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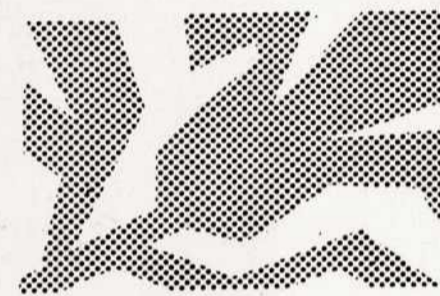
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ŠIMTAS METELIU

SENELIS

Kaip gražu ir garbinga, kad mes vyčių organizacijos nariai, dar vis nepamirštame tų mūsų pirmūnų-vadų, svarbiausiai savo mielos organizacijos vyriausio kūrėjo, pirmiausio jos pirmininko-prezidento a.a. Mykolo Norkūno, didžiojo jaunimo žadintojo. Jo vytiška dvasia, mūsų tėvynės Lietuvos ir katalikų bažnyčios meilė, mums, o gal ir visai mūsų senajai išeivijai primena, kad gruodžio 1 d., 1869 m. sukaks šimtas metų nuo Mykolo Norkūno gimtadienio, kada jaunutis Norkūniukas išvydo skaisčią saulutę ir neužilgo išgirdo: "Sveikas Jėzau mažiausias," tai gal šiam mūsų tėvynės Lietuvos sūniui, Aukščiausias Visagalis Dievas ir suteikė tą stiprybę ir ištvermę - savęs pamiršimą ir įdiegė pasiaukojimo dvasią savo tautai ir jaunimo žadiniui, vienijimui ir sielojimuisi lietuvybe ir jos idealais.

Didžiosios ir mažosios tautos, aukštai gerbia savo didžiuosius vadus, karius, dėl jų pasiaukojimo savo tėvynei, broliams ir sesėms. Prie tų herojų savo tautai ir jos idealams mes galime priskirti a.a. Mykolą Norkūną. Jis nuo 1869 m. savo jaunystės dieneles leido ne kur kitur, bet Lietuvoje, Dzūkijos gražiame kampelyje. Savo tėvelių priežiūroje išaugo dideliu lietuviu, Vytauto ainiu, bet ne Lietuvos priešų garbintoju bei jų tarnu. Jaunas Mykoliukas, nujausdamas, kad jam reikės rusų caro kariu būti, iškeliavo į laisvės šalį - Ameriką ir apsigyveno Lawrence, Mass. Čia daugiausiai vertėsi savo rankų darbais, dirbdamas įvairios rūšies ženklelius, Lietuvos trispalves ir savo mylimu darbeliu - knygų tvarkymu.

A.a. Mykolas Norkūnas pirmuose dviejuose vyčių seimuose buvo išrinktas centro pirm. Pirmutiniais dvasios vadais buvo kun. Jasaitis ir kun. F. Kemėšis. Tai vyčių širdys, kurios ir nūnai tebeplaka. Nors ne šių didžiūnų širdys, bet jų įpėdinių, nes štai kokie žodžiai suskambėjo antrajame seime: "Greičiau akmuo supus, vanduo sudegs, saulė atšals, negu Kristaus mokslas žus. Vyčiai kovokime, su alkoholiu, nes jis pražudė Lietuvos galią ir savyvaldą. Broliai, sesės, lai mūsų kongresų protokoluose ir laikraščiuose šviečia: santaika, santaika, santaika! Tautos meilė mumyse težydi, tautiški darbai tešviečia! Viskas Lietuvai, Lietuva gi Kristui!" Taigi, ne tik šie žodžiai kėlė visų mintis ir žadino jų širdis prie Dievo, savo tautos ir organizacijos meilės, veikimo ir puoselėjimo, bet šiame antrame visuotiname seime peržiūrėdami Mykolo Norkūno didelius pasiaukojimus naujai organizuojamai tuo metu jaunimo organizacijai, be atidėliojimo pakėlė ją į garbės narius. Garbės narystė buvo suteikta jam jau antrame suvažiavime, kaip nė vienam kitam nariui.

A. a. Mykolas Norkūnas, ir gilesnio amžiaus būdamas, lazdele pasiramsčiuodamas, visada dar dalyvaudavo vyčių tarpe, su jais pasikalbėdavo organizacijos reikalais, paklausinėdavo apie kuopų veiklą. Ypatingai baltagalvis senelis dalyvaudavo savo mielos organizacijos visuotiniuose seimuose. Juose, kiek galėdamas klausinėjo pirmūnus ir vadus apie kuopų skaitlingumą ir jų veiklą. Išgirdęs iš delegatų kokių nusiskundimų dėl nesutarimų kuopos narių tarpe arba kurios kuopos susilpnėjimo, nusimindavo, bet po valandėles nusiminimo išraiška jo veide dingdavo ir jis vėl grįždavo prie tų delegatų su gailinančiu pasiryžimo žodžiu, ragindamas juos į didesnę vytišką darbą. Sugrįžęs iš seimų, jis rašydavo pirmūnams ugingus ir pilnus vytiškos dvasios laiškus. Štai kaip tie laišakai skambėdavo: "Labai džiaugiuose, kad ta ar kita kuopa ir vėl pradeda triumfuoti. Gerai prisimenu, kada ji buvo viena iš pavizdingiausių kp. organizacijoje, bet labai buvo liūdna, kada audra taip skaudžiai sužalojo. Įtamstos laišką pilną atsakymą man jau per sunku duoti, belaukiant 80-to gimtadienio, bet mano viltis, nepaisant audrų - dar galima sudaryti bei išauginti kuopą, panašiai kaip ji buvo didžiausia ir veikliausia visjoje organizacijoje". Toliau vyčių tėvas šiaip prabyla: "Linkiu tamstai ištvermingai arti savo tautos ir bažnyčios dirvą ir gausiu prakaitu ją laistyti."

A.a. Mykolas Norkūnas tokiomis žodžiais prabilavo dar tebebūdamas 63 m. Kaip jau pirmesniame savo aprašyme apie jo 15 metų mirties sukaktuves esu pastebėjęs, velionis tokio turinio laiškus rašydavo iki paskutinių gyvenimo dienelių. Nors gaila čia prisiminti, kad a.a. Mykolas Norkūnas buvo pajėgus iki gilaus amželio, tik buvo netekęs klausos, nes tą visi galėjome pastebėti seimuose.

Dabar norisi kiek prabilti į nūdieninę centro valdybą ir visą mūsų mielą organizaciją, kad šiais metais visuotiniame seime ir ypatingai balandžio mėnesį, mes kuo iškilmingiau prisimintume savo



Lietuvos Vyčių steigiamasis seimas 1913 m.

organizacijos steigėją a.a. Mykolą Norkūną, jo 100 metų gimtadienio ir 18 metų mirties sukaktuvių proga. Kitaip galime sulaukti pažeminimo ir apgalvestavimo.

Taip pat koku nors būdu turėtume prisiminti ir šiuos organizacijos tėvus: kun. dr. F. Kemėšį, dr. K. Pakštą, dr. A. Pačkę, kun. dr. M. Gustaitį, kun. A. Kaupą, St. Bugavičių, komp. prof. Al. Aleksį ir lietuvių spaudos artoją Leonardą Šimutį.

Gal būtų įspūdingiausia, jei atnaujintume savo padarytus pažadus prie a.a. Mykolo Norkūno kapo: "Brangus Tėve, mes Lietuvos Vyčiai, Tavo garbingos organizacijos nariai, pasižadame iki mirties pasilikti uoliais katalikais ir gerais lietuviais, ugdy-

ti savyje lietuvišką dvasią, branginti, mylėti ir vis daugiau ir daugiau vartoti lietuvių kalbą, lietuvišką dainą bei užlaikyti lietuviškus papročius po visą Ameriką. Mes pasirūpiname niekuomet neišsižadėti mums taip brangių lietuviybės principų."

"Brangus Tėve, pareikšdami šiuos pažadus prie Tavo kapo, mes neabejojame, kad Dievui padedant, juos ištikimai išpildysime."

Šis pažadas turėtų būti atmintinas kiekviename visuotiname seime ir apskričių sėmeliuose, o gal kuopuose ir senjorų skyriuose. Gal tuomet mes daugiau sustiprėtume lietuviškame žodyje, paliktume daugiau lietuviškų pavardžių ir giliau įsigyventume tiesos žodyje, meilėje ir vytiškoje dvasioje.

FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

Dr. Phyllis Cimics of Keene, N.W., is the daughter of the late Mykolas Norkunas. The following is the address Dr. Cimics delivered to the Convention delegates attending the 55th National Convention.

Mr. Chairman, Madam Chairman, Mr. President,
Rev. Clergy, Knights of Lithuania, and
FRIENDS OF MY FATHER

I feel very proud and honored to speak to you today - and I know how very proud my father - Mykolas Norkunas must be - to see all of you - his Knights of Lithuania - gathered in friendship at this convention.

In a way - this organization is my GIANT TWIN. We were conceived the same year - and formally came into existence the following year. As I've grown older - I've watched with great interest - and pride - the development of this gigantic organization. Ladies and Gentlemen - from what I've seen - you certainly should be proud that you are KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA. I know my father must be very - very proud of you.

In behalf of my family and myself, I wish to thank Mr. Boley for his sincere interest - so nobly and faithfully maintained - to the memory of my father.

Since the death of my father 17 years ago - we exchanged Holiday Greetings and occasionally spoke on the phone about matters pertaining to my father - but it wasn't until last month that I had the privilege of meeting this gentleman in person.

We arranged to meet at the St. Francis Rectory in Lawrence, Mass., where with Father Shakalis we discussed my father's 100th Birthday Anniversary. As a direct result of this meeting - I decided to write my book. It is biographical in nature.

I wish to show how my father's initiative - creativity - and courage - enabled him to work tirelessly - for the creation of this great institution you represent.

I wish to perpetuate the memory of a Great Man - one who in his own right was a legend to the Lithuanian people - Lithuanian culture - and the Knights of Lithuania in particular.



HE LIVED - HE WORKED - HE DIED - for you.

His life was a living example of the Knights of Lithuania motto: - "For God and Country - and all for Lithuania - and Lithuania for Christ".

He, truly, was a noble Knight of Lithuania - so perfectly depicted in your symbolic pin - which he himself designed, - "an Equestrian Knight, extending his sword."

To emphasize the last chapter of your latest K of L history, I quote: - "The first chapter of the Knights of Lithuania is closed. Within its pages are recorded many glorious deeds - and sacrifices - that have resounded in the history of this nation's Lithuanian people, - especially it's youth. Now they must work as hard and diligently as their forebears." End of quote.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this aspect of his life is well known - and I trust you will adequately perpetuate it. - It is your moral obligation to him. - God knows, this much, you owe him. - He left you a Great Heritage - yours is to cherish it.

When a great man does great things - and then dies - those of us remaining behind tend to diefy

him - so much so - that his tremendous contributions and personal qualities, become things which are somehow naturally expected.

For this reason I wish to use my forthcoming book - to show the other side of Mykolas Norkunas. - Mykolas Norkunas the man - a man who never smoked - a man who never drank - a man who never cursed.

My book will be different - very - very different. It will point out: -

- his virtues and his shortcomings.
- his joys and his sorrows.
- his success and his failures.
- his triumphs and his losses.
- his victories and his defeats.
- his noble memories for you -
- his humble memories for us.

My book will be informative and illuminating - inspiring and revealing - heart warming and heart breaking.

I wish to use my book to reveal for the first time - the first - unsung Hero of the Knights of Lithuania - and the first martyr for your cause my mother.

Her tireless efforts - and endless labor in behalf of her husband's organization - made her my father's

greatest inspiration - comfort - source of strength and moral support. The burdens that were imposed on her - and the sacrifices that were required - were beyond human imagination.

- His life's energy, he shared with you
- His final repose in death, he shares with her.

- Mykolas Norkunas- the Founder of the Knights of Lithuania

- Mykolas Norkunas- the Man

- Mykolas Norkunas- the husband and father

- This is the man I wish to immortalize -
- This is the man whose memory we honor -
- THIS - IS - MY - FATHER.

