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# VASARIO 16 DIENOS simboliai

POV. DIRKIS

Lietuvos nepriklausomybės paskelbimo diena - Vasario 16 - kažkaip įsiterpia tarp Linkolno ir Washingtono gimtadienių. Gal tai atsitiktinis, bet vis dėlto gana reikšmingas supuolimas. Du didieji JAV prezidentai, kurių vardai tebėra gyvi šio krašto istorijoje, yra buvę žmonijos laisvės skelbėjai ir gynėjai. Washingtonas gynė šio krašto gyventojų teisę laisvai apsispręsti ir nepriklausomai tvarkytis. Linkolnas kovojo už visų žmonių lygias teises laisvai tvarkyti savo gyvenimą. Atseit, abu tie didieji vardai ir laisvės idealai gaubia ir Vasario 16 dienos deklaraciją, kuria buvo išreikšta lietuvių tautos valia laisvai gyventi nepriklausomoje savo valstybėje.

Tačiau vertinant Vasario 16 dienos dvasinę didybę, reikia atsiminti, kad tai buvo be galo sunkios Lietuvai dienos. Kraštas tebebuvo vokiečių okupacijos replėse, žmonės beteisiai ir nualinti. Lietuvos Tarybos nariai skelbdami tautos valią, tiesiog rizikavo savo likimu. Tikrai tai buvo didvyriškos, sveikos politinės vizijos, tapusios tikrove, epochinis žygis, surišęs nutrauktą valstybinę laisvės giją. Dėl to mes gal neperdėsime laikydami Lietuvos Tarybos narius ne tik tautinės dvasios galiūnais, bet ir Vasario 16 dienos simboliais, kurie savo sugebėjimais, patrijotine ugnimi, drąsa, ryžtu ir išvalgumu buvo ano meto tautos elitais, atstovaujantis brangiausiajam lietuvių tautos idealui. O tam idealizmui sustiprinti savanoriai to meto partizanai aiškiai parodė savo heroizmą pa-

sauliui, kiek brangi lietuviui Gedimino mieste - Lietuvos sostinėje Vilniuje - paskelbtoji nepriklausomybė.

Gaila, kad šiuo metu iš 20 paskelbėjų - simbolių - šios istorinės sukakties sulaukusius teturime gyvųjų tarpe pagarbūs valstybininkus, kankinius buv. prezidentą Aleksandrą Stulginskį ir buv. užsienių reikalų ministrį Petrą Klimą, gyvenančius Kaune.

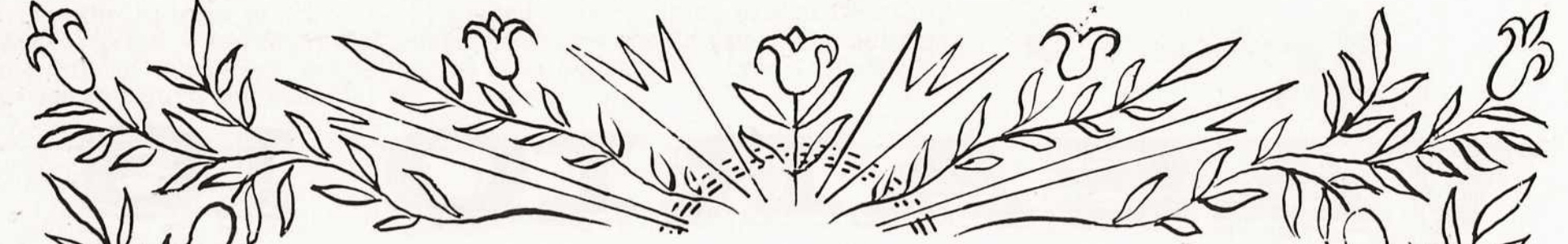
Laisvė išpirkta geriausių sūnų ir dukrų aukomis ir pasišventimu, pakėlė Lietuvą į Europos valstybių garbingą eilę, o kiekvienam tautos vaikui sudarė visas galimas sąlygas kilti aukšty. Ir mes kilome, dvasiškai ir medžiagiškai turtėjome. Tačiau po 22 metų kūrybingo gyvenimo, audra nutrenkė mūsų nepriklausomą gyvenimą, bet nenutrenkė mūsų vilčių, nesugriovė mūsų tikėjimo vėl laisvę atgauti ir joje vėl niekieno nevaržomai gyventi. Nors dalis Lietuvos vaikų tapo išblaškyti po platumų laisvą pasaulį ir tapo benamiais, o tėvynėje likusieji tapo raudonojo imperializmo vergais, persekiojami, tremiami ir net žudomi. Nors dalis sunki ir dangus apsiniaukęs, bet nusiminti nėra pagrindo. Nors pavergtos Lietuvos likimas šiandieną tragiškai sunkus, bet užtat jos tarptautinė padėtis tebėra teisiškai tvirta. Jėga ir smurtu įvykdytas Lietuvos įjungimas į sovietinę imperiją jau 29 metai nepripažįstamas daugelio pasaulio valstybių, būtent: JAV, Kanados, Japonijos, Anglijos, Vokietijos, Prancūzijos ir Ispanijos. Ką tai reiškia? Tai rodo, kad ne vien mes lietuviai, bet ir laisvasis pasaulis tiki teisės per-

gale prieš smurtą bei pritaria Rooseveltui 1940 m. spalio 15 d. duotam Lietuviams užtikrinimui, kad "Lietuva vėl bus laisva". Reikia tik būti ryžtingiems, vieningiems ir patvariems visus bandymus pakelti, tautos žutbūtinei kovai laimėti.

Šiandieną komunistinė Rusija taip pat yra priešinga bet kokiam žmogaus laisvei, nors su savo propaganda ir garsinasi "laisvės gynėja ir nešėja". Faktai nepaneigiami: spygliuotos geležinės, mūrinės, bambukinės ir kitokios užtvaros, smaugianti komunistinė diktatūra yra kolchozinė baudžiava, rusų kolonijomis paversti kiti kraštai, koncentracijos stovyklos Sibire. Tai vis žiaurių nusikaltėlių darbai. Ir jeigu su jais dar santykiaujama, tai tik dėl to, kad stinga dabar Washingtono ir Linkolno, kurie laisvės priešams nedarė jokių nuolaidų.







Nutarimas.

Lietuvos Taryba savo posėdyje vasario 16 d. 1918 m. vienu balsu nutarė kreiptis: į Rusijos, Vokietijos ir kitų valstybių vyriausybės šiuo pareiškimu:

Lietuvos Taryba, vienintelė lietuvių tautos atstovybė, remdama pripažintą tautų apsisprendimo teisę ir lietuvių Vilniaus konferencijos nutarimu rugsėjo mėn. 18-23 d. 1917 metais, skelbia atstatanti nepriklausomą demokratiniiais pamatais sutvarkytą Lietuvos valstybę su sostine Vilniuje ir tą valstybę atskirianti nuo visų valstybinių ryšių, kurie yra buvę su kitomis tautomis.

Drauge Lietuvos Taryba pareiškia, kad Lietuvos valstybės pamatai ir jos santykiai su kitomis valstybėmis privalo galutinai nustatyti tiek galima greičiau susauktas steigiamasis seimas, demokratiniu būdu visuose gyventojų išrinktas.

Lietuvos Taryba pranešdama apie tai ..... vyriausybei, prašo pripažinti nepriklausomą Lietuvos valstybę.

Vilniuje, vasario 16 d. 1918 m.

	D. J. Basanavičius
	L. Pionarskis
	M. Biržiška
	K. Birauskis
	R. Dovydasas
	J. Radvila
	P. Klimas
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# LITHUANIA IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

1918 - 1940

ALGIRDAS BUDRECKIS

Although the doctrine of natural law does not require recognition by other states for a state to come into existence, new states actively seek acceptance by the existing countries for practical reasons. These practical considerations include respect for the integrity of citizens, acceptance of currency on an exchange basis, economic agreements and the enjoyment of the rights and obligations set forth in international law.

According to international law, recognition of new states can take two forms. Namely, DE FACTO, that is, temporary, non-permanent recognition that a state does in fact exist, and DE JURE or final and permanent recognition which is based on legal merits bestowed upon an existing political entity.

With the collapse of the German and Russian empires at the close of World War I, Lithuania emerged as a nation-state. Because of the turmoils of revolution (in Russia) and territorial conflicts in Eastern Europe, the fledgling Lithuanian State was especially interested in obtaining diplomatic recognition. At first, some states granted Lithuania DE FACTO status, and later changed this to DE JURE.

The Republic of Lithuania was accorded DE FACTO recognition first by the short-lived states of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaidjan (July 23, 1918 to February, 1919), Sweden (December 12, 1918), Norway (August 22, 1919), Great Britain (September 24, 1919), Latvia (October 8, 1919), Finland (November 17, 1919) France (May 11, 1920).

