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Katalikų bažnyčios liturgija beveik kiekvieną mėnesį skiria kokios nors tikėjimo paslapties ar kokio nors šventojo ypatingam pagerbimui. Pavyzdžiui gegužės mėnuo - Dievo Motinai Marijai. Tačiau dabar gegužės mėnuo virto ne tik vien Marijos, bet ir visų motinų mėnuo, nes gegužės mėnesyje yra švenčiama motinos diena visame kultūriniame pasaulyje. Jai būna skiriamas, dažniausiai pirmasis gegužės mėnesio sekmadienis. Taigi, pavasaris kasmet ant savo žydinčių sparnų atneša vieną iš svarbiausių švenčių -

# GEGUŽĖS MĖNUO — MOTINOS MĖNUO

Motinos dieną. Motinos dienos šventė yra ypatingos reikšmės ir svarbos diena. Jos minėjimas turi labai gilią prasmę. Tą dieną mes pastatome mūsų motinas dėmesio centrą ir reiškiamo joms pagarbą, meilę ir padėką. Tą dieną mes motinas iškeliamo į tą ukštumą, kuri joms priklauso visuomenėje. Minėdami Motinos dieną, mes prisimename ir mūsų tėvų šalies - Lietuvos motinas, jų nueitą kryžiaus kelią praeityje ir dabar nešamą našta raudonųjų vergovėje. Atseit, švesdami Motinos dieną prisimename tris motinas: Motiną Mariją - Dievo motiną, motiną gimdytoją ir motiną tėvynę - Lietuvą. Jos visos tarp savęs turi daug daug tokių ypatybių, kurios sujaukina net žmonių kičiausias širdis. Motina yra pradžia ir šaltinis žmogaus gyvenimo. Jai yra Dievo skirta kilniausia ir garbingiausia pareiga: atnaujinti pasaulį, gaivinti naują gyvybę. Ji yra ne tik naujos gyvybės nešėja, bet ji yra naujo žmogaus ir formuotoja,

pirmoji maitintoja, augintoja ir auklėtoja. Ji taip pat yra pirmoji, kurk įkvepia vaikui savo tautos, savo kalbos ir tikėjimo svarbumą ir reikšmingumą.

Motina duoda pasauliui žymius mokslininkus, kultūrininkus ir įvairių tautų genijus. Ji viena iš pirmųjų aukojasi, kad jos vaikai turėtų tikrą supratimą apie tiesą, mylėtų tėvus, savąjį kraštą ir kad neliktų nužmogintais individais. Tą gali ir sugeba atlikti tik motina. Vaikas žino, kad tik motina sako jam tiesą. Užtad motina ir yra vaikų gyvenimo švyturys, kuris savo spinduliais apšviečia kiekvieno jų tamsią gyvenimo vandenėlį. Ir neveltui žymiausi pasaulio rašytojai, poetai sukūrė nuostabaus grožio veikalus, atvaizduojančius motiną, jos pasiaukojimą ir meilę vaikui. Už tai didis rašytojas Dante savo veikaluose motinas vadina angelais sargais žemėje, kurie pridengia savo vaikus rūlestingumo ir meilės sparnais.

## BIRUTE PUKELEVICIUTE

### Slender, My Mother

*Translated from the Lithuanian  
by Jack J. Stukas*

Slender, my mother, like the bird-cherry.  
Laden with me, she ripens her misfortune.  
Wide vessels choke with forest flowers. Closed,  
The yellow shutters. She awaits a holiday.

I come with Consecration, all the roads  
Empty, the organ still. At night my cradle  
Fills with sharp, fallen August stars. Mournful,

My mother weeps. Now for the first time.  
For I am separated now, like boulder  
From cliff, and will roll down. Without her.

And it's true:

My hand slides from her clasp.  
In fall the orchards burn, flash red with fire.  
Wild drakes turn south, sheen of their wings bronzen.  
And I go.  
In rushes, the path narrows. Sedges are sharp as knives.  
Toothless, the hollow tree-trunks yawn. I tremble  
In every joint. But I do not turn back.

# LITHUANIA'S LEGAL STATUS SINCE 1940

ALGIRDAS BUDRECKIS

On June 14, 1940 the Soviet Government handed an ultimatum to the Lithuanian Government demanding the formation of a pro-Soviet Government and the admission into Lithuania of an unlimited number of Soviet troops. Before the deadline of the ultimatum had expired, a force of 300,000 Red soldiers, supported by tanks and airplanes, invaded Lithuania. The Kremlin immediately set up a puppet regime under Justinas Paleckis. This puppet government, with the help of the Red Army, NKVD, and the Communist Party apparatus, handpicked a so-called "People's Diet" which immediately asked the Kremlin to incorporate Lithuania into the Soviet Union. The Supreme Soviet of the USSR complied on August 3, 1940 and Lithuania was designated a Soviet republic. This was a classical example of outright annexation by the occupying Soviet power.

The Soviet invasion, occupation and annexation were in clear violation of treaties concluded by Soviet Russia with Lithuania; namely, the Soviet action violated the Peace Treaty of July 12, 1920, later reaffirmed by the Pact of Non-Aggression concluded September 28, 1926. On July 3, 1933, a Convention for the Definition of Aggression between Lithuania and the Soviet Union was signed. And, lastly, a Pact of Mutual Assistance was concluded on October 10, 1939.

What changes in Lithuania's international status were brought about by the Soviet military occupation? First, the obvious. Lithuania's incorporation into the USSR was duly recognized by the countries within the Soviet orbit: Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania.

During the War, Germany, Italy, and France closed the legations of the Lithuanian Republic. The postwar governments revised this pro-Soviet act. In the postwar period Argentina and Brazil recognized the incorporation of the Baltic States and subsequent regimes reversed this policy.

What is the attitude of the Free World community toward the recognition of the annexation of Lithuania? According to the Stimson Doctrine, adopted in 1932 by the League of Nations and accepted by the Chaco Declaration (1932), the Saavedra-Lamas Pact (1933), the Bogota Act (1948), and the United Nations Charter (1945), members of the world community are dutybound to refuse to recognize any situation, treaty, or agreement which may be brought about by means contrary to the Convention and obligation of the Pact of Paris (Kellogg Pact). Nevertheless, up to the present, the decision lies with each state individually. At present, not a single government in the Free World recognizes DE JURE the annexation of Lithuania. International law does not recognize the formula of QUI TACET, CONSENTIRE VIDETUR (he who is silent seems to agree). Nonetheless, on

the subject of non-recognition of the seizure of the Baltic States, the attitude of the world community differs.

One group of countries recognizes the annexation of the Baltic States DE FACTO, but not DE JURE. This group includes Great Britain, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada and Italy.

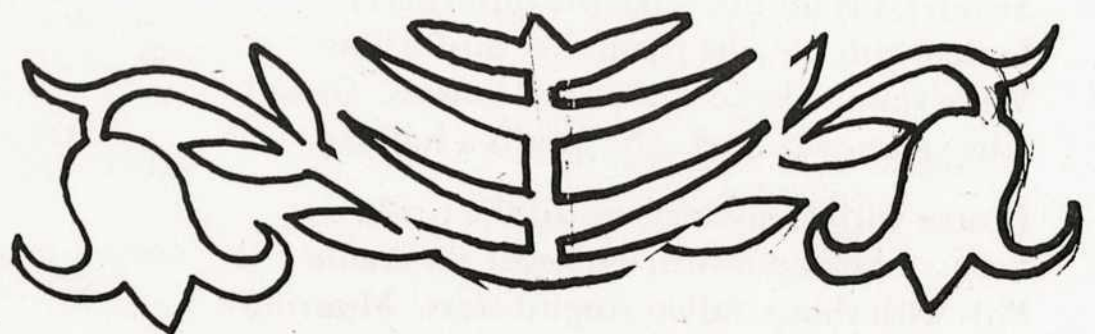
Another group of countries, headed by the United States, does not recognize the annexation of the Baltic States either DE FACTO or DE JURE. This group, who adheres to the principle of non-recognition of annexation, also includes Germany, Brazil, Uruguay, Venezuela, Chile, Bolivia, Spain, the Vatican, Panama, Costa Rica, Thailand (Siam), Paraguay, Peru, Liberia, Portugal, Spain, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway, Netherlands, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Colombia, and Argentina.

Because of their relations with the USSR, some countries that once recognized Lithuania (Yugoslavia, Finland, Austria, Iran and Mexico) remain silent. The position of Japan is also not clear. Australia and New Zealand adhere to the principle of non-recognition.

Modern international law, though not yet in possession of effective means to restore at all times a just order within the world community, excludes any possibility that an aggressor may legalize the results of his aggression by his own means. The aggressor, in this case the Soviet Union, will forever remain a mere occupant. Furthermore, the principle of non-recognition of annexation automatically imposes upon the members of the world community the duty to provide within the framework of international law ways and means of restoring world order. This duty includes thirty states that have had or still maintain relations with the representatives of the Republic of Lithuania.

The attitude of the United States has been one of absolute and uncompromising non-recognition of the Soviet annexation of Lithuania.

The automatic consequence of this refusal to recognize the illegal annexation is the continued full recognition of the legal continuity of the Lithuanian Republic and its diplomatic and consular representatives. Lithuanian diplomats and consuls still function in Great Britain, France, the Vatican, Uruguay, Colombia and Canada.



# Convention News

## CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY  
SITE OF THE CONVENTION MASS AND BRUNCH  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1969

The city of Elizabeth, as one of the oldest and largest cities of New Jersey, boasts of many historical spots dated back to Revolutionary War days. It can also boast of contributing much to the industrial and economic growth of the state of New Jersey, by providing a haven - and job market - for numerous ethnic and immigrant groups.

Not the least of these groups is the Lithuanian Community of Elizabeth. They found welcome homes and jobs in Elizabeth, and in return, have become active in many phases of the political, economic, and cultural life of Elizabeth, as well as building a substantial community of their own. They have to their credit a large and beautiful Lithuanian church, a parish school and hall, a Lithuanian Citizens Club and associated Club Hall (Liberty Hall), a Savings and Loan Assn., numerous businesses, and most of all a closely-knit and very active Lithuanian Community.

Following are a few historical highlights relating to Lithuanians and their establishments in Elizabeth. The following history was prepared by William Senkus, of C-52.

### LITHUANIAN PARISH

In 1878, Lithuanians in Elizabeth, N.J. began organizing and by 1893, planned a Lithuanian parish. On June 28th, 1895, Lithuanian Rev. J. Zebrys held a first Mass privately in a private home in Elizabeth. Within two months, a parish was incorporated with Rev. J. Servetka as pastor, and a church building was started at 218 Ripley Place. The Church was blessed on June 12, 1896.

In 1901, a committee and the second pastor Rev. B. Zindzius, began planning a new and larger church. In 1910, a new brick church, the present Sts. Peter & Paul's R. C. Church was blessed.

A Wayside Shrine Cross was erected in 1947, in the Church yard during the pastorate of Rev. Joseph

Simonaitis. K of L'er Stanley Valatka designed and supervised the building and erection of the cross, which is a replica of a cross still standing in Lithuania.

In 1953, Rev. Michael G. Kemezis was appointed Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, and served in that capacity until he died, in January, 1969. Following his death, the City Council of Elizabeth voted to rename Elizabeth's Isham Place, "Msgr. M. G. Kemezis Place", in his honor.