Ladies and Gentlemen, - since this is the first time any member of my family ever appeared before you in this capacity - would you kindly grant me the courtesy of singing one chorus of your Knights of Lithuania anthem - as an honorary tribute to my father - and my mother.

Professor Aleksis, a very dear friend of my father and the composer of this musical composition is here and I ask him to accompany you. Thank You.

FATHER OF THE K of L



Lietuvos Vyčių vėliava

April 27th is officially designated as KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDERS DAY. On that day, 56 years ago, our organization formally came into being. This 100th Birthday anniversary of our founding member, Mykolas Norkunas, is a most appropriate time to reprint an article written by Janet E. Swedis on the occasion of the K of L Golden Jubilee Year.

In this Golden Jubilee year, members of the Knights of Lithuania pause during April, Founders' Month, to consider why their organization was established and to remember in a special way the man who founded this union of Catholic-Lithuanian youth in America. The Knights of Lithuania constitution states that the purpose of the K of L is to foster "adherence to Catholic philosophy and precepts, furthering among its members a deeper understanding and more zealous practice of the Catholic Faith" and "the encouragement among youth of an attachment to the land of their fathers - Lithuania - and an affection for the Lithuanian language and customs." Mykolas Norkunas was the one who saw the need for a society to provide an opportunity for the youth to fulfill these aims.

Throughout her history Lithuania has ever fought to maintain loyalty to her own culture. In the Middle Ages her Knights carried on the battle against the other peoples of Europe who strove to make her abandon Lithuanian ways. In America the struggle was not against force but against that absorption



Vyčių steigėjo M. Norkūno paminklas, vyčių aukomis pastatytas Saldžiausios Širdies kapinėse, Lawrence, Mass.

of each culture into the American "melting pot." When Mykolas A. Norkunas came to the United States in 1892 and settled in Brockton, Mass., he recognized, by means of his connections with Lithuanians and various societies throughout the nation, the great need for an organization to unite the Lithuanian youth with their precious heritage. His work, especially in the years 1910 to 1912, resulted in the presentation of plans for a society to bring young Catholic Lithuanians together "For God and Country."

Originally, the name of this new society was LIETUVOS SAKALAI; but at the Federation Congress in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1913 Fr. A. Kaunas suggested its present name, and LIETUVOS VYČIAI was promptly accepted. When the matter of a title was settled, Prof. A. Alexis of Waterbury, Conn., organist at St. Joseph's Church, composed the official hymn for the Knights.

St. Francis' Church Hall in Lawrence, Mass., was the site of the first, constitutional convention on April 24, 1913. This date on which the by-laws were prepared by Norkunas, Fr. Kaupas, and Stephen Bugnaitis of Worcester, Mass., is now remembered as "Organization Day." Later this same year the first national convention was held in Brockton, Mass.; Mykolas Norkunas was elected national President and served in that capacity through 1915.

The Lithuanian language, customs, and history received constant emphasis in all Norkunas' talks and writings. As the preservation of this heritage was uppermost in his mind in 1913, it is most understandable that he should have felt very strongly concerning the need for continual stress of the ingredients of this heritage.

Details received great attention from this dynamic man. Adherence to the many specific details of Lithuanian traditions, as well as correct names, dates, and facts relating to K of L affairs, were of definite importance to him; and he worked continuously to eliminate errors of all kinds.

Norkunas loved the youth and he labored constantly in their behalf. His organization was for youth who would be brought together and drawn to

the same goals. His loyalty to and faith in the ideals of the K of L and in the abilities of the youth who formed its membership were unshakeable. When he criticized, he did so as a father correcting his children, not as one who had abandoned his trust in people and ideals. He criticized and corrected because he was devoted to all the small items making up the whole organization which united the people in America with the customs of Lithuania.

His unflinching dedication to the Knights of Lithuania is displayed in the great variety of tasks he performed in her service. In the beginning days new councils had to be established throughout the country; new members had to be welcomed and encouraged; articles had to be written and speeches given to acquaint others with the purposes of the K of L. Conventions on the national scale entailed an almost overwhelming amount of effort, yet Norkunas was ever part of the work force and never failed to be present at one of these national sessions. Another project was the designing of an official K of L flag. This white banner with a mounted knight placed on a red background was created by Norkunas himself.

With all this activity it would surely seem that Norkunas could not find time to squeeze in the smallest of hobbies. Yet, this energetic man spent many hours making traditional Lithuanian style canes full of knots and the well-loved Lithuanian symbols (His own cane became a symbol of himself to the Knights); many of these canes were given away as gifts. Another extra activity which brought him again to his beloved K of L was the making of the pins, the expense of which he always bore himself, that he so delighted in presenting to members at the national conventions.

Even in his later years when he was bereft of his hearing, and age would have declared a time to slow down, Tėvas Norkūnas put many young people to shame with his dedication to the tasks of the K of L. A council or district to be revived, a convention to be prepared, a history to be written - and many more K of L necessities filled his days until his death on April 1, 1951. He died in the month of the founding of his beloved Knights of Lithuania and is buried in Lawrence, Mass., the city of the constitutional convention which gave birth to his organization.

The passing of Mykolas Norkūnas left the Knights of Lithuania without their most loyal and devoted champion. Henceforth, there would only be the memories of this sprightly, energetic man who strove to establish and maintain the means for the union of Catholic Lithuanian young people in American with the religious and cultural traditions of the land of their fathers. As Tėvas Norkunas himself wrote: "Lithuanian we are born, Lithuanian we must remain."

LIETUVOS

VYČIAI

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OFFICIAL NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

Have you contributed to the CANON FABIJONAS KEMESIS Scholarship Fund? Your donation will make it possible to award a \$1,000.00 scholarship at the 56th National Convention to some deserving Knight. Send your contribution to the Scholarship Treasurer, Joseph Paulukonis, address shown on page 2.

"VYTIS" THANK YOU

We gratefully acknowledge the donations of the Rev. Mykolas Vembrė of Brockton, Mass. and the Rev. Albin Janiunas of South Boston, Mass.

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.

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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.

MEMBERSHIP DUES - 3/12/69

C#	City	% Pd	8/68	3/69
1	Brockton	117%	12	14
3	Philadelphia	78%	45	35
5	Chicago	78%	9	7
6	Hartford	0%	2	0
7	Waterbury	60%	105	63
10	Athol	90%	21	19
12	New York	100%	30	30
13	Chicago	0%	8	0
14	Cicero	56%	9	6
17	So. Boston	53%	43	23
18	Cambridge	0%	-	3
19	Pittsburgh	84%	37	32
25	Cleveland	75%	28	21
26	Worcester	80%	113	90
27	Norwood	50%	4	2
29	Newark	64%	102	65
30	Westfield	100%	28	28
36	Chicago	55%	71	39
41	Brooklyn	0%	43	0
52	Elizabeth	0%	25	0
61	Paterson	100%	4	4
67	Bayonne	60%	5	3
78	Lawrence	0%	13	0
79	Detroit	62%	213	131
90	Kearny	128%	29	37
96	Dayton	87%	87	76
100	Amsterdam	114%	35	40
102	Detroit	63%	38	24
103S	Providence	0%	14	0
109	Great Neck	100%	20	20
111S	Youngstown	82%	17	14
112	Chicago	88%	169	149
113	Linden	0%	19	0
116	So. Worcester	66%	50	33
133	Los Angeles	0%	6	0
134	Cincinnati	76%	21	16
135	Ansonia	79%	52	41
139	Detroit	0%	31	0
	Chicago Seniors	83%	35	29
	Cleveland Seniors	108%	37	40
	Los Angeles Srs.	113%	22	25
	New York Seniors	76%	21	16
	So. Boston Seniors	0%	28	0
	Pittsburgh Seniors	100%	2	2

Have Y O U paid your 1969 Dues?

Convention News

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY - A DAY AT THE JERSEY SHORE...
AND AN EVENING IN "HAWAII"

"BY THE SEA, BY THE SEA . . ."

Coming to New Jersey in summer and not enjoying the Jersey Shore is like going to Rome and not seeing the Popel



New Jersey may well be called the Riviera of America. One hundred and twenty-seven miles of white sand beaches - the matchless glory of the bounding Atlantic Ocean - mile after mile of beautiful boardwalk studded by the finest hotels and amusement centers, truly make the shoreline of New Jersey, summer OR winter, a veritable kingdom of healthful pleasure, amusement and relaxation.

Thus - what better place to enjoy a "sports day" but "down the shore". On Thursday, buses will leave at 10:00 A.M. to transport K of L sun and surf lovers to beautiful Asbury Park, on the Jersey shore of the Atlantic. No formal schedules are planned for the day, so that you may "go native", enjoying amusements, boardwalk refreshments, rides, sun and ocean.

THEN, ON TO "HAWAII - LITHUANIAN STYLE"...

The buses will leave the shore about 4:00 P.M., to return to the hotel in time for you to freshen up, apply some "sun-burn" lotion, and hop another chartered bus for a real "LINKSMAS LIETUVISKAS LUAU", at the Lithuanian Catholic Community Center in Kearny, N.J. Amid leis and "Lithuanian poi", you can enjoy the convention's official "get-together

Buffet and Dance". The L.C.C.C., incidently, was designed by our own K of L member, youthful architect John Nakrosis. The Kearny K of L C-90 members are working hard to provide you a fun-filled night - complete with real Hawaiian entertainment, and dancing to a good "Lithuanian" orchestra.

WHAT ABOUT NEW JERSEY - AMERICA'S OLDEST STATE . . .

The State of New Jersey has a rich heritage in historic sites and famous events. Did you know, for example, that it is two days older than any other state in the Union? And much of New Jersey's history is still preserved.

Throughout the state, there are hundreds of old houses, churches, lighthouses and other mementos of a gloried past. There is the beautiful mansion where Washington made his home for an entire winter, and the very room where he wrote his Farewell Address to the Armies ... there is the colonial village that produced munitions for the Continental Army, and actual places where crucial battles were fought.

Although the 56th National Convention Headquarters are in Newark, Lithuanians exist - and are integral parts of numerous surrounding communities. They too, have contributed to the history and culture of these communities. Perhaps one of the more active Lithuanian communities is Kearny, site of Thursday night's "L.L.L. AT L.C.C.C." KEARNY, U.S.A. ...

The town was named Kearny in 1867 to honor the memory of General Philip Kearny, Major General of United States Volunteers. The General was killed in the battle of Chantilly, Virginia, September 1, 1862. His body was brought back to his home in Kearny where an impressive military funeral was held. For many years his castle, Belle Grove, a reproduction of a French chateau, stood as a Kearny landmark.

Kearny today is an incorporated town with a population of approximately 40,000 and cover an area of 9.33 square miles. It occupies a peninsula bounded by the Hackensack and Passaic Rivers both of which are navigable by ocean-going vessels. The rivers converge in Newark Bay, at Kearny's southermost tip, affording access to New York harbor and the Atlantic Ocean. The towns pleasant, well ordered residential streets, its fines, modern schools, progressive merchants and thriving industries, under a program of constant development, are ample proof of its designation by the Chamber of Commerce as "A Good Place to Live, Work and Shop".

KEARNY - HOME OF COUNCIL # 90

The Town of Kearny was founded in the year of 1867. Today its population is over 40,000. The Lithuanian population, including Harrison and neighboring towns exceed 2,000. In the early 1900's the Lithuanian people began moving into Kearny from Newark, Jersey City, Brooklyn and other communities. Many were from parts of Pennsylvania. With respect to origin, many Lithuanians were aukštaičiai and žemaičiai, but the greater percentage came from Suvalkija and Dzūkija. Kearny attracted the Lithuanians because of its ample building space, rural settings and proximity to the many industries in Harrison and Newark. The first immigrants spent their working hours doing the hardest and grimmest jobs in the factories, but having learned the English language and a trade, they began to improve themselves and earn more money and strove to buy their own homes and fit into the "new world" living.