The Lithuanian State received DE JURE or legal recognition from:

Germany	(March 23, 1918),
Soviet Union	(July 12, 1920);
Latvia	(February 2, 1921),
Estonia	(March 10, 1921),
Switzerland	(March 10, 1921),
Mexico	(May 5, 1921),
Denmark	(September 20, 1921),
Norway	(October 4, 1921),
Netherlands	(October 6, 1921),
Finland	(October 14, 1921),
Brazil	(December 9, 1921),
Argentina	(December 9, 1921),
Uruguay	(December 9, 1921),
Czechoslovakia	(January 15, 1922),
Venezuela	(May 23, 1922),
Greece	(May 23, 1922),
Chile	(May 23, 1922),
Bolivia	(June 14, 1922),
Spain	(July 27, 1922),
United States of America	(July 27, 1922),
Holy See	(November 10, 1922),
Sweden	(November 17, 1922),

Bergium	(December 27, 1922),
Luxembourg	(December 27, 1922),
Panama	(December 28, 1922),
Costa Rica	(January 5, 1923),
Siam	(January 30, 1923),
Paraguay	(February 9, 1923),
Peru	(February 13, 1923),
Liberia	(February 26, 1923),
Portugal	(May 3, 1923).

Because of the state of war that existed between Lithuania and Poland over the Vilnius territory, DE JURE recognition was exchanged only on March 31, 1938. Yugoslavia was also an exceptional case. For a long time Belgrade declined to recognize Lithuania, for it continued to "recognize" the "legal existence" of Tsarist Russia with its claims to Lithuania. The first Lithuanian diplomat was accredited to Yugoslavia on November 15, 1935.

The Republic of Lithuania had an interest in joining the international organization of the League of Nations. As early as October 12, 1920 Lithuania made an application. Although the League's Special Commission found Lithuania qualified for membership, the machinations of pro-Polish France (which dominated the League) led to the rejection of Lithuania's application. Nonetheless, Lithuania was permitted to participate in the technical organization of the League. The friendly Argentine Minister suggested to the League Council that Lithuania be given a "consultative voice." Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Lithuanian diplomats and statesmen, Lithuania was admitted to the League of Nations Conference on Communications and Transportation on March 10 - April 24, 1921 in Barcelona. This Conference was attended by 44 member-states. On August 26, 1922 Lithuania again submitted her petition for membership. It was finally granted after a month, and on September 22, 1922 Lithuania became a full-fledged member of the League of Nations. Consequently, France, Great Britain, Italy and Japan granted Lithuania DE JURE recognition on December 20, 1922. Two members of the British Commonwealth, Canada and Palestine also established diplomatic relations with Lithuania, which set up consulates in Toronto and Haifa.

Eventually Lithuania was recognized DE JURE by

Austria	(April 5, 1924),
Hungary	(April 5, 1924),
Rumania	(November 4, 1924)
Persia	(May 20, 1933).

All in all, the Republic of Lithuania was recognized as a legitimate and sovereign entity by 43 states. In the next issue we will analyze the changes in status brought about by the Soviet occupation.



# THE WORLD OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN



The great American President whose birthday is celebrated on February 12th, Abraham Lincoln, lived in a world far different than that of ours today. Lincoln, one of our greatest national leaders, was elected to the nation's highest office in 1860 and served only a little more than a month beyond the four years of his first term.

When he and his family left their home in Springfield, Illinois, on their way to his inauguration in Washington, it was just two days before his 52nd birthday. He had sold some of his furniture - the total he received was \$82.25. He made frequent stops and many speeches during the 12 days he was en route to the national capital.

Lincoln had been elected in 1860 as a clean-shaven man. During the months prior to his inauguration he had grown a beard and the pictures that we have of him as a bearded president are correct. But this was true for the last four years of his life.

Although the nation was already sharply divided between the slave-owning states of the South and the "free" and industrial states of the North, it was Lincoln's hope that he could solve the differences and preserve national unity. South Carolina and several other Southern states (ultimately eleven) had already announced their secession from the union. When on April 12 the national government's

Fort Sumter in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina, was attacked and after two days forced to surrender, Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers for the army. The Civil War was under way.

The Washington Lincoln knew was a small city with few of the great buildings now there. The White House was composed only of the main structure and some of what are now bedrooms served as offices of the President. When President Lincoln answered letters, he wrote them out himself and signed them simply, A. Lincoln. Almost anyone properly dressed could walk into the White House and ask to talk to the President. Groups of citizens with minor problems were admitted to the waiting rooms and many of these took up his valuable time.

Old-time acquaintances and friends of members of Congress came to ask him for military commissions. He selected the generals, sometimes to his regret, to command the armies which fought the troops of the Confederacy. Until he appointed General Ulysses Grant head of the whole army in 1864, there had been a series of complications with the Northern generals. Always, the city of Washington, adjoining Confederate Virginia, was on the edge of the war.

More and more volunteers had to be asked for. When it became clear that a still greater number of soldiers would be needed to win the war and to preserve the Union, a draft law was passed in March 1863. Although Negro slaves had been freed in areas captured by the Union Army, on January 1, 1863, Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing "forever" slaves in almost all of the United States, including the states of the Confederacy.

Throughout his whole term in office, Lincoln was under constant attack in the press and under annoyance and pressure from members of his Cabinet. Despite this he carried on, performing little services for simple citizens and reaching a high point when on November 19, 1863, he delivered the Gettysburg Address in dedicating the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Written out by himself, the words of this brief expression of the national feeling still stand as one of the greatest examples of literature in the English language.

With victory approaching, Lincoln was re-elected in November 1864. In his second inaugural address he voiced words of hope for the future: "With malice towards none: with charity for all" . . . let us strive to "bind up the Nation's wounds . . ." But he was not to have the opportunity of finishing his task. On April 14, 1865, five days after Confederate leader, General Robert E. Lee had surrendered and the very day on which the Union flag was again hoisted over Fort Sumter, he was killed by an assassin's bullet. But he had lived to save the Union and to give all Americans an inspiration that will exist forever.

(A. C. N. S.)



# THE VYTIS



DENIS G. MAZEIKA



There are few amongst us who are not thrilled by the clash of sword upon sword and the glint of armor. But the greatest thrill of all is to realize that the knight, as we know it, really existed in European history, and has a special significance for anyone of Lithuanian descent. The Lithuanian national emblem or coat of arms is the knight or vytis. The very word "Vytis" comes from the Lithuanian verb "vyti" meaning to chase after.

The knights of Western Europe during the Middle Ages all looked very much alike. The only possibility of distinguishing one knight from another lie in the signs decorating the shield, helmet, and saddle. Eventually, these signs along with the helmet and shield, became part of a given family's coat of arms which was passed on from generation to generation. The various marks and insignias of each coat of arms came to have a traditional meaning. Some markings represented participation in various campaigns, battles and tournaments by passed ancestors. Others represented mythical beings and magical geometrical figures as well as symbols of knightly strength and courage.

Coats of arms are not reserved only for knights, dukes, princes, kings, and high government officials. There are coats of arms for towns, monasteries, bishoprics, and especially for states. For example, the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, Vilnius, had the Vytis for its coat of arms; Trakai, another duchy, had a bear or a knight on foot as its coat of arms.

During the Middle Ages, all over Western Europe, the Vytis was used as an official stamp or seal. The dukes of Lithuania during this period were known to have personal secretaries who were educated in the Western culture. It is most probable that Lithuania obtained the Vytis as a result of the influence of these secretaries. Exactly when the Vytis was first used as a seal in Lithuania is not certain. One thing that must be said, however, is that even though the insignia of the knight was utilized as an official seal throughout Western Europe, it never gained the significance that it did in Lithuania.

The oldest dated relics bearing the sign of the Vytis are coins from the time of Algirdas and Kęstutis - 14th Century. The Knights found on these coins were never stylized. In fact, every coin had a slightly different version of the knight. This was

due to the fact that coins were minted by hand at that time and exact details were extremely difficult to replicate by hand. It is possible that the Vytis was used before the time of Algirdas and Kęstutis. In fact, some authorities argue that Mindaugas used it during the 13th Century.

In the 14th and 15th Centuries, when Vytautas the Great and Jogaila made use of the Vytis, the horse and rider with upraised sword, was shown charging to the left. The Shield of the Vytis on the seal of Vytautas carried the castle columns of Gediminas whereas that on the seal of Jogaila carried the double-barred cross as we know it today. Since the time of Vytautas, the direction of the charge of the Vytis has remained more or less standardized. However, the assorted sartorial splendors of the Vytis has been an object of artistic variations ever since the knight was first used.

The double-barred cross traditionally seen on the knight's shield is thought to symbolize endurance (and God knows how much we need that symbol today). The double-barred cross may have arisen under the influence of the Russians during the time of Vytautas. After all, one must remember that the Grand Duchy of Lithuania under the rule of Vytautas, extended half-way into Russia if not more. This fact may seem rather ironic today.

Exactly when the Vytis became Lithuania's national emblem is not certain. However, during the 16th Century the white Vytis with a red back-drop seemed to appear from no where - and it was never questioned. When Lithuania gained her independence from Czarist Russia in 1918, this emblem became official.

The presence of the Vytis can be found wherever Lithuanians are found. First of all, the standard flag of Lithuania flies the Vytis on one side and the castle columns of Gediminas on the other. Secondly, all of the past seals of Lithuania utilized the Vytis. Third, we can find our national emblem on Lithuanian coins of both ancient and modern times. Then again, it is hard to find a postage stamp from free Lithuania which does not have a Vytis on it somewhere or other; stained glass windows of some Lithuania churches make use of the Vytis as a motif; and the Jaunimo Kongresas in Chicago exhibited a modern - abstract version of the Vytis.

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As all members of the Vyčiai know, the first Lithuanian-American organization to be instituted in America - The Knights of Lithuania - used the Vytis as its standard, and graces all of its publications, banners, official papers, and events with this symbol.

A story at the time of the Communist subjugation of Lithuania following the Second World War tells of captured or killed Lithuanian partisans being tortured or desecrated by having the Vytis carved into their flesh!