At present, the priests of the parish are Rev. Peter F. Zemeikis, Administrator; Rev. Joseph Pragulbickas and Rev. Albert J. Matulis, assistant pastors.

Assisting priests who have served Sts. Peter and Paul's Church were: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ig. J. Kelmelis (retired), Rev. Edward Budrevicius (deceased), Rev. John Kinta, Rev. Vladas Karalevicius, Rev. John Scharnus, Rev. Vincent Svernelis, Rev. Dr. John Starkus (deceased), and Rev. Anthony P. Kasper (deceased).

### SCHOOL HISTORY

Saints Peter and Paul School was dedicated in October, 1913. Rev. B. Zindzius' untiring efforts and sacrifice has made a dream come true, when the Sisters of Charity accepted the task of teaching the children. Rev. Joseph Simonaitis, the pastor, later welcomed the Sisters of St. Francis of Pittsburgh, Pa., to teach the children. They are presently still in charge of the school. Enrollment is over 200 students. The principal is Sr. M. Constance.

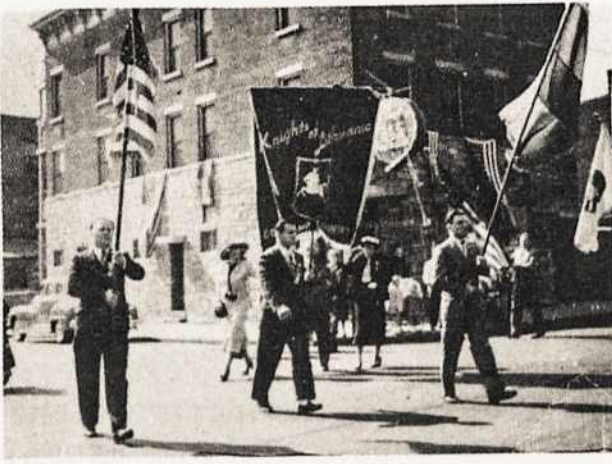
### CHURCH CHOIR

When the Lithuanians of Elizabeth gathered in 1895, to attend Mass at 80 Bond Street, they intoned and proudly sang their traditional hymn, "Pulkim ant keliu", and organized a choir soon thereafter.

The first Lithuanian organist and choir master was Mr. Batura. He was later replaced by Mr. John Steponavicius. Under the leadership of Anthony Radzevicius, Anthony Visminas and Raphael Juska, the choir grew in number and expanded its activities.



1949 NATIONAL CONVENTION - ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY



SCENES FROM THE 1949 CONVENTION - ELIZABETH

On January 22, 1929, the well-known composer and artist, Professor Joseph Zilevicius, became organist and choirmaster. Later he retired due to ill health and presently resides in Chicago. At present Vincent Mamaitis is organist and choir director.

#### LITHUANIAN LIBERTY HALL

The year 1921 marked an important organization event for the Lithuanian American people of Elizabeth for, on May 11, a Lithuanian Community center was incorporated to provide a recreation and social center. In the spring of 1924 a building program was started. The corner stone was laid with a very impressive ceremony, sparked by a parade, music, and speeches by prominent Lithuanian and fraternal and civic leaders and officials of the city. The hall was soon completed and has served as headquarters for social, sports, business, and even religious functions ever since.

In recognition of their contribution to the athletic history of the Lithuanian hall, for participating in baseball, basketball, track and bowling, the names of groups and their members, were nominated and accepted in the LITHUANIAN HALL OF FAME, ELIZABETH, N.J.

#### LITHUANIAN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

In 1913, a group of Lithuanians envisioned a dream - a plan whereby a savings institution organized under their own leadership and sponsorship could help their members and shareholders acquire systematic savings and eventual home ownership.

Joseph Akulonis was appointed assistant Secretary on October 29, 1913, and during the past 56 continuous years as a member, has held various offices in the association since 1913 and in 1963, became president succeeding the late Ignacz Budrecki.

#### SOCIETIES AND LODGES

At present, the Holy Name Society and the Mothers Guild, are the two most active organizations

#### KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

In 1927, Elizabeth Council 52, was host to the 15th National Knights of Lithuania Convention. The sessions were held in the parish hall. Programs, discussions and activities took several days. After the conclave, an excursion to Lithuania was made by delegates. The group sailed on June 19, 1927, from New York, on the SS LITUANIA. Rev. Father Simonaitis, and a group of Knights and Ladies visited many historical places in Lithuania. Father Simonaitis brought back a precious stone from the town of Siluva. It is now encased as a shrine at the Lady of Siluva Altar in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church.

In June of 1930, the NY-NJ Knights of Lithuania

sponsored a track and field championship meet in Warinanco Park, Elizabeth. Elizabeth K of L-ers were prominent in this and numerous other sports activities throughout the history of the K of L.

In 1937, Council 52, was re-organized after a period of inactivity, through the efforts of the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael G. Kemezis, then an assistant pastor of St. Peter & Paul's Church. Father Kemezis and a group of Lithuanian Americans travelled in 1939 to Lithuania to observe and participate in the Lithuanian Olympics. One outstanding Elizabeth member John "Shorty" Peck (Pecukaitis) was chosen as one of the American Squad of twenty to compete in the National Olympiad of Lithuania at Kaunas, Lithuania.

After twenty two years in 1949, the Knights of Lithuania Convention Delegates paraded through the streets of Elizabeth again, to a solemn High Mass in Sts. Peter and Paul's Church. A dinner attended by 350 persons at Essex House, Newark, highlighted the concluding activities of the three day 36th national convention of the Knights of Lithuania. Business sessions were held in the parish hall, and a semi-formal dance and dinners were held in Lithuanian Liberty Hall.

Elizabeth Council 52, again welcomes the delegates to attend a solemn high mass of thanksgiving on Sunday, Aug. 24, at St. Peter and St. Paul's church and also to pray for our deceased members.

After Mass, breakfast will be served in the parish hall and convention pictures will be taken of the delegates and guests. Once again, the Elizabeth Knights and Ladies look forward to showing their real Lithuanian hospitality to visiting K of L'ers!

#### ŽIBUOKĖS SEXTET TO SING DURING CLOSING BANQUET

An unusual group of musicians, housewives, a secretary and a mathematician, all Lithuanian and all imbued with the love of music, will provide a culture "respite" of singing, Lithuanian style, during the Closing Banquet of the Convention, on Sunday, August 24, 1969. This group, calling themselves the "Žibuoklės" Sextet, were organized about 3 years ago, and have been delighting audiences throughout the Eastern USA and Canada ever since. Soloist, musician and K of L member Louis Stukas organized the "Žibuoklės" in early 1966, to fill a need for a vocal group of this type in the Lithuanian-American community of Greater New York, and continues to direct it.

Like their namesake the "žibuoklė," a violet-

like flower which appears first in early spring, often before the last trace of snow has melted, the "Žibuoklės" Sextet seemed to also save their "firsts" for early spring ... Their first public appearance, their first full record release, and, this spring, their first appearance before a strictly non-Lithuanian audience, were all Spring events!

The Sextet made its debut at the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour's 25th Jubilee Concert, produced by Dr. Jack J. Stukas, at Webster Hall, New York, in April of 1966. The group was warmly received and a number of its songs were included in the "Memories of Lithuania" Jubilee Concert Record released by Eurotone International Recording Co. They have since sung to Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians in Boston, Waterbury, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, New York, Rochester, and various cities of New Jersey, as well as in Hamilton, Canada. This Spring, on May 9, the Sextet will sing at the National Secretaries' Association, New Jersey Chapter, Convention, at Union, New Jersey.

The "Žibuoklės" marked their first anniversary in Spring of 1967 with the release of their first long-play record. The record, also entitled "Žibuoklės" and released by Eurotone, included a pleasant collection of 14 Lithuanian and international favorites, many of which the group has sung at its various appearances.

In February, 1968, the Sextet sang at the New Jersey, Lithuanians' Banquet commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence, at the Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, and as a result, are featured on that event's memorial l.p. record, released in Fall, 1968.

More recently, the group recorded a collection of traditional and new Lithuanian Hymns for another l.p. record, released also last Fall by Eurotone. The record includes hymns sung by the "Žibuoklės" and by former Metropolitan Opera Star Algerd Brazis, presently of Chicago. Several of the new hymns on the recording are original compositions of the group's director Louis Stukas.

The "Žibuoklės" have achieved great popularity among Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians for their selection of repertoire as well as for their very well blended voices. The numbers they sing are melodic modern compositions as well as new arrangements of popular Lithuanian folk songs. They also do several

## "ŽIBUOKLĖS" and DIRECTOR



international favorites in a unique bi-lingual (English and Lithuanian) format, a feature which has proven to be very popular, especially among younger audiences. Since several of the group's members are also soloists in their own right, their concerts are enhanced by insertion of solos, duets, and trios as well as singing by the entire group.

Members of the "Žibuoklės" Sextet come from various backgrounds and callings, but are united in their love of music and singing. Current members are Louis Stukas, Director, and Edna Mack, Genevieve Mazur, Aldona Pitkunigis, Ona Skurvydas, Loretta Stukas, and Bronė Venckus.

## SOUVENIR JOURNAL

We need your early help in making the Souvenir Journal of the Convention a success. Ads and "K of L Friend" donations should be sent to: Mrs. Loretta I. Stukas, 1016 Schliefer Rd., Hillside, N.J. Advertising prices are as follows:

Full Page	- \$25.00
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Quarter Page	- \$ 8.00
"K of L Friends" - Vyčių Draugai"	- \$2.00

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1969 CONVENTION COMMITTEE AT PLANNING SESSION

# Lithuanians in The NEWS



## DR. STUKAS RECEIVES "PRO MERITO" AWARD

In recognition of "his active support of and efforts in furthering the cause of international justice and the right of self-determination for all peoples," DR. JACK J. STUKAS was awarded the "Pro Merito" silver medallion and certificate on behalf of the Latvian World Federation and American Latvian Association. The award was made November 18. Dr. Stukas, director of the University's Institute of International Business, is National President of the Knights of Lithuania, the Catholic Lithuanian-American youth organization.

(Seton Hall Faculty News)



## BALZEKAS MUSEUM

At a get-together of interested Lithuanians and those helping the Balzekas Museum to stimulate programs and policy were Mrs. Adele Zunas, Mrs. Eleanore Zapolis, Mrs. Joseph Jerome, Mrs. Al Kuraitis, Mrs. Liudis Kairys, Mrs. Anton Radvilas and Mrs. Stanley Balzekas, Jr. The affair was held at the home of junior Stanley Balzekas.

(Photo - J. Kasakaitis)



## CONSUL DAUZVARDIS HONORED

The Very Rev. James F. Maguire, S.J., President of Loyola University, and DR. PETRAS P. DAUZVARDIS, Consul General of Lithuania and member of C-112 Chicago, accepting the Loyola Consular Medallion. The award was presented at the 21st Annual Military ball held at the M & M Club and is annually awarded to an outstanding member of the diplomatic corps in Chicago.



CHICAGO SENIOR and Honorary Member STANLEY PIEZA, religion editor for Chicago's American newspaper, won the Illinois State Medical society's 1968 - Medical Journalism award in the news analysis series. Mr. Pieza analysed the religious aspects of heart transplants. The award was present at the fifth annual ISMS program held in the Guild hall of the Ambassador West hotel.



# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

An Executive Board meeting was held at the Pavis residence in Youngstown, Ohio on Sunday, March 30th. The following Executive Board members were present: President Dr. Jack Stukas; Vice-Presidents Stanley Vaitkus and Longinas Svelnis; Fin. Secretary Helen Zimmer; Treasurer Stella Sankal; Vincent Ed. Pavis, MCD president; Albert Jaritis, NED president and NED public relations member; Juozas Sadauskas, MCD public relations member; Frank Vaskas, NY-NJD public relations member; and Irene Sankus, "Vytis" Editor.

Guests in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zager of Detroit, Mary Trainy and RoseAnn Sadauskas of Cleveland, and members of the Youngstown council.

Due to the resignation of our national legal advisor, Konstant Savickus of Chicago, the Supreme Council appointed Anthony J. Young of South Boston, Mass. to serve as our legal advisor. Frank Zager of Detroit was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Natl. Ritual Committee, due to the death of Edward Daniels, until a special election can be held at the Convention. The National Constitution as amended by the 1968 Convention is now available. Copies will be mailed to Council Financial Secretaries and will be available to all paid-up members at no cost.

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

The next meeting will be held in Newark, N.J. on Sunday, June 15th.

### "VYTIS" THANK YOU

We extend our appreciation and thanks to Helen V. Kulber of the New York Seniors for her donation to the "Vytis" and for her interest

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE - Non-Lithuanian Spouses

We, the Committee for the Acceptance of Non-Lithuanian Spouses into our organization will present the following resolution to the 56th National Convention, Newark, N.J. We feel this is not a fundamental change in our organization only a procedural one. We are merely accepting the partners in family life that God has joined together.

**RESOLVED:** That the Knights of Lithuania By-Laws be amended as follows:

"Add to Article V. Section 7. Non-Lithuanian, practicing catholic husbands and wives of Knights of Lithuania members may be enrolled into the Knights of Lithuania membership with the following privileges:

- (a) They shall be known as associate members.
- (b) Rights and privileges are to be determined by a special study group panel at the forthcoming convention.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE:** Alexander Wesey, Vincent Ed. Pavis, Albert Jaritis, Eleanore Laurin, Leonard Valiukas.

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Each year at this time, the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee is prepared to forward an Official Announcement, Application and Reference Forms to be used by prospective candidates in your Council for the annual scholarship awards. The necessary forms will be sent directly to each applicant - prospective candidate - whose name will be submitted to our Scholarship Committee.

Please encourage qualified candidates in your Council to apply. The deadline is JUNE 30th, and forms may be obtained from the CHAIRMAN at the address given above. The 12th Annual Scholarship Award, totalling \$1,000.00 again this year, will be announced August 22-24, at the 56th National Knights of Lithuania Convention, in Newark, New Jersey.

Scholarship awards are given as grants for undergraduate or graduate work. Scholarly achievement, K of L organizational activity, and various recommendations, along with financial need are taken into consideration in the selection of scholarship winners.

We urge each Council to support this important Knights of Lithuania project financially. Many Councils urge their members to donate an extra dollar to the Scholarship Fund when paying their annual dues. Others prefer to sponsor an affair, a drawing, or to earmark a percentage of an affair's profits for the scholarship Fund. Some Councils solicit patrons, businessmen and organizations to donate to our Fund.

All donations to the K of L Scholarship Fund should be forwarded to the Committee Treasurer, at the address listed above. Mr. Paulukonis will acknowledge each donation.

We are counting on your assistance again, in this important Knights of Lithuania endeavor.

Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Chairman

### RITUAL COMMITTEE NOTICE

Our national ritual chairman, Mrs. Rita E. Pinkus, requests that all councils and districts who conferred any degrees on their members, either 1st, 2nd or 3rd, send the recipients names and degree dates so that they will be registered with the Supreme Council Ritual committee. Direct all mail to Mrs. Pinkus, address shown on page 2.

### PAGERBTI LIETUVOS KANKINIUS DABARTINĖ PROGA NEPASIKARTOS

Mums dabar gyvenantiems tenka nepasikartojanti privilegija įamžinti Lietuvos vardą ir jos kankinių atminimą lietuviška koplyčia šv. Petro bazilikoje, Romoje.

Tapti šio darbo dalininku laiko jau ne daug beliko.

Kviečiame visus įamžinti savo ir savųjų vardus Lietuvos Kankinių koplyčios kurėjų tarpe.

Aukas siųsti adresu:

LITHUANIAN MARTYRS' CHAPEL FUND  
2701 W. 68th St. Chicago, Ill. 60629

### BRANGŪS BROLIAI IR SESĖS - LAISVO PASAULIO LIETUVIAI.

Tauta už tėvynės ilgesnį laiką gali išsilaikyti tik labai ypatingomis sąlygomis, kaip turime gyvą pavyzdį žydų tautoje. Tokios sąlygos tačiau negali būti naujai sukurtos, jeigu jų nėra iš gilios senovės. Svetur nesunyksti stipriausia pagalba yra gyvas ryšys su gyva tauta tėvynėje. Remdami tauta tėvynėje kiekvienu tos srities veiksmu išgyvename savyje savos tautos ir tėvynės meilę ir taip stipriname svetur esančių lietuvių sąmoningumą.

Kaip spaudos draudimo laikais lietuviška knyga iš svetur patekusi į Lietuvą buvo didesnės vertės dovana, negu medžiaginė pagalba, taip ir dabar religijos persekiojimo ir dorovės griovimo laikais religinė ir moralinė pagalba yra daug svarbesnė už medžiaginę pagalbą.

Šiais metais sukanka 10 metų, kai per Lietuvių Katalikų Religinės Šalpos organizaciją (Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid) laisvo pasaulio lietuviai stengiamės gelbėti Lietuvoje ir kitur rusų vergijoje esančių lietuvių religiją ir krikščionišką moralę: tą visokios tvirtybės, ištvermės ir vilties pagrindą. Padaryta daug gero. Trumpu žodžio neišmanoma tai atpasakoti. Stengiamės daryti, ką pajėgiame.

Bėga laikas, keičiasi žmonės - ne tik pavergtieji, o ir pavergėjai. Šiems besikeičiant keičiasi daug ir gyvenimo sąlygos. Gal visai netrukus daug kas pasikeis ir Lietuvoje. Mes turime būti gerai pasiruošę kiekvienos atmainos valandą nedelsdami padėti mūsų tautos religiniams, doriniams ir bendrai dvasiniams reikalams. Šiais tikslais, daug svarbesniais už kasdieninę duoną ar rūbą, mes šaukiame visus lietuvius talkon. Jeigu turėtume daugiau lėšų, ir dabar galėtume daugiau padaryti. O mums turi rūpėti ir ateitis. Turime kelių asmenų palikimus ateičiai, bet ir tų reikia daugiau, kad galėtume efektyviai atsiliepti atėjus palankiai valandai. Derėtų kiekvienam lietuviui skirti dalį savo turto dabartiniams ar ateities Lietuvos religiniams reikalams. Testamente užrašytų palikimų bažnyčioms Lietuvo-

je jau ne vienas nuėjo į rusų bolševikų rankas. Mes išpėjame ir raginame tokius palikimus atiduoti Lietuvių Katalikų Religinės Šalpos globai. Žmonija parodo savo kilnumą remdama misijas, skurdo slegiamus ar nelaimės ištiktus žmones. Pavergėjas laiko mūsų tautą ne tik medžiaginiame skurde, o griaua tautos gyvibingumo pagrindus - tikėjimą ir dorą. Gelbėkime savo tautą kaip išmanome ir visada atsiminkime, kad organizuotu darbu galima padaryti daug ką, ko negalime padaryti pavieniai.

Minint Lietuvių Katalikų Religinės Šalpos veiklos dešimtmetį laikau sau malonia pareiga padėkoti visiems laisvame pasaulyje lietuviams kunigams už jų asmeninę pagalbą ir rinkliavas parapijose, visiems ir kiekvienam lietuviui už auką ar darbą skirtą L.K. Religinės Šalpos veiklai. Kiek iki šiol padėta tautai Lietuvoje, tai jūsų kiekvieno ir visų kartu nuopelnas.

Dievo, artimo ir savos tautos meilė ir toliau tejungia vis platesnes lietuvių mases aplink L. R. Religinę Šalpą (Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid) bendrai misijai - gelbėti pavergtos mūsų tautos dvasinės tvirtybės pagrindus.

Kartu su jumis besisielojąs mūsų tautos likimu,

VYSKUPAS VINCENTAS BRIZGYS

## K of L Calendar

### MAY

- 9- C-26 Worcester, SPRING DANCE, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.
- 17- C-112 Chicago, CABARET PARTY, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 17- South Boston Seniors SCHOLARSHIP DINNER, Milton Hill Restaurant, Milton, Mass.
- 18- Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce of Illinois ANNUAL BANQUET, Acacia Country Club, Chicago, Ill.
- 23- CULTURAL CONCERT commemorating Diamond Jubilee of St. Casimir's Church, Worcester, Mass. Holy Name H. S. Auditorium.
- 25- C-36 Chicago, THEATRE PARTY, Chicago, Ill.

### JUNE

- 8- NY-NJD MEETING, C-3 Philadelphia host.
- 8- MCD ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE, Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio.
- 15- C-96 Dayton, ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY / PICNIC, Eintracht Park, Ohio.
- 15- SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Newark, N.J.

### 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.
- 24-30 K of L WEEK, CAMP DAINAVA, Manchester, Mich.

# MEMBERSHIP ACTION TIME



# DONT BE LATE

By now every council should be up-to-date in dues payments. If your council is lagging behind in membership - if its previous members are not 100% paid up yet - if it has not added many new members - you may as well stay sound asleep with the rest of its dormant members. With the national convention only three months away, you have already wasted most of the K of L year. You have not heeded our monthly alarms - every month on the month - concerning dues payments and membership enrollments. You have already been late to work too often as far as the K of L is concerned. And, right now we can only hope with you that next year will be better.

Many councils, however, have diligently responded to the alarms for paying dues and getting new members. If their final results this year turn out to be less than anticipated, they have at least built a basis upon which to expand next year, and in those to come. They have experienced overcoming problems in obtaining dues on time, enlisting previous members, and obtaining new ones. They know how to improve and expand upon these aspects of being K of L'ers. They can look forward to achieving the results of these efforts. Meanwhile, the "sleepers" may remain hopelessly so, until the realization of accepting the fact that each member must do his share for the K of L.

Membership is the important lifeblood of the organization. Each new member that becomes vigorously active should spur the older members on toward teamwork for a better, more viable, continually growing K of L. This is what can

arouse the interest of non-members. Getting new members active, assigning them responsibility, allowing them to grow within the organization, is one approach to attracting new members.

Present members can arouse the interest of non-members by taking the time to "Talk Up the K of L." Who would want to belong to an organization with members not interested enough to talk about their own activities? Who would join an organization not important enough to be talked about during daily conversation? No one else will promote the K of L if we do not take the time to do so ourselves. No one else cares about what happens to the K of L unless we do. No one else is concerned about the future of the K of L unless we are. No one cares to join us unless we take the time to talk about what we are doing, what we have planned for future activities, what we are all about. If we are not interested enough to talk about what is happening in the K of L, no one will be interested in us either.

