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St. Casimir

LITHUANIA'S SHINING WHITE KNIGHT!

JOSEPH YANULAITIS

To understand the significance of St. Casimir's place in history we must know a bit of European History.

Briefly, St. Casimir was born at the time that the city of Constantinople had already fallen as a world power. We recall that it was the emperor Constantine, who after he accepted Christianity moved the capital of the Roman Empire from Rome to Byzantium the city which is presently called Istanbul, the capital of Turkey. This city sits at the gateway of both Europe and Asia, it is here that the two cultures meet. It remained the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, and during the Middle Ages it became the largest city of Europe. After Constantinople was captured and sacked by the Crusaders in 1204, it lost much of its wealth and prestige. At this time, Moscow had considered itself a "Third Rome" and had set out upon its Messianic mission of world conquest.

The Russian state had turned into a Church and the Orthodox Culture was pushing itself into Western Europe, not just as an ideology but as definite way of life carried on by the wave of Russian expansion.

But it was in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania where it ran up against a Western form of life, which had been under the influence of Western Christianity and its regard for the equality of the individual and his rights, so that the people did not want to accept nor could they stand the Orthodox type of government that the Russians were bringing into the country.

And St. Casimir was just the "Johnnie on the spot," the one individual who was standing on the doorstep of these two forms of government and being Prince of Vilnius, he was in a position to do something about it.

His opposition to Moscow meant such more than just a political opposition to the growing Russian State, but Moscow in its formative years was not only growing as a political state but, as a "Third Rome," that is to say as a religious force which could subjugate the populace by virtue of their religion for the benefit of the state. And this opposition by St. Casimir, was left as a testament to the whole Lithuanian nation and its people.

Lithuania, by accepting the Catholic religion accepted and joined the Western world and its form of

life and culture and by so doing she could not accept the idea that her religious life would be carried by and protected by the state. **THE LITHUANIAN STATE MUST NEVER TURN INTO A CHURCH!** And, this is the very reason why Lithuania became the bulwark against Moscow's desire to spread into Western Europe. This is our answer and the basis for the constant conflicts and battles that have gone on between the East and the West for centuries and are still going on this day. It is the battle for men's minds. It was Kipling who once said, "East is East and West is West but never the twain shall meet." Today we talk of co-existence with the Communists, Christianity and Communism are two ideologies that are miles apart, they are opposites and Communism got its Messianic dream of world conquest from the Russian Orthodox Church State which was controlled by one person - the Czar! And we talk about separation of church and state in this country? Look at what happened in Russia!

This is the reason why St. Casimir and the Lithuanian nation repudiated the designs of the Russian State on the Lithuanian nation.

Others may not be able to see the basis for Lithuania's constant struggle with the Russians. America fought the 1st World War to save the world for democracy, Lithuania has been fighting the Russians to save the world for individual rights as opposed to Communistic slavery. In Eastern Europe the battle for the dignity of man which was won by such great sacrifices is in danger of being stamped out without any consideration or compassion by the foe for our way of life that is based on the rights of the individual inherent in Christian doctrine.

St. Casimir was not just a pious saint who slept on church steps as we read in the accounts of his life nor a feminine type individual as he is often portrayed in our sugar coated pictures and statues of him. But, he was the Prince Valiant of Lithuania, he was a fighter who was excommunicated from the Litany of Saints by the Russian Orthodox Church because he is the rallying symbol for the Lithuanian nation. Since 1950 his body was removed from the royal chapel in the Cathedral in Vilnius. Numerous pictures and statues of him, priceless works of art have been destroyed by order of the Russian Government. Because he is a symbol which must be destroyed at all costs!

ŠV. KAZIMIERAS IR VYČIAI

POV. DIRKIS

Žmonijos gyvenimo istorija, tautų bei valstybių pasisėkimų perversmės, meno bei Lietuvos aukštas išsivystymo laipsnis tai visuomet būdavo išdava vieno - antro genialaus asmens veiksmų. Jei tam tikru istorijos periodu būna pasaulio šviesa, tautos bei valstybės gyvenimo pasisėkimų pradžia ir pabaiga. Kam teko skaityti istoriją, tas labai gerai žino ką reiškia vokiečiams Bismarkas, prancūzams Napoleonas, lietuviams - Vytautas. Kas yra bent dalinai apsipažinęs su literatūra, tas gerai žino, ką reiškia italams Dante, anglams - Šekspyras, prancūzams Bossuetas, vokiečiams Giotė, lietuviams - Maironis ir t. t.

Šių didvyrių prisiminimas tam tikrose aplinkybėse ir laiku yra dideliu paskatinimo veiksmu prieš didvyriškų žygių. Tačiau tos rūšies didvyriai yra pavyzdys tik vienos gyvenimo pusės - laikino žmonių pasitenkinimo esmės ir būdų atspindis. Bet nereikia pamiršti, kad esama dar ir antgamtinio pasaulio, kur taip pat turima savų didvyrių - tai šventųjų pasaulis. Jie irgi tokių darbų yra nemažai atlikę, prieš kuriuos dar ir dabar ne vienas rimtesnis visuomenės veikėjas lenkia galvą. Pavyzdžiui paimsiu tik vieno - šv. Pranciškaus Asyžiečio gyvenimą, kuris buvo lyg pavasario saulė, gaivinanti sustingusią doroje ir religijoje XII a. visuomenę. Jo šventas gyvenimas

padarė didžiulius perversmus. Panašūs didvyriai daugiausiai būna pavyzdžiais antgamtinio gyvenimo. Ir mes lietuviai be Merkelio Giedraičio turime dar ir šv. Kazimierą. Jis privalo būti pavyzdžiu mums vyčiams.

Nenoriu aprašinėti visą to šventojo gyvenimą, kurį jau ne kartą esu visakeriopai aprašęs, bet tik trumpai paminėsiu svarbiausius bruožus. Šv. Kazimieras yra karališkos kilmės. Gimė 1459 m. spalio 3 d. Krokuvoje, mirė - 1484 m. kovo 4 d. Gardine ir jo palaikai kurį laiką ilsėjosi Vilniaus bazilikoje, o dabar Vilniaus šv. Petro ir Povilo bažnyčioje. Kaip matome jis mirė turėdamas tik 24 m. amžiaus. Nors jam priderėjo Lietuvos sostas, tačiau jam karališka garbė nerūpėjo. Antgamtinis gyvenimas Kristuje tai buvo vienintelis jo troškimas. Jau iš pat jaunystės - dar kūdikiu būdamas pasižymi tvirtumo dorybe. Kuomet kiti jo draugai eidavo žaisti, jo vieta būdavo bažnyčia. Tai jo gražiausias dievotumo pavyzdys, karštas iš širdies gelmių plaukiąs maldingumas ne vieną sudomina. Ar galėjo būti gražesnis ir kilnesnis pavyzdys ir didžiausiam tikėjime atšalėliui, kuomet jis matydavo beklupantį 8, 9 metų karalaitį prieš altorių? Šv. Kazimieras labai dažnai rytmečiais, kuomet kiti dvasiškiai dar miegodavo, keldavosi iš karališkų rūmų ir eidavo prie bažnyčios, ir ten prie užrakintų durų, laukda-

vo ant šaltos sniego klupodamas, skęsdavo karštos maldos gelse. Malda tai buvo tyriausias ir maloniausias jo gyvenimo darbas.

Antras svarbus jo gyvenimo pažymis - skaistumas. Jo mintys, veiksmai ir visas gyvenimas yra tai gražiausias skaistumo vainikas. Visiškas skaistumas, kaip mintyse, taip ir elgesyje buvo jo doros supratimo kertinis akmuo. Jei jis išgirdavo ką nors nepadoriai kalbant, visuomet išdrisdavo perspėti, nežiūrėdamas ar paklausys, ar ne. Jei matydavo kur nors nepadoriai elgiantis, kame galėtų būti bent mažiausia dėmelė jo siela sutepta - šalindavosi. Reikali pripažinti, kad ten, kame dalyvaudavo šv. Kazimieras, visuomet gražus, tyras, nekaltas džiaugsmas visų širdis pripildydavo. Jam matant niekas nedrisdavo nepadoriai elgtis arba kalbėti; jo žvilgsnis sugėdindavo kiekvieną, kurs buvo pratęs nepadoriomis mintimis žaisti.

Trečias žymus šv. Kazimiero gyvenimo pažymys - nusižeminimas. Dvasiška jo kilmė neugdė jame pasididžiavimo jausmo; jis su kiekvienu paprasčiausiu tarnu elgdavosi kaip su mylimiausiu broliu. Jo giliausiu įsitikinimu visi žmonės - lygūs. Jis net nepykdamo ant ižeidžiančiųjų draugų, kurie mėgdavo tyčiotis iš jo religingumo. Jisai giliausiame ir tyliausiame nusižeminime tylėdavo.

Tai tokie svarbiausi šv. Kazimiero gyvenimo bruožai.



LITHUANIAN TV MASS

The first mass in color TV celebrated in New England for Lithuania, on WNAC TV 7, 8, and 38, originating in the new RKO studio chapel in Boston, Mass. which was blessed before Christmas by Cardinal Cushing. The Mass was sponsored by the New England District Knights of Lithuania who obtained permission from the Archdiocesan TV Apostolate for the purpose of commemorating Lithuania's 50th anniversary of the restoration of her independence, and to ask for prayers for Lithuania. Over 100 K of L Juniors, regulars, and seniors made up the studio audience and received Holy Communion during the televised mass. They came from South Boston, the two Lithuanian parishes in Worcester, Brockton, Lawrence, Cambridge, Mass., Newark, New Jersey; and Port Washington, New York. Three girls in Lithuanian costumes from Worcester presented the wine and bread at the offertory. St. Peter's Lithuanian parish choir from South Boston, 30 voices strong, sang four LITHUANIAN hymns during the mass under the direction of Mr. Jeronimas Kačinskas.

SERMON BY: REV. ALBIN JANIUNAS

Today's Feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the fact we are all children of God, - that Jesus is our Divine teacher and Saviour who grew "in wisdom and age and grace before God and men," (Lk. 2, 52) - that His mother Mary is our spiritual mother. We belong to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

There is another family to which we belong and that is the family of nations so ordained by God from the beginning of mankind. In the midst of this vast family we find the small country of Lithuania in Eastern Europe, near the Baltic Sea, about which many people have not heard of. Lithuania is bound on the north by Latvia, on the east by Russia, on the south by Poland and the Baltic Sea extends along her western shoreline. It is the size of the state of West Virginia. It numbers well over three million inhabitants and the ancient capitol city of Vilnius alone has 310,000 people.

Lithuania became a Christian country in 1251 when her King Mindaugas was baptized in the Catholic faith. This faith has been carried down into the homes for centuries as is attested to the presence of many wayside shrines and crosses that dotted the country side and the lawns of many townspeople and villagers over the years.

Mary, the Mother of our Saviour, appeared at the town of Siluva in central Lithuania in the summer of 1608. Mary with her "beautiful, long hair and charming loose fitting garments" (Our Lady of Siluva, page 11) held the Divine Child in her arms. Mary was witnessed by several children and many neighbors gathered at the scene of a huge rock. She was sorrowful with tears in her eyes. It was the second day of her appearance and in reply to the Catechist's question "Why are you crying?" the Blessed Virgin Mary said, "Formerly in this place my Son was adored and honored, but now all that the people do is seed and cultivate the land". Mary reminded the people of God to adhere to the faith of their fathers. The lesson is clear - being faithful members of the Church, we are true sons of God, real followers of Mary's Divine Son.