Finally, we hear of the Lithuanian Vytis being used in Vietnam. Algis Reivitis from Middle Village, N.Y., serving in the Air Force in Vietnam, has decorated his helicopter with the Vytis. He has often been a target for Viet Cong fire - 23 direct hits were registered against his craft - yet, the effect upon "Flying Vytis" was little more than

a shudder!

As much as this symbol was used in Lithuania's past, it seems that its presence is more and more called upon and appreciated the longer it is used. As great as the need for strength, courage, and endurance was in Lithuania's past, they are all the more being called upon by all Lithuanians during these especially trying years. Let us never forget the Vytis - symbol of strength, courage, and endurance among all Lithuanians!

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## KREIPIMASIS Į MUS PACIUS

Šis mano pareiškimas - kreipimasis į mus pačius yra bandymas prabilti į mūsų organizacijos vyriausią vadovybę, garbės narius, kuopų valdybas, jų veikėjus ir bendrai visus vyčių narius, nes kai kuriems mūsų mielos organizacijos idealistams darosi liūdna ir graudu, kad mažai žinių gauname apie mūsų veiklą mes patys ir visa lietuviška išeivija. Kiek daugiau sužinome vieną sykį mėnesį, kai gauname organą "Vytį", o kituose lietuviškuose laikraščiuose mažai tepasirodo platesnių žinelių ar kitokio turinio rašinių. Tas vyčiams neteikia nei garbės, nei gerovės, nes jų praėitis yra garbinga ir puoselėjanti. Jų pirmūnams ir daugeliui šiandieninių vyčių, tai viską matančių labai skauda širdis. Nejaugime vyčiai tapome beraščiais, kad tiek mažai vytiško turinio žinelių pasirodo mūsų lietuviškoje spaudoje? Nejaugime neturime narių, kurie yra baigę universitetus ir dar tų, kurie net yra gavę vyčių stipendiją. Bet, matyti, kad ir jie viską pamiršta ir pasilieka ramybėje, tylumoje. Broliai ir sesės, vyčiai ir vytės, kas už mus kalbės ir rašys mūsų lietuviškajai išeivijai, kad vyčiai yra pajėgūs ir daug aukojasi savo organizacijai, savo tautai, lietuviybei bei katalikybei, jeigu ne mes patys? Mes žinome, kad turime tik mažą dalelę vėlesnės kartos atstovų, kurie dar

drašiai pasisako už savas organizacijas gyvu žodžiu ir kiek jiems leidžiama mūsų lietuviškoje spaudoje, ir ten kiek galėdami kelia savų organizacijų vardą ir veikimą. Tik gaila, kad mūsų šiandieniniai leidėjai ir redaktoriai labai skrupiai teleidžia pasirodyti savo laikraščiuose šių organizacijų bei jų veikėjų platesnėms žinelėms. Gi vėlesnės kartos organizacijų ir asmeniškų aprašymų bei paveikslų būna daug. Ar jiems yra gėda prisiminti vyčių kuopų ar kitų draugijų veikimą. Laikraščių leidėjai ir redaktoriai turi žinoti, kad jie turi labai daug senosios kartos skaitytojų, kurie norėtų skaityti šiuos aprašymus. Taip pat turėtų žinoti, kad jie daug tų nusivylusių senų skaitytojų nustoja. Tą žinodami gal jie pakeis savo nusistatymus.

Čia ne mano vieno mintys ir norai, bet daugumos mūsų senosios kartos. Dar gerai, kad turime Leonardus Šimučius, Matus Zujus ir dar vieną kitą, kurie retkarčiais prisimena mūsų praėities didžius veikėjus, senosios kartos organizacijas, kurie bei kurios tiek daug yra padarę mūsų išeivijai ir pačiai Lietuvai, ko vėlesnioji karta nė sapnuoti nesapnavo. Bet čia to klausymo nekelsiu - paliksiu Leonardui Šimučiui, kuris retkarčiais kiek galėdamas, prisimen "Drauge". Linkėkime jam ilgų metų ir lauksime daugiau žinelių iš seno-

sios kartos veikimo.

Bet mes vyčiai neturėtume laukti, kad kiti apie mus parašytų lietuviškoje spaudoje. Mano manymu, mes jau ilgai laukėme. Laikas, kad mes patys stotume į darbą ir kiek galėdami papuoštume savo organą "Vytį", ne tik savais rašiniais, bet L. Vyčių dvasiniai raštais, eilėmis, kurių taip mažai tepasirodo mūsų organe. Taip pat būtų garbinga ir naudinga, kad kiekviena kuopa surastų tokius narius, kurie gilintųsi kuopų istorijose, valdybose, veikėjuose ir kiek galėdami plačiau apie tai parašytų. Tai būtų naudinga mūsų organizacijai, nes atsirastų tokių narių, kurie norėtų, kad apie juos ir jų veikimą būtų plačiau prisiminta. Būtų gražiau, kad tokių asmenybių paveikslais papuoštume savo organą bei jo lapus ir duotume progą artimiau vieniems su kitais susipažinti. Gal tas būtų savos rūšies naujų narių vajus, nes daugumai mūsų yra žinoma, kad tie vajai nėra labai sėkmingi.

Taigi mums visiems reikia sukrusti ir neduoti savo organizacijai silpnėti, bet visiems reikia jungti savo jėgas, kad kiekvienais metais vieton narių išstojimų, turėtume prieauglį naujais nariais, ypatingai, kad padidėtų jaunių skyriai.

Kurie perskaitysite šį mano rašinėlį, tai nieko nelaukę pasikinkykite žirgus ir tuojau pradėkite arti vyčių apleistas dirvas, kad atėjus visuotinam seimui nė vienoje kolonijoje neliktų nežaliojanti žolelė.

Lauksime vytiškų ir ideologinių straipsnelių, kuriuos visi mėgstame skaityti.

"VYTIS"



# Lithuanians in The



BALZEKAS MUSEUM OF LITHUANIAN CULTURE. (Upper photo) Helen Pius (C-36), extreme left, holds an award presented to her by the Museum for her outstanding work in the Christmas tree decorating class. The award is a hand decorated wooden plaque in the shape of a plate with the Vytis and inscription. Also pictured are: Frank Zapolis (C-112), who was instrumental in arranging the Christmas programs and ornament classes, Carol Zapolis, Susanna Radavich, Barbara Morkunas and Laurie Kentra. (Lower photo) At one of the recent exhibits were: Robert Norvak (C-41) of New York, Rev. Leonard Vaisvilas of the I.C. parish in Chicago and Mr. Balzekas, Jr.

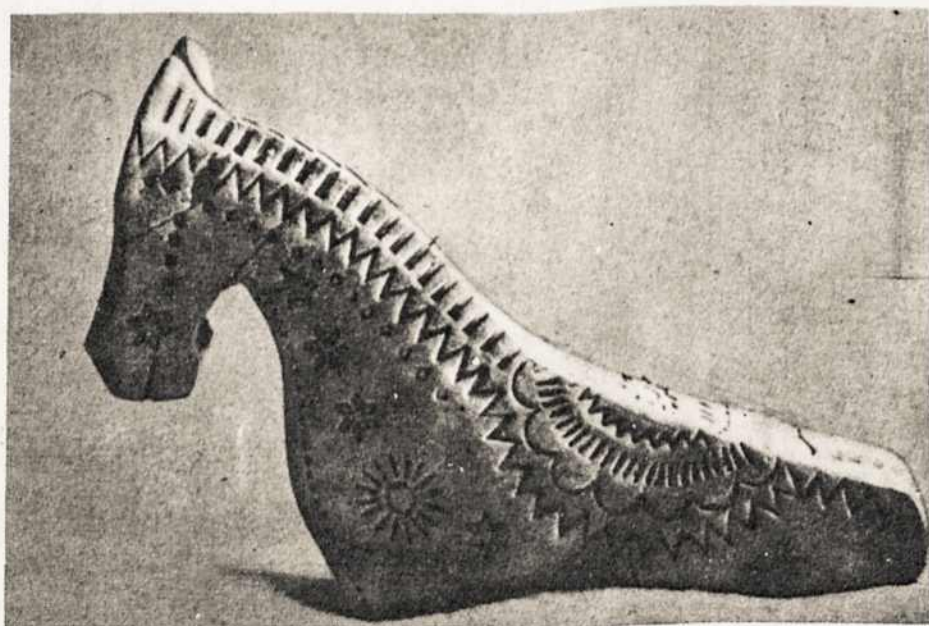
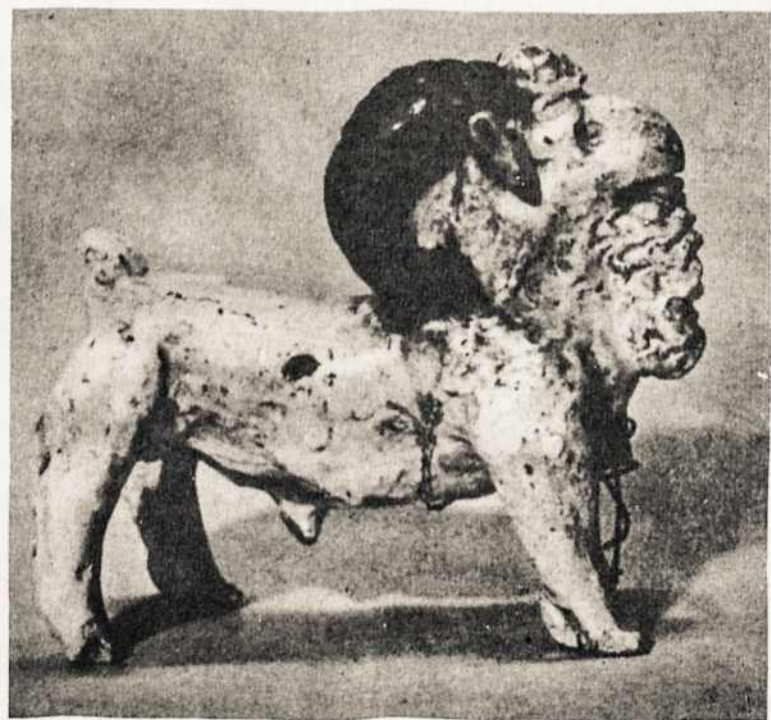