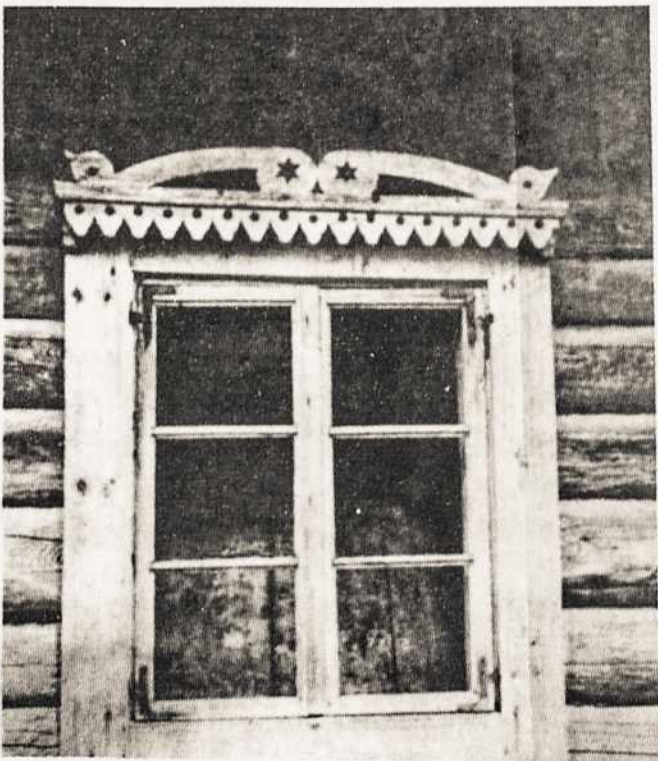
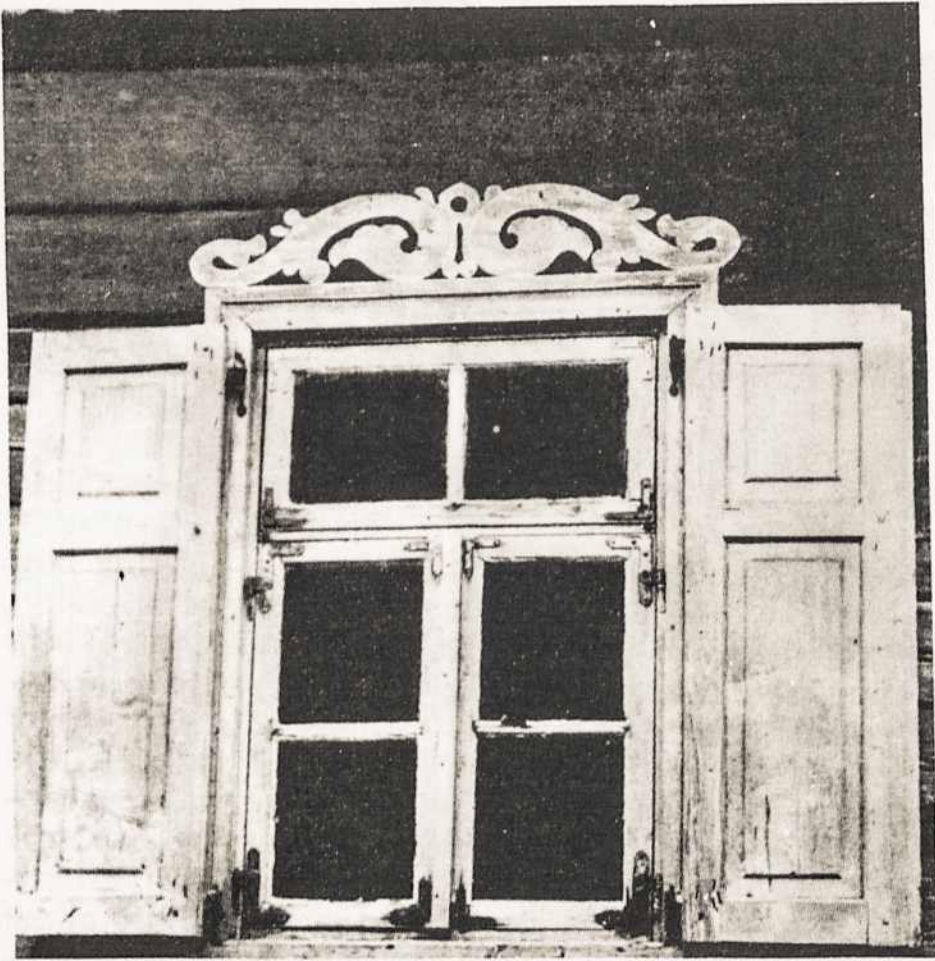
The deadline for receiving TEN points for each new or rejoin member was April 1st. Thereafter, FIVE points will be earned until July 10, 1968. As of this issue, that gives you only two months to go for competition toward the individual membership awards which will be presented at the convention in August.

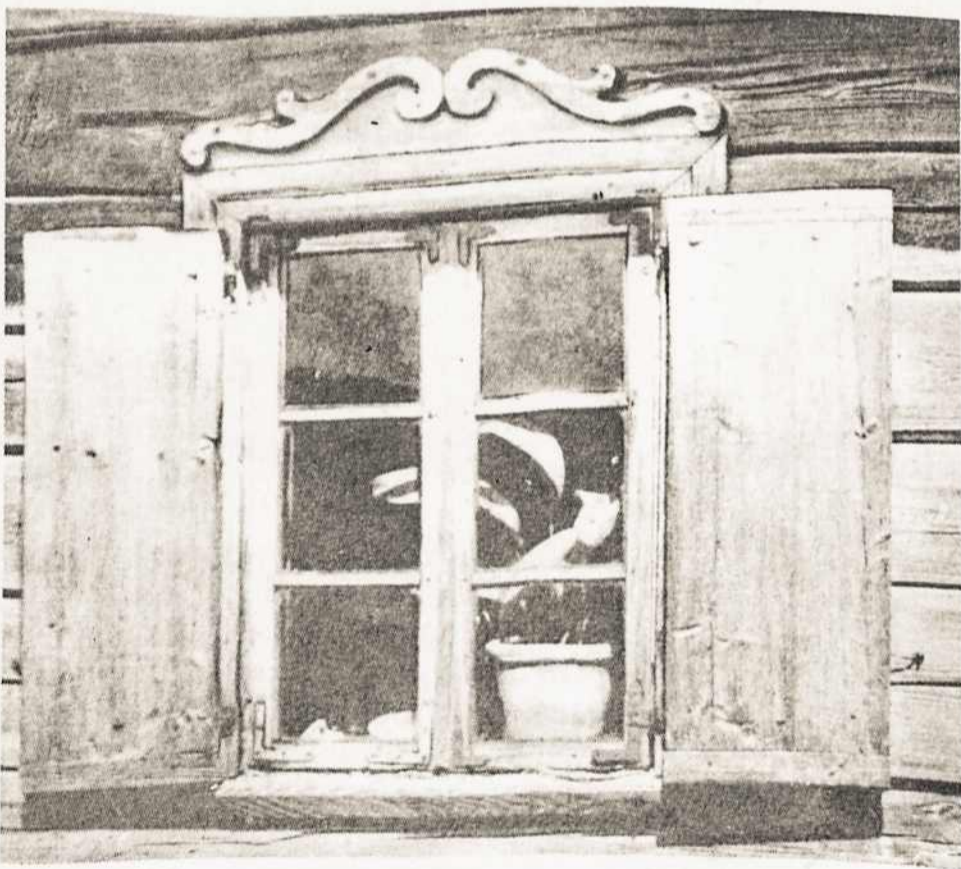
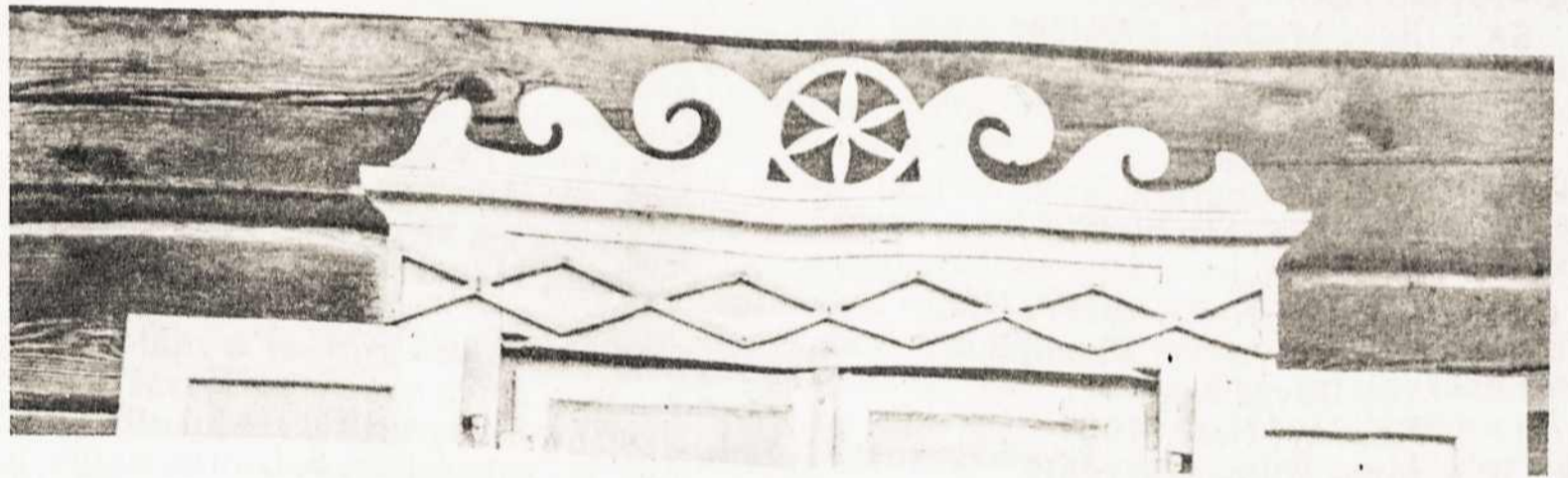
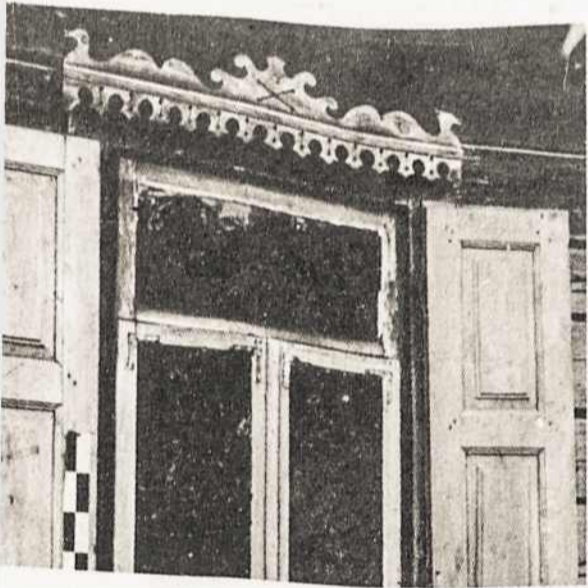
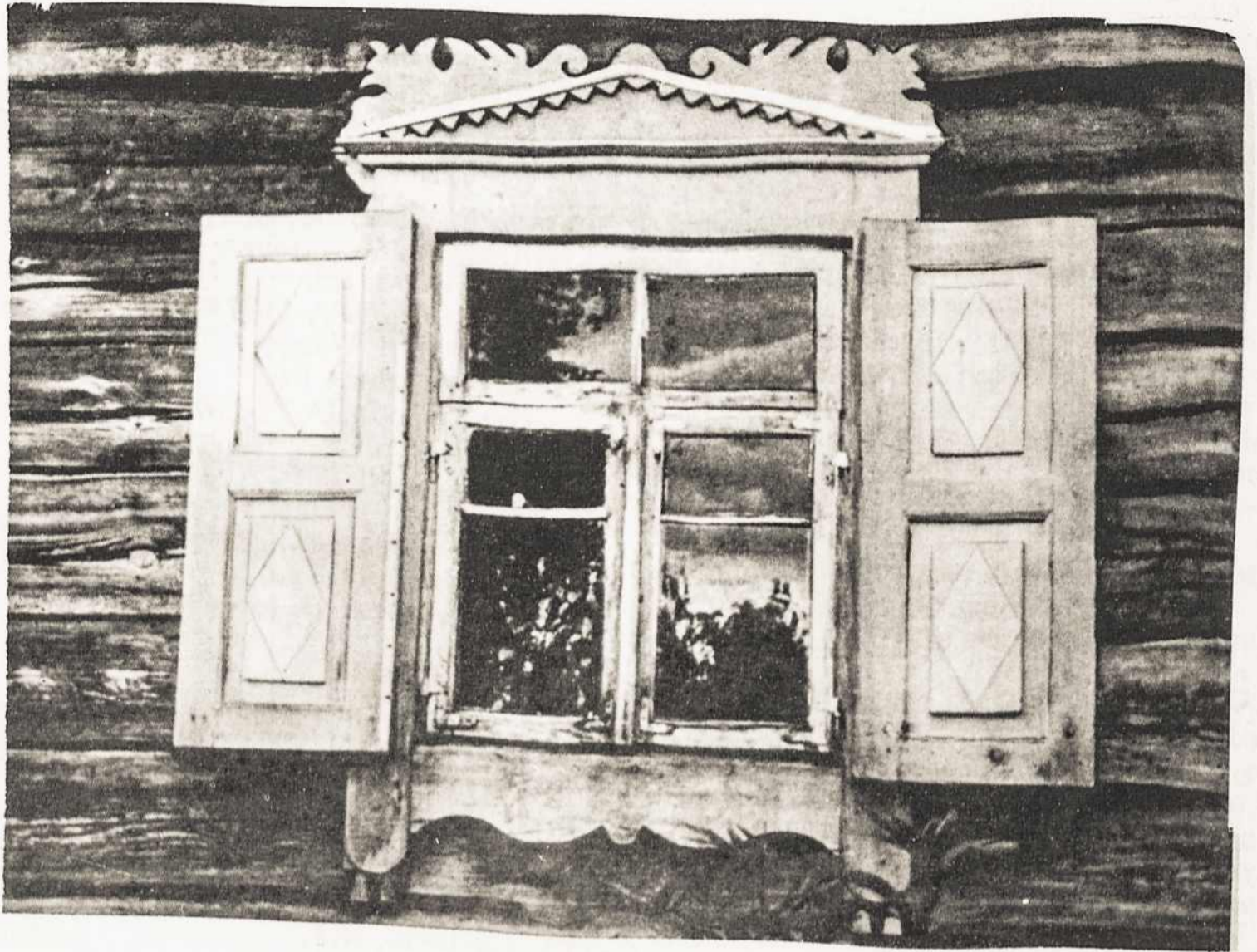
Meanwhile, remember: "TAKE THE TIME TO TALK UP THE K OF L!"

