmogus nėra keliosdešimt metų padaras, jo šaknys eina toli į praeitį. Yra sakoma, kad vaikas yra senesnis už savo tėvą, tik todėl, kad jo šaknys siekia toli savos tautos ir žmonijos praeitį. Gal kas galvotų, kad jis gali būti žmogus, tik tai pradėjęs gyventi, nuo tada, kada jis užgimė, arba kada atvyko į svetimą kraštą, kad galėtų išdildyti visą praeitį, tas nukirstų visas šaknis, žmogus panašėtų į koki kasdieninį fabriko

produktą, bet niekuomet į naturalų pilną kultūringą žmogų. Todėl Jūs savo mokykloje, lituanistinėse pamokose, stenkitės išplėsti tą savo lietuvišką prigimtį ir likti žmonėmis ne tik su praeitimi, bet ir ateičiai.

Mes žinome, kaip kiekvieną paukštelį atskiriame iš jo čiulbėjimo, taip pat iš jo plunksnų, todėl ir Jūs stenkitės išmokti savo tėvų papročių, puoštis tautiniais drabužiais, rodyti lietuvių būdą ir jo gyvenimą svetingoj šaly. . .

Sveikinu Jus šiandien todėl, kad Jūs stengiatės būti pilnais žmonėmis, išsiskleisti, kaip žiedai, pilnomis spalvomis, linkiu, kad šiam kraštui būtumėt naudingi ir liktumėt tuo tiltu, į praeitį, tiltu į savo tėvų kraštą, kuris, kaip žinome yra didžioje nelaimėje. Mūsų visų pareigą, neužmiršti savos Tėvų Tėvynės ir jos nelaimės. Ne tik savo Tėvynę turime mylėti, bet ir tą kraštą, kuriame mes esame išblaškyti. Niekas negali pasakyti, kad jis gali mylėti savo tėvus, mylėdamas kitus žmones. Pirmoje eilėje mylėti tėvus. Jei kas atsakytų savo tėvų ir norėtų būti geras, padorus žmogus, tas tikrai siektų netikslaus dalyko, nes meilė yra nepadalinama, dorumas žmogaus yra neskaldomas. Jei žmogus yra nedoras savo tautos atžvilgiu, ją užmiršdamas, savo pareigas jai atlikti, niekuomet nebus jis doras ir naudingas, tam kraštui, kuriame jis gyvena. Nesvarbu, ar jame gimęs ar iš kitur atvažiavęs. Todėl, sveikindamas Jūs, šioje gražioje

pavasario jaunystės šventėje, linkiu, kad toji meilė mokyti savo tėvų kalbos, mūsų papročių, dainų, šokių, neišblėstų, kad toji meilė sektusi Jūsų mokytojams pertiekti Jums, kad Jūs baigę mokyklą, nebėgtumėt tolyn, tartum kaip nuo kokio baisaus retežio nutrūkė. Jūs pamilkite visa širdimi savo tėvų tautos palikimą, ne prievarta ar kitokiais būdais, o paprastai išgyvenkite, nes toji meilė yra vienintelis pagrindas, kas yra gyva, visa kas yra natūralu, visa kas veda į gražią ateitį, užtikrindama gerus vaisius visiems. Šiuo linkėjimu ir baigiu šį trumpą pasveikinimą..."

Tikrai, šventėje jaunimas visą tai išgyvena, ką velionis linkėjo. Mokyklos vedėjas p. Širka ir visi mokytojai kas savaitę sėja Tėvynės meilės ir jos pažinimo sėklas netoli 400 vaikučių. Dėka mokytojų ir tėvų pastangų, sukaupiant jėgas ir lėšas, šioji Kr. Duonelaičio mokykla išleidžia į pasaulį per keliolika metų gražaus jaunimo su lietuvišku entuziazmu, toliau lietuviybę laikyti svetingoj žemėj. Kiekvienais metais tie šimtai jaunuoliu išeina Marijonų ūkyje iki šiol su pabaigtuvių švente. Ak, kad tik greičiau Aukščiausias sutrupintų vergija Lietuvos padangėj, tas jaunimas ten kartu su esančiu galėtų taip pat džiaugtis mokslo laimėjimais, bet nelaimė - vergija ir okupacija neduoda tai išgyventi, tikėkim, visos vergijos ir diktatoriai žūsta, tie ateis su pergale, Visagalio lydima.

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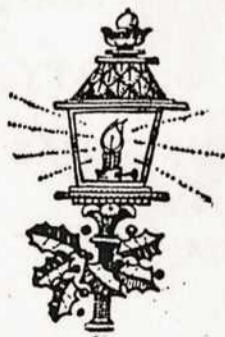
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SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

An Executive Board meeting was held at the Chicago Midway House on Sunday, October 20th. The following Executive Board members were present: President Dr. Jack Stukas; Vice-Presidents Stanley Vaitkus and Leon Pauksta; Secretaries Nancy Kober and Helen Zimmer; Treasurer Stella Sankal; Trustee Eleanore Laurin; Alexander Wesley, immediate past-president; Irene Sankus, "Vytis" Editor; Albert Jaritis, NED President and NED Public Relations member; Joseph Paulukonis, Scholarship Treasurer; and Vincent Samaska, IID Public Relations member.

Guests in attendance were: Rev. John Savukynas, IID Spiritual Advisor; Faustas Strolia; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Pakalniskis; Leo Shakalis; Frank Zapolis; Loretta Macekonis; Al Raubiskis and Joseph Nausedas.

Written and verbals reports were accepted from the Executive Board members and chairmen. Further information will be presented in a subsequent issue. Minutes of the meeting will be sent to the individual Board members.

The next meeting will be held in South Boston on January 12th.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our National Financial Secretary remind us that membership dues will be due in January, 1969. If a new member joins a Council the dues are as follows:

- \$5.00 if the members join from
January - March
- 3.75 April - June
- 2.50 July - September
- 1.25 October - December

- 2.50 Non-Subscribing
- 7.00 Couple (first Year)

Dues should be collected for a FULL YEAR. Member record sheets and applications for new members are available without charge from the National Financial Secretary. Membership cards are available for social members at a cost of \$0.10 each.

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE RECORDS

Mr. Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita Street, Dayton, Ohio 45404, informs us that "Speed Course in Lithuanian for Adults" and "Children's Playway to Lithuanian" instruction records are still available at a cost of \$3.00 per set postpaid. Each set consists of two records that can be played at either 33 or 45 RPM, with booklets giving the Lithuanian and English text of the recordings.

RULES FOR THE 1968-1969 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Special awards will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being first to have their council dues 100% paid up: First Category - 11-29 members; 2nd - 30-59 members; 3rd - 60-99 members; and finally, 100 members and over. These awards will be based on the national financial secretary's membership records as of August 1, 1968.

Credit for enrolling members will be earned only if the following rules and dates are observed: TEN points can be earned for each new or rejoin member enrolled from August 1, 1968, until April 1, 1969.

Earn FIVE points for each new or rejoin member you enroll thereafter until July 10, 1969.

Membership totals will be supplied by the national financial secretary according to her records as of August 1, 1968. Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on these figures.

ELECTIONS

All Districts and Councils should have held their election of new officers during the months of September and October. To date, the national recording secretary HAS NOT received the names and addresses from Many of the councils and districts.

Your national officers and committee chairman will be able to operate on a more efficient basis IF the current officers' names are available to them. YOUR cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

K of L Calendar

DECEMBER

- 10 - IID MEETING AND DEGREE PRESENTATION, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 14 - C-112 Chicago, ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 15 - C-100 Amsterdam, ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET, Tower Inn, Amsterdam, N.Y.
- 15 - C-36 Chicago, BOWLING SOCIAL, Archer-Kedzie Lanes, Chicago, Ill.

JANUARY - 1969

- 12 - TELEVISION MASS sponsored by the NED, Cardinal Cushing TV Center, Boston, Mass.
- 12 - SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, So. Boston, Mass.



IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO



PAGYVENUS L. VYČIŲ VIDURINIŲ VALSTIJŲ APSKRITIES SEIMELYJE

Spalio 11-13 d.d. jau prabėgo, bet kas jose įvyko, tai čia gal bus malonu ir pakalbėti. Tomis dienomis Dayton, Ohio, Holiday Inn buvo vidurinių valstijų apskrities suvažiavimas - seimelis, kurį globojo L. Vyčių 96-ta kp., kuri, kaip visiems yra žinoma, yra viena iš svetingiausių ir nuoširdžiausių visoje L. Vyčių org.

Spalio 11-tos pavakaris ir net vėlyvas vakaras buvo praleistas vytės Marijonos Lukas puošnioje rezidencijoje, kurioje susirinko apie 50 svečių, besigėrinčių vytės M. Lukas vytišku draugiškumu, svetingu priėmimu ir skoningų valgių vaišiniu.

Daytoniečiai vyčiai nujautė, kad iš kitų miestų delegatai atvažiuos kiek anksčiau, tai jie ir pasirūpino juos svetingai priimti su užkandžiais ir gyvesniu išgėrimu, kuovisiems vytiškai pasitarnavo Sta-

sys Vaitkus ir broliai Petkai.

Sesijos prasidėjo spalio 12 d., antrą val. p.p. Jas pradėjo bei seimelį atidarė L. Vyčių 96-tos kp. pirm. Juozas Noraikas Amerikos himnu, o maldą atkalbėjo tėvelis Norbutas ir kartu tarė nuoširdų pasveikinimo žodį. J. Noraikas perleido seimelį praversti Vincui Paviui, L. Vyčių vidurinių valstijų apskrities pirm., kuris perėmęs šias pareigas, pirmais savo žodžiais visus iškiliai ir vytiškai pasveikino. Toliau sekė pereitų metų seimelio protokolo skaitymas. Jį skoningai skaitė Stasė Pavienė, apskrities nut. rašt. Sekė iš eilės V. Pavio, vid. valst. aps. pirm. metinis raportas.

Finansinį pranešimą pateikė M. Petkus, apskrities išd. Pranas Gudelis savo pilną raportą pateikė iš ritualų komisijos darbuotės, o kitas jo raportas buvo padarytas iš Dainavos bilietėlių laimėjimo. Už didelę paramą ir pasidarbavimą didinga padėka buvo pareikšta Marijonai Kazlauskienei, kuri parodė

daug vytiškos širdies ir meilės atostogaujantiems vaikučiams Dainavoje.

Toliau sekė kp. ir senjorų skyrių raportai, kuriuos pateikė jų delegatai, o iš visuotino L. Vyčių org. seimo didoką pranešimą padarė V. Pavis. Jis nesigailėjo gražių žodžių L. Vyčių 3-čiajai kp. ir josios vadams už šauniai surengtą L. Vyčių org. 55-tą seimą, Philadelphia, Pa. Kitiems metams išrinktas J. Kazlauskas pirm. visuose vytiškuose darbuose Dainavoje.

Buvo pranešta, kad kitais metais bowling tournamentas įvyks Pittsburgh, Pa. Apskrities seimelis įvyks Youngstown, Ohio ir jį apsiėmė globoti senjorų vyčių skyrius. Apskrities seimelis Youngstowne įvyks pirmą kartą.

Buvo iškelta mintis, kad kitais metais apskritis pradėtų organizuoti ir daryti galimybes surengti ekskursiją į Washingtoną aplankyti šventąją Šiluvos Koplyčią, nes vyčiai daug yra prisidėję prie jos

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įrengimo. Jie ir vėl rengiasi ją pamatyti ir joje pasimelsti į Dievo Motiną Mariją, kad Ji padėtų greičiau išlaisvinti mūsų tėvynę Lietuvą.

Po visų kalbų, kurių daugumos čia nepažymėjome, sekė naujos valdybos rinkimas. Sekantys vyčių darbuotojai buvo išrinkti: pirm. - Vincas Pavis, 1 vice-pirm. - Pranas Gudelis, 2-ras vice-pirm. - Petras Luiza, nut. rašt. - St. Pavienė, išd. M. Petkus, išdo globėjos - St. Sankalaitė, Ada Senkavitz ir M. Lukas, berods, tvarkdarys J. Noraikas. Ritualų kom. pirm. ir vėl pasiliko Pranas Gudelis. Dvasios vadu, visų nuoširdžiai prašomas apsiėmė būti tėvelis Titas Narbutas. Spaudos kom. nariais buvo išrinkti - J. Sadauskas lietuvių kalboje, ir M. Lukas - anglų. Valdybai, ceremonialią priesaiką suteikė kun. T. Narbutas ir po priesaikos pasakė jausmingą kalbėlę. L. Vyčių org. reikia daugiau tėvelių Narbutų ir tėvelių Jonų Jutkevičių. Tada mūsų organizacija daugiau pagyvėtų. Seimelis buvo baigtas kun. Tito Narbuto malda ir Lietuvos ir L. Vyčių org. himnais.

Seštadienį vakare lietuvių klubo salėje įvyko šokiai, kuriuose dalyvavo netik liet. ir vyčiai, bet atsilankė ir didokas skaičius kitataučių. Visi bendrai praleido vakarą, bešokdami geram orkestrui

griežiant, besėdėdami prie stalų ir skaniais gėrimais besivaišindami. Šiuose šokiuose dalyvavo ir "Senelis". Ten jam teko susitikti net su trimis kitatautėmis - lenke, vokietaite ir latvaite, kurios su pasididžiavimu kalbėjo lietuviškai ir džiaugėsi, kad išmoko tą gražiąją lietuvių kalbą. Žinoma, jos visos trys yra sukurusios šeimas su lietuviais vyrais. Tai yra dydis pavyzdys tiems mūsų broliams ir sesėms, kurie nenori pramokti savo tėvelių gražiosios kalbos.

Spalio 13 d. 10 val. ryto, visi svečiai ir delegatai Šv. Kryžiaus bažnyčioje išklaušė šv. mišių, kurias atnašavo šios parap. klebonas kun. Titas Narbutas ir pasakė gilią ir vytišką dvasios pamokslą. Gražiai giedojo vyrų choras, vadovaujamas varg. Raštikio. Ne tik pats choras sužavėjo visus savo iškiluoju ir harmoningu giedojimu, bet ir vytis Steponas Bučmys savo balsu. Tartum būtų giedojęs garsusis pasaulio operų baritonas Tito Rufo, kuris praeity neturėjo sau lygaus visame pasaulyje. Gražiabalsis solistas ir vytis St. Bučmys neperseniausiai yra baigęs balso lavinimo aukštuosius mokslus. Jis taip pat gabiai skambina pianinu, nes jis Lietuvoje buvo vargonininku ir chorvedžiu.

Kai delegatai ir svečiai išėjo iš bažnyčios, visi džiaugėsi, kad



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Sveikiname su šv. Kaledomis ir laimingais 1969 Naujais Metais, "Vyties" Red. štabą, L. Vyčių org. garbes narius, mūsų mielos org. naująją vadovybę, josios uoliuosius veikėjus ir visus narius.

Juozas ir Rože Sadauskai
Ignas ir Antose Visockai

VIDURIO VALSTIJŲ APSKRITIES SUVAŽIAVIMAS, Dayton, Ohio, Spalio 11-13, 1968. (Viršuje) Juozas Sadauskas, Stella Pavis, Vincent Ed. Pavis, Mary Lucas, Ada Sinkwitz, Joe Noreikas ir Stella Sankal yra prisaidinami kun. Tito Narbuto iš Dayton. (Viduryje) Kun. Narbutas kalba į atstovus ir svečius. (Apačioje) Stanley Vaitkus iš Daytono 96-tos kuopos įteikia Juozui Sadauskui vyčių išpuoštą rašalinę.



galėjo pamatyti Daytono lietuvių parap. Šv. Kryžiaus bažnyčios vidų. Ypač visus stebino skoningas langų gražumas.

Po pamaldų visi buvo pakviesti į parapijos salę, kuri irgi visa naujai atremontuota, padidinta ir skoningai išpuošta. Delegatai ir svečiai netik užkandžiavo, bet gerėjosi ir teikė daytoniečiams komplimentus, kad yra tokie pajėgūs savo lietuviškuose ir katalikiškuose darbuose.