At the recent banquet honoring Mr. and Mrs. A. Treciokas (C-29) of New Jersey are Vytautas Abraitis speaking. Seated: National President Dr. J. Stukas, Rev. J. Schranus, Algirdas Kacanauskas (C-29), Eva and Albinas Treciokas and Msgr. J. Balkunas. (Photo - V. Grudzio)

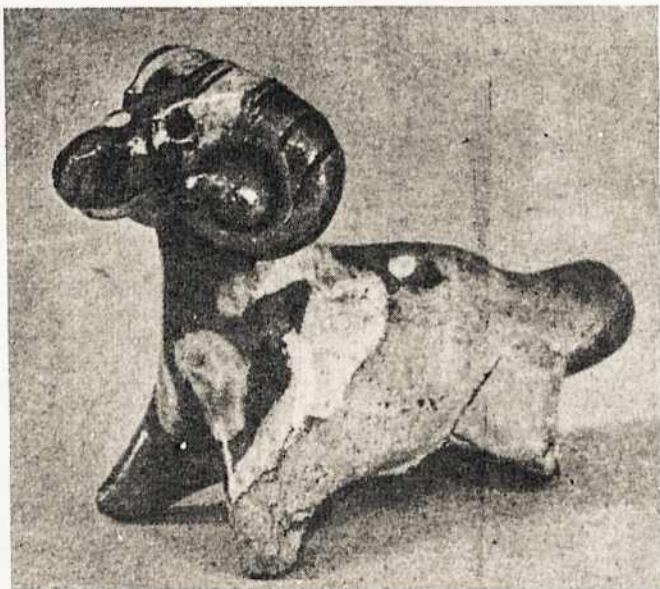
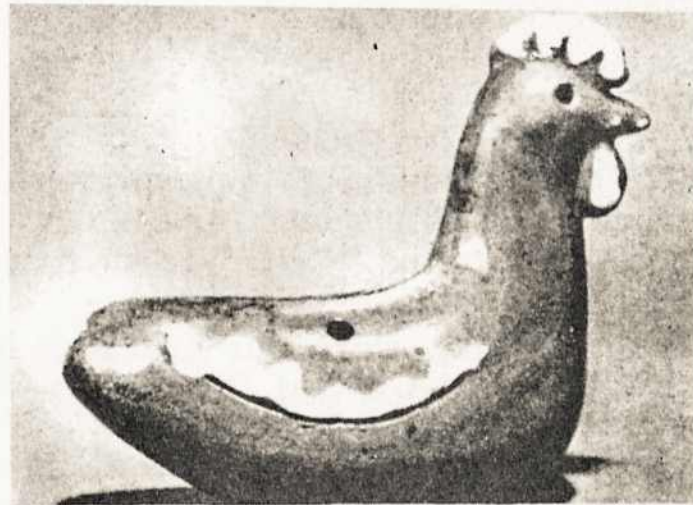
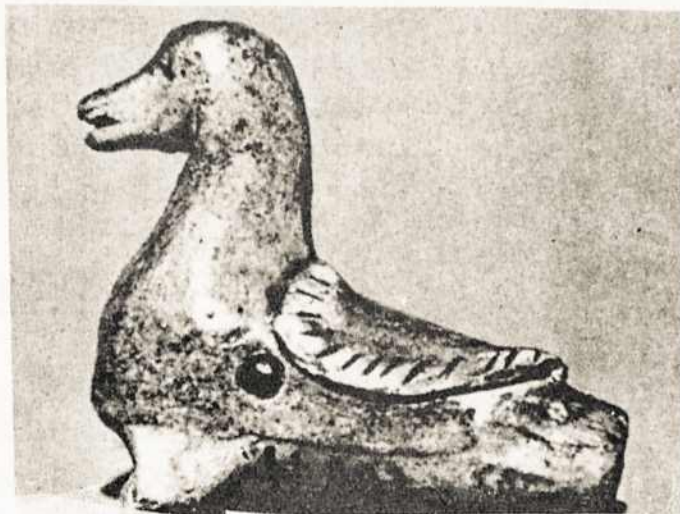
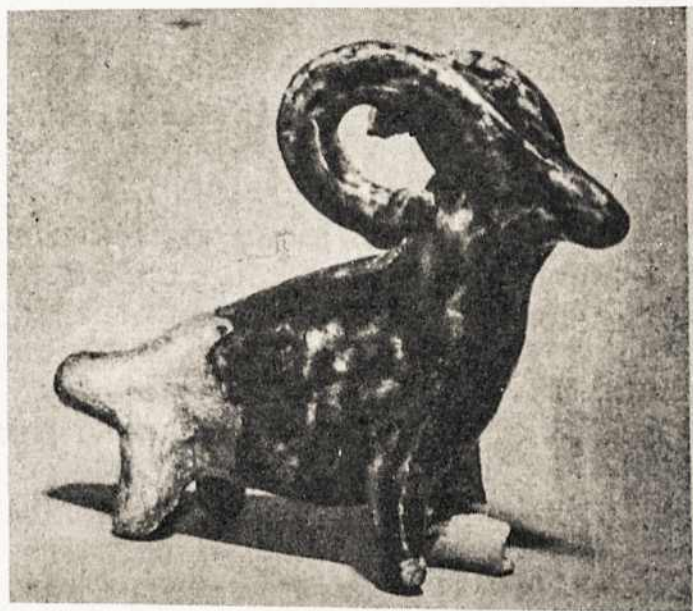
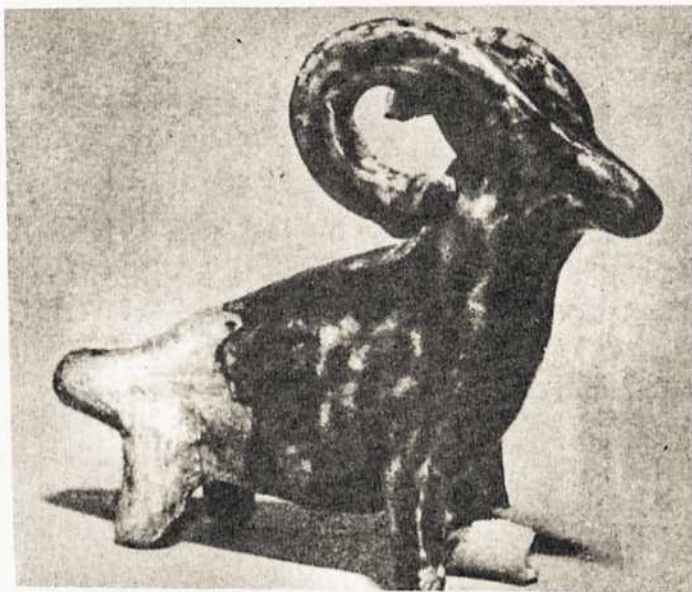


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## MOLINIAI ŠVILPUKAI









# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### NOTICE TO ALL COUNCILS!

The Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council, meeting in session on Sunday, January 12, 1969 in Boston, Mass., approved the following directive which applies to all K of L Councils and individuals. Public demonstrations in the name of the Knights of Lithuania are not permitted without prior approval of the Supreme Council or the local District Executive Board.

### ST. CASIMIR'S DAY

March 4th is the feast day of our Patron Saint and Protector - St. Casimir. It is a day that all Councils and true K of L members should observe.

Customarily each council commemorates the day by receiving Holy Communion in a body, followed by a breakfast or an evening banquet with an appropriate to present Third and Fourth Degree medals and certificates to qualified members at the program.

The Supreme Council, especially during these times, sincerely wishes that every Council or District will celebrate the day in a manner befitting the Knights of Lithuania.

### "VYTIS" THANK YOU

May we express our appreciation to those who responded to our request for Christmas greetings. Your support of the "Vytis" in such numbers lends enthusiasm to a most trying job.

The following were our generous K of L supporters: the Mid-Central District and Councils 25, 79, 96, 102, 139, Cleveland Seniors and the Youngstown Seniors; the New England District and Councils 7, 17, 26, 30, 116 and the So. Boston Seniors; the New York-New Jersey District and Councils 3, 52, 90 and 100; and the Illinois-Indiana District and Councils 36 and 112 and the Chicago Seniors. Also our thanks to the many individual officers and members who supported this project.

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### NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REQUEST

A report was received from our National Recording Secretary, Nancy Kober, stating that many Councils and Districts still have not submitted their officers lists. It is imperative that she receive this listing immediately. If your Council and/or District has not submitted their list, please do so NOW!