In 1915 there were approximately 700 Lithuanians in Harrison and 400 in Kearny. They yearned for the privilege to worship God in their own native tongue and accordingly, this little band of hard-working people, under the leadership of Rev. F. Jakstys of the Holy Trinity Parish in Newark, organized an new Lithuanian Roman Catholic Parish in Harrison-Kearny, N.J. True to their love and veneration of the Blessed Virgin the people decided to name their parish "Our Lady of Sorrows Lithuanian R. C. Church". That same year they gathered a little strength and money and purchased a piece of land in Harrison where a wooden house was converted into a Rectory and a small church was constructed in a semi-cellar type building. Until 1955 the Lithuanian people of Kearny and Harrison worshiped in that small church. On March 20, 1955 a new church located on Davis and Bergen Avenues, in Kearny, was dedicated. To the present date and for many years to come, the Lithuanian people will worship here.



In the years between 1915 and today, the members of the parish became more and more active. In February 1929 the property at 6 Davis Avenue was acquired and during the course of years, it became the present Lithuanian Catholic Community Center. In later years, the property at 134 Schuyler Avenue was acquired by the hard-working people of this

community, and the Lithuanian American Political Club came into being. In the meantime, the business-minded men of the community gathered together and formed the Schuyler Savings and Loan Association of Kearny, N.J. which even today handles the money problems of the community.

After the new church came into being, the Knights of Lithuania, C-90 decided that a wayside cross, reminiscent of those commonly seen throughout the Lithuanian countryside, should be erected, and on August 19, 1962, the dedication of our beautiful outdoor Wayside Cross took place. It has become a source of inspiration to the people of the town.



In 1964, the parish announced plans for a new convent and the renovation of a former public school building at Schuyler and Bergen Avenues, Kearny, and on September 9, 1964, Our Lady of Sorrows marked the initial opening of its parish school.

Today, "Our Lady of Sorrows" parish is a thriving spiritual institution, comprising 700 families and a total of some 2300 people. The strength of the parish is increasing through the influx of non-Lithuanian people in parish societies and school. But the Lithuanian influence is, and will remain, strong.

The children too, are active - the school enrollment now has reached 130 and is up to the 7th grade; there is an active C.C.D. program being run for the benefit of the children; the juniors have organized their own organization (KOOLS) the Knights of Our Lady of Sorrows; and not to be forgotten is The active Scouting Program

Organizations yes, but business men and professionals too - from this parish have come priests, nuns, doctors, lawyers, architects, judges, teachers, engineers - many, many educated young people. Kearny Lithuanians have their own councilman, they have a friendly relationship with the governing body in the town, wonderful priests with which to work. N. J. Liths are proud of the Kearny people and of the Lithuanian community there.

(The foregoing information on Kearny was prepared by Eleanor Gelenitis, C-90).

JUNIOR NEWS

Camp DAINAVA

A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Your life is made up of many incidents, acquaintances and experiences. What you believe in, what you learned at home, in school, in church, at work or through your friends, makes you what you are. The friends you meet, the music you have heard, your travels, the places you have visited, the sports, games and social events that you have participated in; the books that you have read, the languages that you know etc., - all these have influenced you and made you what you are.

Thus, this one week at the Dainavos summer camp which was made possible through the sponsorship of the Knights of Lithuania, will have contributed something to your life, to your personality and to your future. You will leave this camp with some sadness, wishfully thinking that you would like to have stayed on a little longer. You will leave this camp a great deal richer in the friends that you have made and the wonderful experience of friendly companionship. You had the fulfillment of a dream. Thus, anything that a boy or girl would want, you had. You heard Mass, went to the sacraments, showed your respect and expressed your loyalty to your

flag and country; you learned something about your Lithuanian ancestry; you learned something about the Knights of Lithuania; you have learned more about God Through instructions and through a closer contact with nature. You were able to swim, fish and hunt for frogs and turtles to your hearts content. You learned some nice hobbies. You had opportunities to play some wonderful games, to display your talents etc.

You had a chance to live in a Lithuanian atmosphere complete with Lithuanian personnel, Lithuanian music. You have learned to love, admire and respect the staff members who were so congenial, and helped to make you feel at home and wanted at the camp.

You will go away from this camp a wealthier person. Of course, you owe a great deal of thanks to your parents for sending you to summer camp. I ask you to remember the Knights of Lithuania and if possible, take an active part in this organization. I ask you to remember us in your prayers and in your correspondence. Remember the chaplain, the camp directress, the counselors, the wonderful sisters, the music director, the kitchen staff and helpers. Finally, do not forget the friends you have made. It is one thing to make friends, but it is far greater and more important to keep your friends.

God bless you.
Father W. Karaveckas
2114 Sarah St. Pittsburgh 3, Pa.
Camp Chaplain - 1961

DAYTON JUNIORS

Election of officers for 1969 took place at our February 15th meeting. The officers are Jon Prasmantas, President; Michael Petkus, Vice President; Sharon Prasmantas, Secretary; Mark Vaitkus, Treasurer; Regina Mikalas, Activities Chairman; and Eddie Sluzas, Sgt-at-Arms.

After the meeting came to a close we had a pizza party. Even though there was a big turnout, there was more than enough pizza and pop for everyone. All had a time and a half.

Five K of L Juniors participated in the program for Lithuanian Independence Day on February 16th. Eddie Sluzas gave a talk; Mary Mikalauskas played the guitar; Linda Petkus, Sharon Prasmantas, and Mark Vaitkus also played their accordions. They all played excep-

tionally well!

Our next event will be the coloring of Easter eggs, "Lithuanian style". I am sure it will be a lot of fun!
Steve Vaitkus



DAYTON JUNIORS 1969 OFFICERS. Pres. Jon Prasmantas, Secy. Sharon Prasmantas, Sgt-at-Arms, Edward Sluzas and Treas. Mark Vaitkus.



MEMBERSHIP CONFRONTATION! PAY DUES ON TIME

Congratulations to the following councils for achieving 100% or more paidup membership:

C- 1 Brockton	C-100 Amsterdam
C-12 New York	C-109 Great Neck
C-30 Westfield	Cleveland Seniors
C-61 Paterson	Los Angeles Seniors
C-90 Kearny	Pittsburgh Seniors

By now every council should be 100% paidup and working toward adding new members to their rosters. Do you realize how fast time has already run out on you? No longer can individuals earn 10 points for everyone they enroll - as of April 1st you can gain only FIVE points for each new or rejoin member. And your council will not be considered as gaining new members, as far as the national membership drive is concerned, until it has achieved 100% paidup status.

Because the drive for new members is based on net membership gains, only those councils that reach that 100% mark can go onward to strive for the membership awards to be given at the next convention. Present standings in dues payments and new enrollments are shown in the membership chart in this issue of the "Vytis." You can tell how your own council is doing compared with other councils of its size.

If you have not paid your dues yet, have you taken the time to become aware that the K of L year is more than half over? Do you know that according to the Knights of Lithuania By-Laws, Article VI, Paragraph 10, you can be suspended from the organization? To quote that article: "A member whose dues are unpaid for three months is suspended." As this is the April issue of "Vytis" we are already well into the fourth month of the year, and non-payers may be subject to suspension. Therefore, you have received this issue of the "Vytis" only because of the courtesy of its staff, as our national journal is sent only to fully paid members.

Furthermore, are you aware that according to our constitution you are eligible for discharge from the organization after six months of being delinquent in your dues payment. Just pay your dues - you will no longer have to worry about suspension, dismissals, or losing your "Vytis" subscription.

Another aspect about dues payments you may not have thought about before is the expense in suspending "Vytis" subscriptions of unpaid members. When dues are unpaid, your name plate must be removed from the "Vytis" mailing list and charges are billed by the printer for that extra service. Again, charges are added to return the name plates when late dues are received. Correction of name plates thus becomes expensive when a number of members fail to pay dues on time, as is the present state of our organization. There is no reason why dues payments should lag behind. It is only reasonable to expect dues payments to be made within the first month or two of the New Year. That point in time, however, was passed more than a couple of months ago. Too many members are failing to pay dues within that reasonable period.

Cooperative efforts toward teamwork in councils must be made to keep them up-to-date in dues payments. In order for the K of L to be a viable organization, every council must enlist the aid of as many members as possible to keep present K of L's enrolled. Who would care to join an organization with members not interested enough to pay dues on time? No one else will promote the K of L unless we stress loyal membership among ourselves.

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:

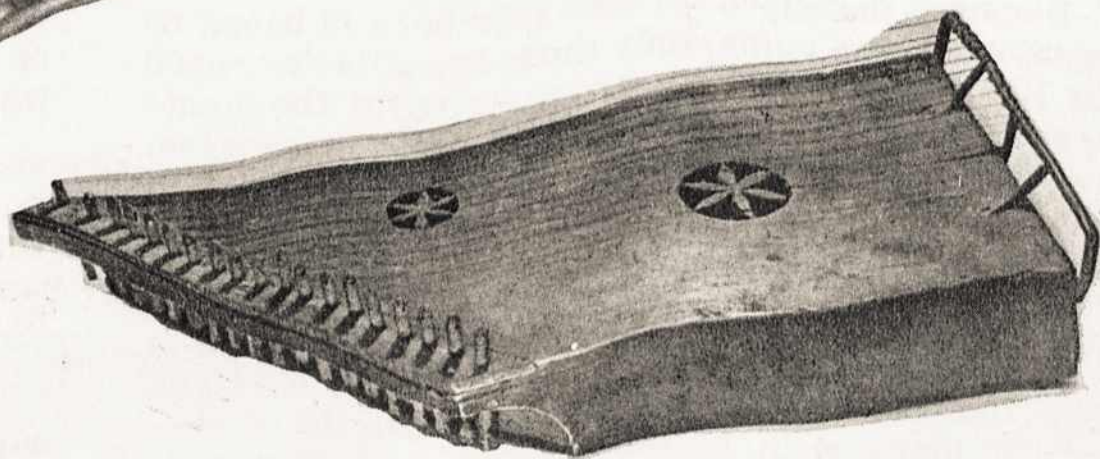
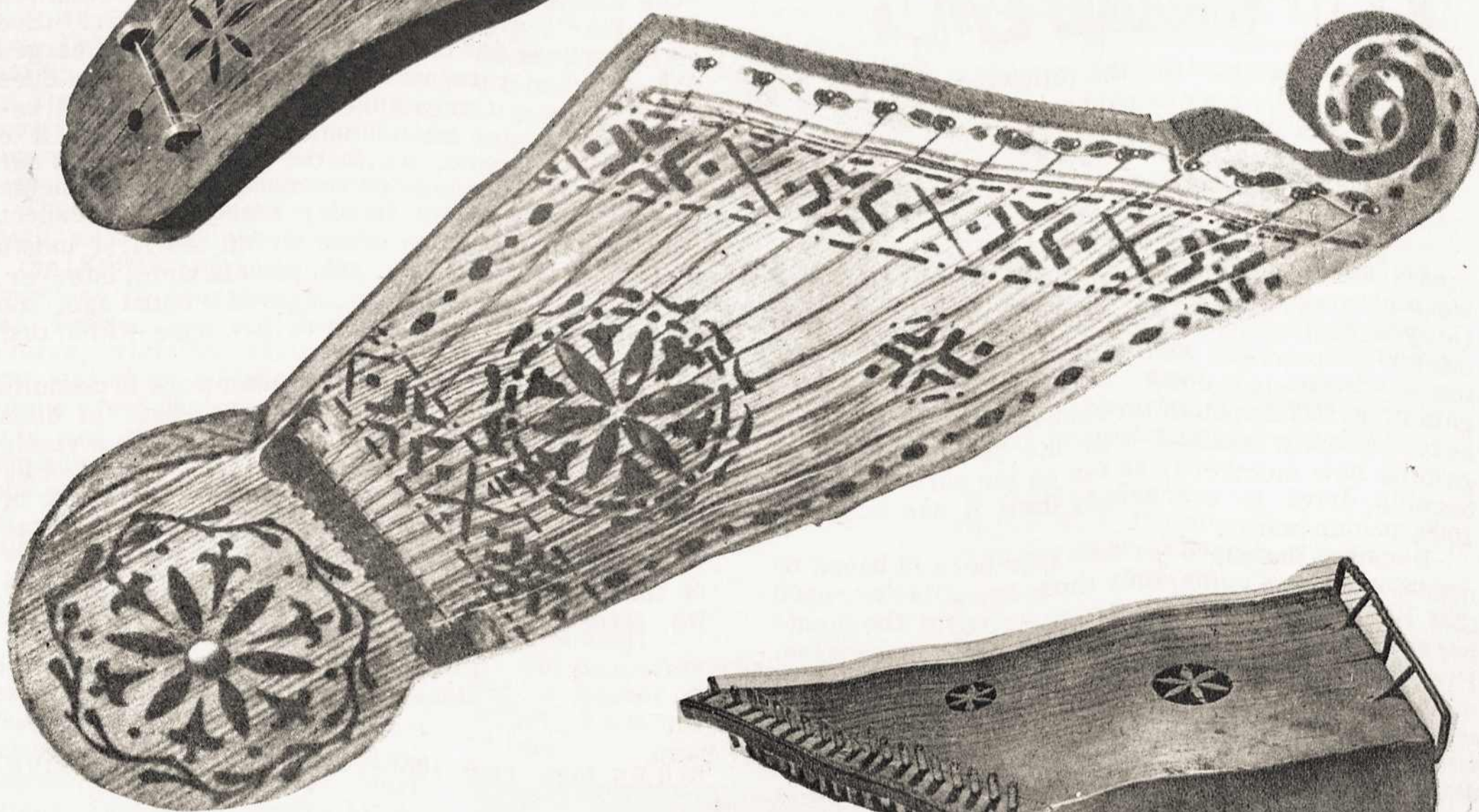
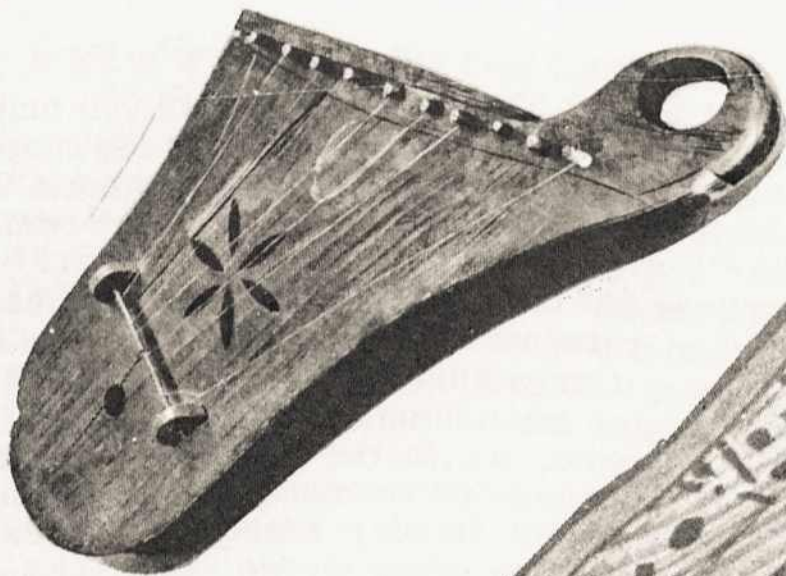
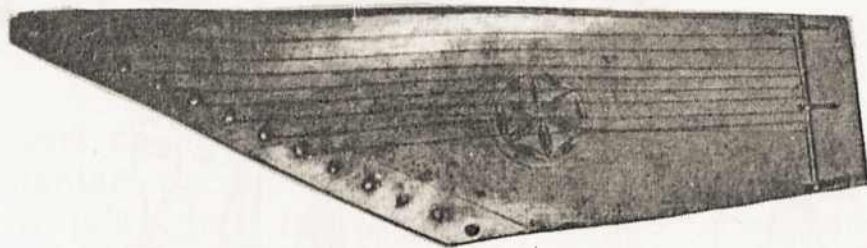
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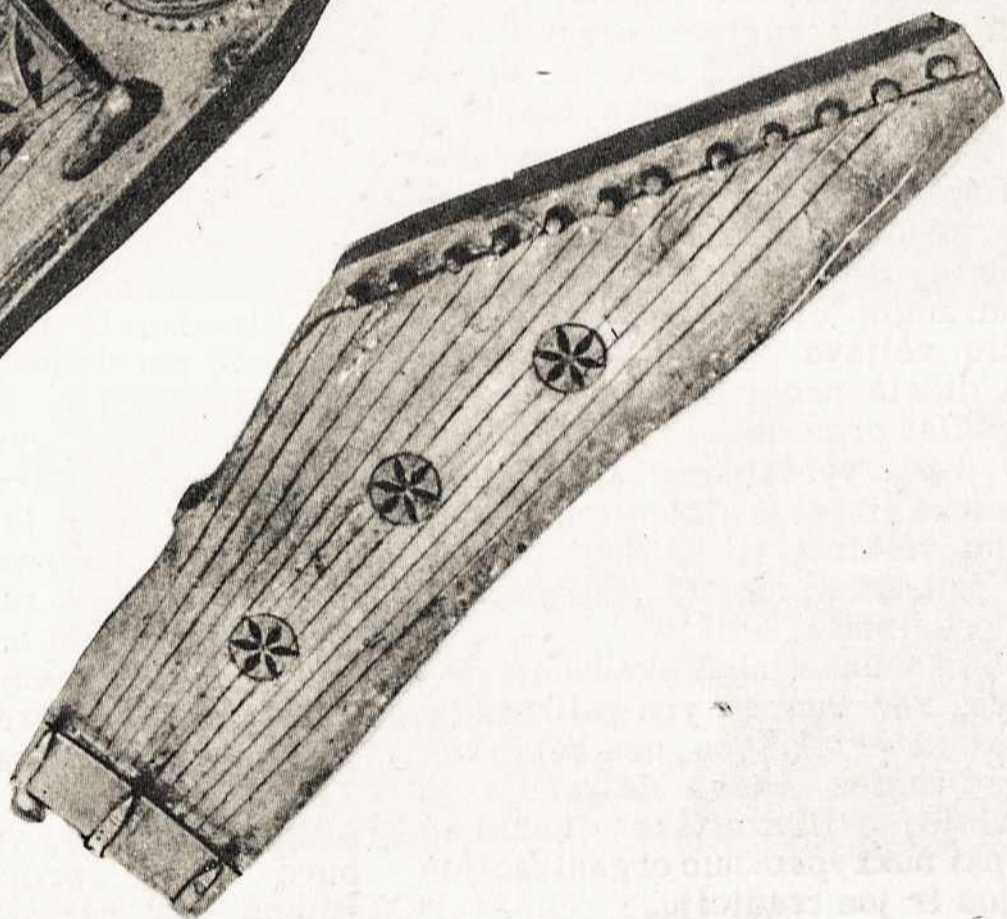
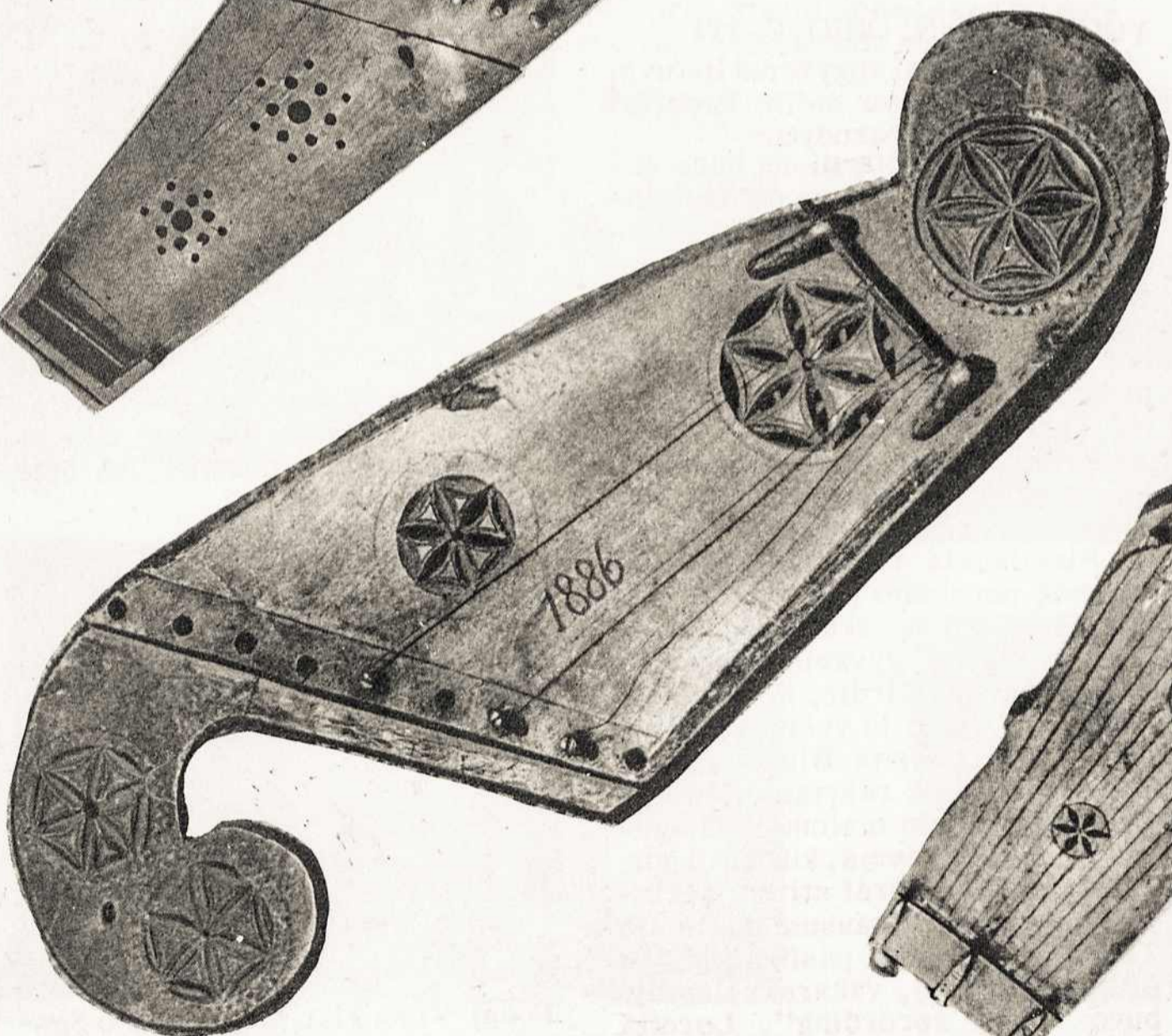
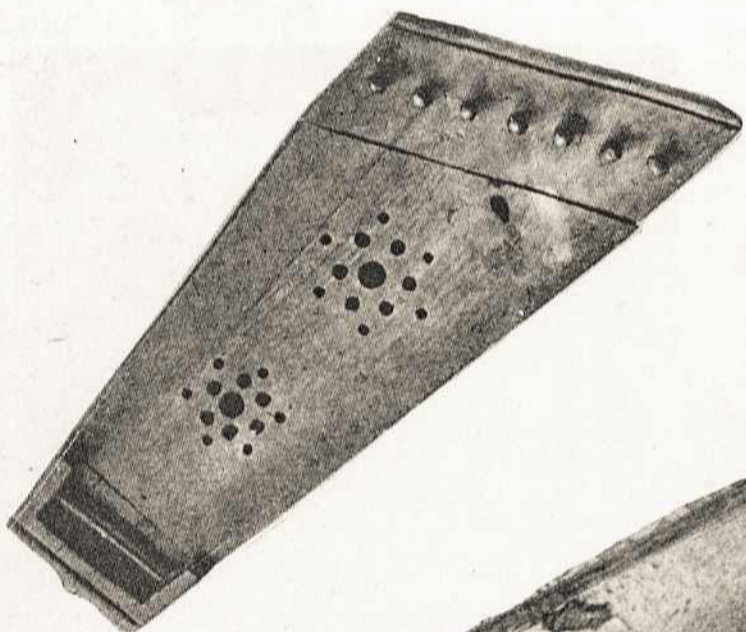
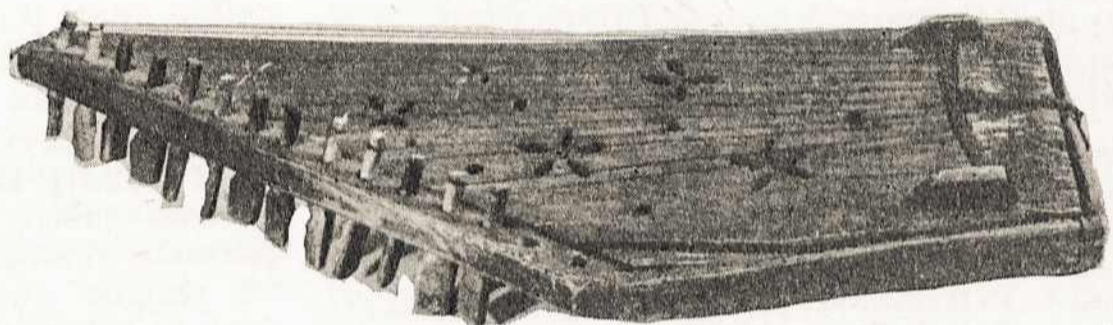
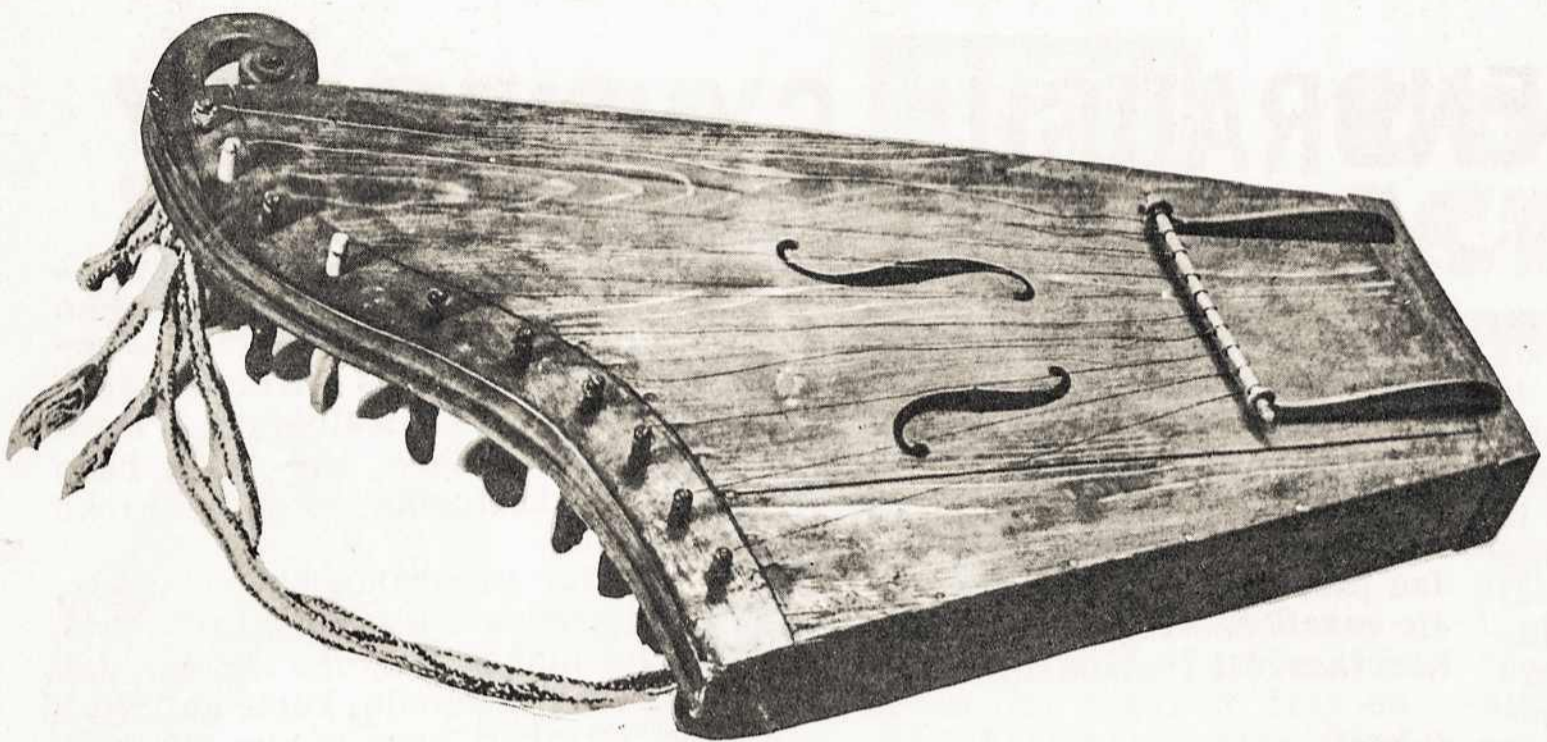
Earn FIVE points for each new or rejoin member you now enroll until July 10, 1969.