Kiek pasistiprinus ir vėl visi grįžo į Holiday Inn, kur įvyko šio seimelio pabaigtuvės - bankietas. Ir čia buvo kalbų, sveikinimų ir įteikimas garbės dovanų. L. Vyčių 96-tos kp. giliaširdis pirm. - Juozas Noraikas visus pietų dalyvius nuoširdžiai pasveikino ir tuo pačiu programėlės pravedėju pakvietė L. Vyčių org. centro valdybos 1 vice-pirm. ir garbės nari - Stasi Vaitkų. Šis irgi trumpais, gyvais ir jumoriškais žodžiais pasveikino bankieto dalyvius ir iš eilės pristatinėjo vytiško žodžio tarėjus, kurie daugiausiai sėdėjo prie garbės stalo ir buvo kviesti tarti ilgesnį ar trumpesnį žodį.

Programėlės pravedėjas - vytis St. Vaitkus pakvietė šiuos vyčių idealistus: Vincą Pavį, apskrities

pirm., centro vald. ižd. St. Sankalaitę, seimelio rengimo kom. pirm. vyte Miller, J. Noraiką, garbės narę Marijoną Lukas, svečią kun. Fartkamp S.J., kun. T. Narbutą, apskrities 2 vice-pirm. Petrą Luizą, P. Gudelį, L. Vyčių org. garbės nari ir apskrities ritualų kom. pirm. ir 1 vice-pirm. ir J. Sadauską - garbės nari, centro ir apskrities spaudos kom. nari. Apie čia išvardintus programėlės dalyvius būtų galima daug parašyti, nes jie visi, išskyrus kun. Fortkamp yra L. vyčių org. širdis ir idealas. Jų žodžiai tą viską sakyte pasakė, ypatingai kai kurių kalbose glūdėjo didelis apgailestavimas, kad niekas neatvyko iš Pittsburgh, Pa. ir iš Detroit, Mich. Mums visiems yra žinoma, kad Detroite randasi net trys L. Vyčių kuopos ir viena net didžiausia visoje L. Vyčių org. Pavyzdys - Cincinnati, Ohio, kur tik neseniai buvo atgaivinta L. Vyčių 134-ta kp. Josios pirm. J. Mazuris su savo žmona, šiame apskrities suvažiavime dalyvavo ir jam buvo įteikta garbės dovana, kuria jį apdovanojo L. Vyčių org. visuotinas seimas ir ją parvežė bei įteikė vidurinių valst. apskrities pirm. Vincas Pavis.

Apskrities vardu, kita garbės dovana buvo įteikta - Juozui Sadauskui, už jo nepailstantį vytiškos plunksnos darbą ir jį apdovanojo bankieto metu, programėlės pravedėjas L. Vyčių org. centro valdybos 1-sis vice pirm. ir uolusis apskrities veikėjas Stasys Vaitkus. Ši dovana yra rankų darbas ir jos vaizdas - Lietuvos trispalvė vėliava ir vytis ant žirgo ir su tokiu užrašu: "Juozui Sadauskui, garbės nariui, už nuopelningus darbus L. Vyčių org. lietuviškoje spaudoje. Vidurinių valstijų seimelyje - 10-13-68, Dayton, Ohio." J. Sadauskas, šiais metais, susilaukė net dviejų garbės ženklų - L. Vyčių org. visuotiname seime jį apdovanojo New York ir New Jersey L. Vyčių apskritys ir dabar vidurinių valstijų apskritys ne už ką kitą, kaip tik už vytiškos dvasios rašinėlius. J. Sadauskas, atsilygindamas apskrities, pareiškė didelę ir vytišką padėką. Už šios gražios ir garbingos dovanos padirbimą bei paruošimą tebūna puoselėjantis bei vytiškas ačiū vyčiui Juozui Sinkevičiui, kuris taip sumaniai ir giliai lietuviškoje dvasioje šį garbės ženklą paruošė.

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JUNIOR NEWS



REGISTRATION OF A JUNIOR COUNCIL WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL

1. As soon as a Junior Council is organized, notification should be sent to the Supreme Council 1st Vice President.

2. Dues of \$5.00 per year for the Junior Council should be sent to the Supreme Council Financial Secretary, dues are payable in January - if the Junior Council is organized during another month, the Supreme Council 1st Vice President will notify you of the amount to send to the Financial Secretary.

3. All Junior members are required to register with the Supreme Council. Registration cards will be sent when the Vice President is notified that a Junior Council has been organized. According to the registration cards returned, membership cards will be issued to those members.

4. Supreme Council Vice President should be sent the following information:

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- (a) Name and address of person to receive copies of Vytis - there are 5 copies sent to each Junior Council.
- (b) Name and address of person to whom the copies of the Junior K of L Section of the Vytis should be forwarded.
- (c) Names and addresses of Spiritual Advisor and Junior Counsellor(s).
- (d) Names and addresses of Junior Council Officers. This list should be forwarded every year, as soon as possible after elections are held.

5. Counsellors should maintain contact with the Supreme Council through the Vice President.



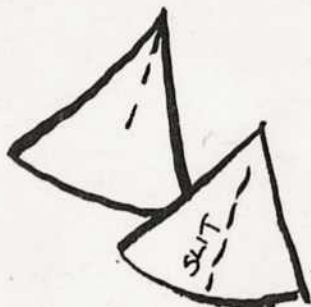
Holiday Greetings

To All
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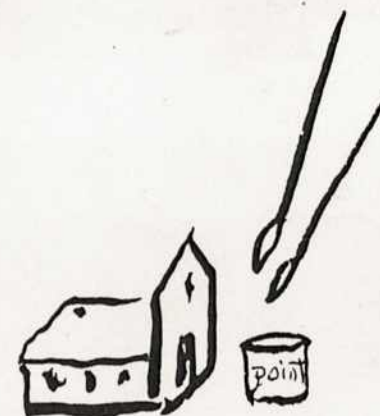
STAN VAITKUS
Juniors Vice-President

Christmas Scenes

Basically the background for each scene is the same and is made as follows: Turn a peanut butter jar on its side and stick a few gummed gold and silver stars on the outside. Inside glue a snowy carpet of cotton. Add a sparkle of superfine powder over the snow. Then place one of the following scenes in the jar:



MINIATURE CHRISTMAS TREE - Cut two triangles of green construction paper 2-1/4" high. Make a 1/2" slit from the top of one triangle. Slit the other triangle from the bottom to within 1 1/2" from the top. Insert the first triangle over the second. Glue tiny sequins here and there for ornament. On the top glue a silver star.



CHURCH IN THE SNOW - The tiny church is made from a kitchen match box, placed on one of the long sides, with a tower of construction paper glued to one end. Cover with construction paper on window and doors. Glue cotton to roof where snow has fallen on it. Sprinkle roof with superfine sparkle.

Paint the jar lids a bright color before replacing them. You can think of many different interior ideas yourself.

Camilla Bereckis
Counselor, Chicago Juniors

BE A SCROOGE THIS CHRISTMAS SHOW SANTA NO MERCY!



LOAD UP HIS BAGS WITH DUES AND NEW MEMBER CARDS - FOR YOUR COUNCIL - YOUR K of L

This may disappoint some of you, and I dislike doing so, especially just before the Holidays. But, cheery old Santa Claus with that jiggling jelly-bowl full of a belly is not on the K of L membership rolls. Worse yet, in all likelihood he is not even Lithuanian, (unless, of course, he's gone and shortened his name). Though he isn't, I sure wish that a few of those goodie bags he's going to be toting would contain some bright, ardent, new K of L'ers. So, okay, how about only one bagfull.

We must do more than wish for new members to come along and join us. It usually takes a good deal of persistent effort to sign up a lone new member. Although one of the easier ways is to take advantage of the spirit of the Season. Try enrolling new members during the pleasant and good-fellowship mood of Holiday socializing. It is also a most appropriate time to remind fellow members about paying their own dues.