LEON PAUKSTA  
Membership Vice President

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(The above listing was compiled with the assistance of our national recording secretary, Nancy Kober. Any corrections or additions to the listing should be reported to Miss Kober immediately - address shown on page 2.)

# JUNIOR NEWS

## Camp DAINAVA

Several thousand miles away there lies a small country. Many hundreds of years ago her greatness was well known. Her boundaries extended from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea. In the heart of her dense forests, Vestal Virgins kept the fire burning night and day in honor of the gods. Hunters horns were heard throughout the woods announcing that the great rulers were on a bison hunt.

Now there are no great sovereigns, nor Vestal Virgins, and the bison have long since vanished. The forest lay deep in slumber, and the lakes still lie in the shadows of the woods, while the rivers still ripple softly throughout the land. In those forests the chirping birds, particularly the nightingale can be heard from sunrise to sunset. The echo of songs is a familiar sound, while folk dances are a constant sight in the fields of this distant country.

This land is called Lithuania. Many of your grandparents came from there to America. Even though the Lithuanian language is slowly disappearing, there still exists a spiritual bond which unites your forefathers and you with that country.

Thus all of you gathered here at DAINAVA have become acquainted in a small way with life in Lithuania. Here we have enjoyed constant fresh air, far from the dust of the city. The bright rays of the sun have strengthened your body, but your body was not our main concern, your spirit was much more important.

The Chaplain's word every morning and night brought us closer to God.

The Lithuanian Culture Counselor acquainted you with the land of your grandparents and with the language they spoke.

During arts and crafts time, you learned how to use your talents and your imagination. The many objects you have made are concrete proof of this.

The sports directors led you in many sports activities so that your bodies would grow healthy and strong, for it is said that in a healthy body there exists a healthy soul.

The music director acquainted you with the beauty of Lithuanian songs and folk dances.

You were placed in the capable hands of the boys' and the girls' leaders, who guided you and carefully watched over you all of the time.

One week is too short a time for resting, for exchanging ideas, for sharing experiences. But you have contributed as much as you were able to the joyful spirit of the camp.

And, Oh, how the fish suffered, for our fishermen did not give them any peace! The turtles and the frogs suffered also at the hands of their "enemies", but these creatures will have a whole year during which to recuperate from our one week of fun.

Camp Leader J. Damusienė



### DAYTON JUNIORS

Our first major event was the Easter Egg Decorating Contest. Through the fine efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sinkwitz and Mary Lucas where we were shown how to decorate Easter Eggs, "Lithua-



nian Style".

After a lot of dye splashing and wax dripping, the following received prizes: 1st prize, Terry Vaitkus, 2nd prize, Kathy Kondrotas, 3rd prize, Christine Goldick and Cissy sluzas. A fine brunch was served by our hosts.



Next month we will participate in the yearly May crowning and the Art Fair at Salem Mall. In the future you can look forward to our K of L Picnic, Luau at Mary Lucas', Junior Rally, Cincinnati Reds ball game and Camp Dainava.

Steve Vaitkus

# IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

PITTSBURGH, PA. IŠKILIAI  
PAGERBĖ SAVO GLOBĖJĄ.

Šių metų kovo 2 d. buvo vyčiams didelė ir garbinga, nes daugumas kuopų ir senjorų skyrių pagerbė savo globėją šv. Kazimierą. Vidurinių valstijų apygarda, susidedanti iš trijų kolonijų (Clevelando, Youngstown'o ir Pittsburgh'o) bendrai paminėjo šią šventę. Nors kelionė buvo tolimesnė, keliolika kilniadvasių vyčių padidino 19-tos kuopos būrelį. Susirinkę šv. Kazimiero parapijos salėje, vadovaujant R. Razgeriui ir Ed. Marčiulaičiui, nešdami vėliavas, bendrai žygiavo į šv. Kazimiero bažnyčią. E. Aleliūnaitė ir O. Aleliūnaitė, pasipuošusios tautiniais drabužiais lydėjo vėliavas. Pirmieji į bažnyčią įėjo garbės nariai: Vincas Pavis ir Juozas Sadauskas. Įžygiuojant į bažnyčią pasigirdo grausmingas vargonų grojimas ir choro giesmė - "Pulkim ant kelių". Vargonavo ir chorui vadovavo muz. Robert Dear. Ši giesmė, kaip visuomet visus lietuvius, taip ir šį sykį giliai sujaudino vyčius.

Malonu buvo ir dievobaiminga dalyvauti šiose pamaldose, bendrose maldose ir giesmėse. Kun. Vladas Karaveckas atnašavo šv. mišias už mirusius narius ir pasakė turiningą pamokslą, primindamas šv. Kazimierą, vyčių praeitį, nuveiktus darbus savo tautai ir katalikų bažnyčiai. Per aukojimą taurę turėjo garbės nešti youngstownietė Strainienė ir J. Sadauskas, garbės narys. Svečiai ir vietiniai vyčiai priėmė šv. Komuniją. Po mišių visi sugiedojo vyčių himną. 19-tos kuopos ketvirto laipsnio narys - Albinas Onaitis, savo kp. dviem naujom narėm suteikė pirmo laipsnio įžadus.

Pamaldom pasibaigus, visi vyko į užmiesty esančią Johnny Garneau valgyklą, kur buvo bendri pusryčiai. Juos malda pradėjo kun. Karaveckas. Pasistiprinus, M. Činikienė, 19-tos kp. pirm., rengimo kom. narė, dalyvius nuširdžiai pasveikino ir pareiškė pasitenkinimą tokio gausaus būrio suvažiavimu. Kalbėti pristatė 19-tos kp. narį Albiną Onaitį, kuris

visus pasveikino ir prašė J. Sadauską prabilti į visus. Toliau buvo pristatyti Vincas Pavis, garbės narys, vid. valstijų pirm. ir Youngstown'o senjorų pirm., ir kun. Karaveckas, šv. Kazimiero liet. parap. klebonas, kuris savo kalboje apgalvestavo, kad šio laiku vyksta nemalonūs įvykiai tiek jaunimo, tiek kunigų tarpe. Baiminosi dėl ateities. Programos vedėjas Onaitis tarė užbaigiamą žodį ir pakvietė kun. Karavecką sukalbėti malda.

Už šį minėjimą tebūna išreikšta padėka: E. Aleliūnaitėi, O. Aleliūnaitėi, M. Činikienėi, J. Aleliūnaitėi, 19-tos kp. dvasios vadui kun. V. Karaveckui ir Vytautui Juciui už šventės prisiminimą ir svečių sveikinimą per savo vedamą radio programą - "Tėviškės garšai", ir sugrojančią svečiams dainą - "Keliaujame su daina". Senelis

## CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIAI VYČIAI

Š. m. vasario mėnesį vyčių sendraugių kuopa turėjo porą susirinkimų, kuriuose išrinko 1969 m. naują valdybą, būtent: Alex Budris - pirmininkas, Povilas Dirkis - spaudos ir administracijos vice-pirmininkas ir Vincas Petrauskas - organizaciniams reikalams II-ras vice-pirmininkas. Visi kiti paliko tose pačiose pareigose: Ona Aleliūnienė - sekretorė, N. Raskavičius - kasininkas, Stefanija Jonytienė - fin. sekretorė. Kuopos kasos globėjai: Kazimiera Petrulienė ir Teklė Norbutienė. Į namų tarybą paskyrė: A. Budrį, Ramonį, Norbutienę ir Petrulienę, o į apskrities komitetą: A. Budrį, Norbutienę ir Petrulienę. Be to, mėnesinius susirinkimus nutarė daryti kas du mėnesius, trečią mėnesio pirmadienį, vietoj antradienio. Kadangi vyčių veikla turi būti gyva ir spinduliuojanti, nutarė pagyvinti veiklą kultūrinio turinio paskaitomis, kurias kiekvienam susirinkimui pažadėjo paruošti.