Countless devoted people have flocked to the chapel built in honor of Our Lady of Siluva to this day even though the country has been overrun by atheistic neighboring Russian troops since 1940.



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The altar of the chapel was built over the rock on which the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared. After extensive investigations by the local Bishop, Pope Pius VI in 1775 approved the cult to Our Lady of Siluva with enriched indulgences.

Amongst those who developed a strong and tender devotion to Mary was St. Casimir a capable administrator and ruler, patron Saint of Lithuania, who died in the year 1484 at the age of 26. Daily he addressed this hymn, his own composition to Mary "Omni die dic Mariae" - "Daily, daily sing to Mary; sing my soul her praises due." His last request was to place this hymn beside him in his coffin.

While the language of the people of Lithuania is indo-European and is considered one of the oldest spoken languages aside of Sanskrit and Greek, the faith of the people has been kept over the past 700

years and presently under anti-Catholic pressures are able to keep only half the Churches and Chapels and these are heavily taxed. There are no monasteries or convents permitted to remain open. There are no existing Catholic organizations. These people behind the iron curtain seek religious and national freedom as well as freedom of conscience. The faith is there. You can't tear out of the minds and hearts of the people the love and service of God. It was St. Augustine who said - that our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee, O Lord.

Many Lithuanians have died for their freedoms. In 1941 tens of thousands were taken from their homes, forced into cattle cars and borne to far distant places of Siberian wasteland labor camps to suffer and die. Many languish there. To date 180 priests and 4 Bishops have been exiled to Siberia. And it was there in 1953 that we heard from four girls who wrote their daily prayers on ordinary paper and secretly compiled a handmade book of Mass prayers of worship and devotion to sustain their soul life and succeeded in secretly sending this same booklet out of Russia to Lithuania and the free world. This booklet entitled "Marija, Gelbėki Mus", - 'Mary Save Us' - has been translated into many languages.

Pope Pius XI did call Lithuania "Terra Mariana" - the Land of Mary. He knew that for centuries the people cultivated a particular devotion to the Mother of God, built Churches and compiled prayers and hymns in her honor. They brought these hymns with them to these American shores.

In our studio audience this morning we have choir members who are refugees from Communist held Lithuania. There are young people here whose parents or grandparents came from that Baltic country. But this scene is not duplicated in Lithuania this morning because it is a working day and young people are working or attending youth classes. Religion may not be taught to the children there. In the midst of all these sufferings the faith of the

elderly behind the iron curtain, the elderly winding their way to Church, is in itself a lesson in the practice of one's faith for the young people.

Pope Paul VI took occasion to address a letter this past year to Bishop Joseph Matulaitis Labukas, the Apostolic Administrator of Kaunas and Vilka-viškis in Lithuania on the 50th anniversary of his ordination wherein he stated he knew the difficulties of "various kinds" affecting the Church there, which as he put it "interfere with the development of its Divine Mission." This is euphemism for Communist persecution.

Praising the Bishop's "repeated proofs of zeal and fidelity to the Holy See" over the past half century, the Pontiff noted that these manifested a desire "to keep intact the shining religious traditions of the noble Lithuanian nation."

"But," he continued, "the solicitude of the Holy See and your patient waiting allows us to hope for the birth of a new era."

The Pope exhorted his bishop to continue teaching the true faith, veneration of the Virgin Mary and the patron saints, and to encourage practical Christianity in public and private life.

The Pope concluded by encouraging Lithuanian Catholics to observe patience and hope that the prayers of the whole Church may soon bring "an age of true peace, concord and liberty."

We are here this morning to ask you the viewing and listening audience to join with us in this particular apostolate for the oppressed people abroad so that in the words of Pope John XXII "true liberty and the authentic dignity of the human person" be upheld, (Encyclical 'Ad Petri Cathedram') that these suffering people remain steadfast in the faith, confident that we shall see the dawn of a new era of which Pope Paul VI Speaks.

With Mary's intercession we hope and pray that Lithuania and other captive countries will once again be numbered among the free family of nations under God.

LAISVĖS MALDA

Dieve, kuri mūsų tėvai gerbė ir garbino nesuskaitomus tūkstančius metų: nors gal mažiau už daugelį mūsų Tave pažindami, bet nemažiau mylėdami; ir tikrai geriau pažindami už tuos, kurie Tavimi netiki -

Dieve, kuris žmogui, savo kūrybos viršūnei, davei galią vienam ir su kitais laisvai apsispręsti; su meile siekiant kas geriausia - net mirties akivaizdoje -

- dėkojame Tau už visą mūsų tautos kelią; prašome sujungti mus šiandieną vieningu ryžtu taip gyventi ateičiai, kad būtume savo tėvų, savo brolių - ir Tavęs - verti.

Labiausia esame Tau ir jiems dėkingi už dvidešimt dvejus, brangia kaina atgautos, laisvės metus. Su pagarba ir pasididžiavimu lenkiame galvas prieš pirmųjų nepriklausomybės dienų kovotojus; prisimeiname mūsų valstybės atstatytojus ir vadus; auklėtojus ir rašytojus; ūkininkus ir darbininkus - kiekvieną, kuris negyveno sau vienam. Dalinamės šiandieną savo tėvų žemėje gyvenančių, iš savo žemės išvartų, skurdu ir dvasios kančia. Jungiamesi į partizanų lais-

vės kovą - kartu su visais, kurie pasaulyje už laisvę kovoja: jauni ar seni; ginklu, darbu ar mintimi. Padėk, kad jų ir mūsų troškimas greičiau taptų tikrove; leisk mums visiems susitikti galutinės savo Sūnaus pergalės Dienoje.

Amžinasis Visatos Valdove - štai mes šiandieną prieš Tave: gyva ir laisvoji Lietuva! Padėk mums perduoti šią gyvybę savo vaikams ir vaikų vaikams; suteik mums išminties ir jėgų laimėti laisvės kovą savo širdyse - kad galėtume būti vadais į laisvę ir į meilę ne tik mūsų tautai, bet ir kitoms tautoms; būti draugais kiekvienam iš Tavo sūnų ir dukterų, kuriuos kasdieną pasaulyje sutinkame. Lydėk mus savo Dvasios ugnimi, stiprink mus mūsų Viešpaties ir Brolio Jėzaus Kristaus ištverme ir drąsa, būk su mumis visais dabar ir amžinai. Amen.

Lietuvos Valstybės Atstatymo 50 metų sukakties minėjimo Clevelande kun. Kęstučio Žemaičio invokacija, 1968.II.18.

Lithuanians in The NEWS



Ed McMahon (center), TV, stage and screen person—the CATHOLIC ACTORS GUILD OF AMERICA at the Hotel Americana, N.Y., is congratulated by Cong. John M. Murphy (D. Brooklyn-Staten Island), potential mayoralty candidate, and Helen V. Kulber, member of the Guild who represented the K of L at the event. "Knights of Lithuania, U.S.A." was listed in the impressive Souvenir Journal. (Photo - A. Binkins)



NAUJAS L. K. SPAUDOS DR-JOS FIRM.

Kasmet Lietuvių Katalikų spaudos draugija, leidžianti dienraštį Draugą, turi savo susirinkimą, kuriame svarsto finansinius pagrindus ir ateities darbus. Toks susirinkimas šiemet įvyko vasario 6 d. tėvų Marijonų vienuolyno svetainėje.

Po vakarienės trumpą kalbą, nušviesdamas Draugo įnašą Amerikos lietuvių gyvenimui, pasakė marijonų provincijolas kun. Viktoras Rimšelis. Susirinkimui vesti buvo pakviestas Draugo namo vyresnysis kun. Vytautas Bagdanavičius. Draugijos vienas direktorių kun. Petras Cibulskis perskaitė pereitų metų susirinkimo protokolus, o Draugo administratorius ir draugijos sekretorius kun. Albinas Spurgis davė finansinę apyskaitą ir nurodė padarytą pažangą, išsigyjant kai kurių naujų spaudos mašinų ir techniškai patobulinant spausdinimą.

Ilgamečiai draugijos pirmininkui prel. Ignui Albavičiui dėl pablogėjusios sveikatos negalint susirinkime dalyvauti ir atsisakant iš pirmininko pareigų, buvo renkamas naujas pirmininkas ir direktorių valdyba. Nauju pirmininku vienbalsiai buvo išrinktas kun. Edvardas Abromaitis, Šv. Kryžiaus liet. parapijos klebonas ir Liet. Kunigų vienybės pirmininkas. Jis tas pareigas ir prisiėmė. Garbės pirmininku ir direktoriato sąstate liko ir toliau prel I. Albavičius. Rimšelis, sekr. kun. A. Spurgis ir direktoriais - Antanas Rudis, kun. Juozas Dambrauskas, kun. V. Bagdanavičius, Leonardas Šimutis ir Stasys Pieža.



A. Rukas' comedy "BUBULIS IR DUNDULIS" in Lithuanian was presented of the Jesuit Youth Center in Chicago. (Upper photo) Laima Petravičiūtė (Radasta), Jonas Kelečius (Bubulis), Arvydas Dikinis (Dobilas), Leonas Barauskas (Dundulis) and Juozas Valentinas (Girdzius). (Lower photo) Stasė Kelečienė (Rožė), J. Kelečius and Elena Rukuižienė (Agutė). This comedy will also be presented in Cleveland, March 1, St. George Hall; Detroit, April 19, Lietuvių Namai and Philadelphia, May 3. (Photos - V. Norėika)



(Foto - Pliodzinskas)

MES VISI TAVIMI IR TAVO DARBO VAISIAIS DIDŽIUOJAMĖS

Skaudi žinia sukrėtė viso pasaulio lietuvius. Sausio 23 d. vakare, Benton Harbor, Mich. ligoninėje nuo širdies smūgio mirė Juozas J. Bačiūnas, taurus lietuvis ir didelis patriotas, Amerikos Lietuvių Tautinės Sąjungos vienas steigėjų ir jos garbės narys, Vilties Draugijos steigėjas ir jos pirmasis pirmininkas, Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės pirmininkas, sulaukęs 75 metų amžiaus.

Jis buvo gimęs 1893 m. gegužės 24 d. Jurbarke ir į Ameriką atvyko sutėvais, būdamas tik 2 metų amžiaus.

Kai būdavo bandoma jį klausinėti apie nuveiktus darbus, kukliai atsakydavo: "Padariau tai, ką turi padaryti geras lietuvių vaikas".

Į lietuviškąją veiklą įsijungė eidamas 12 metus. Pradžioj jis dirbo lietuvių spaustuvėje kaip raidžių rinkėjas. Eidamas 20 metus jis jau buvo Draugo administratorius, bet už metų vėl grįžo dirbti į A. Olšausko leistą Chicagoje laikraštį Lietuvą, kurį 1916 m. iš A. Olšausko atpirko. Kurį laiką leido Lietuvą kaip dienraštį, o vėliau kaip savaitraštį iki 1918 metų.