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our National Financial Secretary, Helen Zimmer, reminds us that the 1969 membership dues are now past due. The following is the schedule for payment of dues:

- \$5.00 - if the member joins from January - March
- 3.75 - April - June
- 2.50 - July - September
- 1.25 - October - December
- 2.50 - Non-Subscribing
- 7.00 - Couple (First Year)

If possible, 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 for social members are available at a cost of \$0.10 each.

### DUES PAYMENTS - 1/15/69

<u>C #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>% Pd</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
10	Athol	67%	21	14
14	Cicero	44%	9	4
17	So. Boston	42%	43	18
18	Cambridge	-	0	1
26	Worcester	13%	113	15
36	Chicago	20%	71	14
79	Detroit	33%	213	81
100	Amsterdam	105%	35	37
102	Detroit	58%	38	22
112	Chicago	70%	169	118
116	So. Worcester	42%	50	21
	Pgh. Seniors	100%	2	2
	Cleve. Seniors	97%	37	36
	New York Seniors	33%	21	7
	Los Angeles Srs.	36%	22	8

Have Y O U paid your 1969 Dues?



# JUNIOR NEWS

## WHY THE JUNIORS MUST GROW

America in 1968 was a disturbed land. Problems mounted and frustrations surrounded us. Young people were deeply involved, whether it be discontent with our foreign policy, demonstrations and riots in our cities, or our escalating crime rate.

Crime alone is enough to cause us to push the panic button. Most of the Nation's crimes are being committed by young people. Add the mushrooming drug market, the impractical flower world of the Hippie, the something for nothing attitude of many young people, the "God is dead" illusion, moral decline in some areas, the shadow of international communism, and it becomes readily apparent that a positive force to capture the attention and interest of youth is essential.

Youth has always spearheaded the attack on the status quo, but the 1968 revolts seem much more menacing. Many boys and girls lack the desire to relate to this nation's traditions. They are not accepting the responsibilities of a free society as we know them; some are refusing to inherit the leadership we want to pass on to them. Actual contempt for law and a breakdown of individual discipline are ex-

pressions of a generation without a clear vision of its place in the future.

For the past twenty years the Knights of Lithuania has cultivated in boys and girls a respect for God and country and a desire for active minds and bodies that will enable them to make the right choices in preparation for responsibilities as American-Lithuanian Catholic citizens.

If the JUNIORS are going to grow and succeed, we are going to have to use the minds and abilities of our volunteer counsellors as never before. Each is a successful businessman, laborer, housewife, etc., and each represents knowledge and ability that councils and districts have just not utilized to their full potential.

In order to ensure a nationwide "total commitment," the total personal resources of the Knights of Lithuania and the Supreme Council will be directed toward helping councils and districts achieve their goals.

STANLEY J. VAITKUS  
Juniors Vice-President

### DUTIES OF A JUNIOR COUNSELLOR

A Junior Counsellor supervises all meetings and social events that the Juniors may sponsor. He/she is to collaborate with the Spiritual Advisor in guiding the Juniors, cooperate with the District and Supreme Council by aiding to promote the Junior K of L Program to the best of their ability in their respective area.

Junior Counsellors should get to know their Juniors as well as they are able, in order to draw out those who have special talents - whether it be music, dancing, art or possessing qualities that would make them good officers, committee members, etc.

A report on the status of a Junior Counsellor should not hesitate to ask for aid or assistance from the Regular Council if and when it is needed.

In all contacts with the Junior members - the Junior Counsellor should always be kind, consistent, charitable, loving - and above all set an example before the youth that would inspire them to action which would be creditable to the organization.

Strictness must be observed to a certain degree, but Junior Counsellors are not meant to be policemen or Juvenile Officers. This should be made very clear to the youngsters from the very beginning.



# IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO



MIRĖ JONAS KAZANAUSKAS

1968 m. spalio 31 d. Chicagoje mirė išyzmus finansininkas, ilgametis Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association prezidentas, buvęs Lietuvos vyčių choro pirmininkas, Panevėžio klubo garbės narys ir Tautinės Sąjungos narys bei Dariaus-Girėno posto direktorius - Jonas Kazanauskas.

Lapkričio 1 dieną, Lechavičiaus koplyčioje įvyko atsisveikinimas su velioniu, o lapkričio 2 d. iš šv. Marijos Gimimo bažnyčios jis buvo nulydėtas į šv. Kazimiero kapines ir palaidotas su kariškėmis apeigomis kaip buvęs I p. karo veteranas.

Velionis buvo gimęs 1890 m. rugsėjo 13 d. Vilkapievių kaime. Panevėžio valsč. ir apskrityje, miškininko šeimoje. Mokslus ėjo Panevėžio pradžios mokykloje, Mintaujos gimnazijoje ir Valparaiso universitete studijavo buhalteriją.

Iš Lietuvos į Ameriką atvyko 1910 metais ir pradėjo studijas, kurias 1917 metais baigęs, pradėjo dirbti kaip buhalteris. Įkopęs į banko direktorius nepasišalino nuo organizacinio darbo - priklausė įvairioms lietuviškoms organizacijoms, rėmė jas finansiniai ir išbuvo jų nariu iki mirties.

Nors pastaruoju laiku velionis buvo tapęs neveiklus vyčių narys, tačiau jis dvasioje nepasikeitė. Tenka apgailestauti, kad vyčių vadovybė nepasirūpino jam suteikti tinkamą pagarbą. Ilsėkis ramybėje gimtinės kaimynel

Pov. Dirkis

## LOS ANGELES SENJORAI

Los Angeles 133 Sr. vyčių kuopa savo metiniame susirinkime 1968 m. gruodžio 29 d. išsirinko sau naują valdybą ir pasiskirsčius pareigoms yra sekančios sudėties:

Pirmininkas - J. Činga, Vice Pirmininkas - L. Padoris, Finansų sekretorius - A. Skyrus, Sekretorius Koresp. - S. Duda, Išdininkas - H. Petkus, Kandidatai: B. Skirienė ir E. Vilimienė.

Revizijos komisija pasiliko tos pačios sudėties: J. Andrius, Z. Tiknienė ir A. Narbutienė.

S.D.

## KANAUNINKUI K. STEPONIUI MIRUS

Kovo 23 nuo širdies priepuolio Burbanke mirė kan. Kazimieras Steponis, St. Joseph ligoninės kapelionas. Palaidotas Los Angeles Kalvarijos kapuose, kur ilsisi amžinybėn iškeliavusių jau ne vienas Los Angeles lietuvis - M. Biržiška, G. Velička ir eilė kitų.

K. Steponis (Steponavičius) buvo gimęs 1904 m. kovo 4, Vielaičių k. Vegerių vlsč. Mažeikių apskr. Baigęs Kauno kunigų seminariją 1929 m. ir išsventintas į kunigus, studijas tęsė Romoje, Gregorianumo un-te, kur 1931 m. gavo teologijos licenciata. Grįžęs buvo paskirtas kapelionu Tauragėj (1931-33), klebonu Viešvilėj (1934-



Kan. K. Steponis

37), o nuo 1937 iki 1944 m. buvo Telšių kun. seminarijos dvasios vadu su pertrauka I-os bolševikų okupacijos metais, kai, seminariją uždarius, klebonavo Mažeikiuose. 1941 m. pakeltas garbės kanauninku, o 1944 m. vasarą - paskirtas seminarijos vicerektorium. Seminarijoje dėstė etiką, asketiką ir mistinę teologiją ir kt.

Pasitraukęs į Vakarų, Vokietijoje, Memingeno liet. gimnazijoj buvo kapelionu ir mokytoju (1946-49).

Į JAV-bes atvyko 1949 ir apsisitęs Los Angeles mieste, gavo kapeliono vietą St. Joseph ligoninėj Burbanke. Čia, netoli šv. Kazimiero parapijos, dažnai buvo su lietuviais, lankė jų organizacijų susirinkimus ir parengimus, padėdavo parapijos kunigams didesnių švenčių metu, pasakydavo pamokslų.

Kan. K. Steponis buvo pasižymėjęs ir kaip spaudos bei organizacijų žmogus. Lietuvoje rašė į Žemaičių Prietelių, Ryta, Pavasari, Tiesos Kelią, Vox Temporis, o čia bendradarbiavo Lietuvių Dienose, Drauge, Darbininke ir kt. Atskirai yra išleidęs Romos katalikų tikybą 1937 m. išvertė Petrovo Mūsų stabą, ir 1935 J. Ascanio Socialistų redaktorių.

Dabar visą savo energiją sudėjo rengdamas medžiagą Katalikų Enciklopedijai, kurią tikėjosi pats vienas parengti ir išleisti. Buvo apsikrovęs gausia literatūra, naujaisiais leidiniais kitomis kalbomis (žiūr. ištraukas Lietuvių Dienų žurnale).

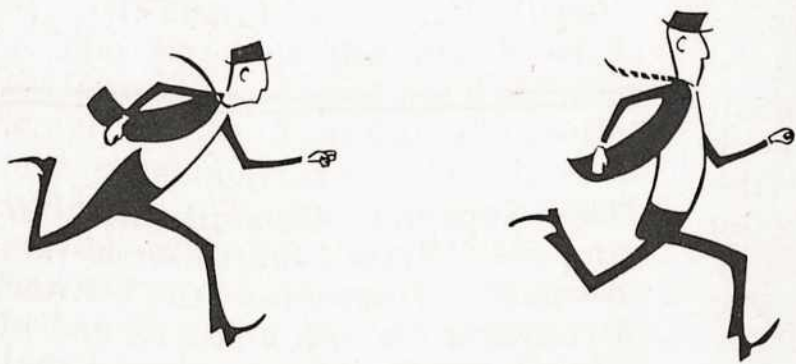
Būtų gerai, kad jo konfratraineleistų parengtai medžiagai žūti, o paimtų ją savo globon ar atiduotų Pasaulio Lietuvių Archyvo rankraštynei, kur medžiaga būtų prieinama suinteresuotiems.