Are you hard-pressed finding appropriate Christmas gifts? You can solve this problem simply. Ease your Christmas shopping rush by arranging for gift memberships now. There is still time. Write the names and addresses of those hard-to-choose-for people on the regular membership application forms and turn in their dues along with yours.

Right now there are not enough dues payments reported to present any meaningful council standings in the Dues Payments Drive. But, do not forget that for the last two years, the first fully paid up council accomplished the task before the beginning of the new year. With that pace in mind, there is not too much to bring your council across the finish line first in its category. Nevertheless, it can be done - and it must be done, before it can begin gaining new members that will count in the Membership Drive. That is because the drive for new members is based

on net membership gains. Therefore, be sure that those previously in the fold are up-to-date in dues. Then go all out to gain new members. If you and your council are not in full swing yet, now is the time to start the effort.

Since Santa probably isn't Lithuanian, I guess we can't depend much on him for help in getting new members. But, would you believe in such prospects as Donerauskas, Blitzenskis, or Prancerskas?

Best wishes to you all in whatever ventures you may pursue this coming year - be they personal, K of L, social, or business.

To All:

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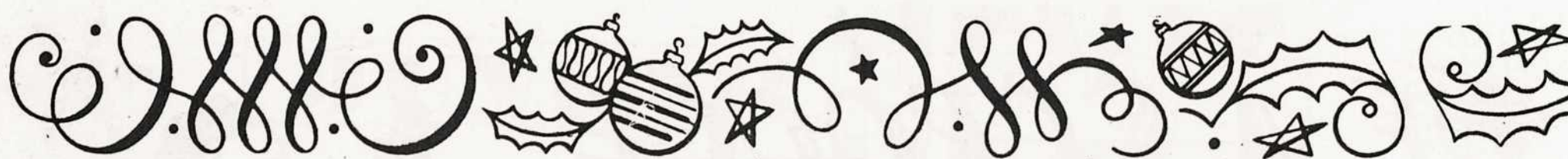
MAY THE BEST

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Win in the
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LEON PAUKSTA
Membership Vice-President



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**COUNCIL
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**NEW ENGLAND
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ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10
Vincukas

On Sun., Oct. 27 parishioners of St. Francis Church, Athol, held a welcome testimonial for their new pastor, Rev. Albin Yankauskas. Many area Lithuanians were in attendance. We wish you many fruitful years, Father.

Howie Beaudette of Gardner was our council's official delegate to the national convention in Philie and also at the district convention held in Waterbury, Conn.

Al Rodski is the proud father of a nine pound boy, Peter Alvin, born to Pauline and Al at the Gardner Hospital on Oct. 21. All are doing well.

Members from the local council were seen in attendance at the district picnic held in Worcester, and at C-26's Halloween party and dance.

Council president, Dr. Henry Gailunas has recently moved into

his new home built next to his dentistry complex.

Retired school teacher, Ann Novack is really enjoying her retirement ... Fran Milosh, recently named a chief operator, is now back in the Gardner office. Lot's of luck, Fran. ... Our sympathies are extended to Lennie Davidonis on the recent death of his brother-in-law, Joseph Sienkewich.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26
Dzūkelė

Sincere thanks for a job well done to outdoing president, Jack Mattrick, and his executive board. It's been a good year, filled with much activity. The following were elected to the executive board for the coming term at our October meeting. Each is a fine K of L'er and we're anticipating another very good year. Congratulations to: Pres. Valentinas Baziliauskas; First V-P: to be elected at the next meeting; Second V-P: Edmund Grigaitis; Sec'y's: Dana Pauliukonis (Lithuanian) and Anne Bender (English); Fin. Sec'y: Alena Pinkus; Auditors: Janice Tagman and Helen Gillus; Sgts-at-Arms: Diane Daniels and Anne Bucinkas; Treas: Rita Pinkus; and Lith. Affairs: Bill Grigas.

Our Juniors are now in the pro-

cess of reorganization, ably led by Dana Pauliukonis. Helen Gillus, Mary Jankowski and Anne Bender reported having a very pleasant time at the Waterbury District Convention held on Sept. 28. Our annual Clambake was held at the Lithuanian War Veteran's quarters in Shrewsbury on Oct. 18. The clams and lobsters were deliciously prepared and served by Bill Grigas, Ronnie Walinsky, Janice Tagman, Judy Ginkus, Janet Ginkus, Joseph Drumstas, Steve Walinsky and Rita Pinkus. The date for the Variety Show is yet to be determined, but plans are already underway with ideas from Eddie Daniels, Charles Grigaitis, Alena Pinkus, Helen Gillus, Mary Jankowski. Our spiritual advisor, Father Justin Steponaitis, spoke about Our Lady of Vilna, and Father had the complete and undivided attention of every member attending that October meeting. We learned much about this shrine to Our Lady of Mercy situated in Vilna, Lithuania.

Engagement congratulations to Mary Ann Roland and John Dowd and to Linda Godek and Neal Cleary. Both girls are wearing very lovely diamond rings and we're so happy for them both!

Ann Alsankas of C-3 was married to Vyto "Sparky" Morkunas

**SEASON
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**COUNCIL
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Worcester, Mass.

**Merry
Christmas**



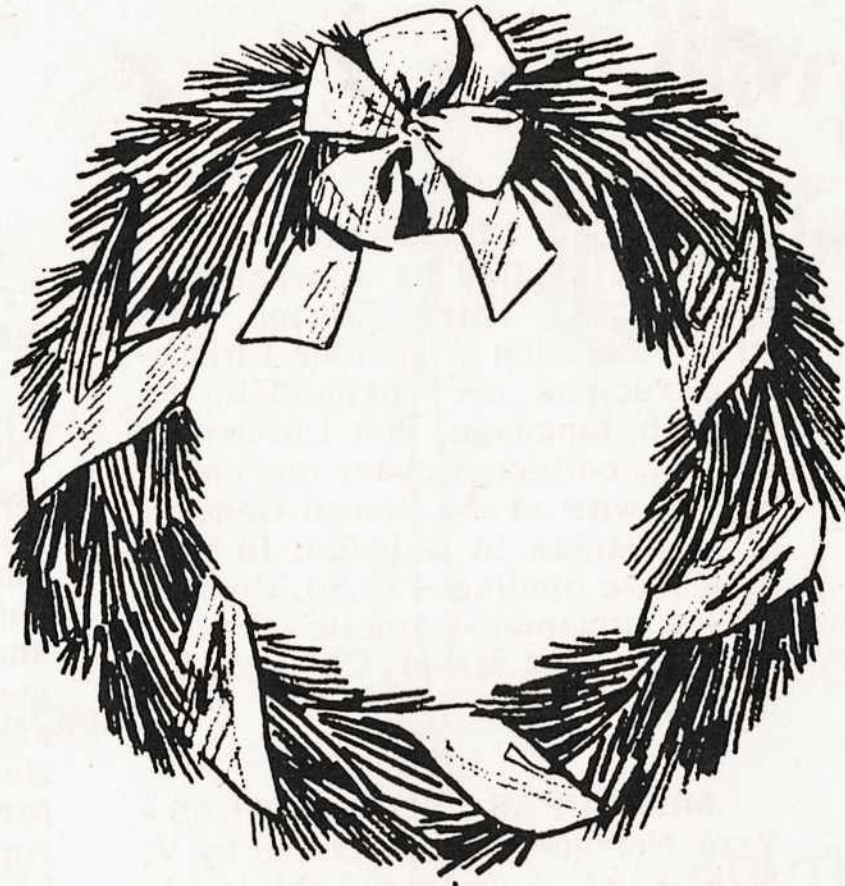
**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
COUNCIL 30
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of our Council on Oct. 12 in Philadelphia. Many of our members were there and all reported having a perfectly lovely time. Jeanne Korsak of C-112 in Chicago was married this past summer to Gediminas Janula of our Council. We extend to both couples our best wishes for life's very best.

Our council had a pilgrimage, headed by Father Steponaitis, to the Xaverian Fathers Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Holliston, Mass. on Oct. 20. This shrine is but a half hour's ride away and is very lovely. We'll be sure to re-visit it during the Christmas illumination, since they say it's especially beautiful at the holiday season.