Lietuvos Vyčiai atšventė kovo 2 d. Aušros Vartų bažnyčioje šv. Kazimiero šventę, kuri buvo įsteigta jo mirties dieną, 1636 m. kovo 4 d. popiežiaus Urbono VIII. Vyčiai kasmet mini šv. Kazimiero šventę, kaip galima iškilmingiau. Tą šventę kasmet ruošia Vyčių

Chicagos ir Indianos komitetas ir kasmet naujoje kokios nors kuopos vietovėje. Šįmet ta šventė buvo Aušros Vartų parapijos bažnyčioje, kurioje mišias atnašavo ir pamokslą pasakė vysk. V. Brizgys je, kurioje mišias atnašavo ir lietuviškai pamokslą pasakė vysk. V. Brizgys. Lietuviškas giesmes giedojo Vyčių choras, vadovaujamas vargonininko muz. J. Bertulio. Po to buvo pietūs parapijos salėje. Chicagos Vyčių Senelis.

## ŠV. KAZIMIERO MINĖJIMAS CLEVELANDE

L. Vyčių 25 kp. ir kai kurie sendraugiai, iškliausė šv. Mišių, priėmė bendrą šv. Komuniją. Kun. K. Žemaitis pasakė, tai dienai pritaikintą pamokslą. Po pamaldų buvo sutarta turėti bendrus pietus Smith'o restorane. Susirinko nemažas būrys vyčių. Kuopos pirminkas E. Kuncaitis pradėjo minėjimą malda ir visus susirinkusius pasveikino ir palinkėjo laimės ir gero apetito.

Buvo kiek pakalbėta tos dienos proga. A. Buknis apibudino šv. Kazimiero reikšmę, linkėdamas nepamiršti lietuvių kalbos ir papročių. P. Luiza kiek pakalbėjo ir priminė, kad nors dauguma vyčių čia gimę ir augę, bet sielojasi dėl Lietuvos, ir dirba jos labui.

Minėjimą užbaigė malda, kurią sukalbėjo C. Mačiutas. Bočius



Cleveland Srs. ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY. A. Gribausas, M. Balin, M. Gaizutis, J. Sadauskas, M. Petkunas and I. Visockas, host.



# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

PITTSBURG, PA., C-19 Onutė  
C-19 was happy to Host the St. Casimir Commemorative Mass and Breakfast and delighted that members of the Youngstown and Cleveland Councils were able to join us. Father Walter Karavckas celebrated the Lithuanian Mass and the sermon delivered was quite inspirational. Mr. Pavis and Mr. Sadauskas spoke at the Breakfast that followed. Al Onaitis and Mildred Chinik did a fine job as Hosts. The First Degree was granted to our new members Mrs. Veronica Kolicius, Mrs. Stella Zoog, and Anne Skala.

Our Congratulations to our Mrs. Kolicius on the Honor Award presented to her by the BALF Organization in recognition of her many years of loyal support. Our deepest sympathy to George Pavlosky on the death of his wife, Ellen Martinaitis Pavlosky. Ellen will be deeply missed.

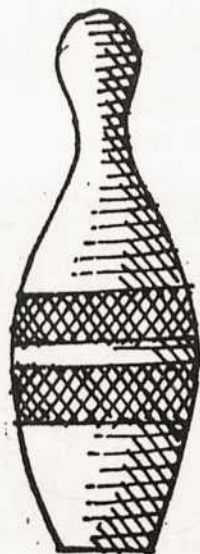
Among the new faces in our K of L Bowling teams are Tony and Anne Zusinas, Vince and Lil Makvitis, Lil Gailys, Al and Evelyn Hall and John Drasutis.

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 Soffi  
Spotted a few social meetings ago was Tom Martin, a former junior, zestfully lending a hand to his mother, Dorothy Martin, who was a hostess with Frances Alksnes following the March meeting. Another former Junior, Tom Zager was seen doing a terrific job in setting up tables and chairs in preparation of St. Casimir's Day festivity. In addition, he was assisted by two non-Lithuanian friends who contributed greatly in readying the hall. On Mar. 16, ex-Junior Peggy Bitner capably poured coffee at the Open House Tea, honoring Fr. A. Babonas, the new assistant pastor of Divine Providence Church. Many thanks to them for their willingness

to help us out. Peggy and Tom Martin are regular members of C-79, now.

Speaking of Divine Providence Church, one of these days we'll have a new Lithuanian church. The site which will be on Beech-Daly and Nine Mile Road with ground-breaking to start this summer has instilled a new surge of enthusiasm in our council. Without a "blush or a blink" we hasten to brag that a series of social activities are being formulated. Among the first segment will be a card party headed by Frances Alksnes with co-helper Dorothe Martin on May 18. The proceeds will benefit a K of L Memorial Fund for the building of the new Lithuanian church and a memorial for our ex-president Edward Martin. Although it has been nearly three years since his passing, it is hard to forget him. Ed was a devoted Catholic-Lithuanian - K of L'er. Because of his loyal dedication to the Lithuanian cause, a memorial befitting him will be established in his memory.

The council's members faithfully joined in the fourth annual Holy Thursday Pilgrimage with their sister councils 102 and 139. It started at Divine Providence; then to St. Peter's and it was concluded at St. Anthony's, followed by refreshments. About 40 K of L'ers attended and we appreciated the goodies.



What: Mid-West Bowling Tournament  
When: May 23, 24, and 25, 1969  
Where: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Why: To enjoy a week-end of bowling, food and frolic with your friends  
Host: Council 19

The Friday nite EARLY BIRD GET TOGETHER, the SATURDAY NITE SWING, and the Sunday Banquet are only a few of the goodies being planned by our busy Committee. Our letter to each Council gives full information on the particulars.

Plan early to be our guest in May ... You'll be glad you did!



SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Youngstown, Ohio. V-P Stanley Vaitkus, Pres. Dr. Jack Stukas and Treas. Stella Sankal.

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 FBP

Under the chairmanship of Mary Lucas and the efforts of the telephone squad, we had an excellent turnout at our St. Casimir's Day Mass and breakfast on March 2nd. Father Titas Narbutas' sermon on how well St. Casimir continued to be an excellent patron saint in our world today was beautiful!

The breakfast, held at the Howard Johnson Motel, proved to be an enjoyable one. The participation of the Juniors was most encouraging! Two of the Juniors - Mark Vaitkus and Michael Petkus - read excerpts of St. Casimir's life.

Our first social of the year held on March 8th in the church hall ended with a "poor show". Many of our members were involved in other projects.

BE OUR GUESTS!

Host and hostess for the March religious discussion program were Louie and Kitty Prasmantas. It proved to be a most informative evening at their home. Louie and Kitty are proud parents of their Sharon, a Junior K of L'er, who did so well in her school's Spelling Bee Contest.

Joe and Ada Sinkwitz were 'Den Parents' for the Juniors at their March meeting. They had the Juniors busy with a Lithuanian Egg coloring project/contest. Prizes were awarded and what a delicious lunch Joe and Ada served.

Our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale proved to be a success as it has in the past. Ada Sinkwitz chairmanned the sale and was ably assisted by Mary Lucas, Alice Petkus, Marianne and Jerry Podoyak, Eleanor Mantz, Mike and Fran Petkus and our ever faithful Telephone Squad. Baked and monetary donations from the members helped to put out a decorative display. Did you notice the Bake Sale Poster in the back of the church? This was artistically done by Marianne. As usual - Mary and Ada Baked up a storm. Winners of the Easter Bunnies raffled at the Bake Sale were Annamarie Sluzas, Elinor Sluzas' daughter, and Mike August, a Junior K of Ler.

ODDS AND ENDS. We are happy to report that Hilda Cernevicius is doing very well after her recent surgery.

Some of our male members headed for their annual retreat this

year to Milford, Ohio. George Mikalauskas, Frank Ambrose, Jim Richey, Alex Pietrzak and Mike Petkus (Air St.) came back fully inspired with the context of their retreat master. They will be sharing some of these thoughts with us at the April religious discussion. Elinor Sluzas and Rita Ambrose made their retreat at the Dayton Dominican Retreat House. Elinor shared their gathered thoughts with us at the March discussions.

April birthday wishes are sent to Rita Ambrose, Eloise Berczelly, Steponas Bucmys, Donna Jean Dailley, Tina Kavy, John Kvietys, Michael J. Petkus, Jr., John Razauskas, Elinor Sluzas and Irene Veigel. April anniversary congratulations go out to John and Irene Veigel with belated congratulations going to Bill and Eileen Knoeffle.

Fred and Ann Kondrotas must be proud of their daughter Kathy. Kathy's picture was published in a local paper recently in conjunction with an article on working models in the Dayton area.

It was good to see Judy Petroskas at the St. Casimir's Day breakfast. We've been missing Judy - with her going back to school - UD - it has slowed her down some.

The vacation bug has hit a few more of our members. Sally, Annadel, Mary Miller all headed for Clearwater, Fla.

Our council would like to extend its deepest sympathies to Ed Daniel's family.

## NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

NY-NJD

F.V.

The annual St. Casimir's Day commemoration under the sponsorship of the NY-NJ District took place here on Mar. 9.

The membership assembled in parish hall and marched to the Church of The Transfiguration where at 11:00 A.M. Mass was offered and the celebrant being the Rev. Frank Bulovas.

The turnout was very good and the membership gave a very edifying display of Catholic Action in their approach to the Altar at Communion Time. Rev. Bulovas gave a timely and appropriate sermon befitting the event. During Mass there was the singing of the Hymn "Marija, Marija", a prayer was recited in honor of St. Casimir and at conclusion of Mass there was the singing of the K of L Hymn.

Brunch followed in the parish hall where Nancy Kober of the Great Neck C-109 and S.C. secretary was mistress of ceremonies. The Invocation was offered by Rt. Rev. Monsignor John Balkunas, pastor of Transfiguration Church. Rev. Bulovas complimented the district for their fine showing and also urged one and all to seek ways and means of making the organization stronger and of changes to be made in the way of



C-25 and CLEVELAND SENIORS celebrate St. Casimir's Day, Cleveland, Ohio. (Above) A. Buknis, guest speaker, E. Kunsaitis, C-25 Pres., U. Yankauskas, Mr. & Mrs. P. Luiza and daughter. (Right) Breakfast guests. (Photos - A. Buknis)

running their group and to bring it up to modern standards. Supreme council president Dr. Jack J. Stukas also praised members for their showing.

Guest speaker Monsignor Balkunas spoke on St. Casimir and revealed little known facts concerning our patron saint and that he really and truly was the patron saint of the land of our forebearers - Lithuania and not of another country as many have been led to believe.

District president Larry Janonis presented awards to Virginia Dutkus of C61 Paterson and Edward Schmidt, latter award was accepted by Kazys Sipaila pres. of C-29 Newark. Also present at breakfast were honorary members and past national presidents Anthony J. Mazeika and Joseph Boley of the N.Y. Seniors.