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.

LIETUVIU. TAUTINIS MENAS

Kankles





IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

IŠ VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO.

Pasirausęs po vyčių archyvus, suradau vyčių sendraugių kuopos narių sąrašus, kurie rodė net du šimtus asmenų. Tai gražus skaičius, iš kurio galima būtų suformuoti ne tik kuopą, bet beveik ir batalijoną. Tačiau faktų šviesoje tas skaičius kuopos veikloje visai neimponuojantis, nes susirinkimus lanko nedaugiau dvidešimties narių, ant kurių pečių išsilaiko kuopos gyvastis. Sąrašo eilėse matyti buvusieji žurnalai "Vyties" redaktoriai bei esamieji garbės nariai ir ištisa eilė turinčių net ketvirtą laipsnį. Tačiau šiandieną jie yra beveik mirę, nes niekur vyčių gretose nesirodo, nors dar daug, daug iš jų yra pajėgių ir fiziniai ir finansiniai. Susidaro nuomonė, kad jiems organizacija buvo tiek reikalinga, kiek ji tarnavo jų interesams, bet ne jie organizacijai. Toks nesąžiningas elgesys yra nusižengimas prieš sąžinę ir ištikimybę savajai tautai, nes tai yra tikras apgaudinėjimas organizacijos ir sąmoningas jos veiklos trukdymas.

Tame skaičiuje yra narių, nepajėgių dalyvauti organizacijos veikloje, kaip tai ligoniai ir senyvo amžiaus nariai, bet nedalyvavimas žydinčioje jaunystėje tiesiog nepateisinamas. Dar vienas nenormalus reiškinys, kad sąrašas yra ir tokių narių, kurie randasi "trečioje jaunystėje", bet norėdami būti jauni, ypač moterys, blaškosi po jaunųjų kuopas. Juk senatvė yra normalus reiškinys, kuris niekam gėdos nedaro, tai nereikia jos gėdytis, bet dirbti su sau lygiais sendraugių eilėse bei su iškelta vyčių vėliava žygiuoti. Iš to tik bus didelė pagarba senatvei, Tau ir pačiai organizacijai. O ypač dabar, kada vyčiai sendraugiai persitvarkė ir įvedė sistematingą kultūrinį veikimą su kultūrinio turinio pamokinančiomis paskaitomis bei pokalbiais.

Dar vienas labai skaudus reiškinys, kad kuopos yra paliktos be dvasinės priežiūros, nes retas kuris Dvasios vadas dalyvauja jų veikloje, o liberališkas jaunimas dažnai nukrypsta nuo organizacijos idėjos ir jos tradicijų.

Pov. Dirkis

J. SADAUSKUI
Jo gimtadienio proga

Mūsų tėvynę apgaubus tamsa...
Pavasaris kyla pabaliuos,
Atšilęs oras, nors rytuos šalna,
Pagreitins laisvę mūsų tautos.

Sniegas baigiąs tirpti, vanduo bėga,
Jau paukšteliai parlekia pulkais,
Jie parnešdami linksmą žinią,
Kad vasarėlė tuojaus ateis.

Sužydės gėlės, gaivins jas rasa,
Graži sesutė dirbs darželiuos;
Dainuodama dainą apie rūtą,
Garsindama laisvę LIETUVOS!

Iškils LIETUVOS didvyrių dvasia,
Po Lietuvą gaisrai sužėruos,
Pašauks vyčius ir vytes į kovą,
Kad vytų priešus iš LIETUVOS!

Tvirta kantrybė, linksma nuotaika,
Telydi Tave, Tavo darbuos,
Lai ateina DIEVULIO palaima,
Sveikam sulaukti senatvės žilos!

J. KUZAS

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, C-111

Kad ir mažai apgyventa lietuvių kolonija, bet savo meilę Lietuvai vis neužmiršta parodyti.

Vasario 23-čią dieną buvo sušauktas vyčių 111 kuopos susirinkimas p. Onos Sabol namuose. Paties susirinkimo dienotvarkė buvo trumpa, nes norėta daugiau laiko pašvęsti Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės minėjimo programai. Ši sykį programėlė buvo trumpa, bet įdomi, vadovaujant gerb. V.E. Paviui.

Programėlė prasidėjo saulutei jau slenkant į debesis ir tęsėsi iki vėlyvo vakaro.

Pirmiausia tam tikslui skirtą maldelę perskaitė p. Pavis. Po jos tas pats asmuo skaitė paskaita, kuri Lietuvos gyvavimo vargais sujaudino visų širdis. Po p. Pavo paskaitos, viena iš vyčių jaunesnių narių - p. Loretta Blums deklamavo jos pačios rašytas eiles apie Youngstowniečių malonų vaišingumą ir meilę kitiems, kur buvo jaučiama satyra. Gerai atliktą deklamavimą liudijo gausus plojimas. Tarsi asmenišką pasikalbėjimą šiltoje užuovėjoje, vakaro vėlumoje buvo "tape recording". Loretta Blums yra pergyvenusi okupacijos vargus Lietuvoje. Pabėgusi iš

ten buvo koncentracijos stovykloje ir todėl gerai žino to gyvenimo žiaurumus. Prisimindama tos netolimos praeities širdies skausmus, savo pasikalbėjime, tarsi skundžiasi. Sako, kad gražu buvo gyventi Lietuvoje, bet neilgai teko ten būti.

Taigi programa buvo trumpa, bet įspūdinga. Linksma, kad mes iš tokios mažos saujelės lietuvių dar atrandame žmonių, kurie gali višai išreikšti savo ir kitų jausmus visuomenei, primindami, kad kovą dėl Lietuvos nepriklausomybės reikia vesti iki paskutinių Lietuvos sūnų ir dukrelių.

Baigdamas savo raštą, aš asmeniškai tariau širdingą ačiū p. Onai Sabol, kuri pakvietė vyčius į savo pastogę, taip rūpestingai paruošė skanius užkandžius ir davė progos susirinkusiems išpildyti ir išklaudyti trumpą programą.

S. Miris



Kazimiera Sadauskas, Antanas Bujokas ir Antanina Pinkus, Cleveland'o Senjorai, neseniai atšventė savo gimtadienius.



Ponai Visockiai, Cleveland'o Senjorų nariai, švenčia savo 34-tąsias vedybinio gyvenimo sukaktuves.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

GARDNER-ATHOL, MASS., C-10
Vincukas

Our council did honor to our patron, St. Casimir, on Sun., Mar. 2. We attended mass and received communion in a body at the 10:30 mass at St. Francis church in Athol. Mass was celebrated by our spiritual advisor, Rev. A. Yan-kauskas. He also delivered a sermon, giving a plug for our K of L.

After mass we enjoyed a family style dinner at the Tully Brook Inn. Miss Mary Gauronsky was

general chairman. Thanks, Mary. Congratulations to Father Al, who celebrated both his birthday and names day on Mar. 1.