Charles Glodas's father passed away in October. To Charles, his mother, and his sister, we extend our sincere sympathy for the heartache they must endure at this time.

Mary Jankowski would like all to know that the workers representing our council at the NED Cultural Picnic in September were: Dana Pauliukonis, Elaine Salkaus, Anne Bender, Helen Gillus, Wanda Pajeda, Charles Grigaitis, Valentinas Baziliauskas, Zigmon-

tas Sermuksnis, Claire Grigaitis, Donna Jankoski, Edwina Ginkus, Adele Degutis, Jack Mattrick and Frannie (Algis) Glodas, Janet and Judy Ginkus.

"Goblins on Parade" was the name of the Halloween Party held at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury on Oct. 26. The "goblins" making the arrangements were Mary Jankowski, Eddie Daniels, Helen Gillus, Anne Bender, Elaine Salkaus and Charles Grigaitis.

Our bowling section is doing beautifully! We'll be publishing scores a little later, but for now we would like to tell you the names of our Team Captains: Danny Lettic, Richard Desautel, Jim Sanders, Ted Pinkus, Jr., Stephen Ulevich, Bill Grigas, Eddie Grigaitis and Alex Pridotkas.

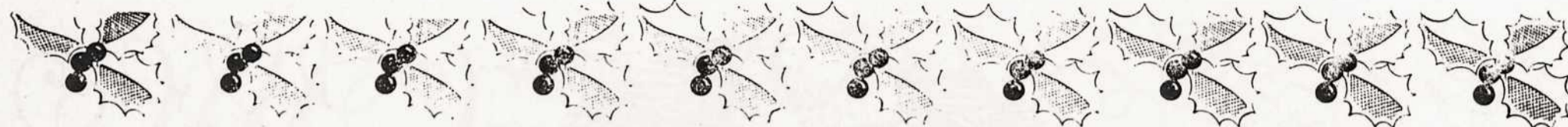
Again, sincere congratulations to our new executive board. They are planning a very interesting program for the coming year. On this we'll report next month. Bye for now!



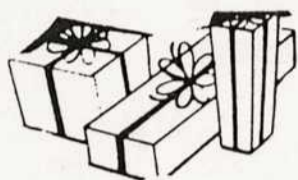
May the
Peace and Joy
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Last all through
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All my K of L
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ELEANORE LAURIN
C-13
Honorary Member





THIS CHRISTMAS - GIVE YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES a Lithuanian recording or book.



A new recording - FAVORITE LITHUANIAN HYMNS - LIETUVISKOS GIESMES. Algird Brazis, baritone, with the Zibuoklės Women's Sextet, Louis Stukas Director and Algirdas Kacanauskas, organist. Basically religious folk hymns that can be sung not only in the church, but also at home. Eurotone Records. Stereo (Mono) \$5.00 includes mailing. Canadians add \$1.00 for mailing. Rates available for quantity sales. Contact J. J. Stukas, 1016 Schliefer Rd., Hillside, N.J. 07205.

A special commemorative recording - VASARIO 16 - 50th ANNIVERSARY OF LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE (1918-1968). Through the courtesy of the Lithuanian-American Council of New Jersey, this album features the Celebrated Mass and program at the Golden Jubilee Independence Banquet and Ball held in Newark, N.J. "On the scene" recording features: The Zibuoklės Sextet, Louis Stukas, baritone, Genevieve Mazur, soprano, The RUTA Ensemble, and the combined choirs of Lithuanian parishes of the Newark Archdiocese, with A. Prizgintas at the organ and A. Kacanauskas, accompanist. Eurotone Records. Stereo (mono) \$5.00 includes mailing. Canadians add \$1.00 for mailing. Rates available for quantity sales. Contact J. J. Stukas, 1016 Schliefer Rd., Hillside, N.J. 07205.

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THE LITHUANIAN NATIONAL REVOLT OF 1941 - Algirdas M. Budreckis. See review next issue. 147 pages, \$4.00. Contact Lithuanian Encyclopedia Press, 361 W. Broadway, So. Boston, Mass. 02127

MARIAN SHRINES OF THE AMERICAS - Rev. Titas Narbutas. Illustrated. An informative book giving the history and description of the major Marian shrines in each country of the Western Hemisphere. A book filled with history, with events miraculous and moving, written with warmth, with faith, and with a scholar's meticulous care. \$3.50. Contact local bookshops or Vantage Press, Inc., 120 31st St., New York, NY. 10001

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SEASONS - Kristijonas Donelaitis. Rendered from the Lithuanian language into English verse by Nadas Rastenis. Illustrated. The first translation of this great work. A commemorative publication on the 250th anniversary of Donelaitis' death, one of the greatest Lithuanian poets. "Seasons" is his greatest work depicting the life of Lithuanians in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Edited by Elena Tumas, Ph. D. \$3.00 Soft cover - \$4.00 hard cover. Contact Lithuanian Days Press, 4364 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90029.





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Merry
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COUNCIL
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HOLIDAY SEASON
to all
OUR FRIENDS

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COUNCIL 7
Waterbury, Conn.



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COUNCIL 7
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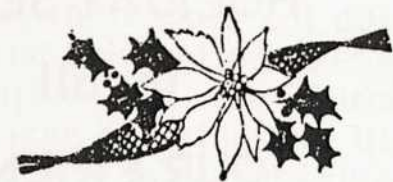
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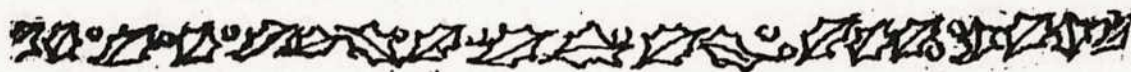


VERY HAPPY

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COUNCIL 79 - DETROIT, MICH.



A Blessed Christmas

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Prosperous New Year

to all the

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

COUNCIL 96
DAYTON, OHIO



M-C DISTRICT

Marytė

The annual convention of the MCD was held on the weekend of Oct. 25-27. On Friday evening, a "Knight Nite" was planned for visiting guests and local council members at the home of Mary Lucas. The party room was decorated with posters depicting the coat of arms of various cities in Lithuania. Plastic "Knight Plaques" were also placed on the walls, these the artistic work of Joe Sinkwitz. In keeping with the Lithuanian theme was a midnight supper consisting of such treats as košeliėna, silkė, rauginti agurkai, sūris, dešros, kopūstai, kugelis, koldūnai and other goodies including Lithuanian pastries. Hostesses for the evening were Ada Sinkwitz and Mary Lucas. Very much in evidence was the abundance of Lithuanian Amber worn by most of the feminine guests.

The evening of merriment continued with Lithuanian records, singing of Lithuanian songs, showing of slides of past conventions by the Pavis's, and an all out feeling of congeniality and friendliness prevailed. It was truly a "Knight Nite" to remember. But there was also a note of disappointment as so few delegates from out of town made it to Dayton. Namely, only 6 Cleveland Seniors, 3 Youngstown Seniors and 3 mem-

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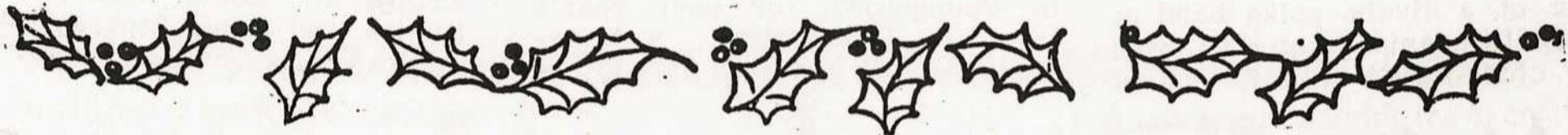
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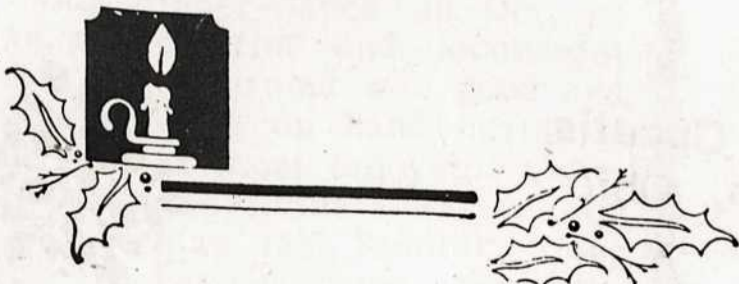
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NAUJUOSE METUOSE"

139 Kuopa
Detroit'as,
Michigan



bers from our new Cincinnati council. What happened to the "youngsters" from all three Detroit councils (C-79-102-139), Cleveland (C-25) and Pittsburgh (C19)?