Daug rūpinosi velionis ir organizacine lietuvių veikla, padėjo L. A. Vyčių kuopai, kuriai steigiant savo knygyną, paaukojo kelias dešimtis knygų. Knygų jis yra paaukojęs ir Bendruomenės bibliotekai.

Prieš pat mirtį įstojo į Lietuvos Fondą (su \$100 įnašu), parodydamas, kad ir iš nedidelių pajamų galima, geriems norams esant dalį skirti lietuviybės reikalams.

(J.P.)





## GET ON THE DUES PAYMENT

This year is already into February. The next convention is less than six months away - the K of L year is even now halfway toward the finish line. Yet, the majority of councils do not have one paid-up member. Not only are these unpaid dues overdue, but, any time your council had for picking up new members this year is half gone.

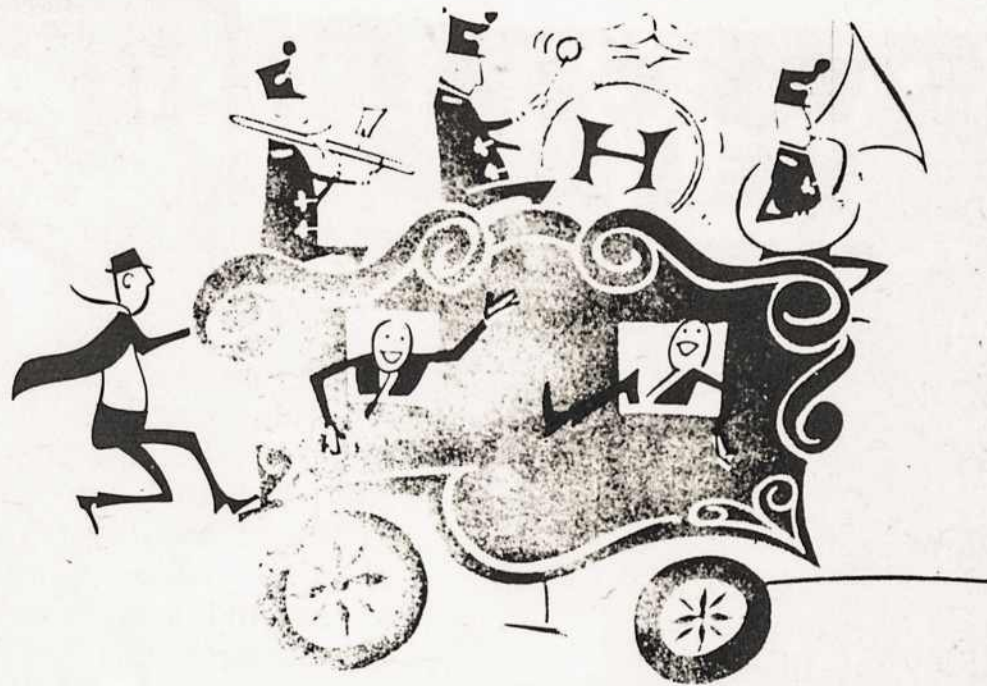
Before going all out to gain new members be sure that your fellow council members are up-to-date in dues. You must remember that the drive for new members is based on net membership gains. Therefore, first help your council get 100% paid up. Then, go after those prospective new members.

If you have not paid your dues yet, do you realize how fast time is running out on you? After next month, March you will be eligible for suspension in the K of L. According to Article VI, Paragraph 10, of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution: "A member whose dues are unpaid for three months is suspended." As this is the February issue of "Vytyis" we are already well into the second month of the year, and non-payers have only a single month remaining thereafter before they become subject to suspension.

If you have not paid this year's dues yet, do you know you are partly on the way toward being a K of L dropout? Paragraph 10 of the Constitution declares furthermore that, "After six months he is discharged from the organization."

If you have not paid your dues yet, do you appreciate the fact that you have received this "Vytyis" issue because of the courtesy of its staff. Paragraph 10 asserts that, "'Vytyis' is sent only to fully-paid members." But, suspensions, dismissals, or loss of your "Vytyis" subscription need not bother you. Just pay your dues.

Perhaps the most important aspect of delinquent members is the regrettable fact that they are hamper-



## BAND WAGON

ing the growth of the Knights of Lithuania. You delinquent members are making it that much more difficult for membership to increase. For every delinquent member, your council must enroll a new one just to stay even with last year's membership. Instead of expanding with those new members, your council has barely kept up its old pace simply because you have not paid your dues. Right now there are too many delinquent members. Too many have failed to pay dues within the reasonable period allowed. Too many of our own members are impeding the progress of the Knights of Lithuania. If you have not paid your dues yet, you are one of them.

Have you paid this year's dues yet? If not, why not?

### 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.



# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



## NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

NEWARK, N.J., C-29

### The Wanderer

The flue bug certainly did hit our area and as a result our annual Christmas party did not have the usual good attendance. Added to the flu was inclement weather on said date.

The annual Communion and breakfast of C-29 will take place on Sunday March 2nd, more data regarding event will be sent to membership.

Don't forget to put a circle around dates of August 21-24 as those are dates of our national convention which this year will take place in our city. Headquarters will be the Hotel Robert Treat. The NY-NJ District will host the conclave.

1968 closed on a rather sad note for C-29. First of all we lost a member Mrs. Julia Verba who passed away unexpectedly in early December. We offer our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to members of the Dauksys and Verba families in the loss of a sister and mother. May she rest in "Peace". Sad note number two was the passing of Mrs. Martha Stukas on Dec. 29th. She was the mother of our national president Dr. Jack J. and Louis Stukas. Our condolences to the members of the Stukas family. "May she rest in Peace".

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100

### Smile and Sparkle

Sun., Dec. 15, The Tower Inn was the festive scene of the annual Knights of Lithuania Christmas banquet. The newly elected president, Anthony Radzevich welcomed the guests, wished all a joyous Christmas and read the CHRISTMAS MENU. Rev. Anthony

M. Grigaitis gave the invocation. As the cake was brought in with sparkling candles decorating it, the Rev. Robert K. Baltch informed the group of the forthcoming birthday of Dr. Adam Kindar. Everyone arose and sang the Happy Birthday Song.

Attorney A. C. Stokna presided as Master of Ceremonies. A number of Christmas songs were sung by the Rev. Robert K. Baltch. His selections included: "The Virgin's Slumber Song", by Max Rwger, "the Little Road to Bethlehem", by Michael Head, "Go Tell It On De Mountains", arranged by H. T. Burleigh, and "A Star Was His Candle", by Reresia Riego. Christmas carols were then sung by the group with Father Baltch at the organ.

Matthew Orante visited Lithuania this past summer and he showed movies of his trip abroad. Various sections of the city of Vilnius, the capitol of Lithuania were shown.

There was a grab bag, games were played and prizes were won. The committee in charge of the affair were Mrs. Solphie Olbie and Miss Genevieve Gobis. In attendance were: the Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Rev. Anthony M. Grigaitis, the guests of honor, Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, Attorney and Mrs. A. C. Stokna, Mr. George Gravrogkas and wife, Dr. Aldona Baltch Gravrogkas, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kerbelis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kazlauskas, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Orante, Mrs. and Mrs. Stanley Ralys, Mr. and Mrs. John Svedarckas, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ziausys, Mildred Thomas, Cindy Thomas, Helen Hugo, Nellie Liberris, Franes Kopraski, Marcella Rimkus, Susan Mikolaitis, Ann Baltuska, Ann Kutchis, Sadie Dzek, Ann Chacks, Helen Radzevich, Sophie Olbie, Genevieve Gobis, Donald Holleran, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas and Peter Hayes.

NEWS BITS . . . Sophie Olbie won the door prize and everyone

The Supreme Council members and the "Vytis" Staff extend their deepest sympathies to National President Dr. Jack Stukas and his entire family on the loss of their mother, Martha Stukas.

yelled "Fixed"! We had a slight blizzard the day of our banquet. Eleanore and Edward Baranauskas were snowed in Schenectady and were unable to make the party. Gene Gobis had a phone call from our secretary, Irene Wood, from Troy, New York. "Sorry, Gene, but I just can't get out. We've got about 12" of snow." So, alas, Irene missed a gay evening. We also had a call from Albany from Father Matthew Cyvas and Father Joseph Grabys. Same story. Can't make it due to the bad weather. Ginny Miciulis was missed. She was taken ill with the flu.

The committee, Sophie and Gene, almost didn't get to the Tower Inn. Don Holleran's car got stuck on John Street. So to the rescue, Sophie and Gene started to push and after a half hour's struggle, the three got to the banquet.

Let's not stop here. After the party broke, Don, Sophie and Gene were ready to drive off...but...Don turned on the ignition ... the battery was DEAD. Between the help of Peter Hayes and his booster, Prof. Olsauskas and his flashlight, and the adjustments made by Matt Orante, Don got the car to start. Quite an eventful night!