Laikraščiu susilikvidavus, nu-

sipirko Tabor Farm, Sodus, Mich., kur įsitaisė pavyzdinius daugelio lankomus vasarnamius.

Velionis išleido eilę knygų ir monografių ir rėmė lietuviškąją spaudą. Jis buvo ir Vilties Draugijos, kuri leidžia Dirvą, steigėjas ir tos draugijos pirmasis pirmininkas.

Jis visad sakydavo, kad lietuviška dvasia ir mūsų tautinis svoris Amerikoje nemažės, jei ir šiandien gyvensime pagal dėsnį, kad kiekvienas lietuvis turi dirbti mažiausiai ne tik už du, bet už dešimt ar šimtą. Tai yra nerašytas mūsų tautinio darbo įstatymas. Tai yra viena iš pačių pirmųjų lietuviškų priedermių, kuriomis be įsakinėjimo vadovaujamės. Taip buvo Nepriklausomybės atstatymo laikmečiu, taip yra ir dabar.

Velionis buvo apdovanotas DLK Gedimino ordenu, Virginia Colonel (suorganizuotas JAV prezidento G. Washingtono), Kentucky Colonel. Daugelis organizacijų jam yra įteikusios adresus. Viename jų, kuris buvo jam įteiktas, atidarant Clevelande Vilties Draugijos namus, pasakyta:

"Vaikystės dienose Tu palikai Tėvų žemę, bet ją visą laiką tyra

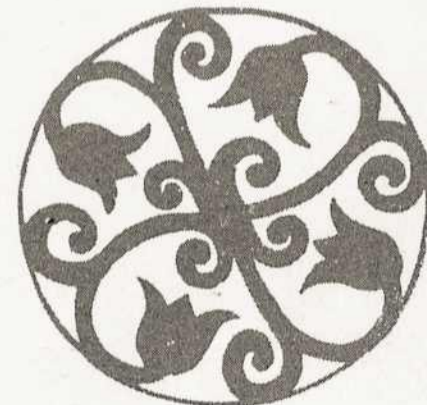
meile mylėjai ir jai dirbai.

Ryžtu ir kietu darbu pelnęs lobį, Tu jį dalinai kilniems sumanymams ir darbams. Tu rėmei spaudą, meną, dainą, kėlei savus tautiečius į aukštumas ir jiems padėjai prasiskinti kelią.

Namų Tavųjų vartai visada buvo atkelti lietuviui, ateinančiam ieškoti poilsio, kūrybai įkvėpimo ir naujam darbui jėgos.

Mes visi Tavimi ir Tavo darbo vaisiais didžiuojamės".

(DIRVA)



PAUL C. MARCINKUS

TITULAR BISHOP OF ORTA

VATICAN CITY.

The big talk during warmups for the 16th World Cup golf tournament in Rome last October was that the Vatican had been invited to enter.

The long-driving monsignor who could have helped carry the Vatican colors was Paul C. Marcinkus, 46, of Cicero, Ill. But the Vatican thanked cup organizers for the invitation - and turned it down.

On January 6th, His Holiness Pope Paul VI ordained Msgr. Marcinkus, Titular Bishop of Orta, in St. Peter's Basilica. The step up came as recognition for his 17 years in the Vatican diplomatic corps, capped by his service, as a translator, troubleshooter, and travel organizer for Pope Paul VI.

The bishop's robes also go with Marcinkus' new post as second-in-command - but effective head - of the Vatican bank. As such he is responsible for the accounting and distributing of vast sums used

to administer farflung missions, poor parishes, and special charity projects, such as the Vatican sponsored food drop in Biafra.

Bishop Marcinkus' golf game - reportedly in the 5 handicap range - symbolizes the American imprint he has made in high Vatican circles.

He also admits to enjoying a fast game of tennis and "loves to read westerns and mystery stories" along with historical and theological fare.

At various times since he came to Rome 19 years ago the 6 foot 3 prelate has hankered for home, but he now seems to be a Vatican fixture.

Thru his service to three popes, beginning with Pius XII, he has come a long way from his boyhood days in Cicero.

He studied for the priesthood at Chicago's Quigley seminary and was ordained in 1946. His first and only parish assignment was to St. Christina's on the city's far south side.

He arrived in Rome in 1950 to



study canon law at the Jesuit-run Gregorian university and soon began taking on special assignments for the Vatican. When he earned his degree in 1953 he was asked to stay and work full time.

The young priest went thru the Vatican's two-year diplomatic school, then was dispatched to Bolivia in 1955 and to Canada in 1959. In both countries he was secretary in the Vatican nunciature, which corresponds to first secretary in a United States embassy.

The Vatican called him back to Rome in December, 1959, for deskwork in the secretariat of state. He sharpened his Italian enough to be able to translate occasionally for Pope John XXIII.

When Pope Paul took charge, Msgr. Marcinkus became the No. 1 English translator and the man who arranged the last five of the pontiff's six trips overseas.

Because of his imposing height, he often took it upon himself to be an unofficial bodyguard. He often shielded the pontiff from the crush of excited crowds.

A reception in honor of the new Bishop was attended by about 30 people, including his mother, Mrs. Helen Marcinkus, of Cicero, his three brothers and a sister, two nephews and a niece, the Rev. Edward Abromaitis and the Rev. John Stankevicius and many others.

Bishop Marcinkus was given an episcopal ring at the reception by the papal secretary, Msgr. Pasquale Macchi.

(Chicago Sun-Times)



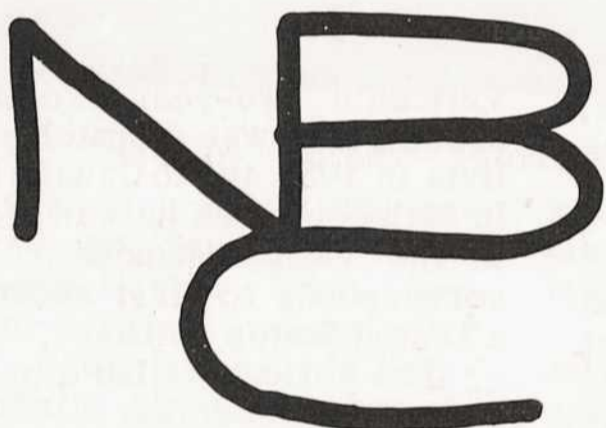
Convention News

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY

Ever wonder how YOU'D look on Television . . . like to know how sound effects are created for your favorite show . . . how eggs are fried, what replaces galloping horses and an army of 1000 men . . . or where the Johnny Carson TV Show originates? . . .

Then come EARLY to the National Convention, and join in the BEHIND THE SCENES Tour of the National Broadcasting Company TV studios in Manhattan, on Wednesday afternoon, August 20, 1969. You'll be bussed directly from the Robert Treat to NBC in beautiful Radio City, where you'll be guided through some of the more interesting sights in the Studios. Among the interesting points will be:



THE EMMY - Television's most honored award for the best performances and achievements by actors, writers, directors, etc.

STUDIO 3B - The newest color studio and the origination point of THE DOCTORS, NBC'S daytime dramatic series, rehearsed and presented live from this studio.

TELEVISION MASTER CONTROL - The heart of the NBC Television Network, and the final check point for all NBC Television programs originating from New York.

VIDEO TAPE CENTRAL - This room contains huge tape machines used to record Television shows in advance to be shown on the air at future times.

RADIO CENTRAL - Studio 5A, home of the 'conversation station' in New York, WNBC AM & FM, operating 24 hours a day. Studio 5 B, NBC Radio Network's MONITOR, heard coast to coast on weekends. You'll recognize a parade of radio, television and movie personalities who perform here daily.

NBC NEWS ROOM - The nerve center of NBC news, the world's largest news gathering organization. See where news heard and seen throughout the world is compiled by top NBC news correspondents and personalities.

STUDIO 6B - Home of the TODAY SHOW and the

TONIGHT SHOW.

COLOR TELEVISION DEMONSTRATION - One of the most outstanding achievements of the 20th Century - bringing a 'world of color' into your home. **SOUND EFFECTS.**

'SEE YOURSELF ON TELEVISION'.

STUDIO 8H (PEACOCK THEATRE) - The largest color studio in the RCA building, where such programs originate.

On Wednesday evening, there is planned a "refreshing" visit and tour of the Anheuser-Busch Breweries in Newark, N.J. You'll marvel at the vast machinery and painstaking steps involved in the production and aging of Budweiser, Michelob and Busch Bavarian Beers . . . and delight in the refreshing tasting of one of the world's favorite "liquid refreshments" . . . (served by a Lithuanian, besides). In case you entertain doubts of the wordly and historic fame of beer, here are a few pertinent facts you may find interesting:

THE HISTORY OF BEER

Babylonian tablets, more than 6000 years old, give detailed recipes for brewing beer. Malt beverages were enjoyed by the Egyptians, the Hebrews of Biblical times, and the Greeks and Romans of the classical past.

BEVERAGE OF THE GODS. In ancient Egypt, Rameses III contributed 30,000 gallons of beer each year to quench the thirst of the gods, chiefly the god Ammon.

The Egyptians believed that a person's love of things of this world continued after death. Beer was included in many offerings to the dead at their burial to help sustain them on the long journey.

The ancients looked upon beer as a source of good health as well as good spirits. Beer has been



found in more than a hundred ancient Egyptian prescriptions, and the ancient Assyrians considered it both a medicine to induce relaxation and a very pleasant drink.

BEER IN AMERICA. Beer came to America on the Mayflower. The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts because, according to a passenger's journal, "We could not take time for further search or consideration, our victuals being much spent - especially our beer." George Washington had his own recipe for making beer. Samuel Adams, "Father of the American Revolution", was a brewer and so was his father.

When James Oglethorpe, founder of Georgia, closed the first "Clean-up Week" ever held in America he did so with a feast at which beer was the beverage.

William Penn, who brought the Quaker faith to America, had his own private brewery. He established it at Pennsbury, his country manor, to which he returned for relaxation whenever possible.

A LEGACY LIVES ON. Since colonial times beer has been a traditional part of American life. Beer is the kind of beverage American enjoy. It belongs to pleasant living, to good fellowship, to sensible moderation. Surveys show that beer is one of the most popular beverages Americans serve in their homes.

While the taste of the brews of the ancients and of the founders of our country undoubtedly left a lot to be desired in terms of present-day Anheuser-Busch beers, modern beer drinkers must agree that the early connoisseurs of beer had something - and, indeed, rejoice that they did.

Are you at least **BEGINNING** to consider making it to Newark by at least Wednesday of Convention Week? We promise, it will be worth your while. More information regarding convention activities and business will appear in future issues of VYTIS, and in individual mailings. Please mark the dates and place . . .

AUGUST 20 - 21 - 22 - 23 - 24, 1969

HOTEL ROBERT TREAT, NEWARK, N. J.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

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.