Our president, Howie Beaudette attended the Lithuanian Independence Day program held on Feb. 23 at Our Lady of Vilna Church Hall, Worcester.

Two of our members are planning their marriages in the near future, Mike Waslaske and Dick Genaitis.

We were all saddened by the untimely death of Ed Daniels of Worcester. Throughout the years we have all had the opportunity to really get to know him. He was a truly devoted K of L'er and was seen at all area and national affairs. Many of our members attended his wake and will never forget him for his Lithuanian endeavors, his warmth and friendliness. Condolenses to his wife and

family.

Member of the month: This month I would like to introduce a girl, who has been a staunch K of L'er for many years. Mary Gauronsky was born and educated in Athol and is a responsible employee of Starrett Co. as a draftswoman. Mary, through the years, has served the local council in many capacities. Currently she is our corresponding secretary. Mary belongs to the Legion of Mary, St. Francis' Woman's League and has been attending a furniture re-finishing course at the Athol High School Evening classes. Mary, we all wish you continued success.

Our entire council sends our former spiritual advisor, Rev. M. Tamulevicius a speedy and complete recovery. Father Mike is presently pastor of Our Lady of Vilna parish, Worcester



· SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 1969 - SOUTH BOSTON, MASS., C-17 host.

SO. BOSTON, MASS., C-17

Nuo Vynmedžio

When the red red robin comes bobbin' along we in Boston Will know that spring is here. Snow is everywhere but it didn't deter the faithful from attending the St. Casimir's Day Communion breakfast. We almost had a full house and may we say thanks to those who made it a successful affair, to our featured speaker Rev. Albert Contons, National Spiritual Advisor; to our toastmaster Tony Shalna; to the council's spiritual advisor Rev. Albin Janiunas who was the celebrant of the Mass; to the Lithuanian Sea Scouts, who brought their colors; to the Senior Council who worked in the kitchen and cooked a wonderful meal, and to Mrs. Mary Mickavich, Mrs. Ann White, Mrs. Ann Norenkevich, Mrs. Madeline Druzdis, Mrs. Ann Antanelis, Mrs. Ann Petchell (when the name Ann was called out they said "Who"?), Larry Svelnis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bernatones, John Norenkavich, and Joe White.

Greetings to a new member - Meet Gintaras Karosas - "Gint" is a student in law school. An unsuccessful candidate for the office of House of Representatives. In a heavily Democratic district, and running under the auspices of the Republican party, Gint garnered a very good vote for a novice candidate. He was elected to the board of directors of the South Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club. He is also affiliated with the Lithuanian Sea Scouts. Welcome to the fold and we hope that you will use all that enthusiasm in the Knights of Lithuania that was displayed in the representative election.

C-17, was the host of the last Supreme Council meeting. The morning had the New England District hosting a television Mass. The council 17 regulars, Seniors, and juniors were there in large numbers along with the other councils from the district. A dinner was cooked by those three chefs Mr. and Mrs. John Olevitz and Mrs. Rita Venis along with a few words of encouragement from Al Jaritis. The Junior young ladies helped serve the food. After the Supreme Board meeting a small repast was served and this ended a very busy day.

C-17 was host to the district bowling rolloff. Larry Svelnis took

care of the bowling alleys and most of the juniors. The refreshments were served by Al Jaritis, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Venis and Mary Minkus of Westfield. Mary wasn't bowling and she volunteered to slice the "bulkos" (rolls).

Then there is some news about the ski-weekend. Sorry to report that we had one casualty not counting the black and blue marks. Dave Kleponis coming down the trail lickity split hit a bare spot and made with the somersaults like a real professional stunt man. It looked good for the camera but the end result was torn ligaments and cartilage. Sorry to report that Dave will be out of work for quite a few days. Get well soon Dave, we have another weekend coming up.

We have heard that the following people are on the honor roll at their respective schools Ruth Stankevicius (who said that a "Cah" will make the marks drop-oh, yes, Ruth bought a new used car). Carol Wisotsky, Jackie Burke, Eleanor Sanda are among the honored, nice going gals.

Then we heard through the grapevine that Billy Zarembo is on the road to recovery from a foot operation. Leo Shakalis is also recovering from a bout with the flu bug. Leo missed the ski-weekend and we missed Leo.

Talk about not having enough snow - Helen Suprin was snowed in for a couple of days. After getting free where do you suppose she headed for on her vacation? Yes, you guessed it, Think Snow Country - Vermont. Brother Frank Suprin was lucky, he left Boston the morning of the snowstorm for Thailand.

Several of the members made their way to Brockton to attend the



Cooks for the So. Boston S.C. Brunch, Mr. and Mrs. John Olevitz.

Snowflake Ball sponsored by C-1. They say that they had a good time and a very large turnout for the dance.

Vyto and Dorothy Ulevicius are the proud parents of a bouncing boy. Ray and Paula Bernotas are the proud parents of a girl, Catherine.

Milly Vallis is the proud owner of a new Chevie. Helen Zemaitis also has a new Dodge and did I see leopard skin seat covers? Bill Zarembo is the owner of a new Fiat. We can extend a welcome back to Don and Loretta (Kontrim) Martell and family, Henrikas and Norma Snipas and family and last but not least Paul and Virginia (Druzdis) Neveira. These members were employed out of the state but now have made their way back to good old Bay State.

Anita Daniels is glad to see hubby John home for awhile. While in Germany, John and Ed Rudis had a grand reunion. Rudy showed John the town of Frankfort.

The hockey nuts are in the home stretch with their beloved Boston Bruins, who are in first place in the eastern division. They, John Olevitz, Jerry Venis, Bob Gendreau and lastly Al Jaritis want to thank the Chicago Blackhawks for making it possible for the Bruins to be where they are in 1st place. Thank you, Windy-cityers! The Stanley Cup would look good in Bean-town.

The council members eagerly attended the New England District Religious Workshop, hosted by C-1, Brockton.

Forgot to mention that Vytautas Bruzgy's took a cruise to the warm climate. Vytautas and Aldona Jurgela and son went to New Hampshire for a ski-fortnight and they had their son who is four years old enrolled in ski school, there is nothing like starting them young.

In closing for this monthly report remember to support your council, attend meetings, PAY YOUR DUES, take part in council activities. Remember without your physical or financial support your organization cannot exist. So be a good Knight of Lithuania. Make "1969" the year to give 100% support.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26

"Dzūkelė"

Bored? Then allow us to borrow the lyrics of a currently popular

song which begins with, "If you're feeling sad and lonely, there's a service we can render, call us, don't be afraid, but just call us". We've so much going on, you've only to join us and we'll guarantee that your boredom will vanish.

"Rūta's Coming To Town", says Val Baziliauskas, our president. Apr. 12 will find us seated in the Holy Name of Jesus Auditorium enjoying the performance of the Rūta Ensemble of Newark, N.J.

Alena Pinkus spotted Val's leg in a cast and thought, "I can do anything you can do better" and proceeded to Mt. Wachusett where she fractured her shoulder in a skiing mishap. Speedy recoveries to both Val and Alena!

Our Juniors are doing very well and without a blush or a blink we hasten to brag about them. They are led by Father Steponaitis and Charles Grigaitis, with much assistance by Dianne Daniels, Mary Jankowski, and Dana Paulukonis. The Juniors have a formal meeting once each month, bowl every other Saturday, and meet for a social evening each Friday in the Clubrooms. Lenten Friday evenings have found our Juniors learning the intricate art of decorating Easter eggs in the beautiful Lithuanian style. We have a very fine group of young people in our Juniors, and the future of our council seems assured.

Though the Feb. 16 and 23 commemorations of the Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence have long passed, we are compelled nonetheless to comment on the fine participation of the K of L. At the political commemoration, Wanda Pajeda and Dana Paulukonis were attired in Lithuanian national costume, and Al Grigonis carried the K of L flag. Our Juniors participated in the singing and dancing groups at the youth commemoration. Many others, too numerous to name, took part in these programs. We would like to congratulate Anthony M. Miner, C-116 president, whose English speech at the youth commemoration was certainly in the "excellent" category.

Our friend and former spiritual director, Father Michael Tamulevicius, recently underwent surgery at St. Vincent Hospital here in Worcester. We ask all to join us in prayers for Father Mike's speedy recovery.

Our spiritual director's name

day is Apr. 14. Laimingų, sveikimų, džiaugsmingų, ilgiausių metų linkim Tėveliui Justinui Steponaičiui!

Another date to remember: May 9th, Spring Dance at Maironis Park.

Our Annual St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast was a huge success. To quote Father Steponaitis, "It's such a beautiful day, I wish every day was St. Casimir's Day". Mass was celebrated by Father Steponaitis, and the sermon was delivered by our pastor, Father Jutt. Would that Father's sermon be set in print, it was THAT impressive! The guest speaker was Deacon Antanas Saulaitis, S.J. who will be ordained by Bishop Brizgys on May 17 in his home parish of Waterbury, Connecticut. Joining our council in honoring our patron saint were the Lithuanian Scouts, led by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Molis, the Ateitininkai, led by Miss Susan Paulukonis, in addition to the beautiful attendance of our own Juniors. Chefs for the breakfast were Ed Grigaitis and Anne Bender. The delicious food was served by Rita Pinkus, Dana Paulukonis and Wanda Pajeda. Al Grigonis lent his able assistance as did Bill Grigas who prepared the material for the conferring of degrees. The American and Lithuanian Anthems, and the K of L Hymn, accompanied at the piano by Fourth Degree member Olga Kersis, were sung in spirited fashion. Charles Grigaitis was chairman for the entire affair. Seated at the head table were Father Steponaitis, Charles Grigaitis (Master of Ceremonies), Mrs. Anna Bacys (charter member), Honorary Members Mary Jankowski and Joseph Sakaitis (Anne Bender, another Honorary Member, gave up her seat at the head table for the purpose of



CHRISTMAS PARTY, C-1 Brockton. Andy Grein, Susan Boraskas, Rev. Mykolas Vembrė, Patricia Miskinis and Norman Acorn.

scrambling eggs), Deacon Saulaitis, State Rep. Charles Tagman (who is a 4th Degree Knight), and last but not least, our president, Val Baziliauskas. Mary Jankowski presented Dianne Daniels with her 3rd Degree Medal. Second Degrees conferred on March 4th, and Third Degrees conferred on March 10th. Names of recipients will be announced in the next "Vytis".

IN MEMORIAM: At this reading, each council will have learned of C-26's great loss in the sudden passing of Edward A. Daniels, while at work, on February 3, leaving in great sorrow his widow Dianne, his mother, his sisters, his many relations, and all of us in C-26. Participation in the fullest was made by C-26 in the recitation of the rosary at the funeral home led by Father Steponaitis, by attendance at the funeral Mass at St. Casimir's Church, celebrated and eulogized by Father Jutt, and at the interment services at St. John's cemetery. Several weeks have passed, and Eddie's loss is still no easier to bear. No one can take his place, but each one of us can follow his beautiful example by being a loyal Catholic-Lithuanian-K of L'er.

E A S T E R

G R E E T I N G S

Supreme Council Officers and
"Vytis" Staff

WESTFIELD, MASS., C-30 MKM

C-30 will host the Spring New England District Convention. A dance will be held Sat., Apr. 26, at St. Casimir's Hall, starting at 8 PM. Benedict Coach and Joseph Sabonis will be in charge. Sunday, at 2:30 PM, the convention will be held in the Church Parlors on Casimir Street. Mary Minkus will assume the role of hostess and President John Tarnauskas will be in charge of the invitations.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-116
Ramblina

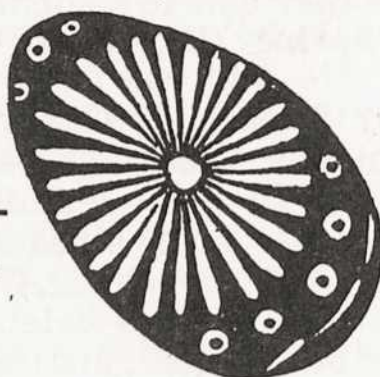
All our prayers and thoughts go out to our beloved pastor and spiritual advisor Rev. Michael Tamulevicius who had to undergo serious surgery. He seems to have weathered the initial storm and we hope will be well on his way to recovery. We pray for his speedy recovery to good health and hope he will be back in our midst soon.