Birthday greetings to Sophie Olbie - December 5. The girls took her to Trinkhaus Manor in Utica, New York to admire the beautiful decorations and to enjoy a delicious dinner.

A very happy birthday, good health and happiness is wished to our beloved Dr. Adam Kindar who celebrated his day on December 24.

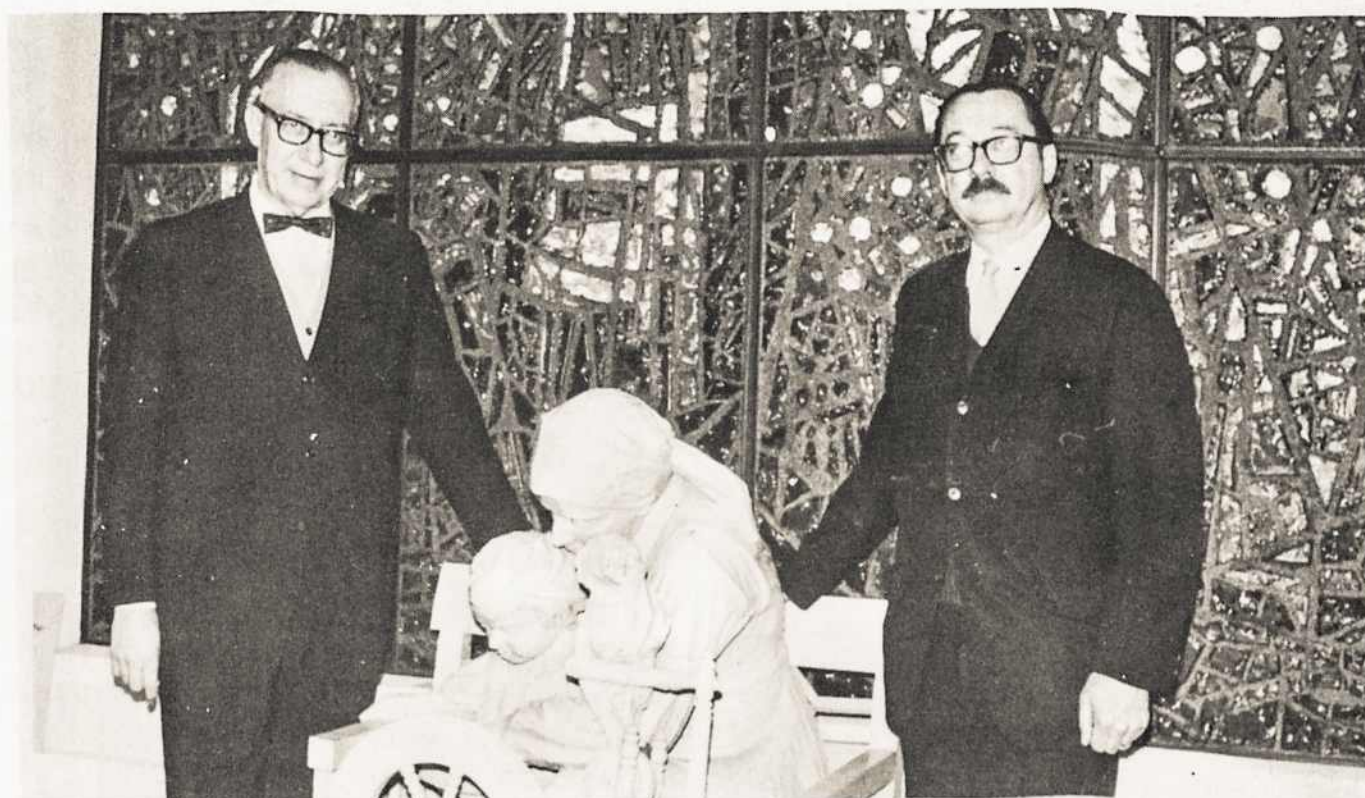




## ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

### I-I DISTRICT "Taitytė"

The first of the big K of L Christmas parties of old 1968 was hosted by C-112, at Santa's south-side headquarters, the K of L Building. The halls were lit and decked with boughs of holly, by decorateur Monsieur Peter (Butkus) and after the first hour of "egg nog", Santa (Pete Gagle) and his party people were, to say the least, 'labai' jolly. Chairlady Ruth Daxis was pleased that the celebrity guests, the Lithuanian Onasis and Jackie, were able to attend and join the other guests in the jolly singing, the jolly good dinner and the dancing to the music



Pictured are K of L members Dr. Joseph Jerome (C-112) of the American Medical Assn. and Stanley Balzekas, Jr. (C-36), President of the Balzekas Museum. Under the director of Dr. Jerome, the Museum presents an educational and entertaining film series.



The IID Knights enjoy an evening 'out'. Pictured: (Upper L) Consul Petras Dauzvardis greets the guests. (Upper R) Lith. Opera star Christine Burtulis entertains. (Lower L) Frank Savickus, Ill. 27th Dist. Rep. addresses the assembled. (Lower R) K of L guest, Al Kachinkas, Dolores Wainauskas, Tony Genrolis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Svelnis, Jr. enjoy the festivities. (Photos - A. Raubiskis)

SORRY ABOUT THAT . . . Our apologies for our Christmas 'goofs' to C-3 of Philadelphia, Pa., to C-52 of Elizabeth, N.J., and to John Sprainaitis of Paterson, New Jersey.

Editor



by jolly ole Ažuolas and his accordion.

There was no time for the "day after" let-down and blues because the following day, the members accepted the invitation of C-36 and Chairman Vince Samaska for one of those famous bowling socials. The more hale and hardy made it to Archer-Kedzie Lanes for the actual bowling, then on to the K of L headquarters again for a prime rib of beef dinner with the less hale and hardy who came for the din-din and din only. Not only did the trophy winners come home with their prizes, but everybody got a goody-filled stocking to hang up by the fireplace as enticement for Santa to visit their place Christmas Eve.

After a twenty-four hour breather, everybody was bizzy again, buzzin' around, getting tickets printed and sold, invitations mailed and preparations made for the Choir Dance and the C-36 Hearts Dance which we will highlight later and the annual District Memories of Lithuania Banquet, Sun., Feb. 9th, at the K of L building. Following that, will be the C-112 Bowling Social - Candlelight Bowling beginning 9:00 P.M. at the Laredo Lanes - Sat., Feb. 22nd.

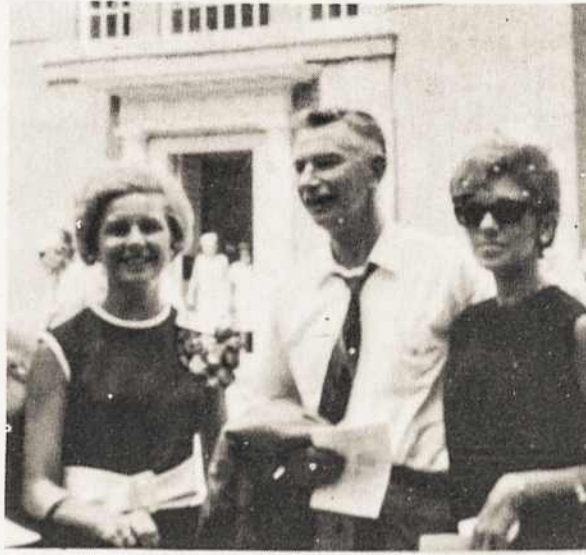
We, the officers, members and friends of Jack and Louis Stukas, wish to express our profound sorrow upon hearing the sad news of the loss of your mother, Martha Stukas. In our prayer to give her special care, we also thank Our Lord that He let her give the K of L and the Lithuanian international family two such fine sons who give so much for the land of Mary - Lithuania. Amžina šviesa tegul jós sielai šviečia, Viešpatiel



## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10  
Vincukas

At the annual Christmas party held at the Colonial Hotel in Gardner our local council held election of new officers for the coming year. The following slate was elected: Pres. Howie Beaudette; V-P., Charles Genaitis; Treas. Nellie Melaika; Rec. Secy., Mary Gauronsky; Fin. Secy., Lennie Davidson; VYTIS correspondent, Wm.



THREE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES. Socializing at the Philly Convention were: Agnes Mickunas (NY-NJD), Leo Shakalis (NED) and Helen Zimmer (IID).

Wisnauskas; Spir. Advisor, Rev. Albin Yankauskas; and Ritual Chr. Frank Anoris.

After an excellent dinner Bill Wisnauskas acted as Santa and distributed gifts to all. It was an enjoyable evening all around.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Genaitis flew to Texas over the Christmas holidays to spend their winter vacation from school with their grandchildren.

Ann Novack recently spent some time in Florida. Ann is certainly enjoying her retirement.

Fran Milosh, recently appointed supervisor with the Bell system is now back in Gardner, after some time in Marlboro.

Member of the Month: I have chosen our recently elected council president, Howie Beaudette, as my member of the month. Howie needs no introduction, since he is well known locally. Howie attended and was graduated from Orange High and the Culinary Institution of New Haven, Conn. He is now a head cook at the State Hospital in Gardner. Howie is a very active person and has many affiliations. He is an ardent social and church worker and holds membership in the local Knights of Columbus, the 40 and 8, the American Legion and also was a past president of the local post, the Lithuanian Vets of Worcester, the Lithuanian Outing Assn., and our local K of L council and the NED cultural chairman. We all congratulate Howie and wish him the best in his new office.