SOUVENIR JOURNAL



If you're thinking "early" now, please remember that we need your early help in making the Souvenir Journal of the Convention a success. This journal helps the convention hosts offset many of the incidental expenses incurred in such an undertaking and not covered in the various activity fees. We'd appreciate the help of every K of L-er and every Council and District. Ads and "K of L Friend" donations should be sent to:

Mrs. Loretta I. Stukas
1016 Schleifer Road
Hillside, New Jersey

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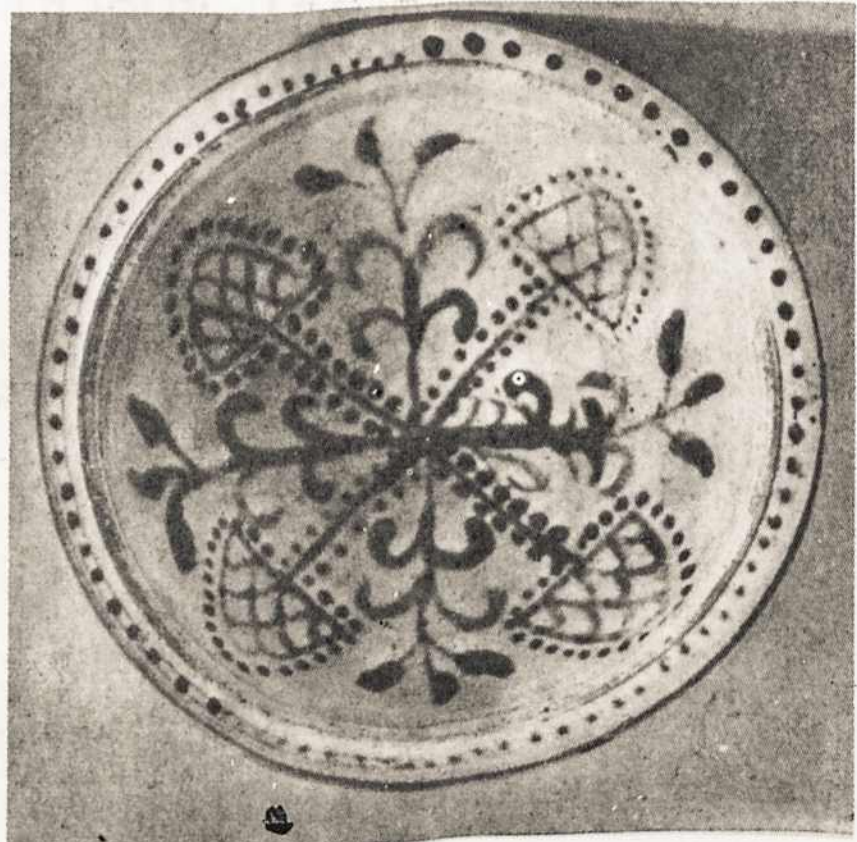
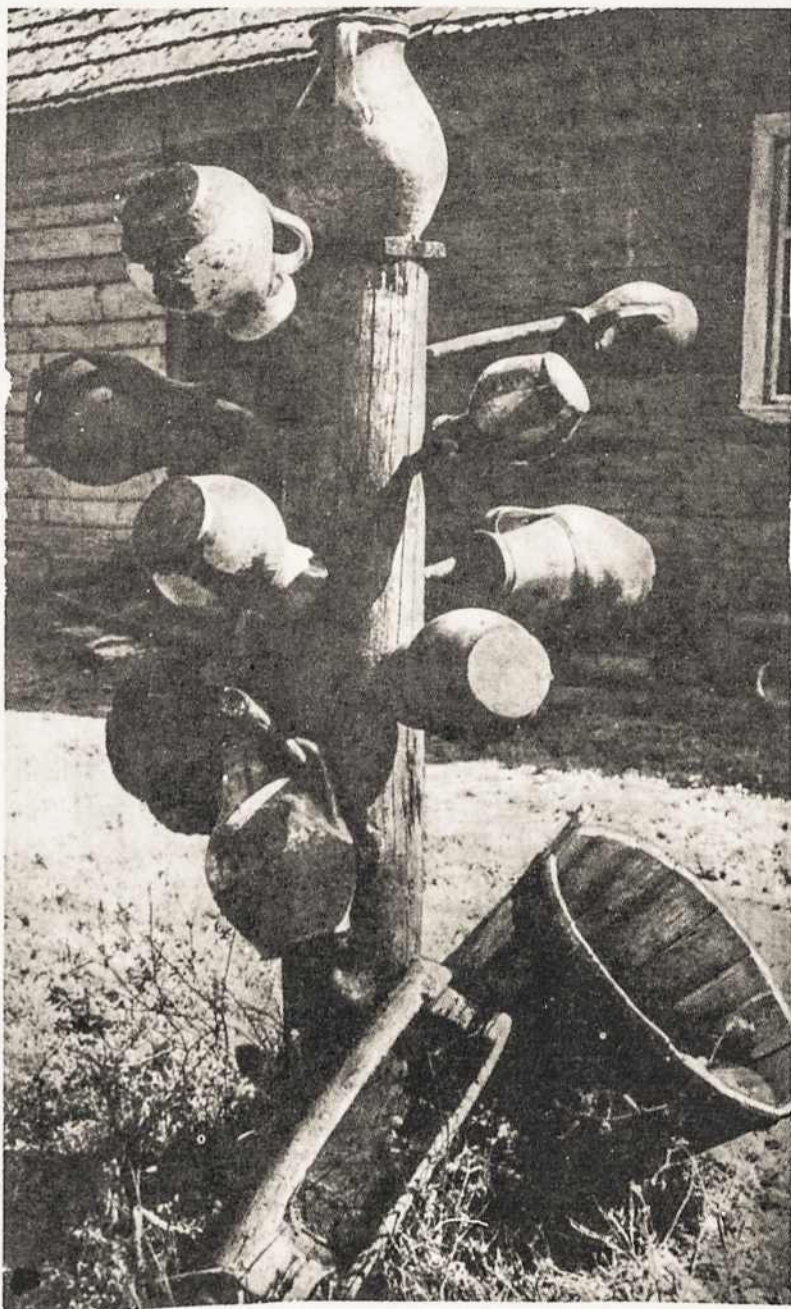
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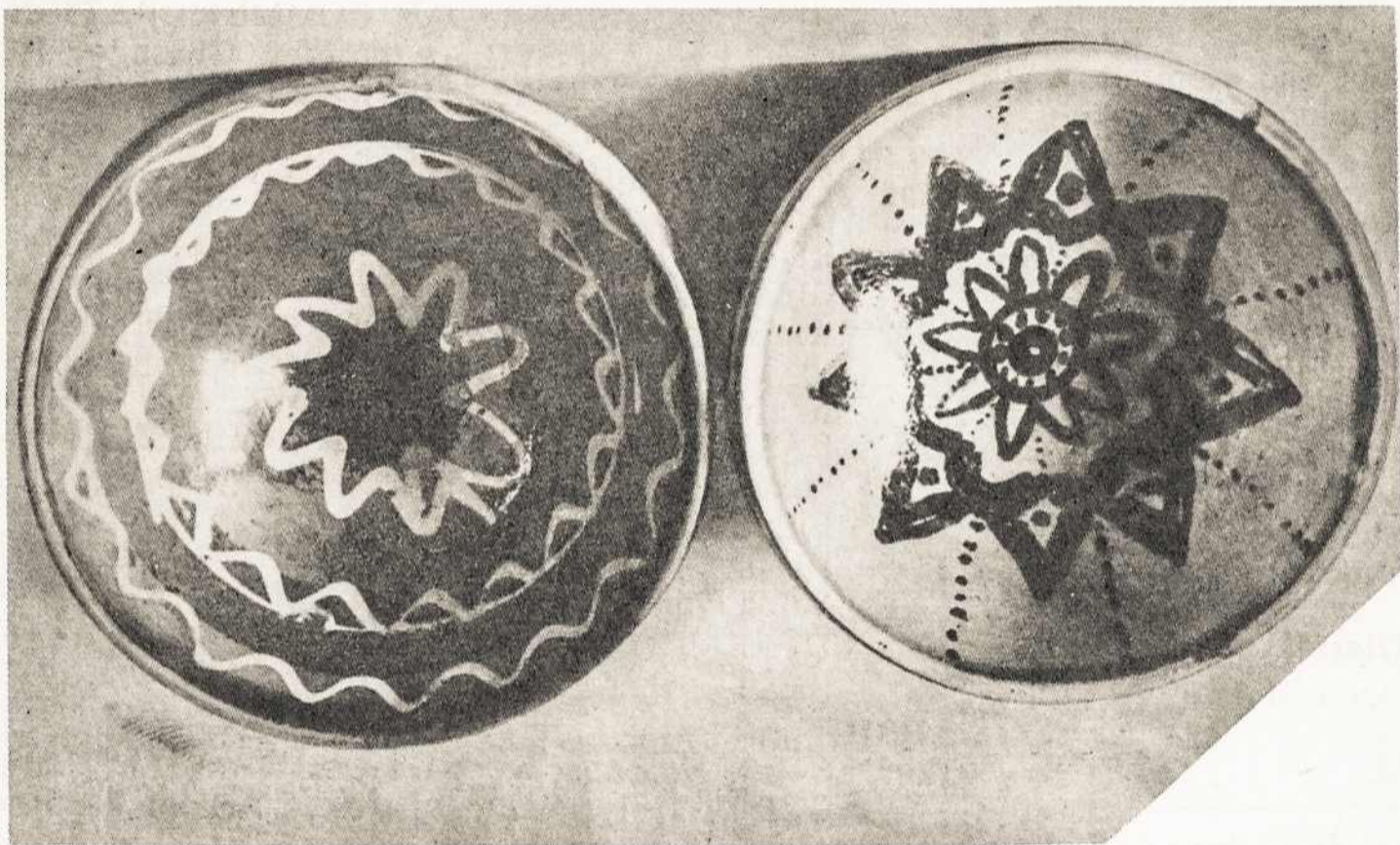
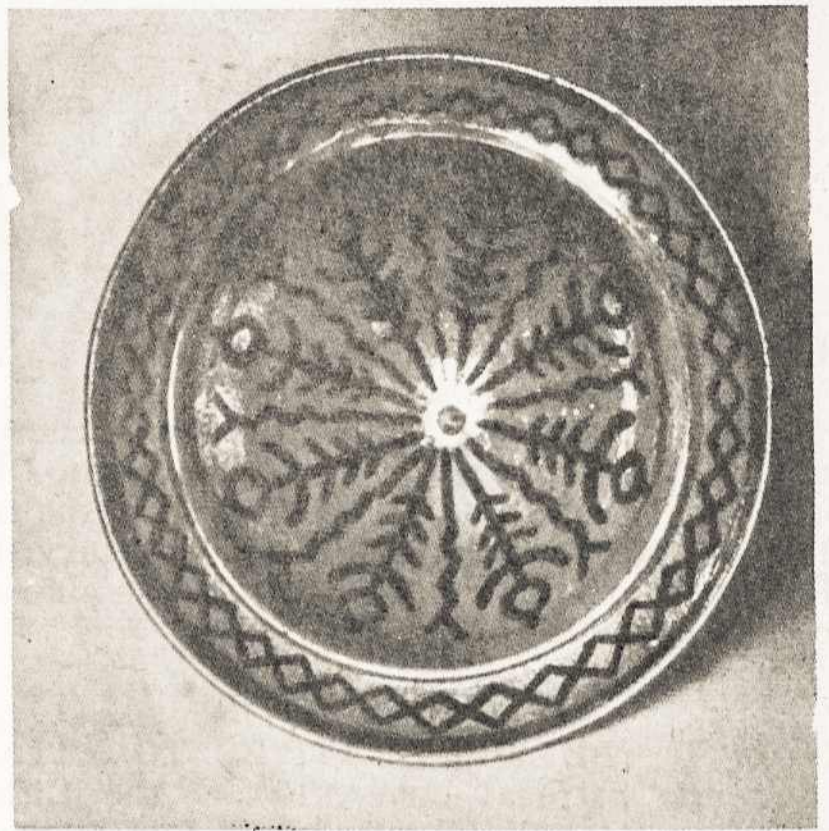
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OFFICIAL NEWS

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Supreme Council will be held on March 30, 1969 in Youngstown, Ohio. All Board members will be notified as to the time and place by the National Recording Secretary. Reports of the officers and chairman should be submitted as soon as possible to the Secretary.