After the brunch on Saturday, arranged by Pat Zelinskas and her committee, the convention session was opened by a prayer led by Rev. Titas Narbutas. Jos. Noreikas, C-96 president, welcomed the delegates, then the business meeting was conducted by our District President, V. Ed Pavis.

Mid-Central District Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Sp. Adv. - Rev. Titas Narbutas; Pres. - Vincent Ed. Pavis; 1st V-P. - Frank Gudelis; 2nd V-P. - Peter Luiza; Sec'y. - Stella Pavis; Treas. - Michael P. Petkus; Trustees - Ada Sinkwitz, Stella Sankal, and Mary Lucas; Sgt-at-Arms - Joe Sadauskas; "Vytis" Rep. - Mary Lucas; Ritual Chm. - Frank Gudelis and Camp Dainava Advisor - Mary Kazlauskas.

Saturday night found the delegates and guests dancing to the music of a lively polka band at the new Lithuanian Club Hall. Stan Kavy chairmanned this fun filled

evening.

The weekend festivities ended with a Lithuanian Mass at Holy Cross Church and a closing banquet at the Holiday Inn hosted by Irene Veigel. Stan Vaitkus served as Master of Ceremonies. A membership plaque awarded during the National Convention to C-134 was presented to Jos. Maezer, president of the Cincinnati council, during the banquet.

For his untiring work to the Knights of Lithuania and to the Mid-Central District in the Literary field, a beautiful desk pen set embedded with a Knights Of Lithuania emblem, was presented to Joseph Sadauskas of the Cleveland Seniors. To say that the recipient was surprised by this gift to him was quite evident. His acceptance speech was very moving in its humility, gratefulness and loyalty to his organization.

Many thanks go to Sally Miller, Chairman of the convention. She and her committee worked hard and diligently to make this a memorable affair and all who attended agreed that it was. An invitation to Youngstown for next year's District Conventions was enthusiastically accepted by all.



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

NY-NJ DISTRICT F.V.

The District presented a skit going on a hayride on Oct. 26 at St. Michael's parish hall. Members of the cast were from various councils in the district and they certainly did put on a very fine performance. Sorry to relate however the attendance was very poor, we wonder where many of our members were that evening. In order for your district to survive the membership should turn out more when ever an activity is planned for the good and welfare of the group, instead of finding fault with district at meetings and then not showing up whenever bowling tournament, dance or show is held for the benefit of their district.

At the skit, solos were rendered by Louis Stukas, Clara Krejsa, and Ed. Schmidt. Duets by Mary Krejsa and Louis Stukas, Clara Krejsa and Louis Stukas, Loretta Stukas and Ona Skurvydas.



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A Ringing Jolly American New Year
To My Worldly Knights and Friends
From now 'til 1969 Ends.

Honorary Member ANNIE MITCHELL

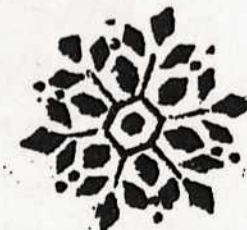
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Frank Gudelis
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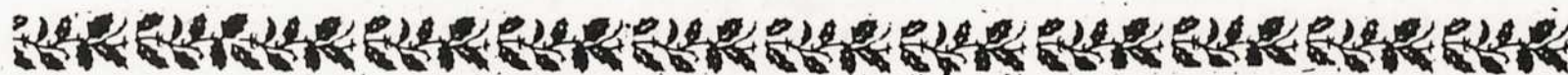
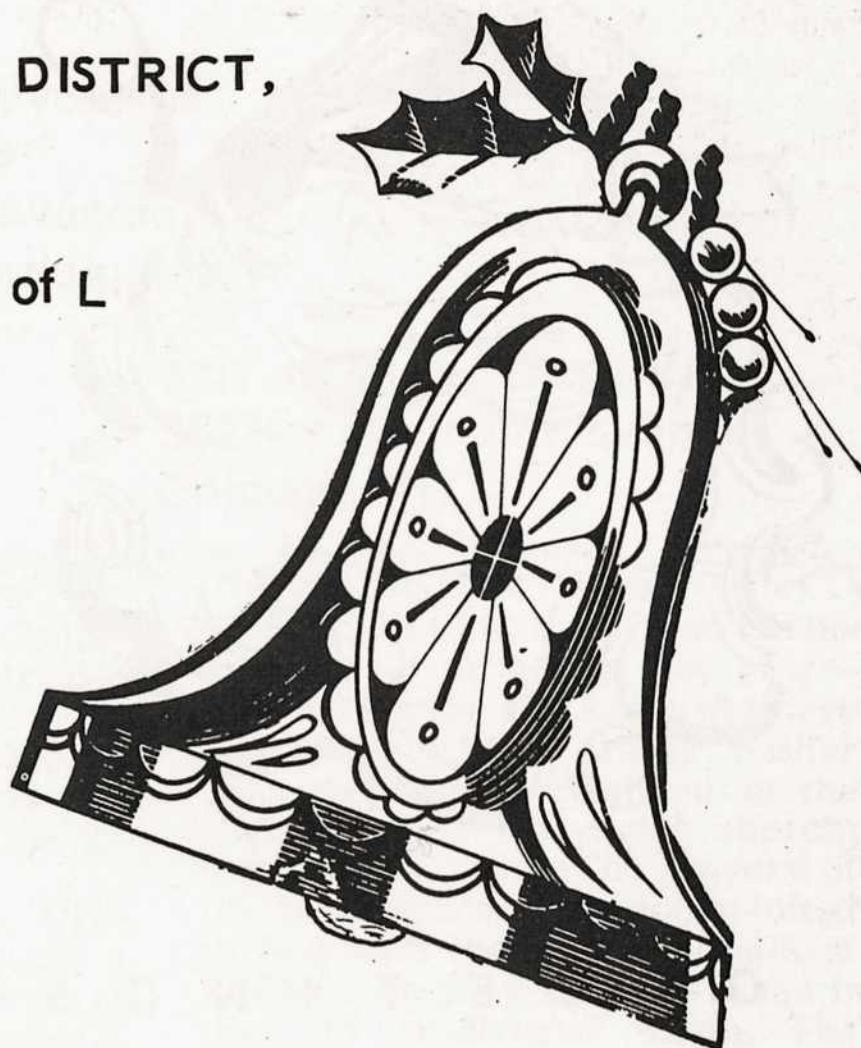
Members of the NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT,

hosts to the 1969 Convention extend to all their K of L

friends wishes for a happy and holy Christmas

and a prosperous and fruitful New Year.

(Plan now to be in Newark, New Jersey on August 21 - 24, 1969 for the best national convention yet.)



In charge of arrangements were honorary chairman Rev. Peter Zemeikis, Chairman Dottie Dutkus, Dance program Virginia Dutkus and Tickets Ann Mitchell. Accompanists were Louis Stukas and Algirdas Kacanauskas. Besides those already mentioned others in the cast were Stanley Ceskas, Michael Grigaliunas, Helen Radisch, Joann Schmidt, Kazys Sipaila, Eva Sharon. The group is to be commended for their fine showing and those of us who were on hand certainly did have a most enjoyable time.

A low bow in the direction of chairman Dottie Dutkus and her hard working crew and cast as well for their very fine endeavors.