During the month of February, the Worcester Lithuanian community celebrated the 51st anniversary of Lithuania's restoration to independence. On Sun., Feb. 16, the political program was held in the Lithuanian Club and Tony Miner, Mrs. John Adamaitis and Miss Irene Adamaitis took part in the arrangements and the program. On Sun., Feb. 23, the program for youth took place in the parish hall of Our Lady of Vilna church. Tony Miner was general chairman, and Miss Irene Adamaitis read the Governor's proclamation, Miss Joan Adamaitis of the Juniors read her prize-winning essay "What Lithuania Means to Me", Charles Lapinskas was m.c. and Miss Ann Miller, Helen Daltwas and a few of the Juniors decorated the hall. The two Lithuanian programs were arranged by the Worcester Area Council of Lithuanian Organizations of which Tony Miner is treasurer and Mrs. John Adamaitis, secretary.

The new officers of C-116 for 1969 are as follows: Pres. Tony Miner, V-P., Mrs. John Adamaitis, 2nd V-P in charge of juniors, Ann Miller, Rec. secy. Dorothy Sinkavich, fin. secy. Ann Markvenas, Treas. Bart March. The February and March meetings had to be cancelled this year - which is a most unusual occurrence - because of the severe snow storms we had on our meeting nights. This

was not too much of a hardship as most of the business was conducted by telephone and all our programs went on as per schedule.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25 Irene II

C-25's commemoration of St. Casimir's Day was held on Sun., Mar. 2 at St. George Church with members attending the 10:30 A.M. Mass and receiving Holy Communion in a body, Rev. Kęstutis Zemaitis officiating. (Thank you for the fine sermon Father.) A luncheon followed at Smith's Restaurant. We were happy to be joined by Mrs. P. Glugods, Mr. A. Bucknis, Mr. G. Kuzas, Mr. I. Visockas, Mary Trainy, Mrs. J. Salkis and guest, Mrs. Williams, The Milas', and Mrs. A. Navickas of the Cleveland Seniors and by Charlie Machutas, Jr., Mrs. U. Yankauskas & Barbara Jakubs. Our President did a fine job of coordinating the affair and making it a very pleasant and happy occasion.

Getting in a little skiing and sightseeing are Andrew Palzes and friend, Stan Zakas, touring the West and Mexico.

Packing their bags for their European trip are new C-25 Members, Alice and Ben Karklius. Welcome aboard and Bon Voyage!

Congratulations to Ann and Al Paskevice on becoming grandparents for the second time - daughter, Carol, presented them with another grandson recently.

Glad to see C-25 Jeweler, Al Samas, looking so well after his recent trip to the hospital - stay well All John Arunski doing well at home after another trip to the hospital

We were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Eddie Daniels (fellow Knight from Worcester) our deepest sympathy to his recent bride and C-26.

John Andruslis - you did a fine job on your family room - what talent - just in time for our Benefit Card Party and Raffle held on Mar. 23 - we'll christen it for you! Tripping the light fantastic at

St. George's 30th Anniversary Dinner-Dance Feb. 15 were Al and Eleanor Bendokas, Pete and Alvina Luiza, The Shigo's, The Machutas' (and group), The Karklius', The Bartkus, Adele Svet and late-comers, The Jakubs' and Bill Smith and his Alice.

Happy Easter everyone!

DETROIT, MICH., C-79



PETRAS M. BRUNDZA, vasario 15, sulaukė 91 metų. Gimė Mariampolėje. 1916 m. prieš atvykstant į Detroitą, gyveno Shenandoah, Pa. 1910 m. vedė Ona Bartkus. Sulaukė 5 vaikų ir 6 anūkų. Yra Lietuvos vyčių 79 kp. ir Dievo Apvaizdos Parapijos chorovarys. Jis buvo 79-tos kuopos steigėjas ir pirmasis prezidentas. Ilgiausių Metų.

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 FBP

On Feb. 14 our first religious discussion program for 1969 took place at the Beth Abraham Temple. Irene Veigel made the arrangements for the members to witness a Bar Mitzvah for a girl. A question and answer period held following the services at the Temple was most informative. Refreshments and further comments were served to and by members only at Holy Cross Church hall. John and Irene Veigel were the host and hostess for this date.

The 51st Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence was held on Feb. 16th. The program began with Mass said in Lithuanian at 2 P.M. by Father Gintautas Sabataitis, S.

J., of Xavier University. Prayers at the Shrine of the Three Crosses was held following the mass.

The program continued in the church hall. Father Titas Narbutas gave the invocation. Dr. Algirdas Nasvytis of Cleveland was guest speaker. Frank Gudelis read greetings that were sent from various dignitaries from the state, resolutions and other items of interest.

The second half of the program consisted of young talent in the parish. Junior members to perform were Linda Petkus, Sharon Prasmantas and Mark Vaitkus all playing their individual accordion pieces. Ed Sluzas gave a talk on "My thoughts about Lithuania". Mary Mikalauskas, daughter of George and Frances Mikalauskas, played a medley of three Lithuanian songs on guitar. Our own council member, Steponas Bucmys, was soloist to round out the musical part of the program. Council president, Joe Noreikas, gave some closing thoughts.

A light luncheon was served immediately after the program. Hostess for this was Eloise Berczelly who was assisted by Bea Noreikas, Hilda Cernevicius, John Berczelly, Fran Petkus, Maxine Bakanauskas and Adele Kvietys.

C-134 members from Cincinnati drove up to join us in the festivities of the day! It was good to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Maezer and family, Father Gintautas Sabataitis, Dr. Bieliauskas and family, Dr. Liauba and family, Mr. and Mrs. Viltrakis and family, Mrs. Truska, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. Vasiliauskas, Mr. and Mrs. Zibas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kazys Reifonas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stankus and family, Mr. Jan Aksys, Miss Ramonaitis, and Mr. and Mrs. Harney.

ODDS and ENDS. Mike and Molly Petkus came back the early part of the month to rest up after their vacation in Florida! Frances Mikalauskas has been busy collecting last minute dues.

On Feb. 23 about fifteen of our "weaker sex?" headed out to New Lebanon for a "sewing circle" session at Eva Leasure's farm. That was one Sunday that went by 'unquiet' for Eva's husband - Curley.

It was good to hear no one was hurt and very little damage was done to John and Ann Scott's car

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:

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We thank you in advance!

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in a recent accident. We are happy to report that Alice Petkus is doing well after her recent operation. This is Alice's second surgical undertaking within a four month period.

A "quiet" committee not often mentioned is the telephone squad! Its leader is given acknowledgment on the 'list of Officers' each year - and Ida Kavy has held this job down well the past few years - unfortunately her team is left most times unmentioned. This year Ida is ably assisted by Sarah Petkus, Ada Sinkwitz, Alice Petkus, Irene Veigel and Ann Kondrotas.

Joining our list of out-of-town members are Joe and Ann Petrusky. They have moved to Falls Church, Virginia! A big Thank You for sticking with us! Frank Gudelis was 'The Man of the Hour' at a recent social function. He certainly caused quite a stir!

With the increase in lay work in our church Pat Zelinkas has volunteered to represent our council in visiting the sick of our parish.

Anyone wishing to help Pat with this very necessary charity work would be most welcomed!

Ever dream or wish to take part in the Mardi Gras in New Orleans? Well, three of our members did. Mary Lucas for the first time while it was a second time around for Joe and Ada Sinkwitz and their daughter Cathy. They really enjoyed themselves and had a fabulous time! Without wearing out the expression 'It's a small world' - who should they meet after church on Ash Wednesday - but Charlie Oskutis from C-52 Elizabeth, N.J.!

New members to join the ranks from our Juniors - John A. Berczelly and Joe Cernevicius!

Birthday greetings for March are sent to Helen Goldick, Ida Kavy, Aldona Ryan, Maxine Bakanauskas, Helen Vaitkus, Judy Scott, Jim Sinkwitz and Bea Noreikas.

With the Lenten season upon us may the spirit of prayer and self sacrifice bring true peace to our souls.



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NEW YORK, N.Y., C-12 ETS

On Mar. 2 C-12 held its Annual Communion Luncheon. This affair was preceded by a solemn high mass in Our Lady of Vilna Church at 11:00 A.M. The celebrant of the mass was a visiting Lithuanian priest from Fordham University. The honored guests were Father Gurinskas, Father Kardas, and the good Father from Fordham. After the delicious food was devoured, a few words were imparted from our Honored guests. The talks were brief and about St. Casimir. C-12 once again has lived up to its name "The Family Council", because many children were in attendance. It is gratifying to note that a good percentage of our members were able to come; however many weren't, for reasons only known to themselves. Many thanks go to Ann Yorkus who made this affair possible. Accolades of praise are due her, and I am sure everyone shares these sentiments. To those who helped in the kitchen, namely: Helen Yorkus, Connie Siatsis, Irene Senken, Mary York, Helen Cuprewich, and Mrs. Ann Zindzius. Many thanks. The tables were nicely set by Betty Waskiewicz with the help of the children. Let's hope more members can join us in this spiritual endeavor next year.

NEWARK, N.J., C-29

The Wanderer

C-29 had a busy time of it the past month or so taking part and serving on local committee in charge of Feb. 16 Lithuanian Independence Day in our city. Our council had its own commemoration at its monthly session on Feb. 19. President Kazys Sipaila gave a talk on the meaning of day, etc. The Council also observed the feast of St. Casimir on Mar. 2. The Mass was offered in Holy Trinity Church by pastor Rev. John J. Scharnus and Brunch followed at St. George's Hall.

Notes on the cuff: Considering the weather the turnout on Mar.

was good. The membership was led by a color guard of Lithuanian-American Veterans Post, marched into Church, sang the Star Spangled Banner before Mass and at the conclusion the K of L Hymn. Rev. Scharnus in sermon complimented the council for a fine turnout and his Lithuanian sermon was very fine and appropriate to the day. Jack Remeika filled the toastmaster role very capably. Invocation was by Rev. Scharnus who also spoke a few words of greeting. The guest speaker Rev. James P. McMenmie, Chaplain at Seton Hall University, gave an excellent discourse that dwelt on present day conditions as concerns college and Universities and student activity. It was really a timely topic. Mary Stonis, chairlady for event, was assisted by Eva Sharon, Regina Schmidt, Helen Radisch, Marie Guoba, Ann Abromaitis, Joann Schmidt, Jack Remeika, and Peter Podgalsky. Also present was our spiritual director Rev. Peter Totoraitis who had just returned from a trip to Florida.

Degrees were administered to the following; First Degrees - K. Curclys, W. Zostautas, Mrs. F. Mockus and V. Jadelis; Second Degrees - Mrs. Ann Abromaitis, George Basil and E. Schmidt. Examining board consisted of Jack Remeika and president Kazys Sipaila. Happy birthday greetings were sung to Mrs. Mockus the date being March 4th. There was also a birthday cake for the occasion which was cut by Mrs. Mockus. She is president of the Ladies Auxiliary of The Lithuanian-American Veterans Post.

Congratulations to three of our members. Namely Eva Sharon, Kazys Sipaila, and Charles Strolis, who were elected to executive board of St. George's Society. Eva was chosen president.

Congratulations to our district spiritual advisor Rev. Peter Zemeikis of Bayonne who was assigned to Sts. Peter & Paul's parish, Elizabeth, effective Mar. 8.

Our heartfelt condolences and sympathy Mrs. Edward Daniels (Dianne Beletsky) of Worcester, Mass. in the recent loss she suffered in the sudden passing of her husband.

Ye scribe will soon be on his annual jaunt to the land of sun and fun. A Happy and most blessed Easter to one and all.

ELIZABETH, N.J., C-52

Little Susie

Hello, Remember Us? How could you ever forget the Elizabeth group. Well, just in case you did, here are a few names to refresh your memory.