K of L REPRESENTATIVES TO "TARYBA"

At the national convention of the Lithuanian-American Council (Taryba) held last November in the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, Ill., the following were selected as the representatives of the Knights of Lithuania: John G. Evans, former Vice-President of the Taryba Board and IID Board Chairman; Stanley Vaitkus, National 1st Vice-President and member of C-96, Dayton; and Leon Pauksta, National 2nd Vice-President and IID President.

Representing the K of L at the convention were: Leon Pauksta, Helen Zimmer, National Financial Secretary and Irene Sankus, "Vytis" Editor.

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.

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.

Have Y O U paid your 1969 Dues?

NOTICE TO ALL COUNCILS AND DISTRICTS

For the convenience of all, the "Vytis", beginning the April issue, will feature the names and addresses of the Spiritual Advisors and Presidents, provided the names and addresses have been submitted to the National Recording Secretary.

K of L Calendar

MARCH

- 2- C-29 Newark, ANNUAL COMMUNION and BREAKFAST, Newark, N.J.
- 2- IID ST. CASIMIR DAY COMMEMORATION, Our Lady of Vilna Parish, 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.
- 17-28 Algimantas Kezys, S.J. ARTEXHIBIT, Pacem In Terris Gallery, New York City, sponsored by the New York Senior Council.
- 22- EASTER EGG DECORATING CLASSES, Balzekas Museum of Lith. Culture, Chicago, Ill. Egg display until 13th.
- 23- IID DAY OF RECOLLECTION, Our Lady of Vilna Church, Chicago, Ill.
- 30 - SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Youngstown, Ohio.

APRIL

- 12- C-26, Worcester, RUTA ENSEMBLE CONCERT, Holy Name of Jesus School Auditorium, Worcester, Mass.
- 12, 13 and 19 - Chicago Lithuanian Opera's presentation of "DANA", Maria Auditorium, Chicago, Ill.

MAY

- 3- C-109 Great Neck, ANNUAL SPRING DANCE, Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, N.Y.
- 9- C-26 Worcester, SPRING DANCE, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.

JUNE

- 8- MCD ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE, Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio.

AUGUST

- 3- MCD JUNIOR RALLY, Shrine of the Holy Relics, Maria Stein, Ohio.
- 20-24 56th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Newark, N.J. Host NY-NJD.
- 23-30 K of L WEEK at CAMP DAINAVA, Manchester, Mich.

**ALL
RIGHT**



ALREADY!

PACE OF DUES PAYMENTS HAS BEEN TOO SLOW!

According to the National Membership Drive Rules for Special Awards, individuals have less than one month left to earn ten points for enrolling a new or rejoin member. After April 1, 1969, you will get only five points. Therefore, this is the month that counts in getting your council fully paid up while adding new members.

On the subject of paid up councils, congratulations are in order for the first to achieve that objective - C-100 Amsterdam, N.Y., with 109%, and Cleveland Seniors with 108%. Both councils are in the same membership category of 30-59 members. Not one council comes close to their attainment percentagewise, except that in councils having less than ten members the Pittsburgh Seniors came through pleasantly by signing up both of their members of 100.

The year is going along all too quickly for any council, except those mentioned above, to take even the smallest satisfaction in paid up members. Most definitely there should be many more councils fully paid by now.

In the 11 to 29 member category, C-133 Seniors of Los Angeles rank first with 91%; C-111 Seniors, Youngstown, 82%; New York Seniors, 76%; C-109 of Great Neck has 70%; C-10, Athol has 67%; C-30, Westfield, 61%; C-134, Cincinnati, 57%.

It is a close grouping of healthy paid-up percentages. But, the majority of councils in this category are still to be heard from:

Councils 1 Brockton, 17 Seniors South Boston, 25 Cleveland, 52 Elizabeth, 78 Lawrence, 90 Kearney, 103 Providence, where are you?

Following Amsterdam and the Cleveland Seniors in the 30-to-59 members classification are Councils 3 Philadelphia, 78%; 135 Ansonia, 60%; 102 Detroit, 58%. Neck and neck with 42% are Councils 116 Worcester and 17 South Boston. Here again, as of this writing, almost as many councils seem afraid to

begin collecting dues. Councils 12 New York, 19 Pittsburgh, 41 Brooklyn, 139 Detroit, and the Chicago Seniors have not remitted dues to the National Financial secretary as of February 6th.

Councils in the two largest categories are struggling to reach fully paid status. A faster pace though is being set by the Over-100-member councils. With Councils 96 Dayton and 36 Chicago at 57% and 35%, respectively, most of the biggest councils are setting a better rate. At 70% Council 112 Chicago leads, followed not very closely by Councils 79 Detroit, 57%; 7 Waterbury, 51%; 26 Worcester, 46%; and 29 Newark, 31%.

How is your council doing? What are you doing to help it? It's not too late to start now.

LEON PAUKSTA
Membership Vice-President

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.

JUNIOR NEWS

Camp DAINAVA

- A PERFECT SPOT FOR A PERFECT VACATION

Under the sponsorship of the Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council the TENTH Annual Summer Camp for Youngsters is now being organized.

Date - August 23 - 30, 1969

Where - Camp Dainava near Manchester, Michigan

Age Limit - 7 to 14 yrs. old

Cost - \$30.00 per child (Reduced rates for families with two or more campers.)

A special appeal is made to councils in the Mid-Central and Indiana-Illinois Districts, since Camp Dainava is located in the middle of a triangle formed by Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago.

In order to successfully promote this week of camping, we suggest that each K of L council immediately:

1. Appoint one member to contact and recruit all local youngsters through the K of L council, the parish school, CDD classes etc.
2. Organize a car-pool (or bus, for larger groups) to bring the children to camp and pick them up a week later.
3. Furnish Camp Secretary with the name of your camp organizer, so that local contact is available.

Camp Secretary: Mrs. Joseph Kazlauskas
19183 Trinity St.
Detroit, Michigan 48219
Phone Area 313KE5-8455

Additional information, registration blanks, etc., are available from camp secretary. Please ACT NOW, as most parents are presently making arrangements for vacations and camps for their children.

Even though the camp will be operated by the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, they are still in need of teachers, college students or other willing to offer their services for a week, as camp counsellors, instructors etc., please contact the undersigned or the camp secretary.

STANLEY J. VAITKUS
JUNIORS VICE PRESIDENT
(Address Inside Cover)



C-26 Worcester, Mass. JUNIORS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS with a visit from Santa and Lithuanian decorations made under the supervision of their counsellor, Dianne Beletsky Daniels.

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

CLEVELANDO SENJORAI

GARBINGAI PAMINĖS ŠV. KAZIMIERO ŠVENTĘ.

Kiek tenka patirti, tai ir šiais metais, šv. Kazimiero šventę minės net trijų kolonijų vyčiai - Pittsburgh, Pa., Youngstown ir Cleveland, Ohio. Šios dižiosios šventės šeiminkais bus vyčių 19-ta kp., Pittsburgh, Pa. Tiesa, nors kelionė yra kiek ilgoka, bet vyčiai savo globėjo šv. Kazimiero šventės proga paprastai bando nugaleti visus sunkumus, kad sudarius didesnius būrelius, galėtų bendrai pagerbti savo organizacijos globėją šv. Kazimierą priimdami į savo širdis šv. Komuniją, bendrai pusryčiaudami. Laikepusryčių nuolat sakomos vytiškos dvasios kalbės, pasidalinama prisiminimais iš organizacijos praeities, aptariami nūdieniniai darbai. Tai pagyvina organizacijos veiklą ir paskatina darbuotis savo tautos ir bažnyčios labui. Šitokie idealistiniai pasiaukojimai įvyksta retai - viena kartą metuose. Dėl to vyčiai stengiasi juos iškilmingai paminėti.

Pavyzdys - šiais metais, kovo 2 d., 10 val. ryto, šv. Kazimiero liet. parap. bažnyčioje, kur klebonauja vytis tėvelis Karaveckas, netik dalyvaus šių trijų kolonijų vyčiai, bet ir jų vyriausia vadovybės - centro valdyba. Tuo laiku išpuola centro valdybos suvažiavimas vidurinių valstijų apygardoje. Jei tas oficialiai įvyks, tai vyčių 19-ta kp., kuriai vadovauja vyties Činikienė ir Alešiūnaitė, turės didingą ir garbingą suvažiavimą. Šis suvažiavimas gal kiek pagyvins kuopos veiklą ir darbuotę. Čia minėtų kolonijų vyčiai turėtų tam ruošti ir skaitlingai dalyvauti.

GYDYTOJO ĮSAKYMAS SUTRUKDĖ DALYVAVIMĄ

Vytė Kazimiera Sadauskienė, Clevelando senjorų fin. rašt., gydytojo įsakymu, turėjo ilsėtis net tris savaites lovoje. Kazimiera gavo garbingą pakvietimą į naujai išrinkto šios šalies prezidento R. Nixono inauguracijos iškilmes ir turėjo dalyvauti Čiurlioniečių išvykoje į Detroit, Mich., ten duodamame koncerte, sausio 26 d. (Kazimiera yra šio choro altas), bet

turėjo nuo šių iškilmių atsisakyti ir, klausydama daktaro įsakymo - pasilikti lovoje. Nors vyte K. Sadauskienė sunkiai neserga, bet dėl susidėjusių aplinkybių turi ilsėtis lovoje. Vyčiai senjorai linki savo uoliajai narei ir fin. rašt. greito pasveikimo.

SENELIS

NEW YORK SENIOR COUNCIL

With the exception of Vice President, the same officers have been retained - Anthony Mazeika, Sr., Pres.; Aldona Zaunius, Vice Pres.; Joseph Boley, Treas. and Fin. Sec'y.; Helen Kulber, Lithuanian Affairs. As John Subacius was unable to attend meetings regularly, Peter Wytenus was elected Vice President. Rev. John Pakalniskis is again our esteemed Spiritual Adviser following a short period served in our behalf by Rev. Rackauskas.

We welcomed a new important member, Rev. Ladislaus A. Budreckas, M.M., who, among other

things, composed the music for "Two Hymns In Honor Of Our Lady's Apparition in Siluva" ... The only complaint John Subacius had about his recent visit to the Caribbean Isles was - "Too many tourists" ... Christmas Greetings were sent to our distant previously active members and their families - Joseph Laucka, who is with the U. S. Consulate in West Berlin, and Antanas Visminas in Florida, but his card was returned as he had decided to remain in N.Y. and underwent eye operation Feb. 11th. Also, appropriate messages were sent to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy on the birth of her 11th child; to our new Bishop of Brooklyn, The Most Reverend Francis J. Mugavero; and others.