NEWARK, N.J., C-29

The Wanderer

Our dinner-dance on Oct. 12 was a very fine and successful event. The turnout was good and all who were on hand certainly did have a most enjoyable time. Chairman Christina Yakavonis and Co-Chairman Jack Remeika along with the hard working committee deserve reams of praise for their



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efforts in making the event the success. The invocation was offered by Rev. John J. Scharnus, pastor of Holy Trinity Church.

From columnist' scrapbook: Our membership has been very active in Holy Trinity parish doings. On Oct. 20th at the official welcome dinner to our new pastor Rev. John J. Scharnus, Kazys Sipaila was chairman of committee in charge of arrangements, along with Mary Stonis, Jack Remeika, Regina Schmidt, Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Schmidt, yours truly, and others... The Wayside Cross on parish grounds put up by C-29 recently had a retouching done by artist Jonas Subacius, who designed the cross... Sick List - Spiritual director Rev. Petras Totoraitis, Council president Charles Strolis and ex-president Kazys Sipaila.

Since this is the last column for 1968, the writer takes this means to extend to one and all best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100
Smile & Sparkle
C-100 held its meeting on Oct.

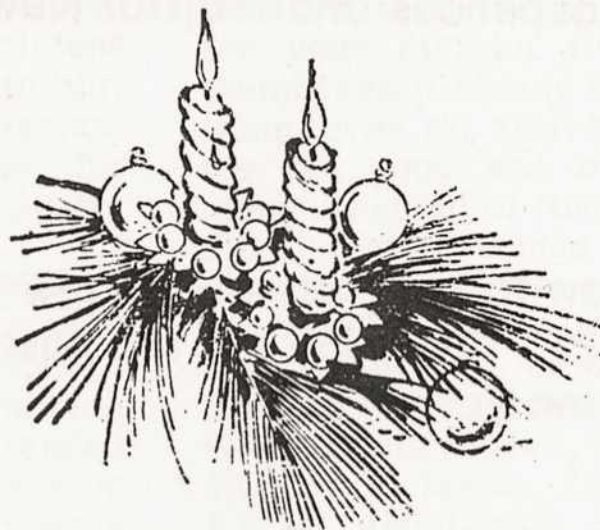


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14 at the St. Casimir's Church meeting rooms. Presiding in the absence of the president, Donald Nikstenas, was Gene Gobis.

The annual Christmas banquet will occur on Dec. 15 at The Tower Inn. The committee in charge consists of Gene Gobis, Sophie Olbie, Virginia Miciulis, and Irene Wood. The committee should be contacted regarding reservations.

Rev. Robert K. Baltch spoke on the degrees in the organization, the means in which a member can rise from the first to the fourth degree.

Election of officers was next on the agenda. The new slate is made up of the following: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Robert K. Baltch; Pres. Anthony Radzevicius; V-P Gene Gobis; Secy. Irene Wood; Treas. Sophie Olbie; Sgt-at-Arms Bill McCune; Cultural Comm. Chr. Matthew Orante; Ritual Comm. Chr. Atty. A. C. Stokna.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kazlauskas celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on Oct. 15. All members greeted them in song and wished them health and happiness. Also celebrating their anniversaries were Victor and Mildred

Thomas (Oct. 12), and Anthony and Ann Radzevicius (September 30).

Slides of Denmark were shown by Rev. Robert K. Baltch. Refreshments were furnished by Helen Radzevicius. Present at the gathering were: Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Mr. and Mrs. A. Radzevicius, Mr. and Mr. M. Kazlauskas, Bill McCune, Eleanor Olechowski, Sophie Olbie, Virginia Miciulis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mildred Thomas, Irene Wood, Polly Ziausys, and Gene Gobis.

NEWS BITS . . . Matt Orante spent some time in June in Lithuania where he visited many spots of interest in Vilnius. At our summer outing he showed us a multitude of colored snapshots of his friends, the churches, the new hospital, etc.

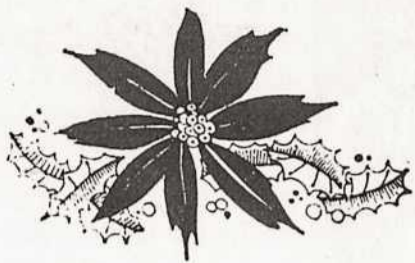
On April 27th the American Lithuanian Club members honored Prof. Joseph Olsauskas with a dinner-dance on behalf of all he had done for the American Lithuanian Community of Amsterdam and also his 75th birthday which was on Sept. 23. Many K of L'ers were present to help him celebrate. On Sept. 23 the Amsterdam Council and the St. Casimir's Choir sent birthday greetings to the Professor via the

local radio station WCSS. "Ilgiausių metų, linksmiausių metų, ir geros sveikatos linkime Jums, Juozai. Linkėjimai nuo visų Amsterdamo Vyčių!"

Irene Wood and Gene Gobis flew to Philadelphia for the convention. Gene had to hold the plane for Irene ... three minutes late. She just about flew into the plane. This was Irene's 1st K of L Convention. Gene's friend, Don Holleran, arrived early Saturday morning. The three Amsterdamians threw a little party after the ball. Present were Theresa Mazeika, Julian Greymas, Jeannie Karpus, Father Jutt, "Vy-tis" Editor Irene Sankus, Prof. Jack J. Stukas and wife Loretta, Joe Drumstas, Ed Grigaitis, Ann Baronis, Mary Motecus, Tony Alexander, Walter and Irene Svek-la, etc.

Birthday greetings to Ginny Miciulis (Nov. 9) and Sophie Olbie (Dec. 5).

The stork is hovering over the home of Eleanore (Stakauskas) and Lenny Olechowski. It has already landed at the home of Aldona and Paul Abeling. May 18 was the day and it brought them a beautiful son, John George.



ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

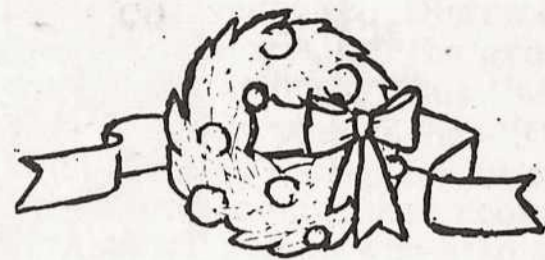
I-I DISTRICT

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To get into the swing of things, after the election of the new District Officers, a special committee, with Vladas Paliulionis as Chairman, turned out a very successful "quickie" Building Benefit Dance - SUDIEV VASARA. And - there hasn't been one completely uneventful weekend since.

Miss Public Relations, Estelle Rogers, has kept us quite busy representing the K of L at the various non-K of L functions during this big political season. Besides our K of L'ers who were up for re-election, Alfonse F. Wells, (C112) Judge of the Circuit Court and Frank Savickas, (C112) Representative of the Illinois 27th District, Bob Umporovich, (Social Member of C112) also ran for Representative in the 27th District, Valdas Adamkus ran for the office of Sanitary District Trustee and Anton Valiukas sought election as Judge in the Circuit Court. Of course, K of L'ers lent their support by attending the many dinners and cocktail parties sponsored in behalf of these Lithuanian candi-

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dates. And, of course, Congratulations are in order for our two Lithuanians (and Vyčiai) who made it. Judge Wells was retained on the bench and Frank Savickas will return to Springfield as Representative.

Father John Savukynas, District Spiritual Advisor arranged a representative table of members at the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Convention Banquet and our Honorary Member Mrs. Adele Gabalis organized a second table, of Seniors, for this event. Joe Nausedas got a nice group together for the Lithuanian Golf League Annual Awards Banquet and again, Estelle Rogers gathered quite a few members to attend the Holy Cross Hospital 40th Anniversary Dinner.

More K of L events were also on the calendar. One was the C-112 Halloween Party, held at Ed Krivickas' Lower Level Lounge. And the other, a function of more reserved nature - a memorial for our Deceased members.