One of our members is on his annual winter vacation - Charles Oskutis celebrated a few pre-lenten days at the New Orleans Mardi-Gras. Too bad we couldn't all be there with Charlie ...

Rev. Al Matulis, our new administrator of the parish, is very busy as the boss, but still keeps in touch with his old friends. He is doing a good job, too. Everybody is helping him all they can, especially Rev. Joseph Pragulbickas who is right there at his side to help and assist him ...

Frances Milewski still is trying her lick at our parish bingos. She might hit the jack-pot one of these days...

Charles Surplus, one of our best bowlers, is helping the Holy Name men achieve first place in the Union County League. Good luck, boys...

Anyone need a good and reliable chauffeur. Peter Kasilionis gets there in all kinds of weather with his little 2 by 4. Guaranteed ...

Our Parish C.Y.O. Junior Boys Basketball Team were the city champs and boy, are we ever proud of them ...

Mary Motecus is busy as usual with the Weekly Bulletin... Some members are planning their summer vacation already to include the national convention. They are Charles Rusteika, Ann Baronas, Ronald and Frances Alexander and Norbey Wysocki... Our president, Edmund Sharkus, is very busy these days as part-time manager of the Lithuanian Liberty Hall in Linden. We don't see too much of him or is it something else? ... Helen Garby celebrated a birthday in February. Happy belated birthday, Helen - Just 21? ... Ruthie and Charlie Brazinski are sporting a nice new car - matches Ruthie's coat. Lots of luck with it... Rev. V. Karalevicius is still our Spiritual Advisor, even though he is the Pastor of St. Ann's Parish in Jersey City. He can't leave us and we can't leave him ... Surprising what Raymond Zabita can do with plain paper to make a booth at the Bazaar. Real decorative. Nice work, Raymond... William

Senkus and his wife are doing their jobs as parents of a boy scout... Haven't seen John Patrick, Ralph Kirvelevich and Charles Chiponis around for a while. Understand they are very busy these days... Tony Markevicius should get a medal as he attends every meeting faithfully...

Hope your Valentine Day was hearty, Your Lithuanian Independence Day real Lithuanian, George Washington Day American, but St. Casimir's Day was really the Hit!

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100

Smile and Sparkle

The Rev. Stanley Kulbis, Montreal, Canada was the guest speaker at our February meeting

Mrs. Irene Wood, chairman of the planning committee for the observance of the 51st anniversary of Lithuania's independence, was asked for her report by the President, Anthony Radzevich. She advised the members that a dinner was at Brothers Restaurant on Mar. 2. Dr. Jack J. Stukas of Seton Hall College and the national president of the Knights of Lithuania was the main speaker. Dr. Stukas is well-known to the Amsterdam Lithuanian community. Dr. Stukas' brother, Louis Stukas, Hillside, New Jersey appeared as the guest soloist. Mr. Stukas has had singing engagements in Europe as well as in various sections of the United States. Our local community has had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Stukas perform a few years ago.

Serving on the committee with Mrs. Wood, were Mildred Thomas, Nellie Liberis, Ann Baltuska, Peter Hayes, Virginia Miciulis and Gene Gobis.

A cake to celebrate the birthday (Feb. 17) of Rev. Robert K. Baltch, was presented to him by Mrs. Anthony Radzevich. Birthday greetings were extended to Mrs. Polly Ziausys (Feb. 9), and Mrs. Eleanor Olechowski (Feb. 27), and Donald Nikstenas (Feb. 1).

Ann Baltuska and Ann Radzevich were in charge of the dessert for the month's meeting.

NEW BITS... Our council has three new members. Ann Baltuska, and Edmund and Nellie Liberis. Welcome and glad to have you aboard... Pauline Urban will be celebrating her birthday Apr. 26. Ilgiausiy metu! We miss you

K OF L CALENDAR

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.
27- NED Pre-Convention DANCE, St. Casimir Hall, C-30 host., Westfield, Mass.
28- NED SPRING CONVENTION, Church Parlors, Westfield, Mass.

MAY

- 3- C-109 Great Neck, ANNUAL SPRING DANCE, canceled until October.
4- C-26 Worcester, SPRING DANCE, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.
17- C-112 Chicago, CABARET PARTY, K of L Hall, Chicago, Ill.
25- C-36 Chicago, THEATRE PARTY, Chicago, Ill.

JUNE

- 8- MCD ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE, Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio.
15- C-96 Dayton, ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY PICNIC, Eintracht Park, Ohio.

JULY

- 3- 4 IID ANNUAL JULY 4th PICNIC, K of L Bldg. and Garden, Chicago, Ill.
3RD WEEK IN JULY - CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK

AUGUST

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

at the meetings ... Eleanor (Stakauskas) and Lenny Olechowski named her Kristin Ramona! She was born on Nov. 29 ... Anna Yunker missed our Christmas banquet this year. She flew to be with her daughter, Connie, in the great state of Texas.

ILLINOIS- INDIANA DISTRICT



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"Taitytė"

The famous Sharko's was the setting for the District's annual "Workers Party". Our last year's president John Evans generously supplemented the budget to provide a most delightful evening for those who served their K of L so generously during the previous year. Honored guests at the af-

fair were Aldona and Felix Daukus, who work for the K of L the year 'round, promoting our many, many events on the Sophie Barcus Radio Family Programs, and supporting most of them by attending. Our Opera "Žvaigždės" Prudencija Bičkus and Algerd Brazis delighted the guests with an impromptu duet rendition to climax the evening.

The following morning the members met again at Our Lady of Vilna Church for the annual St. Casimer Day Commemoration. Our dear friend, Bishop Vincentas Brizgys; District Spiritual Advisor Father John Savukynas and former District Spiritual Advisor Father Anthony Zakarauskas were the Solemn High Mass celebrants. The K of L Choir sang the Mass, in Lithuanian, under the direction of the Parish organist Mr. Bertulis, in the absence of Faustas Strolia. It was just the week before that Faustas saw his father,



"MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" BANQUET. IID - K of L Hall, Chicago, Ill.

Juozas Strolia, to his final resting place. The inspiring hymns to God and to Lithuania, her sons and daughters, her way of life, are the contributions to Lithuania's heritage which Juozas Strolia left behind. And through these, our future generations of Lithuanians will know and love Juozas, and Lithuania, just as we, who have had the privilege of knowing this distinguished Lithuanian personally. We all wish to express our most sincere sympathies to Faustas, Herkulis, Vytautas and other members of the Strolia family.

The St. Casimer Day Commemoration was concluded with a brunch and brief program. After the invocation by Bishop Brizgys, Master of Ceremonies, Leon Pauksta introduced the other honored guests at the speaker's table - Eleanore Laurin, Chairman; Rev. John Savukynas, Pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Parish; Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Holy Cross Hospital Chaplain; Helen Zimmer, District Ritual Chairlady; Irene Sankus, "Vytis" Editor and guest speaker, Stanley Balzekas, Jr. Mr. Balzekas, in his address, pointed up that today's youth, in its search for that something they need as a guide for their accelerated intellects and interest, might well take St. Casimer as that guide. Thousands of years after the inspired Truth was written, this young man found that it offered the only genuine satisfactory gain in life and the young people of today might find the same satisfaction in emulating this hero

who "lived" for God and for country.

The presentation of the third degree to District President Leon Pauksta was a highlight of the day. It is not too often that the K of L has a man join the organization and from the very outset, dedicate every fibre of himself for the good of the K of L.

Before the program was ended, recognition was given some of the other honored guests, Honorary Member Leonard Simutis, Sr. and Mrs. Simutis, Irene Balzekas, Dr. and Mrs. Jerome, Al Dzieginski, Commander of the Darius Girenas A.L. Post and Frank Jurgaitis, Commander of the Don Varnas A. L. Post and their color guards who participated as they do annually in this event.

If anyone is ever in a tight spot, call Al Dagis. He's a master at getting out of them. Irene Sankus and Monica Kasper certainly are ready references, because they saw his talents getting their completely blocked in cars out of the parking lot after the St. Casimer Day ceremonies.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 "Aldee"

C-112 held their bowling party Sat., Feb. 22, at Laredo Lanes. Al Dagis was chairman of this affair, and assisting him were Ruth Dagis and Al Schulicke.

This was an unusual bowling night in that it was a fun-novelty bowling party consisting of Scotch Doubles, automatic strikes in 3-6-9 frames, best ball prizes, and

also low ball prizes. Some people were slightly confused at the start - the deviation from the usual kind of bowl can set anyone in a dither - but before you could say "AB-RACADABRA" all got into the swing of things and the party turned out to be a huge success. Following a list of some prize winners: HIGH SERIES: Alice Tomczak - Rich Janik, 576; Vince Samaska - Irene Norusis, 566; Pete Butkus - Homer Carver, 511; Lorraine and Frank Svelnis, 510; and Bruce Sasek and Ruth Dagis, 502.

LOW SERIES: Leon Pauksta - Monica Kasper, 312; Joe and Vi Krystof, 342; Irene Rakaitis - Ed Krivickas, 355; Al Manst, Sr. - Al Manst, Jr., 364;

HIGH GAME OUT-LOW GAME OUT: Pat Wehrheim - Judy Scekovic; Jerry Raskey - Jay Scekovic; Al Kachinski - Tony Genrolis.

LOW BOWL PRIZES: Bruce Sasek - Ruth Dagis; and Irene Rakaitis - Ed Krivickas.

What was the joke or story that Ed Krivickas told his team members that set them laughing for a good 10 minutes? All action on that alley was at a complete standstill for that length of time.

By the way, we had Herb Malinauskas from Millbury, Mass. and Ron Sawatuk from Toronto - Ontario, Canada bowling with us that evening, also. Thanks to Helen Zimmer for inviting them.

So - fellow K of L'ers, the moral of this story is: when attending a C-112 "fun" bowl, the "bestest" and even the "worstest" bowlers are winners!

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE
56th NATIONAL CONVENTION - NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Pre-Convention Activities:

WEDNESDAY - August 20, 1969

- 1:00 P.M. - Tour of N.B.C. Studios, Manhattan, N.Y. Cost per person - \$1.25
6:00 P.M. - Tour of Budweiser Breweries, Newark, N.J. Cost per person - \$1.50

THURSDAY - August 21, 1969

- 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. - A Day at the Jersey Shore , Asbury Park, New Jersey. Cost - \$2.00
(includes transportation only)
8:30 P.M. - "L.L.L. at L.C.C.C." "Linksmas Lietuviškas Luau" at the Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, Kearny, N.J. (Get-Acquainted Buffet and Dance)

Convention Activities:

FRIDAY - August 22, 1969

- 9:30 A.M. - Opening Session
11:45 A.M. - Holy Mass
12:30 P.M. - Luncheon
2:30 P.M. - Afternoon Session
(All at Hotel Robert Treat)
8:00 P.M. - Cultural Evening, featuring: "Rūta" Lithuanian Ensemble, dir. by Alg. Kačanauskas
Knights of Lithuania, C-41 Dance Group, dir. by Kazytė Visockaitė.
Afterward - dancing to Gene Gutauskas and His Orchestra St. George's Lithuanian Hall,
Newark, N.J.

SATURDAY - August 23, 1969

- 9:30 A.M. - Sessions
11:45 A.M. - Holy Mass
12:30 P.M. - Awards Luncheon
2:30 P.M. - Sessions
9:00 P.M. - Convention Ball - "Salute to New Officers" featuring Gene Mitchko and His Orchestra
(all at Hotel Robert Treat)

SUNDAY, August 24, 1969

- 10:45 A.M. - Holy Mass, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Elizabeth, N.J.
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Brunch - St. Joseph Hall, Elizabeth, N.J.
2:30 P.M. - Closing Session
6:00 P.M. - Closing Convention Banquet featuring entertainment by the "Zibuoklės Sextet", dir. by
Louis Stukas

Hotel Robert Treat

Registration Fee - \$32.00. This price covers all activities commencing with the Thursday Night Get-Together Evening.