Heeding the request from outer space to "keep those cards and letters coming", Helen Kulber sent personal cards to each of the three astronauts "Apollo VII, Up-In-The-Sky" and was delightfully surprised to receive a gracious "thank you" letter signed by Wally schir-

KAI MEDŽIAI ŽYDĖJO

Pavasari, kai medžiai žydėjo,
Bernytis mergelę palydėjo,
Ik gėlių darželio vargelių,
Nežiūrint vėlyvo vakarėlio ...

Neskubėk, mergyt, eiva po valiai,
Tai bus laiko kalbėti ik valiai,
Apie mūs Lietuvos vyčių vaju,
Išrast būdą, kaip gaut naujų narių.

Svarbiausia, kad gauti jaunamečių,
Tai būtų tvirta ateitis vyčių,
Reikalingas jaunimas, veikėjai,
Yra geistini vyčiams sendraugiai.

Tai mūsų pirmųjų vyčių planas,
Dar ir šiuomi laiku yra geras.
Tik visi turime jį vykdyti,
Ir kuo daugiau narių prirašyti.

Tiktai gavę daugiau naujų narių,
Galėsime linksmintis su džiaugsmu,
Kad mes darbuose pavaduojami,
Ir būtų ateitis mūs idėjoms.

Pavasari, kai medžiai žydėjo,
Jaunuomenė sode vaikštinėjo.
Vytis, vyte lydėjo pro rūtų darželi,
Tiktai iki vartelių ... J. KUZAS

ra, Donn F. Eisele, and Walt Cunningham.

In order to add novelty to our meetings, we gathered at the homes of Aldona Zaunius in Weehawken, N.J., and Helen Kulber, in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. Considering that our members live so far apart, we had a good showing both times. The social part was especially enjoyable thanks to the hospitality of the hostesses.

Our Councils is sponsoring an exhibit of photographs by Algimantas Kezys, S.J., at the Pacem In Terris Gallery, which is affiliated with the Holy Family Church, 343 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (E. 47th St.), March 17th to 28th. Watch newspapers for further details. We have presented several books to the Library which is part of the Gallery - including "Photographs" by Father Kezys; "The War Against God in Lithuania" by Dr. Savasis; Donelaitis' "The Seasons", translated by Nadas Rastenis; "The Way of a Nation", portfolio of paintings by Jurgis Juodis.

Another project we have undertaken is to contact publishers of religious calendars to have St. Casimir listed as the Patron Saint of Lithuania.

Repercussions resulted from the 10th Anniversary of Council 41 event, mainly by old-time members who have dropped out or have neglected to attend meetings and therefore did not realize how the younger group was designated as "C-41" and the original C-41, established about 30 years ago, had become the "New York Senior Council". Well, we could add "41" to our title - but some of the younger members object to the "Senior" part which, these days, connotes 65 or over. Anyway, we heartily congratulate the newer C-41 for its accomplishments during the decade of its existence, especially the enjoyable evening provided by its talented members.

They have also taken renewed interest in the maintenance of the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine at Flushing Meadows - Corona Park and are planning a fund-raising affair. If only a substantial sum could be gleaned from our numerous "funds", we could concentrate on wider range programs rather than dissipate time, energy, and money to collect a few dollars at a time...!

Peter Wytenus and John Klashus, representing the Lithuanian-

American Wayside Shrine Committee, managed to wade through 1,100 notable men who were at the Brooklyn Prep Sports Award Dinner, Hotel St. George, to personally congratulate Jim Katcavage of the New York Giants, who was presented with the Professional Athlete Award that evening. Jim's taped greeting for Lithuanian Day at the N.Y. World's Fair has been heard on many Lithuanian radio stations.

Helen Kulber's oldest daughter, Elena, was wined and dined by the family of Peter Cueter in appreciation of her efforts as Junior Achievement advisor which helped Peter win top honors at the J. A. Convention in Indiana. A photo of Ruta Lee and Elena, with her "Aš kalbu lietuviškai" badge prominent on her uniform, as she took

our favorite actress on a VIP tour of the Bell Telephone Pavilion at the Fair, is in the VIP Visitors section of the beautiful souvenir album of the Pavilion.

At the suggestion of Dr. Jack Stukas, Helen represented the Lithuanian contingent at the Americans of Polish Heritage "American Freedom Festival" at Madison Square Garden - and thereby became a great fan of Bobby Vinton for his interest in the cause of freedom and great prize in his Polish heritage as well as an excellent singer and entertainer... Helen is compiling a list of events attended in reply to a letter from Stanley Valatka, N.J. Council, ... but it would be good to hear what our other members are doing, too...

H. V. K.

KNYGELE APIE NATURALIZACIJĄ NUSAKO, KAIP PASIDARYTI PILIEČIU.

Pasidaryti Amerikos piliečiu yra daugumos žmonių noras, kurie atvyko į šį kraštą ir JAV-ėse įsikurdino. Dauguma imigrantų, išgyvenę čia 5 metus, turi kvalifikaciją gauti Amerikos pilietybę ir gali naudotis jos teisėmis bei privilegijomis. Paaškinimui, ką daryti pilietybei gauti, Amerikos Taryba Tautų Tarnybai išspausdino informacinę knygelę "KAIP PASIDARYTI JAV-ių PILIEČIU".

120 puslapių knygelė nusako pilietybei gauti reikalavimus, aprašo kiekvieną naturalizacijos proceso žingsnį ir tiksliai pasako pilietybės prašytojams, ką jie turi daryti, kad pasidarytų piliečiais. Knygelėje taip pat yra JAV-ių Konstitucija, Nepriklausomybės Deklaracija ir specialii 130 klausimų ir atsakymų sekcija apie Amerikos istoriją ir valdžią, kaipo pagelbinė studija naturalizacijos egzaminams.

"KAIP PASIDARYTI PILIEČIU" knygelę galima gauti tik anglų kalboje. Ji duoda informaciją apie daugelį dalykų, dėl kurių pilietybę gali gauti imigrantai be reikalo baiminasi arba klaidingai žiūri į juos, kaipo į trukdytojus pilietybei gauti. Senesni žmonės, sunkausi uždavinio. Daugelis senesnių žmonių nežino, kad jie pagal tam tikras aplinkybes (jei jie yra mažiausiai 63 metų amžiaus ir išgyveno JAV-ėse mažiausiai 33 metus) gali būti atleisti nuo anglų kalbos mokėjimo reikalavimo naturalizavimuisi. Taip pat nepiliečiai, nelegaliai priimti į JAV-es, delsia prašyti naturalizacijos. Knygelė aiškina, kad tokie asmenys gali pagal esantį įstatymą gauti legalaus priėmimo į JAV-es dokumentus ir prašyti naturalizacijos, jeigu jie atvyko į JAV-es prieš 1940 m. birželio mėn. 28 d. Pagal naują imigracijos įstatymą, kuris pradės veikti 1965 m. gruodžio mėn. 1 d., ši data buvo prailginta ligi 1948 m. birželio mėn. 30 d.

Knygelė "Kaip Pasidaryti JAV-ių Piliečiu" yra standartinė šiame klausime. Ją galima gauti už vieną dolerį parašant Amerikos Tarybai Tautų Tarnybai (American Council For Nationalities Service), 20 West 40th St., New York, N.Y. 10013.

A.C.N.S.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



ILLINOIS- INDIANA DISTRICT

IID "Taitytė"
The members of C-36 and Chairman Wally Zemgulis hosted a Hearts Dance at the K of L Hall on Feb. 1st. This apparently was a good date, because most of the K of L'ers were in between affairs and this affair of the heart delightfully filled the void. Everybody took home some pleasant

memories but some had even more tangible memorabilia; Vince Samaska won some brandy, Napoleon Sapkus won a ham and Al Raubiskis won the Bob Treonis Lithuanian Folk Dancers picture.

The District sponsored annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner was held the following week, Sunday, Feb. 9th, at the K of L hall also. Algird Brazis (C-112) formally opened the event with the American and Lithuanian National Anthems, District President Leon Pauksta (C-112) welcomed the participants and turned the program over to Master of Ceremonies, Frank Savickas (C-112), Representative of the State of Illinois 27th District. Brief remarks were made by our C-112 member, Dr. Petras P. Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania, His Excellency

Vincentas Brizgys, Bishop of Kaunas, Lithuania and always a dear friend of the K of L, and The Honorable Alfonse F. Wells (C-112), Judge of the Circuit Court, addressed the group as Guest Speaker of the evening. Among the many honored guests were Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis; Father John Savukynas, District Spiritual Advisor; Father J. Prunskis, representative of the "Draugas"; Martin Gudelis, "Naujienos" Editor and Irene Sankus, "Vytis" Editor. Aldona and Felix Daukus, recipients of the District's "Man of the Year" award were unable to be present and accept the plaque personally, due to illness. Irene Sankus our "Vytis" Editor accepted it in their behalf. Mr. and Mrs. Daukus were selected this year "For Guarding, With Unselfish



IID "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" BANQUET. (Upper Left) Father Paul Juknevicius, C-36 Sp. Adv., Julie Zakarka, Aldona and Algird Brazis, His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys, Estelle Rogers and Father Peter Cibulskis, MIC. (Upper Right) K of L Choir performs under the direction of Faustas Strolia. (Lower Left) Irene Sankus accepts IID award for Aldona and Felix Daukus from Frank Savickas and Leon Pauksta. Also pictured: Alfonse F. Wells, Bishop Brizgys and Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis. (Photo - L. Gulbinskas)

Dedication, The Destiny of The Lithuanian Language, Songs And Customs, In The Free World, By Keeping Them Alive Through The Voice Of The Sophie Barcus Lithuanian Radio Family."

There were many representatives of various organizations present for the presentation, not only because they usually attend our annual event, but also because they too wished to express appreciation to Aldona and Felix Daukus for the invaluable support they lend all Lithuanian organizations and events through their radio hours.

The evening program concluded with a few beautifully rendered Lithuanian melodies by the K of L Choir, with Faustas Strolia directing and John Byanskas accompanying the group on the piano.

Connie Savickus of C-5 promoted Lifetime Membership in the K of L and became the first one of this group. C-112 now also has a Lifetime Member, Vyt Lubert, who became No. 2, with his \$100 dues payment. Although Vyt lives in California, his heart belongs to C-112, and he just guaranteed that for life.

We're glad to hear that Ann Pieza is back at her desk as one of the Feature Editors of the Southwest News Herald after her illness and we're certain her husband Honorary Member, Stan Pieza, shares our pleasure in hearing the news.

Congratulations are in order to District Board Chairman, John Evans, C-112, who was re-elected and to Stan Vaitkus, C-96, Dayton, our S.C. 1st Vice Pres. and Leon Pauksta, C-112, S. C. 2nd Vice Pres. and IID Pres. who were elected to represent the K of L on the Taryba (Lithuanian American Council) Board. The selections were made at the Taryba's annual convention at Chicago, last November.

We all wish to express our very sincere and deep sorrow to Frank Svelnis, Jr., and his family, on the loss of his father. Frank has served on the S. C. Board as Membership Vice Pres., as well as District and C-36 Pres. and his family members were also supporters of the K of L and participants at so many of the area events. We will always fondly remember Mr. Frank Svelnis, Sr.