A district meeting followed immediately and was called to order by president Janonis and opened with a prayer by Rev. Bulovas, spiritual director of C-109. Minutes of December meeting held at Linden, N.J. were read and accepted. Mary Kober gave a short welcome address on behalf of hosts. A short talk was given by Rev. John Pakalniskis, assistant at Transfiguration. National president Stukas spoke on the coming National conclave which will be held in August in Newark and hosted by our district. Mandate committee reported that seven councils were represented.

Joseph Boley of Ritual committee presented third degree awards to Alberta Bekeris of C-3 Philadelphia and Joan Mazeika of C-41 Brooklyn.

The district at this time wishes to extend congratulations to our spiritual director Rev. Peter Zemeikis of Bayonne on his being appointed administrator of Sts. Peter and Paul parish in Elizabeth.

Hosts for next district meeting on Sunday June 8 will be council 3 of Philadelphia.

Our heartfelt condolences and sympathy are offered to Mrs. Edward Daniels (Dianne Beletsky) in the loss she suffered in the sudden passing of her husband.

The meeting brought to a close with prayer by Rev. Bulovas, it was two fold prayer one for a speedy recovery and return to our

midst of former district and national president Alexander Wesley and for the late Monsignor Michael G. Kemezis of Elizabeth.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100

Smile and Sparkle

The 51st anniversary of Lithuania's independence was commemorated by our council with a dinner at the Brothers Restaurant on Mar. 2.

Our congressman, Samuel S. Stratton was our special guest. He spoke on the challenges and contributions of the Lithuanian community in America.

The main speaker was our favorite Dr. Jack J. Stukas. He presented a brief history of the Lithuanian people and their struggle for an independent nation. He also spoke about our patron saint, St. Casimir.

The musical entertainment was provided by Louis Stukas, a dramatic tenor. Louis was accompanied by Algirdas Kacanauskas.

A special message was delivered by Rev. Robert K. Baltch. We also heard from our new president Anthony Radzevich.

Presiding over the festivities was Mistress of Ceremonies Irene Radzevicius Wood. The invocation was given by Rev. Joseph Grabys of St. Rose College, Albany and the benediction was given by Rev. Bernard Gustas, Assistant Principal at Bishop Scully High School, Amsterdam.

The celebration - attended by nearly 100 persons - was planned by a committee of eight, with Irene Wood serving as chairman. Other members of the committee included: Gene Gobis, Ann Baltuska, Mildred Thomas, Virginia Miciulis, Nellie Liberis and Peter Hayes.

Prizes were won by Edward Ziausys and Michael Bliss.

The decorations were provided by Matthew Orante and Jonas Hartvigas.

NEWS BITS - Matt & Isabelle Orante and Don Holleran were gathered at Gene Gobis' home awaiting the arrival of our guests, Jack, Loretta, Louis and Algirdas. Time was getting short, when the phone rang. Jack Stukas phoned 30 miles outside of Albany telling us of the wicked storm that they had run into on the Thruway... but that



C-100 LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE COMMEMORATION. (Top) Natl. Pres. Dr. Jack Stukas, C-100 Pres. Anthony Radzevich, Congressman Samuel S. Stratton, 35th Cong. Dist. (Bottom) Congressman Stratton, Gene Gobis, Dr. and Mrs. Stukas.

they would arrive 1/2 hour late. So, everyone at Gene's house (Sophie Olbie included) took off for the Brothers Restaurant. They arrived in time for dinner! ... The program was taped by Annette Louise of Station WKOL and it was presented on Mar. 10 ... Louis Stukas received a tremendous ovation from our Amsterdammers ... A small reception for the guests was held at the rectory. Louis sang with Al Kacanauskas at the piano. Then we heard from our own Father Baltch... Irene Wood did a very good job as mistress of ceremonies.

Donations totaling \$108.00 were received at the Banquet and equally divided and presented to the United Lithuanian Relief Fund and the American Lithuanian Council.

### GREAT NECK, L.I., C-109

Our most active member and past national president, Al Wesey, is recovering from back surgery. The very successful operation was performed at the Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. Al is now recovering at home - 72 Steamboat Rd., Great Neck, L.I. - and should be back to normal in several weeks.

Ann Marten's cousin, ice-skating star, John Petkevich, is still very much in the limelight, and we are all thrilled. He's appeared several times on the TV Program, "Wide, Wide World of Sports" and his performance is always received with a great deal of praise and pleasure.

Joe Zukas has been visiting the motor boat shows. Looking for anything psecific, Joe? Josephine has routed her energies in other channels - she has become totally involved in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Program in her Port Washington Parish.

### ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

IID "Taitytè"  
A nice group of K of L'ers got together on Palm Sunday for the District's Day of Recollection, at Our Lady of Vilna Parish. Father John Savukynas, our host prepared the coffee and for the guests and his nephew Father John Bulger conducted the most enlightening retreat sessions and informative discussions following each sessions. Our retreat master was also celebrant of the Mass, with Leon Pauksta and Frank Svelnis participating as altar boys and still remembering the procedures from the days they were little boys (a couple of years ago). The members enjoyed this time set aside for a little religious reflection and expressed a real desire to see this kind of activity more frequently.

The same weekend Irene Sankus, our "Vytis" Editor and Helen Zimmer, our S. C. Financial Secretary, represented the Chicago S. C. Board members at the Supreme Council meeting in Youngstown. The girls established a first by getting to the plane on time - but couldn't get it to take off for two and a half hours. Of course, the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs.

Pavis and the Youngstown Seniors was all that was needed to make them forget this little frustration. Food, refreshments, conversation with the other early arrivals, Al Jaritis, Larry Svelnis and Frank Vaskas, and the delightfully interesting slides from the Pavis collection made for a real fun evening.

Sunday morning, after a pleasant stroll to the beautiful Youngstown Cathedral for Mass and back, they joined Jack Stukas, Stan Vaitkus, Stella Sankal, Juozas Sadauskas and the other guests for the meeting session and more Youngstown hospitality after the business of the day.

The round trip tickets the girls had also included a round trip of unscheduled relaxation at the airport - yes, another three hour wait. But once they arrived home, we know they found a way to forget this little frustration also.

May is going to be a busy month for Weddings, especially the 3rd of May. On that day Donna Jean, daughter of Aigerd and Aldona Brazis will become Mrs. Michael Albrignani and Milda Pakalniskis, daughter of Emilija and Alexander Pakalniskis, our Draugas Vyčiu Veikla column editors, will be wed to Sarūnas Lisauskas. Congratulations to both of these very lovely Lithuanian girls.

A special note of Congratulations to our S. C. Scholarship Committee member Joseph Palukonis, of C-26 Worcester and now living in Chicago, who is also getting married this spring. Jay and his bride will be wed in Waterloo, Iowa. Among the eastern guests will be Jay's parents and his cousin, the Rev. Eugene Borek.

### CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 Aldee

Since the last convention we have had the following new members join our group: Rev. Jonas Kuzinskas, Vytas and Ramutė Butkus, Kazys Malonis, Anthony J. Rudis, Jr. Barbara Anne Jerome, Barbara Petkus, Stanley Molis, Cheryl Gedutis, Pranas and Valerija Rumsa, John Gadeikis, James and Ronald Lacawicz, Stephanie Mlodzik, Anne Katauskas, Julius and Lucille Kazunas. Congratulations to these new members and here's hoping they will be with us for many year.

We understand that at a recent Board Meeting Ed Krivickas had

a bad cold and tried spreading the germ. Instead of contaminating your fellow members Ed, how about sending this germ to Hong Kong in exchange for theirs? Did you know that we have a very accomplished guitarist in our midst? Yes, none other than that attractive Gerry Mockus. She helped liven up a recent Board Meeting with several renditions.

### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

NED

S.K.B.

A most interested group of K of L members gathered at the NED Religious Workshop to discuss a subject most timely and vital to all Catholics. Theme for the day was "Papal authority - Private Consciences." The workshop was opened by NED President Albert Jaritis and led in prayer by Father Michael Vembre, curate at St. Casimirs.

The Papal Encyclical "Humane Vitae" was thoroughly discussed by the featured speaker, Father William Wolkovich, the panelists, Charles Grigaitis, Valentine Bazilauskas, Frank Bukant and Kathleen Paddock, and by the stimulating and lively questions and comments by members from the floor. Father Wolkovich presented this most difficult subject in a carefully studied manner, quoting opinions and interpretations from various learned and valid sources.

Moderator for the day John Olevitz did a fine job in keeping the program smoothly on schedule.

The Bible vigil in church was inspirational. Father Albert Contons planned and directed it; Hymns, Father Wolkovich and readers, Anthony Minor and robert Dillis.

Participation in dialogue homily was a new experience to most and left one with a feeling of being close to the Lord. You could and did talk to Him as a friend. Prayers of the Faithful were offered by member congregation.

Registration was handled by Constance Grein and the buffet supper was served by the host council.

The workshop was held in Brockton, Mass., St. Casimir's School Hall and the host council's committee consisted by Susan K.

Boroskas, Chr., Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Grein, Anthony and Albert Skirius, Sylvia Shukis, Amelia Yarmalevich, Marilyn Juskaitis and Dorothy Kaseta.

#### BROCKTON, MASS., C-1 M.Y.

After a whole year of work, worry and prayer, the day we had all waited so long for, finally came, our 25th Snow-Flake Ball, held Feb. 15 at the Walkover Club in Brockton. We really were lucky with the weather and had a grand crowd of approximately 350 persons attending. The night will be remembered by many for many different reasons, but we hope the most common will be that a marvelous time was had by all. The hall was beautifully decorated with clusters of huge metallic snowflakes suspended from the ceiling. Each table had individual candles and refreshments, and everywhere you looked was glitter, but nothing could compare with the mood of the guests or the committee members, with the men in tuxedos and the ladies in long gowns. It really and truly was a Ball in every sense of the word.

Our official hostess for the evening was Susan Boroskas who looked lovely in a blue gown. Each guest received a commemorative dance booklet which the council members had worked on for months gathering the sponsors and ads. This year the cover was done in black enamel and had the Knight on horse back etched in silver to coordinate with the silver lettering.

Among our special guests were the Mayor of Brockton John Sullivan and his wife, State Representative Peter Asiaf, NED President Al Jaritis, Miss Marion Roble who hosts the local polka program on WBET, and many of the original committee members of the first Snowflake Ball. Most important of all, we were very pleased that one of our charter members Mrs. Margaret Mazgelis was able to attend.

The highlight of the evening was when Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Audyatis were crowned the Silver Jubilee King and Queen. Mrs. Audyatis was presented her crown and floral bouquet by last year's queen Miss Irene Baublis of Lawrence and Mr. Audyatis was congratulated by last year's King,



C-1 DANCE COMMITTEE and GUESTS.



SILVER JUBILEE KING and QUEEN, Brockton, Mass.

Daniel Grudzinski also of Lawrence. Dick Pillar and his Orchestra really outdid themselves and proved how popular the polka really is. Father Wolkovich proved to be quite a musician himself as he joined the orchestra and played the violin and sang, we understand he has been made an honorary band member.

When my husband, John Yuskaitis, does the polka, you better believe that the music is great even though it proved to be his DOWNFALL. He slipped and wound up being chauffeured to the hospital in the Mayor's limousine, with yours truly in pursuit. The result of that little incident was a broken nose and if that didn't put the topper on the evening, that bandage from ear to ear, did.

I think we should take this chance to publicly thank Sue Boroskas who unfortunately got neglected in all the excitement. She was his partner when he fell and from what we understand she has a few unmentionable bruises to remember the night!