Sun., Nov. 10th, marked the institution of an annual day of remembering the K of L'ers who have passed on to their Maker. Father John Savukynas officiated at the High Mass at his parish church, Our Lady of Vilna. The prayers of the worshipers were softly lofted to God with the voices of the K of L Choir as they sang the Mass in the old traditional Latin. The hymns, sung in beautiful bell tones by guest soloist Prudencija Bičkus completed the inspirational aura of the services. Then, after the mass, the participants gathered at the K of L building for brunch and a brief program. From a list, compiled by our K of L Historian, Ignas Sakalas, Eleanore Laurin recounted the names of all the deceased members of the District and Mr. Sakalas added reflections on some of the original organizers of the K of L in the District; remarks were made by Chairman Vladas Paliulionis; District President Leon Pauksta expressed thanks to the others on the Committee, Alex Budris, Choir President John Auksciunas, guest soloist Prudencija Bickus, Vince Samaska, Irene Sankus, and Mrs. Cicevicius, Mrs. Sirvinskas, Mrs. Budris and Mrs. Petrulis who prepared the brunch, as well as those who assisted in serving the refreshments. The opening and closing prayers were lead by Father Savukynas, who by the way, should be proud of his newly remodelled church and the justifiable compliments made to him after the services. Another special compliment is due Faustas Strolia, Director, John Auksciunas, President, and every other officer and member of the Choir who, by their performances, enhance so many of our affairs.

The K of L members of the

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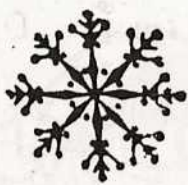
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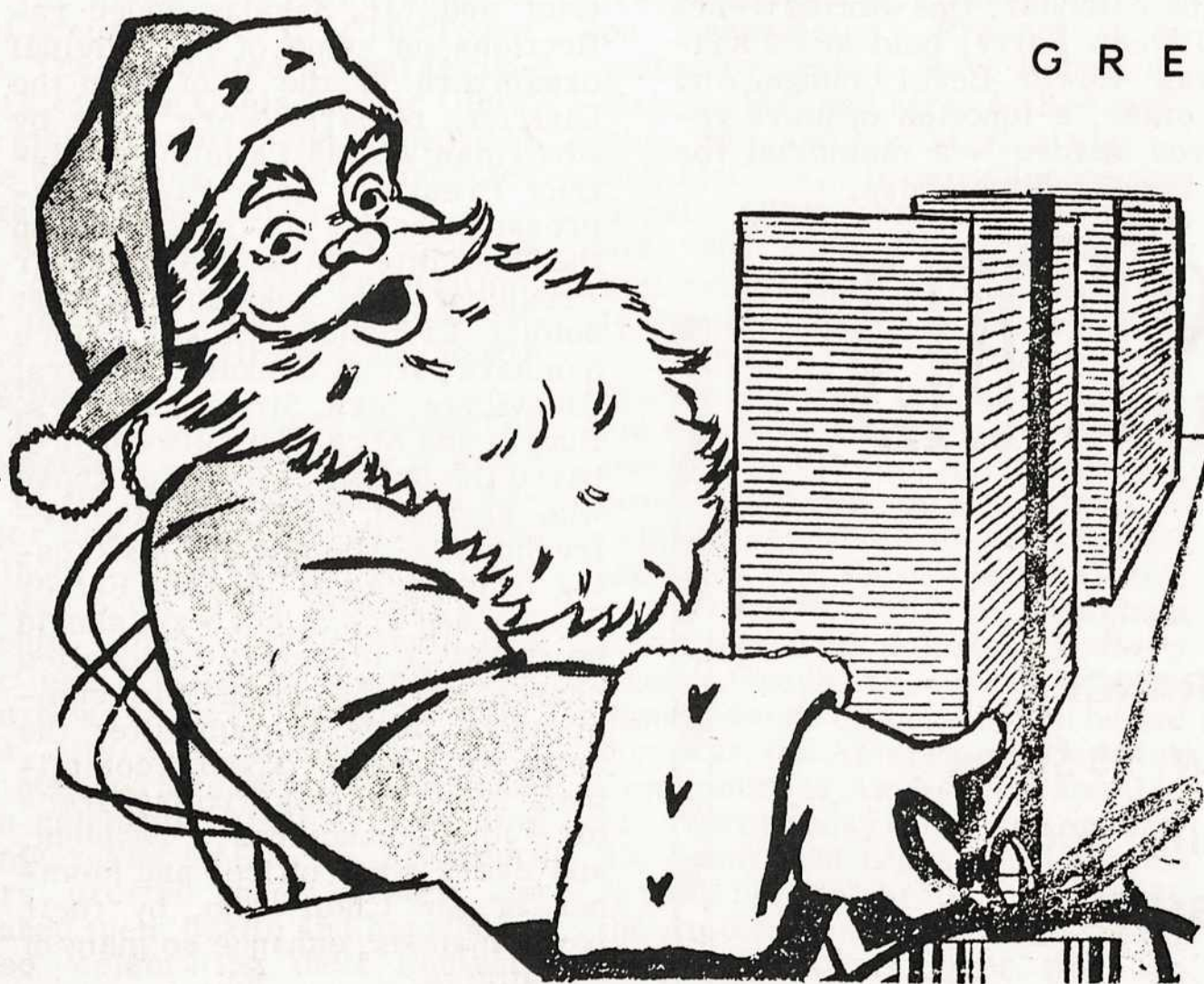
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District wish to express deepest sympathies to Mrs. Kazanauskas, her daughter Joan and son-in-law Casey Oksas upon the loss of John Kazanauskas, once very active and always a generous supporter of the Knights of Lithuania. John Kazanauskas was also the first President of the K of L Choir when it was originally organized over fifty years ago. The passing on of Mr. Kazanauskas has left a void in our midst but we shall always remember him with sincere fondness.

One of the most important events in Chicago during the past weeks was the Supreme Council meeting the weekend of October 19-20. It was our pleasure, which regrettably happens only once a year, to welcome the S.C. officers and guests from out-of-town: Jack Stukas, President, from New Jersey; Stanley Vaitkus, 1st V-P, from Dayton; Nancy Kober, Secy, from New York; Stella Sankal, Treas. from Cleveland; Albert Jaritis, NED President, from South Boston, Leo Shakalis from Cambridge and Alexander Wesey, immediate Past S.C. President.

Two of the guests took us up

on our standard invitation to Come Early and Stay Late - Al Jaritis and Leo Shakalis, and we think it was primarily because Al didn't want to miss the opportunity of personally delivering the picture of the famous Red Sox team to Irene Sankus and Helen Zimmer. This was apparently a subtle reminder of an outstanding bet debt because the score keeper lost his slide rule and mistakenly made the White Sox second best in '66.

Most of the other Board members arrived Sunday morning and were joined by the Chicagoans for Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, during which Father Paul Juknevicus, Spiritual Advisor of C-36, incorporated the K of L in his inspiring sermon. Some of the pre-brunch socializing at the Chicago Midway House included Chicago hosts Irene Sankus, "Vytis" Editor; Leon Pauksta, Membership V.P. and District President; Helen Zimmer, Fin. Secy.; Eleanore Laurin, Trustee; Vince Samaska, Public Relations representative from the IID; Jay Paulukonis, Scholarship Committee Treas.; Loretta Macekonis, IID "Trumpet" Editor; Al Raubiskis and Joe Nausedas.

Father Savukynas, District Spiritual Advisor joined the group for the brunch at the famous "Mr. Charles", after which the "Official" Meeting took place in one of the motel's conference rooms. Other special guests who also attended the session were Mr. Alex Pakalniskis and Mrs. Emilija Pakalniskis, Draugas "Vyčių Veikla" Column Editor; Faustas Strolia, Choir Director and Frank Zapolis, District Membership V.P.

Unfortunately, Stella Sankal had to return to Cleveland early but the remainder of the guests had a delightful confrontation with the delicious buffet spread at the home of Irene Sankus before leaving for home and leaving us to wait it out for another year before we have the pleasure of entertaining the S.C. Board again.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Honorary Member Leonard Simutis and Mrs. Simutis. On October 16th, they exchanged their first marriage vows and, with the grace of God, were able to renew them at the beautiful noonday Mass at Nativity Church fifty years later. Best Wishes for many more years of happiness to the both of them.



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