We also heard the sad news of the passing away of Adele (Kucinskaitė) Petras. Adele was born in Athol, Mass., studied nursing in Chicago and worked in Detroit, at which time she joined the K of L. When she later moved to California, she was an active member of the Los Angeles Seniors Council, as well as counsellor for the area K of L student group and a former S. C. Public Relations Committee member representing Los Angeles. We extend our sincere condolences to her husband, three sons and other members of the family.

Whether we are K of L members from the East or the West, for twenty five year or five years, we all had some occasion to become acquainted Eddie Daniels and have our interest in the K of L strengthened through his inspiring constancy with our organization. Now we have received the sad news that Eddie has passed on. The K of L will feel the loss and we, in the Illinois-Indiana District who knew Eddie personally wish to express our heartfelt sorrow to Diane and to the members of Eddie's family.



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10
Vincukas

Our January meeting was held in St. Francis Rectory with Father Al Yankauskas as host. Our newly-elected president Howie Beaudette officially took over his duties as head of the K of L. At the conclusion of the meeting Father Al served tea, coffee and cookies. Thanks, Father Al, for a most enjoyable evening.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce of Illinois is now taking applications for their scholarship program. Applicants must be high school graduates or college undergraduates and must have a good scholastic record and be of Lithuanian descent. For full information and applications, write to: Bruno Gramont, 6640 So. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60629. All applications must be accompanied by a grade transcript and must be in by May 10th.

Miss Ann Novack who recently retired, has been working for several days a week at the Fleetwood Nursing Home. . . Miss Mary Gauronsky is again attending evening classes at Athol High School. Dick Genaitis has been transferred from Boston to White Plains, N.J. We understand it's quite a promotion. Good luck, Dick!

Many area residents were thrilled to witness a T.V. Mass sponsored by the NED and the Boston Council complete with Lithuanian hymns. Bravo, Boston!

Area residents are looking forward to the "Ruta Assemble" Concert to be given in Worcester on April 12 at the Holy Name High School Auditorium.

Member of the Month! I have chosen to speak briefly about Dr. Henry Gailiunas, our out-going president. Doc has been our president for several years and I must say he has been very devoted to our ideals, "For Church and Country". Dr. Henry graduated from Athol High School in 1947. He received his B.S. at Boston College and then entered Georgetown University's School of Dentistry, Washington, D.C. He served two years in the Navy and on his return to civilian life he opened an office and is now practicing dentistry. Dr. Gailiunas is an active member of St. Francis parish and holds membership in the parish Mens Club, the Lions and the Rotary Clubs. Dr. Henry's late father was a charger member of C-10 which was organized in May of 1914. We wish Dr. Henry many successful years in his field plus an active K of L life.

Thought for the Month. March being the month of our patron St. Casimir, it is well that we as Lithuanians remember some of his virtues in our daily lives. It is the many small virtues done with pleasure that make one great.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26
Dzūkelė

The following members attended our January meeting (an especially cold evening), indicating that the demand for activity continues to be strong: Ed and Diane Daniels, Vyto and Anne Morkunas, Arthur and Marian Racicot, Jim and Margaret Sanders, Father Steponaitis, Anne Bender, Val Baziliauskas, Rita Pinkus, Dana Paulukonis, Mary Jankowski and Donna, Pauline Yanusas, Olga Kersis, Mary Ann Roland, Frances Grigas, Hellen Gillus, Anne Bucinskas, Edmund Grigaitis, Francis Glodas, Joseph Sakaitis, Gediminas Janula, Daniel Glodas, Allen Grigonis, Charles Kerbel, Charles Grigaitis, Jack Mattrick, and Paul Kuzmeskas. As aforementioned, it was one of the MOST frigid evenings of the winter!

Congratulations to Betty Ridick and Peter Fyrberg who recently announced their engagement. They plan to wed on Dec. 27. We're happy to take Rose Chestnut off the sick list. She's feeling much better now, as attested by her bowling score.

Sorrow fell upon the Barisas family in January. Regina's dad passed away. To Regina, her mother and her sister, we extend heartfelt sympathy.

SPORTS: Bill and Carol Grigas organized a ski-weekend and drove up to the mountains accompanied by Val Baziliauskas, Janice Tagman, Bob Kerbel, Jack Mattrick, Ronnie Walinsky and Danny Bacinskas. A few non-K of L friends joined them and all had a grand time. It was sad to note, however, that our Val Baziliauskas suffered a broken ankle and was unable to join the others on the slopes. Poor Val returned to Worcester with his leg in a cast!

Bowling continues to be a source of friendly competition. Jim Sanders holds the honors for men's high single and high triple, with high average going to Danny Lettic. For women, it's Helen Gillus who holds high average and high triple, with high single going to Eleanor Gadilauskas.

CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS: Father Janiunas' television Mass on Jan. 12 in Boston was perfectly lovely. His sermon was praised by Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians alike. Lithuanian hymns

The members of the Supreme Council and the "Vytis" staff extend their sympathies to Dianne Beletsky Daniels and the Daniels Family on the death of her husband, Edward A. Daniels.

sung by South Boston's St. Peter's choir added much to the "Lietuviška dvasia". Those of us in the "home" congregation spotted the following from C-26: Anne Bender, Anne Bucinskas, Mary Jankowski, Rita Pinkus, Eddie and Dianne Daniels, Val Baziliauskas, Helen Gillus, Allen Grigonis and Charles Grigaitis. Especially charming in their Lithuanian national attire were Wanda Pajeda, Dana Paulukonis, and Nijolė Vidūnas.

At the Supreme Council meeting in Boston on January 12, Mary Jankowski was appointed Lithuanian Cultural Chairman. Mary's interest in Lithuanian culture, not to mention her past performances in the same, certainly qualified her for this chairmanship.

Congratulations to Bill Karrytais, new Commander of the Lithuanian War Veterans Organization.

We'll advise names when they are available, but for the present we'd like all to know that our council participated wholeheartedly in the February 16th observance of Lithuania's Independence. "Dievui ir Tėvynei" remains steadfast in our minds! Lithuania's cause is most certainly our cause! The Worcester Area Lithuanians join together each year, giving every organization an opportunity to participate in this annual commemoration and it seems that each organization does participate, each in its special manner. The youth commemoration was due to be conducted in St. Casimir's Hall. However, due to church renovations, the hall is being used as a temporary chapel. Therefore, the event took place at Father Tamulevicius' church, Our Lady of Vilna, again this year.

DATES TO REMEMBER: The Rūta Ensemble of New Jersey will visit C-26 with a concert on April 12 at Holy Name of Jesus Auditorium. Charles Grigaitis, Chairman, and Mary Jankowski, co-

chairman, are making lovely plans, with the aid of Anne Bender, Frances Grigas, Val Baziliauskas, Francis Glodas, Wanda Pajeda, Edmund Grigaitis and Allen Grigonis. The Spring Dance will take place at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury on May 9th. Jack Mattrick is chairman. We're planning to attend the NED Convention to be held in Westfield, Mass. in April.

Yes, the basic demand for activity in our council certainly remains strong. Let's all, as faithful K of L'ers, support these activities with an equally strong response!

"This is February 3, 1969. We have just learned the heartbreaking news that our dear and loyal friend, Edward A. Daniels, passed away this morning, having been stricken at work. Eddie's list of activities in Catholic-Lithuanian action is limitless. We all knew him and all loved him, and we of Council 26 with our Spiritual Director, Father Steponaitis, deeply mourn his loss.

To Eddie's wife, Dianne (Beletsky) Daniels, his mother and his sisters, we offer our thoughts and prayers with deepest sympathy. Eternal rest grant him, O Lord."



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DETROIT, MICH., C-79 SOFFI

With Old Man Winter giving us an old-fashioned clobbering for our first meeting of the new year, on Jan. 8, the meeting was cancelled and the installation of officers was postponed to Feb. 5 meeting. However, January was not all disappointment, as on Jan. 30 was the date chosen by Fr. Kundrat to read an official announcement from the Archdiocese of Detroit to the members of the new church committee, notifying that a new site has been chosen for the re-establishment of the Church of Divine Providence. The new church, carrying Lithuanian status, will be built on Nine Mile and Beech Daly road. Sounds

like a lot of work in store for us.

Again, Santa's "Pack of Gifts" held many exciting goodies for the 10th annual Children's Christmas party at Divine Providence hall, Dec. 15. One of the members, Frank Petroski, (we hardly couldn't tell because of the wonderful makeup) donned the red suit to become Santa. Owing to the flu bug there were less youngsters attending the party, but the boxes of goodies that were left over were donated in good cause to the Methodist Children's Home Society. Chairman Joe Chaps and his great committee deserve a heap of thanks.

This year C-79 celebrates its tenth anniversary. In appropos, St. Casimir's Day was an occasion for a double observance hosted by C-79, on March 2, at Divine Providence church. Also, on hand were C-102 and C-139.

Our council's beginning was tuned in when a synopsis relative to the reactivation of C-79 in the fall of 1958 resulting from a suggestion made by Robert Boris of C-102. A small nucleus of prospective members met at an initial meeting at Divine Providence parish basement, followed by several preliminary meetings to determine an executive board and

committee heads. As a result, Anthony Dainus emerged as its first president who stepped in at a time when the council was reactivating its structure and methods of operating as an enabling organization.

It was decided that all membership would begin on Jan. 7, 1959 and that all who made applications by that date would be considered re-chartered members.

In its short life upon reactivation, C-79 had one major project to its credit; co-sponsoring with C-102 of St. Anthony's the National K of L convention in Detroit, in August of 1959, which emerged as a hospitable, social and constructive assemblage.

The organization in 1960, under the leadership of president Frank Zager, spawned the highly active social action group headed by Social Chairman, Frank Petroski, who was able to project and actualize programs that would keep members interested actively and even attract new people into the council.

An advocate of good policy, Frank Zager introduced an establishment of the by-laws for our council, carried out by Bill Walls and John Dargis; a Social Hour was initiated following our monthly

meetings which swelled our membership attendance to 80-90 members, and a youth activity was promoted which would fill a void that existed in the Lithuanian community for young people.

As a result, Jos. Kazlauskas organized a Junior Council, of which he became counselor, and the juniors group flourished with many activities. Joe also chaired four Junior Youth Camps at Dainava, in Manchester, Mich., sponsored by the Mid-Central District of the K of L.

In the field of guiding our older members, Ann Valatka was instrumental in forming a Golden Age Club, sponsored by C-79. It is now self-functioning with an about 180 membership, and any senior of Lithuanian descent is eligible to belong.

Receiving general compliance in another field was the Lithuanian Affairs, headed by late Edward Martin who received a 100-year award for writing approximately 500 letters in one year to congressmen, newspapers, radio stations and other news media for the Lithuanian cause. Letters were also being written by other members of our council and very much responded by respective notables.

Fundamental commitment on



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RT. REV. MONSIGNOR MICHAEL
G. KEMEZIS

The Monsignor, who reorganized Council 52, Elizabeth, N.J., in 1937 and was a staunch supporter of the Knights of Lithuania, died on January 3, 1969.