I would like to wish the VYTIS staff, our national officers, and all K of L'ers a happy and prosperous New Year.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26

"Dzūkelė"

We unwittingly missed the deadline for the January issue of the "Vytis" and since we can't win 'em all, place our excuse upon the usual frenzied holiday activity. Sincere wishes to all for a 1969 filled with good health, happiness and prosperity.

Our president, Val Baziliauskas, has reminded us that only in the dictionary does "success" come before "work". He's prepared a busy calendar for us, as we'll report in the months to come.

Joe and Mary (Zaleskas) Reeves' twin sons arrived in December, just in time to make this Christmas a very special and happy one. Congratulations to the new family.

At this writing, both Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson are hospitalized. They are parents of Rita Pinkus, our treasurer. We hope their hospitalization will be of short duration and that they soon will enjoy complete recovery.

Mary Jankowski and Charles Grigaitis are co-chairmen for the concert featuring the Rūta Ensemble of New Jersey, to be held on April 12 at the Holy Name of Jesus High School Auditorium. The acoustics there are the finest and our co-chairmen ask that you circle this date on your calendar and plan to attend this concert. This will be the Rūta Ensemble's second appearance in Worcester and our council is excited to have them again.

All names of our council Christmas party committee are not available at this moment, but one thing is certain: Edmund Grigaitis' meatballs made a big hit! Delicious! It was a very pleasant party and thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. It was especially good to have both our pastor, Father Jutt, and our spiritual director, Father Steponaitis, join us for the festivities. Father Jutt at present is very, very occupied with the renovations of our St. Casimir's Church which are being prepared by architect-sculptor-designer, Mr. Jonynas, of national fame.

Many of our Council's members greeted the New Year at Maironis Park, where it was overheard, "Žiūrėkit, kaip tas Baziliauskutis



# K of L ADZM-NO

## FEBRUARY

- 1- C-36 Chicago, HEARTS DANCE, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 9- IID ANNUAL "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" Banquet, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 15- C-1 Brockton, ANNUAL SNOW-FLAKE BALL, Brockton, Mass.
- 16- FEB. 16th COMMEMORATION, Lithuanian-American Council (Taryba), Maria High School Auditorium, Chicago, Ill.
- 22- C-112 Chicago, CANDLELIGHT BOWLING PARTY, Laredo Lanes and K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

## MARCH

- 2- C-29 Newark, ANNUAL COMMUNION AND BREAKFAST, Newark, N.J.
- 2- IID ST. CASIMIR DAY COMMEMORATION, Our Lady of Vilna Parish and K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 9- NY-NJD ST. CASIMIR DAY COMMEMORATION and DISTRICT MEETING, Church of Transfiguration, Maspeth, N.Y. Host C-109 Great Neck, N.Y.
- 9- IID QUARTERLY MEETING, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 22- EASTER EGG DECORATING CLASSES, Balzekas Museum of Lith. Culture, Chicago, Ill. Egg display until April 13th.

## APRIL

- 12- C-25 Worcester, RUTA ENSEMBLE CONCERT, Holy Name of Jesus School Auditorium, Worcester, Mass.

## MAY

- 3- C-109 Great Neck, ANNUAL SPRING DANCE, Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, N.Y.

moka jitterbugyt". Well, jitterbugging may be "out", but Val's modern "Monkey", "Fish", or whatever, made very acceptable entertainment for those who preferred to sit out the dances. We should mention, too, that many council members have joined our reorganized St. Casimir Church Choir under the leadership of Mr. Albert Mateika. Mr. Mateika, formerly of Detroit, has succeeded Mr. Ipolitas Nauragis, who retired this past fall.

Dianne Daniels has added her capable assistance to the needs of our Juniors. Under her instruction, the Juniors are experts at making those intricate and beautiful Christmas tree decorations.

Father Steponaitis, at the December meeting, spoke on "The Reasons for "Kūčios" and we learned a great deal by listening to Father's talk. So many of us keep up tradition, but never completely have an understanding of

why we do so.

Ted Pinkus' team took first place in the first half of our bowling season, with Jim Sanders' team in second place. Eleanor Gadilauskas is still receiving congratulations on setting a new record for women's high single. Her score? A beautiful 129!

Several of us attended the color Television Mass held in Boston on Jan. 12 (9:15 - 10:00 A.M. on Channels 7 and 8). This was a New England District arrangements, with Father Albin Janiunas following through with procedural technicalities. Very lovely, very impressive.

Final plans are now underway for the February 16 Lithuania's Independence observance. We'll tell you all about them in the next issue.

Is there such a thing, outside of incredible fiction, as a "one big happy family" council? You bet there is! See you next month.



## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT



Solistas muz. Steponas Bučmys L. Vyčių 96-tos kp. uolus narys ir šv. Kryžiaus liet. parap. choro solistas.



C-25 1969 OFFICERS. L to R, Chas. Machutas, V-P; Al Shigo, Treas; Gene Kunsitis - Pres.; Ursula Yankauskas - Rec. Secy.; Ruth Guzauskas, Fin. Secy.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25 Irene II Believe it or not, C-25 is still around. The correspondent has just been a little lax - humblest apologies - more and better in '69

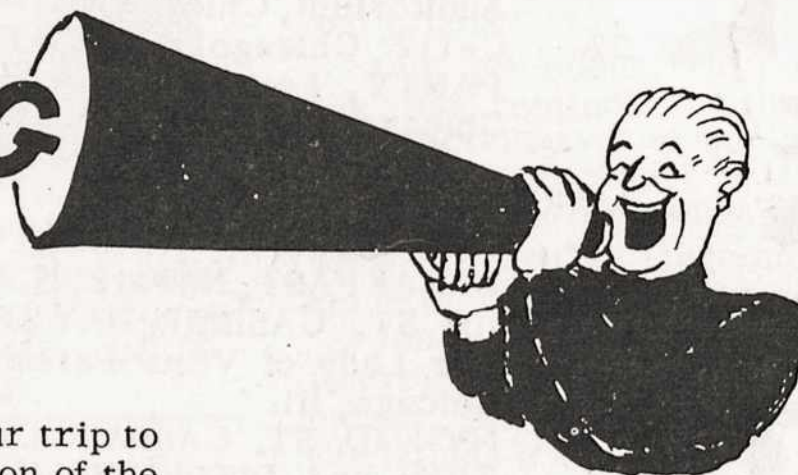
To bring you up to date, in August our President, EPK, was kind enough to invite our Council to his Yacht Club's Hawaiian Night and a great time was had by the



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# ANNOUNCING



## TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

It's 1969 and time to start planning your trip to New Jersey for the 56th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania. The committee suggests you come early and stay late. They promise to try to make it worth your while. Following is a tentative schedule for Convention Week - 1969:

**AUGUST 20 - 24**

### WEDNESDAY

Afternoon - Tour of NBC Studios in New York City  
 Evening - Tour of the Budweiser Breweries.

### THURSDAY

A.M. - Beach Party at the Jersey Shore.  
 P.M. - Get-Together Buffet and Dance.

### FRIDAY

A.M. - Sessions, Mass and Luncheon at the Robert Treat Hotel.  
 P.M. - Cultural Evening and Dance, Newark.

### SATURDAY

A.M. - Sessions, Mass and Luncheon at the Robert Treat Hotel.  
 P.M. - Inaugural Ball.

### SUNDAY

A.M. - Mass and Brunch at St. Peter and Paul Church, Elizabeth, N.J.  
 P.M. - Closing Session and Closing Banquet.

Registration, \$32.00, includes tickets to all affairs starting with Thursday evening.

Machutas', Andrulis', Jakubs', Ursula Yankauskas and Fritz and George Mikalauskas from Dayton, Ohio. The night was perfect. After feasting and dancing, we all sailed away in the night to the strains of Hawaiian Guitars and Aloha's on Helen and Bill's yacht, The Amadandy. THAT WAS A NIGHT.

Our Fall Outing and Steak Roast was also a big success - 32 adults and 16 children attended - it was fascinating to watch Al Samas broil those steaks! Let's have this event again next year. Sorry you missed this Agnes and Bruno after all your hard work.

A big THANK YOU to the individual members of C-25 and to C-25 for their cash and clothing donations to the Indian Children at St. Joseph's School in Chamber-

lain, South Dakota. Your kindness has brought happiness to many.

1968 was a time of sadness for a number of our members. Our deepest sympathy to Nellie Samas who lost her dad, Alex Mike-lonis on Apr. 12; to Alvina Luiza whose father, George Salkis, passed away on May 4; to Ruth Guzauskas on the loss of her mother, Marie Galdik on June 17 and to former member, Frances Draugel on the loss of her husband, Anthony on May 25. May they all rest in peace.

We were all happy to hear that Ann Paskevice and John Arunski are recovering nicely after their recent surgery.

The White Elephant Gift Exchange held at our Christmas Party was wild. The foundation garment

received by Andy Skarnus was fantastic - have you found out who it belonged to Andy? We know, but we're not telling. It was good to see the Paskevice's, The Sakatch's, The Skarnus', Andy Palzes and former member, Bill Smith again - don't stay away so long!

The complete roster of '68 Officers were reelected for '69. That's what I call cooperation. Congratulations to all!

C-25 members are on the move again. New homes were purchased by Nelda and Charles Machutas in North Olmsted; Vi and Andy Skarnus in Euclid and Alvina and Peter Luiza also in Euclid - may they be filled with much happiness.

Believe it or not - I'll be back next month. THE BEST TO ALL IN '69.