So many thanks go to so many people who pitch in every year to make this dance such a success without their help, we couldn't do it, a special word of praise for

Mrs. Peter Bizinkauskas who made all the dips for the tables. This year's committee included: Co-chairmen, Al Skirius and Robert Dillis and Patricia Miskinis, Marilyn Yuskaitis, John Yuskaitis, Andy Grein, Connie Grein, Sylvia Shukis, and Anthony Skirius. Well, the dance is all over but the feeling of good will and friendship is still with us and gives us an incentive to begin plans for the 26th Snowflake Ball with the hope that, it will be as great as this one was, minus the casualty.



C-7's GUESTS at ST. CASIMIR DAY BREAKFAST. Chairman Edward DiNapoli, Mayor George Harlamon, Prof. Alexander Aleksis, C-7 Pres. James Valaitis and Judge James Henebry.

#### WATERBURY, CONN., C-7 WJS

On March 2, our K of L C-7 celebrated St. Casimir's Day with an 8:00 a.m. high Mass in St. Joseph's Church, followed by breakfast in the school hall.

Approximately 100 members and guests attended the breakfast which was highlighted by the address of the guest speaker the Honorable Circuit Court Judge James F. Henebry. The judge spoke on the "Relationship of juvenile delinquency to the influence religion can play in their lives." He placed a great responsibility for delinquency on the parents and said that the courts hands are being tied in the treatment of criminals. Other guests present include: Rev. George Vilchauskas, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, and George Vilchauskas, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, and George Harlamon, Mayor of the city of Waterbury.

City Clerk Frank Shaknaitis was Master of Ceremonies and did his usually efficient job of introducing the Mayor who spoke briefly as did Rev. George Vilchauskas and Professor Alexander Alexis.

The chairman of the affair was Edward DiNapoli assisted by James Valaitis, C-7 President, Lillian Paulauskas, Nell Diggles,

John Alanskas, Dr. William Shukaitis, Joseph Samoska, Jr., Ed White and Joseph Rushauskas.

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10  
Vincukas

C-10's Dick Genaitis and his sweetheart Donna Marie Broderick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Broderick of Charlestown have recently announced their engagement. A July 13 wedding is planned. Donna is a senior at Northeastern University and graduates in June. Dick is a graduate of Northeastern U. and is now employed as a manager for A T & T in White Plains, N.Y. Best of luck, kids.

Thought for the month: May being the month of Mary, we should reflect on Mary, the Mother of Christ and her part in the redemption of mankind. It also is a time to reflect on our own human mothers both living and dead. If they are still with us we owe them all our respect, honor, kindness and support; if they are deceased - our prayers.

Member of the month: This month I would like to introduce a member of long standing, Lennie Davidonis. Len was born and raised in Athol, graduated from the local high school and has been a draftsman Union Twist since that time. He has proved to be a faithful and diligent employee.

Len enjoys fishing, hunting, dancing and is a photo buff. He is our council's official photographer and holds membership in the Athol Camera Club and the Carbide Engineers Assoc. We are all happy and proud to have him in our council, as he is always so eager to help whenever called upon.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26

Dzūkelė

Our ritual committee advises that the following were recipients of K of L degrees at recent ceremonies: First Degree to Val Baziliauskas and Ronnie Daucunas; Second Degree to Alena Pinkus, Donna Jankowski, Dana Paulukonis, Danny Lettic and Charles Grigaitis; Third degree to Frances Grigas and Stephen Walinsky, Jr. Congratulations to all!

C-1 Brockton, Mass., were hosts to the Religious Workshop sponsored by the NED. Six from our

council attended: Anne Bender, Mary Jankowski, Joseph Sakaitis, Al Grigonis, with Val Baziliauskas and Charles Grigaitis participating as panelists. Charles Grigaitis is quite proud of the progress of our Juniors. He tells us that Mary Jankowski taught them to design and color Easter eggs in the most intricate designs. Father Steponaitis, who spends a great deal of time with the Juniors, made arrangements with Zigmantas Snarskis, of area repute as a fine choirmaster, to teach them Lithuanian songs. They are receiving good basic training in preparation for the time when they will enter the regulars. A very nice group of young people!

Drasius Pajeda is home from Vietnam! It was a beautiful sight to see Drasius and his sister, Wanda, receive Holy Communion with their parents on his very first Sunday home. The Pajeda Family knew where to place their thanks for his safe return. Drasius will be stationed in the States for the duration of this stay in the service.

History was certainly recorded this past month. The Rūta Ensemble from Newark, N.J. presented a very fine concert with a very fine group on Apr. 12, with C-26 as host. A reception at Maironis Park followed the concert where pleasant reunions and new friendships took place.

The spring convention, hosted by C-30 of Westfield, Mass., was attended by a good group of our members.

PREVIEWS: Jack Mattrick is chairman of our spring dance which he calls "My Favorite Things" to

be held at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury on May 9. Our annual Mother's Day Communion Breakfast will take place on May 11 in the church hall, preceded by members and their mothers receiving Holy Communion at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. This annual affair will have Bill and Carol Grigas as co-chairmen. Our Juniors will host the Junior Rally late this spring.

Helen Gillus reports that Joan Krusas now holds honors for high single in bowling with a score of 132, while Gloria Metrik is our high triple champion with a score of 329.

Many of our K of L's are active in parish affairs. For example, Anne Bender and Charles Tagman are members of the planning committee for St. Casimir Church's Diamond Jubilee being celebrated this year. St. Casimir's Parish Council includes as its members Charles Tagman, Bill and Carol Grigas, Dana Paulukonis and Olga Kersis. The Diamond Jubilee takes place this year, and our pastor, Father John C. Jutt, with his committee, has many fine things planned throughout this year, beginning with a cultural concert featuring our own parishioners, both working out of New York City, R. Kazys Yakutis and Lillian Mernik. This will be held on May 23 at Holy Name High School Auditorium.

IN MEMORIAM: We lost a member to Death on March 3, Jack Thompson passed away at St. Vincent Hospital. Calling hours were at the Carroll Funeral home where all in our council assembled to recite the rosary led by Father



C-10 COMMUNION BREAKFAST, Tully Brook, Inn, Athol-Gardner, Mass.

Steponaitis. The funeral Mass was held at St. Casimir's Church and burial was at St. John's cemetery.

\*Jack Thompson was a part of the True K of L family, leaving in sorrow his wife, Nell, his daughter, Rita Pinkus, his grandchildren Alena and Ted, Jr.

WESTFIELD, MASS., C-30  
Kukienė

Our annual St. Casimir's Day family supper was the highlight of our Lenten Season. Louise Renaud and Marcia Rogers very ably handled all the arrangements while the rest of the K of L ladies proved their culinary talents with their favorite covered dishes and pies. All diets were forgotten and for good reason. President John Tarnauskas gave a most inspiring talk - reaching both the older members and our younger generation. Father Puidokas had some fine words for all of us also. Entertainment was provided by Wil Renaud, who with his guitar presented some dreamy classical renditions.

Along with happy notes sadness is also with us. As of recent date John Tarnauskas lost his beloved mother and his wife Doris lost her dad. Cooky Coach's mother also passed away. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to these families.

Our newest member, Ann Kren-

zul, is well on the mend now after a too long illness. The doctor's most difficult task was in keeping Ann quiet - she insisted on helping others and kept busy as interpreter and "Cheerer upper" to so many of our Lithuanian older folks in the hospital.

SO. WORCESTER, MASS., C-116  
Darata

Mar. 2 we celebrated St. Casimir's Day at 9:30 Mass receiving communion in a body. Father Borek presented Fourth degree medals to three of our members who could not attend the National Convention. They were, Mrs. Dorothy March, John Andruska and Charles Lapinskas. Mrs. Rita Pinkus of C-26 represented the Ritual Committee of the Supreme Council. A breakfast followed in the church hall. Mary and Vic Mrozinski and Dorothy Sinkavitch did a very fine job.

That Sunday was a big one on the calendar. In the afternoon Father Borek, Mrs. John Adamaitis, and Tony Miner attended the Diocesan Seminar on Parish Councils held at Notre Dame Academy. Then in the evening 25 members of the council attended a theater party at the Cinema Theater featuring the movie "Star" with Julie Andrews, - the event was very capably arranged by Ann Yurkenas.

Father Michael Tamulevicius is now on the road to recovery and we certainly hope the road will be short and that Father will be better than ever, sooner than ever!

Our sincere sympathy is extended to John Andruski and Vic Mrozinski on the recent deaths of their mothers - the K of L feels very deeply about your loss.

Now that Spring has arrived, Ann Miller and her juniors are busy cleaning and painting the clubrooms. Our members will need sunglasses because the walls are painted a florescent lime green!

On Mar. 16, the NED roll-off was held at the T-Bird Alleys in Auburn. Our council hosted the social that followed.

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Diane and the Daniels family on the recent death of Edward.

Our bowling league is still going strong with only two more weeks left in the season. The two teams battling for first place are led by captains Bob Paluses and John Yurkinas. May the best one win!

Two of our members, Aldona and Jack Kasper are living up in Cape Elizabeth, Maine where there is plenty of snow. Jack sprained his ankle skiing and is still in a cast. Guess he won't hurry back to the slopes!

### MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS - 4/16/69

C#	City	% Pd	8/68	4/69	C#	City	% Pd	8/68	4/69
1	Brockton	117%	12	14	78	Lawrence	23%	13	3
3	Philadelphia	78%	45	37	79	Detroit	85%	213	180
5	Chicago	122%	9	11	90	Kearny	131%	29	38
6	Hartford	0%	2	0	96	Dayton	87%	87	78
7	Waterbury	73%	105	77	100	Amsterdam	114%	35	40
10	Athol	90%	21	19	102	Detroit	63%	38	24
12	New York	100%	30	30	103S	Providence	0%	14	0
13	Chicago	0%	8	0	109	Great Neck	100%	20	20
14	Cicero	67%	9	6	111S	Youngstown	89%	17	15
17	So. Boston	74%	43	32	112	Chicago	94%	169	159
18	Cambridge	--	0	3	113	Linden	0%	19	0
19	Pittsburgh	84%	37	32	116	So. Worcester	89%	50	44
25	Cleveland	75%	28	21	133	Los Angeles	0%	6	0
26	Worcester	87%	113	98	134	Cincinnati	76%	21	16
27	Norwood	50%	4	2	135	Ansonia	90%	52	47
29	Newark	82%	102	84	139	Detroit	94%	0	29
30	Westfield	100%	28	28		Chicago Seniors	100%	35	35
36	Chicago	65%	71	46		Cleveland Seniors	108%	37	40
41	Brooklyn	47%	43	20		Los Angeles Srs.	113%	22	25
52	Elizabeth	0%	25	0		New York Seniors	95%	21	20
61	Paterson	100%	4	4		So. Boston Seniors	111%	28	31
67	Bayonne	60%	5	3		Pittsburgh Seniors	100%	2	2

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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"  
(all at Hotel Robert Treat)

SUNDAY, August 24, 1969

- 10:45 A.M. - Holy Mass, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Elizabeth, N.J.  
Convention Picture  
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.

Robert Treat Hotel Rates: Singles \$11.00 - 16.00; Twins \$16.00 - 22.00; Small Suites \$30.00;  
Large Suites \$45.00