Msgr. Kemezis' accomplishments as pastor of the Elizabeth church for more than 15 years included establishment of the Miraculous Medal Novena, renovation and refurbishing of the church, repair of the convent and remodeling of the parish hall.

A High Requiem Mass was celebrated by representatives of all Lithuanian parishes in the archdioceses of Newark and New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Msgr. Kemezis was born in Newark and was graduated from Kearny High School. He received bachelor and master of arts degrees from Seton Hall University, South Orange.

After theological training at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, he was ordained June 10, 1933, by the late Archbishop

Thomas J. Walsh of Newark.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Paterson. In 1935, Msgr. Kemezis was transferred to St. Peter and St. Paul's in Newark. He remained here as an assistant pastor until 1939.

He then was administrator of St. Ann's Church, Jersey City, until 1941, when he was named pastor of St. Michael's Church, Bayonne.

Msgr. Kemezis was appointed to the Elizabeth pastorate on June 28, 1953, succeeding the late Rev. Joseph Simonaitis.

He was elevated to the domestic prelate in 1959 by the late Pope John XXIII. In the summer of 1963, he enjoyed a private audience with Pope Paul VI.

The prelate formerly taught the Lithuanian language at Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary.

Msgr. Kemezis will be fondly remembered by the Knights of Lithuania.

MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2/12/69

| C# | City | % Pd | 8/68 | 2/69 |
|-----|------------------|------|------|------|
| 3 | Philadelphia | 78% | 45 | 35 |
| 7 | Waterbury | 51% | 105 | 54 |
| 10 | Athol | 67% | 21 | 14 |
| 14 | Cicero | 44% | 9 | 4 |
| 17 | So. Boston | 42% | 43 | 18 |
| 18 | Cambridge | -- | 0 | 1 |
| 26 | Worcester | 46% | 113 | 52 |
| 27 | Norwood | 50% | 4 | 2 |
| 29 | Newark | 31% | 102 | 32 |
| 30 | Westfield | 61% | 28 | 17 |
| 36 | Chicago | 35% | 71 | 25 |
| 61 | Paterson | 50% | 4 | 2 |
| 79 | Detroit | 54% | 213 | 116 |
| 96 | Dayton | 57% | 87 | 50 |
| 100 | Amsterdam | 109% | 35 | 38 |
| 102 | Detroit | 58% | 38 | 22 |
| 109 | Great Neck | 70% | 20 | 14 |
| 112 | Chicago | 70% | 169 | 118 |
| 116 | So. Worcester | 42% | 50 | 21 |
| 134 | Cincinnati | 57% | 21 | 12 |
| 135 | Ansonia | 60% | 52 | 31 |
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| | Pittsburgh Srs. | 100% | 2 | 2 |
| | Cleveland Srs. | 108% | 37 | 40 |
| | New York Srs. | 76% | 21 | 16 |
| | Youngstown Srs. | 82% | 17 | 14 |
| | Los Angeles Srs. | 91% | 22 | 20 |

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1969 DUES?

The council level was the establishment of a Cultural, Educational and Religious Fund, insuring the organization of the need of creative accomplishments.

As the years passed the membership grew from the "first-few" at their initial meeting to 200 - plus. Instrumental in the growth of the council was Jos. Chaps, a fourth-degree member who was awarded a membership trophy at the '68 national convention in Philadelphia, as well as being presented other awards during the span of these years.

Another important achievement in the council, for those with literary inclinations was the establishment of a newsletter, the "Patter" to improve communication of members within the council, under the editorship of Gerry and Joe Chaps; and Sophie Zager as the "Vytis" correspondent.

Other notable activities for the

council were K of L Communion Sundays; pilgrimages to Carey, Ohio; St. Casimir's Festivity; Father Kundrat's Silver Jubilee; Family Day Picnics; Children's Christmas parties; New Year's Eve parties; Pre-lenten dinner; Bowling and District conventions, and among our recent major activity to develop plans for building of the Divine Providence parish due to the Jeffries Freeway. It is too numerous to mention all of our activities and all the countless, wonderful members who worked so hard to make our council BIG. All we can say is - MANY, MANY THANKS!

Soffi Snooping: For some folks the first day of the work week is Blue Monday, but Dec. 16 was a red letter day for Frank Zager when he started his 36th year in the Ford Motor Co. To commemorate his 35 years of service he was presented with an engraved, gold

watch . . . Patricia Bandza is enjoying the fun and sun (how we envy her), in Mesa, Arizona, visiting with her niece, Adele and Vince Strigas... Don't know if anyone is happier than Dorothe Martin these days - an announcement by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milius of Montreal that they'll make Dorothe a grandma next summer . . . It's a new grandson for the Patockis - Louis Joseph Clement. Very nice, Gramps, Clem. . . Congratulations to David William, son of Mrs. Eliz. Paurazas, upon his engagement to Marsha Melchier. They'll tie "the knot" on April 25 . . . We were sorry to learn of the death of Vicki Chepelonis' sister, Joan. May the good Lord grant her eternal rest... They Byvilles are counting those days when they'll be reunited with son, William, who has been on duty in Vietnam. He enjoyed an R and R in Australia prior to the holidays. God's speed to Will in bringing him home safely.

Guiding the council in the new year of activity is two-term (1960-1962) president - Frank Zager. Other new officers include Vice presidents Sophie Zager and Violet Panavas; rec. sec'y. - Maggie Smailis; fin. sec'y. - Jos. Chaps; treas. - Leon Galinskas and trustees - Emil Byville, Frank Petroski and Bill Walls. Serving on the board are A. Calvin, V. Chepelonis, E. Mickey, J. Salinas, A. Vale and A. Zilvitis. We wish our officers success and we can achieve much by giving them our fullest cooperation. Let us all go "Forward Together".

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 FBP

C-96 greeted the New Year activities in with its annual Dinner/Election of Officers Night on Jan. 11. As in the past, the dinner was held at the Holiday Inn Motel. This year the committee had a buffet set up for the members and no one but NO one went home hungry! The committee, consisting of Mary Lucas, Joe and Ada Sinkwitz, Charles and Sarah Petkus, must be thanked for the delightful Cocktail Hour that took place before the dinner. The snacks were delicious! Especially the 'spirgučiai'!

Elected for our 1969 board were the following: Spiritual Director - Father Titus Narbutas; Pres. - Jo-

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Joseph Noreikas; V-P in charge of members - Charles Petkus; V-P in charge of Juniors - Stanley Vaitkus; Rec. Sec'y - Irene Veigel; Fin. Sec'y. - Frances Mikalauskas; Treas. - Sally Miller; Trustees - Ada Sinkwitz and Mike Petkus; Sgt-at-arms - Stanley Kavy; "Vytis" Corres. - Fran Petkus; Social Chairmen - Mary Lucas and John Veigel; Religious - Pat Zelinkas; Ritual - Stan Vaitkus; Lithuanian Affairs - Frank Gudelis; Cultural - Mary Lucas; Condolence - Eleanor Mantz and Maxine Bakanauskas; "Sarysis" Representatives - Joe Gecas and Joe Cernevicus; Sports - Sam Bakanauskas, Joe Mantz, John Veigel; Telephone Squad - Ida Kavy; Photographer - George Mikalauskas.

Our officers for the 1968 term were thanked for all they did to help the council progress in the past year. The 1969 officers were bestowed with 'lots-of-luck' wishes!

A standing ovation was given to Frank Gudelis for the great and steady job he did as council treasurer for the past twenty years or better. Mary Lucas was surprised with a gift from the council as a 'thank you' for the many times her home was opened to council social activities. In spite of all the help Joe Sinkwitz received for his car's burning motor Joe had to leave the car at the motel for the night!

With it being hard to pin the members down to a weekly bowling league, Charlie Petkus had organized a monthly get-together bowling night. We meet the third Friday of the month. Sarah Petkus volunteered to plan a light supper/social at the church hall after each bowling session. Now we not only have the suspense each month what our scores will be but also what Sarah had in store for us! Oh! Highest bowler so far is our fifteen year old Junior K of L'er John Berczelly.

Our religious discussion group has taken hold fairly well the past two years. Pat Zelinkas who was in charge last year set her sessions most successfully in various members homes. This year she started us off with the first one on Feb. 14 at the Beth Abraham Temple! We witnessed a Bar Mitzvah.

Feb. 16th, Father Titus' plans materialized and we celebrated the annual occasion commemorating Lithuania's Independence. A Lithuanian Mass was held at 2 P.M. The program started at 3 P.M. with Dr. Algirdas Nasvytis as guest speaker.

In conjunction with the Juniors and our youth in the parish a Youth Choir will be started under the directions of Elinor Sluzas.

ODDS and ENDS... With mini skirts the latest for the 'in crowd' our own Frank Ambrose at 6'4" and 240 plus has fallen in style with his mini car. As a result in winning money from a local radio station recently, Alice Petkus will be adding a shrine to "Our Sorrowful Mother" in her back yard. Very belated congratulations go out to our Syracuse members Frank and Irene Petrauskas! They are tied with John and Anita Goldick with seven future Juniors in their home. John and Anita have four boys and three girls while Frank and Irene have six girls and one boy! A big welcome to our newest members Jerry and Marianne Podoyak. Many happy years to come with C-96.

Eloise Berczelly's theme song lately is "Color Me Black and Blue"! Some of our members - Frank Ambrose, Elinor Sluzas, Ann Scott, Louie and Kitty Prasmantas, Stan Vaitkus, Mike Petkus, and Stan Kavy had a write-up in one of our local papers recently when the newspaper ran a series on ethnic groups in Dayton. Although we were proud to read of our Lithuanian activities it would have been much better had we

written the article ourselves... Our newest council grandparents are Joe and Amelia August! Joe Noreikas, our president, was a very nervous father-of-the-bride on Jan. 31 when he escorted his daughter Candy down the aisle. Bea was the proud mother! Knights who attended the wedding had a very good time. Stan and Ida Kavy were proud parents-of-the-groom on Dec. 28. Maryann Blum, in trying to hide from the Avon lady, is now sporting a big black and blue eye!

Our sympathies go to Pete Kelecius' family. Pete died on Jan. 15 as a result of a fire in our church basement. The church received only smoke damage. Belated sympathies go to Fran Petkus and her family on the loss of her mother on Dec. 23. Get well wishes go out to Father Leon Praspalius.

January birthday greetings go out to Joe Gecas, Jerry Podoyak, Mary Miller, Mike J. Petkus Sr., Elizabeth Scott, Charles Vangas, Jim Richey, John Berczelly, and Paulette Petkus. February birthday wishes to Ann Boeke, Bill Knoeffle, Leo Mayauskas, John Petkus, Pat Zelinkas and Sarah Petkus. January anniversary congratulations go to Joe and Amelia August, Felix and Helen Goldick, John and Anita Goldick, Henry and Laretta Pant, Ray and Mildred Steinbrunner. February anniversary congratulations are sent to Sam and Maxine Bakanauskas, Louie and Kitty Prasmantas, Jim Phyllis Richey, Joe and Ann Boeke.

Closing out a fairly active '68 - two Family Picnics, Annual Lithuanian Day Picnic, Hosting a District Convention, a most successful pillowcase party, donating to various charities at the end of our fiscal year, two successful dances, seeing our Juniors off to Camp Dainava, etc., we are all looking forward to an active '69!